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By Nanalee Nichols

Please, be careful out there  
Over the past few weeks we witnessed two tragic accidents that have taken the lives of two young people. We witnessed another accident in which two young people were injured.

I am once again reminded that in a few seconds so much can happen to change so many lives.

And, once again I am reminded that the most dangerous thing we do in life is to drive.

Because of the necessity of driving we tend to take it for granted.

We shouldn't. Most of us think that we are good, safe drivers. All too often that is beside the point. Over the past 22 years in the newspaper business I have seen so many wrecks, so many people injured or killed. And a good portion of them were good drivers, driving safely. But, circumstances conspired to create a series of events that led to tragedy.

We cannot control the other driver. We cannot control things that may happen to our vehicle, or weather conditions.

In spite of overwhelming evidence that seat belts save lives, there are still many people who will not wear them. Yes, on rare occasions, a seat belt does more harm than good. But by and large they do the opposite.

The hardest part of this job is taking photographs of terrible accidents and writing stories about lives cut short.

Knowing that these photos and stories can upset family and friends is another difficult part of the job.

But, if one person can look at that photo and THINK a little about their driving...if they can drive a little more defensively, if they remember to buckle up that seat belt something has been accomplished.

I know there are many who disagree with me on this, as well as other issues. That goes with the territory. But, here is my "Mother Hen" lecture.

Please, please, drive carefully. Don't assume the driver at the intersection sees you and is stopping. Don't assume just because you have the right of way you won't have to yield it in order to avoid an accident. Fasten your seat belt. Drive defensively. Drive politely.

Each of us has made driving mistakes, and we will again.

Awareness helps us to cut down on those mistakes. Please, be aware of what you are doing...and what other drivers are doing. Be cautious, don't take risks driving.

In short, please, be careful. The result is no accident. And that's a great thing for everyone concerned.

Wednesday is "See You At The Pole" day

Wednesday, September 20 is "See You At The Pole" Anyone wishing to gather for a short prayer meeting in front of the Prairiland High School at 7:50 a.m. is invited.

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## Lamar County volunteer firefighters plead for help from commissioner's court

"Powder Keg" "Dry as a paper sack" and "emergency situation" were terms used by Lamar County Firefighters Association President Jack Steed to describe the present situation to Commissioner's Court on Monday.

Steed and representatives from all 19 Lamar County Volunteer Fire departments tried to express their need for financial assistance from the court.

Steed reported that most of the departments have more than twice as many calls this year as last year. Fuel prices have increased by as much as 50¢ per gallon. Some firefighters have resorted to hauling 55 gallon barrels of water in their pickups at all times during the present drought situation. Some departments, Steed reported, have equipment that won't operate without repairs. Some fire departments have had firefighters injured fighting fires without proper gear. Some fire departments are "Flat Broke" and firemen are paying for fuel and repairs out of their own pockets just to keep things going, he stated.

"This can't go on much longer"

Lamar County Judge Chuck Superville asked if all nineteen departments needed assistance.

"Some departments have money in the bank drawing interest. Do they need to be paid assistance too?" he queried.

Blossom Volunteer Fire Department members James Taylor responded that "yes, Blossom does have money in the bank from our fund raisers. That money is set aside for a new truck to replace the old truck that the department has trouble keeping in operation now. If that money is used up to operate we won't have many funds to use for new equipment".

Taylor's stated was echoed by other departments with the same situation. Steed asked for that, for this year, to help ease the extra burden put on the departments by the drought, that the Commissioner's Court give each department \$1,000 each to help get equipment repaired and some departments could use the money for gear.

Judge Superville stated that the county fire departments had received a raise from the county two years ago. The county pays \$82,000 to the de-

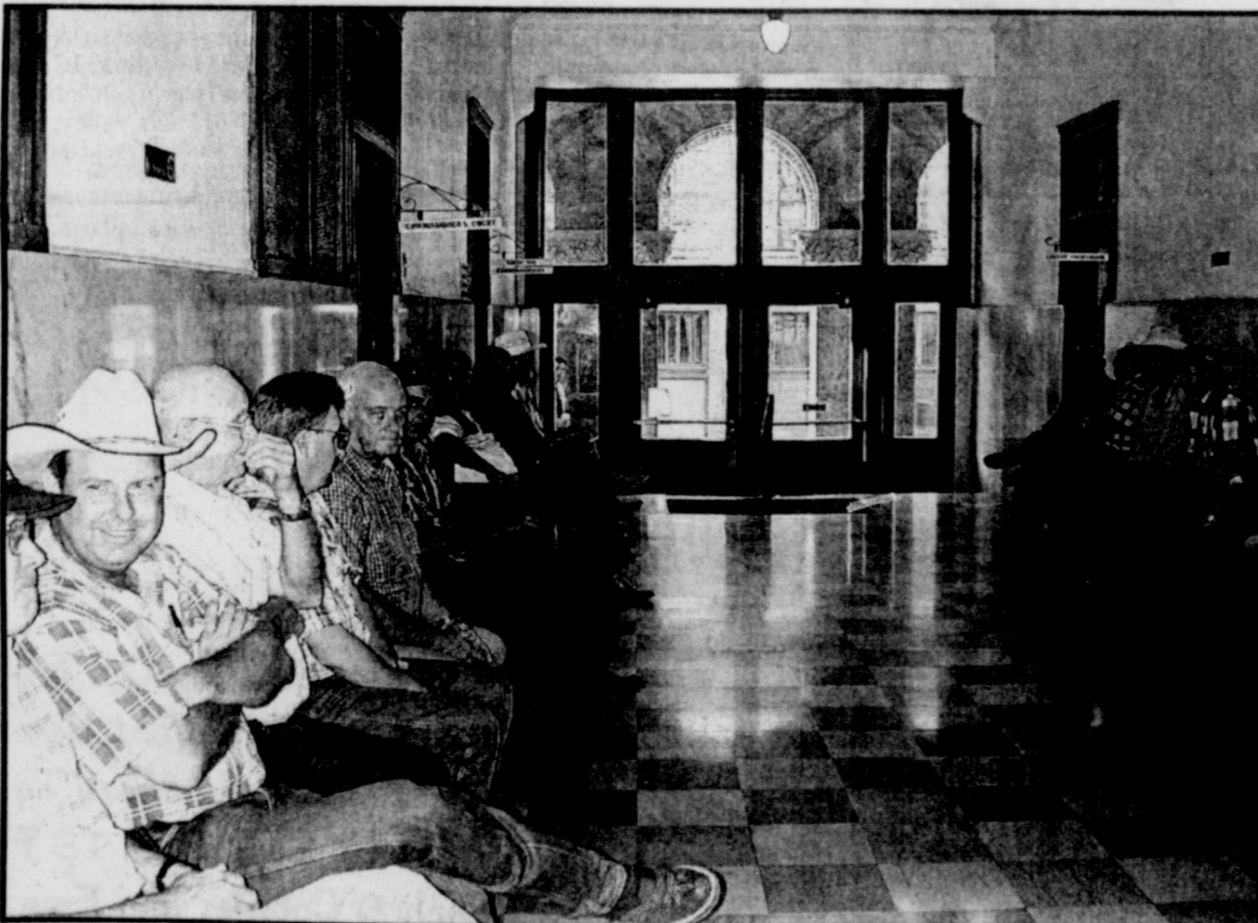
partments now. James Whitney of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department pointed out that \$82,000 wouldn't pay the salaries for four paid firemen if the county had to hire firefighters instead of using volunteers, much less pay equipment.

Steed reported that if the \$82,000 was divided by the number of calls the county volunteers made for fire, medical emergencies, weather watch and Amber alert programs the amount paid to the departments would amount to \$2.80 per call! "That won't even pay for the gas used" he stressed.

In summary the court agreed to review the budget and see if any funding can be found to help the county departments.

Judge Superville said they would get an answer within two to three weeks.

The fact that some rain showers have helped to alleviate the immediate fire danger does not negate the fact that the county's volunteer fire departments have had to use up most of their resources this summer fighting massive grass fires.



FRIENDLY FACES WITH A DESPERATE NEED-Fire fighters from the Lamar County Firefighters Association met Monday with Lamar County Commissioners Court to plead their case for emergency help from the Commissioners. Most departments have twice as many calls this year as last year. Also fuel prices up over 50 cents per gallon. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)



GRASS FIRE STOMP-members of Deport and Pattonville Volunteer Fire Departments used old fashioned foot power to stamp out this grass fire at a transformer near Deport Monday afternoon. They arrived on the scene before fire equipment did and worked the flames over on foot. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



PRAIRILAND'S 2000 Homecoming Queen named on Friday night was Melissa Steinkamp. Also pictured is her dad Bryan Steinkamp. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

## Harmonizing Under The Stars to provide fun and funds for Library

The gospel singing benefit for the promotion and encouragement of Bogata Public Library and Museum has been named "Harmonizing Under The Stars" by the James Wood family, sponsors of the benefit.

According to James Wood, what started out as a get together of a number of singing groups and singers from Bogata's surrounding area has escalated into numerous requests from people in Paris, Talco, Clarksville and other towns wanting to sing with the choir.

The benefit is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bogata Rodeo Arena.

The format, according to Wood, will be choir singing similar to the Gaither videos seen on national TV and a choir in excess of 100 people is expected. There is no admission charge although there will be opportunity for anyone wanting to make a tax deductible donation to the library and any donations either in monies or new books for the library will be

appreciated. Tim Wood, who will direct the choir, is urging anyone who likes to sing old gospel fast paced Gaither Songs to contact him so they can be a part of rehearsals which will be held on three different occasions prior to the performance.

Tim says "you don't have to read music, but you must enjoy singing as it's going to be lively and fast paced. If you have seen any of the Gaither videos you have seen how much fun the choir has and how entertaining a hundred voice choir can be."

Mark your calendar for October 7 for a night of clean family entertainment and be a part of "Harmonizing Under the Stars".

Remember, call Tim at 652-3195 or 632-5614 if you want to be a part of the choir. If you know of someone who likes to sing gospel music, pass the word. If you know someone who enjoys listening to gospel singing pass the word. Also, remember, Oct. 7 is a great time to take the family out to a good, clean, free evening of entertainment.

## Prairiland FFA begins sausage sale

The Prairiland FFA members are in the process of their annual sausage sales. The sale began on September 8. If you would be interested in buying sausage or other products, you may contact one of the FFA advisors, Frankie Norwood, Jeff Ballard, Bryan Moyer at 652-5681 or notify an FFA member.

Several Prairiland FFA members exhibited at the Red River County Fair recently. Sixteen exhibitors showed steers, hiefers, pigs and lambs. Each did a great job.

Some of the upcoming shows will be at Texarkana, and the State Fair of Texas.

## Shady Grove to hold celebration

The community of Shady Grove and the Shady Grove United Methodist Church invite all current and former members and residents to attend the celebration on the weekend of September 15-17th.

There will be a worship service at Shady Grove United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night.

On Sunday, the 17th, there will be fellowship at the church from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and worship service at 11:00 a.m.

For the following worship service, there will be a luncheon held at the church and on the grounds. For more information, contact Doug Walker at 903-982-6777.

## People 'N Things

Saturday, September 16: Pattonville Community Center breakfast, 7-10 a.m. AYCE, \$4. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Monday, September 18: Special called meeting, 7 p.m., Pattonville Community Center.

Friday, September 22: Dance, 8 p.m., Pattonville Community Center, proceeds benefit VFD.



FRIED HERON- sadly, the great blue heron was the cause of a large power outage about 7:00 pm. Monday, October 11th. Apparently the fbig bird lit among transformers south of Deport on FM 1501. Upon takeoff the bird's wings must have touch two wire, instantly electrocuting it. The results was a grass fire around the transformers and power outages throughout Pattonville, Blossom and other portions of Lamar County. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Obituaries

**Country Cooking**  
with Liz Irwin

Our cooks this week are some of the residents of the Blossom Housing Authority. They gather once a month at the Housing Authority Meeting Room and enjoy a pot luck lunch. Each member brings one of their favorite dishes and they all eat their fill. Afterwards they either enjoy a program or just enjoy fellowship and visiting.

We thank these ladies for submitting their recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

**Cornbread Salad-Hettie Mae Bailey**-this recipe is one of my favorites and I'm sure that you will enjoy it too!

**Million Dollar Pie-Joyce Bartlett**-this recipe is great. Joyce

says it is best if you refrigerate it overnight and can be made low fat by using low fat milk and a low fat crust.

**Copper Penny Salad-Wayne P. Barnett**-this may be refrigerated overnight and will keep up to a week.

**Baked Potatoes for Guests-Etta Timby**-this recipe can be made ahead of time and placed in the oven right before serving!

**Pumpkin Cake-Mrs. J.T. York**-this sounds like a good moist cake that will be enjoyed by everyone!

**Icing for Pumpkin Cake**-the perfect topping for the above cake!

Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187  
News

\*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.  
\*Get well wishes to Ellen Holt, Mildred Eudy, Rick and June Kellen, Betty Mullin and Bill Farris.  
\*Happy birthday to Delene Tabb, Steve Knowles and James Minshew.

**Card of Thanks**  
The family of **Leslie Benedict** would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who called, came by, brought food, sent flowers and especially for your prayers.

Thank you to Rev. Buddy Hines and the entire Hines family for the service and the participation of each of you.

A special thank you to each of the casket bearers.

Also to Wood Funeral Home for their special concern and thoughtfulness shown us.

We are very grateful to each one who rushed so quickly to Leslie to aid at the accident, the person who left to call E.M.S., the E.M.S. attendants, the Deport First Responders, to Randy Boren, Tim Ray and any other officers who responded, each one who stayed with Jennifer until further help arrived. You are so gratefully appreciated and may God bless and keep each and every one of you.



William Wyatt Merrill  
William Wyatt Merrill dies September 6

William Wyatt Merrill, age 72 of Talco, formerly of Clarksville, died Wednesday, September 6 at his residence. Wood Funeral Homes conducted memorial services at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 9 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Talco with the Rev. Rex Jackson officiating. The family requests memorials be made to the Cypress Basin Hospice.

Mr. Merrill was born November 14, 1927 in Sayre, Pennsylvania, the son of Francis and Edna Latimer Merrill. He married the former Marjorie Tyler September 22, 1949 in Bainbridge, New York. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving in World War II and was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Tom Merrill and wife Barbara of Dalton, NY, Bill Merrill and wife Annette of Corning, NY, Deat Merrill and wife Cindy of Beaver Dams, NY, John Merrill and wife Juliana of Paris and Jeff Merrill and wife Julie Ann of Mt. Pleasant; three daughters, Barbara Armistead and husband Walter of Paris, Ann Francis and husband Danny of Talco, Nancy Hanson of Blossom and a former son-in-law, David Hanson. He is also survived by four brothers, Noble Spike Merrill of Corning, NY, Frank Merrill of St. David, AZ, Christian Merrill of Beaver Dams, NY and Herbert Merrill of Lakeland, FL; one sister, Charlotte Rozelle of Campbell, NY; his stepmother, Ruth Merrill of Montour Falls, NY; his brother and sisters-in-law, Walt Tyler, June Merrill, Jane Mullins and Len Tyler; a half-brother, George Merrill of Pauls Valley, NY; 24 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a grandson, Robert Dean Merrill and a brother-in-law, Jesse Tyler.

**Mrs. Ada M. Holmes dies September 11**  
Mrs. Ada M. Holmes, age 90 of Bogata, died Monday, September 11 in Red River Health Care Center of Bogata.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 14 at Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Randall Scott officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Holmes was born February 9, 1910 in Oklahoma, the daughter of Charles Edward and Laura Warren Buster. She married Alpha Holmes on April 4, 1934 in Pattonville. He died December 13, 1962. She was a Baptist and a retired nurses aide.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Lee and her husband Ollie of Paris and Judith Holmes of Kailua, Hawaii; one son, Ken Holmes and his wife, Helen of Beaumont; one sister, Maudie Lee of Paris; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces. She was also preceded in death by a son, Keith Daniel Holmes, who was killed in Viet Nam in 1970. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Nellie Buster, Lola Rogers and Zella Buster and two brothers, Clarence and Claude Buster.

**Ira Leon Hall dies September 12**  
Ira Leon Hall, age 73 of Talco died Tuesday, September 12 in Titus County Medical Center.

Services were held Thursday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Bates-Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Keith Blankenship and Charlie Roberts officiating. Burial followed in Midway Cemetery in Franklin County under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mr. Hall was born in Franklin County on June 27, 1927. He was a truck driver for Fina and Dorchester for 23 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mary Sue Hall of Talco; sons, Bill Hall of Jefferson and James Hall of Talco; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Royce Logan of Pittsburg; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl James Hall and Delias Mae Carrington and a sister, Carleen Pitts.

Bearers were Jeremy Belyeu, Kris Hall, Carl Padgett, Jon Hall, Mike Hall, Brad Logan and Steve Hall.

**Card of Thanks**  
I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all for every visit, call, prayer, cards, flowers, food and the care I received at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital.

Lucille Pickering

**DHS enhances senior services**

Making food stamps more accessible for low-income citizens age 60 and over in Delta, Lamar and Red River counties is the goal for the EZ Access for Seniors pilot project at the Texas Department of Human Services.

By calling 737-0361 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., qualifying senior citizens will receive assistance in completing the process. A telephone interview or a home visit may also be options, depending upon individual circumstances.

The DHS office is located at 400 West Sherman in Paris. The direct telephone number for EZ Access for Seniors is 737-0361. Other helping agencies and community organizations are encouraged to make referrals to the EZ Access for Seniors project.

July 27, 2000  
Blossom Housing Authority Residents

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| <p><b>Cornbread Salad</b><br/>Hettie Mae Bailey</p> <p>1 Mexican cornbread mix<br/>1 cup tomatoes<br/>1 cup bell pepper<br/>1 cup onion<br/>1 cup salad dressing</p> <p>Cook, cool and crumble cornbread. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Chill and serve.</p> <p><b>Million Dollar Pie</b><br/>Joyce Bartlett</p> <p>10 inch graham cracker crust<br/>14 ounce Eagle Brand milk<br/>1/4 cup lemon juice<br/>8 ounces crushed pineapple-drained<br/>9 ounce Cool Whip<br/>1/4 cup pecan bits</p> <p>Stir together milk, juice, pineapple and pecans. Add cool Whip. Mix well. Pour into pie crust. Place in freezer for 10 minutes and then refrigerate.</p> | <p><b>Copper Penny Salad</b><br/>Wayne P. Barnett</p> <p>2 pounds carrots-cut in rounds<br/>1 medium onion-chopped<br/>1/2 bell pepper-chopped<br/>1 can condensed tomato soup<br/>3 tablespoons vinegar<br/>1/2 cup salad oil<br/>1/3 cup sup sugar<br/>1 tablespoon mustard<br/>1 teaspoon worchestershire sauce</p> <p>Cook carrots and drain. Combine carrots, onions and green peppers and set aside. Combine soup, vinegar, oil, sugar and mustard. Stir until well mixed and pour over carrots. Toss lightly. Refrigerate overnight.</p> <p><b>Baked Potatoes for Guests</b><br/>Etta Timby</p> <p>2 large potatoes<br/>1/2 cup sup cream<br/>1/4 cup Parmesan cheese<br/>4 bacon strips-cook and crumble<br/>2 tablespoons green onionchopped finely<br/>1 teaspoon prepared horseradish<br/>1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese</p> <p>Bake potatoes until done. Do not wrap potatoes in foil. Scoop out and place in a bowl. Save potato skin for shell. Blend together remaining ingredients ans salt and pepper to taste. Spoon mixture back into shells. Top with 1 tablespoon melted butter on each half. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Return potatoes to oven and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.</p> | <p><b>Pumpkin Cake</b><br/>Mrs. J. T. York</p> <p>4 whole eggs<br/>1 cup salad oil<br/>2 cups flour<br/>2 teaspoon soda<br/>2 cups sugar<br/>2 teaspoon cinnamon<br/>1/2 teaspoon salt</p> <p>Mix together in a bowl eggs and sugar. Beat well and add oil, flour, soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix well and add pumpkin. Bake at 350 degrees in tube pan until thoroughly done. Must be well done. Do not grease sides of pan. Bake 1-1/2 hours.</p> <p><b>Icing for Pumpkin Cake</b></p> <p>8 ounces cream cheese<br/>1/2 stick oleo<br/>1 box powdered sugar<br/>1 cup chopped pecans<br/>1 teaspoon vanilla</p> <p>Let cheese and oleo come to room temperature and combine ei remaining ingredients. Frost cake.</p> |
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**GOOD COOKS**-The ladies of Blossom Housing Authority gather each week for a "pot luck" luncheon. From left, back row are: Wayne Barnett, Lorene Gibson, Dorothy White, Joyce Bartlett, Etta Timby, visitor Sara Crowder. Front row is Aileen Herron, Alice Whitecotton, Maurine Duberry, Mildred York and Hettie Mae Bailey. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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**FULBRIGHT NEWS**  
Rev. and Mrs. Stotts of Pineville, Louisiana celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and her birthday Sunday. He is a former pastor of the Baptist church here.

Monte Rodgers and Melissa Ariagga visited Betty Rodges Sunday.

Betty Rodgers visited in Boyd with her sisters Bernice Thomas and Ruby Stafford of Hobbs, New Mexico and her daughters Jann and Mickey Dunham. They all visited Dickie and Janell Rodgers of Bowie.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aaron Frahlich

**Frahlich-Fulbright vows exchanged**

Joseph Aaron Frahlich and Chandra Lovette Fulbright were united in marriage at 5:30 in the evening on Friday, September 1, 2000 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Brooklyn, New York. Chandra is the daughter of Willie and Cheryl Fulbright and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fulbright of Fulbright, Texas. The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore an elegant full length spaghetti strap gown of white satin. The fitted bodice was adorned with delicate seed pearls and sequins and buttoned down the back. The hemline and cathedral length train were accented with lace inserts adorned with seed pearls and sequins. Her headpiece was a crown of meshed, stringed pearls. Her finger-length veil was trimmed with satin. The bride carried a bouquet of sage roses, carnations and summer flowers interspersed with lilac and finished off with a flowing organza ribbon. Attending the bride as matron of honor was her best friend, Laura (Mason) Ripley of Brooklyn, New York, formerly of Clarksville, Texas. She

wore an empire styled, a-line cocktail length dress that draped in the back with sage chiffon and crepe. She carried a bouquet of Irish carnations and roses accented with lilac and tied with organza ribbons. The bridesmaids were Sharonda Clark and Laura and Allison Frahlich, sisters of the groom of Akron, Ohio. D'd Frahlich of Akron, Ohio, the groom's brother served as best man. The groomsmen were Chauncy Fulbright, brother of the bride, Alex Hernandez and Asher Graff. The reception was held on the fourth floor of the Metropolitan Building in Queens, New York, overlooking Manhattan and Brooklyn. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at a Chinese Restaurant in Manhattan. The bride is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and will continue her career as a secretary. The groom is a graduate of Firestone High School in Akron, Ohio, and is employed as an electrician in Cleveland. Following their honeymoon in North Carolina the couple will make their home in Akron, Ohio.

**CNB Detroit to celebrate 15th Anniversary**

Community National Bank of Detroit will be celebrating their 15th anniversary on Friday, September 13, 2000 with a party. All customers are invited to come by for punch and cookies and a free gift as a "Thank You" for their patronage. Since the bank opened its doors fifteen years ago they have grown into a 19 million dollar institution.

Have A Cool Weekend

**FOOT NOTES**

**Kobler's Bone Disease**  
The navicular bone is one of the smaller bones located at the bottom of the foot, near the arch. Kohler's bone disease is a rare inflammatory condition affecting the navicular. It occurs in young children, mostly boys ages 3 to 5. Because the navicular is the last bone to ossify as children develop, it is more susceptible to damage from repetitive weight-bearing compression activities, like walking or running. The bone and cartilage become inflamed in a process called osteochondritis. The child's foot becomes swollen, painful and tender to the touch. A limp may develop to relieve pressure in the affected area. Pain and swelling are typically treated with medication while arch supports and limited strenuous activity are often recommended. A podiatrist is the only health care professional whose total training focuses on the foot, ankle, and related body systems. As a specialist in foot care, a podiatrist receives extensive training in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of foot and ankle disorders by medial and surgical means. If you have questions regarding a foot problem, from Kohler's bone disease to plantar warts, feel free to discuss them with us. Choose the pathway to health, call Doctor's Foot Clinic for an appointment at 784-5585. OFFICE LOCATED AT 3605 N.E. LOOP 286 STE 1800 PARIS, TEXAS P.S. In many cases, a few weeks in a below the knee walking cast that supports the arch helps relieve symptoms of Kohler's bone disease.

**Blossom Locals**

By Liz Irwin  
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Lacy Spray, Keri Anderson, Savannah Woodberry, Jessica McWaters, Deanna Merrill, Erick Conder, Michael Hooge, Brandon Gray, Melanie Barnes, Jacob Daughtery, Chasiti Weeks, Anna Thomason, Cody Berry, John Merrill, Marie Kennison, Aja Thompson, Amanda Hale, Gina Harrington, Courtney Gerringer Mitchell, Rhonda Dockray, Jared Gage, Victoria Sawyer, Bennie Wright and Misti Eason Blount.

Lloyd Willard and Renea and Kaleb Long treated Emma Willard to a birthday dinner at TaMolly's on Friday for her birthday. She also received birthday calls from Sandra Rasberry and family of Plano, Karen and Rodney Kraft of Dallas and Nell Deese of Dothan, Alabama.

Lloyd and Emma Willard and Kaleb Long visited with Jo and M.C. Myers of Post Oak last week.

There will be a Pastor Appreciation Sunday on September 17th at the Olive Branch Baptist Church for the Rev. and Mrs. C.H. Littlejohn at 3:00 p.m. Host pastor will be Rev. R.L. Gray of Olive Branch.

Angel and Jamon Henry of Dallas spent the weekend with Billie Jean Henry recently.

Congratulations to Brandi Upchurch and Robert Covington who were married on Saturday night. She is the daughter of Randy and Marsha Upchurch.

Congratulations to 2000 Prairiland Homecoming Queen, Melissa

Steinkamp. Other nominees were Tammy Nichols, Amy Hicks and Crystal Davis.

George Wood of Sherman was here over the weekend visiting with friends and family.

Shelbi Taylor Bryson of Bogata spent Monday with Pam Wood.

Janie Ballard of Gilmer visited with Mary Jane Lowry Monday night and also enjoyed supper with Ryan Ballard of Johntown.

Attending the Monday morning prayer group at the home of Mary Jane Lowry was Jane Roddy,

Catherine Wright of Deport, Peggy Moore, Dixie Monroe and Monette McDonald.

Mary Jane Lowry and Jane Roddy visited with Orene Bonner of Bedford when she was here over Labor Day weekend.

Juanita Harrison, Fay Shores and Minnie Lee Shands visited with Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home. They also visited with David Chumbley who is a patient at McCuiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland spent the weekend in Shawnee, Oklahoma visiting with Ron and Linda Cleveland and Davy and Colleen Cleveland and family.

Jerry Garrett of Lake Tawokani came and picked up his mother Bessie Garrett and she visited in Jerry's home from Saturday to Tuesday. She also visited with Paul and Sue Garrett in Paris on Sunday and enjoyed lunch with them.

A gift subscription has been sent to Roy Tate of Paris from Randle Clarkson.

Attend The Church of Your Choice



**Birthday Party honors Camen Calvin**

Camen Calvin enjoyed her 7th birthday at the Bogata Park Saturday September 9, 2000. Her party was given by her parents, Clay and Chasity Francis and her little sister, Caley. Her party theme was "Groovy Chick" with cake and ice cream.

Those attending were Lou and Roger Hall, Phil Leake and Emily Hale, Angie and Jeremy Wheat, Bryan and Susan Jones and Crystal, Jake and Merry Robertson, Trevor Jesse, Carter Kelsey, Angel Ramirez, Samantha, Kasie Branch, Heather Holt, Jed Burge, Niki Burgess and friend, Jeremy, Angela Burgess, Candi, Lathan and Landery Crump, Blake, Wendy Chadwick, Linda Chadwick, Linda Gay, Jeanie, Joseph and Marion Williams, Brandon Williams and Sharon Francis.

She received many nice gifts and remembered to say "Thank You" to everyone.

**Lady Patriot 2000 Volleyball Schedule**

|                |                        |         |             |               |
|----------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| September 16   | Paris tournament       | Paris   | 9, JV       | TBA           |
| September 19   | Whitesboro             | there   | all         | 5:00          |
| September 23   | *Chisum                | Chisum  | all         | 10:00         |
| September 26   | *Paul Pewitt           | there   | all         | 4:30          |
| September 30   | *Hughes Springs        | here    | all         | 10:00         |
| October 3      | *Chapel Hill           | here    | all         | 4:30          |
| October 7      | *DeKalb                | there   | all         | 10:00         |
| October 10     | *Chisum                | here    | all         | 4:30          |
| October 13     | *Paul Pewitt           | here    | all         | 4:30          |
| October 17     | *Hughes Springs        | all     |             | 4:30          |
| October 20     | *Chapel Hill           | there   | all         | 4:30          |
| October 24     | *DeKalb here           | all     |             | 4:30          |
| October 28     | district certification | warm-up | varsity     | TBA           |
| October 30-31  |                        |         | bi-district |               |
| November 2-4   |                        |         | area        |               |
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| November 10-11 |                        |         | regional    | state         |
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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee  
982-5309

Bro. and Mrs. Henry Blackmon, Janis Reynolds, Edna Lee, Ruth Johnson and Billie Ruth and Alvis Bates all from East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee of Liberty MBC of Midway attended the Senior Citizens

Retreat at Bogg Springs Baptist Camp in Arkansas Friday morning thru noon Saturday. All enjoyed singing and preaching and fellowship with seniors from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas churches. There was 204 present.

Holly Blackmon's mother from Garland came with their children while they were gone.

The Crawford family reunion was held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford on FM 196 between Faught and Linden. There were 35 present. Of the three living children of Mr. and Mrs. Nation Crawford, Ralph of Mt. Pleasant and Allene Walker of Blossom attended.

Mr. Janice Lenoir has moved into the Colonial Retirement Home in Paris.

Betty Low was in St. Joseph Hospital for day surgery Monday and she is doing fine.

Violet (Dutch) Turner of Leesville was at church here Sunday with her granddaughter Angie Wilson. Angie also had her mother Dimple Thomas there with her.

The Sunday School teachers of Post Oak MBC will be having a meeting at the church Saturday night, September 16th. It will be a workshop on "How better to present the gospel to students".

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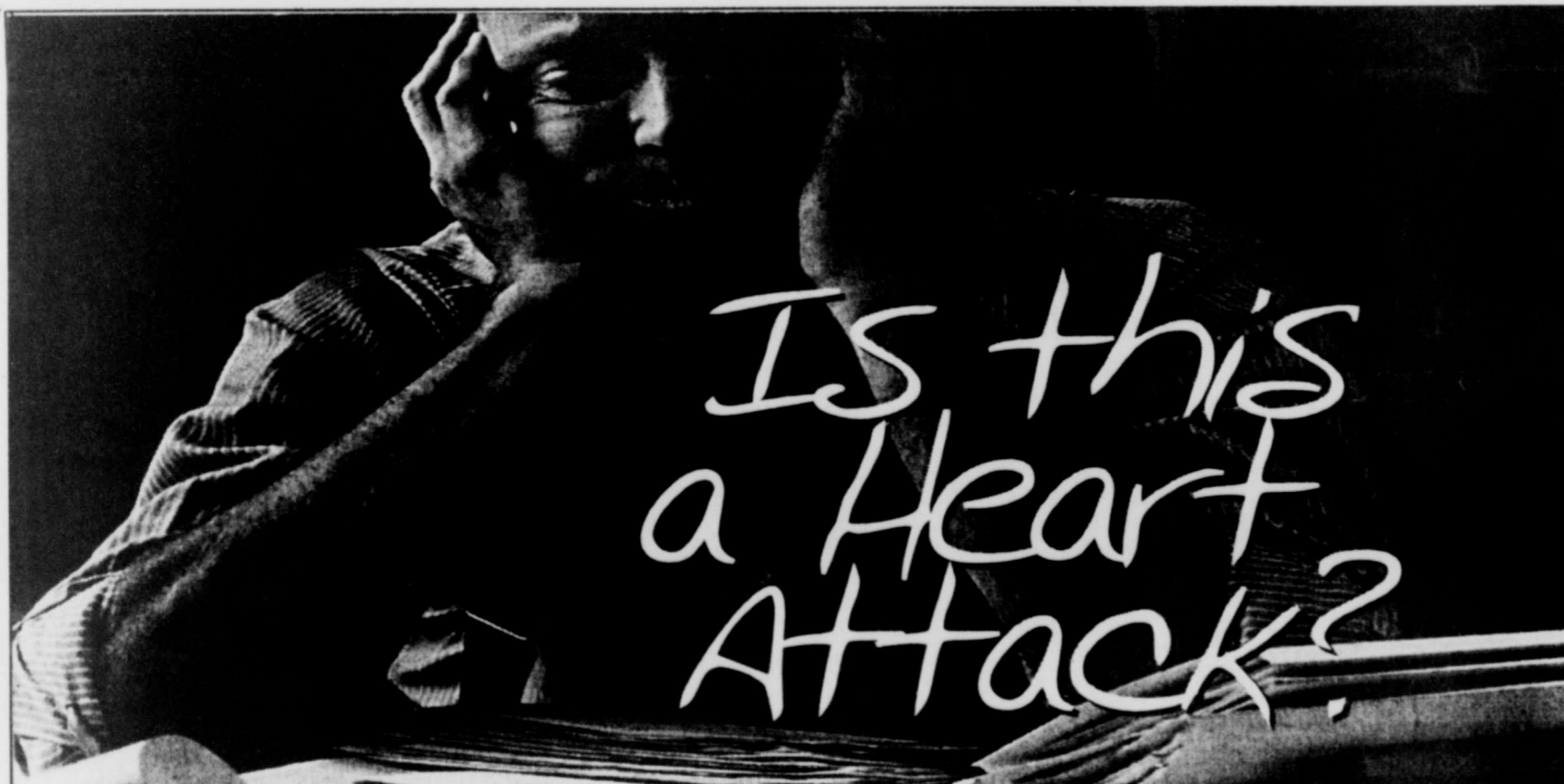
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PEE WEE FOOTBALL began Saturday. The 5th and 6th graders from Prairiland and Detroit played. Although the young Eagles lost to the young Patriots, they both played a good game and exhibited excellent sportsmanship. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND'S 3rd and 4th grade Pee Wee football team began play on Saturday with a big win over Detroit 38-8. They are pictured here as they rush for the goal line. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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Lady Patriots take third

After having claimed two first place finishes, the Lady Patriots weren't pleased with a third place trophy last weekend in the North Lamar Tournament.

Being the only 2A school in the tournament didn't matter; the Lady Patriots just expect to win.

Friday's play was exceptional as Prairiland defeated district opponent DeKalb 15-4, 15-8 and then 5A Denton 15-5, 15-11.

In Saturday's play, the Lady Patriots hung on to a 15-11, 11-15, 15-9 win over Greenville but fell to Wills Point in second round action 11-15, 9-15.

In the third place play-off, the Prairiland squad struggled to a 15-6, 9-15, 15-9 win over Longview. Megan Graham who had 78 assists and Melissa Steinkamp with 35 kills were named to the All Tournament team.

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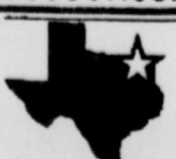
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# Prairiland pounds UHill 58-0 for homecoming Volleyball teams down Sulphur Springs

The Prairiland Patriots treated the large Homecoming crowd to a 58-0 victory over the Union Hill Bulldogs. The Patriots took their 1st possession of 58 yards for the opening score. Stoney Musgrove scored a 41-yard run. Drew Riddles made the PAT 7-0. Chris Berry then recovered the Patriots first kick-off on the Union Hill 47. Jason Elrod hit Heath Sessums on a 39-yard pass play to the Bulldogs 8-yard line. Musgrove carried it in from there. Riddles PAT made it 14-0.

The Patriot's 3rd possession was capped off by Phillip Elder's 58-yard run for a 20-0 lead. PAT failed. Elder scored on the Patriot's 4th consecutive possession from 46 yards out. The PAT failed but the lead remained 26-0 Patriots.

The second quarter was a mirror of the first as Musgrove scored on a 20-yard run to make it 32-0. Eric Berry scored a 6-yard run with Riddles making the PAT good to run the score up 39-0. Justin Elrod finished the first half scoring on a 2-yard run with extra points to make it 46-0 at

half-time. Berry scored from 12 yards to begin the 3rd quarter at 52-0. Justin Elrod finished the scoring with a 2-yard run to make it 58-0 at the buzzer. The Patriots were led by Musgrove and Elder on the ground. Musgrove had 10 carries for 116 yards. Elder had 5 carries for 119 yards. The offensive line of Chris Hock, Jorry Briggie, Brad Hunt, Wade Moore, Josh Williams, Chris Basinger and Shawn Steinkamp created huge running lanes all night long.

The defense did a great job in holding the Bulldogs to 15 yards of total offense. They managed only 2 first downs. Sessums, John Huff and Berry all had fumble recoveries. Stan Cox, Seth Walker, Scotty Nichols and Hock stopped the Bulldogs running game from the start. The Bulldogs had -26 yards on 30 carries.

The Patriots travel to Wolfe City on Friday, September 15 for a 7:30 game. The Wolves are 1-0 and the Patriots are 2-0. Everyone is welcomed to come out and support the Patriots!

| STATS         |         |       |           |
|---------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Patriot       | carries | yards | TD's      |
| Elder         | 12      | 238   | 2         |
| Musgrove      | 21      | 199   | 5         |
| Cox           | 15      | 109   | 2         |
| Berry         | 14      | 80    | 2         |
| Elrod         | 10      | 52    | 3         |
| Elrod         | 1       | 40    | 0         |
| Loveless      | 6       | 40    | 0         |
| passing yards |         |       |           |
| Elrod         | 2-7     | 51    | 1         |
| Sessums       | 1-1     | 39    | 0         |
| receiving     |         |       |           |
| Loveless      | 1       | 12    | 1         |
| Berry         | 1       | 37    | 0         |
| Sessums       | 1       | 39    | 0         |
| punts         |         |       |           |
| Loveless      | 1       | 40    | avg       |
| penalties     |         |       |           |
|               | 14-90   | yards | 1st downs |
|               |         |       | 26        |
| extra points  |         |       |           |
| Riddles       | 6       |       |           |
| Loveless      | 2       |       |           |
| Musgrove      | 2       |       |           |

All three Lady Patriot volleyball teams came away with victories Tuesday night at Sulphur Springs.

In varsity action, a slow start in both games did not deter the 15-9, 15-10 win. Kami Hudson and Ashley Athas each had 7 kills while Emilee Bolton had 6 kills and 9 service points.

Megan Graham put up 24 assists. The JV team also produced a 15-9, 11-15, 15-5 victory. Jordan Hunold, Leslie Davis and Natalie Wilson each had 3 kills while Lacy Davis had 8 assists.

The freshman team had a superlative 15-5 first game win but fell 6-15 in the second game then rallied a 15-9 third game. Jodi Bybee had 18 assists while Sara Bolton had eight kills. Amanda Nichols and Brittany Ballard had 7 and 6 kills respectively. The varsity team is now 21-3.

The Lady Patriots will travel to Quitman on Saturday for a dual match with Quitman and Lindale while the sub-varsity teams will play in the Paris High Tournament.

## 2000 Patriot Football Schedule

|              |                |       |      |
|--------------|----------------|-------|------|
| September 16 | Wolfe City     | There | 7:30 |
| September 16 | Maud           | Here  | 7:30 |
| September 25 |                | Open  |      |
| October 6    | Fannindel      | There | 7:30 |
| October 13   | Paul Pewitt    | Here  | 7:30 |
| October 20   | Rivercrest     | There | 7:30 |
| October 27   | DeKalb         | Here  | 7:30 |
| November 3   | ***Chisum      | Here  | 7:30 |
| November 10  | Hughes Springs | There | 7:30 |

\*District games \*\*Homecoming \*\*\*Parent's Night

Head Coach-Glen Scheulke  
Assistant Coaches-Bill Tesch-Rick Connot-Murray Riddles  
Principal-Ronnie Baker  
Superintendent-Dr. L. C. Stout

## Patriot JV defeats Cooper 28-8

Thursday, September 7, 2000, the Prairiland JV defeated the Cooper JV Bulldogs by a score of 28-8. The entire team played well. The offensive line blocked so well that the Patriots rolled up 291 yards of offense.

Aron Arrasmith had 103 yards and 1 TD. Heath Connot had 78 yards and 1 TD. Blake Smith threw 97 yards, one TD and 2 extra points. Cody Hicks caught a 32-yard TD pass. Clay

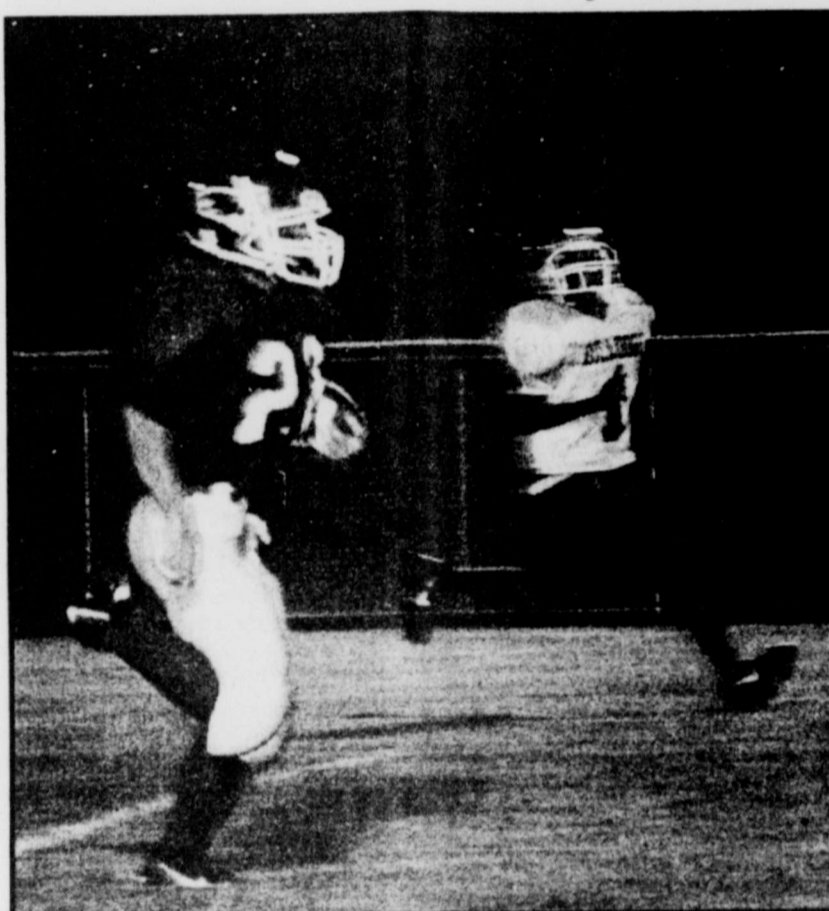
Vaughn caught three passes for 38 yards and 2 extra points. Nathan Burden recovered a fumble that Dustin Applegate knocked loose for a TD.

Leading the tackles was Brent Norwood with 7. Applegate with 5 tackles and one sack and Arrasmith for 4 tackles and 1 sack.

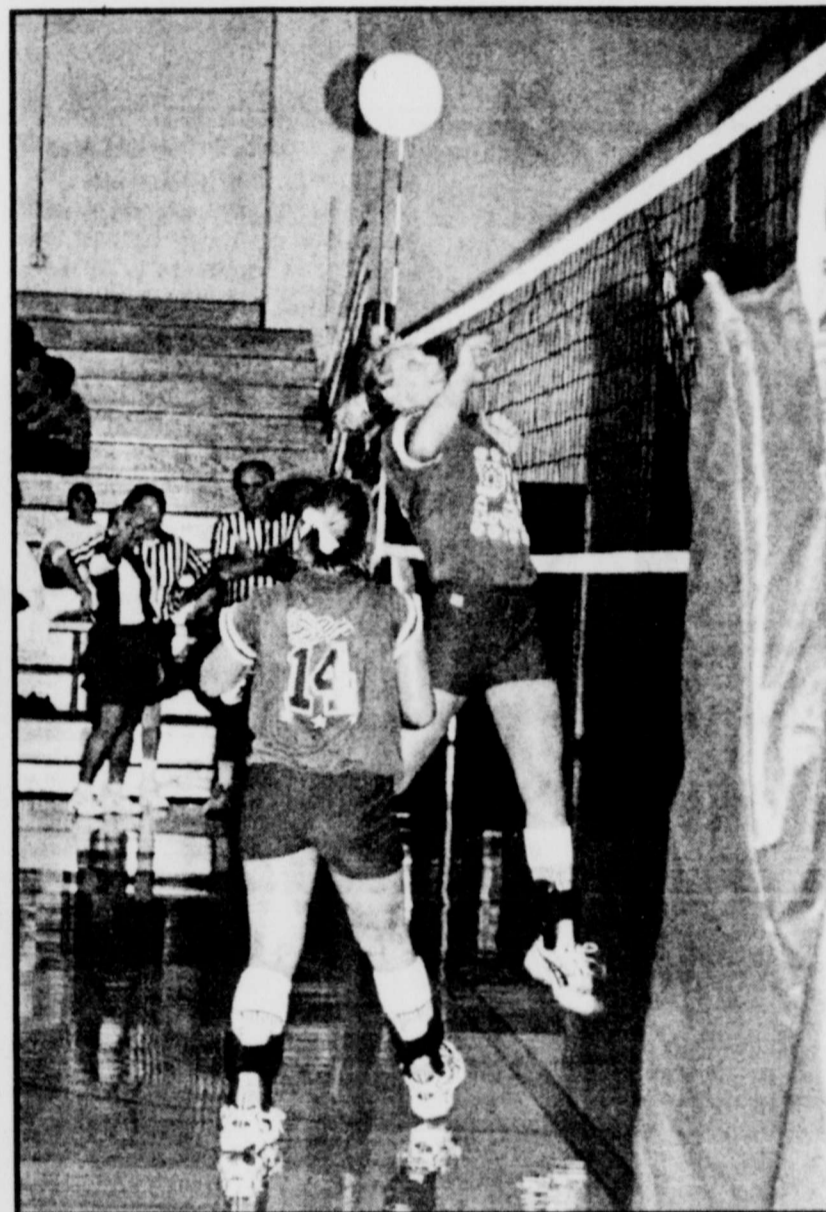
The JV record now stands at 1-1 with Prairiland hosting Wolfe City on Thursday night, September 14.



CHISUM ALL-TOURNAMENT honorees-These Prairiland volleyball girls were chosen as all-tournament players at the recent Chisum Tournament. Pictured left to right is Megan Graham, Emilee Bolton and Melissa Steinkamp. (Staff Photo)



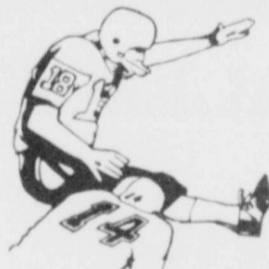
PATRIOT STONEY MUSGROVE went for the gold on Friday night with five TD's to add to the score of 58-0 at the 2000 Homecoming game against Union Hill. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



LADY PATRIOT Emilee Bolton hits it over the net in recent volleyball action. The ladies took third place at the North Lamar Williams Sporting Goods Tournament over the weekend. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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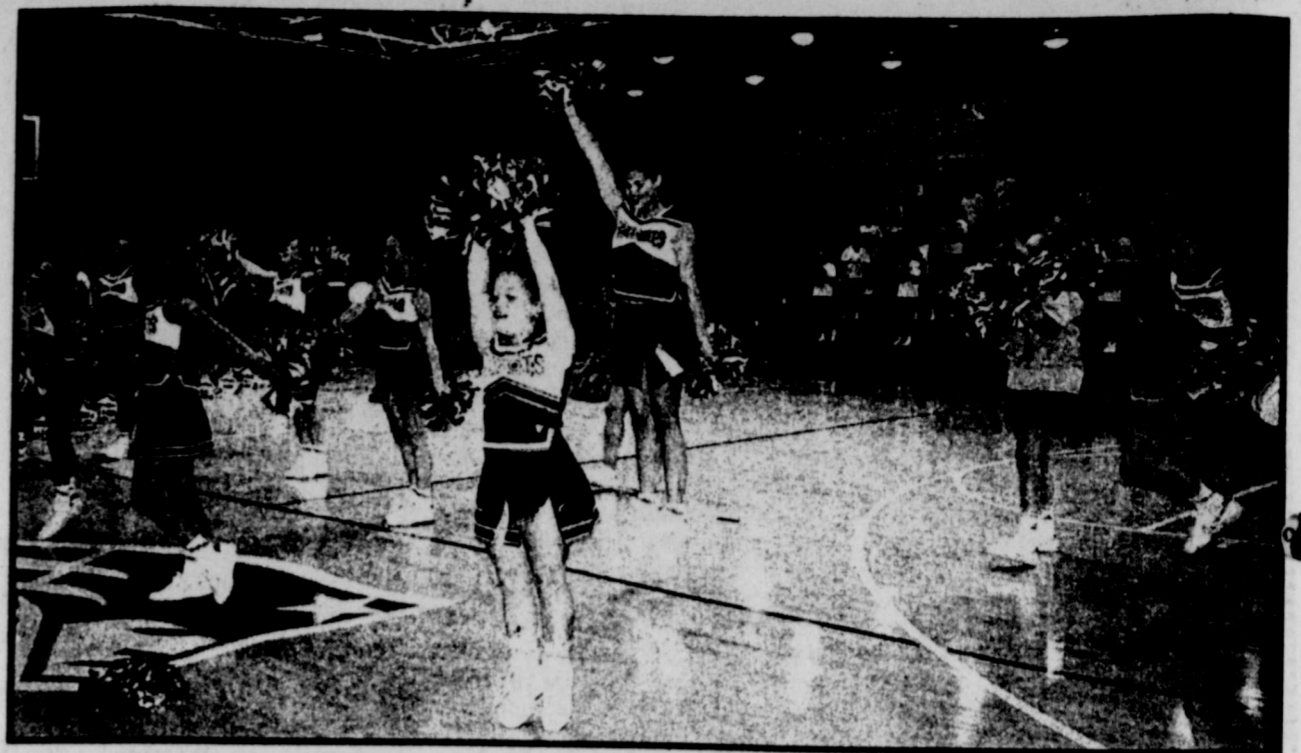
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**Heart Walk will  
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The American Heart Walk will be held Saturday, September 23 at Crockett Middle School with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the walk beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
The walk is a National American Heart Association event held in over

1,000 locations nationwide. This year's walk is in memory of Donna Campbell, wife of Bob Campbell, retired president of TXU Electric and Gas and mother of Dr. Mark Campbell, local physician.



**PRAIRILAND CHEERLEADERS** lead fans during the Homecoming pep rally last Friday. Melissa Steinkamp was chosen as the 2000 Homecoming Queen. (Staff Photo)

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The gala has secured an organization who has the ability to provide decorations, entertainment, top quality food, servers, wait staff and the reputation to exceed the expectations of all.

Eddie Deen and Company have designed a menu larger than any previous events and assure guests a few surprises.

Headlining the evening's entertainment will be the Britt Hammond Band, who have opened for country stars like Shenandoah and Tanya Tucker and has a passion for the classics, Tony Bennett, Andy Williams, Nat King Cole and others.

Invitations will be mailed in the next week but persons new to the community are encouraged to call 737-1163 or 782-0224 for reservations.

**Deport Nursing  
Home News**

Verta Lynn was visited by Stella Martin of New Orleans, La., and Conner Chipman.

T.D. Betterton was visited by Alpha Barnard, James Betterton and Ann Lang.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Troy Morris, Owen Davis, Sharon Lewis, Pam Humphrey, Phyllis Taylor, Angie Wolf, Donna Allen, Michael Roach, Patricia Wright and Jessica Hutchings.

Ina Griffin was visited by Mary Ray, Raymond Hignight, Bonnie D. Harris, Patsy, Jerry Harris, Rodger Leach, Nina Twine, Patsy Curtis.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Donald Basham and Christine Basham.

Monda and Tom Fults visited Ada Chaddick.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Lila Screws.

Lillie Dunham, Lila Screws.

Linda King was visited by Betty Sisson, Denise King Myers, and Betty Sisson visited Billie Abbott.

Homer and Melva Sisson was visited by Pete and Betty Sisson, Voncille Shoffett.

Ann Austin was visited by Gary

and Nina Austin, Austin Rand Smith and Loraine Reed.

Mary Ray was visited by Raymond Hignight, Lawrence ray and Betty Ray.

Nora Barnett was visited by Rita Thompson, Virginia Farris, Rhonda Hoskins and Katy Ramsey.

Roy Wells was visited by Lois Wells, Kenneth Wells, Glenn Wells.

Pauline Shew was visited by Lester Clary, Doris Clary and Helen Davison.

Ina Hedrick was visited by Norma McIntire and Doris Haning.

Roberta Watts was visited by Monte and Kathy Allums.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Virginia Farris, Geraldine Courtney of Lubbock, David and Brenda Ross of Powderly, Cyde and Bobbye Slusher of Cunningham, Judy Screws of Bogata, Lucy Fowler and Evelyn Raach, Jeff and Annette Ince and Troy Morris of Bogata.

Bill Farris was visited by Mac and Oberia Herron and Jeanette Wilson.

Pat Hollje was visited Keith and Nita Hollje.

Betty Gardner was visited by Pat Talley.

Milow Hume was visited by Stasha Hume and Ina Ward.

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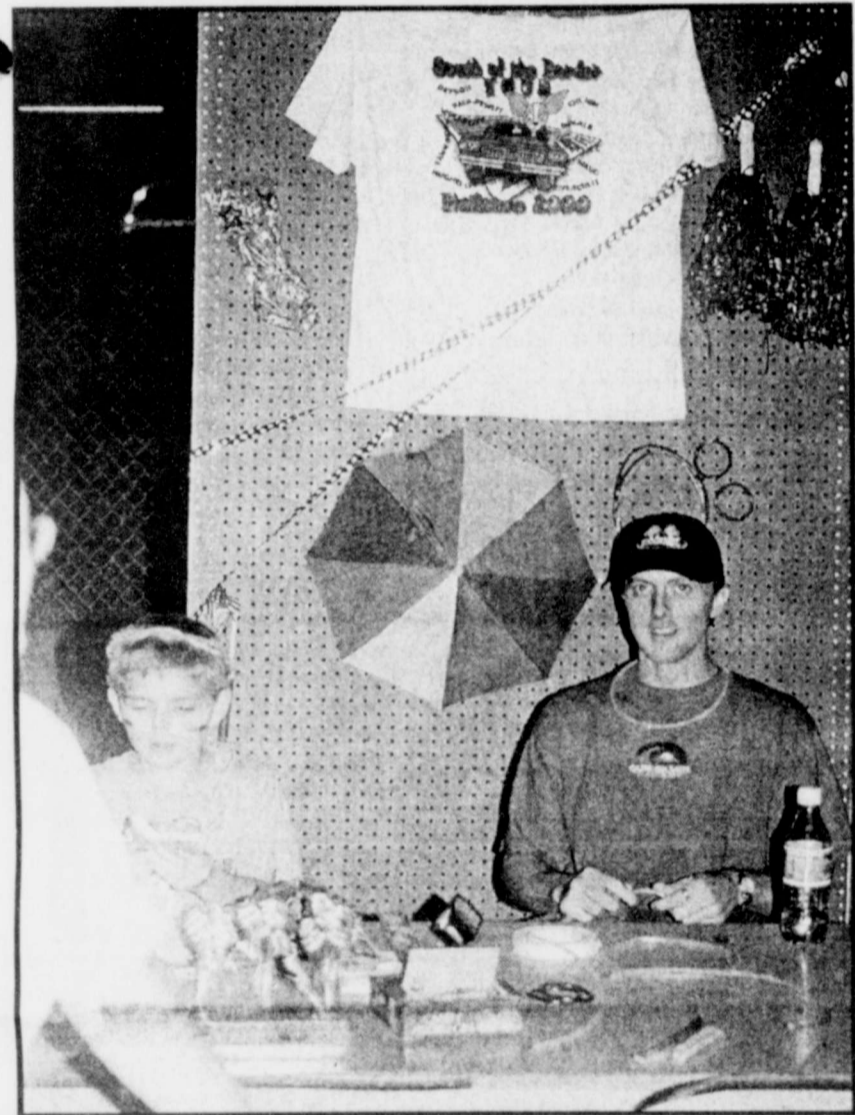


THE PRAIRILAND CHAPTER of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) held their annual membership drive trying to encourage all students to enroll in Family and Consumer Science classes to join. Chapter officers served nachos with all the trimmings to students interested in becoming a part of the organization during their lunch break. The luncheon was a success and everyone enjoyed the special treat. Pictured is Chris Brunson, Julie Smith, Codie Kohler, Amber Buster, Mandy Weddle, April Syrus, Tim Cox, Heather Barnes, Tracy Gilbert and Sarah Tubbs. (Staff Photo)



**Prairiland High School  
Week of September 18**

|    |                                      |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| 18 | ARDS                                 |
| 19 | ARDS                                 |
| 20 | School pictures, 8:00                |
|    | Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library |
| 21 | ARDS                                 |
|    | 7th, 8th at Maud, Football           |
| 22 | ARDS                                 |
| 23 | Varsity Football, Maud, Here         |
|    | Cross Country at Commerce            |



PRAIRILAND BAND members and parents sold an assortment of items during the football game on Friday night. The group is earning money to go to competition in the spring. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**School Menu**

Prairiland All Campus Menu  
Week of September 18  
Monday

**Breakfast:**  
Cinnamon rolls  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Beef burritos  
Mexican beans  
Spanish rice  
Banana pudding  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
Scrambled eggs, biscuit, sausage  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Sloppy Joes on bun  
Potato salad  
Pickles  
Peaches  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
Cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Salisbury steak  
Brown gravy  
Potatoes  
Okra  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
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Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
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\*Source: American Cancer Society

**Cunningham News**  
By Jane O'Neal

Friends and relatives visiting Johnnie Warren in Deport Nursing Home on Saturday were Geraldine Courtney of Lubbock, David and Brenda Ross of Powderly, Lucy Fowler, Judy Screws of Bogata and Clyde and Bobbye Slusher of Cunningham.

Clyde and Bobbye Slusher visited Milow Hume Saturday in Deport Nursing Home.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Freda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Josh Osburn. Joining them for supper were Neva, Billy Ray and Brandon Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.

Having Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal were Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon and Jeremiah Jones. Dwayne and the boys visited William and Nina Drinnon in Frogville, OK on Sunday.

Having Saturday supper with Lisa and Dwayne Drinnon were Marvin McCarty of Frogville, OK, Brenton Norwood, Jeremiah Jones and Brad Hunt.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton on Saturday.

Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy had Sunday lunch with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy.

Bobby Ray Kennedy is enjoying retirement. He retired recently after many years with the Texas Highway Department.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester in Paris on Wednesday.

Spending the weekend with Velma Cox was Mrs. Charlie Devlin of Garland.

Georgia and Billy Joe Oats had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.

Nelta and Johnny Musgrove had Sunday lunch for Stacy, Linda, Stone

and Charity Musgrove, Brad Hunt, Zarinska and Shane Morton. Joining them for supper were Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant, OK and Alice McPherson of McAlester.

Velma Cox has returned home after an extended visit with Ann and Raymond Gaylord in Baytown. While visiting there, she visited her brother, Alton Devlin in Pearland, her niece Dorothy Jean Randall in Fannett and life-long friend Alva Crafton Morgan in Pasadena. She and Morris Cox also spent a day at Galveston sightseeing and visiting Moody Gardens.

On August 6, Velma Cox, Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado and Morris Cox of Dallas attended the baptism of Grace Elizabeth Baxter, granddaughter of Ann and Raymond Gaylord. Following the service, family and friends enjoyed lunch at Tate Hall, hosted by Kathy and Roger Baxter of Allen and Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown.

Velma Cox spent two days in College Station becoming better acquainted with her first great-granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth, daughter of Leclay Gaylord Baxter.

Velma Cox, along with Ann Gaylord took a ten day trip to New Mexico and Colorado. They went with the Grace Methodist Travelers of Baytown. Attractions included Santa Fe Indian Market, the opera "Ermoine", the state capitol and the Mystery Stairs in Loretta Chapel. In Colorado they toured Durango, Silverton, hot springs of Pagosa Springs and Colorado Springs. They visited the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, Seven Falls, Royal Gorge and Miramont Castle, Ole Colorado City, cliff dwellings of Manitou, dinner and enjoyed the western town, sinner and stage show at the Flying W Ranch.

Ann Gaylord of Baytown returned home Thursday after spending a few days with Velma Cox.

Wednesday, Velma Cox and Ann Gaylord had supper with Dora Hester in Paris.

**Milton News**

By Mattylu Upchurch

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Edna and James on his birthday Saturday at the Sterling House in Paris.

Dana Keys has been playing softball this summer, her team played in Bonham last Wednesday and won their game.

John and Velma Temple and her son Tim Salter of Paris enjoyed a vacation in Branson last week, sight seeing and attending shows.

Edna Talley spent last weekend with her son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby. Saturday night they attended a Gospel singing concert in Greenville and attended church in Commerce Sunday.

Peggy Whitney visited her sons and families, Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville and Aubrey and Shannon Allen and daughter Alyssa of Flower Mound recently.

Barbara Maurischat, Johnny and

Kathy Holt and Tim Parks enjoyed home made ice cream with Dorothy and James Lee Sunday afternoon.

Edna Lee went with the senior group of her church to Bogg Springs, AR last Friday and Saturday.

Tarra Lewis of Arlington and Tabatha Burcella of Paris visited their grandmother Velma Temple and John, Saturday.

Mattylu Upchurch visited Ann Ford of Paris Wednesday and they had lunch.

Kay Preston of Minter visited James and Dorothy Holt Thursday.

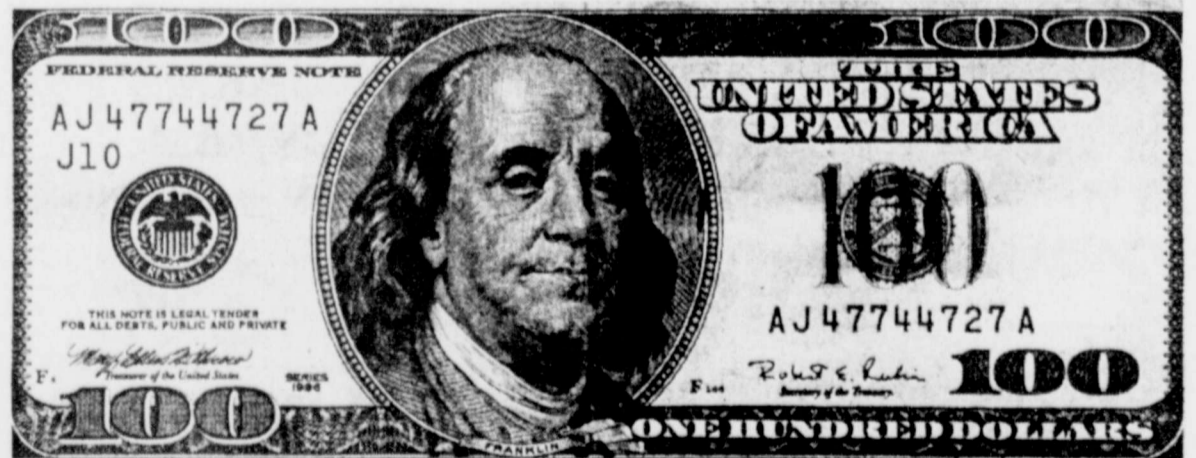
John Temples son-in-law and grandson, Wayne Watson and Austin of Corinth visited John and Velma over the weekend.

Edna Talley, Irene Becker of Mosley and Phylis Elsheimer of Pampa went to Mt. Pleasant and Sulphur Springs Monday shopping and lunch.



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HASKELL WALKER, son of Mark and Stacy Walker of Blossom, shows his support for the #1 PATRIOTS during the Homecoming game at Patriot Stadium on Friday night. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**Pattonville News**

By Peggy Parsons  
Call Your News to 652-5022



Happy Birthday wishes to Elois Sparks, Betty Winters, Helen VanDeaver, Anna Thompson, Carolyn Ballard, Max Ballard, Nick McDowra, Stan Cox, Jenita Baker, Jessica Winters, Anna Thompson.

Happy Anniversary to Roy and Stella Arrowsmith, Dudley and June Zant, Dean and Connie Ball, Roy and Thelma Crockett Meuir.

There will be a family reunion for the descendants of the late Rip and Mae McDowra at the Pattonville Community Center on Saturday 23.

Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Jeremy, and Courtney Danielle took John and Claudia Whitney out to eat on September 4 in celebration of their 52nd anniversary.

Claudia Whitney and Debbie Currin went shopping in Sulphur Springs with Darrell Lyn Johnson and Belinda Dickey a couple of days last week.

Bryan Johnson and Daniel Winn of Sulphur Springs visited John and Claudia Whitney last Saturday and worked on their deer stands.

Tonya Hunter worked at the Christus St. Joseph's Hospital Health Fair in Paris Saturday.

Visiting Bill and Ruby D. Blevins during the week were Alice Ruth Gravett of Reno, David Parks of Deport, Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh, James Earl and Bernice Bell and Mickey Keener of Longview.

Saturday ruby D. Blevins, Sandy Ring and Heather Anderson visited Jesse Newsom and attended a movie in Paris.

Ashleigh McLean and two friends went to Six Flags with her dad, Kevin McLean Saturday.

Mickey Keener visited with his

daughter, Ashley in Garland Sunday. Bill Blevins and Mickey Keener made a trip to Idabel, Ok. Monday to look at farm equipment.

Ann Long and Ashley of McKinney spent the weekend with David and Sue Shelton. Ann attended her Prairiland High School Class of 1980 Reunion Saturday.

Roger Scaff of Lewisville has been called to preach at the Pattonville Baptist Church starting Oct. 1st. He and his wife will be building a new house at Powderly. Glen Renfro will be retiring at the end of this month after preaching for 60 years.

Rebecca Murdock, Morgan Searls, Caralyn Corso, Mallory Owens, Ashley Ebarb, Brittany Filkins, Jennie Ballard, Alicia Lang and Emily Haggard spent Friday night with Leah Boren after attending the Prairiland Homecoming football game.

Randy Boren, Lonnie Layton, Jessie Freelan and Mike Smith of Paris have returned home after attending the car races in Boone, Iowa, last week.

Peggy Parsons attended a meeting of the McCuiston Hospital Auxiliary Executive Board at the hospital Monday morning.

Jerry, Bob and Lynda Stephens of Reno and granddaughter Alexis visited Keith and Peggy Parsons Monday afternoon.

Remember the breakfast at the community center this Saturday from 7-10 a.m.

Bill and Jean England of Ft. Collins, Co and Carol and Ben Robinson of Arvada, Co. visited Gordon and Helen VanDeaver and James VanDeaver spent the Labor Day weekend in Austin with Charlotte.

**Deport Locals**

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Leslie Benedict.

Happy birthday to Elvis Wright, Gary Annis, Jay Davis, Amanda Singleton, Kayleigh Singleton, Stephen Rowland, April McMikel, Burt Moses, Carl Mitchell, Courtney Guyon, Debbie Smith, Joe Ballard, Randy Scott LaRue, Brandon Frazier, Elois Sparks, Ethel Lewallen, Betty Winters, Crystal Francis, Eunice Ervin, Rowdy Nelson, Helen VanDeaver, Dru Denison, Frank Kirby, Erika Ham, Carolyn Ballard, Max Ballard, Lori Benedict, Dee Jay Lawrence, Stan Cox, Rehannon Jackson.

Happy anniversary to Doris and Deverle Elmore, Kathy and Johnny Holt, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga, Peggy and Durwood Wims, Stella and Roy Arrasmith, Anna Beth and Rodger Allen.

Evelyn Pearson of Rocky Ford, Doris Ballard of Clardy, Janice and Lewis Ingram, Theda Short, all of Paris, Daisy Devlin of Grand Prairie, Joella Wester of Irving, Rev. Tony Corso of Minter, Melba Elmore, Johnnie Whitney, Kathy Whitney and Chance of Minter visited Walker and Willie Devlin this past week.

Billie and Georgia Oats, Velma Cox of Cunningham and Betty and Carlos Denison visited also.

Roy and Adelene White spent last weekend in Galveston vacationing.

Lucille Pickering is home from the hospital, recuperating satisfactorily from hip replacement.

Nanalee Nichols spent much of Sunday visiting Margie Rice. Margie is facing having a knee replacement surgery soon.

**Public Notices**

Notice of Public Meeting  
OCTOBER 30, 2000  
Housing Authority  
Community Center

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Talco to prepare a Five Year Plan an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing. On October 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners for the Talco Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at the Talco Housing Authority Community Center located at 300 E. Wilson.

The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the following locations and times:

- Talco City Hall  
400 W. Broad St.  
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- Talco Housing Authority  
300 E. Wilson  
Wed. 9-12:30

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Letters To Editor

To the editor,

I was born in the great state of Texas, and with the exception of military service, I have lived most of my 60-odd years in the northern part of the state. For most of that time I probably was a little too proud and a lot too boastful about what Texans can and would do for their families and especially for their children. There was a situation a few years back when a little girl fell in an old drill pipe and thousands of oil drillers showed up to save her life. They didn't study the situation and call in experts or bureaucrats to handle the thinking part of the rescue, they just came and pulled her out.

We have had a problem in Pattonville for several months where we have been trying to lower the speed limits in town to something like the speed limits they have in Deport and Bogata and we have been receiving severe resistance from the Department of Transpor-

tation and TxDOT. They say they need to take measurements and study the area for stopping distances and that US271 is too far away from Prairiland High School to give Patonville a flashing light and mark it as a school zone. Now we have just had an accident at that intersection where someone has been killed.

Last week as I was passing the intersection, I saw a young woman putting down little paper signs that said "Please slow down" and "for our kids". I suppose that she had given up on the people of this area and decided she would appeal to the conscience of motorists driving by. I am ashamed of the Governor and his bureaucrats and most of the other elected officials in this state. I think they are trading precious lives for whatever benefit they can get for NAFTA and other slick plans for economic benefit for Texas. I don't think I can ever be quite as proud of Texas again.

E.J. Weldon  
Pattonville, TX

Dear Nanalee,

I would like for the readers to see for themselves what happens when animals are discarded, like litter, on the side of the road. My husband and I found 5 puppies between Cuthand and Boxelder at Kickapoo Creek. Actually it was about a half a mile from the creek. These animals were without water or food for quite a while, due to the fact that they are very young and can't find or fend for themselves. All this because some \_\_\_\_\_ can't take the responsibility of having pets.

We all know it has been over 100 degrees and too hot for the young or old of any animal to stand it without water or food; not to mention, the fire ants have eaten on their stomachs. It is quite a horrible sight.

I only hope we got to them in time and will be able to save them. But, I'm not very hopeful. Maybe the soul of the person or persons that left these pups to die is already condemned...I hope so! If I had my way, that person would be placed somewhere with triple digit temps, no food or water. I would wait until they were just skin and bones, then bring them in, get them well, and start all over again!! If people don't want puppies, they need to get their pets SPAYED OR NEUTERED! If pups are an accident, take them to the Humane Society, for a chance of going to a family. Responsible people don't just throw away animals.

If any readers want to see first hand just how bad these poor little creatures look, they are at my house in Cuthand. Come by and see for yourself. Also, say a little prayer, that we might be able to save them all.

Sincerely,

Ray and Linda Tabb.

Editor's Note: Hear, Hear, to the Tabbs. They say what I have said for years. Only two weeks ago someone did me the "favor" of dumping a very tiny little kitten, which was severely sunburned in this terrible heat before I found it. There are better ways to treat helpless animals!



STARVED and sick, these five puppies were thrown away much like garbage. Found in 100 plus heat, fire ants had stung them. Ray and Linda Tabb rescued the puppies and are trying to save their lives. Dumping of animals is never a solution.

Letter to the Editor:

Nanalee,

Homecoming at Prairiland High School was early this year and thanks to powers that be, it was a perfect night for the crowning of the Homecoming Queen Melissa Steinkamp. Each of the nominees looked beautiful.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Coach Glen Scheulke and his staff for their outstanding work with this year's football team. The boys are looking outstanding! The spirit is back, along with the comraderie that it takes for teams to come together as a unit. As I stood on the sidelines with camera in hand, the athletes were involved in the game and what went on, on the playing field.

The support that is shown by the fans was evident with the full stands on Friday night. The Homecoming

program was well-rehearsed and went off without a hitch. The cheerleaders and drill team are doing a fantastic job keeping the spirit moving, with the drill team coming together under the direction of Laurie Cathey and Susan Roach.

The band is another matter. People don't realize how much time and effort is put into this organization. They have come from a very small number to a well-organized, well-dressed, musical group that delights the crowd with each showing! We commend you, Joey Watson for your many hours of hard work and all of the parents that support you and work so hard to raise money for these students to go to competition and camps!

We want to congratulate all of these people and this looks like a most exciting year for Prairiland! Liz Irwin

To the editor:

It has been brought to my attention that some statements made in my previous letter to the editor that appeared in this newspaper were considered by some people to be misleading.

Let me clarify and set the record straight. In my previous letter the first three sentences said: 1) that I was a member of Lone Wolf Electric until it merged with Cap Rock in 1991; 2) that we were offered the same three options on capital credits as are being offered to Lamar; and 3) that now, nine years later, I have not received anything for my capital credits. These statements did not present an accurate picture. Lone Wolf members were not offered the same three options in 1991 at the time of the Lone Wolf/Cap Rock merger. To the extent that my letter led people to believe that we were, I apologize for any trouble this may have caused.

The fact of the matter is that the offer of the three options, credit on electric bills, a dutch auction, or stock in Cap Rock's stock company, was made in October, 1998 at the time the members of Cap Rock voted to convert Cap Rock to a stock company from a co-op. The conversion plan that Cap Rock's members, including the former Lone Wolf members voted to set no specific date for the conversion to take place. Cap Rock has sent information to its members stating that it hopes to have the conversion completed and stock available for issuance to its members who chose the stock option by the end of 2000. In 1998, I chose the stock option, and I have not received anything for my capital credits at this time.

Bill Ross  
Lamar County

First Presbyterian Women meet to begin new year

The Presbyterian Women met Monday, September 11 for the first meeting to begin the 2000-2001 year.

The meeting was held in the Glover Community Room with Mame Cutshall as hostess.

Special guest was Rev. Ed Dodson, who presented the introduction and first lesson from the new study "Women and the Word-Studies in the Gospel of John".

Reba Temple read a devotional, "Chosen" by Kathryn Hillen.

Fletcher, Crouch, Greer reunion to be held

The annual Fletcher, Crouch, Greer reunion will be held September 15-16-17 at Cypress Springs Marina. All family and friends are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish for the supper at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Fun and games for all ages.

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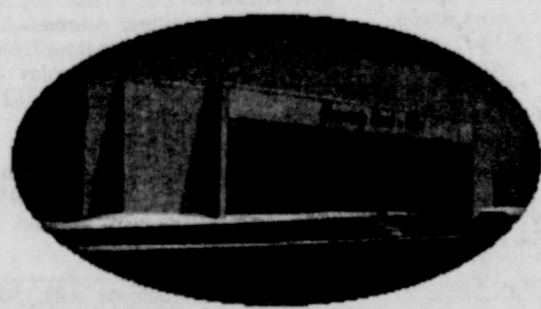
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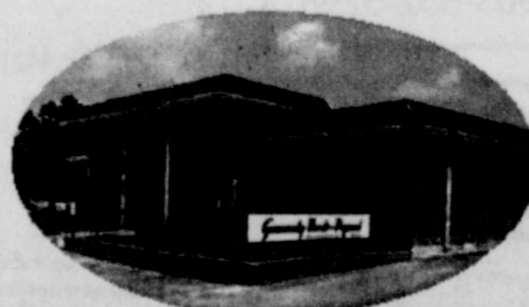
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