

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols

It's Really NOT Necessary

The medical profession isn't going to appreciate me this week, but that's too bad. We all have a right to our opinion.

Thomas had to go for some tests the other day, and it took the whole day. While I was waiting for him I picked up a magazine. Written neatly on the back of the publication were the words "Had a 10:00 a.m. appointment. It's now 4:30 p.m., still no Doc. Guess they really want you to feel at home since they leave you here until you forget you have any other home".

I laughed. A man across the room asked what was so funny, and I read the note to the entire waiting room. They laughed, and then began to go on about how many times they had waited for hours on end.

I left for a few minutes, and when I came back was going to show Thomas the message. Lo and behold, the receptionist had come out and ripped the back cover off of the magazine! Apparently they didn't like having the waiting room know that hours of waiting wasn't out of the ordinary!

It's ridiculous. At a recent book club meeting our roll call was to be answered with a "negative experience at the doctor's". Virtually every member of the club had a story about the long waits in the doctor's office.

Once, at a clinic I began comparing appointment times with other patients waiting. It turned out that four of us had the same appointment time, followed by four more fifteen minutes later.

ANYONE knows that won't work. I don't think many doctors care. It isn't their problem that people have to be off work for these appointments. They don't pay attention to the fact that people have children to pick up, jobs to go to and besides, if you are very sick a two or three or four hour wait isn't a great thing. Many times doctor's offices say that the doctor had an emergency. Sometimes it's even true. But I am not convinced that every doctor at every office across the nation has an emergency five days a week...and that seems to be the case. For heaven's sake...even a dermatologist's office is always behind. What is it, did he have an emergency outbreak of diaper rash?

Not all doctors overbook. Sometimes there are genuine reasons for delays. After all, if I'm being operated on I don't want my physician rushing to finish because he can't be late for a routine appointment.

But all too often I believe the reason for these delays is a callous disregard for the fact that other people have lives too. Well, we do!

There, I got that off my chest! And I'll bet most of you readers can relate a similar tale of wait, wait and wait. Come on out there, it's do better!

Prairiland band to hold garage sale

The Prairiland band students are having a garage sale on Saturday, March 4th. If you have some items that would be very grateful, they would be very grateful.

For more information contact the band hall or any band student.

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Deport Times

90th YEAR, No. 35 DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS Thursday, March 2, 2000 50¢

Supper, auction is this Saturday, come out to help the fire department

This Saturday, March 4th is the Deport Volunteer Fire Department and Bucket Brigade's biggest fund raiser of the year. It will be held at the Deport School Cafeteria. The event will kick off at 5:00 p.m. with home made chili, along with cornbread, crackers and dessert for \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12 and children under 6 years of age eating free. That's a bargain for the whole family, and a good cause, too.

Then the auction will begin. This year's auction features a hand pieced "Grandmother's Flower Garden" quilt donated by the Deport Methodist Women, a hand made Prairiland Patriot Quilt made from Prairiland tee shirts and done by Liz Irwin, and

such diverse items as welding helmets, oil changes, tools, feed and other useful items, interspersed with original works of art, hand crocheted doilies done by 92 year old Willie Devlin, and a wide variety of other things. Six tickets to see the Oak Ridge Boys in Paris on April 15 will be auctioned off in pairs. These are Choice Seats!

A feature this year is door prizes. Among the door prizes will be a ticket to hear the Oak Ridge Boys in concert April 15th, a floral arrangement, tote bag and more. Tickets issued at the door will have a number and that number will be drawn during the evening to award the prizes.

Everyone is urged to come out and enjoy the food, fellowship and help the fire department.

Oak Ridge Boys concert tickets go on sale this Saturday, March 4

This Saturday, March 4th, is the big day for ticket sales for the upcoming Oak Ridge Boys Concert at the Love Civic Center in Paris.

Tickets will go on sale at 9:00 a.m. at the Civic Center and are \$40 each. Credit cards, cash or checks will be accepted.

After March 4th tickets can be ordered by using Mastercard, Visa or Discover card by calling from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. at 903-652-4059 or 903-652-6476 or by coming

by Prairiland High School to pay for and pick tickets up.

The Oak Ridge Boys will be in concert at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturday April 15th and both performances will be opened by Stacey Musgrove and the Stoney Creek Band.

All proceeds will go for scholarships for Prairiland High School students.

The Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation is the event's sponsor.



AUCTION ITEMS-Bucket Brigade President Sheldon Lee, Deport Vol. Fire Dept. Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols and Ann Lee of the Bucket Brigade display some of the auction items that will be auctioned off Saturday March 4th as part of the Deport Vol. Fire Dept.'s annual chili & stew supper. The event will be held at the Deport School Cafeteria from 5pm until?

Pattonville VFD to hold Fish Fry

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry with all the trimmings on March 11 starting at 5 p.m. and going to 8 p.m.

It will be held at the Pattonville Fire Station and Community Center on FM 196 (1/4 Mile South of Hwy. 271).

Price is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12 and children under 3

eat free with an adult. A pie and cake auction will be held.

Tickets are available at M&M Grocery in Pattonville, Pattonville Truck and Auto and from any fire department member.

All proceeds benefit the Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department.



DONATION- Gilbert Arriaga, center, Post Commander for the Deport American Legion, presented Prairiland-Principal Ronnie Baker (left) and Prairiland Superintendent Dr. L.C. Stout with a check for \$300 from the Legion for the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation's scholarship fund. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Petition calling for animal control in Deport

A petition sponsored by Michelle Ford and Debbie Pearson is calling that Deport enforce their animal control laws. They are specifically requesting that all animals be vaccinated for rabies due to the confirmed case in Lamar County.

The petition is located at City Drugs Store, Darden-Sparks Department Store and the Deport Times Office for anyone who would like to sign.

Miss Texas visits PISD campuses

On Monday February 28 and Tuesday, February 29, Miss Texas, Yanci Yarbrough, visited the three Prairiland campuses and gave a great motivational speech on drug abuse.

As an experienced motivational speaker, Yanci travels daily on a statewide speaking tour speaking on her platform of drug abuse prevention. She also speaks about volunteerism, time management, corporate team building and personality profiling.

She 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. She has won numerous awards from her involvement with these organizations.

Representing Hurst-Euleuss-Bedford at the Miss Texas Pageant, Yanci won a Preliminary Talent Award and was selected by the other

contestants as the woman who best represents the qualities of a Miss Texas. She has won over \$30,000 in scholarship moneys and represented Texas at the Miss America Pageant last September. Competing and singing on national TV, Yanci was named 4th runner-up to Miss America 2000 and won \$10,000 in scholarship moneys.

Yanci is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations. At Texas Tech, she was on the Dean's List, named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, was active in the Student Association and Phi Beta Phi Sorority, was a Student Senator for 3 years and was named Homecoming Queen. Prior to being named Miss Texas, Yanci taught business and professional speaking at Texas Tech University and worked as the marketing director for a motivational speaker. She plans a career as a college professor and motivational speaker.



MISS TEXAS made visits to the PISD campuses this week to speak to the students on the effects of drugs in their life. She travels state-wide and speaks to area schools and is represented Hurst-Euleuss-Bedford in the Miss Texas Pageant, coming in as 4th runner-up in the contest. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Editor's Quotes
I find the great thing in this world is, not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving
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Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Stephenson Celebrate 50th Anniversary

On March 3, 1950 Lt. A.D. Stephenson of Barksdale, Air Force Base, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Miss Miriam Grayson of Bogata, Texas, were married at the Bogata Methodist Church. The Reverend Wesley Thompson performed the wedding ceremony.

The couple will celebrate this memorable golden milestone with a reception hosted by their children in the fellowship hall of Bogata Methodist Church on Sunday, March 5, 2000 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Friends and family are invited to join them for this joyous occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson's children are Mark Stephenson of Los Angeles, California, and D'Ann Montoya, wife of Dr. Gregory Montoya, of Paris, Texas. They have one grandson, Zachary Montoya of Paris.

The couple requests no gifts, please.

Deport Nursing Home News

By Cletta Mathis



Visiting Milow Hume was Marla and Preston Crump.
 Visiting Harold Norris was Cecil Allen.
 Visiting Nedra Dixon was Sonny Thomas.
 Visiting Raymond South, Jr. was Johnny Oliver, Pat Porter and Jean Goforth.
 Visiting Billie Archibald was Jean Goforth, Pat Porter and Johnny Oliver.
 Visiting David Geer was Cecil Allen.
 Visiting Alma Montgomery and Ada Chaddick was Cecil Ilen and Monda.
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 Visiting Lois Dudley was Jerry Dudley, Claudie Dudley.
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Visiting Raymond Hignight was Cecil Allen, Owen Davis, Mary Ray, Claudie Dudley, Joe Ann Ruff, Chris Crawford, Prentice and Jo Crawford, Patsy Curtis.
 Visiting Daisy Barnett was Ethel Pomroy Katherine Lewis.
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 Visiting Pauline Shew was Lester and Doris Clay.
 Visiting Ina Hedrick was Norma and Doris.
 Visiting Opal English was Carrie, Becky, Cara and Rudy Ross; June and Kim Young; Katherine Hare; Joyce Rhodes; John English; Tim and Timothy.
 Visiting Johnnie Warren was Lucy Fowler, Joe Ann Henson; Evelyn Roach; Larry Crawford, Geraldine Courtney from Lubbock; Brenda Ross from Powderly, Nani Bell Ham.



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)

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons
 Call Your News to 652-5022



Happy Birthday wishes to Debbie Currin, Gordon Vandaveer, Klarissa Perry, Leta Scott, Madison Montgomery, Iloyd Chandler, Lisa Sims, Debbye Urbano.

Happy Anniversary to Mike and Mary Bove, Glen and Susie Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bell of Paris are building a new house on the left side 271 S. as you come into Pattonville from Paris. He is the mail carrier at Deport.

Mary Elizabeth Brockway reported that her mother Bell Day had recently fractured some bones due to osteoporosis in a Paris Nursing Home.

We have received about 2 inches of rain in Pattonville in the last two weeks.

Roland Ballard has been visiting with Max and Carolyn Ballard at Blossom and Robert and Sis Ballard at Midway since his dismissal from the hospital in Paris.

Keith and Peggy Parsons and Leah Boren were supper guests and visited in Cooper Thursday night with Ralph and Lois Kennett, their son and family, Richard Kennett and Elizabeth of New York and Lori Erhardt and Katie of California.

Sympathy is extended to the family

of Malcolm Crocket who died n Honey Grove at the home of his sister, Rachel Holmes on Friday, Feb. 25. His sisters, Mary Jordan and Tehlma Meur live in Paris.

Delbert Ballard of Quitman continues to improve in a Tyler Hospital following open heart surgery.

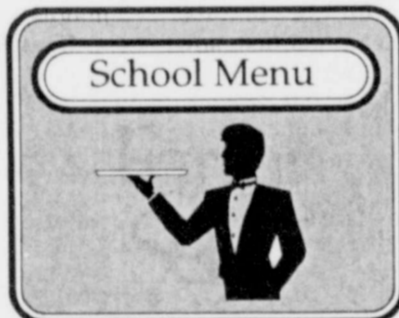
Aaron and Marla Fortner of Houston spent the weekend with her mother, Mary Moss.

Peggy Parsons, Gary Ballard, Gladys Woodson, Edythe McIntosh, and Lillian Hickman were among the members attending a luncheon and meeting of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School employees Association in the PJC Ballroom Monday. Sandy Keith presented the program.

Mark Saturday, March 11 on your calendars for the Pattonville VFD fish fry at the community center followed by a pie and cake auction.

Ruby D. Blevins, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather visited Jessie Newsom in Paris Saturday afternoon.

Shawn Keener of Dallas was a Monday visitor of Billy and Ruby D. Belvins and Don and Peggy Gentry and Donnie Gentry.



Prairiland All Campus Menu

Week of March 6

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, salsa
 Juice, milk
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches
 Pickles
 Chips
 Cake
 Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage
 Juice, milk
Lunch: Beef fajitas
 Pinto beans
 Salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch: Tater tot casserole
 Salad
 Corn
 Rolls
 Milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls
 Juice, milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun
 Baked beans
 Pickles
 Apple cobbler
 Milk

Friday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch: Hot dog on bun
 Cortn chips
 Pork and beans
 Fruit
 Milk

Johnnie Warren to be honored on birthday

Johnnie Warren will be honored on her 90th birthday this Sunday, March 5 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Deport Fellowship Hall.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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| March 3 | @*Rivercrest | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 6 | @*Detroit | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 7 | @ Sulphur Springs | 6:00 | JV |
| March 13 | @*Chisum | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 17 | * Sulphur Bluff | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 18 | @ Cooper | 10:00 | JV/Var |
| March 20 | @* Honey Grove | 4:30 | JV/Var |
| March 25 | @*Saltillo | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 27 | *Rivercrest | 4:30 | Varsity |
| March 31 | *Detroit | 4:30 | Varsity |
| April 3 | @*Cooper | 4:30 | JV/Var |
| April 7 | *Chisum | 4:30 | Varsity |
| April 10 | @*Sulphur Springs | 4:30 | Varsity |
| April 14 | *Honey Grove | 4:30 | JV/Var |

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

Re-Elect Jack Herrington County Attorney

What one victim of a crime has to say:
 "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. 5 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!"
 Teddy Price

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- Lamar County Sheriff's Investigator 1983-1989 Responsible for Investigation of Major Crimes
- Lamar County Attorney's Investigator 1989-1993
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- Lamar County Sheriff 1993 to present

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LITTLE DRIBBLERS fifth grade girls, back row from left: Coach Cole, Jessica Fox, Kelye Urbano, Tenesa Brown, Charity Musgrove, Rene Patrick, Brandi Swint, Hailey Norwood, Coach Norwood. Front row: Lacie Cole, Trista Hopper, Hali Screws, Danbri Mitchell, Leah Cathey, Heather Filkins, Kelee Graham, Niki English.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS fourth grade boys are, back row from left: Coach Tesh, Trey Towers, Derek Tesh, Landon Syrus, Matt nichols, Josh Whitt, Coach Norwood. Front row: Josh Juneau, Ben Dickinson, John Francis Dale Morrison, Hunter Burns, Layton Norwood, Jeremiah Howington. (Photo by Jimmie Hulen)S



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Sometime during the night of Monday, February 14th, unknown suspects climbed over a security fence and then broke into a storage building at Hayter Engineering at 4445, S.E. Loop 286 in Paris. Once inside the building, the suspects stole a chainsaw, a weed eater, some survey equipment and other items. This bur-

glary resulted in over \$11,000.00 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by March 6th, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So let's all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS! 785-8477.



JEANNA PATTERSON was crowned Queen at the Sulphur Springs Victorian Dream Pageant recently. The Deport Elementary 3rd grader is the daughter of Johnny and Fran Patterson of Cunningham.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS sixth grade girls, back row: Coach Kristi Boren, Rebecca Murdock, Amber Sugg, Morgan Searls, Kelcey Howington, Mallory Owens. Front row: Ashley Ebarb, Brittany Filkins, Leah Boren, Alicia Lang, Caralyn Corso.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS fourth grade girls are, back row from left: Kayshia Ballard, Megan Spann, Paige Martin, Sarah Murdock, Erika Ham, Reagan Harrell. Front row: Susan Anderson, Danielle Holland, Lisa Barnes, Casey Gibson, Jerrika McKee, Charity Huddleston, Paige Freeman. Coach is Tracy Freeman.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS sixth grade boys, back row: Coach Norwood, Logan Norwood, Jeremy Smith, Matt Owens, Justin Wright, Lance Ballard, Josh Allen, Weston Drinnon, Jay Curt McKee. Front row: Bradlee Watson, A.J. Syrus, Cole Smallwood, Jason Thomas, Shane Wilson, Michael Spears, Chase Smallwood.

FOOT NOTES



WHEN YOU'RE WALKING FOR TWO

When you're pregnant, you may be focused elsewhere and not give much thought to your feet (especially if you can't see them when you look down!), but your feet have special needs now, too. A hormone, aptly called relaxin, whose primary purpose is to help relax and expand the pelvis for the baby, also relaxes the ligaments in your feet. Add to that the shift in balance and a significant gain in weight—especially as you near term, and you have the makings for sore feet. Toward the end of the pregnancy, your feet will likely be wider and flatter, providing a stable platform on which to balance. When you're walking for two, running shoes offer shock absorption, comfort and stability.

Just as you put your prenatal care in the hands of a specialist, so should you entrust your hard working feet to a specialist—a podiatrist. It's time to pay attention to what your feet are trying to tell you when each step is more painful than the one before. Don't ignore foot problems, whether caused by pregnancy, injuries, diseases or inherited conditions, your feet aren't supposed to hurt and there is help through the techniques of modern podiatry when they do. We offer foot care of the family at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC, 784-5585.

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Sandlin announces disaster relief

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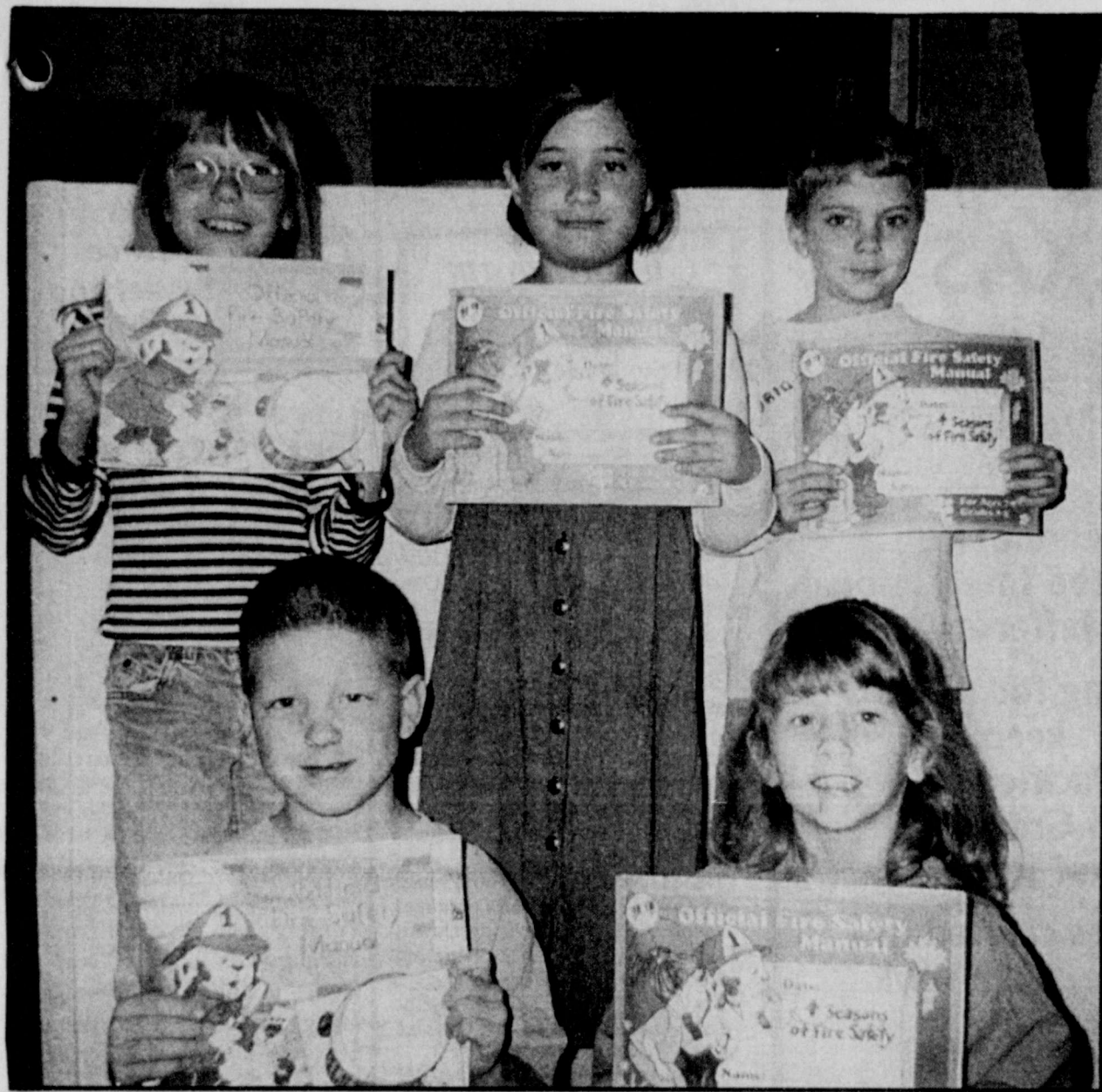
vice agency emergency physical loss loans.

The physical loss loans are available to any applicant in Bowie, Cass or Red River County with severe physical losses as defined by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture. The loan applications must be received by October 2000. Family farmers who believe they are eligible for these loans should contact the Farm Service Agency.



BLOSSOM FIRST GRADE STUDENTS celebrated 100 Days of school recently. Pictured are students with 100 days of perfect attendance. They are shown with the pennies that they collected for the celebration. Their goal was to raise \$100 in pennies. They exceeded their goal by collecting almost three times that amount. Top row left to right is Meghan Caldwell, Chase Hunold and Jessica Stewart. Second row is Christopher Rhoades and Ashely McCain. Seated from left to right is Morgsan Caldwell, Sara Beth Upchurch, Garon Booth and Lorena Peralta. (Staff Photo)



BECKY BLACKBURN'S 2nd grade class enjoyed a first aid demonstration from Dianne Woodall last week. Pictured are students with the color books that were given to them by Mrs. Woodall. Pictured back left to right is Maci Adkins, Karissa Woodall and Ethan Barnard. Kneeling is Michael Womack and Ashley Walker. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**Re-Elect
Jack Herrington
County Attorney**

What one victim of crime has to say:

"In November of 1998, we were the victims of a home burglary. We were in the home asleep and my young son was down the hall. I awoke to find the burglars in my bedroom. I was terrified. Our present County Attorney, **Jack Herrington**, actively prosecuted our case. One habitual criminal was sentenced to 18 years in prison and another to 10 years in prison. The cooperation of working with **Jack Herrington** was greatly appreciated. We support him for re-election as our County Attorney."

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wright and Mrs. Louise Browning are pleased to announce the arrival of their great-grandson, Jared David Thompson born February 10 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Paris to Chris and Christy Thompson of Blossom. Big brother Jordan welcomed him home.

Elect BOB STOREY Elect

FOR RED RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF

- ★ WELL QUALIFIED
- ★ 34 years experience in law enforcement
- ★ 13 Years as Red River Co. Sheriff
- ★ Certified Law Enforcement
- ★ Certified with State Certificate
- ★ Will Have a Good Working Relationship within the Department and with other Law Enforcement Agencies and all other County officials

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You Vote Would Be Appreciated

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Deport Housing Authority News

Birthday/Bingo party was held in the Gazebo #1 on February 23, 2000. Everyone enjoyed the cake, punch and games. Those who attended were Eunice Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Eunice Ervin, Lucille Morgan, Frances Franklin, Mae Storm, Mildred Wright, Mary Lee Johnson, Mary Barnard, Jauvanee Carpenter and Phyllis Gifford. Jauvanee discussed with those in attendance activities and conditions for tenants of the authority.

Prairiland High School Activities

Activities for the Week of 3-6-00
Monday, 6th-PHS at Detroit, Softball
Tennis with Wolfe City, 4:00 here
Tuesday, 7th-PHS at Sulphur Springs, 6:00 JV Softball
Wednesday 8th, Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., library
Thursday, 9th, Open
Friday, 10th, Open



SECOND GRADE STUDENTS in Mrs. Blackburn's class on the Blossom campus are pictured here with the "Chalk Dolls" that they made at home with the help of their parents. They have been reading the story about the Chalk Doll in reading class recently. Back row is Josh McNabb, Randal Sessums, Matt Lovelady, Maci Adkins and Steven Ruckman. Middle row is Jerika Langston, Karissa Woodall, Ashley Walker, Brandi Enox, Ethan Barnard and Rebecca Passmore. Front row is Arturo Peralta, Jessica Collins, Kate Robertson and Lauren Bowen. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Prairiland High School Varsity Baseball 2000

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| March 2-4 | Gladewater Tournament | ..... | TBA |
| March 7 | *Honey Grove | ..... | Here 4:00 |
| March 14 | *Chisum | ..... | There 4:00 |
| March 17 | *Rivercrest | ..... | Here 4:00 |
| March 21 | *Paul Hewitt | ..... | There 4:00 |
| March 25 | *Cooper | ..... | Here 4:00 |
| March 28 | *Chapel Hill | ..... | There 4:00 |
| March 31 | *Honey Grove | ..... | There 4:00 |
| April 4 | Detroit | ..... | Here 4:30 |
| April 7 | *Chisum | ..... | Here 4:30 |
| April 14 | *Rivercrest | ..... | There 4:30 |
| April 18 | *Paul Hewitt | ..... | Here 4:30 |
| April 20 | *Cooper | ..... | There 4:30 |
| April 25 | *Chapel Hill | ..... | Here 4:30 |

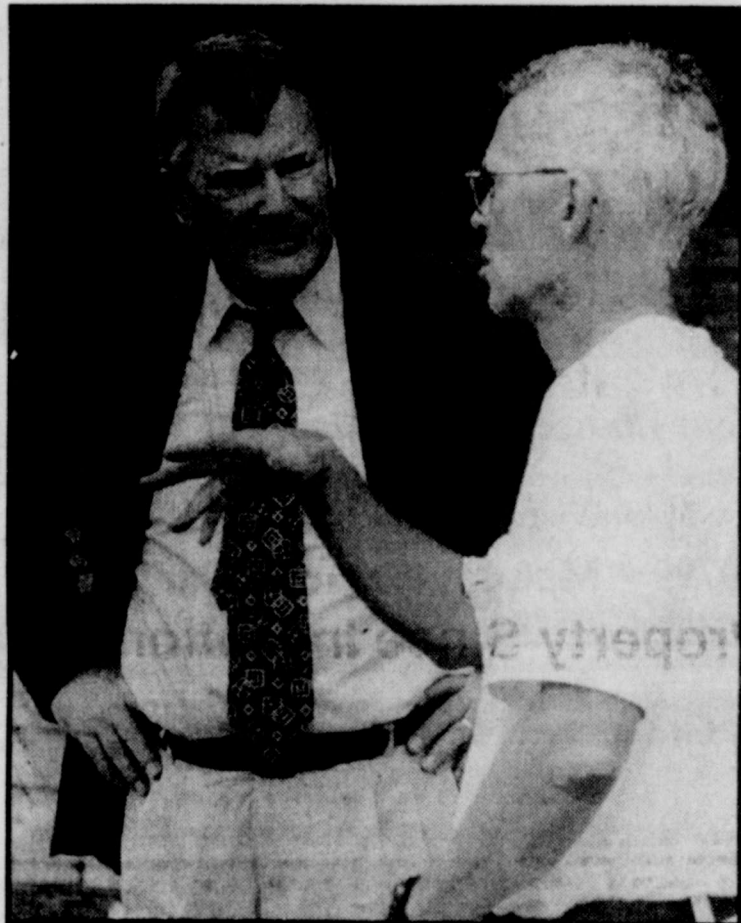
*Denotes district games
Head Coach-Rick Connot
Assistant Coach-Bill Tesch
Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke
Principal-Ronnie Baker
Superintendent-Dr. L.C. Stout

Prairiland High School JV Baseball 2000

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------------|-------|------------|
| March 6 | Cooper | ..... | Here 4:00 |
| March 10 | Chapel Hill | ..... | Here 4:00 |
| March 20 | Cooper | ..... | There 4:00 |
| March 27 | Chapel Hill | ..... | There 4:00 |
| April 3 | Honey Grove | ..... | Here 4:30 |
| April 10 | Honey Grove | ..... | There 4:30 |
| April 13-15 | Clarksville Tournament | ..... | TBA |
| April 17 | Cooper | ..... | Here 4:30 |
| April 24 | Clarksville | ..... | Here 4:00 |

Head Coach-Rick Connot
Assistant Coach-Bill Tesch
Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke
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- ★ Over 6,000 new jobs created in the 2nd District since Tom took office*

* Sources Texas Employment Commission and State Comptroller

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Cunningham News
By Jane O'Neal

Frankie Norwood celebrated his 46th birthday last Wednesday at TaMolly's with Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Geneva, Scotty and Spur Norwood, Marie Watson, Mike and Joan Stribling, Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Brad and Georjeana Nutt.

Sylvia Bledsoe from Plano visited Lorette Pynes last week.

Jay and Missy Ingram were honored with a housewarming last Monday. They received many nice gifts and everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting.

Live Tabernacle singers sang at the Sterling House in Paris Wednesday night.

Jane O'Neal, Lisa Drinnon, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer visited David, Kathleen and Sydney Jackson in Lees Summit, Mo over the weekend.

Laytner, Asa and Taylor Kennedy spent the night with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton Sunday.

Ronnie and Raylene Nutt and granddad Warnell visited Brad and Georjeana Nutt on Sunday.

Visiting Marie Watson this week were Christine Kennedy, Deanna, Dillon, Brooklyn, Nelta, Dean and Ada. Marie had lunch with Dean and Ada Sunday and they visited Carnellia Frierson in the hospital.



Have A Nice Weekend

Re-Elect Jack Herrington County Attorney



Why is crime down? Results!!

Prison Sentences

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| Robbery | ..... | 35 years |
| Burglary | ..... | 15 years |
| Forgery | ..... | 20 years |
| Burglary | | 40 years |
| Drugs | | 25 years |
| Drugs | | 20 years |
| Drugs | | 15 years |
| Drugs | | 30 years |
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| Drugs | | 25 years |
| Drugs | | 20 years |
| Burglary | | 25 years |
| Escape | | 20 years |
| Burglary | | 25 years |
| Forgery | ..... | 16 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | ..... | 35 years |
| Murder | ..... | 37 years |
| Murder | ..... | 37 years |
| Capital Murder | ..... | DEATH |
| Burglary | ..... | 20 years |
| Murder | ..... | 35 years |
| Burglary | ..... | 20 years |
| Burglary | ..... | 30 years |
| Drugs | ..... | 15 years |
| Capital Murder | ..... | DEATH |
| Capital Murder | ..... | DEATH |
| Capital Murder | ..... | 60 years |
| Capital Murder | ..... | 50 years |
| Organized Crime | ..... | 50 years |
| Burglary | ..... | 18 years |
| Drugs | ..... | 20 years |
| Crim. Mischief | ..... | 20 years |
| 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 |
| Sex Assault/Child | ..... | 99 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | ..... | 42 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | ..... | 40 years |
| Indecency/Child | | 20 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | | 35 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | | 15 years |
| Burglary | | 40 years |
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| Burglary | | 40 years |
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| Indecency/Child | | 15 years |
| Sex Assault/Child | | 594 years |
| Drugs | | 25 years |
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I am proud that I have served this area in its civic organizations.

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PRAIRILAND JV PATRIOT TENNIS TEAMS 2000-Back row standing left to right is Tara Simmons-manager, Kerri Deupree, Harley Skidmore, John Huff, David Crossland, Lucas Miller, Josh Williams, Josh Benfer, Ben Lemmen, Raynie Skidmore and Catherine Smith. Front row left to right is Brittany Harris, Heather Anderson, Amanda Ball, Amanda Barnes and Kandace Denison. They are coached by Sharyl Thompson. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



PRAIRILAND PATRIOT VARSITY TENNIS TEAM 2000-Back row standing left to right is Ashley Ball, Casey Johnson, Michael Flatt, Eddy Hiser, Matt Moffitt, D.J. Loveless, John Merrill and Jennifer McClain. Front row is Jessica Spencer, Amber Norwood, Tara Simmons-manager, Emily Burchinal, Jennifer Glasgow and Megan Filkins. Not pictured is Tom Bramlett. Coach is Sharyl Thompson. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

James and Dorothy Holt visited Barbara and Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak Saturday afternoon.

Edna Talley and Thelma Smith attended a singing at the Life Line Church in Reno, Sunday night.

Morris Lawler came home Friday from the hospital after having leg surgery. WE wish him a full recovery.

Kaitlyn Spray of Paris spent Saturday night with her grandparents Susie and Phillip Roach.

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

Tim Salter had dinner with Velma and John Temple Tuesday evening.

Mary Jackson and Freeman Safford of Paris, visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Sunday afternoon.

Tim Parks had dinner with his grandparents, Dorothy and James Holt Sunday.

Susan Roach took her mother, Nova Appleby back to her home in Eddie last weekend.

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

Mary and Eran Yoder and Nathan of Hopewell and Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby spent Sunday with Edna Talley and Jeannie lane.

Ann and Sheldon Lee had dinner with Juanita and Silas Taylor of Minter, Friday night.

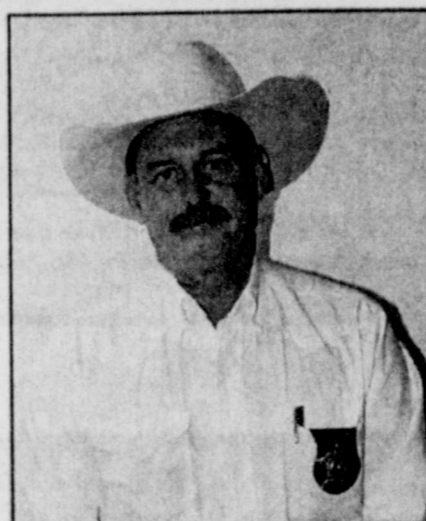
Having dinner with Susan and Phillip Roach Sunday were Beth, Corey and Kaitlyn Spray and Gearl Kays.

Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris visited his parents Edna and Frank Lee Saturday night.

Visiting Nell and Harold Shuff and Nanie Ham over the weekend of Feb. 12th was Jaye Ham, Robbie Tullos, Catherine Tullos, Hugh Tullos, from Oklahoma City, Roxanne Johnson, Lacy Moore from Monroe, La. All had lunch at Ta Molly's restaurant Friday night and celebrated Faye Ham's birthday.

Visiting Nell and Harold Shull the weekend of Feb. 19th were Karen and Chuck Micie and their children, Caitlin, Nathan and Travis, Michie from Richardson; Geary and Carol Shull and son, Glyn Shull and Kathy Bruno, from Shreveport, La, Ellen Tuck, Helen and Wesley Roberts from Bogat; Sandra Jeffus, Garland; Nina Hale and Wanda Bradely from Bogata and Nanie Ham of Deport.

This past weekend, Charles Ham of Palestine visited Nell and Harold Shull and Nanie Ham.



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Patriot baseball begins season

The Patriot Baseball team opened their season with a 8-2 victory over Celeste on Friday, February 25.

Chirs Berry got the win on the mound, striking out seven while walking 4. Heath Sessums broke the game open in the 5th inning with a big

three-run homer. Charlie Lawrence scored three runs and the Patriots pounded out 12 hits.

The Pats are scheduled to see action on Thursday in the 1st round of the Gladewater Tournament at 4:00 p.m. at Sabine High School.

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| Basinger | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
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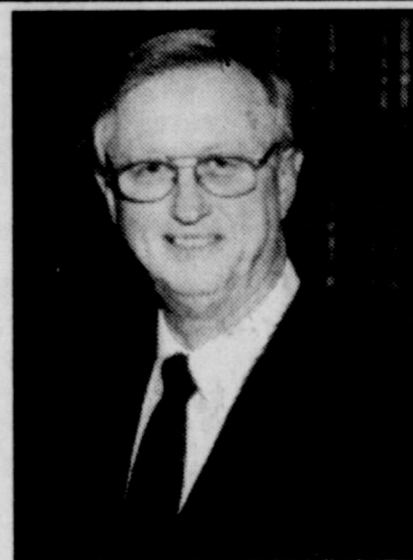
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**Blossom Stars top
Chisum Tourney**

The Blossom Little Dribblers Star team participated in the Chisum Tournament on Friday night against the Chisum Little Dribblers with the Stars coming out on top.

After a tough game, the Stars won the 1st place trophy. The team has only lost one game all season. The girls are to be congratulated for their great year.

Members were recognized for their efforts for the year and are listed below. Chelsey Anderson-MVP, Kimberly Wilson-Defensive Player of the Year, Bridget Ray-Offensive Player of the Year, Amanda (Sluggger) Neel-Most Intimidating Player, Cassie Cullum-Most Hustle, Lindsey Sugg-Most Versatile, Jackie Miller-Most Improved Player and Coach Micheal Flatt.



Turn-of-the-century department stores had "silence rooms" for "nerve-tired shoppers."



BLOSSOM STARS take first place at the Chisum Tournament for 5th grade in Little Dribblers. Pictured left to right back row is Bridget Ray, Kimberly Ray, Coach Michael Flatt, Chelsey Anderson and Cassie Cullum. Front row is Amanda Neel, Lindsey Sugg and Jackie Miller. (Staff Photo)

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- * 4 Years-Violent Crimes Bureau
- * Training Supervisor Violent Crimes, Supervised 9 Attorneys in the division
- * Member of Homicide Prosecution Team/Capital Trial in New Mexico State History-2 1/2 Month Capital
- * Murder Trial of an Albuquerque Police Officer, Called the "Ninja Bank Robber" in the National Media.
- * Prosecuted the First Case in New Mexico to Successfully Admit DNA Evidence.
- * Convicted a Serial Rapist in 1991.
- * Worked Extensively with FBI Lab in Quantico, Virginia
- * Board Member of Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center 1989-1992
- * Board Member of Prosecutors Section State Bar 1989-1992

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Deport Locals

Cindy Talley
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Ruth Murrell returned home Thursday from Houston where she had spent two weeks with her granddaughter, Laura Kay DeFrance and her son, Grant. Laura Kay accompanied her grandmother home and spent the night.

Birthday wishes to Charles Foster, Danny Scott, Johnny Dawson, Larry Milam, Paula Swint, Jack Chipman, Gloria Denison, Debbie Currin, Gordon VanDeaver, Jeffery Whittle, Raymond Melton, Rena Good, Shirley LaRue, Cliff Gifford, Daisy E. Barnett, Gilbert Arriaga, Klarissa

Perry, Randy Huddleston, Becky Clayton, Cindy Filkins, Deverle Elmore, Jerry Burns, Mable Lynn, Michael Douglas Ballard.

Happy anniversary to Susan and Philip Roach.

Mark Alice Enox, Juanita Davis, Gail Rhoade, Elois Sparks, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks and Clara Nance attended the luncheon and meeting of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association at PJC on Monday.

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus were in Dallas Saturday for a Lone Star Street Rod State wide meeting.

Nothing happens to anybody, which he is not fitted by nature to bear.

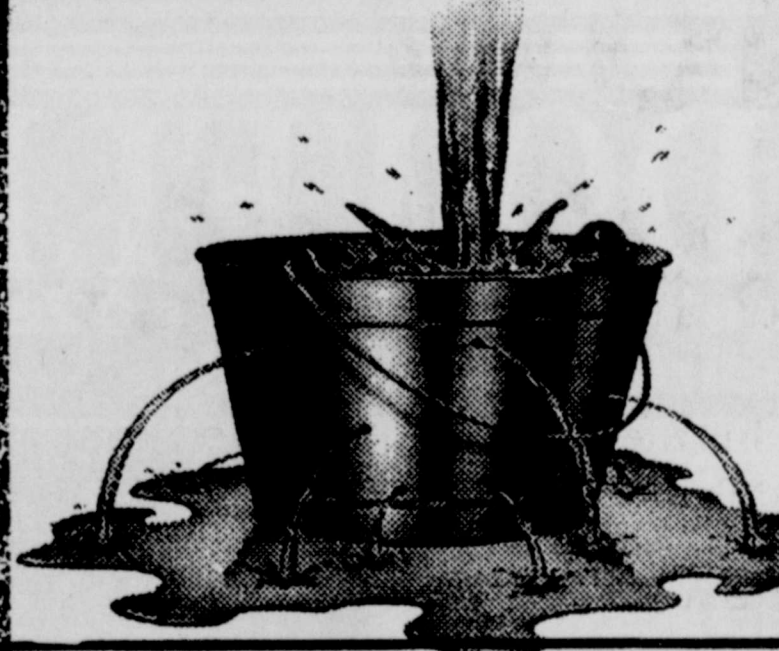
—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

**Crime Stoppers
crime of the week**

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

Sometimeduring the night of Monday, February 14th, unknown suspects climbed over a security fence and then broke into a storage building at Hayter Engineering at 4445 S.E. Loop 286 in Paris. Once inside the building, the suspects stole a chainsaw, a weed eater, some survey equipment and other items. This burglary resulted in over \$11,000.00 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **February 21st**, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So let's all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS! (785-8477).



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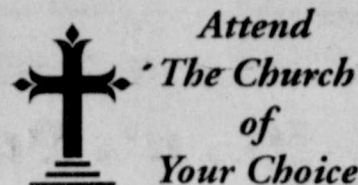
THE PRAIRILAND FHA members that attended a conference recently in Mesquite are: Brittany Woodard, Ashley Ball, Lacy Spray, Becky Hamm, and Jennifer Mathews. (Staff Photo)

Prairiland FHA attends conference

The Prairiland Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region III Conference held in Mesquite on Feb. 18-19, 2000. The chapter members are among 1,300 delegates attending the two day conference. The youth developed the theme, "Race into Your Future With FHA", was carried out through workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in the issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting were dealing with drinking and driving, teen pregnancy, racism and stress.

Chapter Officers attending the leadership conference were: Brittany Woodard, Ashley Ball, Lacy Spray, Becky Hamm, and Jennifer Mathews. Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered on the fast track because it teaches

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Termite swarming season is upon us!

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Termites can cause extensive damage to wooden parts of your home, so take some precautions.

Termites may be attracted to your house by dead tree limbs, stumps, old lumber and other sources of termite food. These should be removed. If soil is above the point where wood or brick meets the foundation, termites have easy access to your home. Anywhere that wood meets dirt is a potential spot for termite entry into

A homeowner can make a quick check for termite infestations. If termites or damage is found, contact a local pest control company. This is one insect pest that should not be handled by a do it yourselfer.

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

 —Alexander Pope

The Oak Ridge Boys
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 Two Performances April 15, 2000, 1 at 6:00 and at 9:00 p.m.
 Tickets Will Go On Sale At The Love Civic Center On March 4th at 9:00 a.m. Ticket Price-\$40
 After March 4th Tickets may be ordered by calling 903-652-4059 or 903-652-6476 at Prairiland High School.
 All proceeds benefit the Prairiland Academic Trust Scholarship Foundation

Re-Elect Jack Herrington County Attorney

Here we go again--answering negative charges from someone who is so inexperienced that he does not know the law or the criminal justice system. What my opponent said was a \$10,000 donation, was in fact, actually money earned from drugs by the defendant and which was forfeited to the county. By law, this money must be used for law enforcement purposes.

With regard to a 1993 misdemeanor DWI case these are the facts:
 In 1993, the defendant was placed on probation for DWI.
 April 2, 1994, the defendant was arrested for a second DWI.
 I filed the case April 26, 1994.
 May 4, 1994, the defendant entered a not guilty plea and the judge told him to report back with an attorney.
 July 15, 1994, the judge ordered a warrant be issued for his re-arrest for failure to appear.
 The sheriff's department did not arrest the defendant until October of 1999.
 November 23, 1999, I appeared in court and asked for the maximum sentence. The judge did just that, one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. **I did my job.**

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Voters know what's important.

What's important is a proven and capable County Attorney - one whose record shows he is dedicated to fighting for crime victims and putting criminals where they belong.

The real issues in the Lamar County Attorney's campaign are simple:

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2. Who would you want representing you and your family if you were victimized by a criminal?

Ashmore

- Professional prosecutor for 17 years - since 1983
- 5 death penalty convictions
- 34 life sentences
- 70 sentences of 40+ years
- **Named 1996 Outstanding Prosecutor for the State of Texas by the Crime Victims section of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice**
- 235 felony trials with a 98%+ conviction rate
- 1992 Lamar County Law Enforcement Appreciation Award

Burtner

- Prosecuted in Houston and Albuquerque. Since 1992, **has defended criminals**, moved 5 times and held 6 different jobs.
- Prosecution record unknown except for two cases he has mentioned.
- **Has never won a felony trial in Lamar County.**
- Found ineffective in his defense of Lutharius Young by the Court of Appeals in Texarkana. The Court ruled his performance was so far below standards that it requires a new trial for the criminal - at the expense of the taxpayers of Lamar County. (Opinion 06-97000-17 Dec. 4 '99)

"My opponent has not attacked my qualifications, ability, or the record of the County Attorney's office - because he can't. In fact, my opponent *admits* I'm qualified. Instead, he has launched personal attacks against me and my family concerning things that simply aren't issues when you're trying to decide who can best prosecute criminals. I will not resort to such tactics. I deal in facts that concern legitimate issues and effective prosecution - not gossip, rumors, lies or non-issues. I believe the voters of Lamar County know the difference between a proven record and smoke and mirrors."

★ Ashmore ★

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BONNIE SINGLETON'S second grade class read the story "Chalk Doll" recently and made chalk dolls at home with the help of their parents. Pictured left to right back is Tanner Connot, Gwen Lerro, Bryce Walker and Kyle Upchurch. Front row is Harley Martin, Blake Gordon and Chelsea Ducharme. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Pesticide applicator licensing is March 7

Agricultural producers who would like to obtain a license to purchase restricted use pesticides should mark Tuesday, March 7 on their calendar. The Lamar County Extension office will hold a private pesticide applicator license training and testing at the extension office on that date in Paris. Registration will be held at 8 a.m. Training will begin at 8:30 and run until noon.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee for the training and study materials. Once a person passes the required test, a license fee of \$50.00 is payable to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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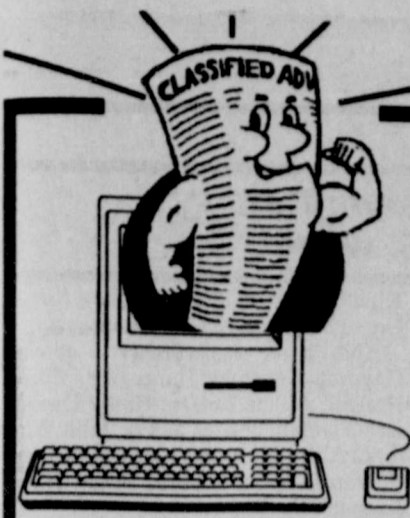
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- Texas Independence Day
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- Blossom grades 2-3 Field Trip
- High School Teacher Tech Prep Intern Request Due
- Baseball: V in Gladewater Tournament
- Softball: Varsity at Rivercrest, 4:30
- Oak Ridge Tickets Go On Sale
- Jr. High Track Meet at Paris
- Deport Volunteer Fire Department Auction
- Baseball: Tournament Continues
- Public School Week
- Ag Talent Team in Program at Chamber of Commerce at 10:00 a.m.
- Softball: Prairiland at Detroit, 4:30
- JV Softball at Cooper, 4:00
- Tennis: Wolfe City, Here, 4:00
- Golf Tournament
- Elementary/Jr. High in Literary Events
- Softball: JV vs Honey Grove, Here, 4:00
- Varsity Softball at Sulphur Springs, 6:00
- Baseball: Honey Grove, Here
- Elementary/Jr. High Literary Events
- Baseball: Chapel Hill JV, Here, 4:00
- Varsity at Detroit
- Spring Break
- Softball: Prairiland at Chisum, 4:30
- Baseball: Prairiland at Chisum, 4:00
- Softball: Sulphur Bluff, Here, 4:30
- Baseball: Rivercrest, Here, 4:00
- Softball: Cooper, Here, 10:00 a.m and 11:30 a.m.
- School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Deport Book Fair
- Softball: Honey Grove, There, 4:30 and 6:00
- Baseball: Varsity at Paul Hewitt, 4:00
- Tennis at Chapel Hill, 4:00
- Last Day to sign up to run for School Board
- Prairiland Golf Tournament Continues
- High School Literary Events
- Jr. High Track at Mt. Vernon
- Baseball: Cooper, Here, 10:00 a.m.
- Softball: Varsity at Saltillo, 4:30
- One Act Play Rehearsal
- Softball: Rivercrest, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- Baseball: JV at Chapel Hill, 4:00 p.m.
- One Act Play Competition
- Baseball: Varsity at Chapel Hill, 4:00
- Tennis-Pre-district Tournament
- NE Texas School Board training at Mt. Pleasant, 6 p.m.
- Pre-district Tennis Tournament
- High School Spring Pictures
- Baseball: Honey Grove, There, 4:00 p.m.
- Softball: Detroit, Here, 4:30 p.m.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
 Call 982-5829

Happy Birthdays this week too: Beth Crites, Cory May, Deanna Pridemore, Ashlie Miller, Tanner Connot, Jessica Anderson, Cody Harrington, Steve Shannon, Dustin May, Linda Carter, Mandy Woodall, Steven Lemmer, Tessa Eschall, Abbie Smith, Larry Bratcher, Jim Massey, Lauren Bowen, Kaylon Merrill, Jason Bramlett, Arturo Sifuentes, Christy Nanace, Billy Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Cleveland of Shawnee, Oklahoma over the weekend by phone.

Gertrude and Andy Hammett and Bessie Garrett enjoyed eating at Furr's on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Irwin spent Sunday in McAlester, Oklahoma visiting with Aurby and Verna Irwin and Thomas and Nola Irwin. Aurby Irwin was admitted to the McAlester Regional Medical Center there on Sunday morning.

Kay Whitley spent Sunday in Detroit visiting with Modie Johnson.. Rev. Tom Buck, pastor of the Blossom United Methodist Church traveled to Bedford to see Orene Bonner. Also visiting her was Melonese Bonner of Sylvan.

Blossom Prairie Kiwanis will be hosting their second annual chili cook-off this Saturday at the City Park. Everyone is invited to attend a party!

Joyce Miller and Myrtle Chumbley visited with their cousin, Ron and Mary Brown in Wells last week and went on to Austin, returning home on Wednesday.

Joyce Miller and grandson's Stephen David and Jeremy visited from Friday to Sunday with her son Gary Miller and family of Whitesboro. Joyce's granddaughter, Jessica Miller returned home with her for a few days visit.

Myrtle Chumbley visited her sister-in-law Viola Brendle in the nursing home.

Deport Honor Roll Fourth Six Weeks

A Honor Roll

First grade: Brittany Black, Ryan Harrell, Makynzi Watson, Kimberly Elrod, Kati Evans, Katelyn Golden, Allison Wolf.

Second grade: Brittany Bolin, Dylan Cathey, Molly Minter, Wesley Murdock, Jayci Chaney, Jessica Malone, Lily Norwood.

Third grade: Kaylee Miller, Layton Norwood, Hanah Norwood, Jenna Patterson, Jeffery Steffenson, Jr., Trey Towers, Lindsay Hoover, Derek Tesch.

Fourth grade: Reagan Harrell, Ben Dickinson, Paige Freeman, Erika Ham, Charity Huddleston, Landon Syrus.

Fifth grade: Morgan Carico, LaCie Cole, Kalee Graham, Charity Musgrove, Leah Cathey, Amanda Mathews, Hali Sreows.

Sixth grade: Lance Ballard, Justin Wright, Joshua Allen, Caralyn Corso, Rebecca Murdoch.

Seventh grade: Johnna Patterson, Whitney Turner, Sarah Benfer, Whitney Brook.

Eighth grade: Miranda Weddle.

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First grade: Laney Jackson, Jessica Nichols, Irene Sunday, Billy York, Sean Dodson, John English, Jr.

Second grade: Laura Brooks, Kaylie Hines, Katrina Malone, Kelti Mowery, Garrett Newman, Payne Schuelke, April Wesley, Christian Hunter, Marissa

Kindle, Abbie Nichols, Matthew Smith, Chase Stogsdill, Ashley Thomas.

Third grade: Josie Francis, Anthonie Hagood, Courtney Hargroves, Corey Haskell, Joshua Juneau, Hielly Owens, Danci Smith, Jessica Whitt, John Winters, Abby Ball, Jesi Davis, Kolton Edwards, Ryan Kindle, Ethan Ham, Jeremiah Howington.

Fourth grade: Susan Anderson, Kayshia Ballard, Kelci Crawford, Ashley Dalton, Sarah Murdock, Megan Spann, Lisa Barnes, Tanya Cave, Meghan Counts, John Francis, Paige Ma Ashleigh McClean.

Fifth grade: Cassidie Brummett, Angel Deanda, Joseph Filkins, Trista Harper, Alan Stogsdill, Cody Sullivan, Brandi Swint, Cole Smallwood, Danbri Mitchell.

Sixth grade: Kenton Baker, Leah Boren, Weston Drinnon, Ashley Ebarb, Jaleah Fox, Malloy Owens, Brittany Filkins, Kelcey Howington, Kyle Kinslow, Alicia Lang, Amberlyn Sugg, Shane Wilson.

Seventh grade: Matt Dickinson, Breanna Holley, Rachel Murdock, Adam Ball, Laura Barnes, Drew Boren, Angel Mantoorth, Spur Norwood, Joshua Osborn, Matthew Swint, Brandon Wright.

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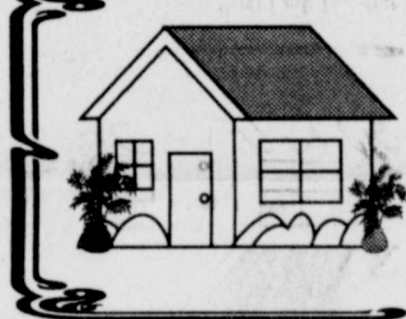
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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
 982-5309

Those from East Post Oak Baptist Church that attended the Vacation Bible School workshop at County Ave. MBC in Texarkana Saturday night were Bro. Henry Blackmon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Bates, Janis Reynolds and Ruth Johnson.

Leon Tuck who has been in the Clarksville Hospital has been released and gone back to the nursing home.

Several of the church women sponsored a wedding shower Saturday afternoon for Teresa Reves and Buddy Bell. They will be married Saturday afternoon at the Wise House in Paris at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Henry Blackmon's mother spent the weekend with them. Their

baby son Adam is on the sick list at this time.

The regular monthly Post Oak Fire Department will be held Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Keith Mitchell and family and Ted Platt and family dropped in at Mark Bates house Saturday night and gave him a birthday surprise on his 40th birthday. His parents Alvis and Billie Bates also dropped by for a little while. Some of his wife's family was also there.

Laura Stevens of Midway and Effie Evans of Detroit brought lunch last Thursday and spent the day with Louise Cagle. Bro. Henry Blackmon visited her while they were there.



A gargoyle is a spout placed on the roof gutter of a building to carry away rainwater, usually carved in the shapes of fanciful animals and grotesque beasts. If it does not spout water, it is not a true gargoyle.

Re-Elect Jack Herrington County Attorney
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 My name is John Carter. I live in Woodland, located in N. W. Red River County. Four years ago, 3 men from IDABEL came to my house (one October night) seeking help because of their stranded pick-up. Before they left, they had stabbed me and stolen my truck. These 3 men had all been convicted and served time previously for serious crimes (including stabbing, armed robbery and drug crimes). They were all out on parole; doing the same thing to me they had been previously convicted of.

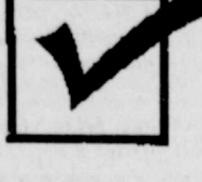
Jack Herrington was able to prosecute and convict all 3 to long prison terms to keep them off the streets for a long time. They all received lengthy prison terms.

Red River County needs this D. A. He can take the criminals out of your community. Take your time and then give your vote to Jack Herrington. The vote will make Red River County a safer place."


John Carter

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 A man DEDICATED to upholding the laws of the State.



- ✓ The only Law School graduate in the race, 1990 Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence.
- ✓ 1987 Graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, B.A. in Political Science.
- ✓ 1983 Honor Graduate of Clarksville High School.
- ✓ Member of the State Bar of Texas since 1990 (passed Bar on 1st attempt).
- ✓ Member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.
- ✓ Member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.
- ✓ Member of the American Trial Lawyers Association.
- ✓ Member of the Northeast Texas Bar Association.
- ✓ President Elect of the Clarksville Rotary Club.
- ✓ Husband to Shelly and father to Alysha, Jordan and Breanna.

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