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By Nanalee Nichols
There's More There
Than Meets The Eye

As a member of the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation I have been very involved, along with many other hard working people, in putting on a concert to raise funds for scholarships for high school students.

As part of this event we had to help the road crew load and unload the equipment used by The Oak Ridge Boys. Now that is an experience!

When that semi tractor/trailer rig backed up to the back of the civic center and latched trunks came rolling down the ramp it was mind boggling. Everything had to be unlatched, unloaded, and set up. The road crew scrambled around up in the rafters with a skill that was heart-stopping.

Everything had to be put exactly in place, hooked up with efficiency and speed.

As volunteers we simply tried our best to do what we were told and lend what help we could as the road crew created a sound and light system out of what seemed to us to be a hopeless maze of wires, cables and speakers.

They worked really hard, and they tested the sound system for hours.

That night's performances had the best sound I have heard in that civic center.

After the last performance we all had to pitch in and repack everything, and roll it back up the ramp so that the truck could head for Oklahoma City. Every trunk had to go back in a certain

order so that when they left things were as they were when they had arrived, everything in it's place for easy unloading at the next stop.

While we were folding up hundreds of chairs many of us were talking about the huge amount of work that goes into something like this.

"You know", someone commented "there's an awful lot of work that goes into an awful lot of things we just take for granted, isn't there?"

Those are very true words. Give a thought to all the massive efforts that go on behind the scenes of so many things. From making movies to mowing the mail, there are hundreds upon thousands of hands that lend their effort along the way. The mail man we see or the movie we watch is backed up by all those efforts! Think about it.

As for me, it was fascinating. We worked until the early morning hours, and as well as learning more about sound and light systems I learned something else. I don't envy performer's road crews...and I don't want to be a roadie! It was fun while it lasted but I'd hate to do it day after day, any time in a new town.

First Presbyterian to hold Maundy Thursday Service

The First Presbyterian Church of Deport would like to invite everyone to a Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service this Thursday, April 20, beginning at 6 p.m.

Rev. Ed Dodson will be conducting the service.

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Deport Easter Egg Hunt Is This Saturday, Come Find 'Em, Kids!

The annual Deport Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the eighteenth year this Saturday April 22, beginning promptly at 11:00 a.m.

The event will be held at Foster Park, located behind the Deport American Legion Post at the north end of Main Street.

In addition to real and candy eggs there are lots of prize eggs. Each prize egg will have a number on a slip of paper inside. This number must be taken to the supervisor in each age group and then the finder can claim his or her prize.

Age groups are: Group One-infants to 2 years old.
Group Two-3 to 4 years old
Group Three-5 to 7 year olds.
Group Four-eight to 10 year olds.
The Easter Bunny will make an appearance to give out candy and pose for photos. Come on out and bring a friend.

Bucket Brigade needs items for upcoming garage sale

The Deport Bucket Brigade needs items for the Garage Sale which is set for May 6th.

All funds go to aid the Deport Volunteer Fire Department.

Anyone with items to donate may bring them to Darden-Sparks Department Store or the Deport Times.

If you need the items picked up call 652-4205 (Deport Times) or 652-4515 (Darden-Sparks are City Drug at 652-3456.

Help the fire department and get those closets clean!



Letter to the Editor and to the Deport City Council:

In reference to Article Eleven. Please reconsider how many animals are on a person's premises, that do not bother anyone. Also, many do not have the finances to put up a fence, so please don't force anyone to have to chain up their animals as long as they stay on the premises and do not bother the neighbors. Why not pass a law that will cause people to do something if their animals are a nuisance as well as a vaccination law? Loose animals would have to be spayed or neutered.

Thank you, please do reconsider the section 11 and let us be at peace with each other and love as our Heavenly Father will then bless us all with his love.

A concerned citizen
Evelyn Nixon

Extreme Faith to perform at Faith Baptist

Extreme Faith will perform at Faith Baptist Church of Deport on Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be clowns, puppets, face painting, balloon animals, and "Saving Grace".

Everyone is invited to attend.



A FAMILY PORTRAIT-Duane Allen, lead singer for the Oak Ridge Boys, delighted the crowd when his daughter, Jamie Martin brought out Duane's grandson March Martin to help sing along to "Elvira". March's father, Paul, plays bass for the Oak Ridge Boys. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Petition asks that section of proposed animal ordinance be removed or amended

A petition is being circulated in Deport concerning the proposed animal control ordinance for the city of Deport.

The petition reads: "We, the undersigned are NOT against animal control. We recognize the need for ordinances to allow for the control of dog packs or feral cats. We know the need for rabies vaccination. However, the proposed ordinance contains a section 11 which calls for households or individuals to be limited to only three cats or three dogs. We feel this is unfair. What is important is the quality of care provided to animals, NOT limiting the number of pets people can have. One dog or cat can be a big problem if it is not vaccinated, and if it's owner is ir-

responsible. Even six dogs or cats, given the kind of care many pet owners provide, can be less of a problem than one wild or uncared for pet. Many people take in strays, neuter them, vaccinate them and give them proper care. If these people are forbidden to do this worth service the end result will actually be more strays to be killed! Please, remove or change section eleven of the proposed ordinance.

These petitions are available for signing at City Drug Store, Deport Times or Darden-Sparks Department Store. Anyone wishing to sign them may do so.

The petition will be presented to the Deport City Council on their next meeting, which is scheduled for May 8, 2000.

Oak Ridge Boys bring down the house

The Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation saw the culmination of nearly a year's work pay off Saturday, when the internationally famous Oak Ridge Boys played two energetic, amazing performances at Love Civic Center.

Both performances opened with Stacy Musgrove and the Stoney Creek Band, which was enthusiastically received. Then, the Oaks hit the stage and their energy, harmony and talent kept the audience enthralled for the rest of the evening.

Joe Bonsall roamed the stage, leaping, laughing and getting a workout that would shame an aerobics instructor. Duane Allen, lead singer and Lamar County native, waved to friends and relatives in the crowd as his voice rendered hit after hit. Bonsall claimed that Allen had "at least 7,000 relatives in Lamar County".

William Lee Golden did several solos, including his famous "Thank God For Kids" in which he went down into the audience and personally shook hands with youngsters.

Richard Sterban's incredible voice entranced the delighted crowd.

From their major hits such as "Elvira", "Bobbie Sue", "Y'all Come Back Saloon" and other favorites, to the new songs from their recent release "Voices", to those gospel songs that took them back to their Southern Gospel roots, there wasn't a bad song in the bunch. An a Capella rendition of "Amazing Grace" was one of the special features of the second show.

The show raised several thousands of dollars for scholarships for Prairiland High School Seniors.

A \$1000 donation from Duane Allen and his wife was made to the scholarship fund, also.

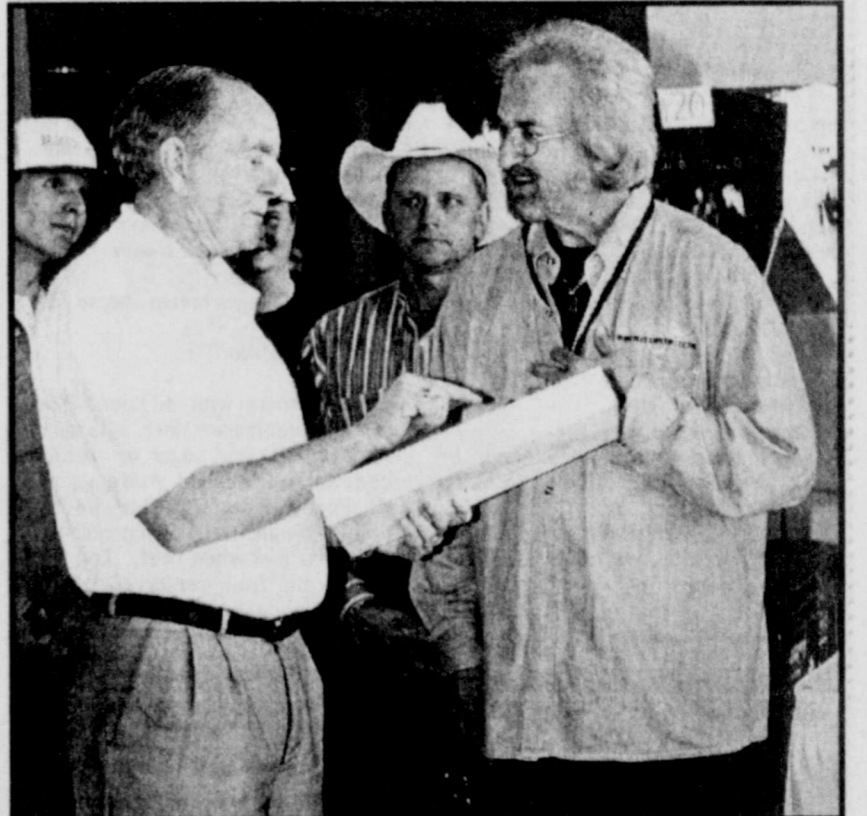
Before the concerts the Oak Ridge

Boys appeared at the Love Civic Center for an awards ceremony in which Paris Mayor Charles Neeley read a proclamation declaring it "Duane Allen Day" in Paris, and presented Duane with the key to the city. Then Paris Junior College President Bobby Walters made a presentation to Duane Allen, and Dr. L.C. Stout, Superintendent of Prairiland School District, present him with a P.A.T. shirt and announced that from now on a scholarship will be given each year in the amount of \$1,000 to be known as the Duane Allen Scholarship. P.A.T. board president Dr. James C. Love welcomed the Oak Ridge Boys and expressed the board's appreciation to them.

All four of the Oak Ridge Boys spent time shaking hands and visiting not only with the officials and P.A.T. members, but with relatives on hand to see Duane, who is a native of Taylortown, Cunningham and Paris.

On an unusual note, one woman waited for some time to see William Lee Golden, whom she had attended high school with in Alabama! Golden spent some time visiting with the woman.

Anyone interested in seeing digital images of the events before and during the concerts, as well as a family picnic Duane attended with his family, can do so easily. Just go to oakridgeboys.com. Click on "features and presentations". There will be information about "Duane Allen was honored in his home town" It will mention that you can see photos of the events. Click there and you will immediately go to Heavensound.com, which has photos of the concert, Presentation ceremony and the family gathering.



A SHIRT AND A SCHOLARSHIP-Dr. L.C. Stout, Superintendent of Prairiland Schools, presented Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys with a Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation shirt, and informed him that from hereon there will be a Duane Allen scholarship in the singer's honor. Allen grew up in Taylortown and Cunningham. He and his wife donated \$1,000 to the scholarship fund personally. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Kindergarten Roundup will be April 26

Deport Elementary School will hold its Kindergarten Roundup and registration in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26 for the children who will be five years old on or before September 1.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, current shot record and social security card to register.

During registration, children and parents will have the opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers and visit the classrooms.

There are several fun activities planned for the children, including a short bus ride.

The event will conclude at approximately 10:15 a.m.

CPR course is this Saturday, is open to anyone interested

There will be a CPR course this Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Deport Fire Station. The course will be taught by Larry McDonald, and is open to anyone interested in learning CPR on the Heimlich maneuver. It will deal with CPR for infants through adults. This course is free and is being held in conjunction with the Deport Volunteer Fire Department and the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department.

Anyone interested in taking the course should call 652-3456 or 652-4205.



PRAIRILAND PATRIOT BASEBALL SHIRTS are now on sale. Pictured displaying the shirts are Deport students Savannah Brummet, Dakota Hughes and Matthew Golightly. To purchase one of these shirts contact Sandy Flatt on the Blossom campus, Lila Screws on the Deport campus or Terri Cavender on the Prairiland campus. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



Happy Easter! We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday. . . and may you find lots and lots of Easter eggs in your basket for the rest of the upcoming year!

Now, our cook or cooks this week are the ladies of the Lifeline Worship Center Ladies Auxiliary in Reno. They have recently published a beautiful, hardcover cookbook with some great recipes in it. The church is an interdenominational church with folks from all over the county attending. It has grown from a small church into a very large church where they recently completed a new fellowship hall.

In order to choose the recipes for this week. . . which was indeed a hard task, because the book is loaded with some great ones, we chose recipes submitted by the recipe committee. They are listed below along with the recipes from each one.

Along with plenty of delicious recipes, the book also includes a complete index, some great cooking tips, a list of herbs and spices and bread making tips. The books also includes tips for baking desserts, guide for buying and preparing fruits and vegetables, general tips for folding napkins, measurements and substitutions, equivalency chart, food quantities for

groups of 25 to 100, microwave hints, a calorie counter and various cooking terms. This is certainly a bargain and at a great price too. . . just \$8.00. You can contact the church at 903-785-3154 or write the church at 6780 Lamar Road, Paris, Texas 75462 or contact one of these ladies for your copy.

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

Staci Young-Pizza Sticks-refrigerated bread sticks make up the crust and use ingredients that are your favorites for the toppings!

Linda Hicks-Crispy Coleslaw-this recipe can be kept several days to add to the flavor!

Tracy Hicks Denny-Barbecue Meat Loaf Balls-use oatmeal as a filler and these would be good made ahead and frozen!

Kellie Hemingway-Angel Flake Biscuits-not hard to make at all and your family will love them!

Anne Boehme-Chocolate Pie-there are thousands of chocolate pie recipes and here is just one more for you to try. . . who doesn't like chocolate pie!

Angie Tidwell Booth-Mini-Cheesecakes-top vanilla wafers with the cheesecake mixture and you have nothing on Sara Lee! These are great!



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

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

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

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

*On April 20 a bar-b-que meal will be served at the post with all proceeds going to the Ladies Auxiliary. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal at 7:00 p.m. 42 will begin. This is also a birthday party for those with April birthdays. Please make plans to attend for good food and fellowship.

*April is election of officers for the next year. All members are urged to attend the April meetings. Every member will be needed to have a strong VFW and Auxiliary. Please contribute your support and help keep Bogata's VFW strong.

Card of Thanks

The **Ray Fry** family wants to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the many people, churches and organizations and especially the Midway community who comforted us in so many different ways during the recent hospitalization, death and services for Fern Fry March 22-April 6. The love and support you exhibited is sincerely appreciated.



Duane and Bobbye King of Woodland had lunch with his mother, Jimmie King on Tuesday.

Our community was saddened Monday by the death of one of its longtime residents, Loyd Cavender. We extend sympathy to the family.

There was a good turnout at the polls Tuesday even though the weather was bad.

Our sympathy to the families of Joshua Lance Belcher, son of Randy Belcher and Julie Childres, who died April 7.

Mrs. Kyle King spent Thursday with Jimmie King.

Jimmie King attended an 84 party in the home of Helen Williams of Bogata Friday.

The family of Mary and Leon Smith had a family get together this weekend.

The Bob Mitchell family has moved into the house they bought, originally owned by Ed Johnson.

Randy Osburn of Midlothian spent Friday and Saturday nights with his grandmother, Jimmie King.

Small business seminar is April 28

"Basics for Starting a Small Business" will be offered Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in the Alford Center at PJC College. Fee is \$25.

Learn what it takes to start and operate a small business including legal requirements, writing a business plan, market research, where to find financing and how to apply, SBA guaranteed loan programs, preparing a cash flow projection, recordkeeping and tax requirements, and basics of managing your own small business. Handouts and forms are included.

To register, contact Continuing Education at 903-782-0447. For information, call 782-0224.

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Obituaries

Charles Garner Icenhower dies April 11

Charles Garner Icenhower, age 70 died Tuesday, April 11 in Bedford. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Richland Hills United Methodist Church with Dr. Don Scroggs and Rev. Claude Davison officiating. Burial followed in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

He was born to Luther and Lee Belle Icenhower on October 22, 1929 in Turkey. He moved with his family to Detroit as a young boy and graduated from Detroit High School. He attended business school in Paris and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950 and served overseas for three years. He returned to Ft. Worth where he worked for W. Pat Crow Forgings for 22 years and retired from Rite-Weld Welding Supply in 1995 after 18 years.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Ruth Ladean Roach Icenhower; sons, Jimmy Fox and wife Tammy, Johnny Fox and wife Vicki, Rick Young and wife Therese and Bryan Young; daughters, Donna Fox, Terri Kidd and husband Daryl and Diane Cazzell and fiancé Michael Umphress; brother, C.L. Icenhower of Queen Creek, AZ; sister, Katha Lee Stuart of Paris; grandchildren, Nathan Young, Erin Fox, Jennifer Kidd, Melissa Kidd, Ryan Cazzell, Taylor Young and Samuel Young; nieces and nephews, Kenneth and Sheila Icenhower, Mike and Joanna Icenhower, Cindy and Nina Herrera, Sheila and Glenn Kuhn and Vance Stuart and fiancé Jill Weltner; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

John Wesley White January 8

John Wesley White, age 83, formerly resident of Johtown, died January 8 from complications of an auto accident on December 1, 1999.

He was a retired mechanical tester for Bell Helicopter in Ft. Worth. He was buried January 12 at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

He was born March 5, 1916 in Bogata to Tony Luther and Mamie Pearl Damron White. He met his wife, Aliene Greer while living in Johtown. They were married for 55 years until her death in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Pearl; his wife Aliene, and two brothers, Guy Roy White and Tony Luther White, Jr.

He is survived by sisters, Naomi Osburn and husband Howard of Tyler and Starr Puckett of Hardinsburg, KY; children, John Michael White and wife Patricia of Joshua, Carole Lynne Hearn and husband Herbert of Haltom City, Donna Kay Green and fiance Ron Voorhes of Haltom City; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and many cousins.



Charles R. Belcher dies

Charles R. Belcher died March 17, 2000 at his home in Mesquite, Texas. He was born April 24, 1963 in Abilene, Texas the son of Ray and Kathryn Belcher. He is a former resident of Talco and attended Rivercrest High School in 1975-76.

Services were held March 20, 2000 in Abilene. Bro. Rodney Watson officiated. Burial was in the Garden of Memory in Abilene.

He is survived by his parents, Ray and Kathryn Belcher; 5 brothers and sisters and a 10 year old daughter, Ashley Renee of Haskell, Texas.

Loyd H. Cavender dies April 17

Loyd H. Cavender, age 83 of Fulbright, died April 17 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital.

Services were held Thursday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Fulbright with the Rev. Larry Solice and the Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

He was born in Liberty, TX on October 17, 1916, the son of Arthur L. and Lou Aldridge Cavender. In 1939, he married the former Nannie Lee Jewett. She preceded him in death on June 19, 1991, as did a grandson, David Moore on May 2, 1999; a brother, Homer Cavender and a half-sister, Clara Mae Ellington. Mr. Cavender was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Fulbright and was a retired construction worker.

He is survived by his children, a son, Gene Cavender of Deport and Billy Cavender of Powderly; three daughters, Sue Graves of Wiley, Marvell Hobbs of Plano and Helen Cavender of Reno; one sister, Juanita Curlee of Paris; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fulbright Baptist to have Easter Sunrise Service

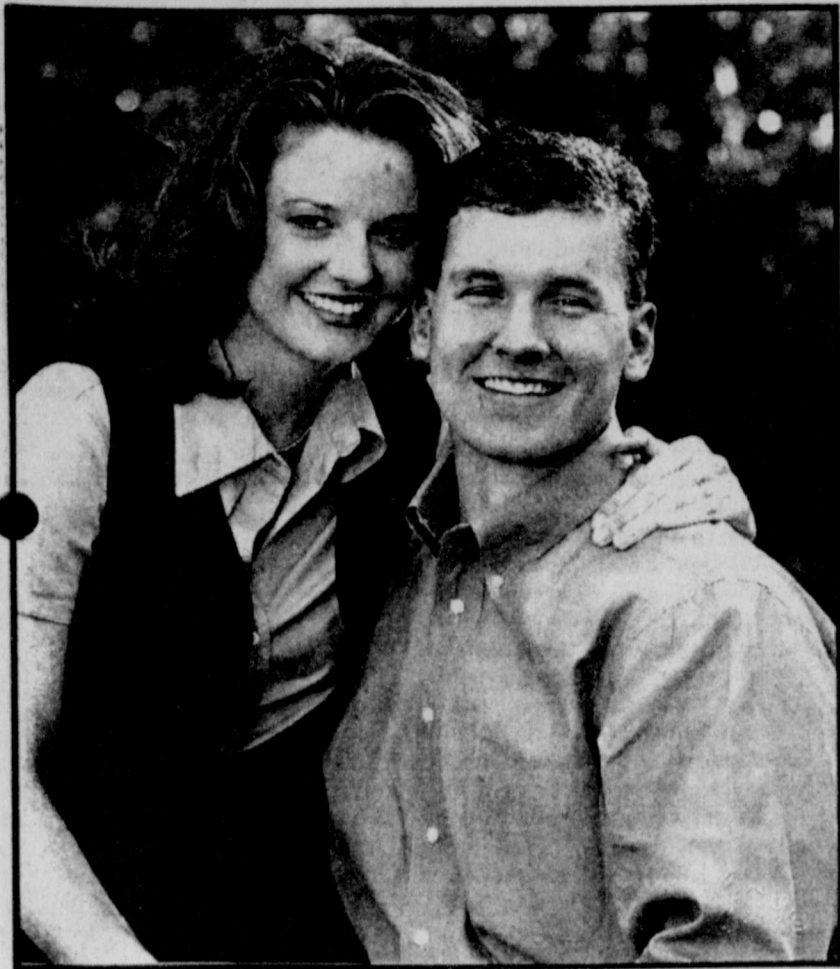
Fulbright Baptist Church of Fulbright will be sponsoring a Sunrise Service on Sunday morning, April 23 at 6:00 a.m. in the Pavilion at Bethel Cemetery. Donuts and coffee will be served at the church following the service. Everyone is invited.

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Shelley DeAnn Ladd with fiance Jon David Landers

Ladd-Landers to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. W. Steve Ladd proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelley DeAnn Ladd, to Jon David Landers, son of Mr and Mrs. Paul Landers. The couple will be married Saturday, July 29 at six o'clock in the evening at East Paris Baptist Church in Paris. Dr. Raymond Armstrong will officiating the formal ceremony. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Opal Richardson of Paris and the late Mr. Carl Richardson, also Mr. Taylor Ladd of Cunningham and the late Opal Ladd. She is a 1991 graduate of Prairiland High School

and a 1995 graduate of Stephen F. Austin at Nacogdoches with a B.S. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is employed by the Rockwall ISD as second grade teacher at Amy-Parks Heath Elementary. Her fiance is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford of Blossom and the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landers of Paris. He is a 1992 graduate of Paris High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed as an associate with Norment & Landers Insurance Agency in Paris.



ETHAN BARNARD of Blossom recently celebrated his 8th birthday. He was honored on March 29 with a family dinner. Guests included grandparents Troyal and Charlene Barker of Blossom, Kala Rhodes of Paris and Dan and Mary Barnard of Deport and great grandmother Alpha Barnard of Deport and Andy Neisler of Deport. On April 1st, Ethan was honored with a Pokeman party and the guest list included friends from school, cousins Cole and Cobi Barker of Powderly and Callen Morgan of Bogata. Guests enjoyed video games, cake and ice cream and a pinata. (Staff Photo)

Brittany Filkins honored on 12th birthday

Brittany Filkins was honored with a skating party celebrating her 12th birthday on Saturday, April 15 at Paris Family Fun enter. Her birthday is April 19. Guests included Brent Burden, Kim Benson, Leah Boren, Ashley Ebarb, Morgan Searls, Jeff, Sissy and Matt Smith, Steve, Becky, Mallory, Hielly and Jake Owens, Jill, Jayli and Amber Sugg, Carolyn Corso, Earl, Clista, Heather, Felicia and Earl

Filkins, Jr., Shane Wilson, Alicia Benson, Justin Wright, James, Tracy, Josh and Kaylee Owens, Chase Smallwood, Stephanie Simmons, Steven Davidson, Janet Filkins, Jeff and Cheryl Whittle, Trista Kelley, Kim, Cullen Benson and Dorrie, Ruth Whittle, Rodney Filkins and Jesse, Carla and Courtney. Brittany received many nice gifts and everyone had a great time.



Brittany Filkins



Court ruling prevents Cap Rock-Lamar deal

A state district court in Midland yesterday issued a judgment that prevents the pending combination between Cap Rock Electric Cooperative and Lamar County Electric Cooperative. The ruling issued from the 238th District Court in the case of Rayburn Electric Cooperative vs. Cap Rock Electric Cooperative and Lamar County Electric Cooperative, No. CV42814. The court's ruling is based on its finding that the proposed combination is contrary to prior contractual commitments made by Cap Rock to Rayburn, a cooperative based in Rockwall. Those prior commitments are contained in a 1996 settlement agreement between Cap Rock Hunt-Collin Electric Cooperative and Rayburn. In that agreement, the court concluded, Cap Rock gave up any future claim to participation in Rayburn and any



LAMAR COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ROYALTY-The Lamar County Junior Livestock Show had their Princess and Queen Contest. The court, from left, back row, consists of:Alicia Lang, Brittney Morton, Samantha Little, Dana Howard, Heather Anthony, Prairiland FFA; Jessica Stapleton, Blossom Prairie 4-H. Front row are: Trish Templeton, Princess Jenni Balalrd, Queen Stephanie Edwards, Faith Edwards and Laic Cole. (Staff Photo)

Lamar County Jr. Livestock Show selects royalty

Stephanie Edwards was chosen Queen for the Lamar County Junior Livestock Show. Jenni Ballard was selected as Princess. Stephanie is the daughter of Lyle and Dianna Edwards and is a member of the North Lamar 4-H Club. Jenni is the daughter of David and Billla Ballard and is a member of the North Lamar 4-H Club.

First runner-up was Faith Edwards with North Lamar FFA. Samantha Little was runner-up representing Chisum 4-H. Other contestants were Brittney Morton Chisum Jr. Ffa, Alicia Lang Blossom Prairie 4-H, Laci

Cole, Prairiland Jr. FFA, Trish Templeton, Maxey Meadows 4-H, Emily Fouse, Lamar Co. 4-H; Annie Clement Lamar Co. 4-H, Dana Howard, Chisum FFA; Pamela Little, Chisum 4-H; Heather Anthony, Prairiland FFA; Jessica Stapleton, Blossom Prairie 4-H.

The 32nd Lamar Co. Jr. Livestock Show will be April 27-28 at the Red River Valley Fair Grounds in Paris. Shows begin at 10:00 00 Thursday. The Banquet and Sale will be held Friday, April 28. Dinner will be served at 5:30 in the Exhibit Building on the fair grounds. Sale begins at 6:45. Everyone is invited.

Bogata Book club hears extension agents

The Bogata Book Club met at the home of Gail Hervey last Thursday and heard a program on food safety and water conservation by Red River County Extension agents Amy Sandifer and Lynn Golden.

Ms. Sandifer spoke of freezing temperatures, temperatures of pantries and storage containers for a variety of foods.

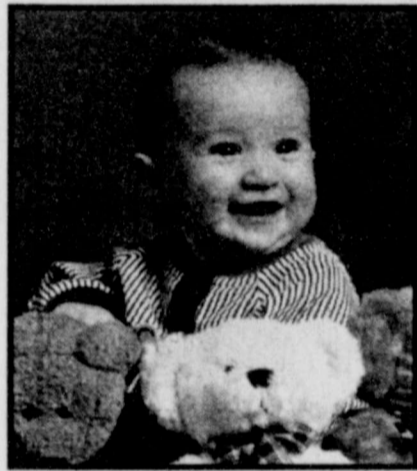
Mr. Golden mentioned several ways of watering lawns effectively.

During the question and answer session that followed the topic of fire ants came up, and there were many questions answered about that.

After a business meeting the group enjoyed a refreshment plate. Fifteen members were present.

Deport Housing Authority News

The regular monthly luncheon was held in Gazebo #1 on Wednesday, April 5. It was decided to change the luncheon to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. This should accommodate more participants. Present for this meeting (and I hear the food was good and plentiful) was Venice Bryson, Alpha Barnard, Eunice Sugg, Alma Scaff, Estelle cheshire, Dorothy Lynn, Thelma Shelby, Lucy Fowler, Hazel Relford, Willie Mae Speir, Phyllis & Kenneth Gifford, Maud Webb, Hunter Bratcher and Jauvancee Carpenter. Melba will be in Nacogdoches on Tuesdya p.m. and all day Wednesday, April 18 & 19th to attend a meeting of the East Texas Housing Association. On Tuesday and Wednesday April 25th & 26th, Melba will be in Dallas for a meeting representatives from HUD in Washington, D.C.



Dalton Lane Ervin

Dalton Ervin celebrates first birthday

Dalton Lane Ervin of Deport celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, April 15 with a party given by his parents, Shane and Tracey Ervin.

Scooby-Doo cake and punch was served along with hamburgers and hot dogs to Robert, Cathy, Brittany and Jared Bolin, Paul Ray, Lena, Candace, Kimberly and Courtney Spencer, Robin, Garrett, Elizabeth and Thomas Zimmerman, Cathy and Larry and Melissa Ervin, Jimmy and Jean Langley, Denise and Laura Brooks, Yancey, Dody, Hayden Monceret, Roland and Pat Barner, Earl, Tonya, Monica and Macey Hagood, Carolyn, Bailey and Maggie Townsend, Brian, Jennifer, McKenzie, Conner and Cody Skidmore and Abby Strickland.

Party-goers were treated to cotton candy and pillow bouncing.




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LEC donates weather monitors to area schools

Lamar Electric Cooperative has donated weather monitors to the 10 school districts in LEC's service area in Lamar, Red River and Delta Counties. The monitors were presented to the schools at the Home and Garden Show held in Paris last week. LEC invited the principals and superintendents from the 10 schools to attend the show and accept the monitors. The monitors will alert the listeners to oncoming storms, and advise of toxic chemical spills, radiation


leaks, earthquakes, etc. They will set quietly until the National Weather Service sends out an emergency alert that causes the monitors to be switched on electronically and an alarm sounded. The unit then silences before a voice comes on giving detailed description of the weather conditions or other hazards in the immediate area. LEC's distributor, Home Safe, Inc. also participated with the Co-op by offering special pricing for the units to the Co-op.

UMW meets at church

The regular meeting of United Methodist Women was held Monday night in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church. President Juanita Sparks opened the meeting with a devotional and responsive reading of the purpose of UMW. Lucille Pickering reviewed an article from "Response" entitled Women in the Beginning. Juavane Carpenter presented an Easter theme article "The Thief of the Cross." Hostess Nell Shull served refreshments to 14 members. Martha Glover will host the May 1 meeting and Ruth Cheatham will have the program.

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Pattonville News
 By Peggy Parsons
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Happy birthday wishes to James Bell, Willie Crossland, Tom Fults, Wes Winters, Scarlett Harvey, Brad Bassano, David Ballard and Thomas McGee.
 Happy Anniversaries to Howard and Sara Higdon.
 Kathy Grant of Laguna Beach, Ca., Martha Hill of Longview, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather were visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Belvins.
 Ruby D. Belvins, Kathy Grant of Laguna Beach, Ca., Gavin Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Weaver, Dorothy Anderson, Jessie Newsom of Paris and Pam Vislar of Fulbright had dinner and visited in the home of Red and Inez Weaver last week.
 Sandy Ring and Ruby D. Belvins visited Rick and Glenna Gunnels Sunday afternoon. Rick is recovering from recent orthopedic surgery in Dallas.
 Nettie Lois Powrs has not been feeling well.
 Sandy Ring was awarded \$25 for being honored as "Employee of the Month" by Hiring Partners of Paris.
 Several from our community were in Paris Saturday to hear the Oak Ridge Boys at the Love Civic Center.
 Lonnie and Laura Layton of Paris, Randy Boren, Keith and Peggy Par-

sons attended Drew Boren's baseball game at Woodall Field in Paris Monday night. Afterwards they joined Kristi Boren in Deport for Leah Boren's game there.
 Sandy Ring and Ruby D. Belvins were visitors of Jessie Newsom in Paris Sunday afternoon.
 Christine Gray of mt. Pleasant visited Ruby D. Belvins Monday and Willie Ruth Lee in Paris.
 Peggy Parsons has returned home after a week's visit to Washington, D.C. and Virginia. She was joined by college friends, Alyse Michalka of Lubbock and Jeanne Armstrong of Ennis at DFW airport. They spent several days in Arlington, Virginia, with Peggy's roommate, Dr. Nancy Newman. They enjoyed the newest war memorials and other points of interest in Washington, D.C. and Jamestown, Williamsburg, Norfolk, Richmond, Appomattox, VMI, Lexington, Charlottesville and Monticello in Virginia before returning home Sunday afternoon.
 Peggy Parsons visited and ate dinner with her cousins, Larry and Diane Shreve, Audra and Patricia in Richmond, Va. on Thursday night. Peggy visited with Mark and Tonya Paros, Haley and ty in Rowlett Sunday night.



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DEGREE-Duane Allen was presented an award from Paris Junior College President Bobby Walters before the Oak Ridge Boys Concert Saturday, April 15th at Love Civic Center. Allen is an alumni of PJC. Paris Mayor Charles Neeley also proclaimed the day as "Duane Allen Day" in honor of the Lamar County native. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



PURE HARMONY-the internationally famous Oak Ridge Boys wowed the crowd with harmony and songs from country, pop and gospel repertoires Saturday night when they put on two performances to benefit the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundations. From left are: Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



WELCOME-Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation President Dr. James Love welcomed the Oak Ridge Boys to a presentation ceremony before their concert Saturday. The event raised several thousand dollars for scholarships for Prairiland High School Seniors. Dr. Love is shaking Duane Allen's hand. The other members of the group are, from left: Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Benefit to be held for Bryan Lohrey

A benefit has been set for Bryan Lohrey on Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the M&M Auction in Reno next to Tommy's BBQ. There will be a live auction, BBQ sandwich plate, music, donations at the door and a booth set up by Cancer Education and Prevention Project administered by the McCuiston Regional Medical Center with information on the various types of cancer and the work being done. The event is being sponsored by the businesses of Reno. If you would like to make a donation, you may contact Tommy's BBQ, Reno Tire City or M&M Auction.

Bryan is 26 years old and lives and was raised in Reno, Texas. Bryan was diagnosed in March 2000 with 3 brain tumors on the brain stem (inoperable). The tumors are anaplastic astrocytoma grades 2 and 3 (with grade 4 being the worst). Since March 1st, Bryan has had a biopsy, a permanent shunt inserted, started chemo and radiation, diagnosed with diabetes and Guillain Barre Syndrome. He is currently in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Bryan is married to Kristy Lohrey (of Detroit) and he is the son of Kathy Emeyabbi and Rick and Jerry Lohrey, brother of Jerry Lohrey and grandson of Bob Rice. He graduated from North Lamar in 1992 and is employed at Guest Paper Company. Medical expenses continue to rise and any donations and prayers will help.

School Menu

Prairiland All Campus Menu
Week of April 24
Monday

- Breakfast:**
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Ham and cheese on bun
Potato salad
Baked beans
Fruit
Milk

Tuesday

- Breakfast:**
Biscuits, ham slice, cheese slice
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Tacos
Beans
Cake
Milk

Wednesday

- Breakfast:**
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Sticed turkey w/gravy
Potatoes
Green beans
Rolls
Milk

Thursday

- Breakfast:**
French toast, syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Beef and cheese nachos
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Tuesday 42 Club meets with Ethel Epps

The Tuesday 42 club met with Ethel Epps at her home. Seven members and one visitor attended. Wootie Haraville was the visitor. Frances Franklin won high score. After games of 42 a refreshment plate was served. The club will meet again with Roberta Westbrook on May 2nd.



COACH OF THE YEAR-Rivercrest Rebel Coach Steve Weddle received the honor of District Coach of the Year. Coach Weddle served as Junior Varsity Coach at RHS in his first coaching job. He moved to Prairiland and then returned to take over the retiring Coach Wake Wood's position as Rivercrest Head Boys Basketball Coach. Coach Weddle and his wife Stacy, who is a teacher at Bogata Elementary, reside in Bogata. The couple have two children, Jalyn and Jacob. Congratulations!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



LET'S HEAR IT-Stoney Musgrove sang a number as his proud dad, Stacy Musgrove (in hat), looked on during the opening act for the Oak Ridge Boys Concerts Saturday night. Stoney Musgrove and his Stoney Creek Band had their own fans as they sang numbers both new and old. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



OH WOW! -a youngster giggles in delight as performer William Lee Golden finishes shaking his hand and reaches for another hand as Golden performed his well known song "Thank God for Kids" at a benefit concert Saturday night. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

FOOT NOTES



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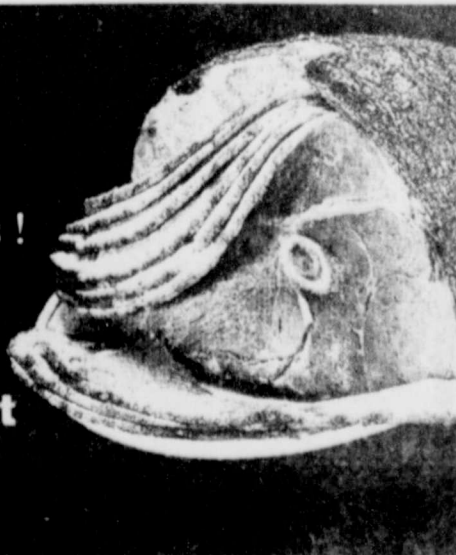
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Sue and Jim Barker from Richmond, VA visited Thelma Warren on Tuesday.

Kay and Joy Read of College Station and Sherra Kay Read of Austin spent the weekend with Ida Lou Read.

Crystal Francis is spending Easter break from Northwestern State College at Natchitoches with her mother, Sharon Francis.

Katheryne Green returned home Monday after five days in McCuiston Medical Center.

Maryanne and Joe Ladd were in Nacagdoches Sunday visiting her mother, Kathryn Scoggins, and attending church with her.

Happy birthday wishes to Reba Temple, Ryan Skidmore, Chris Dennis, John Stephen Farmer, Josey Francis, Lucretia LaRue, Tony Erwin, Zachery Tyler Ramin, Debbie Campbell, Charlotte LaRue, Laura Kunkel, Laura Wright, Mary Yoder, Wes Winters, Gus Bryant, Trey Gifford and Amanda Ball.

Happy anniversary to Shirley and John Gifford, Martha Kate and Lawrence Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Gifford and Tiffanie Osborn were in Paris Monday night to watch Josh Osborn play baseball at Woodall Field.

John and Phebe Allen and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols had dinner at the Lonesome Dove Friday night together.



Prairiland I.S.D.

April, 2000

- 1 Prairiland Stock Show, Auction & Supper
- 3 Softball: Lady Patriots at Cooper, 4:30
- 3 Baseball: Honey Grove JV, Here, 4:30
- 4 District Tennis Meet
- 5 Softball: Detroit, Here, 4:30
- 5 District Tennis Meet
- 7 Softball: Chisum, Here, 4:30
- 7 Baseball, Chisum, Here, 4:30
- 10 Softball: Prairiland at Sulphur Bluff, 4:30
- 10 Baseball: JV at Honey Grove, 4:30
- 11 TAAS Math for Grades 3-8
- 11 District Track Meet
- 12 TAAS Reading for Grades 3-8
- 13 TAAS Social Studies for Grade 8
- 13 Report cards go out
- 14 TAAS Science for Grade 8
- 14 Baseball: Prairiland at Rivercrest, 4:30
- 15 Softball: Honey Grove, Here, 4:30
- 15 Oak Ridge Boys concert at Love Civic Center sponsored by PAT Foundation, 6 and 9 p.m.
- 17 Baseball: Cooper JV, Here, 4:30
- 18 Baseball: Paul Hewitt, Here, 4:30
- 19 First Day for Early Voting
- 20 Baseball: Prairiland at Cooper, 4:30
- 20 6-7 Grade Band Competition at Carrollton
- 21 Blossom Eighth Grade Field Trip
- 21 Good Friday Holiday
- 24 Baseball: Clarksville JV, Here, 4:30
- 24 Blossom 6-7 Grade Field Trip
- 25 Baseball: Prairiland at Chapel Hill, 4:30
- 25 IQ Test for Blossom second graders
- 26 Blossom Special Education Field Test for TAAS Writing
- 26 Deport Kindergarten Roundup, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Blossom Special Education Field Test for TAAS Math
- 26 School Secretary Day
- 27 Deport K-3 Field Trip to Jan Kay Ranch
- 27 Blossom Special Education Field Test for TAAS Reading
- 28 Lamar County Livestock Show
- 28 Blossom Honor Society Field Trip



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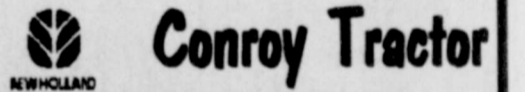
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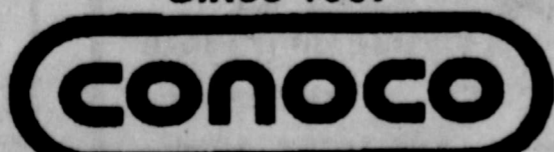
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SMALLEST FAN-March Martin, grandson of Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys, had a little visiting time with Phebe Allen Saturday. John and Phebe Allen are first cousins to Lamar County native Duane Allen. The Oak Ridge Boys put on a double performance to help benefit scholarships for the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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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. Sometime during the weekend of Friday, March 31st, unknown suspects forced entry into a home on FM 196 in Cunningham. Once inside the house, the suspects stole several guns, music CD's and other items. This burglary resulted in over \$3,200.00 in lost and damaged property.

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Charles Nichols answers call by using building skills

By Nanalee Nichols

Charles Nichols "retired" from farming some years ago. His retirement has taken a shape that few people would think of as restful. Charles helps to build Baptist Churches. He does not do this in conjunction with any organized group, although he has occasionally worked with the Baptist Men's Builders. But, mostly, Charles hears of a need and goes to help meet that need, bearing all expenses himself. He has recently returned from working on an expansion project at the University Baptist Church in Anchorage Alaska. He worked on the church last September and again this past March. "I didn't like Anchorage as much as I have some other places," Charles smiles. "It was really cold and snowy, with a hard freeze every night, but just enough of a warm up during the day to melt the snow into miserable slush." He slept in the church basement most of the time, or occasionally with a couple who lived nearby. The days were long and hard, averaging ten to twelve hours daily spent, but still, Charles feels like it was a great experience. Food in the grocery store he found to be very expensive, but eating out was too much higher than it is here. Charles started his own, personal program to help churches that were poor and/or had small congregations a number of years ago when he was working for a man in Elkpoint, South Dakota. The man's family was working on the restoration of a church the congregation had just purchased, and Charles began helping. In fact, his friend's son in law and daughter are members of the Anchorage church Charles has been working on lately, which is how he found out

that the facility needed an expansion project. He says that the worst job he ever took on was at Elkpoint, when they had a wall removed and it came a huge rain. "The basement was filled with mud. It took us three days of hauling it out of there in five gallon buckets to get it cleaned out again." He has helped with a number of churches in the South Dakota area. Charles' wife, Cindy, goes with him sometimes. She went to Alaska with him in September. Sometimes she helps the women of the church cook, or paints. The church members furnish most of the tools for these projects, and of course the building materials. "I've learned a lot about carpentry since I began doing this" he says, "I do finish work, frame in windows and doors, pretty much whatever needs doing." One of the first things that happened when he flew into Anchorage this last month was an earthquake. "I was really tired. I slept right through it, even though it was a 4.7!" He enjoyed casseroles made from moose meat. "Up in Alaska they go on moose hunts like we go deer hunting here" he reports. When asked why he spends his hard earned money on working churches all over the nation he replies "This is something I just felt called to do. I think it is something the Lord wanted me to do". He also says these churches are always in need of physical or financial help. "Anyone who feels called to do this can", he says, "It's just something you make up your mind to do". Charles Nichols felt called, made his mind up, and has certainly followed through, devoting countless hours of work to his chosen ministry.



Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

The Prairiland PAT Foundation sponsored the Oak Ridge Boys in concert at the Love Civic Center in Paris. Duane Allen, a member of the group, is a former resident of Cunningham. Stacy Musgrove and the Stoney Creek Band opened both shows for the Oak Ridge Boys. Playing in Stacy's band were Scottie Norwood on bass, Stoney Musgrove on guitar and Robert Nichols on Ddums. Several from the community attended the concert.

Bobbey and Clyde Slusher attended a dedication ceremony Saturday at Woodall Field in Paris where the field was renamed Charles E. Taylor Sports Complex in memory of Charles, who was a long time member of Breakfast Optimist and had been very active coaching and helping the Dixie League Baseball in Paris. Charles (Toby) was a former resident of Cunningham.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Ray Martin and Brad Barrintine.

Friday was family night at Sterling House in Paris and Marie Watson had her family members present, Geneva Norwood, Neva and Billy Ray Oats, Nelta Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton, Linda and Charity Musgrove, Dean and Ada Watson, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Bruce Watson, Brad, Bradlee and Brett Watson, Deana and Brooklyn Legate, and Dillon Gibson.

Jane O'Neal had a birthday dinner on Sunday for Weston and Dwayne Drinnon. Those present were Lisa and O'Neal Drinnon, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Murray and Sue Jackson and Janee and Kenzie Jackson.

Jenna Patterson competed in a Victorian Dream Pageant at PJC on Sunday. She won Best Overall Talent, Best Fashion, Best Swim Wear and Best Sports Wear.

Cindy and Charles Nichols were in Carthage on Saturday visiting Jon, Tori, Ericka and Chance White.

Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Brenton Norwood had Sunday lunch

with James and Pat Norwood. Fred Malcom and Joy Allen, Gary Allen and family and Fred and Joy's daughter Valarie of Temple were here to visit the Cunningham Baptist Church on Sunday. Fred spoke for them Sunday morning.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt visited his parents, Rayleen and Ronnie Nutt in Paris on Saturday and celebrated his grandfather, Rayburn Warnell's birthday.

Amber Norwood won Reserve Champion at the North Lamar Livestock Show with her pig.

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

Juanita and Silas Taylor were in Melissa on Saturday for lunch with Roxie and Kai Thomassen.

On Sunday afternoon, Silas and Juanita Taylor attended the Easter Concert at the First Methodist Church at Deport. On Friday night, they were in Paris for family night with Elvis Wright at Sterling House.

Lillian King and Billie Ford were in Gilmer on Saturday. Billie attended a church meeting and Lillian visited with Carol Arrington and family.

On Sunday, Leonard and Billie Ford visited Lillian King at Deport. Dean Ogden and Janie Hawkes of Longview visited Lorette Pynes on Saturday and spent the night with her. On Sunday, they visited the Cunningham Baptist Church and the had lunch with Sue Pynes of Paris.

On Saturday before the Oak Ridge Boys Concert, Nelta Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Marie Watson, Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant and Alice McPherson of McAlester had dinner at the Fish Fry.

Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant and Alice McPherson of McAlester spent the week end with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove. They were joined on Sunday for lunch by Zarinska and Shane Morton, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove.



PARKER TRAILER SALES Incorporated's Rodney Hunt poses with a single axle trailer to be used in a TXU employee fund raiser benefiting the American Cancer Society. Outfitted with a detachable drive up ramp, the trailer features custom wheels, a 3,500 pound axle, Atwood coupler and a Bulldog jack.

TXU employees hold fundraiser for ACS

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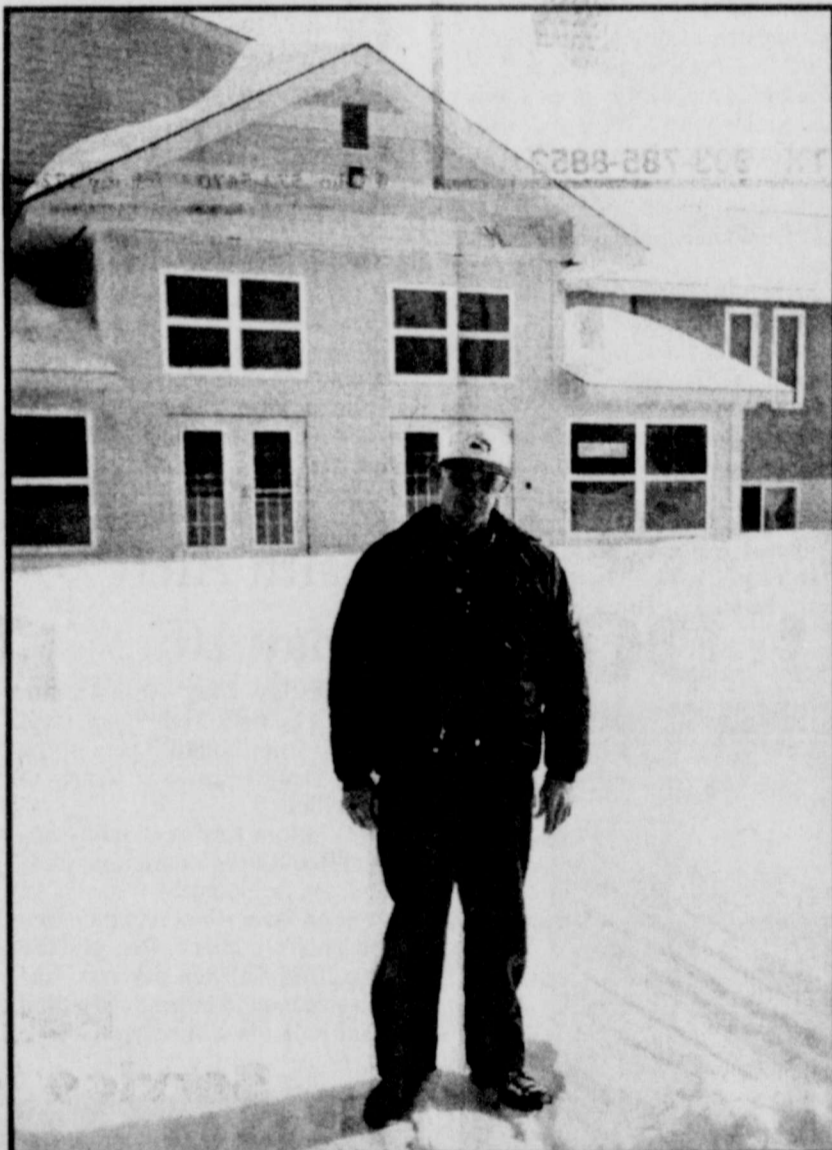
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Charles Nichols, who lives near Cunningham, stands in a "light" snowfall in front of the University Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. He has been donating his time and labor to build the addition directly behind him onto the existing church.



CHARLES NICHOLS feels he was called to help in building Baptist Churches in need, and has been helping at various locations around the country. His latest project has been in Anchorage, Alaska.

Prairiland High School Week of April 24

- 24 JV Baseball at Clarksville, Here, 4:30
- 25 Regional Boy's Tennis
- 25 Baseball at Chapel Hill, 4:30
- FHA Banquet
- 26 Girls Regional Tennis
- Secretary's Day
- 27 Tennis Cont.
- Lamar County Livestock Show
- 28 Lamar County Livestock Show
- 29 FHA State Conference



DEPORT FOURTH GRADE LITTLE DRIBBLERS celebrated with an end-of-season basketball party at CiCi's Pizza in Paris. Members of the team are, back row: Paige Martin, Paige Freeman, Lisa Barnes, Megan Spann, Sarah Murdock and Danielle Holland. Seated: Reagan Harrell, Kayshia Ballard, Charity Huddleston and Erika Ham. Members unable to attend were Jerricka McKee, Susan Anderson and Casey Gibson. The team was coached by Traci Freeman and Sandy Murdock.

Lady Pats track team qualifies for Regional

The Lady Patriots clinched a spot for District 14-2A with a victory over Honey Grove. Kara Screws relieved Candace Yaross to get the win. Yaross went 2 for 4 at the plate, scored two runs and had an RBI. Amy Hicks went 2 for 4 with one run, and Megan Graham went 2 for 4 with two runs scored. The Lady Patriots improved to 9-5 in District and 13-7 overall heading into the playoffs. Prairiland takes on Lone Oak in Bi-District softball at a site and time to be decided.



PRAIRILAND PATRIOT Matt Basinger makes it back to the bag on time before the tag during a recent game with Honey Grove. The Pats defeated Rivercrest 11-2 on Friday and they remain in 2nd place for the playoff action. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



LEAH CATHEY-fires the ball from the pitching mound as she and her 9 & 10 year old teammates met the Talco Fillies in play day action in Talco on Saturday. Leah and her team took the win by 1 point. Leah is the daughter of Bill and Laurie Cathey of Deport. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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Prairiland defeats Rivercrest 11-2

The Prairiland baseball team kept their district title hopes alive with an 11-2 victory over Rivercrest. The Patriot offense erupted for six runs in the seventh in route to the win. Matt Cavender pitched a complete game, allowing one earned run.

Kyle Malone and Stan Cox each had a three-run homerun, while Heath Sessums was perfect at the plate with two hits and a walk. Johnathan Martin was also perfect behind the plate throwing out five out of five on the bases.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. This year's theme is Y-2-K: "Yes 2 Kids" and is sponsored by the Texas Department of Protective Custody and Regulatory Services, the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, and Prevent Child Abuse Texas. Concerned citizens are asked to wear blue ribbons as a symbol that they can make a difference in the well being of children.

Child abuse is a growing concern in this country. Every year, one million children fall victims to abuse or neglect. Maltreatment is the sixth largest cause of death for children under the age of fourteen. As a result, more children come into the state's custody, turn to the streets and may grow up to abuse their own children. Make this century make a difference. Learn to be Y-2-K compliant and help break the cycle of child abuse. If you suspect abuse, contact 1-800-252-5400.

TNMP assistance offered

Texas-New Mexico Power Company and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs are continuing their partnership to provide weatherization services for eligible low-income customers. The program gives priority to qualifying households with elderly and/or disabled individuals who are most vulnerable to the high cost of energy for home heating and cooling. TNMP has contributed to the program since 1998. TNMP provides the funding for weatherization, and TDHCA is responsible for the actual delivery of services. TDHCA also is responsible for screening applications to make sure customers are eligible for the assistance and meet income guidelines.

The weatherization program begins with an energy audit to determine which services will be cost-effective. Based on the results of the audit, TNMP funds are used to purchase and install the following items: -Compact fluorescent lights, which are energy saving replacements for regular light bulbs. -Water savers -In limited cases, replacement of inefficient room or central air conditioners -Insulation -Weather-stripping and caulking -Customer education To learn more about or apply for this service, contact the local TNMP office.

I cannot hold with those who wish to put down the insignificant chatter of the world. -Anthony Trollope

Health Alert is May 10

Wednesday, May 10, a Health Alert will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville. The clinic is free to all adult citizens of Red River County, regardless of age, sex or income. Free cholesterol screening, free blood pressure check, free glucose testing, free diabetes risk test, free vision screening, free hearing test and free information will be available.

Rose growers invited to program

Area rose growers are invited to attend an educational meeting Tuesday, April 25 at the District Courtroom of the Red River County Courthouse. All area residents are invited to attend. One hour of CEU's will be available to private pesticide license holders attending.

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It was very enjoyable meeting all of the nice people in the district and you will always be in my thoughts. A special thanks to everyone who worked to help me during the campaign and to all who made contributions to the campaign.

Please store your yard signs for the general election in November, when I will run against the Republican candidate. Please put your Scott McDowell signs back in your yard in September.

I hope you will always be proud to support Scott McDowell.

Thank you,
SCOTT McDOWELL



AMY'S DAYCARE CENTER of Blossom members are pictured here as they plant Spring flowers in their flower garden. The children enjoyed this activity very much along with the warm weather and sunshine. Pictured left to right is Wil Shelton, Jason Huntsberger, Blake Upchurch, Trystan Chapman, Payden Dorries, Logan Upchurch, Matthew Patterson, Jalon Franklin and Jessica Huntsberger. (Staff Photo)

Blossom Citizenship Honor Roll 5th six weeks

Sandra Burnett-Principal
Dr. L. C. Stout-Superintendent

Kindergarten-Dyllon Adkins, Brett Berry, Coby Brakebill, Keleigh Burchinal, David Cantera, Cole Clemmer, Payton Connot, Joaquin Cortes, Jessica Ebbs, Michael Enox, Joshua Esch, Chelsey Fletcher, Patrick George, Shelby George, Vince Gibson, Jaime Humphrey, Kelsey Klingler, Sara B. Lane, Thomms Lockwood, Blake Lyon, Jacob Mansfield, Tate Mauldin, Shelby McCoy, Halie Melot, Benjamin Rocha, Jerica Ryan, Dylan Spencer, Caleb Talley, Marley Tidwell, Joshua Watkins, Cheyenne Whitaker and Jose Zermeno.

1st grade-Caleb Adams, Cesar Alonso, Lesa Bishop, Kacey Blount, Tyler Brown, Juan Cortes, Taylor Davidson, Cheyenne Duke, Dakota Filkins, Brooke Glover, Victoria Gribble, Angelica Humphrey, Chase Hunold, Justin James, James Kemp, Hayley Landis, Taylor Landreth, Justina Little, Meghan Mabry, Juli Joy Malone, Ashley McCain, Magen McDonald, Caleb Melton, Lorena Peralta, Tommy Procella, Alivia Stanphill, Jessica Stewart, Clayton Thomas, Kayla Thomas, Ariel Tyler, Sara Beth Upchurch, Jessica Whitson and Justin Wise.

2nd grade-Maci Adkins, Ethan Barnard, Melanie Barnes, David Bishop, Ben Blount, Gage Booth, Jonathan Cervantes, Tanner Connot, Ty Crawford, Dustin Dillard, Brandy Enox, Taylor Fendley, Calvin Goodin, Blake Gordon, Chris Hyde, Ryley Johnson, Nicole Kilpatrick, Tommy Kuehn, Jerica Langston, Donna Malone, Matthew Mansfield, Harley Martin, Pecos McDonald, Josh McNabb, Matt Merritt, Autumn Nation, Rebecca Passmore, Arturo Peralta, Laura Robertson, Steven Ruckman, Jaime Sanchez, Estephania Sanchez, Randal Sessums, Charlie Sikes, Miramda Stevens, Kyle Upchurch, Ashley Walker, Clint Winters, Michael Womack, Karriessa Woodall and Joaquin Zermeno.

3rd grade-Cassidy Adams, Kayla Berry, Amanda Bishop, Tyler Bowden, Kaci Burchinal, Morgan Burchinal, Heather Bybee, Seth Connot, Zach Cullum, Stormy Easley, Casey Fendley, Phillip Filkins, Tonya Fry, Katie Garrison, Rickey George, Taylor Guilliams, CoyDean Harmon, Staci Harrell, Brittney Herles, Ricky Latham, Kaylon Merrill, Chase Moore, Courtney Outland, Dakota Parker, Britney Patterson, Alyssa Pitcock, Kaleb Price, Rachell Procella, Chris Ryan, Jacob Salas, Roxy Sawyer, Dayne Sessums, Arturo Sifuentes, Whittinie Stone, Meagan Thomas, Ethan Thompson, Kaleb Whitaker, Cade White, Josh White, Jessica Winters, Carl Wood and Juana Zermeno.

Ags making lettuce better looking, better for you

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University scientists have a head of lettuce that is better looking and better for you.

Molecular Breeding: New Strategies in Plant Improvement reports that Texas A&M University biologists Ashok Jain and Craig Nessler have successfully engineered plants that produce more vitamin C. Their findings could help usher in a new era of more nutritious foods. "I can see this vitamin C engineering being used to help people supplement their diet to keep them healthy," Nessler said.

Jain and Nessler transferred a gene that produces vitamin C in animals into tobacco and lettuce plants. Plants that received the gene produced up to seven times more of the vitamin than the plants that did not.

Nessler said he chose lettuce for the experiment because vitamin C can prevent the leaves from browning as quickly. Lettuce that stays fresh longer could ultimately decrease the use of preservatives known as bisulfites, which cause severe allergic reactions in some people. Tobacco was chosen because it is a widely used and well-understood organism for genetic studies, he said.

Nessler's work with lettuce may be the tip of the iceberg. The fruits of his experiment are likely to be similar for other plants such as tomatoes or rice, he said.

4th grade-Lauren Ausmus, Ashley Ballard, Kyle Blanton, Colby Chapman, Katie Clark, Dana Dalby, Clifford Decker, Shane Gonzales, Caleb Goodin, Dakota Henderson, Timothy Henry, Morgan Hostetler, Jessica House, Kori Hulen, Zachery Jester, Alisa Lane, Kacey Langston, Matthew Lovelady, Sara Mansfield, Monica Molina, Angelica Moss, Sierra Radford, Laura Robertson, Michael Lee Smith, Leigha Stone, Lindsey Terrell, Haley Trammel, Cody Upchurch and Lee Ann Warren.

5th grade-Eric Baker, Cale Beyleryan, Bailee Berry, Hal Brady, Kandace Burchinal, Alesha Chapman, Ashley Chennault, Blake Connot, Jennifer Filkins, Clay Friddle, Taylor Gillie, Shawna Johnson, Shawna Kuehn, Riley Lewis, Teresa Little, Chris McKinney, Kara Nation, Blake Newman, Claudia Ortiz, Tel Pitcock, Jessica Roddy, Corey Scroggins and Jamie Thompson.

6th grade-Erica Bishop, Laura Cervantes, Cassie Cullum, Cody Flatt, Matt Hostetler, Brandon Mauldin, Taylor Mauldin, Jackie Miller, Lucas Morgan, Amanda Neel, Kurtis Ninemires, Ashley Outland, Andrew Philpot, Victoria Sawyer, Lindsey Sugg, Cody Upchurch and Cody Withers.

7th grade-Ashley Anderson, Rose Bishop, Ali Burress, Matt Croly, Lance Connot, Jake Daugherty, Emily Fendley, Ashley Flynn, Katy Hall, Rocky Latham, Candace Little, Mallory Price, Jill Self and Jessica Smith.

8th grade-Aaron Barnes, Brittany Ballard, Seth Barnard, David Beyleryan, Tiffany Bishop, Amber Buster, Katy Cleek, Heath Connot, Kayleigh Connot, Robert Coulter, Brittany Hart, Cody Hicks, Codie Kohler, Jennifer Martin, Matt Morgan, Cody Morris, Bryan Neel, Amber Philpot, Brian Ray, Bill Robertson, Blake Smith, Juliee Smith, Cesar Tinajero, Amber Trammel, Zach Walker, Jeremy Wilson and Mandy Woodall.

Blossom "A" Honor Roll 5th six weeks

Sandra Burnett-Principal
Dr. L. C. Stout-Superintendent

1st grade-Caleb Adams, Lesa Bishop, Tyler Brown, Juan Cortes, Victoria Gribble, Chase Hunold, Justin James, Juli Joy Malone, Ashley McCain, Jessica Stewart, Kayla Thomas, Clayton Thomas and Sara Beth Upchurch.

2nd grade-Ethan Barnard, David Bishop, Ty Crawford, Dustin Dillard, Brandy Enox, Blake Gordon, Ryley Johnson, Tommy Kuehn, Donna Malone, Josh McNabb, Autumn Nation, Estephania Sanchez, Ashley Walker, Clint Winters and Karriessa Woodall.

3rd grade-Cassidy Adams, Kayla Berry, Kaci Burchinal, Zach Cullum, Stormy Easley, Ricky Latham, Kaylon Merrill, Courtney Outland, Alyssa Pitcock, Rachell Procella, Chris Ryan, Jacob Salas, Roxy Sawyer, Dayne Sessums, Whittinie Stone, Megan Thomas, Ethan Thompson, Kaleb Whitaker, Cade White and Jessica Withers.

Deport Junior High Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll

A Honor Roll
First grade: Brittany Danon Black, Ryan Chase Harrell, Jessica Paige Nichols, Shelby Rae Richey, Sean Michael Dodson, Kimberly Dawn Elrod, Kati Lee Evans, Allison Vawn Wolf.

Second grade: Brittany Kaye Bolin, Kaylie Danielle Hines, Katrina Adel Malone, Molly Suzann Minter, Wesley Roy Murdock, Jayci Leigh Chaney, Lily Kathryn Norwood.

Third grade: William Joseph Francis, Kaylee Jean Miller, Hanah Kay Norwood, Hielly Elizabeth Owens, Jessica Michelle Whitt.

Fourth grade: Regan Leigh Harrell, Benjamin Tyler Dickinson, Kaylee Paige Freeman, Erika Michelle Ham.

Fifth grade: Morgan Bailey Carico, Lacie Michelle Cole, Kalee Jade Graham, Brandi Michelle Swint, Leah Janae Cathey, Amanda Krystine Mathews, Hall Lyn Screws.

Sixth grade: Lance Dale Ballard, Justin Dale Wright, Caralyn Renee Corso, Rebecca Lee Murdock.

Seventh grade: Jhonna Shea Patterson, Sara Marie Benfer.

Eighth grade: Aron Ray Arrasmith, Christopher Edward Brunson, Miranda Elizabeth Weddle.

A-B Honor Roll
First grade: Laney Rochell Jackson, Katrina Irene Sunday, Makynzi Ruthanne Watson, William Joseph York, Keturah Danielle Counts, John Lloyd English, Katelyn MacKenzie Golden.

Second grade: Ashly Nichole Arnold, Laura Frances Brooks, Dylan James Cathey, Ariel Marie Donaldson, Courtney Michelle Filkins, Justin Dewayne Harris, Kelti Makenna Mowery, Elizabeth Kay Brunson, Christian Hunter, Jessica Jayde Malone, Maggie Lee Miller, Gregory Chase Stogsdill, Ashley Amanda Thomas.

Third grade: Anna Lakin Nicole Baker.

Anthonie Cole Hagood, Courtney Michelle Hargroves, Corey Dean Haskell, Joshua Tyler Juneau, K.C. Dalton Kelsey, Michael Layton Norwood, Jenna Rhea Patterson, Danci Jordan Smith, Jeffery Edwin Steffenson, John Leslie Trey Towers, John Michael Winters, Justin Ryan Crelia, Jesi Denae Davis, Lindsay J. Hoover, Jeremiah Chase Howington, Derek Jon Tesch.

Fourth grade: Kayshia Denise Ballard, Sarah Marie Murdock, Lisa Marie Barnes, Tanya Janel Cave, Meghan Amber Counts, John Mark Francis, Danielle Sha'lynn Holland, Charity Dawn Huddleston, Paige Lynn Martin, Jerrika Brooke McKee, Ashleigh Mae McLean, Jennifer Nicole Melvin, John Landon Syrus.

Fifth grade: Trista Dawn Harper, Charity Zaree Musgrove, Hailey Jo Ann Norwood, Alan Blake Stogsdill, Jessilyn Nichole English, Jessica Ann Fox, Jolynda Danbri Mitchell, Cole Hunter Smallwood.

Sixth grade: Kenton Loyd Baker, Leah Nicole Boren, Weston D'wayne Drinnon, Ashley Nichole Ebarb, Jaleah Mary Allison Fox, Mallory Jade Owens, Joshua Logan Allen, Kelcey Marie Howington, Jeffery Kyle Kinslow, Alicia Rena Lang, Jay Curt McKee, Michael Middleton, Amberlynn Jo Sugg.

Seventh grade: Marty Dale Anderson, Brent Daniel Burden, John Matthew Dickinson, Megan Ray Hargroves, Breanna Elaine Holley, Rachel Kaye Murdock, Whitney Rena Turner, Adam Logan Ball, Laura Frances Barnes, Whitney Jessica Brook, Angel Lynn Mantooth, Trevor Spur Norwood, Joshua Philip Osborn, Matt Tilden Swint, Brandon Kent Wright.

Eighth grade: Kaleb Leon Baker, Heather Lynn Barnes, William O'Neal Drinnon, Carlenka Kay Fox, Erika Rae Norwood, Sarah Jean Tubbs.

Deport Nursing Home News By Cletta Mathis

Visiting with Harold Norris was Cecil Allen.

Visiting with Ray Wells was his son, Ken Wells.

Visiting with Pauline Shew was Lester and Doris Clary from Mesquite and Helen Davidson from Paris.

Visiting Ina Hedrick was her sisters Florence Summers; Doris Hanning; and Norraa Haning.

Visiting Opal English was June Young, Paul English, Tammie Rhodes and family, Becky Ross.

Visiting with Terry McDowra was Cecil Allen.

Visiting with David Geer on Sunday was Cecil Allen.

Visiting with Lois Dudley was her son, Jerry Dudley; Justin, Colton, Laurie.

Visiting with Reecie Kelsey and Brodie Bell was Sam and Suzy Kelsey; Phillip and Connie Dodd.

Visiting with Ima Griffin was Patsy Curtis and Flona Hrris.

Visiting Raymond Hignight was Sam and Suzy Kelsey; Phillip and Connie Dodd, Carter and Joe Kelsey, Cecil Allen, Mary Ray and David Geer.

Visiting with Sarta Gilmer was Dewey and Marline; Seyann and Sarena.

Visiting with Nora Barnett was Katy and Mirand, Varner and Mary Barnett, Rhonda Hoskins, Gary Malone, Chelsie Hoskins, Elizabeth Thompson, Tommy and Lisa Thompson, Trenton Thompson and Rita Thompson.

Visiting with Viola Barham was Cecil Allen, Barbara Allen.

Visiting with Homer and Melva Sisson was Pete and Betty Sisson.

Visiting with Johnnie Warren was Barbara Dunlap from Mesquite; Lucy Fowler; Evelyn Roach, Fred and Joy Allen from Temple, Valerie Allen from Dallas; Phill and Joyce Love of Ft. Wroth, Bob Crockett; Lila Screws and Wynell Callaway.

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—Thomas Edison

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—Alexander Smith

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3rd grade-Morgan Burchinal, Heather Bybee, Seth Connot, Casey Fendley, Phillip Filkins, Tonya Fry, Katie Garrison, Stacy Guilliams, CoyDean Harmon, Staci Harrell, Brittany Herles, Dakota Parker, Brittney Patterson, Kaleb Price, Arturo Sifuentes, Dakota Swindle and Josh White.

4th grade-Kyle Blanton, Dana Dalby, Shane Gonzales, Dakota Henderson, Timothy Henry, Zachery Jester, Alisa Lane, Matthew Lovelady, Sara Mansfield, Monica Molina, Angelica Moss, Charlie Oats, Sierra Radford, Leigha Stone, Lindsey Terrell, Haley Trammel.

5th grade-Bailee Berry, Jennifer Filkins, Taylor Gillie, Shawna Johnson, Shawna Kuehn, Kara Nation, Claudia Ortiz, Jessica Roddy, Corey Scroggins and Jordan Walker.

6th grade-Ricardo Cantera, Jessica Chapman, Cassie Cullum, Darren Lane, Lucas Morgan, Amanda Neel, Kurtis Ninemires, Lindsey Sugg, Cody Upchurch, Blake Woodall and Landon Woodall.

7th grade-Rose Bishop, Ail Burress, Lance Connot, Jake Daugherty, Nikki Long, Billy Naylor and Mallory Price.

8th grade-Rusty Adams, Aaron Barnes, Sara Bolton, Jodie Bybee, Nikki Bybee, Katy Cleek, Cody Hicks, Levi Jackson, Cody Morris, Amber Philpot, Brian Ray, Bill Robertson, Juliee Smith, Erik Whitaker and Will Wood.



RESCUERS-these Prairiland students, along with their instructor, Frankie Norwood, spotted the smoke coming from the Whittle home. Knowing that the family had two dogs in the house, Mr. Norwood managed to get the door open. The student called the dogs to safety. The dogs were virtually the only things saved in the house fire. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Morris County is included in those in Texas recently named by Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from

the drought. Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, which ever is less.

Applications for loans will be accepted until December 4, 2000, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

FSA offices are open from 8 until 4:30 Monday through Friday.

Expanded Classifieds....

Public Notices

REQUEST FOR BID
The Commissioners' Court of Red River County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2000 for the purchase of the following road materials. These bids will run from May 8, 2000 to December 31, 2000. If the vendor will agree, this bid may be extended for an additional period of time at the same price. It can run until April 12, 2001.

- Hot Mix
- Cold Mix
- Oil Sand
- Road Oil

These materials are to be priced by the ton. Bids should include cost of material at the plant site. It should also include separately, the cost of materials delivered to each precinct. Precinct #1 is located in Bogata, Texas. Precinct #2 is located in Bagwell, Texas. Precinct #3 is located in English, Texas. Precinct #4 is located in Boxelder, Texas. Bids must be delivered to the office of the County Auditor by the date and time indicated above. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked "bid". At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners' Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County. The Commissioners' Court will act on these bids Monday, May 8, 2000. 4-20

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

To all interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:
Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Blossom, Texas, intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for its Program Year 2000 TDCP funded wastewater improvement project. Environmental Assessment Activities: Wastewater System Improvements in the southern half of the city. Finding of No Significant Impact: It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Blossom has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact

that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Blossom which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall, Blossom, Texas, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Comment on Findings
All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the City of Blossom to P.O. Box 297, Blossom, Texas 756416. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will not be considered and the City of Blossom will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds
The City of Blossom will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 from its Program Year 2000 TDCP Funded Wastewater Improvement Project from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Blossom is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Ed Hudson, in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relating to environmental review, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Blossom may use the Block grant Funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.

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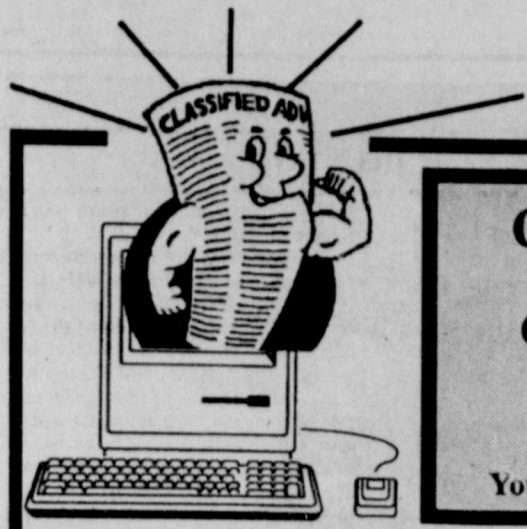
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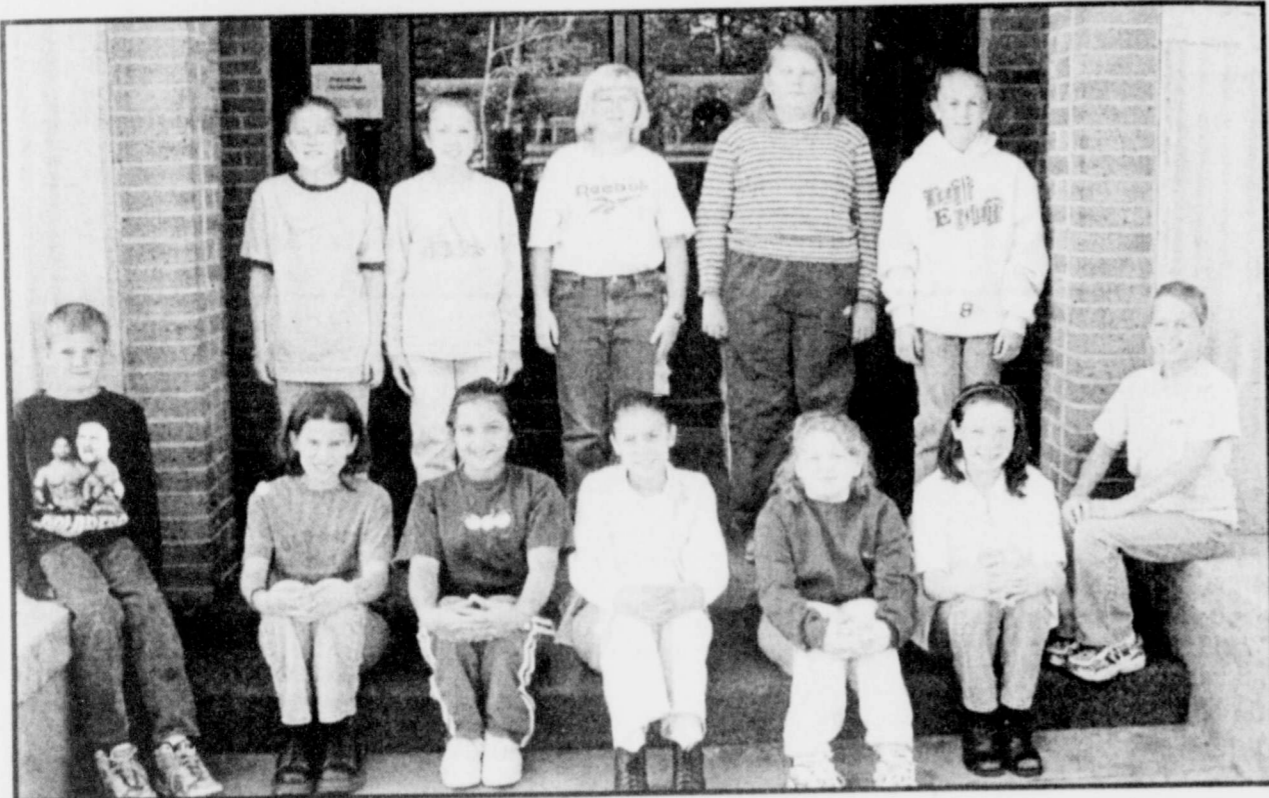
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Deport 8th grade UIL participants-Front row left to right is Tracy Gilbert, Aron Arrasmith, Dakota Mitchell, Mandy Weddle, Heather Brnes, Chance Crawford, Kaleb Baker and Erick Norwood. Back is Amanda Nichols, Joel Searls, Chris Brunson, Sara Tubbs and Angella Hines. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 7th grade UIL participants-Pictured back row left to right is Timothy Lemmen, Johnna Patterson, Britney Martin, Whitnie Brook, Breanna Holley and Angel Mantooth. Middle row is Matt Dickinson, Brandon Wright, Rachel Murdock, Whitney Turner, Kandi Wright, Jessica Winters and Laura Barnes. Front row is Brent Burden, Elizabeth Porter, Adam Ball, Sara Benfer, Chad Larkin and Rachell Yarbrough. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 5th grade UIL participants-Back row left to right is Tommy Hughes, Amanda Mathews, Trist Harper, Nikki English, Morgan Carico, Hailey Norwood and Kalee Graham. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 6th grade UIL participants-Pictured left to right in back is Cassidy Nowell, Rebecca Murdock, Josh Allen, Lance Ballard, Kelsey Howington, Brittany Wilkins, Ashley Ebarb, Caralyn Corso, Leah Boren, Alicia Lang and Shane Wilson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

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

Peggy Whitney spent the weekend with friends in Achille, Oklahoma and attended a wedding shower for her friends.

Beth and Cory Spray and Kaitlyn and Gearl Keys and Marissa all of Paris had dinner with kSusan and Phillip Roach Sunday.

Visiting Edna and Frank Lee Sunday were Jimmy and T.J. Chappell, Ruth Johnson, Kay and Paul Pierce, Kacie and Monica and Nita Bowling.

John and Velma Temple went to watch grandson Aaron play baseball i Paris Saturday.

Don Upchurch f Albuquerque, N.M. returned home after a visit with his mothir, Mattylu Upchurch.

Dorothy Holt, Barbara Maurischat and Sabina Scholz of Frankfurt, Germany went to Tyler Friday and visited the Tyler Rose Gardens and Rose Museum and had lunch at Red Lobster.

Jim Parks of Faughter, Kay Preston and Dale Williams and daughter Haley of Paris had lunch with Dorothy and James Holt Sunday.

John Manley and VELMA Temple visited with his aunt and cousin's Georgia Temple, T.M> and Norma Temple and Bill and Mary Jo Temple all of Cleburne, while they were in Paris Saturdy afor an Archer family reunion.

Barbara and Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak and Jake's daughter Sabina Scholz of Frankfurt, Germany had dinner with Dorothy and James Holt,

Saturday.

Ann & Shelton Lee have returned from a 2 week trip to the northeast. They visited their daughter and family, Shelley and Eric Stoley, Kara and Sam in Shrewsbury, Pa. spent a few days with friends in Frederick, Md. They reprinted the cherry blossoms were still beautiful in some bloom, despite a 2 inch snowfall in Pa. they day before they left.

Have A Nice Weekend

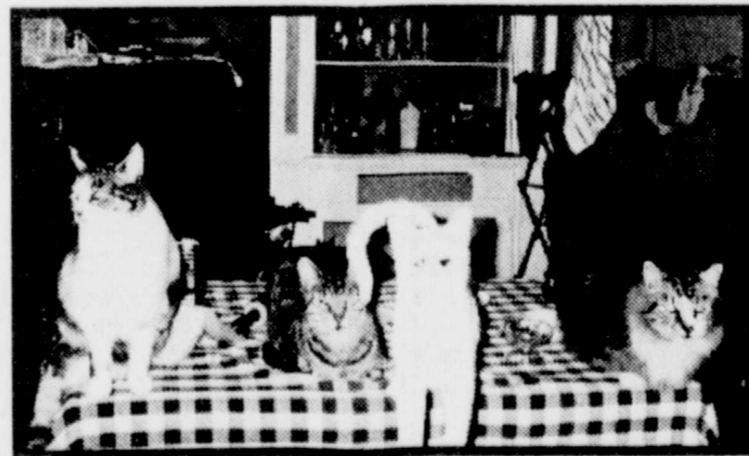


People 'n Things

Monday, April 24 is Mattonville VFD and Community Center business meeting at 7 p.m.

Bucket Brigade will meet April 27

The Deport Bucket Brigade will meet on Thursday, April 27th, at 7 p.m. a Darden-Sparks Department Store in Deport to make further plans for their upcoming Garage Sale.



Which Three Of My Babies Do I Give Up?

Here are four of my six cats. All are strays that have been rescued. All are neutered, all have their shots. They don't spend much time outside, and that is usually in my yard. PLEASE help me keep them by signing the petition which the City Council of Deport to eliminate Section 11 which limits pet ownership to 3 dogs and 3 cats. Petitions are located at City Drug Store, Deport Times and Darden-Sparks Department Store. We are not against animal control, just rules that aren't necessary and would cause responsible pet owners problems. **Thank You, Nancy Murphy and family**

CLEAN A CLOSET HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

The Deport VFD Bucket Brigade Needs **Garage Sale Items** for the May 6th Garage Sale Call 652-4205, 652-4515 or 652-3456 for pickup or bring items to the Deport Times or Darden-Sparks Department Store

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You are cordially invited to attend *The City of Deport Homecoming 2000* June 2-3, 2000

Friday, June 2, 2000: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. Stay for visitation and coffee and donuts. There will be a dance Friday night beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Other activities will be held at the Legion Hall including a noon meal of catered food eque on Saturday June 3rd. Serving will begin at 12 noon. For reservations for barbeque meal please send payment of \$8⁰⁰ per person to Juanita Sparks, P.O. Box 156, Deport, TX 75435 by May 15th 2000 .

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