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By Nanalee Nichols

A Little To the Left, Please

"A little more to the left. NOPE, too much, back to the right just a tad. Okay, good!" These were the words I used to yell at my husband as he stood outside an open window, rotating a television antenna pole set in an old wheel hub outside our house. Such was television reception back long years ago in this part of the world.

Back then, we had an old, used black and white tv, an antenna with a booster, and no working rotor...hence the wheel hub. If we wanted to improve the reception the antenna had to be moved until the picture was at it's best. Which wasn't much. I was in my late 20s before I knew ALL programming wasn't done in a snow storm!

Horizontal hold used to be a regularly visited control on the tv, as the picture would flip, flip, flip, slowly building up speed until it was totally impossible to follow a program.

Even after the advent of our first color tv, and a rotor powered by a motor, reception was horrible. But what a luxury not to have to go outside in the elements and manually wrestle the pole!

Of course, deciding what to watch was not much of a challenge.

There were three stations, ABC, CBS and NBC and one or the other of those was almost guaranteed to never be good enough to watch.

That boiled things down to two choices and that wasn't

much of a decision to make.

Talking with Tim Wood the other day he recalled when he used to have antenna wire stapled to the ceiling. Each of the best reception points were marked on the ceiling and he would move the wire from one point to another to get the best reception for that station!

One of the chief joys of watching television back then was weather condition. It was always nice to have the picture and sound fade away in a sizzle and hiss just at the most critical portion of a program. Everyone was convinced that this only happened during programming, never during a commercial.

Then came cable tv, large satellite dishes and then the small dishes.

We have about 100 channels to chose from, each and every one of them brilliantly clear and unaffected by atmospheric conditions.

We sit in our recliners punching the remote as we flip from channel to channel, never getting up to adjust a picture or anything else.

Our choices range from movies to sports, shopping channels to music. The range is virtually unlimited. That doesn't count the VCR and anything we pop in to it.

So why is it we can't find anything to watch on television? Back when we had two choices we seemed to have been more easily satisfied. Could it be we are spoiled? Hmmm, probably!

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An interesting look back at pro football

by Nancy Brown

Jack Dodd stopped by my office at the Bogata News Monday with a very interesting item. It was a letter that was given to him in 1975 in Glen Rose, Texas. The letter is from Bert Bell, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles professional football team written to Hugh Wolfe on June 28, 1940.

We all know what professional players in any sport receive as a salary now. We all think it is unbelievable the amount of money they get but we all hope to have our children or grandchildren make the cut in various sports and earn that kind of money for something they love to do. Professional players did not always make the big bucks, become spokespersons for shoe, cereal and other companies or even become well known figures. Few people even knew who owned a team. I hope you find this letter as interesting a look back as I did.

Mr. Bell writes: Received your letter of June 25, and as we now have under contract 48 ball players I naturally would like to hear yes or no from you immediately after you have read the terms and conditions which are the best that I can offer you.

First I will give you a game to game contract calling for \$150.00 per game.

Second, instead of paying your fare or expenses or part of the same from Texas, which is absolutely against the principles of this club and which we have never done with any single ball player, I will agree that if you are good enough to stick the full season with us that I will give you a bonus of \$100.00.

Third, I have always paid my ball players when they were injured and could not play and have never released a ball player without the Doctor's stating that he was absolutely in good condition and able to play football. As a matter of fact,

Hump Snyder, Captain of North Carolina, broke his leg here three years ago on the 10th of August, and I paid his full salary. I am therefore perfectly willing to put a clause in your contract that if you encounter a serious injury while playing for or practicing with the Philadelphia Eagles that would prevent you from future participation in football that we would agree in recompense for that to pay you your game salary for the remaining league games on the 1940 league schedule, with the understanding that you of course will still live up to all our training rules and etc., even while incapacitated. I will not in any way, or under any conditions promise you any bonus if we win the Eastern Championship or the World's Championship, as you yourself will reap the benefit of this by participation in the play-off game and in California if we should win the championship, and at any rate I am not promising anything to anybody along those lines.

I have written every ball player on my squad and have told them that under the new conditions there are no seasonal contracts and that unless they are perfectly satisfied with their salaries and the conditions and rules and regulations laid down by the club I would much rather than have them dissatisfied in any way that they did not play at all as I feel sure with the proper mental attitude and aggressiveness of the players with a fine team spirit and no crabbing or crying about anything that we have a great chance of winning and therefore I am much more in favor of a boy not playing at all unless he is perfectly satisfied.

I made trades this winter for six ball players, namely: Russ Thompson, regular right tackle on the Chicago Bears; Milt Trost, substitute left tackle on the Chicago Bears; Les McDonald, regular left end of the Chicago Bears; Ray George, regular

right tackle of the Detroit Lions; Chuck Cherundolo, regular center of Cleveland Rams, and Dick Bassi, substitute guard on the Chicago Bears, and everyone of these ball players, playing on great football teams, received less than \$155.00 per game and every one, with the exception of one, received less money than I was paying to men in the same relative position, so you can see that \$150.00 per ball game is surely a fair contract and if you do not feel that way, I would rather you would not play.

We will start practice here in Philadelphia on Friday, August 9, 1940, and everyone will report at the above address on that date on or before 12:00 noon.

I am enclosing a form letter which is self explanatory, stipulating the conditions under which all our ball players agree to play. Hoping to hear favorable from you by return air mail. The letter is signed Yours sincerely, Bert Bell.

Mr. Wolfe returned his contract and received this letter from Mr. Bell: Dear Wolfe:

Received your signed contracts this morning and am certainly glad that you are going to be with us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the above address on Friday, August 9, 1940 on or before 12:00 noon. Yours truly, Bert Bell.

P.S. I am enclosing your contract which you must have forgotten about and mailed to us. Be sure to be in great shape as we will start rough work immediately. Also, don't forget your shoulder pads, hip pads and shoes.

Guess how many of today's players furnish their own equipment and would agree to this contract? It's an interesting look back. Thank you, Jack for sharing it with me and the Bogata News.



FIRST RESPONDERS-Larry McDonald, Paramedic, (standing) gives a test to members of the Deport and Cunningham Volunteer Fire Departments on what they learned in their first class last Friday night. The First Responder course takes from 80 to 100 hours and is followed by a state exam. Taking the course from Deport VFD are: Jeremy Day, Marilyn Glover, Mike Francis, Johnny Dawson, Charles Reavis, Thomas Nichols, Nanalee Nichols, James Whitney and Sunny Whitney. From Cunningham are Gerrie Bankhead and Jarrod Bankhead. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

The Way We Were

From The Deport Times July 24, 1975

The Deport Little League Team for 1975 consisted of: Joel Ballard, James VanDeaver, Kanda Barnard, Rhonda Woerner, JaLynda Ballard,

LeeAnn Ballard, Christi Davidson, Tiffany Morgan, LaVeda Farris, Michelle Thomas, Todd Harvey, Mike Bailey, Darrin Gifford, Tad Nichols and Kim Allen. Coaches were Eddie Woerner, Joe Ballard and Pat Bailey.

Letters To The Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Editorial, "Caring for the Elderly" Sunday, July 23, Paris News

Pardon me, I don't believe the Paris News knows the Deport Nursing Home and perhaps for that reason, you published the very "low rating". That rating could only be assessed by one who had not spent sufficient time in this nursing home. Such rating is so unfair and embarrassing to owners who have spent many years to make Deport Nursing Home a "home for those who need/require daily assistance." This home does not even deserve a "temporary" rating of such disgraceful nature.

Residents of this nursing home are given quality care by a professional staff who have a genuine interest in the well being of each. All employees try very hard to make the residents comfortable. The residents are kept clean and receive proper attention daily.

In your rating, I'd suggest that you don't even know the other nursing homes! Try visiting them and you'll understand my statement. Deport Nursing Home deserves the "highest" of ratings.

We are not "outsiders", our knowledge has been gained from within the home. My husband has been employed by Deport Nursing Home for over five years and I'm a former employee. We praise and appreciate the owners of Deport Nursing Home and all of the employees who have shown an interest in providing the residents with a comfortable home and with the best of professional care.

Johannie W. Beall and Betty J. Beall Rt. 1, Detroit, TX

P.S. The owners' daily participation in person or by phone has assisted employees greatly in their giving quality care to all residents.

The Blossom Lions had won the Paluxy trophy. The team consisted of: Tommy Kennedy, Roger Daugherty, Steven Crawford, Dewayne Battle, Richard Williams, Cody Chumbley, Larry Watson, Eddie Williams, Terry Leonard, Stephen Landers, Steven Watson, Kent Minter, Dewayne Buck, Danny Hoffman, Charlie Compton and Scott Dunagan. Pete Rhodes and Dennis Daughert were coaches.

The Methodist and Presbyterians had concluded their Bible School.

Rev. Hunter and his wife and two children had just moved to Deport as the new Methodist minister.

Recent weddings were John Denison of Larann VanDeaver and John Allen to Phebe Flenniken.

All license plate registrations came due in January of each year, but the state had announced that in 1978 they would be "staggered" and come due year around.

Cunningham had held their 4th of July parade and photos of the event were being run.

A story on Jan Kay Ranch entitled "Jesus and Blue Jeans" was run. Gene Lampert was the manager.

Tip Top Drive In in Bogata was running a chicken fried steak plate for \$1.75.

Prairiland School taxes had been raised to \$1.90.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Samples of Blossom were to hold an open house in their home for their two grandchildren, who were recently married.

Angela Rollins and Melody Hollan had placed in the Lamar County Dress Review. They won first place in their respective divisions.

Others from Deport entering the contest were Martha McEntyre, Jeff McEntyre, Sandra Fonville and Coralea Basinger.

Editor's Quotes

Be not simply good, but good for something
Thoreau

One dies after fall from hood of vehicle

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, a Red River County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to an apartment complex on 1st N.E. St. in Detroit.

Upon arrival at the location, he found that a white male, Robert Shawn Smith, age 31, had fallen from a vehicle driven by his girlfriend, Kellie Copeland, age 26.

Robert Smith was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris and later care flighted to Parkland Hospi-

tal in Dallas where he died at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 23, as a result of head injuries received in the fall from the vehicle.

According to witnesses at the scene, Smith and Copeland were involved in an altercation. When Copeland tried to leave in her vehicle, Smith jumped onto the hood of the vehicle to try to stop her. He fell from the vehicle as Copeland sped away.

4 x 4 volleyball tournament set for Aug. 5

The will be a 4 x 4 girls volleyball tournament held on Saturday, August 5, 2000 at the Prairiland High School gym for incoming freshman students through senior students from

any and all of the area schools. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per girl. For more information contact Billy Sessums at 903-982-5935.

Five Church revival set

Once again the five churches of Bethel, Cunningham, Deport Faith Baptist, Fulbright Baptist and Pattonville Baptist church will join together for revival. The past two years this revival effort has truly been successful. Each and everyone is invited to make this a special five nights of worship, fellowship and spiritual growth.

Schedule of Services is as follows:
July 30-6:00 p.m. at Fulbright, Bro. Carter Lyles
July 31-7:00 p.m. at Faith, Bro. Larry

Solice
Aug. 1 -7:00 p.m. at Pattonville, Bro. Richard Tatum
Aug. 2-7:00 p.m. at Cunningham, Bro. L.C. Stout.

Aug. 3-7:00 p.m. at Bethel, Bro. Glen Renfro.
Singing will be led each night by Bobby Harrell, Judy Pomroy and Virginia Eatherly.

Each church will provide some special singing.
Each night after the services there will be a time of food and fellowship. Please come.

People 'n Things

Youth Football to hold sign-ups

Prairiland youth Football Program will have early sign-ups on Saturday, August 12 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the high school practice field.

The league has a \$25.00 sign-up fee for one child and \$20.00 for each additional child in the family.

Each student needs to bring a copy of his birth certificate to sign-ups. If the student played the previous year, they need to bring any equipment

they have that need to be exchanged for a different size for proper fit.

Final sign-up will be Thursday, August 17 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the practice field. This will be the first day of practice and the final day for sign-ups.

If you have any questions contact Brett Price, president at 903-982-5990 or Jim Blanton, vice president at 903-982-6577.

Friday, July 28: Dance at 8 p.m., Pattonville Community Center, proceeds benefit VFD.
Monday, July 31: Pattonville Community Center business meeting at 7 p.m.

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FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK is Mabel Lynn of Deport. She is pictured here as she works on a lap throw, made from pieces and bits of leftover yarn. She is well known around Detroit for her wonderful cooking, especially those apricot pies! (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week is from Deport and is Mabel Lynn. For a great disposition and wonderful outlook on life, she should set up counseling lessons. This lady is a wonder. There she was in her recliner and crocheting when I went in. "Have a seat she said and sorry I can't get up, but I have had foot surgery", said Mabel. It seems that she is a diabetic and recently had foot surgery. She still maintains that smile and has kind words for everyone.

She enjoys cooking and this is the part she misses during her confinement. She is always making something and sharing with neighbors and friends. Her absolute favorite are the apricot pies. Although they are diabetic, Mabel says that if you do not know, you can't really tell the difference.

Mabel is a retired hairdresser of 47 years and later went back to school to get her instructors license. She

also has some beautiful paintings hanging that she has done and does a lot of crochet work to share with others.

Mabel has two children Marsha Lutch of North Richland Hills and Phillip Burchinal of Houston

Visit with this lovely lady and get a quick pick-me-up! These are all diabetic recipes using fructose that she purchases from the health food store and we hope you enjoy them! We will see you in the kitchen!

Diabetic Peanut Butter Cookies-this recipe is a favorite of any peanut butter lover, but uses fructose instead of sugar!

Diabetic Oatmeal-Banana Cookies-add some raisins and nuts to this to make a great cookie!

Diabetic Chicken and Dumplings-Mabel uses biscuit mix for the dumplings.

Diabetic Peach-Orange Jam

don't pay those high prices, make your own diabetic jam!

Diabetic Banana Bread-this uses whole wheat flour instead of white processed flour

Diabetic Peanut Butter Balls-use honey and corn flakes to make a delicious and nutritious snack!

Diabetic Fresh Peach Pie-this recipe uses unflavored gelatin, peach nectar along with fresh peaches!

Diabetic Crunchy Pea Salad-the crunch comes from the water chestnuts included in the recipes!

Diabetic Apricot Pie-this is Mabel's famous pie recipe. She does not fry them, but bakes them in the oven.

Pie Crust-the pie crust need to be rolled into small balls and then rolled out and filling added and pinch edges to seal.

Mabel Lynn-Deport
July 27, 2000

Diabetic Peanut Butter Cookies
3/4 cups + 2 tablespoons peanut butter
2 tablespoons margarine
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup fructose
1 beaten egg
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Beat peanut butter and margarine at medium speed until well blended. Combine flour and fructose in a medium bowl. Add flour mixture to peanut butter, beating well. Add eggs and vanilla. Shape dough into 24 one inch balls two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet; flatten cookies in a crisscross pattern with a fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes; cool on cookie sheet. Yields 2 dozen.

Diabetic Oatmeal-Banana Cookies
3/4 cup shortening
2/3 cup fructose
1 beaten egg
1-1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-3/4 cup oats
1 cup mashed bananas
1/2 cup nuts
1/2 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients well. Drop by spoonfuls and bake 12-13 minutes until done.

Diabetic Chicken and Dumplings
4 or 5 boneless chicken breast
1-1/2 quarts of water-salt to taste
1 medium onion
2 stalks of celery
1 can cream of chicken soup
3 cups biscuit mix
1/2 teaspoon sage

Remove fat from all chicken and cook; remove broth. Add chicken soup, onion, celery and cook for 20 minutes. Cut up chicken in small pieces add to broth. Mix biscuit mix with enough milk to make a soft dough. Add sage to mixture. Roll out; cut into thin strips and drop into boiling mixture. Simmer with lid on pot for about 20 minutes. Stir often. To thicken broth, add 3 tablespoons flour to one cup of water and mix well.

Peach-Orange Jam
12 cups sliced fresh peaches
1-3/4 ounce package of "no sugar added" pectin
1-3/4 cups Equal
2-0.3 ounce tubs orange sugar free drink mix such as Crystal Light

Process peaches in a food processor until chopped. Transfer peaches to dutch oven. Stir in pectin. Let stand 10 minutes. Bring to boil over medium-high heat; cook 15 minutes stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar substitute and drink mix. Pour into hot jars. Cover at once with lids and process in water bath for 5 minutes.

Diabetic Banana Bread
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup fructose
2 tablespoons margarine-melted
4 medium size bananas-mashed
1 slightly beaten eggs
cooking spray

Combine first 4 ingredients and combine fructose, margarine, bananas and egg. Pour into 8-1/2 x 4-1/2 loaf pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until done.

Diabetic Peanut Butter Balls
2 cups corn flakes-divided
1/4 cup honey
1 cup "no-sugar added" peanut butter

Place 1-1/2 cups cereal in ziplock bag and crush into crumbs. Combine honey and peanut butter, stirring until smooth. Add crumbs and roll into 1-inch balls. Roll in remaining uncrushed cereal. Cover and chill.

Diabetic Fresh Peach Pie
1 cooked 9-inch crust
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
2 cups peach nectar
3/4 cup fructose
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon lemon juice
4 cups sliced fresh peaches
8 ounce container reduced calorie frozen whipped topping-thawed

Sprinkle gelatin over nectar in saucepan; let stand for 5 minutes. Combine fructose and cornstarch. Stir into gelatin mixture with a wire whisk. Bring cornstarch mixture to a boil over medium-high heat; stirring constantly. Cook for 2 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Sprinkle lemon juice over peaches; toss to cover. Stir in gelatin mixture to peach mixture; spoon into prepared crust. Serve with topping.

Diabetic Crunchy Pea Salad
10 ounce package frozen peas-thawed
8 ounce can sliced water chestnuts
1 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup sliced green onion
1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
1/4 cup fat-free sour cream
1/2 teaspoon season salt

Combine first 4 ingredients in a medium bowl. In a small bowl combine salad dressing, sour cream and salt. Add to pea mixture and stir well; cover to chill.

Diabetic Apricot Pie
2-8 ounce package dried apricots
1/2-1 cup fructose

Cover apricots with water and boil down to thicken. Spoon into crust and bake.

Pie Crust
4 cups flour
1-1/2 cup s Crisco
2/3 cup water
1 egg
1 tablespoon vinegar

Work flour and shortening to crumbs. Combine remaining ingredients and form into small balls and roll out to size. Spoon enough mixture onto crust; pinch edges to seal. Bake.

Obituaries



Alma Baker Norwood

Alma Baker Norwood dies July 24

Alma Baker Norwood, age 88 died Monday, July 24 in Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted services on Wednesday, July 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Life Tabernacle Church of Cunningham. Burial was in Restland Cemetery.

She was born February 2, 1912 in Ola, Arkansas, the daughter of Townsen and Hamp Martin Baker. She married Almer L. Norwood on December 24, 1928 in Minter. He preceded her in death February 26, 1998 as did her son, Eugene Norwood on February 28, 1991 and her daughter-in-law, Susie Norwood on May 18, 2000.

Surviving are children, a daughter, Cindy Nichols and husband Charles of Cunningham; sons, Darold Dean Norwood and wife, Ida Mae, Canard Norwood and wife Delores, James Doyle Norwood and wife Pat and Talma Norwood, all of Cunningham, and Danny Norwood and wife Sharon of Rockford; a daughter-in-law, Geneva Norwood of Cunningham; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Baker of Denison; and a sister, Gertrude Pickering of Mt. Dora, Florida.

Deanie Davis Veach dies July 24

Deanie Davis Veach, age 56, died at her residence in Clarksville on July 24.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

She was born July 21, 1944 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Lynn and Opal Kerley. Surviving are her parents of Bogata; two sons, Randy Sykora of Dallas and William Veach of U.S. Military; one daughter, Vickie Lutz of Dallas; one brother, Arol Kerley of Bogata; three sisters, Kathy Alford, Linda Taylor and Susie McMillan, all of Paris; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Del Davis.



*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.

Annie Franklin, Frankie Franklin, Tony Franklin and Sue Garza

"My Flowers"

My flowers do not come from shops, or near my garden wall; Because my flowers are the friends who take the time to call. They are the living lilacs and the roses red and white. The tulips and forget-me-nots of every day and night. They are the folks who ring my bell or write me from afar To offer me their services and tell me how they are. Who somehow always seem to have a little time to spare. To fill my vases with their smiles and let me know they care. They are the gentle souls with whom I never want to part Because they are the flowers fair that blossom in my heart.

By Annie Franklin

Una Mae Clemmons dies July 21

Una Mae Clemmons, age 82 of Talco died at her residence on Friday, July 21.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 22 in Bates-Cooper Chapel in Mt. Pleasant with Keith Blankenship officiating. Burial was made in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clemmons was born August 29, 1917 in Sweetwater. She was a homemaker and member of the Methodist faith where she accepted Christ at the age of 13 in Springtown.

Surviving are her husband, Fred Clemmons of Talco; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jenny Clemmons of Elida, NM, Jerry and Jane Clemmons of Talco, Jim and Ann Clemmons of Carrollton and Jack and Candy Clemmons of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son; her parents, Wales and Pearl Childres Bradley; and three sisters, Mrs. Velma Johnson, Mrs. Johnnie Whitten and Mrs. Modie Lee Mayo.

Pallbearers were Brandon Clemmons, Bryan Clemmons, Craig Clemmons, Jason Clemmons, Justin Clemmons, Kevin Clemmons, Kyle Clemmons and Chad Davis.

Byron B. Black, Jr. dies July 19

Byron B. Black, Jr., died Wednesday, July 19 in St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana.

Clarksville Funeral Home conducted services at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21 at Clarksville Cemetery.

The son of Byron B. Black Sr. and Audrey Graves Black of Clarksville, he was born August 21, 1945.

Surviving are a daughter, Melissa Black Riddle of St. Louis, MO; a son, Byron R. Black III of Austin; a brother, Pat Black of Austin; and cousins, Mrs. Mege McClinton Smith of Cleburne and Shelia Smith Carter of Granbury.

Card of Thanks

From the family of Benjamin (Bennie) Floyd Franklin saying thank you to so many friends for so many flowers, prayers and kind words.

The bountiful amount of food from the Midway folk.

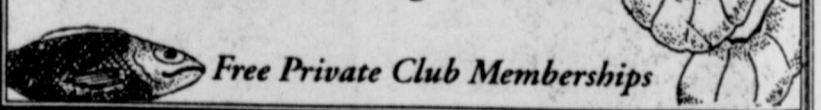
The poem "My Flowers" was written for the card of thanks in 1964, for his sister.

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CED at PJC announces classes

The Continuing Education Department of Paris Junior College will hold a variety of classes during August.

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Lindsey Nicole Wright and John Eric Pittman to wed
Wright-Pittman

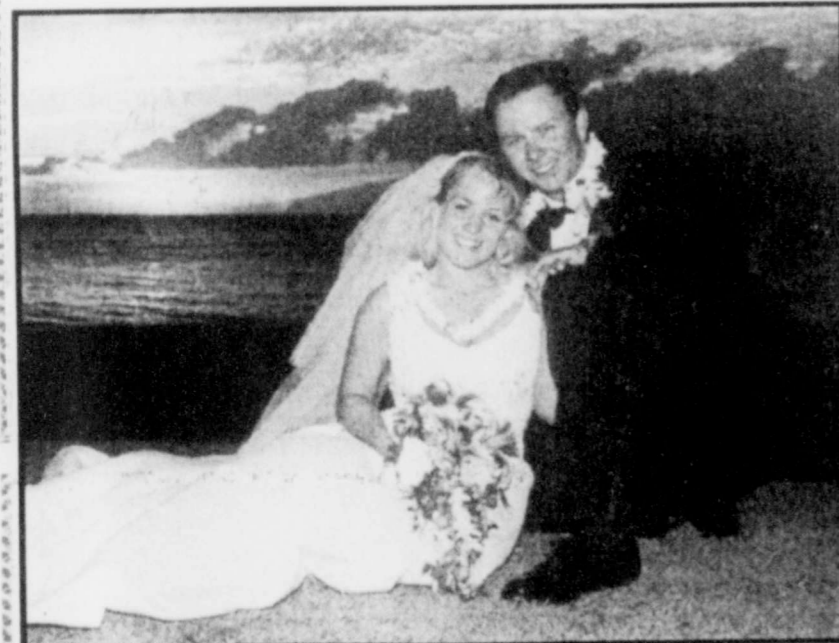
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wright of Paris proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter

Lindsey Nicole Wright to John Eric Pittman

The couple will be married at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, August 19, 2000 at DeShong Chapel in Paris. Pastor Brandon Teague will officiate the ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Starks of Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wright of Deport, Texas. She is a graduate of North Lamar High School and attends The University of Texas.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pittman of Blossom. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hall of Sherman, Texas, and the late Mary Lynn Hall, and Mrs. Lloyd Pittman of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. Lloyd Pittman. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and attended Paris Junior College.



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holt Rhoades

Mussett-Rhoades exchange vows

Sheila Diane Mussett and Wesley Holt Rhoades were married on July 7 in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Mussett of Idabel, Oklahoma and the granddaughter of Violet Ward and the late Leo Ward, Cecil Mussett and Mary Andrews.

The groom is the son of Frank and Gail Rhoades of Deport. He is the grandson of the late Carl and Lorie Williams of Idabel, OK and Fred Rhoades of Bonham and the late Mildred Rhoades.

The bride is a graduate of South-

eastern Oklahoma State University and Eastern Oklahoma Nursing Program and is employed as a registered nurse for Healthback Home Health of Idabel. The groom is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and is employed by the State of Texas as a probation officer.

The couple plans to reside in Idabel.

The groom's parents, Frank and Gail Rhoades and the bride's parents, Bill and Nancy Mussett of Idabel attended the ceremony.

Nature has always had more power than education.

—Voltaire



CALEY FRANCIS-turned 2 years old on June 27, 2000. She celebrated with a birthday party at the Bogata Thomas Park. The party given by her parents, Clay and Chasity Francis used a "Happy Face" theme. Attending were her grandparents, Roger and Lou Hall of Talco, and Sharon Francis of Deport, Bryan and Susan Jones of Winfield, Jeremy and Angie Wheat, Dusty and Chance Wolfe, Kathy Williams, Jana Weatherall, Nita Robertson, Jabo and Merry Robertson, Todd, Jamie and Jaylee Ward and Linda Gray. Caley received many nice gifts.



MARLENA BALLARD of Texarkana was named to the All-Star Cheerleading Squad at recent competition at North Texas University in Denton. She is a junior at Pleasant Grove High School and is the daughter of Mike and Glenda Ballard of Texarkana. She is also the granddaughter of L.C. Ballard of Deport and the god-granddaughter of Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom. (Staff Photo)

Tuesday 42 Club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Lucy Fowler July 18th.

Thelma Shelby and Jimmie King tied for high score.

Seven members were present and one guest, Reba Temple.

A refreshment plate was served. The club will meet again with Ethel Epps on August 3rd.



JOHANNA AND JENNA PATTERSON participated in Bonham on July 22 in JJ's Rising Star pageant. Johanna was crowned queen in her age division, 13-16, and also won Photogenic award. Jenna was also crowned queen in her age division, 9-12.



MEGAN FILKINS of Prairiland High School and Elizabeth Wells of Paris High School were winners of the recent Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lamar Electric Cooperative. Megan and Elizabeth were part of a delegation of 114 young people selected to make the 12-day tour to see their government in action. Each year, two teenagers from Lamar, Red River and Delta counties are eligible to win an expense paid trip to Washington. To compete, the people wrote a 500-word essay entitled "What America Means to Me." Besides seeing the House of Representatives and Senate in action, they toured the memorials of Iwo Jima, Lincoln, Jefferson and Vietnam, and George Washington's home place. They watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

Francis reunion is held July 23

The Francis reunion was held Sunday, July 23 at the American Legion Building in Deport.

Those attending were Billie Francis, Floy and Wayne Williams, Mark, Karen, John and Jera Francis, Joey, Gala and Josey Francis, Burrell Kincaid, Burrell Dean, Regina and Amy Kincaid, Kathy and Ty Tippit, Sharon Francis, all of Deport; Linda and Jody Gray, Clay, Chassity, Camen and Caley Francis, Lacy and

Kacy Harper, all of Bogata; Chad, Kenda and Montana Figueroa of Roxton; Charles Booth, Emma Booth, Pat Bennett and John and Taylor Beard, all of Hugo, OK; Mickey and Harold Warrick of Sherman; Joe Nell Smith and Eldon Taylor of Pink, OK.

A meal was enjoyed by everyone, followed by picture taking and showing videos. Everyone reported a good time.

Milton News

By Mattie Upchurch

James and Dorothy Holt's daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Ronnie Preston, have bought the Daulty Bell place in Minter. James and Dorothy visited them Friday afternoon.

Beth Spray & daughter Kaitlyn of Paris, Susie Ray and son Brandon of Gladewater and Cindy Roach of Tyler spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Susie and Phillip Roach.

Ronny Pettit of Irving spent last week at his home here and visited with Buena and Bob Marshall.

Ethan and Nikki Lane of Mesquite spent this week with their grandmother, Edna Talley.

Dana Keys and nephew Mitchell Pitcock of Paris and friends vacationed last week on Padre Island.

George Wolf is back home after spending some time in the hospital having surgery on his leg.

John and Velma Temple spent Sunday with John's daughter and family, Colleen and Wayne Watson

and children of Corinth, his daughter, Rachelle & Phil Casey and sons of Carrollton also visited them there.

Ruth Johnston and T.J. Chappell spent Sunday with Edna and Frank Lee.

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

Richard Winkler is visiting George and Nell Wolf this week.

Mark Keys went out to dinner Saturday night with his sister and husband, Jo Anna and Jerry Pitcock of Paris, they celebrated Marks birthday.

Visiting Peggy Whitney Thursday was her daughter-in-law, Shannon Allen and Alyssa of Flower Mound and Janet Burel of Mansville and Josh Allen and Danci Smith of Cunningham.

Ann and Sheldon Lee have been visiting friends in Galveston this week.

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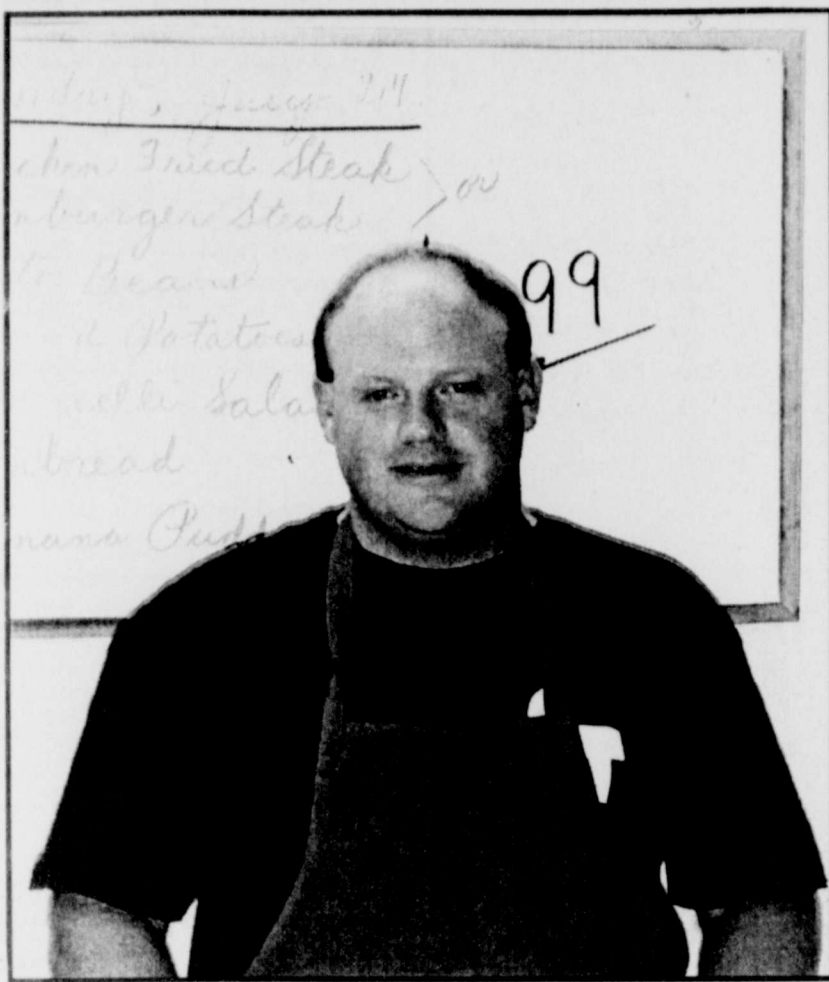
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NEW OWNER-B.A. Sessums recently purchased the Co-Vix Restaurant in Bogata and has renamed it BAs 909 Diner. He invites everyone to stop by for a visit and a good meal. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Land Commissioner happy with Red River Boundary compact

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst congratulated the U.S. House of Representatives for giving consent today to the Red River Boundary Compact between Texas and Oklahoma. "I am extremely pleased the U.S. House took the critical step of giving consent to the Red River Boundary Compact," Dewhurst said. "This agreement will clarify the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, removing uncertainty from the minds of property owners and government entities along the river."

Dewhurst said he and State Rep. James Dunegan of Oklahoma will sign the Texoma Area Boundary Agreement in Dallas on Friday, July 28. The agreement will establish the Texas-Oklahoma boundaries through Lake Texoma, which is the last unresolved portion of the Red River boundary between the two states.

"The Red River Compact does not affect ownership of property," Dewhurst stressed. "It only affects political boundaries".

Burglary attempt at Cox Field is Crime of the Week

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

At around 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, unknown suspects attempted to steal a 1975 Cessna airplane from Cox Field Airport in Paris. While attempting to steal the aircraft, the suspect crashed the plane into two other airplanes on the ground. This attempted theft and resulting property damage resulted in over \$217,000 in damaged property.

Ballard named all-star cheerleader

Marlena Ballard, daughter of Jack and Glenda Ballard of Texarkana is a junior student at Pleasant Grove High School and a member of the Pleasant Grove Cheerleading squad.

The squad competed in Denton last week in the National Collegiate Association sponsored cheer camp at the University of North Texas campus. The squad earned best over-all cheer team honors which qualified them for national competition in Dallas in December. Marlena was named to the National Cheerleader's Association All-American Team.

She is the granddaughter of L.C. Ballard of Deport and god-daughter of Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom.

To the Editor:

I was a member and property owner serviced by Lone Wolf Electric from 1953 until February 21, 1991, when I became a member of Cap Rock Electric as a result of a proxy-vote merger between Cap Rock and Lone Wolf Electric. We were offered the same three options on our capital credits that Cap Rock is now offering the members of Lamar Electric Co-op. Nine years later, I have not received 100%, not even 1%, of my capital credits from Cap Rock. In fact, I have received nothing for my capital credits in Cap Rock. Is this just an oversight?

If we take Cap Rock at face value and give credence to their definition of "ingegrity", doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, why then have I, a Cap Rock member, been unable to secure a copy of a Cap Rock promotional video that is supposed to be available to all members? The 9-minute video, titled *A New Millennium, a New Century, a New Electric Company*, aired at the 2000 annual meeting of Cap Rock membership on April 25 at the Chaparral Center in Midland, TX. In the May 2000 issue of Cap Rock Electric Hi-Lines, on page 6, it states that a member can request a copy of this videotape by mailing a written request or by calling the Cap Rock communications manager.

My first written request for the video was in May, a second request was mailed on June 3. The third request, on June 22, was directed personally to Ulen North, executive Vice-president of Cap Rock, at the regular monthly meeting of the Lamar Electric Co-op Board of Directors, which Mr. North was attending. My fourth request was July 10, at which time I called the Cap Rock communications manager at Stanton, TX, she stated that she would get the video in the mail. So far, I have not received a copy.

If one is to believe Cap Rock's definition of integrity, then is it possible that Cap Rock has a credibility gap?
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Mary Jane Lowry and the group of ladies who hold a prayer group at her home on Mondays traveled to Clarksville and enjoyed lunch at Ted and Beth's Restaurant. They also enjoyed a tour of the R&J Craft Mall there. Those attending were; Ms. Lowry, Jane Roddy, Mary Lee and Peggy Moore of the city, Wanda Babb, Karen Elliott and Shirley Greer of Paris and Katherine Wright of Deport.

Mary Jane Lowry spent Tuesday night in Johntown with Ryan and Marla Brooks. They met Janie and Mike Ballard and Bill and Ginnifer Lindsey and Ryan Alyssa in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday to help Mary Jane celebrate her birthday.

Christine Hargrove of Quitman was here over the weekend visiting

with Margaret Parks.

Ruby Crawford enjoyed the Red Oak Homecoming on Sunday visiting with family and friends.

Carol and Kenny Woods of Atlas and Crystal and Jana and Chuck Lemire and Annae and Marie of Paris enjoyed a birthday dinner for Mrs. Crawford at the Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland visited with Paul Cleveland and Ron and Linda Cleveland of Shawnee by phone Sunday night.

Minnie Lee Shands visited with Viola Brendle of the Regency Medical Center on Tuesday.

Pauline and Jr. Weddle enjoyed Monday night supper with Mr. and Mrs. Hurshal Shands.

Visiting with Pauline and Jr. Weddle this week was Jim Weddle of Paris, Steven, Stacy, Jalyn and Jacob of Bogata and Ashley Simpson of Sherman.

Get wells this week to Nancy Wear, Sylvia May and Tim Young.

Mindy Williams, Brittany and Bailey Ballard and Sheila and Allison Ann Marie Ensey of Paris spent last Monday at Hurricane Harbor in Arlington.

Paul Garrett of Paris treated Bessie Garrett to CiCi's Pizza on Saturday evening.

Lady Patriot 2000 Volleyball Schedule

August 7	2 a-days begi			
August 11	playday Paris, Chisum, NL	@ NL	TBA	
August 12	playday Paris, Chisum, NL	Paris	10:00	
August 15	Dual w//Chisum, SSprings	Chisum	4:00	
August 18-19	varsity tournament			Texas High
August 22	dual w/Lee & Whitehouse	Tyler	5:00	JV, V
August 25-26	varsity tournament Chisum	varsity	TBA	
August 29	dual Paris/Pleasant Grove	here	4:30	varsity
August 29	dual Paris/Pleasant Grove	Paris	4:30	9, JV
September 1	dual Longview/NL NL	all	4:30	
September 2	Longview tournament	L/view	TBA	9, JV
September 5	dual NL/Pittsburg	Paris	4:00	
September 8-9	varsity tournament	NL	TBA	varsity
September 12	Sulphur Springs	SS	4:30	all
September 16	Paris tournament	Paris	TBA	9, JV
September 19	Whitesboro	there	5:00	all
September 23	*Chisum	Chisum	10:00	all
September 26	*Paul Pewitt	there	4:30	all
September 30	*Hughes Springs	here	10:00	all
October 3	*Chapel Hill	here	4:30	all
October 7	*DeKalb	there	10:00	all
October 10	*Chisum	here	4:30	all
October 13	*Paul Pewitt	here	4:30	all
October 17	*Hughes Springs	all	4:30	
October 20	*Chapel Hill	there	4:30	all
October 24	*DeKalb here	all	4:30	
October 28	district certification warm-up	varsity	TBA	
October 30-31	bi-district	area		
November 2-4	regional quarterfinals			
November 6-7	regional			
November 10-11	state			
November 17-18				

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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

Several members of the East Post Oak Baptist Church Auxiliary attended the quarterly district meeting at Westside Missionary Baptist Church in New Boston last Tuesday night along with their pastor Bro. Henry Blackmon.

The Northeast Texas Missionary Baptist Mission Council meeting was held there last Friday night at East Post Oak Baptist Church. Bro. Calvin Permenter was moderator and mission reports were given by Bro. Curtis Hall of Linden, Texas, Bro. Tim Zepeda missionary pastor of the Spanish Mission in Mt. Pleasant, Bro. Billy Daniels missionary pastor of Bogata Mission and Bro. Terry Patterson of the Gilmer MB Mission. Bro. Neal Clark of Daingerfield MBC gave a report on missions in Perce that his church is sponsoring.

Specials were sung by Mrs. Tim Zepeda and a trio from Post Oak, Newman Low, Ruth Johnson and Billie Ruth Bates. Bro. Bobby White of Texarkana brought the message. Afterwards a supper was served by the Post Oak Church. Next meeting will be with the Daingerfield MBC.

There will be a noon fellowship on Saturday, July 29 at the Post Oak BC with hamburgers and desserts. They plan to start eating about one o'clock.

Delbert Smith has been in St. Joseph with an infection in his arm after having several tests.

Johnie Lee attended the Red Oak Cemetery meeting Sunday and reported a small crowd. They changed their meeting to the 1st Sunday in June next year.

James and Mickie Freelan report that their grandson Dillon Henry is in camp for cancer patients this week. He is doing as well as can be expected and has over a year and half more treatments.

Paris TxDOT to hold blood drive

The Paris District-Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a blood drive on Tuesday, August 1, 200 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 1365 N. Main in Paris, Texas. The Stewart Regional Blood Center mobile coach will be at the location to receive donors. The public is invited to join the TxDOT staff in helping to *Share The Gift of Life* by donating blood.

For more information or to schedule a donation time, please contact Audrye L. Andrews, Public Information Officer at 903-737-9225 or call Linda Clark at 903-737-9281.

TxDot lets

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The Texas Department of Transportation recently let a highway construction contract to APAC, Inc. of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

The contract will be for the Overlay of S 82, etc., which will include areas in the cities of Paris, Blossom, Reno, Detroit and Clarksville. The work will consist of planning, seal and overlay with Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete. This project will be a total of 25.096 miles.

A pre-construction meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Paris ARea Office, 3600 S.W. Loop 286, Paris.

Vendors needed for homecoming

The City of Blossom will hold its Homecoming on Labor Day weekend at the City Park. They are expecting a large crowd of several hundred people to attend. Many have expressed a desire to have a variety of arts, crafts, foods and souvenirs available for purchase.

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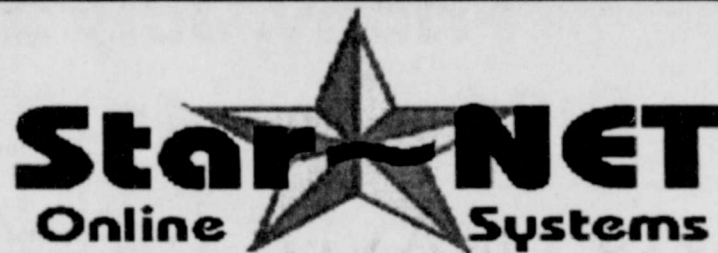
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A precious gift..wife gives husband a kidney

Annette Jones gave her husband Cato one of her kidneys so he could live. The transplant took place December 13, 1999 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and was successful from the first minute. Annette said, "I never doubted for a minute that this was something I would do. He would do it for me. We have loved each other for 40 years and plan to continue our lives together until death takes us".

Annette, who had a foot-long incision compared to Cato's six inch one is back to normal and glad the dangerous episode is over. Cato on the other hand is still recovering. He is not yet able to put in a full day at his job as President of the Security State Bank in Wewoka where he has served for 22 years. But, he is getting better fast.

It took two decades for Cato's kidney problem to reach crisis stage. Back in 1979 doctors found cancer in his right kidney and had to remove it. From the start Cato grew up in Talco, TX, the son of Felix Jones, founder of the Talco State Bank. His mother, Ruth, was a school teacher. He was born August 16, 1938 the next to the youngest of 12 children. His boyhood was average. He played football for Talco High School and was in the band. He worked at his father's bank beginning with sweeping up. After graduation in 1956 he attended Abilene Christian College and worked part time in a bank.

Annette also grew up in Talco and attended the same college. She is the daughter of Troy and Ruby Lewis of Talco. Troy was an employee of Mobil Oil. She played junior high basketball and was a member of the high school band. She has 3 sisters, Becky, Lewis Blackburn, Brenda Lewis Russell and Jan Lewis Lily.

Annette and Cato dated during their high school days occasionally but they fell in love at Abilene campus. She quit college in her junior year and they married on September 5, 1959.

Cato got his business administration degree from Abilene Christian in 1960 and he joined his father in the bank at Talco for 6 years. They moved to New Jersey where Cato was an assistant branch manager for 7 years. His mother suffered a heart attack and the couple returned to Texas where he worked in a bank at Grapevine. He was recruited by Security State in January 1978 where he became President. Barely a year had gone by when carcinoma was detected in the left kidney. The medical nightmare extended over 20 years.

First surgeons took out the disease kidney. Two years later cancer developed around his esophagus. Radiation treatments were given. "Then I heard about a doctor in Greece, who was having great success with an immune system enhancement treatment," said Cato. He and Annette flew to Athens where for a month he took this very unorthodox treatment.

The doctor in Greece put his on a very strict diet. Nothing with chemicals. He ate vegetables, no red meat, white meat of chicken and swimming fish. Annette used unbleached flour and still does. No salt, soda, caffeine or food with preservatives were allowed. Cato stayed on the diet for 8 years.

The radiation he had taken had destroyed his other kidney and the function went from 100 percent to 20 percent from 1981 to 1988. Every 3 to 6 months doctors in Oklahoma City ran tests and the results were frightening. The kidney was failing fast. Dialysis was next and it was a terrible ordeal.

Tubes inserted into his neck were hooked up to pump his blood through a machine to take out the impurities his kidney could not. He had to have this done 3 times a week for 4 hours and 15 minutes each time. For about 3 months it helped. Then it became evident that he could not stay on dialysis for a long period of time. His body just would not tolerate it.

Annette suffered with Cato. Early on doctors had told them he might need a kidney transplant in 15 to 20 years but it had seemed like a long

time off. Annette decided to volunteer giving him a kidney when doctors first mentioned dialysis.

The idea had come from Oklahoma State University football coach, Bob Simmons who got a kidney transplant from his wife, Linda. It was the first time Annette knew she could be a possible donor. She mentioned the idea to Cato's doctors who thought it was a wonderful one. But, she had to be tested.

Tests started in May 1999. First blood work and then all sorts of ultrasounds, Cat scans etc. etc. It turned out Annette's kidneys were healthy and the right size and she was accepted as a donor.

The couple's son, Gregory, a banker in Paris, TX., fought the decision He demanded to be the donor. But, the doctor's had already made their choice. The couple's 4 daughters had already been eliminated because they were young and of child-bearing age.

Annette and Cato were ready for the transplant. He was failing fast, but unexpected complications arose. He developed a staph infection which brought a 6 week delay. Surgeons had to go into his neck and remove all the cartilage from his clavicle and practically drown him with antibiotics.

Finally, the date was set for Monday, December 13, 1999. Annette was prepped in one room, Cato next door. The transplant was almost scrubbed at the last minute. Cato's surgeon had come down with a virus. But, she medicated herself and scrubbed for surgery.

Annette's left kidney was removed. Then Cato was put to sleep and his groin opened. Her kidney was quickly attached to his bladder. Cato said, "They told me later that it started working immediately, which is a little unusual." Annette said, "They just put me to sleep and the next thing I knew I was in my room and awake. It was a hard surgery but I had excellent care and am fine now."

The next morning Cato was able to walk down the hall and visit Annette. He told her he could not believe how good he felt. Cato has thanked his loving wife over and over. Annette

finds the attention of the transplant a bit embarrassing. She said, "He is really my life and it is like a gift to me because he feels good now."

During the months and months of her husband's illness Annette took up quilting. One very special and the smallest quilt she made was for their granddaughter, Mikal McKenzie, who was born with the rare and terrible Hurler's disease, which deforms a child's body and curtails life at about 10. Mikal's parents, Jo, Lisa and Joel McKenzie of Lexington, Kentucky brought her to see her grandparents. Annette was working on a quilt for her June 13, 1998 when she suddenly died.

Stifling her heartbreak, Annette sat up long past midnight and into the wee hours of morning sewing on Mikal's quilt. She had it finished in time to spread over the child in her coffin before she was laid to rest in Oklahoma City.

Soybean Field meeting set for August 8th

Area producers are invited to attend the soybean field tour that will begin Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. on the Don Lawler farm. Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist and company representative will lead discussion during the variety tour.

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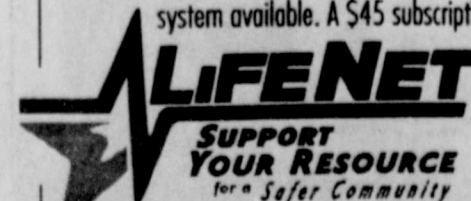
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Blossom, Reno and Paris, the homes in our coverage area outside the city limits of Blossom are at a rating of 9, down from 10.

With the increasing danger of wildland fires, (grass fires) our grass fire truck will not hold up to the rugged demand that is put on it. The truck in question is a 1978 model ambulance that was converted to what we have today. The expenses of keeping the truck running are too great to keep it in service. Therefore, we feel that it is in your best interest for us to replace the truck with something that is more suited for rugged terrain. The truck we have now is adapted for grass fire use only. We would like to replace it with a truck that can be used for house fires, car fires, grass fires, woodland fires, etc.

As you are aware, vehicles are expensive. Our main income to the fire department is the Blossom Vol-

unteer Fire Department's annual Chili Supper, which raises enough funds to pay bills for the year and buy some small equipment. However, we never have enough to put back for larger equipment such as a new truck. So the BVFD is asking once again for the help of the community in replacing our grass fire truck.

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Montana Figueroa

Montana Figueroa celebrates 3rd birthday

Montana Figueroa, daughter of Chad and Kenda Figueroa, celebrated her third birthday on Saturday, July 22 at her home in Roxton.

Attending were Cassi and Madison Weems, Charlotte Pickering, Anna and David Zant, Connie Ausmus, Chris and Joe Mashburn, Donna Canyon and Jacob Boswell, Monty and Matthew Cannada, Craig, Coralina and Zachary Zant, David, Jennie and Joey Ballard, Marc,

Wendy and Blake McNeal, Kelly, Stephanie and Bailey Sanders, Lacey Stidham, Dudley and June Zant, all of Paris, Brad Figueroa and Cayli Fugett of Powderly, Kara, Jayla Davis and Steven McDowell of Sumner, Edna Dillard of Tawakoni, Linda Glenn of Longview, Kathy Tippit, Ty Figueroa and Billie Francis of Deport, Linda Gray of Bogata and Jeremy, Ashley and Madison Day of Pattonville.

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Red River Healthcare activity department is looking for volunteers!

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Trooper Gray and family to be honored with benefit

LifeNet EMS and the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a barbecue supper with all the trimmings Saturday, July 29, 2000 at the McKenzie Memorial Methodist Church in Clarksville from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for DPS Trooper Kevin Gray and his family, who lost their home and contents to fire ear-

lier this month. There will be a cake and pie auction to follow. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For further information please contact Randy Kennedy at LifeNet at 427-3897 or Larry Moore at Moore's Texaco at 427-2345.

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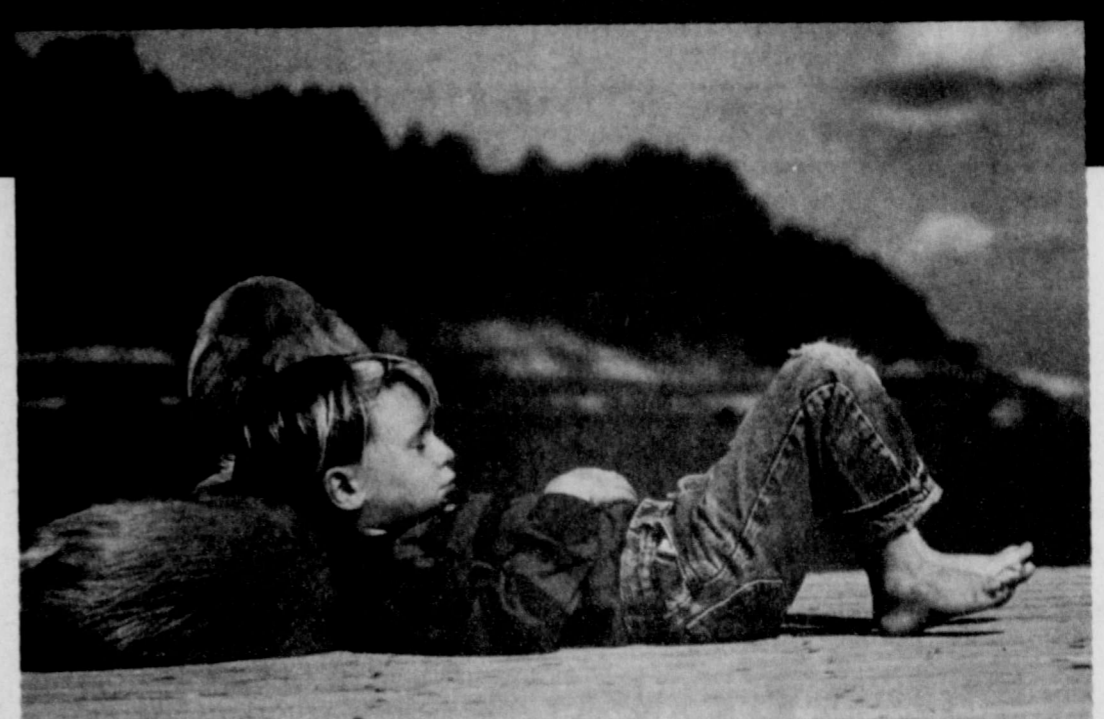
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AWARD WINNING storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis of Dallas visited the Blossom Library on Wednesday to entertain the children during their summer reading program. This event was sponsored by the Paris Public Library. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Library hears storyteller Elizabeth Ellis

By Liz Irwin

The Blossom Library is sponsoring a summer reading program for six weeks. The program is under the direction of Peggy Johnston and Sue Clarkson. It offers area children the chance to learn from reading and have fun at the same time. Of the Paris Public Library bring new books each week through the mobile library, give puppet shows, read book and offer the children snacks. With a lot of the parents working, the children have the opportunity to visit the library each Wednesday for six weeks.

On Wednesday, July 19, the library offered a special treat in the form of world renown storyteller Elizabeth Ellis. Ms. Ellis is a member of the Texas Storyteller Association and has won many prestigious storytelling awards. She is known throughout the United States and Canada. This delightful lady kept the children... and parents, spellbound with her wonderful storytelling. She brought the story to life with sounds and gestures that made you believe that you were part of the story.

She told the story of "Anazi", who was a spider with a large family who gets into quite a predicament. She then told of the "Tailor and the Hudgen" who needed a place to sleep,

and finally a tale of "the baker and her family who pays a visit the fairies". The children then enjoyed a puppet show and each received free books from the library for attending. Over thirty children attended the program.

Storytelling is an age-old art form that is gaining popularity with conventions, seminars and other forms of organization. They offer workshops that enlighten the storytellers on the principles and skills of the art of storytelling. The workshops provide new and powerful tools that the storytellers can utilize to make their work more impactful and effective to their clients.

Storytelling is also a big business. They are paid fees for their speaking engagements, record cassettes, CD's, etc. They gather each March in Denton for their yearly convention, offering something for everyone. This includes an area for children's stories, all types of Christian storytelling and they even offer a "liar's club" session.

Traditional cultures relied on storytelling with the oral tradition to save each other's stories. They told their stories and they were remembered and retold to others. This technique depends on the relationship between the teller and the listener.

Not only does the listener receive the story, but also the listener is charged with keeping the story alive. The story exists as long as someone listens to tell it.

Community storytelling is a new way to look at storytelling. It uses the story to connect the members of a community. By listening to stories and telling their own stories, participants in a community grow closer to their fellow members.

Storytelling has existed as long as people have spoken. People have created words that another world could hear. Storytelling creates those direct connections between people and strengthens communities as a result.

As a result, storytelling entertains, educates and inspires. Today's storytellers perform and lead residencies in schools, teaching students critical listening and reading skills. In corporations, storytellers help explore and identify the values of organizations. In hospital settings, tellers keep alive the personal stories of illness and healing. In festivals throughout the world, they entertain children of all ages. In religious institutions, tellers strengthen the integrity of our community by keeping people in touch with what they value.



RED RIVER VALLEY-Dixie Belles All Star team coaches and members this year are; (back row from the left) Coach Kenny Carrell, Keely Donovan, Erica Williams, Ashley Beers, Amanda Nichols, Kara Screws, Nikki Rosser, Mark Hare and Bryan Williams; (middle from the left) Stephanie Stringer, Tina Carder, Tiffany Nance and Capreece Dockins and (front from the left) Molly Hare and Krystal Valenzuela. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Red River Belles still ringing!

The Red River Valley Dixie Belles (girls 13-14-15) All Star team recently won the District Tournament and advanced to the State Tournament in Crosby, Texas.

On Saturday, July 22, 2000 the girls played their first game at the State level. They won 8-4. On Sunday they took a slim win of 2-1 and on Monday night they won with a

score of 10-5.

They went into Tuesday night's game undefeated and stayed that way! The win put them into the final game of the tournament vs Palestine on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

If the team wins they will head to Virginia for the National Tournament in 2 weeks. Go Red River!!!!

Health Alert

The Lennox Health Resource Center located at 114 North Walnut, Clarksville, TX, will sponsor a "Health Alert" Wednesday, August 9, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will be free to all adult citizens of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income. Services

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Marlena Ballard attended cheerleading camp in Denton.

The Jack Ballards were in Chicago on business this week.

Belinda Antoine was in town checking on property and visited Shorty Ballard.

Happy birthday to Thelma Warren, Jeff Smith, Kaid Stephens, Lundy Lane Sparks, Raymond Hignight, Ricky McMikel, Chasity Francis, David Darden, Jeff LaRue, Jo Travis Kelsey, Judy Whittle, Paul Ray Keys, Clay Francis, Jennifer Waggoner, Jeremy Burns, Matt Smith, Benita Legate, Dakota Taylor, Dewey Ward, Patsy Dewitt, Angie Wolf, Devin Brown, Dora McEntyre, J.C. Ward, Dakota Mitchell, Neita Denison, Ruth Chapman, Dee Wood, Joe Lynn Thompson, LaNell Stepp, Deanna Nelson, Don Denison, Melissa Benfer, Melissa Chipman, Shanna Wilkerson, Laura Brooks, Laura Francis LaRue, Naomi Vincent, Bob Marshall Charles Davis, Harold Benfer, Jason Dawson, L.D. Miller, Shanon McMikel, Michael Webb, Callie Gifford, Ethel Elrod, Mamie Fletcher, Ronald Dylan Ballard, Tara Gifford, Billie Murphy, Cindy Allen, Dorothy Melton, Herman LaRue, Phyllis Taylor, George Richardson.

Happy anniversary to Melba and Carlos Ladd, Diane and Charles Davis, Skeeter and Roy Davis, Tammy and Tony Erwin, Jim and Russell Ward, Marilyn and Benny Crawford, Abby and Sammy Strickland, Becky and Billy

Robinson, Andre and Richard Dixon, Larann and John Denison, Carol and J.C. Ward, Frankye and Billy Sessums, Bobbye and Clyde Slusher.

Mrs. Jamie Connor of Bridgebain, Washington, Mrs. Lary Keel and daughter Meriam of Seattle, Washington were weekend guests of Thelma Warren.

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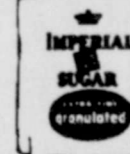


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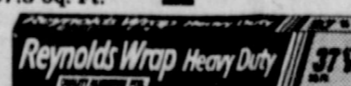
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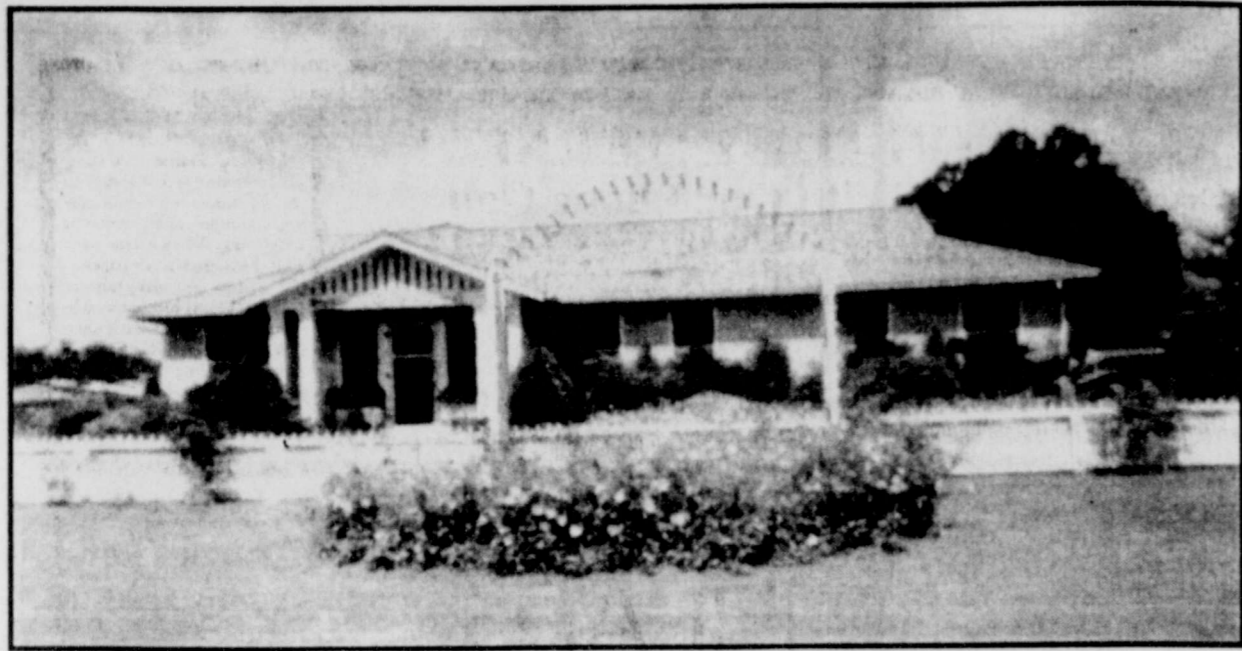
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NURSES-in 1940 these were the nurses at Grant Hospital in Deport. They are, from left: Nurses Essie, Edith and Miss Roda Oliver. All were familiar to hundreds of people throughout the area. The photo was sent in my Marylyn McDowra Cope.



GOOD SPORTS-The River Valley All Star Darlings (girls 7 & 8 years old) participated in the Dixie Softball District Tournament in Mt. Vernon June 16-20. The team tied with Mt. Pleasant for 3rd place in the district but brought home a very important award, the Sportsmanship Trophy. Before presenting the award, the tournament director explained that this award was as important, if not more important than the championship trophy. Talco, Bogata and Deport was proudly represented by these young ladies. They were coached by Ricky and Lori Franks, Stanley Jesse and Shelia Malone. Pictured are; (front row from the left) Brandi Via, Katrina Malone, Haily Screws, Brittany Black and Kaimbri White; (back row from the left) Karissa Woodall, Jessica Jesse, Callie Anderson, Keltie Mallory, Ashley Savage, Kelsey Franks and Jerica White.

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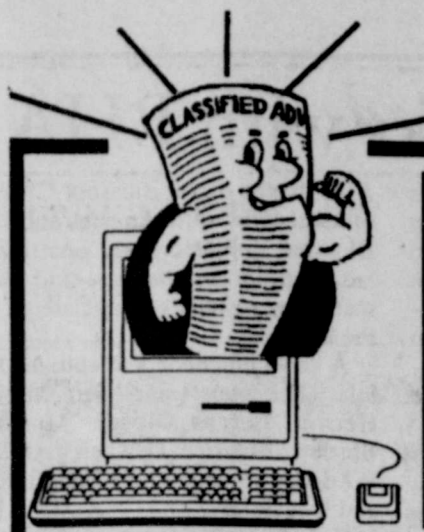
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The Detroit Housing Authority will be implementing new work at 2 sites, under the 1999 Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program. (CIAP). Scope includes replacement of kitchen cabinets and construction of two new laundry facilities.
The Professional Services required shall include:
Preparation of design and construction documents in a timely manner, work write-ups, cost estimates, evaluation of construction bids, inspection of materials and workmanship during construction, notifying the contractor, as well as the Housing Authority of any problems that have been observed. Included is certification that all construction work is being performed in accordance with the construction contract, and all documents and reports are submitted as mandated by the contract.
Firms interested in providing Architectural/Engineering services under this program are invited to submit a letter of interest, which demonstrates an understanding of the modernization needs and the firm's ability to perform the work. A complete profile of the principals and staff confirming the professional, technical, competence and past experiences and firm location must be submitted as well. Because design work is required, provide evidence that the Architect/Engineer is registered to licensed to perform the required services in the State of Texas. Provide a certified statement that the Architect/Engineer or firm is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any Federal, State or Local Agency. Evidence must also be submitted that shows Architect/Engineer carries professional liability insurance.
The successful firm may be required to assist the PHA with the Fy 2000 planning grant and provide full architectural services for the 2000 program at the option of the Housing Authority.
The deadline for the submission of the proposal is August 3, 2000 at the Detroit Housing Authority, located at 165 Deport Road, Detroit, TX 75436. The telephone number is 903-674-2185.
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PUBLIC HEARING
The Detroit Housing Authority will hold a public hearing and take comments concerning the Five Year Agency Plan and Annual Plan on August 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the offices located at 165 Deport Road, Detroit, TX.
The Draft Pplan will be available for public inspection from 8:00 am. until 11:00 a.m. at the offices listed above, up until the public hearing date.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Blossom will submit one or more applications for the Texas Community Development Program grant fund. The City is requesting that qualified firms or individuals submit proposals for grant management services and for engineering services.
The City is procuring these services prior to submission of the application(s) and will enter into contracts contingent upon a grant award. The same firm cannot be awarded both contracts.
In order to be considered proposals must be submitted prior to 4:00 p.m. on the 9th day of August, 2000.
A complete Request for Proposals outlining services required by the City submission requirements and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting Tony Chance, City Administrator, City of Blossom, 1240 West Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416, 903-982-5900.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Rivercrest Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Construction Graphic, Meat Lab, Ag.Mechanics, Horticulture, Business, Home Economics. Admission to these programs is based on Course Prerequisites, age appropriateness and class space available.
It is the policy of Rivercrest ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
It is the policy of Rivercrest ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
Rivercrest ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX coordinator, Pam Hays, at Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417, phone 903-632-5205, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Gary VanDeaver, at Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417, phone 903-632-5203.
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Rivercrest School District/Charter School National School Lunch/Breakfast Program, School Year 2000-2001
The Rivercrest ISD school serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.20 and breakfast for 55¢. Children who qualify under U.S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of \$4.00 for lunch and \$3.00 for breakfast. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information; telephone number 632-5204. Rivercrest High School lunch \$1.50 and breakfast for \$6.5. Your child can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your child may be eligible for either free or reduced price meals.
To get free or reduced-price meals for your child, you must complete an application for Free and Reduced Price Meals form and return it to the school.
Households getting food stamps or TANF. You only have to include your child's name and case number, and an adult household member must sign the form.
Households that do not get food stamps or TANF. If you do not have a case number, you must include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the form and include his or her social security number, or indicate that he or she has no social security number.
Households with a foster child. You must include the child's name and the amount of "personal use" income the child received last month, and an adult must sign the form.
Will the form be verified? Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send written evidence that shows that your child should get free or reduced price meals.
Can I appeal the school's decision? You can talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your form. You also may ask for a fair hearing by calling or writing to: Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent, 903-632-5204 at Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417.
Must I report changes? If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell us if your household size decreases, or if your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets free meals because your household gets food stamps or TANF, you must tell us when you no longer get these benefits.
Will information on my form be kept confidential? We will use the information on your form to decide if your child should get free or reduced price meals. We may inform officials with other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.
Can I apply for free and reduced price meals later? You may apply free and reduced price meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF, complete another form then.
You will be notified when your application is approved or denied.
RIVERCREST SCHOOL DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL CARTA A LAS FAMILIAS
PROGRAMA NACIONAL DE ALMUERZOS ESCOLARES/PROGRAMA DE DESAYUNOS ESCOLARES 2000-2001
Estimados padres/apoderados:
Rivercrest I.S.D. school ofrece comidas saludables para escoger todos los días de clase. Los niños pueden comprar almuerzo a \$1.20 y desayuno a \$5.55 y merienda despues escuela N/A. Los niños que califican de acuerdo a las pautas del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE.UU. pueden obtener comidas gratuitas o al precio rebajado de \$4.00 para el almuerzo, y a \$3.00 para el desayuno y a N/A para merienda despues escuela. Todas las comidas que se sirven deben cumplir con las normas de nutrición establecidas por el Departamento de Agricultura de los EE.UU. Si un niño tiene una discapacidad, según lo haya determinado un médico y la discapacidad no permite que el niño coma la comida escolar regular, la escuela hará las sustituciones prescritas por el médico. Si se necesita una sustitución, no habrá costo adicional por la comida. Sin embargo, por favor tengan en cuenta que la escuela no esta obligada a hacer una sustitucion por una alergia a un alimento, a menos que cumpla con la definición de discapacidad. Por favor llamen a la escuela para solicitar mayor información.
Su hijo obtener comidas escolares gratuitas si usted recibe cupones para alimentos, o Asistencia Provisional para Familias Necesitadas gratuitas o a precio rebajado.
Los grupos familiares que reciben cupones para alimentos, TANF. Solo tienen que incluir el nombre de su hijo y el numero del caso y un miembro adulto del grupo familiar debe firmar el formulario.
Los grupos familiares que no reciben cupones para alimentos, o TANF. Si no tienen un numero de caso, deben incluir los nombres de todos los miembros del grupo familiar, el monto del ingreso que cada persona obtuvo el mes pasado de donde provino el ingreso. Un miembro adulto del grupo familiar debe firmar el formulario y debe incluir su numero de seguro social o indicar que no tiene uno.
Los grupos familiares con un niño a cargo de los servicios sociales. Deben incluir el nombre del niño y el monto de ingreso para "uso personal" que el niño recibio el mes pasado y un adulto debe firmar el formulario.
Se verificara el formulario? En cualquier momento durante el año escolar se puede comprobar su elegibilidad. Los funcionarios escolares les pueden pedir que manden evidencia escrita que demuestre que su hijo debe recibir comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio rebajado.
Puedo apelar la decision de la escuela? Puede hablar con los funcionarios escolares si no esta de acuerdo con la decision de la escuela sobre su formulario. Tambien puede pedir una audiencia imparcial llamando o escribiendo a: Gary VanDeaver, Superintendent, 903-632-5203 at Rt. 1, Box 253, Bogata, Texas 75417.
Debo notificar los cambios? Si su hijo recibe comidas gratuitas o a precio rebajado debido a su ingreso, debe decirnos si el tamaño de su grupo familiar disminuye o si sus ingresos aumentan en mas de \$50 al mes o \$600 al año. Si su hijo recibe comidas gratuitas debido a que su grupo familiar recibe cupones para alimentos, o TANF debe avisarnos cuando ya no reciba esos beneficios.
Se mantendra confidencial la informacion en mi formulario? Usaremos la informacion en su formulario para determinar si su hijo debe recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio rebajado. Podemos informar a los funcionarios encargados de otros programas de nutrición infantil, salud y educación sobre la informacion en su formulario para determinar los beneficios para esos programas o para propósitos de financiamiento y/o evaluación.
Puedo solicitar mas adelante comidas gratuitas o a precio rebajado? Puede solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio rebajado en cualquier momento durante el año escolar. Si no es elegible ahora, pero tiene un cambio, como una disminucion en el ingreso del grupo familiar, un aumento en al tamaño del grupo familiar, queda cesanta u obtiene cupones para alimentos, TANF, complete un formulario en ese momento. Le haremos saber si se aprueban o niegan los beneficios.



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 Saturday, August 5, 2000 10:00 AM
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Denny have sold their land and are moving to town. Mr. Denny took pride in his farming and ranching operations, and his equipment certainly reflects his excellent care. Everything sells - No minimums - No reservations. Inspection - Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and morning of sale
Directions: Take Hwy 79 north from Paris 3.5 mi., Turn left on FM 2820, Go west 3.5 mi. to CR 33100, Turn right, Go 1.3 mi. WATCH FOR AUCTION SIGNS
 Tractor - Ford 5900 - 82 HP, approx 700 hrs, new battery, with Great Bend 440 loader, bucket & hay fork
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 Farm Equipment - 150 gal trailer type pasture sprayer, Rhino SR15 batwing shredder-like new, 500 lb 3-pt seeder-new, 5 ft 3-pt shredder in good shape, 3-pt post hole digger with 3 size augers, 5 ft box blade in good shape, 3-pt turning plow, brush saw with new 5hp Briggs-Stratton motor 2 new 18" blades & extra belt, 300 gal fuel tank on stand with Golden Rod filter and new hose
 Shop & Ranch Equipment - feed troughs, hay rings, mineral feeders, liquid feeders, metal gates-approx 4, 5 & 12 ft, battery & electric hot shots, calf puller, pipe & wood saw horses, barrels, tractor weight, sheet iron, lumber, chains, 5 gal gas cans, large metal tool box, welders-electric & gas plus generator, welding hoods, clamps & hand tools, plumbing & electrical supplies, 16"x52" cattle panels, electric & battery fence chargers, Green Machine weed eater blades & string, plastic syrup tubes, hay hooks, bridles, halters, ropes, ladders-large metal extension & 5 ft wooden step, lug wrenches, hi-lift jack, Bois d'Arc fence posts, treated telephone pole posts, cross ties, show calf prod
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Vehicles
 FOR SALE: 1996 Ford Explorer XLT, good condition. \$12,900. 903-379-8227. MA tjc
 FOR SALE: 1977 Chevrolet station wagon, as is. \$500. 903-632-5976. MA 7-27
Wanted:
 NEEDED: Display cases for the Bogata Museum/Library. Would accept donation or we have limited funds for purchase. Also table, chairs, filing cabinet. Please call 903-632-5999. tjcnc
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 FREE TO GOOD HOME: 2 1/2 year old neutered Lab-mix dog. Very affectionate. 784-4924 or 739-9434. 7-27nc
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Notice
 GARY'S BARBER SHOP, presently located next to Main Street Restaurant in Clarksville, will be moving to Jerry's Hair Center, next to Loop 37 & 82 in Clarksville. Gary's new hours will be 8-12 noon Tuesday through Saturday. MA 8-10
Reward
 REWARD for information leading to the thief of watermelons taken from my home on Friday, July 21 after 6 p.m. to Saturday, July 22 at 2 p.m. Delbert Smith, 903-674-6621. 7-27

Cemetery donations received

Donations have been received by the Cunningham Restland Cemetery in memory of Susie Norwood by Geneva Norwood.

In memory of Lorette Pynes by Carl Ray and Jenaivee Hatcher, Candard and Deloris Norwood, Clyde and Bobby Slusher.

In memory of Les, Bessie and Frank Hume by Maureen Hume McDowell.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF BLOSSOM TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT

The City of Blossom is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2000 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to include additional wastewater system improvements associated with this contract. The improvements included in this contract amendment request are proposed to be made along Park Street in the City of Blossom. These improvements will be in the general vicinity of other wastewater system improvements already under construction as part of the city's approved TCDP project.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 5:30 p.m. on August 10, 2000 at the City Hall located at 1240 W. Front Street in Blossom, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's 2000 TCDP project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. Disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact Tony Chance, City Administrator to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact Tony Chance, City Administrator at City Hall prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City of Blossom, P.O. Box 297, Blossom, TX 75416 until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at City Hall. For further information concerning the City's 2000 TCDP project and/or this proposed contract amendment, please contact Tony Chance, City Administrator, City of Blossom at 903-982-5900.



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Prairiland teachers Graves & Bangs attend conference

Sandra Graves and Rhonda Bangs, members of the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas and a family and consumer sciences teacher at Prairiland High School at Pattonville, joined a registration in excess of 1,800 teachers at the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) 2000 State Professional Development Conference for Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers, July 18, through 21st at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport Complex. The annual conference is planned and coordinated by the Family and Consumer Sciences Education unit of the Career and Technology Education Division of TEA.

The theme "Family and Consumer Sciences Education: Celebrating the Journey, Designing the Future" provided the framework for the four day conference. Attendees were offered training to enhance their teaching methodology skills, update their content knowledge, and refine their program priorities, in addition to training for utilizing updated curriculum resources for implementing family and consumer sciences courses adopted by the State Board of Education as part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Con-

ference participants also received training and resources on a range of topics which provided up-to-date information for effectively preparing students to meet ever-changing family, societal and business/industry needs. The conference programming provided sessions relevant to all family and consumer sciences teachers grades 7-12.

Concurrent sessions addressed a variety of subjects including use of technology in home and industry settings, effective teaching strategies for diverse student populations, maximizing career preparation opportunities and promoting learning and leadership through the co-curricular student organization, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Other sessions addressed trends and practices in businesses and industries related to family and consumer sciences, promoting problem solving and critical thinking, consumer investment strategies and using technology in education. Best Practices Sessions were conducted by teachers with innovative approaches to planning, teaching and management which have proven to be especially successful in their family and consumer sciences program.



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Lennox Center to host blood drive

The Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville will be sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, August 9 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The mobile unit will be on the

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2. What attracts mosquitoes to people?
3. Do all mosquitoes bite?
4. How long do mosquitoes live?
5. What do ticks and mosquitoes have in common?
6. What's the newest known mosquito-borne virus in the U.S.?
7. Why do mosquitoes bite?
8. Where's the only known Mosquito Festival held?

Answers

These answers come from the experts on mosquitoes who produce ITCX anti-itch ointment. 1. Houston, Texas. 2. Mosquitoes prefer people who smell of detergent or perfume and who wear dark colors. 3. Only female mosquitoes bite. Males dine on plant nectar. 4. About two weeks. 5. They both look for the same thing in a meal: carbon dioxide (the gas humans breathe out), heat and movement. 6. The West Nile virus. 7. Mosquitoes need blood to develop fertile eggs. 8. Clute, Texas.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving in words evidence of the fact.

—George Eliot

Pattonville News
By Peggy Parsons
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Happy birthday wishes to Lundy Lane Sparks, Joe Lynn Thompson, Don Denison, Shanna Wilkerson, Marcy Campbell, Leah Lindsey, Helen Gibson, James Merritt, Jeny Richey, Barbara Dawson.

Stan Cox of Shady Grove has returned from Barcelona, Spain where he played in the Ambassador's Football Bowl as a member of the U.S. People to People Sports Team. Stan scored two touchdowns in their 64-0 win.

Leah Boren attended the PJC Cheerleading Camp in Paris with the Prairiland Junior High Cheerleading Squad July 11-15 where she and Courtney Nichols of Blossom received trophies as All Star Cheerleaders and Leah received a trophy for Most Outstanding Jr. High Cheerleader. Katy Hall of Blossom won a ribbon for Best Spotter. The entire squad won a trophy for the best cheer. Other members are: Laura Barnes, Whitney Brook, Johnna Patterson, Ashley Ebarb, Nikki Long, Mallory Price and Amanda Neal. Cheryl Brook serves as their sponsor.

Lois Kennett of Cooper, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett and Leah Boren spent the night with Keith and Peggy Parsons before leaving for Orlando, FL for a week's vacation. Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew, and Nina Sparks accompanied them. They enjoyed Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom and Kennedy Space Center in Orlando and the Daytona 500 Speedway at Daytona Beach, FL.

Judy Ellington is recovering from gallbladder surgery last Friday in Huntsville.

Sara Mazy had surgery last Monday in McCuiston Regional Medical Center where she was in ICU until Sunday.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins included Norris and Marilyn Bolton; Edna Towers of Paris, Mickey Keener of Longview, Sandy Ring. Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie

Newsom in Paris and Sara Mazy in McCuiston Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons were John Nash of Choctaw Ridge, Lois Kennett of Cooper, Elois Sparks, Nina Saprks, Debra Odell, Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah.

Laura Skidmore of Clardy has been named as Postmaster of the Pattonville Post Office. Rita Cox is her assistant.

Spending Monday night with Leah Boren was Morgan Searis of Deport.

Congratulations to Creighton Byrd and Mini Paige Mitchell who were married in Austin on June 22. He is the son of Ewell and Paulette Byrd. His brothers Nathan and Leighton served as ushers.

Nick McDowra won ribbons for 1st place 500 freestyle backstroke; 2nd place in 100 freestyle and 50 fly stroke and 1st in the 200 medley relay in backstroke and 200 free relay in the Paris Aquatic Center Swim Meet held in Paris recently. He is the son of Reggie McDowra.

Megan Filkins has returned from a 12 day tour of Washington, D.C. she won in the Washington Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lamar Electric Cooperative. She watched the House of Representatives and Senate in action, toured many historical sites—Two Jima, Lincoln, Jefferson and Vietnam Memorials. George Washington's Home and watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Megan is the daughter of Barry and Diane Woodall.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Cecil E. Allen of Lamar Point, who died Friday, July 21, 2000 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret. Jesse Anderson and Buster Crossland were honorary pall bearers.

Bryant speaks with BHA

Irene Bryant of Blossom, who is the Branch Manager for the Pleasant Home Care, brought the program to the Blossom Housing Authority on Thursday, July 20. A good informative program on available home help care instruction and routines for medicines and how to apply for health care programs.

Blood pressure was taken on each resident and they thanked her for a wonderful program.

The general discussion for the meeting was programs for the next five months. These included the Holiday Fair in November along with sending cards of get well wishes to Wayne Barnett and Ethel Johnson.

Also thanks to the Blossom Church of Christ for refreshments and the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department ladies group for the non-skid bath mats. The residents appreciate all of the kindness.

A salad luncheon was enjoyed by all. The guests included Aileen Herron, Lorene Gibson, Martina Bartlett, Maurine Dewberry, Alice Whitecotton, Dot White, Etta Timby and Dot Bailey.

Congratulations go out to Mrs. Herron on being appointed to the Board of Commissioners.

The next meeting will be in August.



REMEMBER THIS?—Back on January 28th of this year Brittany and Leah Bull of Bogata took advantage of the heavy snows and cold temperatures to create this snow cat and her two snow kittens. They were truly the "cat's meow" back then. But isn't it hard, with the temperatures hitting above 100 degrees every day to remember just a few months back to when the world was so cold? The creations wou.dn't last long today!

CUNNINGHAM NEWS

By Jane O'Neal

Caleb Norwood was honored with a birthday party at their lake cabin on Lake Bob Sandlin on Thursday. Those attending were: Frankie, Julie, Logan and Layton Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Geneva Norwood, Charlie and Rose Joslin, Sheryl, Dillon and Derek Tesch.

On Friday night Brandon Oats was honored with a steak supper at their lake home. Those attending were: Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Georgeana and Brad Nutt, Geneva Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Marsha and Kaylee Lane, Ronnie and Raylene Nutt, Lance and Tanner Connet and Brad Barrentine.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur, Neva, ily Ray and Brandon Oats, Georgeana and Brad Nutt and Jim Bection.

Neva Oats spent Saturday in Longview shopping.

Jane O'Neal and Geneva Norwood went to Vaughan's for fish on Saturday night.

Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Karla Palmer and Brenton Norwood.

MLWanda and Pete McKnight honored Johnna Patterson with a birthday dinner on Sunday. Those present were Johnny, Fran and Jenna Patterson, Donnie Morrison, Ethelyn Davis, Connie McKnight, Cindy,

LeeDonn and Raenna Barnett. Jackie Taylor, Bobbie Hall, Clyde and Bobbye Slusher were in Dallas on Sunday to visit Travis and Junaita Slusher.

Stacy, Laura, Robert and Luke Taylor of Broken Arrow, Ok. spent the week with Silas and Juanita Taylor. They attended the Bible School and the Methodist Church in Deport.

Stacy, Laura, Luke and Robert Taylor visited Elvis Wright in Sterling House on Friday for ice cream. Elvis went home with them and attended the Bible School program at the Methodist Church.

Kerry and Mildred Wright of Mansfield, Louisiana and Lindsey Wright of Pine Bluff, Ark. visited Elvis Wright on Saturday and had lunch with him.

Davine Smith of Whitesboro visited Silas and Juanita Taylor on Saturday afternoon.

Velma Cox spent last week with Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado. While there she attended a bridal shower and luncheon honoring Shelby Cox, bride elect of Ken Wardle. She visited Morris Cox on Monday and he brought her home.

Velma Cox visited Walker and Willie Devlin on Thursday morning. James and Pat Norwood spent the weekend in Dallas and Ft. Worth. On Saturday they toured the Ft. Worth stockyards and Saturday night they went to Medieval Times.

Shelby and Bobby Kennedy visited Rilliss Merrifield on Sunday.

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