

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
It's Confession Time,
after more than 30 years

It's been a long, long time since my first Prom, and my first formal. And I suppose now I'm mature enough to tell a story publicly that I never even told my mom back then.

The prom dresses in 1967 were a lot like some of the current styles, A-line, simple and sleeveless. The main difference is that they were all long. No one went to the Prom in a short dress.

My first formal was cream colored, with a band of green embroidered leaves around the waist, and running around to the back, where it culminated in a small bow with long, elegant streamers.

I had my hair fixed up in one of those hideous "bee hive" creations that made me cringe even back then. For once, though, I joined the crowd.

I had on nearly white, iridescent lipstick (cutting edge, that) and was about as dressed up as I have ever been, before or since.

So, Prom night was going beautifully. I had danced, visited and drunk a few cups of punch.

As the evening proceeded, the punch caught up with me and I, along with several friends proceeded to the restrooms. (remember when you never went alone? Why was that?)

Well, when I turned around, the ribbons on my gown fell into the toilet. I wasn't used to long fluttering things at my back.

I immediately took off for the sinks, using the old pink liquid soap and scrubbing away. The only problem was, that was not a washable fabric, so my lovely streamers ended up shriveled and wizened and limp. I tried to remove them, but they were firmly stitched in place.

For some minutes I wouldn't even go back to the Prom. I simply stood there, lost in humiliation and the embarrassment only a teenager can feel.

Eventually I slunk back into the dance to stand with my back to the wall. I even refused one dance because I was sure that everyone in the room would be staring at me!

Finally I realized that this was really, really stupid, and began to have fun once more.

But, that night, as I lay in bed recalling the evening in detail, as teens do, I would find myself flushed with embarrassment once more.

For some reason it was one of the most agonizingly embarrassing moments of my life.

The next year, when it was time for us to go shopping for another dress my mother couldn't figure out why the first thing I looked for was whether or not the dress had anything trailing behind!

Remembering that incident helps me to remember how different the worlds look from the eyes of a teenager. It seems pretty silly now. It wasn't back then.

Weddle, Arrasmith take top two positions at Deport Junior High

Amanda Kay Weddle has been named as the 2000 Valedictorian at Deport Jr. High School. She is the daughter of Randy and Diane Weddle of Deport. She is the granddaughter of Betty White and the late Richard White of Pattonville. Other grandparents are Charles and Janett Chaffin of Deport and the late Benny Weddle, also of Deport.

Miranda attends the First United Methodist Church of Deport. She has been active in sports and UIL events during her years at Deport as

well as the National Junior Honor Society. Miranda has a grade point average of 95.5.

Aron Ray Arrasmith is the Salutatorian for the class and is the son of Roy and Stella Arrasmith of Pattonville. Grandparents are Eddie and Bobbie Henry of Marvin and Roy and Ethel Arrasmith of Detroit.

Aron attends the First United Methodist Church of Deport. He has been active in sports, National Junior Honor Society and UIL competition while at Deport. Aron is graduating

with a 94.8 grade point average.

Other honor graduates are Heather Barnes, Chris Brunson, O'Neal Drinnon, Erika Norwood and Sarah Tubbs.

Other graduates are: Angella Hines, Mandy Weddle, Erika Norwood, Dakota Mitchell, Tracy Gilbert, Danielle Syrus, Trent Brummett, Carlena Fox, Joe Avinger, Clint Ford, Amanda Nichols, Joel Searls, Shaun Van Orsow, O'Neal Drinnon and Chance Crawford.

People N Things

Saturday, May 20, Pattonville Community Center, VFD breakfast, 7-10 a.m., AYCE, \$4.00.

Friday, May 26, Pattonville Community Center dance, 8 p.m., proceeds benefit VFD.

Youth raising money with yard sale and baked goods

The Youth of the Faith Baptist of Deport are having a Yard Sale and Bake Sale this coming Saturday. They are raising funds to go to the Passion Play at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Sale will begin at 8 a.m. and run until?? Lots of clothes and miscellaneous plus home baked goodies.

First Baptist to have Revival

There will be a Revival at the First Baptist Church of Deport May 21st through May 24th.

Sunday services will be at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Evangelist will be Bro. James Seigler and music from Vessels For Jesus

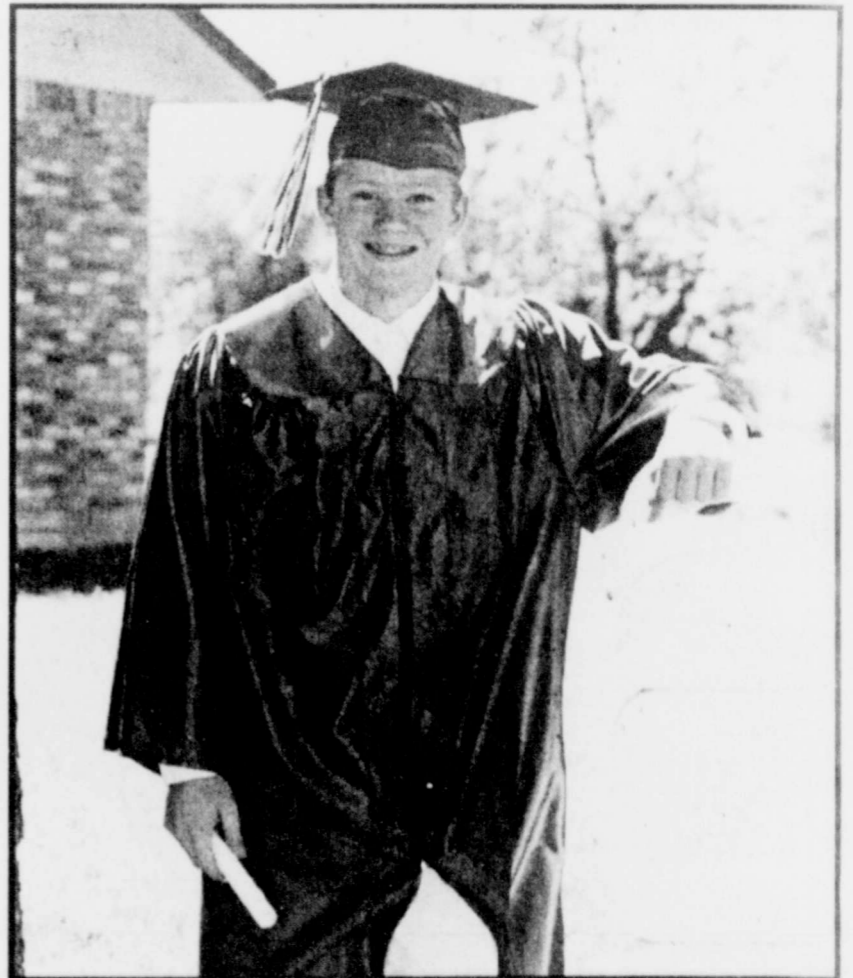
Milton to hold homecoming

The annual Milton Cemetery Homecoming will be held on Sunday, June 4 on the cemetery grounds. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

The Deport School cafeteria has been reserved as an alternate site in case of rain.



Amanda Weddle
Deport Valedictorian



Aron Arrasmith
Deport Salutatorian

Deport to hold cleanup days May 19th & 20th

Deport will be having a clean up day Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20th.

City personnel will be on hand to help citizens of Deport unload heavy objects at the city dumpster on Gray Street on Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Citizens are urged to clean up their

property and take advantage of these clean up days. All a resident of Deport need to do is bring items to discarded to the dumpster.

No batteries, or old tires will be accepted. Airconditioners or refrigerators or freezers must have a certificate of freon removal tag before they can be accepted.

FFA holds annual awards banquet

The Prairiland FFA Chapter held their annual award banquet on Thursday evening, May 11 with a catered dinner from Ernie's Barbecue in Greenville.

The 1999-2000 chapter officers, led by President Renee Moreland, opened the program with the invocation led by Brad Hunt, sentinel. The welcome was given by Heather Anthony, vice president and introducing Susan Combs, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Ashley Doyal, reporter and president Moreland introduced the flag ceremonies. Ms. Anthony introduced guests and then secretary, Amber Norwood and student advisor, Casey Upchurch presented the proficiency awards to members.

Keth Anthony, Chet and Debbie Downs, Michael Fry and Scotty and Treda Norwood were recognized as the 2000 Honorary members. A short video presentation of the overview of the year was given by all officers.

The 1999 officers then installed

the new 2000-2001 officers. They are president-Renee Moreland, vice president-Ashley Doyal, secretary Brad Hunt, Jemilynn McKee-treasurer, reporter-Deann Presley, sentinel-Leslie Davis and student advisor-Jessica Stapleton.

Ms. McKee and Mr. Hunt announced the door prizes to the following people: auto mug-Jerika McKee; insulated thermos-Misty Mabry; horseshoe game-Chance Bankhead; light-Bryan Hatanville; fishing kit-Jeremiah Jones; sausage-Ann Cline; bacon-Kim Stapleton; fajita chicken-LeNita Unruh; turkey-Jonathan Smith; bacon-Debbie Downs; and 2 gallon cooler-Dusty Pegg.

The meeting was then adjourned with the state-bound Talent Team of Amber Norwood and Stony Musgrove giving a short performance.

FFA Advisors are Jeff Ballard, Bryan Moyer and Frankie Norwood.



TOTALLED-This 1995 Plymouth Neon was totaled in an accident that occurred on FM 196 south of Pattonville Saturday morning. Driven by 17 year old Sue Ellen Barnes, the vehicle was struck when it pulled from the Prairiland High School driveway onto FM 196 and was hit by a 2000 Dodge Ram pickup belonging to Brent Bostic, age 19, according to DPS Trooper Tim Ray. Ms. Barnes was taken to a Paris Hospital by ambulance, where she was treated and released. Mr. Bostic did not receive any serious injuries. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Patriot Yearbook to be given out May 19

The Patriot 2000 year book can be picked up at all campuses on Friday, May 19th.

Prairiland installs board members, elects board officers

The Prairiland ISD Board of Trustees administered the oath of office to returning board members Chet Downs, Clyde Bankhead and Dicky Miller at their meeting Tuesday, May 9.

Johnny Paterson was elected as President of the Board of Trustees and Clyde Bankhead as Vice President with Dicky Miller being elected Secretary of the Board.

No action was taken on a resolution with Wallis Falk Facilities.

A drug testing program for all students participating in co-curricular activities and school sponsored

activities was approved.

New summer working hours for 12 new employees were approved. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. until noon on Fridays.

After an executive session the board approved a leave of absence to Bonnie Singleton through the end of May 2000 and accepted a letter of resignation from Bill Scudder.

Routine matters such as approval of the minutes from previous meeting and canvassing of election returns was taken care of.

Homecoming will be July 1

Cunningham Homecoming will be Saturday, July 1 at the Community Center.

A barbecue meal will be served at 6 p.m. at the cost of \$6.00. You may make reservations by sending money to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, TX 75435 or calling 652-6062 or call Pat Norwood at 652-2672.

Please call everyone in your family or friends that might be interested in attending.

Editor's Quotes
Nineteen is failing
preteen times and
succeeding the twentieth.



OUCH-Dr. James Love administers parvo, distemper and rabies vaccines to a dog held by owner Trey Turner. The Deport Ball Association sponsored the vaccination clinic with a free worming to help protect the area's pets and earn some money for the ball league. Over 200 vaccinations were administered in the clinic. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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This week's cooks come to us from the Deport Elementary Kindergarten class of Diane Minter and Traci Freeman.

Each year they surprise their moms on Mother's Day with a cookbook they make at school.

Since they do try to keep it a secret, we like to publish it the week after Mother's Day.

The parents are asked to send a recipe of something their child especially likes them to fix at home and the children are asked at school what their favorite recipe is.

The cookbooks include recipes that were sent by the parents and the child's version of their favorite recipe. The child's recipes include ingredients and preparation steps.

The cookbooks can be enjoyed and at the same time be very useful. They

are also a memorable keepsake that mom can treasure for a long time.

We have chosen a few that can be used as well as a few just for fun! Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

From Mrs. Freeman's class, we offer you:

Breakfast Burritos-Dakota Davidson.

Mashed Potatoes-Lindsey Murdock.

Carrots-Colton Reynolds.

Doughnuts-Katie Morrison.

From Mrs. Minter's class comes:

Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies-Heath Elrod.

Broccoli with Cheese-Sarah Golden.

Hamburgers-Toby Arnold.

Cake-Kate Benfer.

May 18, 2000

Mrs. Freeman & Mrs. Minter's Kindergarteners
Deport campus

Breakfast Burritos
Dakota Davidson

eggs
cheese
ham
tortillas

Get the egg from the store. Put a little bit of flour to make the tortilla. Cook the eggs in a skillet and add ham and cheese. Put some on a flat tortilla and roll up. Cook in the oven for 9 minutes. Take out of the oven and eat it. Drink some Dr. Pepper with it.

Potatoes Mixed with Carrots
Lindsey Murdock

Put the potatoes in the fridge. Take them out and cook them in the oven. Cook the carrots, then put the carrots inside the potatoes. Take them out of the oven and eat it.

Carrots
Colton Reynolds

Go outside and pick some carrots from the garden. Take the carrots inside and wash the dirt off of them. Get a pan and put hot water in it. The put two carrots in at a time until you get them all in. Let them cook for 3-4 minutes. Eat them! I love carrots!

Doughnuts
Katie Morrison

First get the doughnuts. Get some sugar and put it on the doughnuts. Then put the sticky stuff and the frosting. I would heat it up a little. Then drink some chocolate milk and eat the doughnuts.

Iced Tea
Heath Elrod

tea
sugar

Put hot water in a pan and put the tea in it and let it boil. Put it in a jar and pour in sugar.

Brownie's
Sarah Golden

Get chocolate and the box and you bake it and eat it!

Hamburgers
Toby Arnold

bread
pickles
cheese
meat

Cook the bread and put some pickles on it. Then you get the cheese and then put on the meat. I like french fries, but I don't know how to fix them. You just buy the package.

Cake
Kate Benfer

2 eggs
milk
frosting

We get 2 eggs, put a little milk in it and stir it and mom pours it in the thinks to make cake. Then she flattens it ad puts it in the oven and then takes it out and puts frosting on it. That's how she does it!

Clarence Otho Green dies May 12

Clarence Otho Green, age 82 of Clarksville died Friday, May 12 at his residence.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 15 at the Jhntown Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Turpin officiating. Burial was in Albion Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home in Bogata.

Mr. Green was born Febuary 28, 1918 in Durant, OK, the son of Hollister S. and Berdie Buena Gregg Green. He married Nellie Marie McClure on November 20, 1940 in Clarksville. He was a World War II veteran and waws a logger and saw-mill operator.

Surviving are his wife; nine daughters, Dorothy Thornburg, Linda Adams and Barbie Ponz, all of Athens, Helen Seaton of Cookville, Brenda Duffee, Mary Lou Green, Debbie Ozornea, Glenda White and Daphene Espinoza, all of Clarksville; six sons, Elmer Green of Bogata, Ricky Green of Turnertown, Billy Joe, J.C., Glenn and David Green, all of Clarksville; two brothers, Carl Green of Irving and Loyd Ray Green of Oregon; one sister, Willa Mae McAnelly of Jacksonville; forty-four grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Jimmy Leon Marion dies May 13

Jimmy Leon Marion, age 24 of Paris died tragically on Saturday, May 13.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Wood Funeral Homes, Deport.

He was born September 22, 1975 in Athens, a son of Jimmy Loyd Marion and Debbie Payton.

He is survived by his wife, Shawna Marin of Paris; sons, Justin Woods and Christopher Marion; and daughters, Brittany Woods and Taylor Marion, all of Paris; his father, Jimmy Loyd Marion of Athens; his mother, Debbie Carter of Lancaster; three brothers, Terry Allen Payne of Arlington, Mikeal Preston Marion of Big Springs and Christian Davis of Corsicana; and one sister, Leanna Marion of Tyler.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael J. Horton on June 17, 1994 and one sister, Brandy Jo Marion on July 28, 1974.

Margaret Bell dies May 14

Margaret Isabelle Martin Griffin Bell died May 14 in Deer Park.

Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Highland Cemetery in Deport under the direction of Wood Funeral Home. The family will receive friends May 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home, Deport.

She was born December 16, 1913 to W.B. and Stella Latham Copley Martin in the Martin community. She graduated from Deport High School and Paris Junior College with honors, was a member of Theta Kappa.

In 1934 she married Harold V. Griffin. They had two sons, Dr. Harold W. and James Gary (Jimmy) Griffin, who are deceased. She taught school in Lamar County and moved to Dallas where she was employed at East Dallas Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital. She retired in 1983 from Presbyterian Hospital and moved to Deer Park to be with her family.

Surviving are her daughters-in-law, Patti L. Griffin and Debbie Sanders; grandchildren, Kimbra Lynn Marcus, Elyse Griffin Webster, Stacy Lynn, James Harold, Ashli Nicole Griffin, Kandi Griffin Cobb; great-grandchildren, Caitlin and Justin Cobb.

Essie Mae Kerbow dies May 13

Essie Mae Annie Lee Kerbow, age 90, formerly of Fulbright, died at her home in Lewisville on Saturday, May 13.

Services were held Wednesday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fulbright Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Solice officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Kerbow was born in Pattonville on August 21, 1909, the daughter of William Sterling and Queen Victoria Roberts Clarkson. On June 20, 1926 she married Johnnie James Kerbow in Paris. He preceded her in death August 22, 1991. Mrs. Kerbow was a charter member of the Fulbright Baptist Church and had worked a s a baby nurse.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, sons, James Boyd and Katie Kerbow of Lewisville, J.W. (Dub) and Ruth Kerbow of Pine Grove, California; a daughter, Robbie Nell and Lester Fosen of Morris, Illinois; 13 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jewell Kelley, preceded her in death.

Don Nolen dies May 14

Don Nolen, age 73 of Bogata died Sunday, May 14 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18 at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit with interment to follow in Kermit City Cemetery.

Mr. Nolen was born October 18, 1926 in Cunningham, the son of Joseph Floyd and Maudie Lee Cooper Nolen. He married the former Billie Spears on August 30, 1947 in Kermit. He was retired from Bass Enterprises where he worked for over 20 years at a gang pusher in the oil fields.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Nolen of Bogata; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Nolen and his wife, Janice of Smithville; two grandchildren, Marvin Wayne and Cassie Lee Nolen; and three great-grandchildren C.J. Nolen, Patrick Lee Smith and Jacob Andrew Smith. He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers 652-6051

Larann Denison of Rosalie had lunch Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis VanDeaver. Visiting in the afternoon were Mitsie and Michael Pirtle of Paris, Kimberly Pirtle and her friend of Arlington.

Melissa Arriaga took her mother, Betty Rodgers to Sulphur Springs Sunday. Later in the afternoon, Monte and Shelley Rodgers of Tigertown came and they went to Clarksville for supper.

Thursday afternoon, Jimmie King attended an 84 party in the home of Wootie Harville in Bogata.

Dick King of Paris visited his mother, Jimmy King on Saturday. Kay and Dave German of Whitney came Saturday evening and spent the night. They had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Woodland.

Bro. Jerry Smith of Paris held services at the First Baptist Church Sunday while Bro. and Mrs. Larry Solice attended memorial services in Louisiana.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Essie Mae Kerbow who died Saturday. She and her husband, Johnny, were longtime residents of our community. Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Baptist Church here.

Robert Alton Westbrook dies May 10

Robert Alton Westbrook, age 82 of Dallas, formerly of Deport, died in the Veterans Hospital of Dallas on Wednesday, May 10.

Services were held Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wood Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Deport.

He was born in Deport on July 30, 1917, the son of Tom and Kate Thompson Westbrook. In February of 1939, he married the former Ruby Cheatham in Deport. She preceded him in death on September 13, 1994. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ted, Rip and Pete Westbrook.

He is survived by a sister, Willie Mae Spears of Deport; one brother, Austin Westbrook of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Janita Richardson dies May 1

Janita Hughes Richardson, age 72, died May 1 in Austin following a two month battle with cancer.

Graveside services were Saturday, May 6 in Mission Burial Park North in San Antonio.

Janita was born March 9, 1928 to W.T. and Mozelle Russell Hughes. She graduated Valedictorian of her class from Deport High School in 1944. After graduating from Texas State College for Women in 1948, she taught home economics in Junction. Later she taught fifth and sixth grade science and health in Angleton.

She married O.L. Richardson on July 10, 1949. Preceding her in death were her parents, an aunt, a nephew and her youngest son, John.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Richardson, MD, and his wife, Chris of Seattle and Dan Richardson, MD, of Austin; a daughter, Patti Strauch, DVM and husband John Henry of Sonora; four grandchildren, Jon Richardson of Seattle, Jillian and Emma Richardson of Austin and Sheryl Strauch of Sonora; a sister, Suzy Kelsey and her husband, Sam B. Kelsey, DVM of Deport and their children, Connie Dodd and Joe Travis Kelsey; a brother, Gaylon Hughes, DDS and wife Mary of Alvin and their daughters, Leigh and Amy Hughs; an aunt, Annie M. Wright of Cross Plains; several cousins and nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed retirement and time with her grandchildren. The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Opal Euphemia Coffman dies May 12

Opal Euphemia Coffman, age 82 of Mesquite, formerly of Detroit, died May 12 in Mesquite.

Services were held Monday, May 15 at Bluff Cemetery with the Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Coffman was born May 16, 1917 in Idabel, OK, a daughter of Sebum and Minnie Ragland Coffman. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Charles Chester Williams of Plano; a daughter, Marianne Reiter of Mesquite; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial scheduled for Myrtle Thomas

A memorial service was held for Myrtle Thomas on May 15 at the Lone Star Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Clarksville, TX on February 3, 1909 and died December 20, 1998 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

She is survived by daughters Louise Gore of Grand Prairie, Dorothy Borba of Las Vegas; four grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was followed in death by two daughters, Kathryn Brubaker of Hemet, CA, Blanche Childers of the Lone Star Community and a granddaughter, Charlotte Bishop, also of the Lone Star Community.

The Rev. Don Shovan officiated at the service under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Elliott Adam Pogue dies September 14

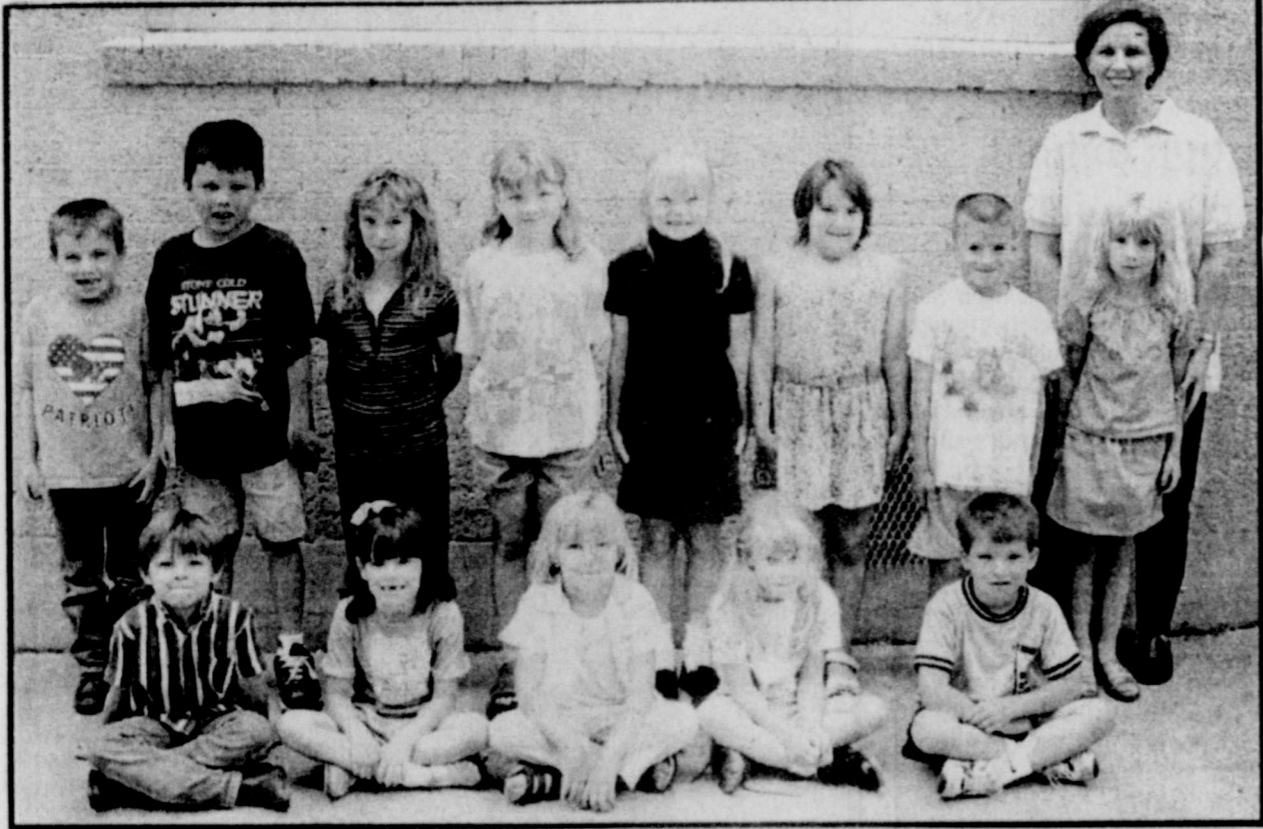
Elliott Adam Pogue died in an auto accident on Sunday, May 14, 2000. He was a resident of Talco.

Mr. Pogue was born September 12, 1974 in Austin, Texas, a son of Vickie Pogue and Jimmy Morgan both of Mt. Pleasant.

Services will be held on thursday, May 18 at the Talco Bethel Church of God in Christ in Talco with Pastor J.E. Smith and Apostle L.K. McGill officiating. Burial will be in Piney Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Pogue was a constuction worker at Wright's S&W Construction in Talco, Texas. He attended Talco Elementary Schools and Rivercrest High School.

He is survived by his mother, Vickie Pogue, his father, Jimmy Morgan, a daughter, Myeshia Pogue of Talco, a borther and sister-in-law, Jason and Krista Pogue of Paris, Texas; his grandmother, Nola Savage of Talco, a niece, Kierra Pogue of Paris, Texas and his special friend, Tawana Sanders.



COOKS OF THE WEEK-Diane Minter's Kindergarten class-Pictured left to right back row is Heath Elrod, Dakota English, Meia Perry, Alecia Bailey, Kaylynn Patterson, Tessa Steffenson, Dylan Hensler, Sarah Golden and Mrs. Minter. Front row is Aaron Sullivan, Kate Benfer, Brittany Hines, Macee Mabry and Keaton Perry. Not pictured is Toby Arnold and Dustin Martin. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



COOKS OF THE WEEK-Traci Freeman's Kindergarten class-Pictured left to right back row is Dustin Womack, Lindsey Murdock, Kastley Greer, Steven Melvin, Kaitlyn Watkins, Dean Smith, Jeremy Helms, Dakota Davidson, Cory Lemmons and Mrs. Freeman. Front row is Maggie Minter, Jacob Harris, Janet Smoot, Magen Bove, Katie Morrison, Caleb Norwood, Brianne Roland and Colton Reynolds. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Mrs. Kent Cooper, the former Joy Norrell

Norrell-Cooper exchange vows

Joy Norrell of Paris and Kent Cooper of Mt. Pleasant were united in marriage on Saturday, May 13 in the First United Methodist Church. Rev. Tim Brown officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was provided by Arvin Sterrett. Vocalists were Mrs. William Deraleau and Jason Frazier.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Waylan Norrell of Deport. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Doug Alsobrook and the late Mr. and Mrs. Don Norrell. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cooper of Mt. Pleasant. He is the grandson of Mrs. Lina Rhea and Mrs. Lurline Johnson, both of Mt. Pleasant.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose for her wedding day, a designer sheath. The sleeveless tank style bodice had a soft square neckline and empire waist trimmed in a braided soutache embroidery. The straight skirt was designed of crepe with a detachable train. The shoulder length tulle veil accented with clusters of rhinestones and pearls completed the ensemble.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Alicia Hutchins of College Station. Katlin Alexander, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Kristi Norrell presided at the register.

Serving the groom as best man was Rusty Jones of Mt. Pleasant. Bryce Cooper, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Serving as ushers were Kyle Cooper, brother of the groom, and Gerald Norrell, brother of the bride.

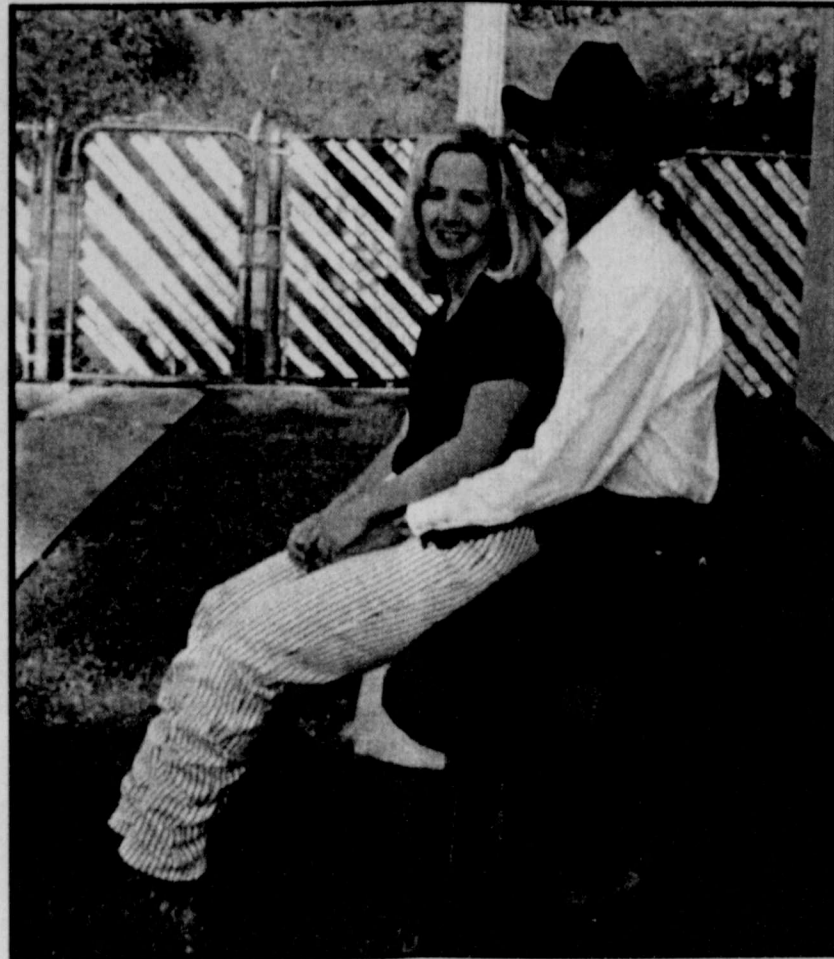
Following the ceremony, reception

Isbell reunion is upcoming

The Isbell family reunion will be held Saturday, May 27 at the Deport American Legion Hall beginning at 9 a.m.

A fee of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children will include meal/door prizes, etc.

Bring your favorite dessert. Make check payable to Virginia Isbell Schell, 6239 Overlook Dr., Dallas, TX 75227, 214-381-4168.



Tanya Marie Currier with fiancé Earl Nathan Hagood

Currier-Hagood to wed

Monica and Maycee Hagood announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their mother, Tanya Marie Currier to Earl Nathan Hagood.

The wedding will be at six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, May 27 at Deshong Chapel in Paris. Freddy Burden will officiate.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mark and Christine Dennis of Deport. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hormann of Ventura, California and Mr. and Mrs.

Alvis Dennis of Sulphur Springs. She is a 1994 graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by Deport Nursing Home in Deport as a dietary technician.

Her fiancé is the son of Earshell and Micki Hagood of Whitesboro. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Felix Joe Hagood of Atlanta. He is employed by Wesco Trucking in Paris as a truck driver.

All family and friends are invited to attend.



RETIRING-After 27 years as a cook at the Blossom School Cafeteria, Laura Miller is retiring. Her children, Treda Norwood, Linda Musgrove and Tony Duncan invite all family and friends to celebrate this joyous occasion with them on Saturday, May 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a come and go event at the Blossom School Cafeteria. No gifts, please. Her children, family and friends wish her a happy retirement.

Couple has help moving to Deport Housing Authority

Winton and Sons moving recently volunteered their services to move senior citizens Mr. and Mrs. ABles to the Deport Housing Authority. Assisting were: Reb Bowers, Department of Human Services case manager; Mr. and Mrs. ABles; Don Hevron, DHLS Community Care Supervisor; Trey Gifford, son of DHS employee Donna Gifford, Winto & Sons Moving owner Lonnie Winton and Brandy Dawes, Winton & Sons Moving employee. Melba Ladd, Executive Director of Deport Housing Authority and Kenny Hamm, DHS case manager.

RRVCA

meeting scheduled

RRVCA will host Dr. Burt Smith at the May 25 meeting. Topic will be low-cost beef cattle management practices and the raising and marketing of grass-fed beef.

RRVCA is an educational marketing, fellowship organization that is dedicated to improving the image, productivity, profitability and marketing attributes of the beef cattle industry in northeast Texas and south-east Oklahoma.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scudder

Retirement party to honor Bill and Sue Scudder

Students, former students and players, friends and family are invited to join Reed, Trey, Kylee Sue, Ryan and Grace at a come and go reception celebrating the retirement of their BallPa and Nana, Bill and Sue Scudder, on Sunday, May 21 from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. at the Paris Golf

and Country Club. The affair is being hosted by their children, Scott and Tracy, Amy and Jason, Jan and Kurt.

Bill and Sue are both employed by Prairiland ISD. Bill has taught and coached for 33 years. Sue has worked in the school system for 21 years.

RRC Genealogical Society meet May 8

Mr. Larry Banks showed slides and talked to the Red River County Genealogical Society at the May 8, 2000 meeting. His informative and interesting talk was about the Caddo Indians and their life style.

Mr. Banks is retired from the U.S. Corp of Engineers as Senior Archeologist. He has been research associate with the Department of Anthropology at the Smithsonian Institute. He has also served as Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas at

Arlington, Southern Methodist University at Dallas and at Wichita State University at Wichita, Kansas. He is currently in private research.

A large crowd was in attendance for this excellent program. The membership is reminded to bring their dues to the June 12 meeting held at the Red River County Library. Guest and visitors are welcome to attend the meetings held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Dragons to have Basketball Camp

A Lady Dragon Basketball Camp for girls will be held at the Paris Junior College Hunt Center from June 12 through June 16.

Camp director and Lady Dragon basketball coach Jeff Jenkins said the camp is for girls ages 10 through 17, or fifth through eleventh grades.

Instruction in all phases of basketball will be taught by Jenkins, assistant coach Mandy Cluley and some Lady Dragon players.

Camp fee is \$60 for the 5-day session, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Campers can register by writing Lady Dragon Basketball, Paris Junior College, 2400 Clarksville St., Paris, TX 75460. Registration will also be available on opening day.

God is really only another artist
He invented the giraffe, the elephant, and the cat. He has no real style. He just keeps on trying other things.
—Pablo Picasso

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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Cunningham Homecoming will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2000 at the Cunningham Community Center. A barbecue meal will be served at 6:00 pm. The meal ticket will be \$6.00. You may make reservations by sending your money to Jane O'Neal at Rt 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, Tx 75435 or calling 903-652-6062 or call Pat Norwood at 903-652-2672.

Joe Howard Bell, a former resident of Cunningham, died in Houston this week. Sympathy is extended to his family.

DeAnna Merrill, daughter of former Life Tabernacle pastor was married Saturday night in Carrollton. Those attending the wedding from here were Geneva Norwood, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Scottie Norwood, Brad Barrentine, Tonya and Harry Crawford. Amber was maid of honor and Caleb was ring bearer, Frankie pronounced a blessing on the couple.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Ray Martin.

Georjeana and Brad Nutt visited Andrea and Craig Slakey in Cooper on Sunday.

L'wanda and Pete McKnight visited Murray Jackson in St. Joseph Hospital and Suzie Norwood in McCuistion then attended the Art Fair on Saturday.

Pat Norwood kept Lacy and Kelby Cole this week end and attended the Art Fair in Paris.

Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole

had Sunday lunch with Pat and James Norwood.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton this past week.

Visiting Darold and Ida Mae Norwood Sunday were Dell, Zack and John Walker, John's friend visited also. John is living in Dallas now.

Murray Jackson is recuperating following bypass surgery this past week. He is reported doing well.

Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant, Stoney and Charity Musgrove spent the weekend with Johnny and Nelta Musgrove. Betty had a booth at the Art Fair in Paris. Zarinska Morton and Marie Watson joined them for lunch.

Stacy and Linda Musgrove went to Chicago this weekend with Alice McPherson from McAlester. Stacy and Linda ministered in music at a church there while Alice was the minister.

Leonard and Billie Ford and Lillian King visited Thomas and Patricia King of Brookston on Saturday and enjoyed a fish fry.

Sunday Billie and Leonard Ford visited Tracy Kendall and children.

Having Sunday lunch with Shelby and Bobby Kennedy were Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy and Jeff, Zack, Taylor and Asa Kennedy. Visiting with them in the afternoon were, Taylor Ladd, Steve and Carolyn Ladd, Melba Baker and Christi and Anna Baker.

Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Karla, Aaron and Kara Palmer, and Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Scout Camp to begin season

The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council will begin the summer program schedule with an open house at Camp Gambill from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

The public is invited to attend and tour the camp and meet program staff.

Outdoor Adventure Camp will be held June 6-8. Other programs in-

clude sports camp, sugar and spice camp and splash splash camp.

Red River Valley Girl Scout Council serves 1,500 girls and 500 adults in Camp, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties and Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma.



HAMBURGER COOKERS-The parents cooked hamburgers at the Hamburger Supper last Tuesday before the Spring Concert held afterwards. Pictured left to right is Ronnie Westbrook, Willie Crossland, Jeff Nichols and Terry Smith. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BAND SUPPER-The Prairiland Band sponsored a hamburger supper before their Spring concert last Tuesday evening. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy hamburgers with all the trimmings before they enjoyed the music from the band this year. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

"Let's Talk About Sex"

to be aired

"Let's Talk About Sex", a project of the SAVE Student Advisory Board, is scheduled to air live on Cox Cable on Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. The 30-minute TV program has a call-in/panel format, including a host, doctor and members of the Project SAVE Student Advisory Board. The "Question Hotline" number is 784-7500.

Hosting the show will be Jonathan Perry, a student at Texas A&M-Commerce. David Carpenter, MD will provide the medical expertise. Nikki Easter and Aaron Barnes, seniors from North Lamar High School will offer student advice to call-in questions as well as those from a studio audience.

The board meets weekly instead of monthly, and is planning to meet throughout the summer months to learn camera, editing and production techniques and film some short dramatizations for airing in the ten-school district area served by Project SAVE. Students interested in serving on the board may call 737-0484 for more information.

Horse theft prevention clinic scheduled

Area horse owners are invited to take part in a theft prevention clinic Wednesday, May 24 from 3 until 7 p.m. in cooperation with the Animal Hospital in Clarksville.

Information will be available to horse owners regarding preventative measures to take to prevent horse thefts. Jerry Dockray of Paris will be

available to freeze brand horses brought to the Animal Hospital at a cost of \$25.00 per horse.

The activity is sponsored by the Rough Riders 4-H Club, Red River County Sheriff's Department, Val Varley and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) hereby publishes notice that on or about March 31, 2000, it filed an application for approval of proposed tariffs that are to be effective on January 1, 2002, for its proposed transmission and distribution utility pursuant to Chapter 39, Subchapter E of the Texas Utilities Code with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (P.U.C.).

The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer. The rates currently paid by the majority of customers will not change as a result of this proceeding prior to January 1, 2002. This proceeding may also establish other nonbypassable fees.

In addition to its application for approval of the above-referenced tariffs, TNMP has requested recovery of estimated stranded costs (\$194.4 million), recovery of expenses incurred in implementing energy efficiency programs in 2000 and 2001, and recovery of expenses incurred in connection with regulatory proceedings involving business separation and transmission and distribution utility tariffs. TNMP has also requested consolidation of the remaining portions of its proposed business separation plan (Docket No. 21955) and such other recovery and approvals as TNMP may show itself to be entitled during the course of this proceeding. As indicated in TNMP's Application, TNMP's requests are subject to possible modification to reflect impacts of various other ongoing regulatory proceedings and supplementation for corrections and to include specific details on performance-based rates.

Affected persons potentially include all customers and classes of customers of TNMP.

On September 1, 1999, amendments to the Texas Utilities Code went into effect which are designed to open the electric industry to competition. To facilitate this transition to competition, the Texas Utilities Code requires that traditional integrated electric utility companies separate their business activities into various component parts. After January 1, 2002, TNMP's current customers will generally receive electricity and bills for electricity from a retail electric provider instead of TNMP.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this matter may contact TNMP through Larry P. Gunderson, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Overton Centre, 4100 International Plaza, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 Phone (817) 731-0099 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the non-confidential portions of TNMP's filing may be viewed at Overton Centre, 4100 International Plaza, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

Persons who wish to participate formally in this proceeding, or wish to express their comments concerning this proceeding, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this proceeding is July 10, 2000. A request to intervene or a request for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) (800) 735-2989.

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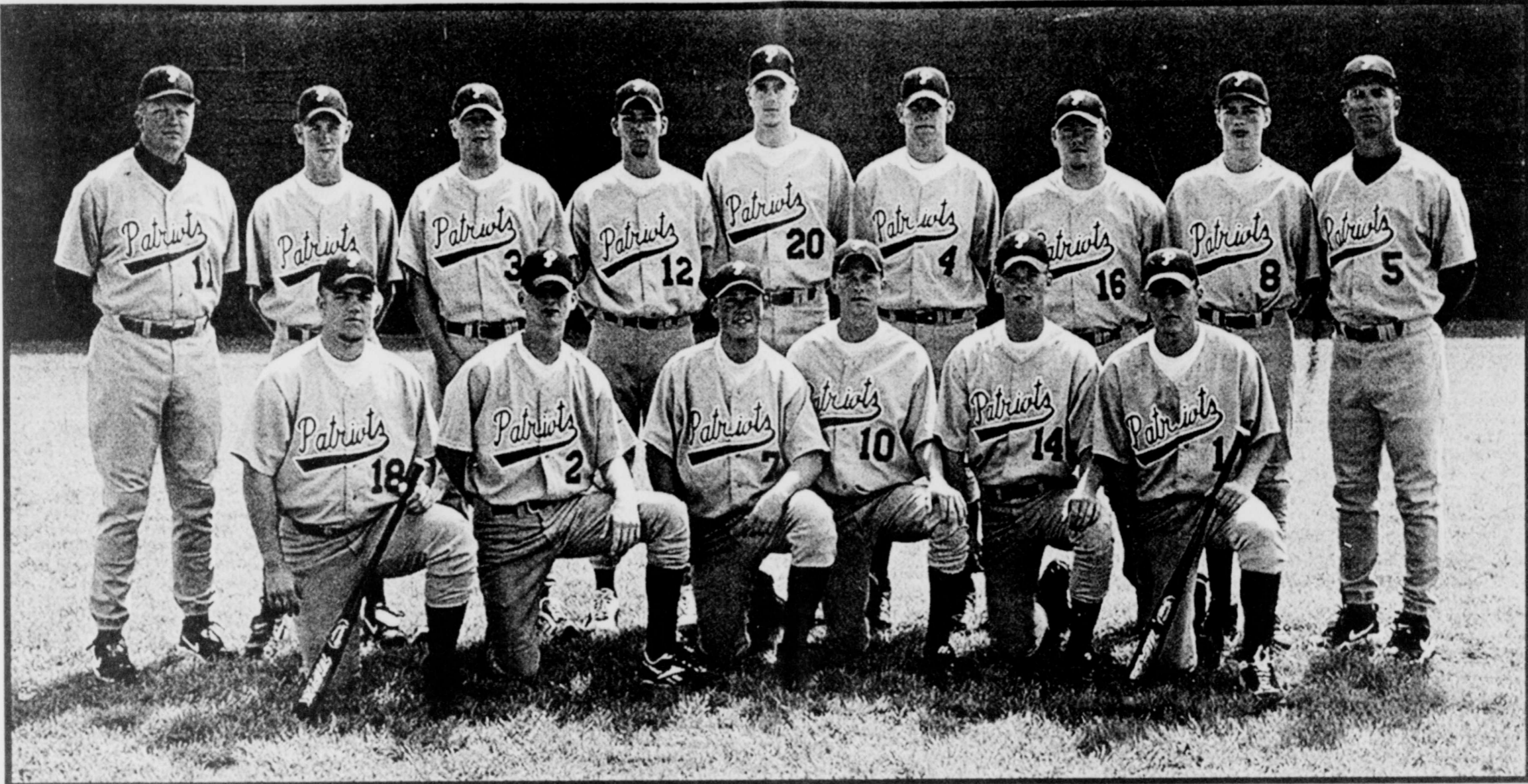
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School Menu

Prairiland All Campus Menu
Week of May 22

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Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Fritos
Chili/cheese
Pinto beans
Salad
Cake
Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast:
Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Meat loaf
Potatoes
Mixed vegetables
Fruit
Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Pizza
Salad
Corn
Fruit
Milk

Thursday
Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Nachos
Salad
Cookie
Milk

Friday
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Deport Nursing
Home News
By Cletta Mathis

Visiting with Loveta McMurray was Jean Williams and Lou Hatfield. Visiting with Milow Hume was Weldon and Joyce Smith. Visiting Harold Norris was Cecil Allen. Visiting with Virginia Bryant was Richard and Sherry. Visiting with David Geer was Cecil Allen. Visiting with Irene Beeler was her son Jon; her sister, Ruth, Jeremy her nephew; Desiree, Cheryl, Terry, Taylor. Visiting T.D. Betterton was Alpha Barnard, Barbara Hollman, Ken Betterton, Ann Lang, Jennifer Lang. Visiting with Angie Smith was Larry and Shirley Haskell. Visiting with Raymond Hignight was Cecil and Margaret Allen, Frances Ray, Keith and Sharon Young, Joe T. and Carter Kelsey. Visiting with Ina Griffin was Anita Roden, P.Gene Roden, Betsy Franklin, Clifford Franklin, Jerry and Pat and Pumpkin. Visiting with Geneva Franklin was Anita and Gene Roden, Betsy Franklin and Clifford Franklin. Visiting Reciee Kelsey and Brodie Bell was Peyton and Betsy Chapman, Joe T. Carter, Kim Kelsey. Visiting with Roy Wells was Ken and Glenn Wells, Mary Ann, Linda

Kay. Visiting with Ina Hedrick was Norma, Doris, Florence, laVern, Donald. Visiting with Pat Hollje was her son, Keith. Visiting with Sara Gilmer was Dewey and Marline, Weldon and Joyce Smith and Suzann. Visiting with Nora Barnett was Rita Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson and Katy Ramsey. Visiting with Bonnie Brown was her sister, Opal Benedick. Visiting with Ann Austin was Gary and Nina. Visiting Lillie Dunnam was Glenna, Laney, Lexie Jackson, Royce and Nona Johnson, Duke and Beverly Lane. Visiting with Mamie Fletcher was Lila Screws, Kara Screws, Jemilyn McKee, Jimmy Fletcher, Dennis Fletcher, Glenda King. Visiting with Homer and Melva Sisson was Pat Townes, Kelly Coker, Danny, Donna and Dane Taylor, Pete and Betty Sisson. Visiting with Johnnie Warren was Richard and Andra Dixon, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Phillip and Joyce Love, Lucy Fowler, Lila and Hali Screws, Evelyn Roach, Joann Henson, Daisy Barnett Jerry Dudley and baby, Dick and Glenda Deaton.

Red River Valley Dixie Boys Association

The Red River Valley Dixie Boys Baseball Association has clarified some rules in the local league play. There had been some question in the 9 & 10 year old age group as to whether runs scored after the 7 run limit were to be counted. The board ruled they do not. All scoring stops and positions change when a team scores 7 runs. Also discussed and clarified was when a team with only 10 players loses players due to uncontrollable circumstances such as accident, moving, surgery etc., that team may pick

up players in their age group to keep the team from folding. But, the players who replace those lost will not be eligible for All Star play and can only be added if it means the team would fold. This rule was clarified due to the Talco team who had only 10 players and lost one to injuries received in a car accident and the other to unexpected surgery. The Red River Valley Boys Board is made up of President, Victor Wells and a representative from Talco, Bogata and Detroit.

To the editor:

It is my understanding that if Cap Rock Electric, the Lamar Electric Co-op Board of Directors, and the management of Lamar Electric can successfully sell or merge LEC, then not only will the LEC board of directors get almost \$80,000.00 to walk away, but also that LEC members will no longer have an annual meeting.

I believe that after the conversion to a stock company there will then be shareholders meetings, which will differ from the traditional annual meetings, in that they will be strictly business meetings, the purpose of the meeting should then be to report to members the progress, if any, of the corporation as a public stock company. LEC members would lose most of the rights they now enjoy as a co-op.

Can this be the reason that the LEC Board of Directors are violating the by-laws of the Co-op, which states that an "annual meeting of the members shall be held between April and August 1 of each year, beginning with the year 1978"? For a candidates name to appear on the official ballot for a position as a director of the co-pop, his or her name must be on the ballot not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days before the date of the annual meeting. Notification of the filing dates shall be by mail or by publication in Co-op Power at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting.

Ninety days before August 1 has already passed, and yet the Board has failed to notify its members of an annual meeting. Has the LEC Board of Directors decided to ignore the by-laws, and not have an annual meeting? Does the Board fear they might possibly lose about \$80,000.00 if they held an annual meeting?

For information on the web, go to <http://lamarlec.tripod.com>.
Bill Ross
Paris, TX

No easy problems ever come to the president of the United States. If they are easy to solve, somebody else has solved them.
—Dwight D. Eisenhower

Pattonville
News

By Peggy Parsons



Birthday wishes to Mitchell Winters, Billie Penn, Tim Davis, Ella Bristow and Virginia Reed.

Happy anniversary to Jesse and Frances Anderson and Rod and Lisa Sims.

About 35 attended a fish fry at the Pattonville Baptist Church Saturday night.

Ruby D. Blevins and Sandy Ring were Monday visitors of Glen and Dorothy Renfro in Deport.

Ruby D. Blevins visited her sister, Jessie Newsom in Paris Thursday. Alice Ruth Gravatt of Reno visited Ruby D. that afternoon.

Some of the ladies in the community are meeting at the Pattonville Community Center on Thursday nights to work on crafts for the Christmas bazaar.

Leah Boren attended a swimming party Saturday hosted by Amber Sugg at her home in Clardy.

Edd Ring took Sandy, Ashleigh and Heather out to lunch in Paris Sunday.

Many families attended the hamburger supper and band concert at Prairiland Tuesday night, the FFA banquet Thursday night or the sports banquet on Friday.

Ruby Shreve of Las Vegas, Lois Kennett of Cooper, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks and Elois Sparks of Deport were Thursday supper guests of Keith and Peggy Parsons.

Regan Barham of Paris High School was honored as a Junior BPW representative recently by the Paris BPW Club. She is the daughter of Jimmy and LaFawn Barham of Paris and granddaughter of Larry and Edith Woodall of Clardy.

Ruby D. Blevins was a Saturday visitor of Debra Odell in our community.

Grady and Carol Reid of Fayetteville, AR visited Jesse and Frances Anderson over the weekend. They celebrated Mother's Day and Jesse's birthday and Jesse and Frances' anniversary with lunch at Furr's on Monday. Other visitors included Cecil Allen of Lamar Point, Marilyn

Bolton, Gladys Woodson and Lorraine Reid of Paris.

Carol Ann Reid was honored recently by her employer at Harp's Grocery Chain in Fayetteville for being named "Employee of the Year". She was presented a plaque.

Saturday visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons were Virginia Kirkland, Ruth Murrell, Elois Sparks, Ina Sparks and Nina Sparks of Deport.

Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah ate Mother's Day dinner with Keith and Peggy Parsons.

Belinda, Bill Dickey, Brian, Darrell Lynn and Katherine Johnson, Glenn Maddox, all of Sulphur Springs and Travis and Christian Hunter of Pattonville were guests of John and Claudia Whitney last weekend. Joining them for supper were Debbie Currin and Tanya, Jeremy and Dani Hunter. Belinda and Bill spent the night and went to church with the Whitneys where Belinda sang a song.

Debbie Currin and Tonya Hunter and children went to Bonham Trad Days.

Jeremy Huhnter spent Thursday through Saturday in Greenville to visit his grandparents, Bob and Billy Hunter.

Travis, Christian and Dani Hunter went to Greenville Saturday to visit his parents, Bob and Billy Hunter and to pick up Jeremy.

Debbie Currin took Tonya, Hunter and John and Claudia Whitney to eat on Saturday night in honor of Mother's Day.

Sunday Debbie Currin and Travis and Tonya Hunter and children enjoyed a Mothers' Day supper with John and Claudia Whitney.

Saturday John and Claudia Whitney went to Linda and Jim Ferguson's of Bogata for a Mother's Day Brunch. Attending were Barbara and Charlie Smith of Bogata, Maurine Womack of Reno, Tammie Lawrence and daughter Kristi of Paris, John and Claudia Whitney, Brittany Martinez and children of Dallas and Susie Ferguson of Bogata.



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PAPERWORK-members of the Deport Ball Association, plus Cheryl Love and other volunteers were busy at the vaccination clinic held at the Deport Ball park Saturday afternoon. Over 200 vaccinations were administered during the clinic by Dr. James Love. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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PRAIRILAND SENIOR CLASS FAVORITES-pictured left to right is Justin Brewer-class favorite; Susan Singleton Jones-Most Beautiful, Friendliest Girl, class favorite, August Student of the Month and Miss PHS; Laura Oliver-class favorite; Melissa Burden-class favorite; Ashley Rhodes-class favorite; Brad Barrentine-class favorite; and center is Joel Hudson-class favorite. Not pictured is Michael Kincaid-Most Handsome and class favorite; Daniel Hancock-Friendliest; Lisa Corso-Most Studious, Most Likely to Succeed; Nik Clarkson-Most Studious and Most Likely to Succeed. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND SENIOR OFFICERS-Susan Singleton Jones, Ashley Rhodes, Amber Norwood and Melissa Burden. Not pictured is Lisa Corso and Billy Springer. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Not many sounds in life, and I include all urban and all rural sounds, exceed in interest a knock at the door.
—Charles Lamb



Prairiland I.S.D.
May, 2000

- 8 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 High School National Honors Society Induction, 6 p.m.
- 9 School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 11 Blossom Testing for 2000-2001 Kindergarten classes
- Deport Awards Assemblies K-5, 9 a.m.; 6-8, 2:30 p.m.
- Agriculture banquet, 7 p.m.
- 12 Band competition in San Antonio, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- 12 High School Sports Banquet, 8 p.m.
- 15 Spring ARD's through 18th
- Kindergarten testing through 17th
- End of Course Exams through 18th
- 17 Blossom Awards Assembly Grades 1-2, 9 a.m.
- 18 Blossom Awards Assembly Grades 3-4, 9 a.m.
- 19 Blossom Kindergarten Graduation, 9 a.m.
- Career Cay for Blossom 8th Graders
- High School Awards Assembly, 9:50-10:50 a.m.
- High School Yearbook Assembly, 2:15 p.m.
- 22 Blossom Awards Assembly for Grades 5-6, 9 a.m.
- Semester Exams
- 23 Blossom Awards Assembly of Grades 7-8, 9 a.m.
- Semester Exams
- 24 Semester Exams
- Dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
- 25 Dismiss at 1:30
- Junior High Graduation at Prairiland, 7 p.m.
- 26 Teacher Workday
- High school Graduation, 8 p.m.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Jeff Jones, Jennifer Dillard, Billie Snow, Lorene Ramsey, Ozella Prince, Christopher Pippen, Codie Kohler, Reggie McDowra, Arturo Peralta, Shane Crites, Wyatt Vickers, Erik Roddy, Jeania Jackson, Alyssa Pitcock, Stormi Ray, Austin Miller, Jimmy Smith, Jason Davidson.

Nancy and George Wood Jr. of Sherman visited with Pam and George Wood and Amanda on Sunday.

Ruth Booth is at home and reported doing better after her trip to Dallas last week.

We are happy to report that Buford Cleveland was released from the hospital last week and is doing better.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland enjoyed phone visits from Ronnie and Linda Cleveland of Shawnee, Brett and Christian Cleveland of Wichita, Kansas, Paul and Cassie Cleveland of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Davy Cleveland also of Shawnee.

Buford Cleveland treated Virginia Cleveland to a meal at Applebee's on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Jim Irwin spent Sunday in Hartshorne, Oklahoma visiting his mother and dad, Aurby and Verna Irwin.

Visiting with Bessie Garrett and

enjoying a meal at Sirloin Stockade in Paris on Sunday was Jerry and Patty Garrett of Lake Tawokani, Kim and Clay Redditt of Arlington, Paul and Sue Garrett, Curtis and Christy and Landon Garrett, Chad and Jamilyn Garrett and Edna Cunningham all of Paris.

Hettie Mae Bailey celebrated her 90th birthday at the Nazarene Church Sunday afternoon with friends and relatives.

Phyllis and Melvin Bryan of Hawkins visited with Melvin's mother Bonnie Bryan over the holiday.

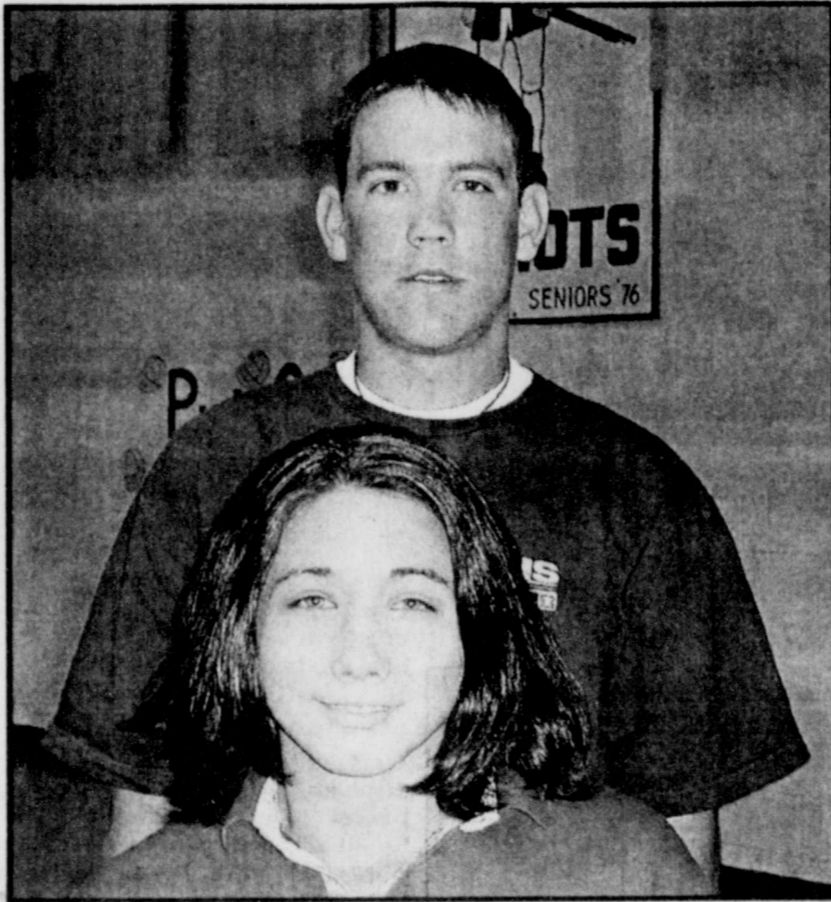
Larissa and Dennis Neel and Blake of Commerce, Melitta May, James, Phyllis and Rachel Finch of Tyler all enjoyed Mother's Day with Myrtle Chumbley.

Visiting with Mrs. Hollis Mathena over Mother's Day was Sandra Adams of Garland, Jim Massey of Denison and Roy and Roxie Massey of the city.

Myrtle Chumbley ate supper with Cory and Autumn May over the weekend along with Larry and Stacy Young, Rev. Tim and Mildred Young of Powderly.

Debbie and Gary Miller, April and Jessica of Whitesboro visited with Joyce Miller over the weekend.

Myrtle Chumbley visited with her sister-in-law Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home last week.



2000 PRAIRILAND'S BEST ALL-AROUND is Heath Sessums and Melissa Steinkamp. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Book donations made to Prairiland Library

The Prairiland High School Library has received the following books through donations:

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul III and *More Diabetic Meals in 30 Minutes or Less!* in memory of Richard Neal Chapman from Pattonville Baptist Church.

Texas Highways from Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ladd.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul from Cooper Student Council.

Chicken Soup for the College Soul and *Chicken Soup for the Unsinkable Soul* in memory of Bill Powers from Pattonville Baptist Church.

Assassins in memory of Doug Alsbrook from Denis and Joyce Frank.

The Postcard and JFK, Jr. in memory of Doug Alsbrook from Jason and Alicia Hutchins.

In a Class by Itself in memory of Hollis Towers from the Pattonville Baptist Church.

Chicken Soup for the Single's Soul and *Crossroads* in memory of Alice Bumgarner from Pattonville Baptist Church.

Bird Watching: *Larry Bird on*

Playing and Coaching the Game I Love in memory of Dave Martin from Rick and Sharon Connot.

Simon and Schuster's Guide to Rocks and Minerals in memory of William Geer from Pattonville Baptist Church.

The Brethren in memory of William Geer from T.J. and Margaret Fowler.

The Oath in memory of William Geer from Barbara McDowra.

Card Games for Dummies in memory of William Geer from Dick and Yvonne Gray.

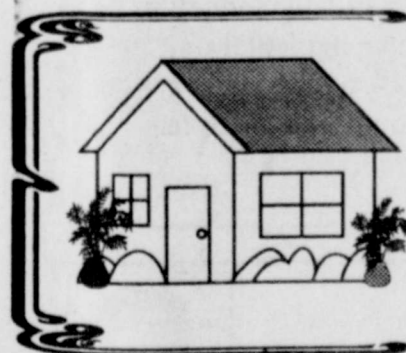
Soul Harvest donated by Mona Childers.

Remember When donated by Laurie Cathy.

Schroeder's Antique Price Guide in memory of Elaine Elizabeth Bratcher from Billy and Frankye Sessums.

Chicken Soup for the Christian Family Soul in memory of JoNell Salter from Dick and Yvonne Gray.

Aquarium Fish in memory of Floyd Andrew Antwine from Jerry and Dorothy Richey.



Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The East Post Oak MBC honored their mothers on Sunday. Mothers with the most children was Nancy Smith; youngest mother was Lee Ann Decker; oldest mother Hazel Cleveland and still adult SS class teacher; preacher's wives, Holly Blackmon, Janis Reynolds, Sue Ingram and Yvonne McNabb.

The monthly meeting of the Red River-Bowie Baptist Association preacher and wives fellowship met here at East Post Oak BC Fellowship Hall Monday night, May 8. There was 16 preachers and wives and 2 children present. They are discontinuing the meetings until September.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth came Tuesday, May 9 and visited his mother Rhoda Lee in the Paris Nursing Home. Wilbourne and Geneva Lee and Billie Ruth and Alvis Bates met them there and after visiting went out to eat before returning home.

Juanita Wathen of California is here for a two-week visit with her mother Hazel Cleveland and sister Fran Seay. She attended church with them.

Donna Johnigan and two sons of Waco spent Mother's Day weekend with her parents Don and Phyllis Vaughn and attended church with them.

Mickie Freelan had all her children and several of her grandchildren visit her Sunday and all attended church with her at Post Oak except Linda Mitchell who had to return home to Ft. Worth early. Her grandson Dylan Henry has been diagnosed with lung and kidney cancer and will be taking chemo treatments in Dallas for 2 years.

There will be a wedding shower for Andrea Ingram here at the fellowship hall Saturday afternoon followed by a church fellowship. She and Josh Uhl, Janis Reynolds grandson will be married here in June.

Bonnie Flatt went with her son, Ted and Sandra Flatt and son Sunday to the home of Sandra's parents John and Jane Mullins for their Mother's Day dinner.

It was reported last week that Susan Ingram's brother in Oklahoma had cancer, but it is not cancer but another terminal disease.



Charles Lindbergh was not the first man to fly across the Atlantic. He was the 67th. He was the first, however, to make the flight alone.



SIMPLE MESSAGES...

A good tornado safety rule of thumb is simple, go low, get low. That means go to the lowest level of the structure you are in, crouch in a low position, cover and protect your head.

This applies whether people are indoors or outdoors.

Mobile homes, cars or just outside are all dangerous places to be during a tornado. Try to get to a sturdy building for shelter. If there are no safe structures near, lie flat in a low area with your hands covering the back of your head.

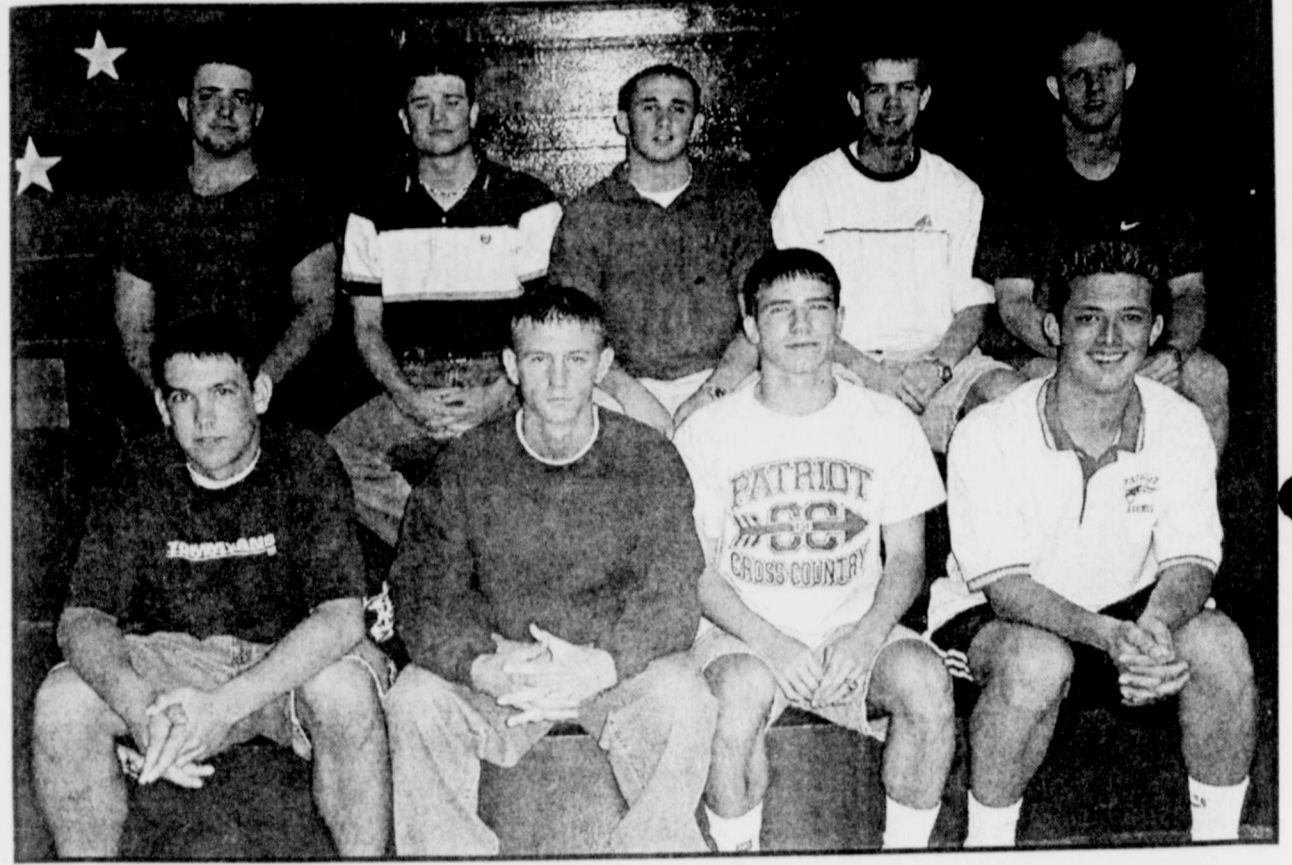
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PRAIRILAND FFA AWARD WINNERS-Pictured left to right is Leslie Davis-Star Greenhand; Holley Allen-Star Chapter Farmer; and Deann Presley-Star Lonestar Farmer. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND BOYS SPORTS AWARDS-Back row is Tom Bramlett; Leslie Mullins-Fighting Patriot; Brad Barrentine-Offensive Player of the Year; Joel Hudson-Patriot Award; and Cody Boehler-Defensive Player of the Year. Front row is Heath Sessums-Best All-Around; Eddy Hizer-Tennis Co-MVP; Michael Flatt-Tennis Most Improved, Cross Country MVP and Co-MVP Track; Matt Moffitt-Co-MVP Tennis. Not Pictured is Kevin Farrow-Defensive MVP; Billy Springer-Offensive MVP and Co-MVP Golf; Lucas Roddy-Co-MVPT Track and Basketball MVP; and Michael Kincaid-Co-MVP Golf.



1999-2000 PRAIRILAND FFA outgoing officers-Heather Anthony-vic president, Amber Norwood-secretary, Jemilynn McKee-treasurer, Ashley Doyal-reporter, Brad Hunt-sentinel and Casey Upchurch student advisor. Pictured center is Renee Moreland-president. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND GIRLS SPORTS AWARDS-Felicia Taylor-MVP Volleyball; Crystal Davis-Co-MVP Basketball; Kami Hudson-Co-MVP Basketball and MVP Field Events Track; Lacy Beaty-Cross Country Co-MVP and Most Improved Basketball; Sue Ellen Barnes-Track MVP; Megan Graham-Spiker Volleyball Co-MVP; Amber Norwood-Best Setter Basketball; Susan Singleton-Jessie Spiker Volleyball and MVP Golf. Back row is Jordan Hunold-Offensive MVP Basketball; Melissa Steinkamp-Best All-Around, Best Server Volleyball, Softball Leadership; and Defensive MVP Basketball; Leslie Davis Softball Co-Most Track; Kara Screws-Softball Defensive MVP; and Kara Shores-Track Running MVP. Not pictured is Jennifer Glasgow-Tennis Most Improved; Candace Yaross-Softball Co-MVP; Amy Hicks-Softball Offensive and Co-Most Improved Softball. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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'98 Toyota Camry 6470A \$12,995	'97 Chevy Venture #7452A Nice \$13,798	'97 Geo Metro 7450A Auto, Low Miles \$5,278	'97 Buick Century #6984A Reduced \$12,189	'97 Toyota Tercel #6583B Price Slashed \$6,899
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'97 Ford Reg Cab #7411B Nice Truck \$10,543	'97 Dodge Neon P984A Automatic \$6,143	'96 Dodge Truck 1500 Stk #7370A Nice \$12,599	'96 Dodge Avenger Nice Car, #P1021B \$8,696	'96 Ford T-Bird Stk #7125A, Loaded \$9,099
'96 Chevy Cavalier P947A, Auto \$6,169	'96 Chevy Lumina V6 Auto, #7218A \$6,759	'96 Dodge Grand Caravan #6824A, Grocery Grabber \$9,699	'96 Chevy 1500 Ex-Cab 7529A2 \$14,995	'95 Chevy 3500 7476A Dooley \$15,743



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS-Devon Mason, J.C. Penney store manager and Kristi Norrell of the Cancer Education and Prevention Project at McCuiston Regional Medical Center display women's silk scarves designed to promote breast cancer awareness. A portion of the sales of each scarf will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation from which McCuiston receives a grant to provide free mammograms and breast diagnostics for uninsured women.



McCUISTON REGIONAL Medical Center's Environmental Services staff Janet Bills, left and Donna Robinson collect recycled paper, aluminum cans and plastics from Susan Bellene, RN at McCuiston's Wound Care Center. Bellene and other departmental staff contribute to the success of the hospital's recycling program.

Wanted, Cooks!
 Liz Irwin, our cooking columnist, needs cooks to interview anywhere in this area. Please call her at 903-982-5829, or the Bogata News at 632-5322 or Deport Times at 652-4205 or Talco Times at 379-4445 and tell us about a good or unusual cook of any age that you would like to see featured.

FOOT NOTES

ACHILLES TENDINITIS
 The Achilles tendon connects the two major calf muscles to the back of the heel bone. Achilles tendinitis occurs when this tendon becomes inflamed, usually due to excess stress. Over time, the inflammation can produce a layer of scar tissue that is less flexible than the tendon. If an inflamed Achilles continues to be stressed, it can tear or rupture. People with Achilles tendinitis feel a dull or sharp pain along the tendon, usually close to the heel. They have limited ankle flexibility and redness or heat in the area. Sometimes an accumulation of scar tissue, in the form of a nodule, can be felt. A cracking sound, the scar tissue rubbing the tendon, often occurs when the ankle moves. If you are the victim of Achilles tendinitis, you don't have to let foot pain slow you down. The relief you are seeking is available here at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC. Our facility at 3605 N.E. Loop 286 in Paris is fully equipped and our staff particularly skilled in helping with all kinds of foot conditions, including tendon and muscle pain, bunions, corns, calluses, nail problems, warts, heel pain, sports injuries, hammer-toes, diabetic feet and hereditary problems. For an appointment for foot care for adults and children, please call 784-5585.

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**Deport Housing
Authority News**



call Melba Ladd

Ruth Gray and Chloe Byrd visited Vertie Betterton and Henrietta Burn of DeKalb last week.

Billie Francies was honored with a trip to Beaver's Bend for a picnic on Mother's Day by her daughters, Linda Gray of Bogata, Kathy Tippit of DeKalb and Ty Figueroa of Deport, Monica Figueroa of Roxton and Sharon and Crystal Francis of Deport.

Jimmy and Raelene Isbell, David and Denise visited Gordon and Vivian Isbell on Sunday.

Happy birthday to Kevin Read, Ruth Whittle, Skylar Nichols, Glen Clayton, Jon Brady Campbell, Dylan Cathey, Mitchell Winters, Pat Najaro, Chance Whitney, Sam Campbell, Casendra LaRue, Cynthia Robinson, Evelyn Webster Nixon, E.N. Frazier, Billie Penn, Angie Dawson, Martha Castlebury, Maud Webb, Ginger Foster, Lynlee Kopriva, Bonnie Brown, Denise Brooks, Duwayne Ham, Roy Castlebury.

Happy anniversary to Elaine and Larry Milam, Trina and Paul Ray Keys, Jill and Wayne Couch, Frances and Jesse Anderson.

On hand to celebrate Mothers Day with Alpha Barnard at her home were Elнора and Jim Bill Ratliff of Paris, Dan and Mary Barnard of Deport, Jack Barnard of Mt. Pleasant, Ann and Jennifer Logan of Lewisville.

Lou Ann Sparks of Plano was a visitor Sunday of her parents, J.A. and Juanita Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nicholas of Mansfield spent last weekend with his mother, Eulene Nicholas.

Mavis Sowards has been attending her sister, Clarice Vaughn, who is in therapy at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital.

Sue Gast of Pagosa Springs, CO and Jo An Haney of Wake Village spent part of last week in Deport with their mother, Estelle Cheshire. Other visitors were David and Denise Harbison of Blossom, Ruth Skaggs and Marilyn Glover of Deport and Canard Norwood of Cunningham.

Margaret Parks visited her daughter, Sandra Gifford in Paris Sunday, who is recuperating from surgery.

Sharing Mothers Day with Rena Good were Tommy, Tim and Steven Good, Brandi Stripland of Paris and Duane and Tammy Sandlin of Reno and Denise and Laura Brook of Deport.

Spending the day with Thelma Shelby Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Garland, Mrs. Tom Huntington of Leonard, Aaron Daugherty of Pottsboro, Mr. and Mrs. James Dardy and Andrew of Greenville.

Jane and Buddy Berry and daughter Michelle of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with Ruth Cheatham and attended church with her Sunday.

Marijo and Shelby Bono spent Mothers Day with Virginia Kirkland.

Reba Temple and Bobbye Bailey spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Temple in Dallas. On Saturday they attended a bridal shower in the home of Karen Robertson in Lewisville, in honor of Nicole Temple, bride-elect of Ashley Watkins. The couple will be married June 10 in Maui, Hawaii.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols had Donny and Dawne Darden as dinner guests over the weekend.

McCustion awards employees

Sixty-six employees of McCustion Regional Medical Center were honored last week with over 700 years of collective service to the hospital's patients.

Recognized for 35 years of service was Olla Mooney. Honored for 25 years were Jane Davenport, Lula Garvin, Peggy Kerley, Betty Malone, Jerry Mayes, Judy Parks.

Twenty year employees were Gail Chiles, Matilda Darnell, Charlene Dirks, Melvie Frazier, Fay O'Neal and Brinda Poteet, Mary Scroggins and Marilyn Smith.

Honored for 15 years were Sheri Ashford, Darla Barnett, Marilyn Crawford, Shirley Lancaster and Connie Murchison.

Recognized for ten years of service were Ollie Alexander, Tommy Bowman, Pam Cooper, Doris

The monthly luncheon was held Wednesday, May 10 in the community room at the Glover Units. Juavane Carpenter from the Housing Office answered questions and reminded tenants of the upcoming questionnaires that could be mailed to them from HUD annually, addressing tenant satisfaction with living in public housing. The meeting is open to all tenants. Those attending this date were Beulah Shipp, Frances Franklin, Eunice L. Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Venice Bryson, Betty Andrews, Maud Webb, Phyllis Gifford and Juavane Carpenter.

On May 11, Melba with Juavane Carpenter from Deport, Dot Bailey from Blossom Housing and Donna Rozell from Bogata Housing attended a luncheon in DeKalb to honor Jane Forrester, who was retiring as Executive Director at New Boston Housing for the past 19 years.

Our prayers are with the Ada Mae Betterton family, who died last week. She and her husband, Tilden, were in the process of moving to the nursing home. His health has stabilized since he has been in the nursing home.

Kathryn Green will be moving closer to her son in Florida and will leave at the end of the month and Lucille Morgan is reportedly improving and hopes to return home soon.

Our prayers are with Willie Mae Speir at the loss of her brother, Robert Westbrook.

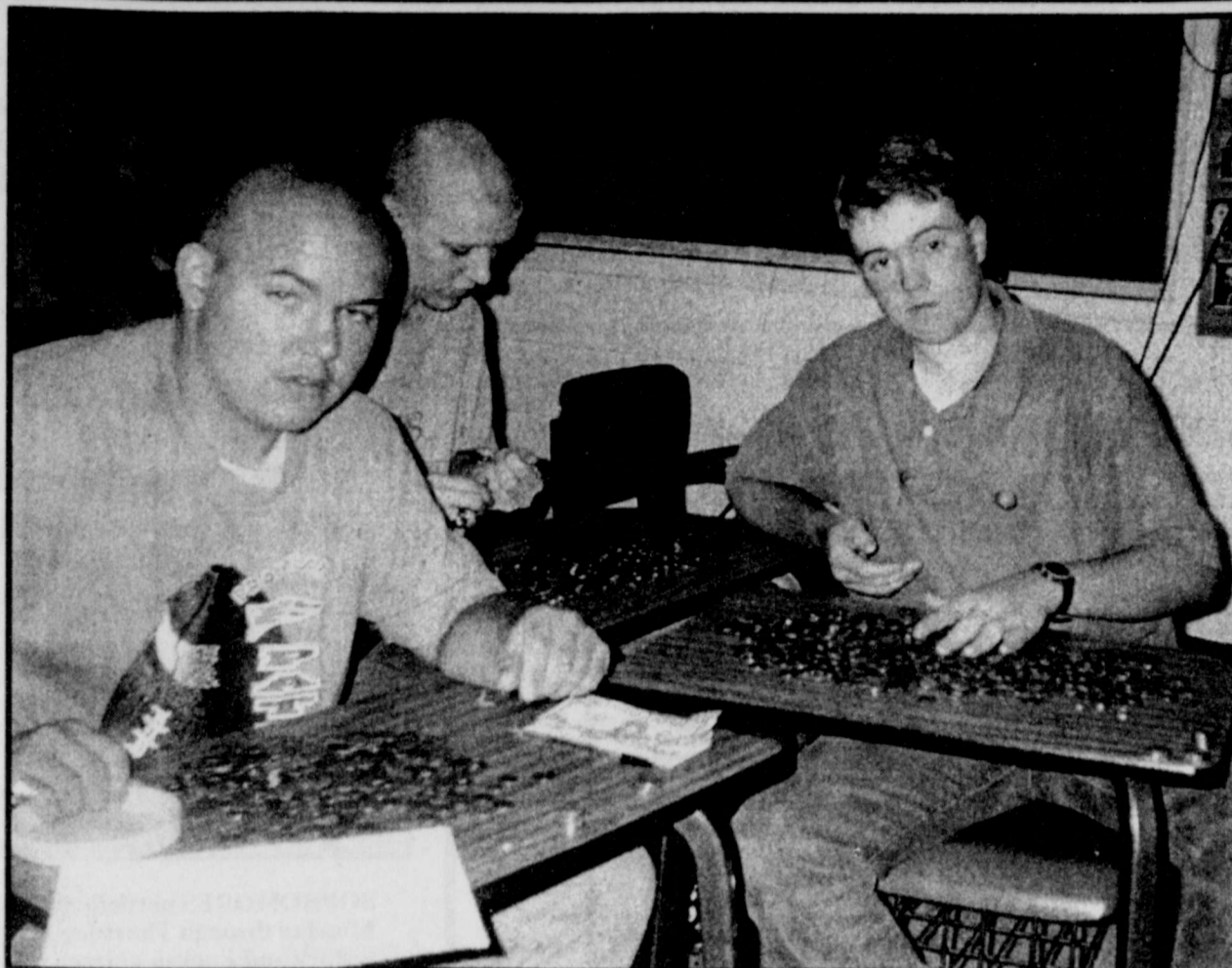
Winton & Sons Moving recently volunteered their services to move senior citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Ables to the Deport Housing Authority. Those helping were Reb Bowers, Department of Human Services case manager, Mr. and Mrs. Ables and Don Hevron, DHS Community Care Supervisor, Trey Gifford, son of DHS employee Donna Gifford, Winton & Sons moving owner Lonnie Winton and Brandy Dawes, Winton & Son employee, along with Melba Ladd, Executive Director of Deport Housing Authority and Kenny Hamm, DHS case manager.

Elmore, Noreen Foster, Beverly Roddy, Tena McCoo, Donna Sikes, Michael Murphy and Vickie Whitted.

Five year pins were awarded to Beth Adams, Ann Foster, Jerry Allen, Kelly Anderson, Julann Boatner, Deana Boyd, Linda Bryant, Nancy Corcimiglia, Pete Dalrymple, Unika Ellis, Khristi Fussell, Katherine Hargis, Aaron Howington, Gwendolyn Robinson, Ronald Willison and Carolyn Jackson.

Other five year employees honored were Amy Knowles, Pam Maroney, Lyndell McFadden, Kimberly Miller, Graham Pitcock, Peyton Spangler, Becky Norment, Nancy Oates, Ramona Perry, Mearlene Washington, Miralda Pollard, Ercell Roden, Teresa Sansing, Rebecca Teubner, Nighat Uddin, Lorrie Webster and Doris Williams.

The banquet culminated a week of special activities honoring McCustion employees for their commitment to the hospital's mission of improving the health of the people in the communities they serve.



PRAIRILAND DRILL TEAM MONEY is being counted by seniors Kevin Farrow, Cody Boehler and Chance Whitney. The drive was held recently with Ms. Tyson's 1st period class winning with a total of \$70. Each 1st period class was invited to compete and the winning class won a "doughnut" party. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Thought is the labor of the intellect, reverie is its pleasure.

—Victor Hugo

Cemetery donations received

The following donations have been received for area cemeteries April 11 through April 24:

Highland Cemetery: From Nona F. Overbey, Ruth Skaggs, LaVerta Westbrook, K.W. and Betty Bryson.

In memory of Goldie and Doug Alsobrook from Patsy Norrell.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks from Judy Ellington and Peggy Parsons.

In memory of Warrent and Christopher Ripley, Vol and Kate Dugger and Dave and Ruth Ramsey from Jacqueline Amacker.

In memory of Edith and Raymond Crawford from Hud and Sybil Hanson.

In memory of Joe Al Singleton from Mavis Sowards, Melba and Carlos Ladd, Thelma Warren.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: From Lala B. Pomroy.

In memory of Pomroy family from Bobby and Judy Pomroy.

Old Deport Cemetery: From Nona F. Oberbey, K.W. and Betty Bryson.

In memory of Joe Al Singleton from the Kenneth Gifford Family.



LEADERSHIP Conference—a number of local people attended the Texas Retired Teachers Association District VIII Spring Leadership Conference in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, May 2nd. Back row, from left are: Wayne Beard, Dr. Myron Koehler, TRTA President, Dr. Gary Ballard, Glen Tribble, Helen Rogers. Front Row from left are: Karen Beard, Dora Jones, Ruth Welch, Peggy Parsons. They are members of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association. The purpose of the conference was to update members on business that was transacted at the 47th annual State Convention of Texas Retired Teachers Assn. held April 5-8 in San Antonio to train local unit officers for the upcoming 2000-2001 year. Wayne & Karen Beard & Helen Rogers were delegates to the state meeting in San Antonio.

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—William Bennet

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UPCOMING PERFORMANCE—Wade White and his Plain Label Band will be performing at a dance in Deport Friday night, June 2nd. The event is part of homecoming for Deport and will be held at the Deport Fire Station. There will be no alcoholic beverages permitted. Soft drinks and concessions will be for sale.

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Surgical center to hold open house

The Red River Valley Surgical Center will hold open house Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The public is invited to tour the facility and have free vision and hearing screenings. There will be refreshments of soft drinks and hot dogs and gifts for all visitors. Special activities include a bike rodeo on the parking lot, face painting and free KidCare Polaroid ID photos will be taken.

Expanded Classifieds....

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City Hall, 1240 West Front Street, Blossom, TX 75416
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Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Hayter Engineering, Inc., at the above address upon the payment of \$70 (payable to Hayter Engineering, Inc.) for each set. The ENGINEER shall refund \$25 per complete set of Contract Documents that are returned in good condition to the ENGINEER within 30 days after the date bids are received.
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This project is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
All bids submitted shall be good for 90 calendar days and no BIDDER may withdraw his bid within 90 calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
City of Blossom
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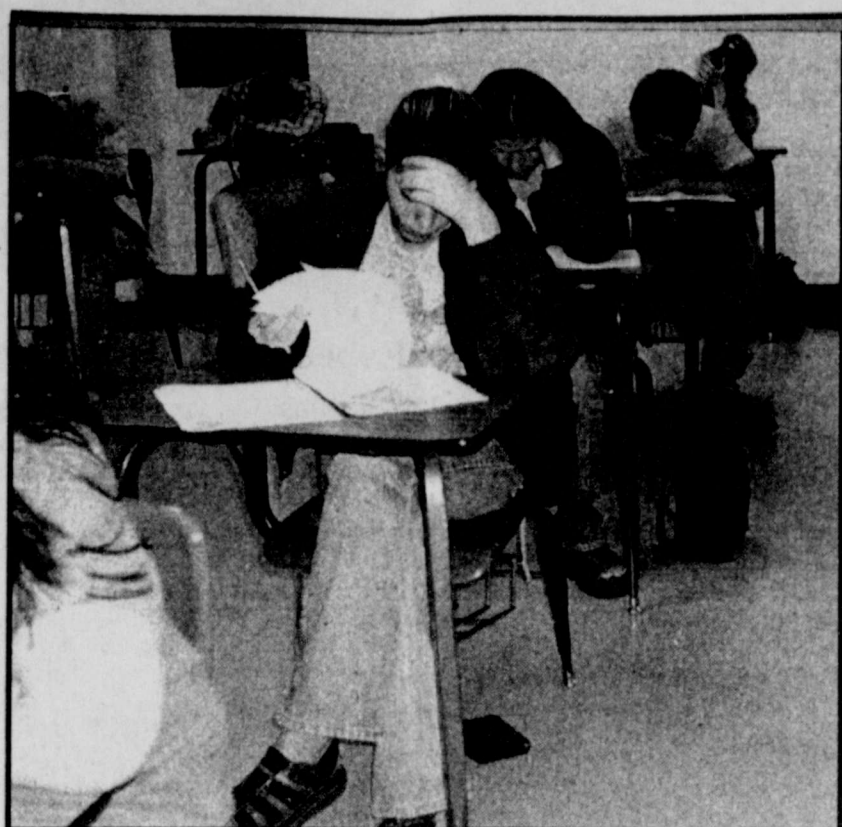
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The City of Detroit, in anticipation of receiving a Contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for administration and engineering services required by the City for implementation of the Texas Community Development Program. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. on the 6th day of June, 2000.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management and/or engineering consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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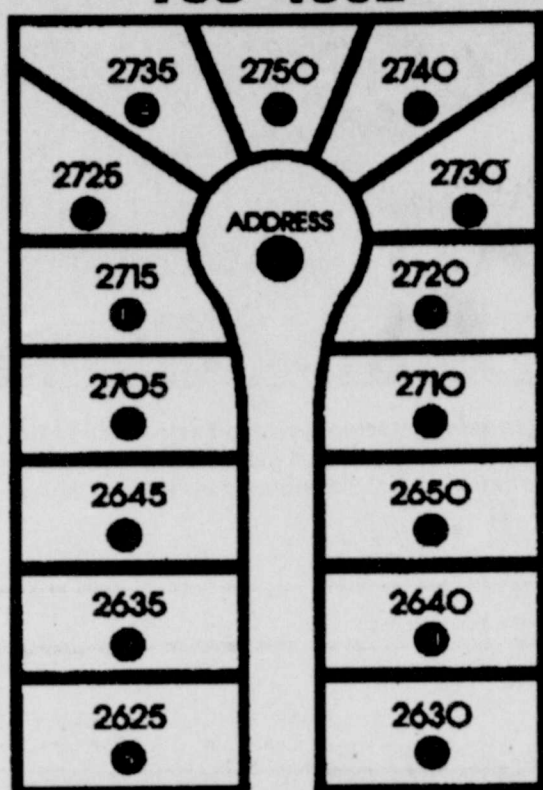
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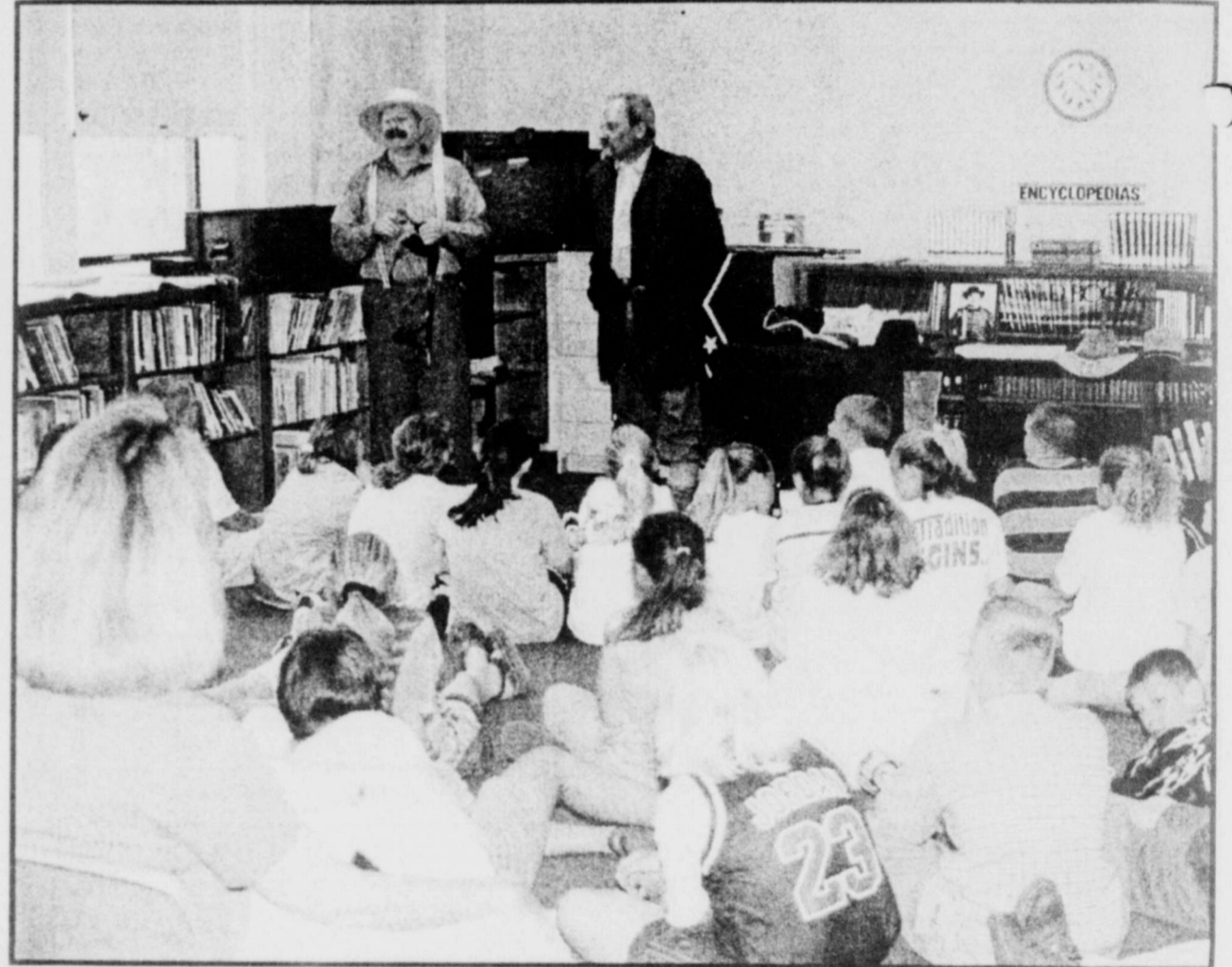
1999-2000 Graduating Class of Deport Jr. High School-Top row left to right is Joel Searls, Bradley Brown, Chris Brunson, Shaun Van Orsow, O'Neal Drinnon, Chance Crawford and Aron Arrasmith. Middle row is Trent Brummett, Carlenea Fox, Joe Avinger, Clint Ford, Amanda Nichols, Kaleb Baker, Aaron Hughes and Johnathon Arnold. Front row is Angella Hines, Mandy Weddle, Ericka Norwood, Dakota Mitchell, Tracy Gilbert, Heather Barnes and Danielle Syrus. (Staff Photo)



DEPORT TOP GRADUATES-pictured back row is O'Neal Drinnon and Bradley Brown. Front row is Heather Barnes and Ericka Norwood. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



FLOOR PAINTING-members of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department members painted the floor of the new bays at the department at their Monday night meeting. From left are: James Whitney, Mike Francies, Jeremy Day, Duane Glover, Boyd Slaton and Johnny Dawson. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



CIVIL WAR STORIES-Larry D. (Butch) Hunt and Bill Kathey fascinated Deport fifth graders Tuesday morning with a presentation on fighting in the Civil War. Dressed in authentic garb, they brought pictures and a variety of items used during the conflict. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



NEW OFFICERS for the Bogata Book Club were installed by Eleanor McCluer (right) last Thursday night. From left they are: Mary Ann Williams, Treasurer; Billie Garrison, Recording Secretary; Nanalee Nichols, Vice President and Dawne Darden, President. Not pictured is Janie Dixon, Corresponding Secretary. (Staff Photo)

Bogata Book Club meeting held May 11

The Bogata Book Club met May 11, 2000 at the Rosalie Community Center for the final meeting of the club year. Following a covered dish dinner Mrs. Joan Gannaway from Wimsboro, Texas presented the Federation program.

Darden-President; Nanalee Nichols-Vice President; Mary Ann Williams-Treasurer; Billie Garrison-Recording Secretary and Janie Dickson-Corresponding Secretary.

Sixteen members and two guests were in attendance. The yearbook planning session will be held June 8, 2000. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

Eleanor McCluer used the wheel as the theme for the installation service. The following officers were installed for a two year term: Dawn

UMW hear program on life in wartorn Germany

The United Methodist Women closed out the first half of the year with a special meeting at the Church on Monday evening. The featured speaker was Renate McCoin. Renate was born in Berlin, Germany and experienced WWII as a very young child. She endured the hardships of the war, separation from family and Communist rule. She married a GI and returned to the US with him and lived a full and eventful life. After her husband's retirement from the Army, the family located in the Woodland area. They are members of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit. Renate related both the serious and comical sides of life in a different land. She loves the United States and reminded us of how fragile our freedoms are and how seriously we should guard them.

A salad supper was enjoyed after the program. Guests were Ina and Nina Sparks, Denise and Laura Brooks.

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Fall meetings will resume September 4th.

Old clipping recalls busy days at Post Office

Martha Glover brought in this old newspaper clipping from the Deport Times. The year probably 1956 or 57, since that was when the Mexican farm workers were brought in.

Monday was a big day at the Deport Post Office, according to Postmaster Clarence H. Nobles. The increased business is due largely to the 700 Mexican Nationalists who are here picking cotton.

Figures show 142 airmail registered letters were handled along with money order sales of \$900 and stamp sales exceeded \$110 Monday, according to Postmaster Nobles.

Nobles and his cler, Miss Brodie Bell, kept the post office open Saturday afternoon to help take care of the increased business. Ordinarily the office closes at Saturday noon.

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