

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
They are So Much Fun

It has fallen upon Thomas and myself to attend a number of school functions and banquets over the past few weeks, and go to several school campuses.

And, in attending these functions I have spent a fair amount of time in observing. And these observations have left me with something to say... (as if that was a new thing!)

We enjoyed the Lennox House fundraising dinner held on Saturday, February 12th. Our servers were high school students. They were beautiful, with their hair piled high, their long dresses and skirts, their friendly smiles and their careful attention to carrying food.

The Prairiland Academic Trust Fund, of which I am a board member, held their fundraising banquet last Thursday night. The seniors helped parked cars, wait tables and generally be of use.

They were dressed in crisp white shirts and dark pants. They pointed out parking spots and opened the doors for women with a smile and pleasant greeting.

Inside they helped people find their tables, brought water or tea around, picked up hundreds of dirty plastic plates and were with fail pleasant, friendly and helpful.

After the banquet, they pitched in to clean up, take off table cloths, dismantle tables and make the gym neat in an amazingly short length of time. They required very little direction.

They asked the superintendent if they could play music, and ended up with an impromptu dance that last only little before digging in to pizza as their only reward for their work.

At the Red River County Chamber Banquet the next evening I again observed the candidates for County Ambassadors taking door prizes to people, opening doors and being useful, all with great good cheer.

They are beautiful, these young people. They may have hair cuts that look strange (to us), or clothes that we may think too baggy, or too brief. But their youth is lovely, their enthusiasm catching. As I watched them dancing with sheer joy at being alive I was reminded that we only hear the bad things about today's kids. And there are so many who are good. Look at them with pride... they are worthy of it.

Last chance for cookies!

It's not too late to get Girl Scout cookies! For those who missed their cookie connection during order taking time or are just hungry for more, local booth sales will be conducted through March 13.

For information, call your local Neighborhood Cookie Manager, Cecilia Filkins at 652-4702.

People 'n Things

Friday, February 25 is Pattonville VFD and Community Center dance at 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit fire department.

Monday, February 28 is Pattonville Community Center business meeting at 7 p.m.

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PAT Banquet Huge Success

The Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation's third annual banquet was a huge success, clearing about \$15,000 to be used for scholarships for Prairiland Seniors.

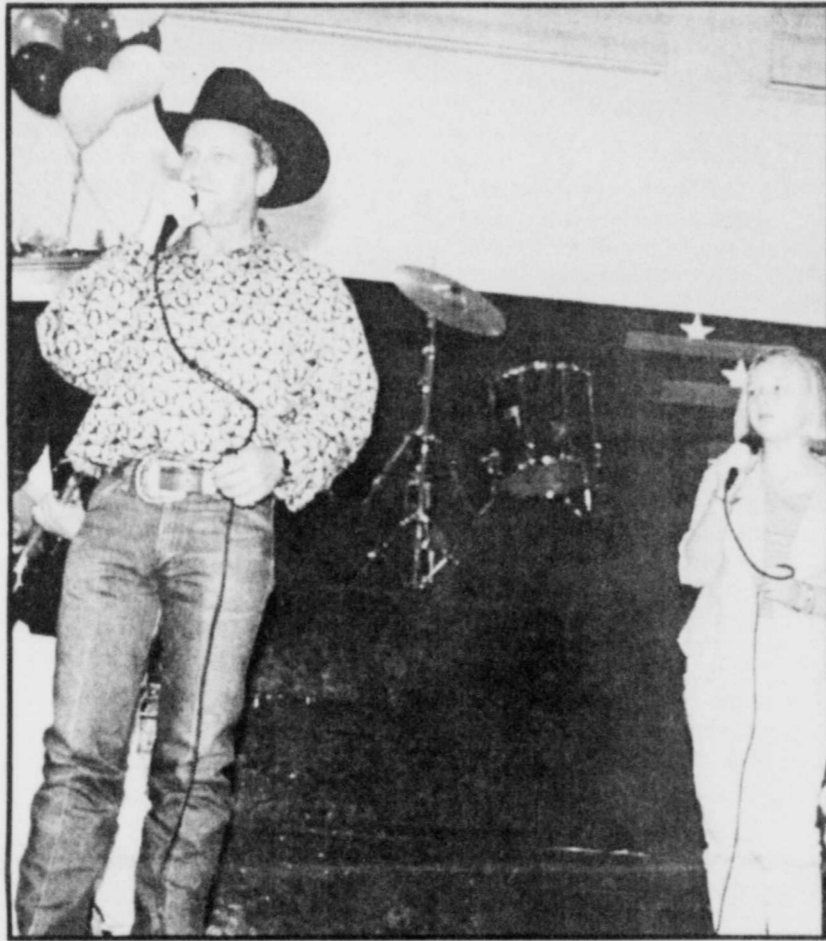
The auction brought in nearly \$7,000 and the dinner was sold out.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the meal and some quality entertainment as the Prairiland Jazz Band, the 1985 State Championship FFA Talent Team, Stacey Musgrove and the Stoney Creek Band and a pair of extraordinary cloggers, Jennifer

Matthews and Cadice Denison delighted old and young alike.

The silent auction contained over 100 items, ranging from home baked goods, pecans and honey to hand painted works of art. The top bid was \$500 for a Cowboy and his Dog print donated by Harold and Tammy Morrison and bought by Larry Smith.

The tables were covered in red, white and blue, with silver vases filled with red, white flowers made by the elementary school students at the Deport and Blossom campuses.



STACEY MUSGROVE and the Stoney Creek Band performed at the PAT Foundation Scholarship Banquet last week. Also shown singing is his daughter, Charity. Stacey will open for the Oak Ridge Boys on April 15, when they appear for two performances at Love Civic Center. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



FIRE-Pattonville and Deport Fire Departments responded to a house fire in the early morning hours of Tuesday. They extinguished the fire, which appears to have been electrical in nature. There was serious damage to the house. The family and their pets escaped safely. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Mark Keys seeking Precinct One Constable Position

Mark Keys has announced his candidacy for Lamar County Precinct One Constable against incumbent Randy Boren.

Keys says "Precinct One needs a change" says that he will work with the commissioners court and sheriff's office. He also says he will work as a bailiff in county and county court-at-law.

"I will be satisfied will the current starting pay of \$22,000 a year and the \$7,200 in travel expenses," he continues.

Keys also says he will serve papers in the County and will work all

school zones in Precinct One.

"If elected, I will do my best to work all of the precinct," Keys states, "I know how to deal with people when they are upset, and that's to use common sense and stay level headed, and treat people with respect and you will get results."

Keys is 28 years old and has lived in Precinct One of Lamar County all his life.

He attended Prairiland High School and Paris Junior College and has owned a business in Lamar County for ten years. His wife is Dana Keys, also a Prairiland graduate.



HOMEcoming-The Deport Homecoming Committee 2000 met last Thursday to begin making plans for this year's event. It will be held June 2 & 3 and will have a variety of activities to attend. From left are: Reba Temple, Sharon Francis, Nina Sparks and Ina Sparks. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Deport Homecoming Plans in the making

Deport has begun plans for its homecoming. This year it will be held on June 2nd and 3rd, instead of in July.

Invitations are going to be sent, and if you know someone who should receive an invitation, please contact City Hall at 652-3875. Call cityhall for any questions, also.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday morning at the Deport American Legion Hall. Coffee and Doughnuts will be provided.

Friday night, at 8 p.m. there will be a dance.

Saturday at noon there will be a catered Barbecue Meal catered by Farris BBQ. Reservations will be taken for this meal.

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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.

Bucket Brigade meeting tonight

There will be a meeting of the Deport VFD Bucket Brigade Auxiliary tonight, Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Darden-Sparks Department Store. All members or prospective members are urged to attend. This is an important meeting, since it will finalize plans for the upcoming supper and auction March 4th.

Prairiland Board renews contracts

The Prairiland School Board met Monday night, February 21 for a fairly routine session.

They approved Election Judges. They are: Sue Clarkon at Blossom; Peggy Whitney at Prairiland High School; Shelby Kennedy at Cunningham and Gordon Isbell at Deport.

They discussed a program whereby all students in extra-curricular activities would be drug tested for the 2000-2001 school year, but took no official action.

They discussed policies regarding an Employee sick/personal leave days and took no action.

The board approved a revision to

the Prairiland ISD Technology Plan, and approved Inter-local Agreement with Region VIII for Food Services Purchasing Program.

They went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and came out at 8:40 p.m.

They accepted the letter of resignation from Trevor Upchurch.

They Buddy Freeman's contract was extended to June 2002, as was Larry Salter's contract and Sandra Burnett's.

Glenn Schuelke's contract as Athletic Director was extended through June, 2002.

Routine matters such as payment of bills, approving the tax report for December 1999, and approving the minutes.

\$316.7 million delivered in February tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$316.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 01.4 percent decrease compared to the \$318.2 million allocated to cities and counties in February, 1999. So far, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 6.6 percent compared to the first two months of 1999.

Local payments received include: Mt. Pleasant received \$326,199.87, a 9.11% decrease over last year's payment.

Talco received \$1,052.43, marking an 18.57% decrease.

Bogata received \$8,116.34 for a 59.14% decrease.

Clarksville received \$43,097.71 for a 21.30% decrease.

Detroit received \$2,470.11 for a 40.47% decrease.

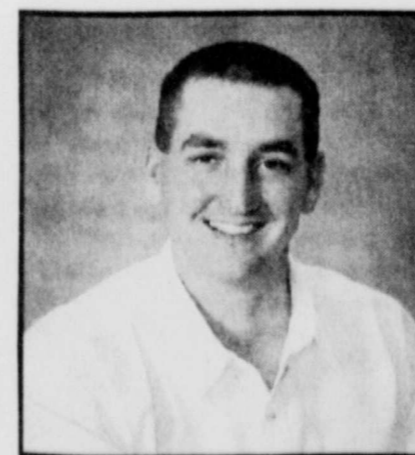
Blossom received \$2,277.99 for a 34.79% decrease.

Deport received \$1,595.61 for a 4.83% decrease.

Paris received \$653,523.51 for a

5.209% decrease.

This month's payment to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1999.



Mark Keys, candidate for Precinct One Constable



TONY DUNCAN belts out a song at the PAT foundation banquet last Thursday. Entertainment was a big feature of the event. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook this week is a very sweet lady from out south of Deport near the old Martin community, Nanie Bell Ham. She is a faithful reader of the Deport Weekly and enjoys our paper very much.

She states that she loves to cook and guesses that the past was her real experience for her since she had several children..... seven to be exact! They are Sarah and Charles Ham of Palestine, Nell and Harold Shull of Deport, Bob and Faye Ham of Oklahoma City, Kathy and Joe Bruno of Shreveport, Duwayne and Pat Ham of Deport, Sandra and Marshall Jeffus of Garland and Gerald and Barbara Ham of Yukon, Oklahoma. She also boasts of 18 grandchildren and 30 or so great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Ham was raised in Red River County near a small place called Brewster. She moved to Lamar County in 1949 to a small place called Martin. There is where she and her late husband, his sisters and brothers and also their children went to Martin School. She only attended two schools in her lifetime. One was Brewster and the other was Sherry.

She is an avid quilter, never sits down unless she is doing something with her hands. She also plays the

piano and has a number of other activities that keeps her on the go and quite busy!

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

Chocolate Pie-her crust recipe is one borrowed from Mrs. Travis King of Fulbright.

Sweet Potato Pie-this is one of my favorite pies and Mrs. Ham has graciously given it to us.

Sweet Dough-this recipe is for rolls, but Mrs. Ham calls it sweet dough and everyone loves it. It also makes great cinnamon rolls.

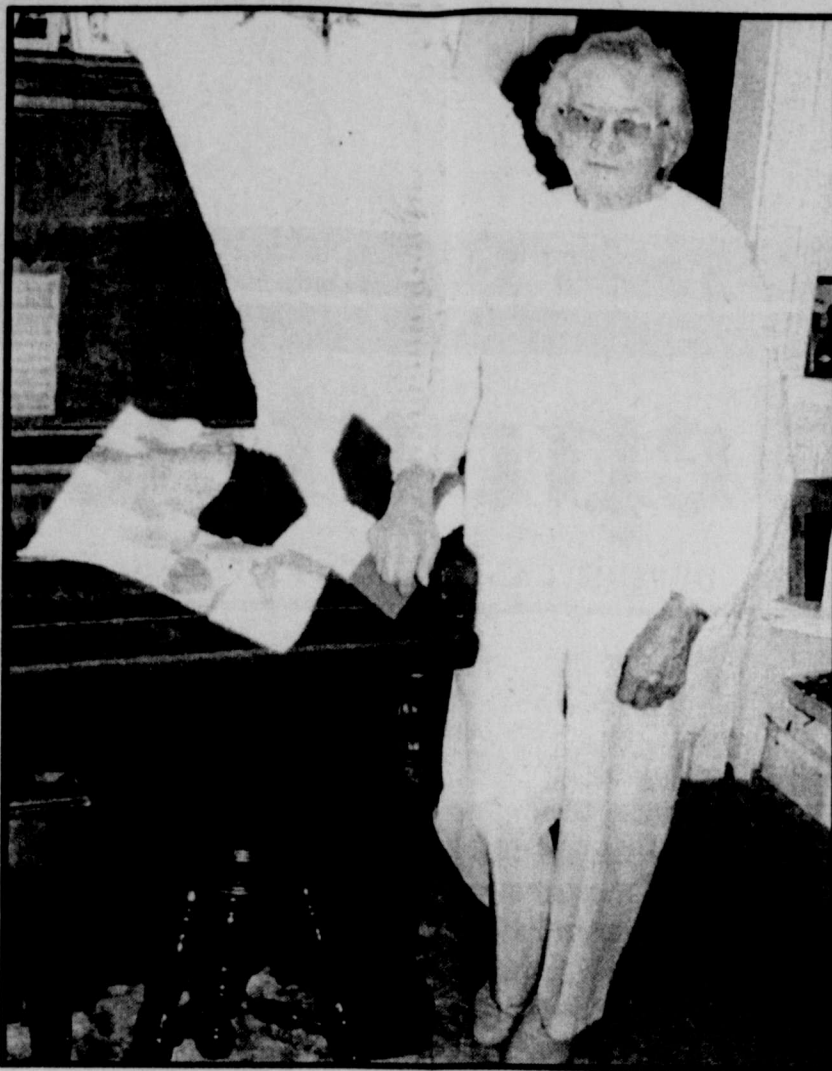
Buttermilk Pie-once again this is one of my favorite pies. . . come to think of it, there are not many that I don't like!

Chocolate Chess Pie-she had one of these made up and it looked delicious!

Angel Biscuits-this dough can be kept refrigerated for several days or frozen for future use.

Pound Cake-this recipe is great with early morning coffee or just anytime!

Pie Crust-this recipe can be made up and stored in an airtight container, unrefrigerated for several months. Take out desired amount, add water and you have a no-muss, no-fuss pie crust!



COOK OF THE WEEK is Nanie Bell Ham of the Deport area. She loves to cook and collect recipes along with various craft projects and playing the piano. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Arson cases solved

On Tuesday, February 22, Ryan Peel, a resident of the Pattonville area, was arrested by Constable Randy Boren on the charge of burglary of a habitation.

While under questioning for the burglary by Lamar County Sheriff Investigator Joe Tuttle and Constable Boren, Peel signed a written statement in which he confessed to setting at least four of the hay fires that had occurred between Pattonville and Deport during 1999.

According to Lamar County Attorney Kerye Ashmore, warrants for arson are in the process of being issued, which is a second degree felony.

Peel is currently being held in the Lamar County Jail.

People & Things

The Deport Baseball Association will host sign-up for the 2000 season on Tuesday, February 29 at the Deport School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

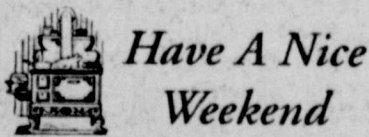
Bull fertility testing is March 8

The Red River County Extension Office and the Extension Beef and Forage committee will again sponsor a bull fertility and management clinic to be held Wednesday, March 8 in cooperation with the Animal Hospital, located on Highway 82 west in Clarksville.

Bulls will be tested from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cost of testing will be \$20.00. Ivomec wormer and Vira Shield and VLS vaccines for bulls tested will be furnished.

Lunch will be served at noon and is being sponsored by Agriland Farm Credit Services and Federal Land Bank. At 12:30, representatives from pharmaceutical companies will have the opportunity to discuss product information.

All area producers are invited to attend and take part in the program.



Vicky Sue Searls dies February 16

Vicky Sue Searls, age 49 of Deport, formerly of California, died Wednesday, February 16 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center in Paris.

She was born March 22, 1950 in Montebello, California, the daughter of James Reed and Nancy Noggle Heaps. She was a member of the Abundant Life Church in Minter.

She is survived by her husband, David Searls of Deport; two sons, David James Searls of California and Joel Searls of Deport; three daughters, Debby Jones of San Diego, California, Laura Teel and Morgan Sears of Deport; one sister, Laura Jean Baker of Stanton, California and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Thank You

We would like to thank all our relatives and friends for their prayers, flowers, visits, words of comfort and the food brought to us and any contributions to the Leisa Brown Scholarship Fund during the illness and death of our loved one, Emmitt Ray Pratt.

A special thanks to Bro. Ellis, Bro. Permenter and Bro. Lee for their words of comfort and support. We would like to express our heart felt thanks to Ella McFadden Hospice Caregivers, Dr. Bercher and Dr. Wikoff; also thank you to Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home. May God be with you all.

The Pratt Family

Card of Thanks

Our special thank you for the prayers, cards and food and for the beautiful pot plants from our neighbors in the loss of our daughter.

Charles and Cora Tidwell

Card of Thanks

I want to thank all of my neighbors, especially Ken Sloan, for their quick response in helping with the grass fire on February 12. I also want to thank the Cuthand and Bogata Fire Departments for their response and hard work. We take friends and volunteers for granted too often! Thanks again!

Joseph Rose

Obituaries

James D. Boyd dies February 20

James D. Boyd, age 85 of Talco, died Sunday, February 20 in Titus Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 in Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ with Supt. J.E. Smith officiating. Burial followed in Piney Cemetery under the direction of Tumey Mortuary, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Boyd was born September 3, 1914 in Sulphur Springs, TX, a son of Billy and Mary Boyd.

He was a member of the Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ and a self-employed farmer.

His wife, Rosie Mae Boyd, preceded him in death, along with his brothers.

Surviving are a stepson, Don Ellis of Ft. Worth; a grandson, Marvin Hines, Jr. of Talco; a daughter, Nona Hines of Talco; three stepdaughters, Genetta Brown of Talco, Lola Hines and Dimple Haley, both of Ft. Worth; three sisters, Ella Mae Sanders of Sulphur Springs, Grace Pitts of Ft. Worth and Helen Petty of Dallas; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren.

Bearers were Eddie J. Norman, Autry Hines, Jr., Sammie Ellis, Elliott Pogue, Willie Sanders, Jerry Curtis and Henry Norman, Jr.

Honorary bearers were Autry Hines, Sr., Van Haley, Virgil Savage and Willie Maxwell.

R.D. Cotton

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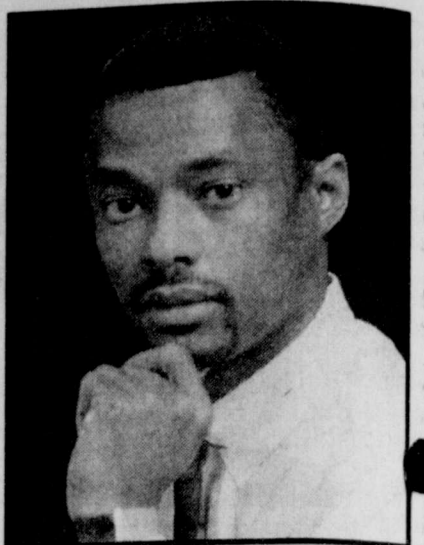
R.D. Cotton, age 74 of Commerce died February 19 in Presbyterian Hospital in Commerce.

Services were held at Highland Cemetery in Deport on February 21 with Rev. James Renfro officiating. Jones-Walker & Son Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cotton was born in Blossom, TX on November 2, 1925, a son of Ruben and Dallie Glover Cotton. He married the former Jeanette Parks on May 11, 1946 in Paris. He was an asbestos worker and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II. He was a Baptist.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette Cotton of Commerce; a son, David Cotton of Commerce; a daughter, Linda Graham of Emory; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Childers of Toledo Bend, Elsie Ray of Wills Point and Ruth Westbrook of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dickie Cotton.



Gregory Hilton Norman

Gregory Hilton Norman dies February 19

Gregory Hilton Norman, 38, a native of Talco died Saturday, February 19, 2000 in Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2000 at Bethel Church of God in Christ in Talco under the direction of Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home of Dallas. Superintendent Jimmy Smith will officiate. Interment will be at Piney Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Milton Norman, Levene Norman, Lawrence Norman, Ricky Norman, Eugene Norman Jr. and David Norman. Honorary pallbearers will be Eddie Williams, Cleveland Cannon, Eddie Williams Jr., Jason Pogue, David Newsome, Marcus Norman, Lawrence Norman II, Derrick Norman and Sedrick Cuellar.

Mr. Norman was born Oct. 7, 1961, in Talco, the son of Eugene and Marie Norman. He attended Rivercrest High School, North Texas State University in Denton and Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock. He was a member of the Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ and the Tabernacle of Deliverance in Dallas. Mr. Norman was employed as a command center computer operator by the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas.

He is survived by his parents, Eugene and Marie Norman of Talco, brothers and sister-in-law, Milton and Donna Norman of Mt. Pleasant, Lawrence and Studie Norman of Middleburg, Florida and Ricky and Juanita Norman of Longview; brothers, Levene Norman of Lancaster and Eugene Norman Jr. of Talco; sisters and brothers-in-law Evelyn and David Newsome of Ft. Worth, Bobbie and Eddie Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Darlene and Mack Newton of Mt. Pleasant and Penny and Cleveland Cannon of Talco; special friend, Louisa Casey of Dallas and 22 nephews and nieces, a host of other relatives and friends.

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Miss Thelma's love of people shines

Miss Thelma Warren loves the community of Deport. In fact, she has never lived more than eight miles from the downtown Deport Water tower in her 91 years! It doesn't take a long visit with her to know how much she loves this area, her family and her friends.

Thelma was born July 16, 1908 in the nearby community of Milton. Her parents were Carl and Alice King Ladd. She the only girl and the oldest of four children. Two of her brothers, Ralph and Hoyle are both deceased. Brother Carlos lives in De-

port. She went to school through the sixth grade in the Martin Community School. Seventh grade through high school graduation in 1925 was spent in the Deport school system. After high school graduation Thelma went to Paris Junior College for two years, majoring in Elementary Education. She then began teaching in the Deport Elementary School. She continued working on her degree on weekends at PJC and during the summer months at East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce. The summer of 1937 she and two other teachers took classes at Columbia University in New York. They went with the Deport School Superintendent and his wife. The Superintendent was working on his doctorate. Thelma said "We got a lot of education by seeing the sights of New York. We went on a boat up the Hudson River to West Point. We saw the Rockettes, and several Broadway shows. Of course, we saw the statue of Liberty, Atlantic Ocean and Harlem. This was all very exciting to us country girls!"

Thelma was connected with the Deport Elementary School for 16 years either as a teacher or principal. She says "We believed 'spare the rod, spoil the child'. However, we were not abusive. We tried to teach the children to love and respect everyone. We often had programs, celebrating May Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other times. We had a cantata: Jack and the Bean Stalk. It was something the children always

seemed to enjoy, as well as their parents. Not only did the children and their families enjoy them, but we, the teachers, took great pride in the children's interest and efforts".

Thelma retired at the end of the school year of 1943. She had married Ben Warren at Christmas of 1922, and was taking on a new role as the wife of a farmer, rancher and dairyman in the Fulbright community.

Mr. Ben had a daughter, Susie Lou, by his first wife, who had died. Susie Lou was married. Her husband was in Air Force Cadet Training. World War II was going on. Since they were being moved from air base to air base the couple brought their son, Jim, to Ben and Thelma when he was only two weeks old. Living conditions for new born babies were not good, so Jim Kunkel spent his formative years with Ben and Thelma during the war. Jim called them Papa and Momma, and to this day he still calls Thelma momma. The lives in Houston with his family, and calls "momma" at least once a week.

After the war Jim became big brother to his sister, Valerie, who lives in Longview with her family. Back then his family lived in Clarksville. Every Friday, when he got out of school, Thelma was there to pick Jim up as he spent the weekend with the Warrens. One Friday, after a heavy rain, the creek was out and water was across the bridge. Thelma was late to Clarksville to fetch Jim. She told him why she was late and asked him what he would do if she was later some other time, or could not show up.

Jim's firm replay "I'll sit on the steps and wait for you, Momma."

Thelma says that some of her students grew up to be her best friends. Some of these friends and others made up a traveling group of seven. They took several fun trips together in a van. Thelma, Virginia Grant Kirkland, Reba Griffin Temple, Ruth Grant Murrell, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks and Mavis Sowards take off to places such Branson, Mo.; Gatlinburg, Tenn. (they also have been to Pigeon Forge

and Dollywood). A favorite spot going and coming from Tennessee is the Casey Jones Motel, where they go through the Casey Jones Home, now a museum.

Thelma's grandparents, Henry Clay and Amy Rebecca King were from Jackson, and she wondered what it had been like in Jackson in their day. In addition to these trips they went to Beavers Bend, Oklahoma in April and October for many years.

Thelma is a long time member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport.

"I am surrounded with friends I grew up with and many that I taught. They play the piano, the organ, Direct the choir and are Sunday School teachers...it's home" she smiles.

Thelma says that "four classes of former Deport Students go together and have homecoming often, and they always include me. One year they had as their theme "This Is Your Life Miss Thelma". Some are now 80, but they come home and enjoy being together and remembering their cherished school days, their cherished school days, and the teachers and friends they love so much. On another occasion they presented me with a long white paddle that reads "From All Your Students, We Love You Miss Thelma". It decorates one of my walls and reminds me of them daily."

Miss Thelma, as she is affectionately known, has a lovely apartment in the Deport Housing Authority. She is happy and enjoys the company of friends daily. She and the other traveling members have lots of stories to share.

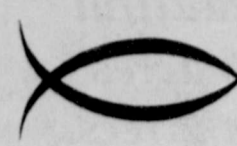
Thelma says "The greatest thing about living in the apartments is being reunited with my friend of 70 years, Ruth Grant Murrell. We went to high school together, attended college together and never lost contact over the years that Ruth lived in Lufkin. We don't see each other every day but we do talk several times a day on the phone".

Miss Thelma has lived a rich, full life and her multitude of friends and admirers testify to that.



"Miss Thelma" enjoying life at 91

Editor's Quotes
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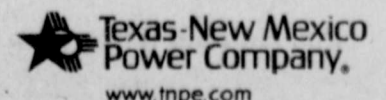
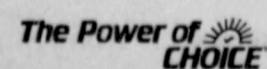
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PISD Board call for trustee election

According to Dr. L. C. Stout, superintendent of Prairiland Independent School District, in the school board meeting of February 21, 2000, a trustee's election was called for May 6, 2000. Places to be filled are Place 5, presently held by Clyde E. Bankhead; Place 4, currently held by Dicky Miller; and Place 7, presently held by Chet Downs. Places 5 and 7 are for full three year terms. Place 4 is for the unexpired term created when

Virgil Jones resigned. Filing for a place on the ballot began on February 21 and it will end on March 23, 4:00 p.m. The election will be held at four locations: Prairiland High School, Blossom Methodist Church, Cunni ngham First Baptist Church and Deport First Baptist Church. The voting locations will be held at Prairiland Administration Building between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



LAMAR COUNTY Sheriff B.J. McCoy met with Blossom City Council last Thursday night. Sheriff McCoy discussed the possibility of hiring a deputy through a COPS Fast Grant to serve the city of Blossom and immediate area. If the grant is available, the city of Blossom would use it to help fund the deputy's salary and provide a patrol car which would be the city's responsibility, according to city manager Tony Chance. The deputy would work under Lamar County Sheriff's Department. Plans are for city officials and Sheriff McCoy to meet with Lamar County Judge Chuck Superville to discuss the details.

Campaign signs not allowed on right-of-way

As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right of way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right

of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

Campaign signs may be placed on private property, with the landowner's permission if they meet certain restrictions. Signs must be made on lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet. They can be erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after the election.

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The program will be held on March 1, 2000 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Civic Center Box Office or charge by phone at 903-885-8071. There is a \$1.00 per ticket handling charge on all credit card orders.

Indictments returned from Lamar County

The Lamar County District Court Grand Jury indictments from February 16, 2000 are as follows:

AngelPeres Alderete, aggravated perjury; Shawn Wayne Austin, burglary of a building; Mary Ella Bailey, theft of property w/2 prior convictions, count 1 through 5; Erik Brandon Barrios, theft; Christopher Dee Beshires, aggravated assault, count 1 and failure to stop and render aid, count 2; Wade Walter Bretz, sex offenders failure to comply; Michael Dean Brown, credit card abuse; Warren Bumpus, unlawful possession of a firearm by felon with 1 prior conviction.

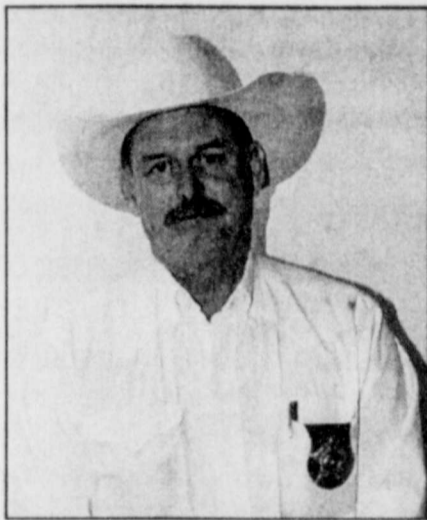
Stephen Lydell Cochran, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft of property over \$1,500, accident involving injury or death; Robert Antonio Conwright, failure to appear, count 1 and 2; Larissa Xaviera Dudley, theft, count 1, 2, 3 and 4; Charles Dwain Finnie, aggravated robbery, count 1 and robbery, count 2.

Brandon Lavan Frazier, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, count 1 and theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, count 2; Rebecca Jackson, possession of a controlled substance; Barry Hugh Jones, sex offenders failure to comply; James Eddie Krantz, Jr., burglary of habitation, count 1, 2 and 3; Lucas Wayne Landreth, forgery, paragraph 1 and 2; Jessie Ellen Mahurin, hindering apprehension; Rodney Kirk Marshall, burglary of a building, aggravated robbery, burglary of habitation; Myron Charles Miller, aggravated sexual assault of

a child w/2 prior convictions, count 1, injury to a child w/2 prior convictions, count 2.

Stanley Mark Parson, aggravated sexual assault of a child, paragraph 1 and 2; Dantrell Marquis Patterson, indecency with a child; Benjamin Shannon Rhodes, murder; Donald Jack Robertson, II, fraud; Joseph Lamuel Saddler, Jr., burglary of a building; Cody Wayne Shaw, possession of a controlled substance; James Lee Sneed, theft; Elfriede Darlene Stansbury, possession of a controlled substance; Gary Wayne Tims, aggravated sexual assault of a child; Desirae Tonubbee, theft; David O. Wilson, assault w/1 prior conviction; Mark W. Wood, aggravated sexual assault of a child, count 1 and indecency with a child, count 2.

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GIRL YOUTH ARCHER OF THE YEAR named was Haley Trammel of Blossom. She is pictured here being awarded a plaque by Kirk Ballard, President of the Archers for Christ, at their yearly banquet held in Paris on Friday night, February 18, 2000. (Staff Photo)

Trammel named Archer of the Year

Haley Trammel of Blossom was awarded the "Girl Archer of the Year" award on Friday night, February 18, 2000, at the Archers for Christ banquet in Paris, Texas.

Haley and dad Randy, shot their bows and arrows all last year at the Archers for Christ tournaments where Haley won three trophies and Randy won 5. They have already started shooting in the tournaments for this year.

Haley is the daughter of Randy and Kristi Mayes of Blossom and

Lee and Candy Trammel also of Blossom. Grandparents are James and Anna Jackson and John Aubrey and Carolyn Mayes, all of Blossom. Also Henry Trammel of Hopewell and Glenda Friday of Tigertown. Great grandparents are Marie Shelton of Paris and the late David R. Shelton of Detroit, Margie and Randell Mayes of Rosalie and Johnny and Faye Shores of Blossom. She has a big sister Amber Trammel and is the niece of Jamie Jackson of Blossom and Daphney Mayes of Dallas, Texas.




JEFFREY USVOLK plays forward and defense as a member of the Dallas Metro Hockey Association Squirt AA Team, which recently won the 1999-2000 Southwest Youth Hockey League Championship. The Southwest Youth Hockey League is comprised of teams from the western United States, including Dallas, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, San Diego and Tacoma, Washington. Jeffrey, age 11, is the son of Marsha and Scott Usvolk of Flower Mound, the grandson of Sandra and Marshall Jeffus of Garland and the great grandson of Nanie Bell Ham of Deport. He is the great-nephew of Duwayne and Pat Ham, Harold and Nell Shull, Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, all of Deport.

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Week of February 28
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Sausage, biscuits gravy
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Crispy fish
French fries
Pinto beans
Cole slaw
Hush puppies
Milk


Tuesday
Breakfast:
Oatmeal, toast, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Spaghetti and meat sauce
Corn
Salad
Ranch dressing
Crackers
Chocolate cake
Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Rolls
Milk

Thursday
Breakfast:
Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Burritos w/sauce
Spanish rice
Pinto beans
Fruit
Milk

Friday
Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hamburgers on bun
Salad
Potato chips
Peanut butter cookies
Milk

Pattonville News
By Peggy Parsons



Birthday wishes to Courtney Danielle Hunter, Jeremy Hunter, Elaine Roberts, Andrea Zant, Mallory Woodall and Angie Ricardi.

Rufus Merritt is home after recent surgery in a Paris hospital.

Happy anniversary to Jimmy and Ann Gatlin.

Marlin and Nora McDowra of Paris visited Howard Higdon recently.

Peggy Parsons visited Ruth Marie Denison in Paris on Wednesday.

Many from our community attended the PAT Foundation Banquet and auction on Thursday night at Prairiland.

Alvis and Mary Elizabeth Jones of Searcy, AR were recent visitors of Lorene Gibson.

There was a huge turnout for the VFD breakfast on Saturday morning at the community center. We appreciate very much their hard work and dedication in helping make our community a safer place in which to live.

Several from our community attended or participated in the Little

Dribblers Tournament held at Chisum during the week and weekend.

Peggy Parsons and Judy Ellington's aunt, Mrs. Robert Barnard of Houston died Tuesday, February 15. Judy attended the services held in Houston Thursday.

Delbert Ballard of Quitman had open heart surgery in Tyler recently with some complications.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Red and Inez Weaver and Jessie Newsom in Paris on Saturday.

Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather visited Sandy's daughter Nita in Oklahoma on Saturday.

Jenny Christenson of Mesquite spent the weekend with her mother, Alice Evans.

Sunday dinner guests of Glen and Susie Evans were their children, Bill and Pam Evans, Erica and Michelle, Norman and Kim Montgoary, Madison and Michael of Paris, Pam and Brandi Hall and Eddie Evans.

Thelma McDowra is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

Milton News
By Multiple Wpchurch

Nora Appleby of Eddie is here visiting her daughter and family, Susan and Phillip Roach.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound, Josh Allen and Justin Wright visited Peggy Whitney over the weekend.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Edna Earl and Luther Wright on Wednesday.

Edna Talley had lunch with Mary and Eran Yoder of Hopewell on Sunday.

Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents, James and Dorothy Holt on Sunday.

Hattie Hobbs and Helen Temple of Paris visited John and Velma Temple and Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler on Tuesday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Elvis

Wright at Sterling House in Paris on Saturday.

Bob and Buena Marshall attended a retirement party in Dallas Saturday for his nephew.

Beth Salter and Kaithlyn of Paris visited her parents, Susan and Phillip Roach and grandmother, Nora Appleby on Thursday.

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

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to a boat and gun show in Sulphur Springs on Saturday.

Bob and Buena Marshall spent Saturday night with Ronny and Ellen Pettit of Irving.

Tim Parks of Faught had Sunday dinner with Dorothy and James Holt.

25 reasons to re-elect Kerye Ashmore-County Attorney

The testimonials and signatures below reflect many reasons to support Ashmore - our County Attorney - a man we believe is highly qualified and capable as proven by an indisputable record of seeking justice and a commitment to victims of crime. His dedication and hard work for all of us in Lamar County adversely affected by crime are sincerely appreciated.

"In 1998 a juvenile forced his way into my home and assaulted my wife and me. My wife died as a result of the attack. The juvenile was certified to stand trial as an adult and at the trial received the maximum sentence of life in prison. Kerye Ashmore was lead prosecutor in the case and his experience and ability were evident in the courtroom. I was impressed with and appreciate the efforts of the Sheriffs Department, the County Attorney and his staff. I support Kerye Ashmore for County Attorney."

- J. D. Rogers, Blossom

"My mother and sister were brutally accosted in their home in 1995 and my sister was killed during the attack. I witnessed firsthand the efforts of Kerye Ashmore. He worked long hours on behalf of our family, he was compassionate and supportive of my mother and was a strong effective advocate in the courtroom. The defendant received the death penalty. I believe Kerye is a dedicated professional, and I strongly support him for County Attorney."

- Larry Jones, Houston

(son of Edith Jones & brother of Sherry Kay Jones)

"I was attacked September 1999 in my home and badly beaten. The Sheriff's Department and Kerye Ashmore brought the men to justice who committed this crime. One received a life sentence and one received 40 years. Kerye and his staff worked hard on my behalf and kept me and my family informed of the case. My family supports Kerye for County Attorney."

- Loretta and A.W. "Aud" Brown, Paris

- Paul and Lana Brown

- Randy and Kay Brown

- Wesley and Mindy Brown

"In 1985, my son David, a Paris police officer, was slain in the line of duty. Kerye Ashmore prosecuted the people responsible - one received the death penalty and one a life sentence. Kerye has always been an advocate for strong prosecution and the rights of victims."

- Patsy Roberts, Powderly

"When tragedy struck our family by a senseless act of violence, Kerye Ashmore was there for us. He showed he was a caring prosecutor committed to justice. Thanks to the efforts of law enforcement, Kerye and the people he works with in the County Attorney's office, one of the criminals received the death penalty and one received a life sentence. We support Kerye as Lamar County Attorney."

- Martha Duke and family, Roxton

"Members of my family, Grady and Bessie Alexander, were murdered in 1996. Prosecutors Kerye Ashmore and Jeff Starnes worked with the police developing a case against the man who committed this crime and tried him for capital murder in 1998. He was convicted and sentenced to death. Kerye and his staff worked hard to bring this man to justice."

- Mike Alexander, Paris

"When my family was victimized by criminals, Kerye was very supportive of me. In the two trials that Kerye prosecuted following the arrest of these criminals, one received the death sentence and the other received life in the penitentiary."

- Dania Kinslow, Powderly

"In 1997 a juvenile driving recklessly ran a stop sign, hit my car and seriously injured me and killed two of my daughters. The juvenile was certified to stand trial as an adult for manslaughter and aggravated assault by the County Attorney's Office and received 15 years in the state penitentiary. The County Attorney's Office was invaluable in helping my family and me with crime victims benefits and very supportive of me during a very trying time. I think Kerye Ashmore is a serious and tough prosecutor that stands up for victims."

- Joey Hoskins, Paris

"When three juveniles set fire to the Aaron Parker School in Powderly on January 1, 1996, I was one of the volunteer firemen who fought the blaze and was injured. Kerye Ashmore prosecuted these three juveniles resulting in their incarceration. I was present for the trial and thought that he did a good job for our community. I appreciate what he did."

- Bart Hays, Faught

"When my daughter was victimized in 1997, I was worried about how she would be treated by the criminal justice system. Kerye Ashmore made the experience a positive one. His staff advised us about crime victim's rights and benefits. He spent time explaining the system and answering our questions; and he successfully prosecuted the person responsible for the crime. He proved to me that he cares. I think Kerye Ashmore has been a good County Attorney and I would like to see him continue in that office."

- Tommie Emily, Blossom

"My life was shattered when my husband was killed in 1998. County Attorney Kerye Ashmore and his employees were always available to talk to me and keep me up to date on the case. He is a caring and understanding prosecutor, and he made a difficult time easier for me. I support Kerye Ashmore for County Attorney."

- Doris Sanford, Paris

"When my son and I were injured by a criminal, Kerye Ashmore prosecuted him and he received the maximum sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary. Kerye has kept our family informed before and after the trial during the appeals. He is a capable and determined prosecutor who is tough on crime. I support him for County Attorney."

- Don Hilliard, Paris

"In 1996, my sister was murdered. Kerye Ashmore prosecuted the man who committed this crime and he received the maximum sentence of life in prison. Kerye and his office treated our family with respect and kept us informed about the case. Kerye cares about the victims and their families - and I support him for County Attorney."

- Barbara White, Paris

"My mother was murdered in 1996. Kerye Ashmore and his staff kept me informed and worked diligently to see that justice was done. The man received the maximum sentence of life in the penitentiary. I support Kerye for County Attorney."

- Laurie Mayes-Chennault, Yuma, AZ

"We were attacked in our home in Paris. The men responsible were caught by good police work and capably and effectively prosecuted by Kerye Ashmore. He worked long hours to ensure that the voice of the victims was heard. Both men received two life sentences."

- Leo and Donna Moersen

"In 1998, my daughter was murdered. Kerye Ashmore prosecuted the man who committed this offense. Kerye kept me informed of the case and worked hard to see that justice was brought on behalf of my daughter. Kerye cares about victims and their families - and I support him for County Attorney."

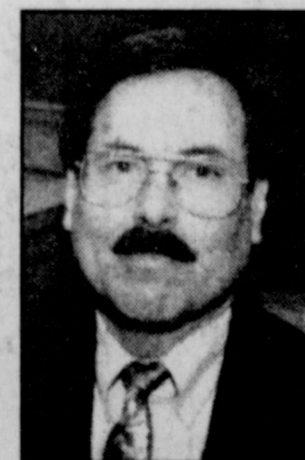
- Mammie Giles, Paris

"In 1997 I was attacked and badly beaten in my home. The man responsible was apprehended, prosecuted by the County Attorney's Office and received 45 years in the penitentiary. Mr. Ashmore and his staff were kind and helpful. I appreciate his support and am thankful that he handled my case. He has my full support as County Attorney."

- Suzanne Emily Landers, Paris

"As a prosecutor, the victories and successes of the County Attorney's office are numbered in the lives of the people we help who have been victimized by crime. I believe it is the law's highest calling. **Who do you want representing you if your family is the victim of crime?"**

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SILENT BIDS—the crowd at the PAT foundation banquet last Thursday bid on a wide variety of items in the silent auction held to raise scholarship money. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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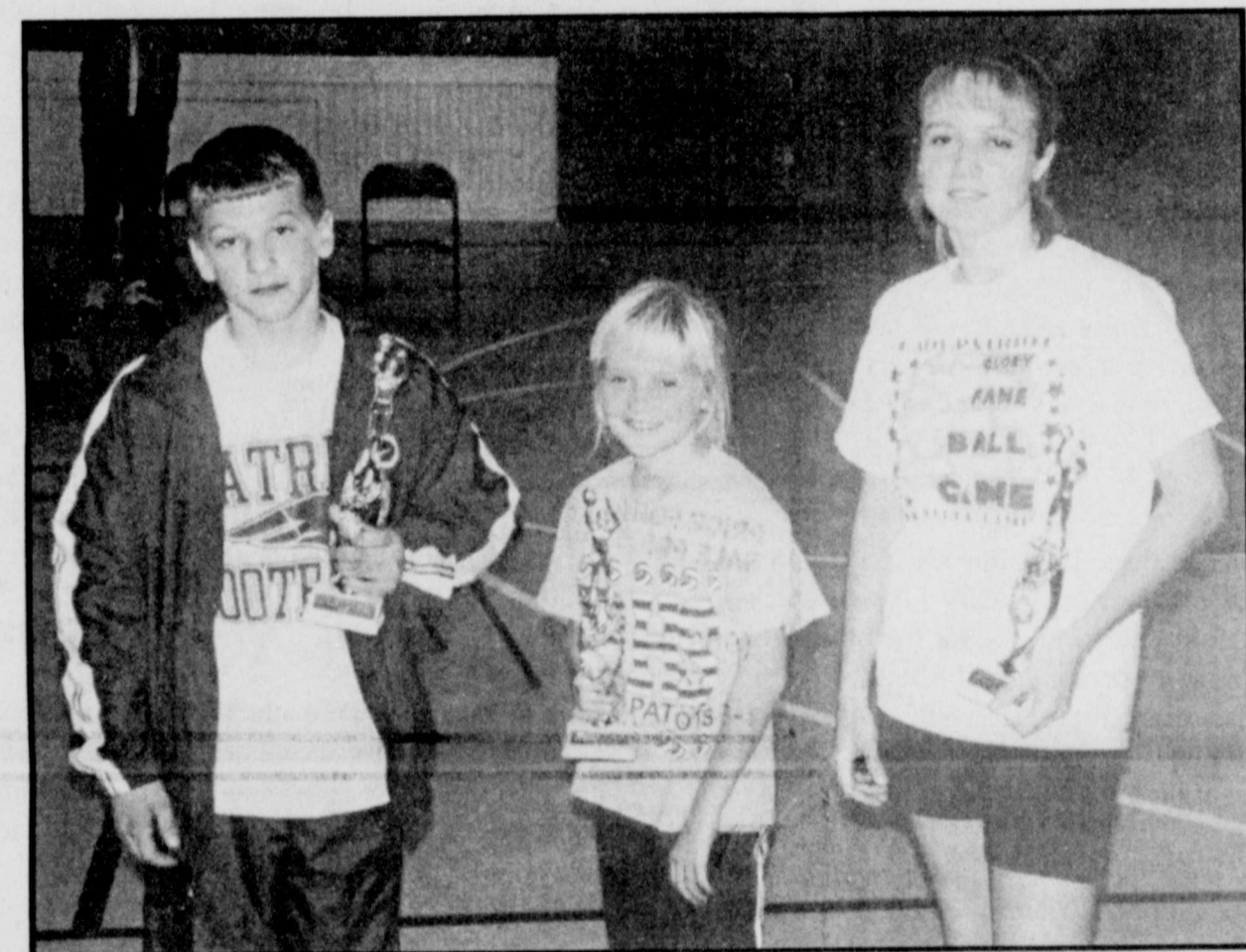
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Burglary	40 years
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Indecency/Child	30 years
Sex Assault/Child	15 years
Sex Assault/Child	594 years
Drugs	25 years
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ELKS HOOP SHOOT WINNERS from Prairiland on Saturday, February 5th in Paris are pictured left to right Lance Connot-Blossom, Jenna Patterson and Johnna Paterson from Deport. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



VISITING- Sarah Bailey King, State Representative District 2 Candidate, and husband Larry visit with Nanalee Nichols at the Red River County Chamber Banquet last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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- ★ Working With Local Volunteer Fire Departments To Better Serve The public. Such As Better Communications Severe Weather Watch and Other Emergencies
- ★ Has Provided A Safe and Secure Jail. Certified By The State Every Year Since Becoming Sheriff.

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JAZZ BAND-the Prairiland Jazz Band performed at the PAT foundation breakfast last Thursday night before an appreciative crowd. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Bobbie Slusher is recuperating following surgery at St. Joseph Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Georjeana and Brad Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Tim Burt from Plano and Sammy Burt from Mississippi. Having Sunday lunch with Lwanda and Pete McKnight were Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson and Ray Martin. Marlin Foster had Sunday lunch with Ida Mae and Darold Norwood. Jane

O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Sue Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon. Garrett Kennedy spent Friday night with Shelby and Bobby Ray Kennedy. Zack Kennedy spent Saturday night with them.

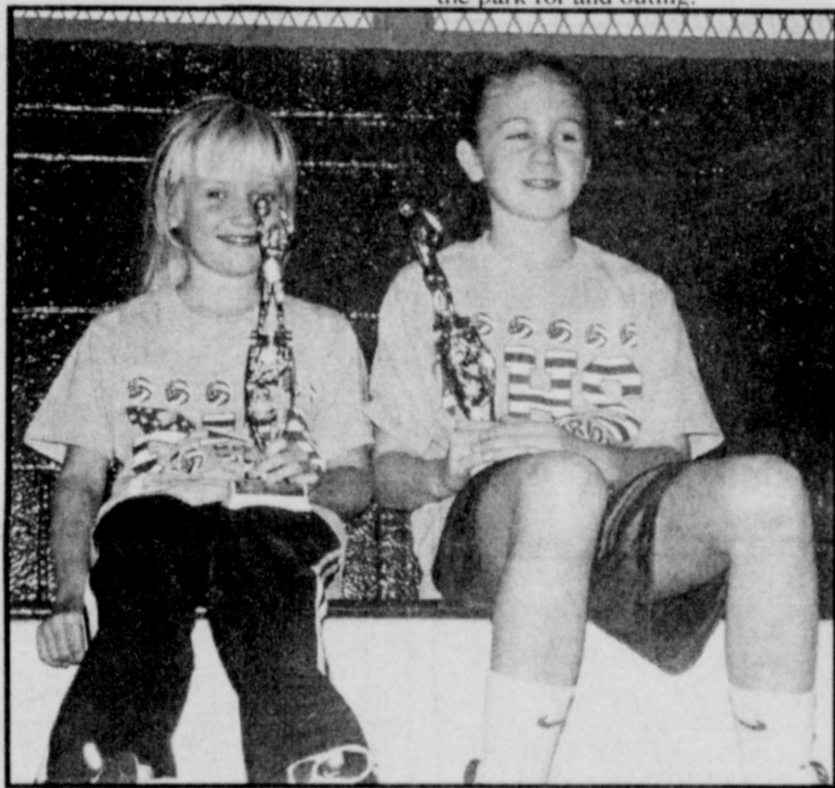
Visiting Georgia and Billy Joe Oats Sunday afternoon were Willie Wilson and Lessie Stuart from Reno. Last Monday Velma Cox, Dora Hester and Wayne and Floy Williams from Deport had lunch at Furr's. Jason, Toni, Brittney and Jaci Baker were visiting the week end from Corpus Christi. On Saturday night Neal and Ann Baker, Jason, Toni, Brittney

and Jaci Baker, Stephanie and Landrey Puckerred, Bea, and Tom White, Charlie, Donnie and Nicki Lewis, Ronnie and Linda Baker and Shannon, Shami and Blair Baker all went to Vaughans for Cat Fish. Sunday night Dean and Ada Watson visited Tommy and Evelyn Pressley. Visiting Marie Watson the past week were Clara Fits and her sister Cuba from Tyler, Nadine Price, Pauline Plott, Neva Oats, Nelta Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Dean and Ada Watson.

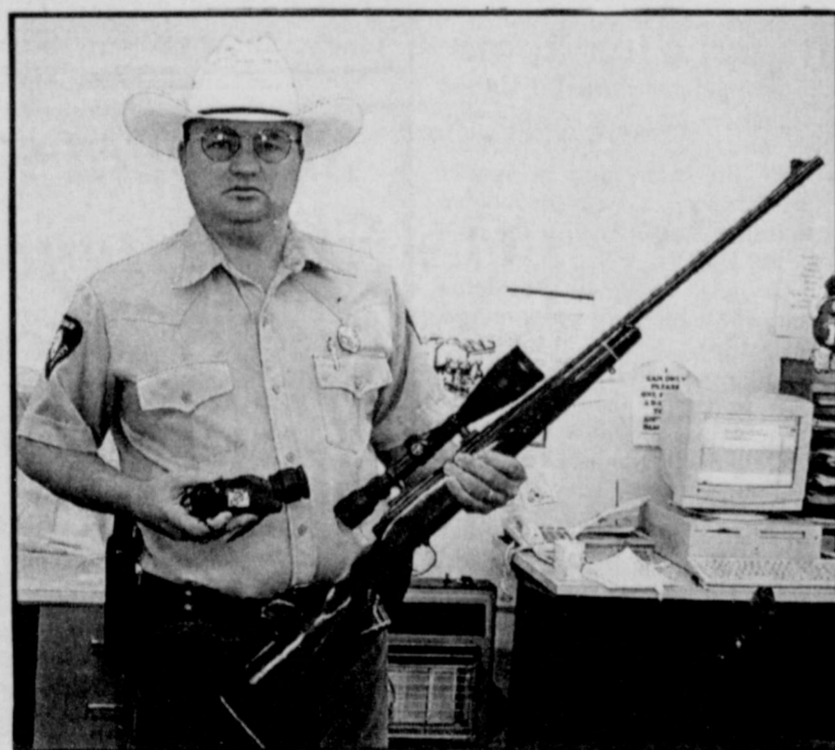
Lorette Pynes spent Sunday with Sue Pynes and visited with Regina Newman and children and Jamie Bazhaw and family. They all went to the park for an outing.

Deport VFD supper, auction is March 4

The Deport VFD and Bucket Brigade is holding their big fund-raiser on March 4, at the Deport School Cafeteria. There will be chicken & beef stew and chili and all the trimmings plus an auction filled with all kinds of "goodies" Serving will begin at 5:00 a.m. with auction following.



PARIS ELKS HOOP SHOOT WINNERS from Deport held on Saturday, February 5th is Jenna Patterson and Lacey Cole. (Staff Photo)



PCT. 1 Constable Randy Boren displays a rifle and night vision glasses valued at \$950 which were stolen from a residence south of Pattonville in January. They were recovered on Sunday, Feb. 20 from the Blossom area and an arrest is pending.

FOOT NOTES



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Politics as usual ...

After 17 years of prosecuting criminals in Lamar County, my record is well documented. My opponent hasn't - and can't - question my qualifications, record, ability, honesty or the successes of the County Attorney's office.

Instead, last week my opponent distributed a letter containing a number of untrue statements which personally attacked not only me, but members of my family. The statements about my wife and 15-year-old son are not only false, but malicious and mean spirited.

Consider this: When my opponent says he will be nice, fair and reasonable if elected, ask yourself, "If that is true, why is he attacking the family of a candidate?" Is that nice, fair and reasonable?

Having served as First Assistant County Attorney from 1983-1996 and County Attorney since 1997, if I had not been doing my job, don't you think my opponent could come up with something more than a few statements from disgruntled people with personal axes to grind - like the bail bondsman (someone who gets criminals out of jail) who currently has \$100,000 in bond forfeiture suits by the County Attorney's office pending against her? Is it surprising she supports my opponent?

What in the world do my opponent's allegations have to do with putting criminals where they belong? That's what a County Attorney is supposed to do!

I invite you to look at my record. It proves that I have been an effective and capable prosecutor with the highest qualifications. I ask for your vote in the March 14 primary.

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**Miss Texas 1999 will make
Lamar/Red River county appearances**

Yanci Yarbrough, Miss Texas 1999 will make appearances in February and March in Lamar and Red River County schools as a guest of Project SAVE, a grant program of the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry.

Miss Yarbrough will hold a press conference at the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce following her first appearance on the Blossom campus of Prairiland ISD on Monday, February 28 to speak to grades six through eight. The press conference is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Miss Yarbrough serves on the Board of Directors of Drug Prevention Resources, Inc., and is involved with TCADA, Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America, Partnership for a Drug Free Texas and America, D.A.R.E. and the Office of the National Drug Control Policy.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations, she represented Hurst-Euleless-Bedford at the Miss Texas Pageant. She was named fourth runner-up to Miss America 2000 in that pageant last September. While attending college, Miss Yarbrough was on the Dean's List, a student Senator for three years, and was active in the Student Association and Pi Beta Phi sorority. She plans to continue a career as a college professor and motivational speaker.

Project SAVE is a Texas Department of Health grant program implemented in Lamar, Delta and Red River Counties to lower rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Research shows these statistics may be lowered dramatically when youth are provided with information regarding sexual health and they understand the link between their future and making good decisions now.



KEVIN GRAY, Texas Department of Safety officer, received an intoxilizer from Red River County Attorney Jack Herrington on Thursday, February 17, for use in field breathalyzer tests. Monies to purchase the costly equipment comes from the drug forfeiture account which the County Attorney's office oversees. All monies in drug forfeitures must be used in the County Attorney's office or in law enforcement, Sheriff's Department. Two intoxilizers were purchased, one for each patrol vehicle.

'Tis education forms the common mind: just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclin'd.

—Alexander Pope



**Re-Elect
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County Attorney**

What two victims of crime had to say:

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Richard and Angela Roseberry

"I was attacked by a man who held a knife at my throat when I entered my home one evening in December of 1997. He had already taken everything he wanted from my home, but he wanted more. I was forced to drive him to the ATM where he took my savings. Back at my house, he tied me up and gagged me. He had already ripped my phone out. Then he stole my car. He even beat up my dog, broke her nose and cut open her head. Fortunately, I escaped and alerted the police. In about an hour, he was apprehended. Now here's the good part. Five months later, this guy is serving 40 years, thanks to the expertise of Jack Herrington, our County Attorney. When you have the best already, why change. Vote for Jack Herrington. He gets the job done!"

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THE CROWD at the Prairiland Academic Trust Banquet enjoyed a good meal, bidding on the silent auction and the various entertainment groups that performed. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Martha Glover introduced Melba Ladd, whose program was a review of "The Bible, The Book that Bridges the Millennia", a study book published by the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

During the social hour, the hostess served refreshments to twelve members.

The next meeting will be March 6 at the fellowship hall of the church. Marianne Ladd will host and Margaret Parks will be program presenter.

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.

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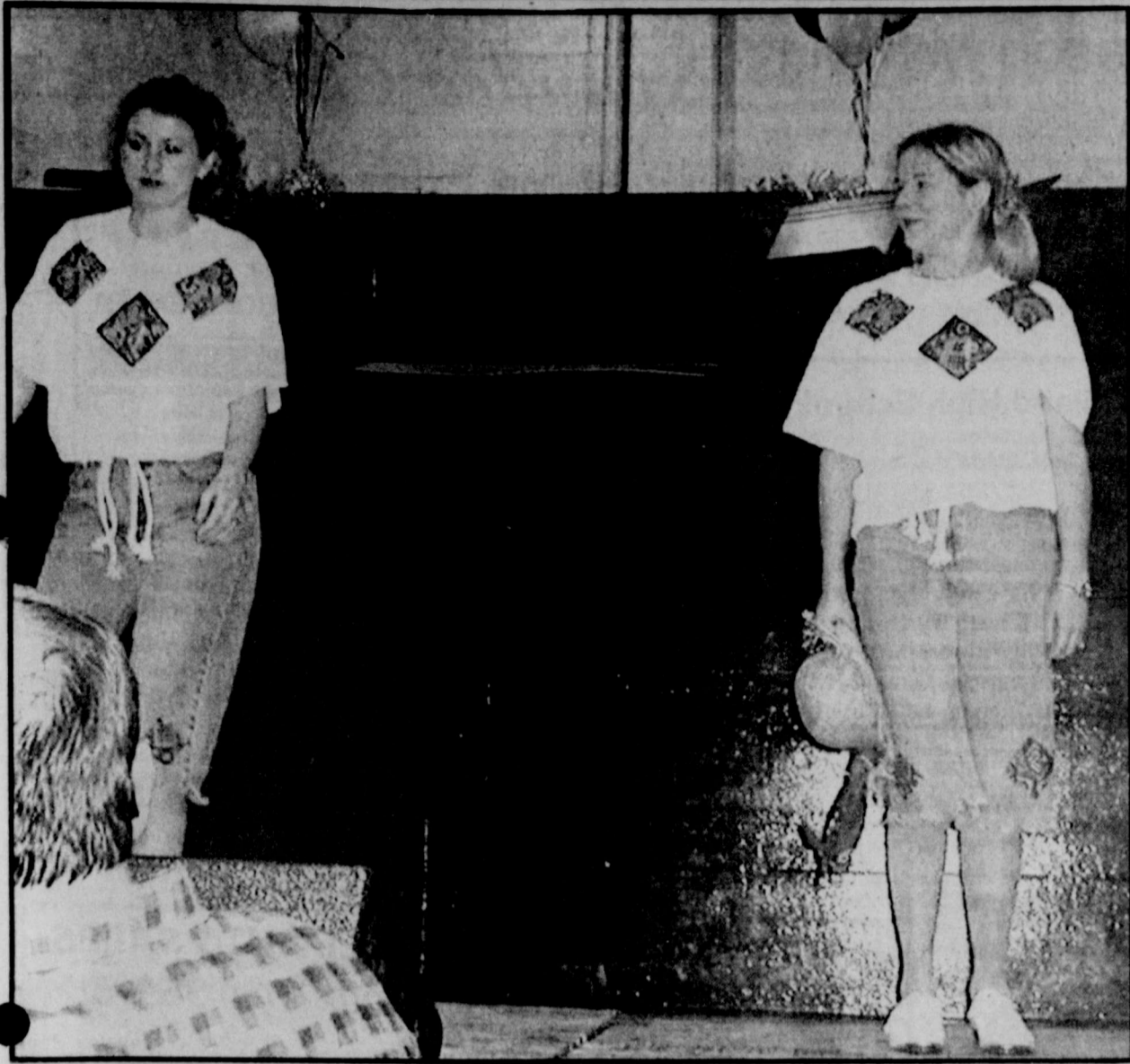
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JENNIFER MATTHEWS, left and Candice Denison clogged their way to fame at the PAT banquet recently. The girls were a big hit with the attendees. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



PRAIRILAND SENIORS parked cars and waited tables at the PAT Foundation Banquet last Thursday, February 17. The banquet sponsors graduating seniors with scholarships for their future college careers. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND 10TH GRADE HONORS ENGLISH-Vickie Chapman's 2nd period English II Accelerated Class rewrote Act III of Julius Caesar in Modern English and performed the act as a class project. Participants were D.J. Loveless, Robert Robertson, Scotty Nichols, Lucas Miller, Josh Williams, Chastiti Weeks, Kami Hudson, Kara Screws, Holley Allen, Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Carter, Minda Corso and Becky Hamm. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



NEW PICTURE in honor of Dr. Gary Ballard, who retired 2 years ago from Prairiland High School, will hang in the hall of Prairiland High School. Pictured left to right is Felicia Taylor-Student Council President, Principal Ronnie Baker, Dr. Ballard and Gwen Ballard. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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PATRIOTS played their last game last Tuesday night against Chapel Hill and kept the victory at home by winning 57-42. Baseball season will begin this week with scrimmage games. (Staff Photo)

Patriots end season with win

The Prairiland Patriots ended their season on a positive note on Tuesday night, February 15 by defeating the Chapel Hill Red Devils 57-42. Senior Brad Barrentine was high for the night with 14. Senior Lucas Roddy followed with 11, while junior Heath Sessums landed in 10. The boys will go into baseball season this week.

- Patriots57
- Chapel Hill42
- Brad Barrentine14
- Heath Sessums10
- Kyle Malone2
- Joel Hudson2
- Jonathan Martin2
- Lucas Roddy11
- Matt Cavender8
- Cody Boehler8

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February 28	
29	Miss Texas, 10:00
.....	Cheer Clinic, 3:45 to 4:45
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.....	PJC Admissions, 10:45
2	Tennis w/Mt. Vernon, 4:00, Chapel Hill
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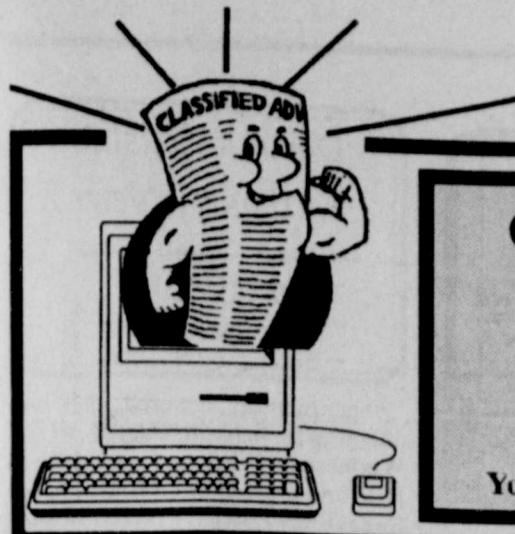
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FOR SALE: Working ranch, hay operation, 812 acres, SE Lamar County. Seven wire fences, stock ponds, barns, pens, 1/4 mile from Hwy. 271. No agents. 903-652-4205 or 652-5823. **MAJFC**

HOME FOR SALE, 370 Monroe St., Deport. 2BR, 1B with washer & dryer connections, on large lot. Call 652-5823, 652-4564, 652-9602 or 652-4072. **MAJFC**

FOR SALE: 2BR, 1B, frame home, excellent condition. Garrison Real Estate, 903-632-4346. **MAJFC**

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FOR SALE: 3BR, 1B, 1600 sq. ft. home on triple lot in Talco, near school. Newly remodeled and new siding. Asking \$17,500. 903-379-2099 or 379-3491. **MA 2-24**

FOR SALE: 2BR, 1B, frame house with carport and utility. 223 S. W. 2nd, Bogata. 903-632-5890. **MA 2-24**

FOR SALE TO BE MOVED: 107 N.W. 3rd St. in Bogata. Make an offer. 903-632-5999. **MA 3-2**

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B, central heat & air, fireplace, 2 car carport with 18x34 swimming pool with 24x47 privacy fenced wood deck around pool; 10x20 storage building on 1/2 acre lot at 411 Trail Street, Deport. 903-652-3404, ask for Terry or Ginger. **MA 3-9**

FOR RENT
FOR RENT in Bogata: 2B frame within 1 block of school. 972-606-0750 after 7 p.m. **MAJFC**

FOR RENT: 2BR, 1B mobile home in Rosalie. 903-632-4560. **MA 3-9**

Vehicles
FOR SALE: 1995 V6 Camaro, Patriot Red, automatic, 59,000 miles. One owner, good condition, \$10,000.00. 903-632-4437. **MAJFC**

FOR SALE: 1988 Ford Ext. Cab. 302 V8, automatic, good tires, good work truck, \$3,800; King wood heater with blower, \$50; exercise bike, \$25. 903-652-3521. **MA 3-17**

FOR SALE: 1995 Lumina 7 passenger wagon. 56k miles, clean, loaded. 903-632-5728 after 6 p.m. **MA 3-2**

FOR SALE: 1982 Ford F150 pickup, SWB, TS, TD, 300 6 cyl., 3-speed with OD. Extra clean, \$1,600. 903-632-4612. **MA 3-2**

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HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. **JFC**

HAY FOR SALE: Call Thomas Nichols, 903-652-5823 or 652-4205. **nc**

HAY FOR SALE: Large round bales. 903-632-5685. **MA 2-24**

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MEAT PROCESSING: Catfish fillets; chicken; beef and pork. All retail cuts. Beef by the side or quarter. Call for prices. Detroit Locker Plant, Detroit, TX. Pork, chicken, fish. Call 903-674-6911. If no answer, call 903-674-2352. We accept food stamps. **MAJFC**

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SHERRY'S BOOKKEEPING and Tax Service: Now doing bookkeeping, accounting, payroll and income tax services from home based office. Call for quotes or more information at 903-577-7702. Sherry Huddleston, owner. **MA 3-2**

FOR INCOME TAX SERVICE, contact Bonnie Huddleston, 140 Tanglewood & Circle Drive in Bogata or call 903-632-5238. **MAJFC**

SWIMMING POOL REPAIR: Have a swimming pool, above ground or in ground? Installation and repairs, 10 years experience. Also concrete and Kooldec from start to finish, 20 years concrete experience. Free estimates. 903-982-6483. **MA 3-2**

MARTHA'S TAX OFFICE, 110 N. Main, Bogata, 903-632-0088. 20+ years experience, specializing in small businesses and farms. Walk-ins welcome or call for appointment. **MA 3-9**

Wanted: **RED RIVER HEALTHCARE CENTER** is looking for caring individuals who would be interested in becoming state certified nurse aide to work in our facility on the 2pm to 10pm shift and the 10pm to 6am shift. The new class is planned to begin February 28. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Vickers at 903-632-5293 or come by our facility at the intersection of highways 37 and 271 in Bogata, Texas. This is your opportunity to prepare yourself for employment in a great profession where the possibility to advance is always present. **MA 2-24**

THE DETROIT HOUSING AUTHORITY is presently accepting applications of employment for the Executive Director position until March 6, 2000. Applications can be obtained at the office located at 165 W. Deport Street, Deport, TX or by calling 903-674-2185. Equal Opportunity Employer. **2-24**

HELP WANTED: Contractor needs plumber helper with some experience, also need electrician with experience. 903-379-9161 NOW! **MA 3-9**

PART TIME SECRETARY needed: Bogata First Baptist Church, Monday-Friday, 8:00-12:00. Please call 903-632-5218 for more information. **MA 3-9**

TAKING RESUMES and job references on private duty sitting. Send to Sitting Service, P.O. Box 76, Bogata, TX 75417. **MA 3-9**

LOST & FOUND
REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

LOST: Two dogs in Rosalie, Johntown area. One medium size brown male and one multi-colored female. Both should have collars w/tags. Please call 903-632-4616. **2-24**

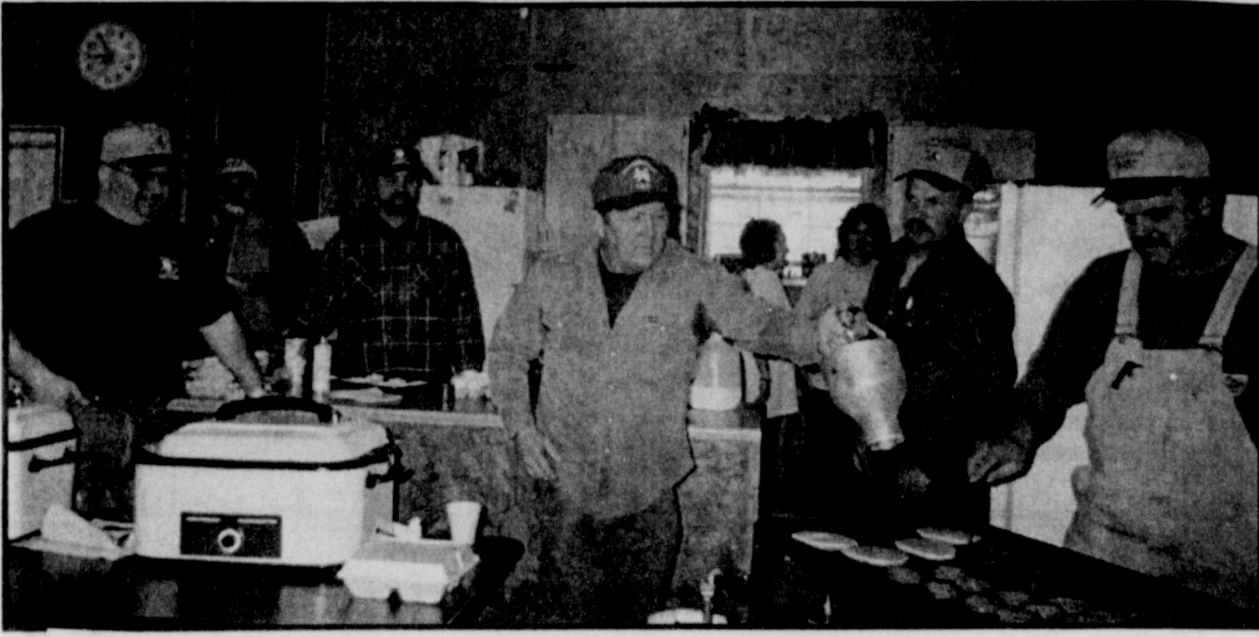
FOUND: Australian Shepherd/cross female, gray w/black spots, wearing flea collar. Found on 410 South of Deport. Please call 903-674-2040. **2-24nc**

Garage Sales
CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. **MAJFC**

FOURTH SATURDAY Trade Days in Bogata. All day Friday, Saturday, intersection Hwy. 37/271. Spaces available, for information, call Red River Rust Antique Mall, 632-5940 or 632-5684 nights. Next date February 25-26. **MA 2-24**

SALE: 507 N. 5th St., Talco, Apt. 1, inside and outside sale. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday weekly or call 379-2701. Many odds and ends, large women's clothing, all size jeans, books, tols, AKC male Sheltie pup born Sept. 7, 1999, much more. Come see! **2-24**

FREE
FREE TO GOOD HOME: 8 month old male, 1/2 Chihuahua, 1/2 Schnauzer. 902-632-1406. **2-24**



BREAKFAST, Anyone? The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department served breakfast Saturday morning to raise funds for the Fire Department. A number of people turned out for the event, which features pancakes, bacon, sausage, and all the rest of the trimmings to a big breakfast. (Staff Photo)

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
CALL YOUR NEWS TO
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Ben Blount, Allen Baldwin, Clint Loveless, Justin Withers, Leta Scott, Chris Wilkins, Jeremy Smith, Jacob Glidewell, Josh Fry, Cassie Cleveland, Ashley Pope, Rusty Hamil, Johnny Milam, Angela Harbuck.

The PAT Foundation Banquet was a huge success again this year raising several thousand dollars for graduating seniors at Prairieiland!

Denise Carol Bryson, niece of Pam Wood, gave birth to a baby girl early Sunday morning in Mt. Pleasant. They are doing well. She and husband Scott Bryson live in Bogata.

Christine Hargrove of Quitman spent from Friday to Wednesday visiting with Margaret Parks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland visited by phone with Linda and Ronnie Cleveland and Paul and Robin Cleve-

land of the Shawnee area. They also talked with their grandson Brett and Tiffany Cleveland of Wichita, Kansas and received a letter from granddaughter Cassie Cleveland who is a student in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Emma and Lloyd Willard visited with Milburn and Joe Myers of Post Oak last week.

Juanita Garrett of Woodland visited with Lloyd and Emma Willard and Kaleb Long on Friday.

Pauline Weddle's granddaughter, Laci Thompson received 3rd place in the UIL Spelling meet last week at North Lamar. She is a student at Crockett Jr. High in Paris.

Pauline Weddle and Margaret Parks visited with Raymond Hignight of the Deport Nursing Home on Sunday.

Deport Housing Authority News



call Melba Ladd

The monthly covered dish luncheon was held in Gazebo #1 on Wednesday, February 9. Lots of good food and fun was enjoyed by Eunice Sugg, Lucy Fowler, Mavis Sowards, Alma Scaff, Mae Storm, Maud Webb, Estelle Chesshire, Lucille Morgan, Willie Mae Speir, Eunice Ervin, Thelma Shelby, Frances Franklin, Phyllis Gifford and Hunter Bratcher.

Melba, along with Juavance Carpenter, attended a meeting of the East Texas Housing Association in Tyler on February 15.

Management and especially tenants are placed with the new commodes that have been installed in all units. We expect there to be a definite difference in the monthly water bill.

Metal rooves, soffits and fascia are being installed on the oldest units at the corner of Beville and Third Streets. This is expected to improve the appearance of the units as well as being maintenance free and energy efficient. Other units in order of their age will be covered as funds become available. It is expected this is a three year project.

Deport Nursing Home News

By Cletta Mathis



Visiting Don South and Billy Archibald was Pat Porter and Jean Goforth, Juanita Oats.

Visiting Milow Hume was Preston and Marla Crump.

Visiting Fern Fry was Billie and Lary Banks, Ray Fry.

Visiting Daisy Barnett was Ethel Pomroy, Katherine Lewis.

Visiting Raymond Hignight was Mary Ray, Claudie Dudley, Chris Crawford, Prentice and Jo Crawford.

Visiting Ima Griffin was Patsy Curtis.

Visiting Raymond Crawford was Chris, Prentice, Mary Jo, Lary and Barbara Crawford.

Visiting Opal English was Carrie

and Becky Ross, Cara Eudy, Rudy Ross, Katherine Hare, June and Kim Young.

Visiting Roy Wells was Buck Frazier.

Visiting Ina Hedrick was Norma and Doris.

Visiting Sara Gilmer was Dewey and Marline, Peggy, Margie, Lynda, Suzanna.

Visiting Homer and Melva Sisson was Betty and Pete Sisson, Rob Skidmore, Katherine Lewis, Ethel Pomroy.

Visiting Lillie Dunham was her daughter Nona and Royce Johnson, Duke and Beverly Lane.

Visiting with Nora Barnett was Rita, Elizabeth and Starr Thompson and Rhonda Hoskins.



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Deport Locals

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Cindy Talley
652-2954



Mr. and Mrs. Snooky Lawler were weekend visitors of Boots Shipp and Ida Lou Read. They helped Boots celebrate her birthday on Tuesday.

Kay Gage spent Wednesday through Saturday with her mother, Virginia Kirkland.

Katheryne Greene, Ina and Nina Sparks were guests of Boots Shipp Thursday and shared the birthday cake brought to her by her sister, Lera.

Friends and relatives here continue to receive encouraging reports of Joe Al Singleton's progress toward a bone marrow transplant in Baylor Hospital, Dallas. Dick and Yvonne Gray visited with the family last week.

Ruth Cheatham had as guests over the weekend, Buddy and Jone Berry and their daughter Michelle Berry.

Ivan Langley and Abbie Strickland were in Sulphur Springs shopping on Saturday.

Karen Walker of Grapevine spent the weekend here with her father, Mac Webb. At spring break, Karen and some friends will be among a group of Spanish students who will visit Spain.

Adeline White of Lewisville visited Laverta Westbrook and Robbie Gooch on Thursday.

Doc and Mary Alice Enox spent several days last week with Karen Enox in Irving. They also visited Robby and Nancy Westbrook in Cleburne on their way home.

Eva Flenniken and her mother, Lucille Pickering, were in Nacogdoches Saturday where Eva attended a leadership meeting at the California Restaurant. Lucille went to a birthday dinner at Clear Springs Restaurant honoring her granddaughter, Amanda Houston Ramin. Attending were her son, Zachary, her sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Tom Yarborough of Nacogdoches and Amanda's other grandmother, Qbelle Houston of Alton.

Birthday wishes to Chris Brunson, Jeremy Ward, Riley Burchfield Couch, Amanda Wherley, Ellen Frazier, Andrew LaRue, Jesse Crawford, Brenda Denison, Dion Davis, Dr. Luanne Sparks, Harold Oney, Marilyn Glover, Dani Hunter, Mark Austin, Julie Lynn Nixon, Jean Morrison, Mary Elaine Lawler, John Allen, Kyle Carpenter, Lee Bice, Merle Young, Lee Bland, Jayson Benson and Jeremy Hunter.

Happy anniversary to Nancy and Earl Gresham, Vicki and Ronnie Ballard, Karen and David Moses and Debra and Ricky McMikel.

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

Visiting Walker and Willie Develin were Mark Berniece Markevich of Mt. Vernon, Byron and Sue Wicker of New Boston, Doris Ballard and granddaughter, Stella Blanton and sons of Detroit, and Bill and Ruth Chipman.

Many from throughout the area attended the Prairieiland Academic Trust Foundation's third annual fundraising banquet Thursday night. It was a great success.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols attended the Red River County Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Clarksville Friday night.

Sandra Jeffus has been visiting relatives in the area over the weekend.

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