

### Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
*Sunsets and Silhouettes*  
Has anyone taken the time lately to notice the gorgeous sunsets we are having?

They? Sitting on a friend's deck Saturday night twelve of us watched the sky put on a display that far surpasses anything mankind has ever managed.

Autumn brings sunsets that are beautiful and yet almost eerie. Perhaps that is because of the silhouettes created. As the leaves thin on the trees their crackled shapes stand out in stark contrast to the brilliant colors in the sky.

Perhaps it is the wintry look of this scene that makes us feel a little melancholy, a little sad, but still able to appreciate the incredible beauty of the scene.

Later that night the moon cast a gorgeous light on the world, prompting the coyotes to hold a serenade that might not win any music awards, but was still beautiful in its own unique way.

Early the next morning the world was once again treated to a more subtle, but still lovely display of autumn sky color, perhaps predicting the fall leaf display that is beginning to show tints of delicate gold and brown. It is a time to enjoy the fabulous temperatures, to enjoy the amazing skies and the changing colors of fall. Don't miss it, take time to appreciate it.

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## Deport getting ready to trade!

November fourth is the day set for Deport's big Trade Day. Anyone wishing to set up and sell garage sale, crafts or goods is invited to do so. There is no charge to do this.

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department and Bucket Brigade will be having a huge sale at the fire station, and there will be sausage and biscuits and coffee for breakfast. At lunch stew, chili and chili dogs will be for sale.

The event brings a big crowd to town, and is a fun day for all, as well as giving the fire department and it's auxiliary a chance to make money for the department.

Come on out, sell, shop, eat and buy for a good cause!

Already ready to sell are items such as a beautiful framed mirror, wooden dining chairs, clothing still with the original tags on them, two love seats and more!

Additional information may be obtained by calling Nanalee, Thomas or Mike at 652-4205 (The Deport Times) or Darden-Sparks Department Store at 652-4515.

Anyone with items to take to the garage sale for the fire department is urged to call the above numbers or contact any fireman. Pickup is available for these items.

## Living History Camp will be open October 28

The 1st Texas Sharpshooters, CSA, Civil War Reenactors will set up an educational living history camp in Heritage Park in Paris on Saturday, October 28 and continue until Sunday, October 29 at 2 p.m.

The event is free and the public is invited to attend to walk, browse and experience a replica of a Civil War encampment. Men and women will be dressed in authentic dress and uniforms. Firearms of the period will be demonstrated. Spectators will see cannons, tents, flags, furniture, cooking utensils, sewing, washing and medical facilities, all part of camp life form that period of time.

With emphasis on flags, ordnance,

music and clothing the group features replicas of banners and arms used during the great conflict. Re-enacting the Civil War has become a popular pastime and hobby and all interested persons in the northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma are welcome to join and participate in the fun.

Persons of all ages are welcome to become members. Women and children as well are invited to join. Musicians are greatly needed.

At 7:15 p.m. on Saturday night, Tommy Loy and his Dixieland Band will perform in Heritage Hall. Seating is limited and expected to be sold out. Tickets are available from the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.

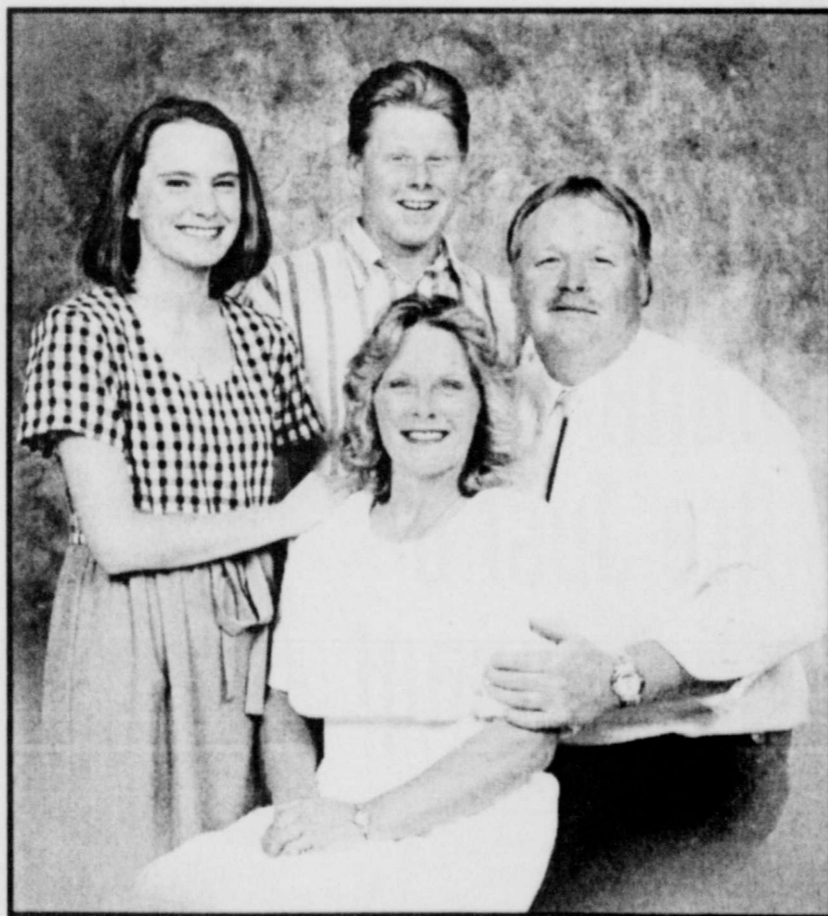
## People 'N Things

Saturday, October 21: Breakfast at the Pattonville Community Center, 7-10 a.m., AYCE, \$4. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Friday, October 27: Halloween

dance at the Pattonville Community Center, 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Monday, October 30: Pattonville Community Centre business meeting, 7 p.m.



The Terry and Bonita Brown Family

## Fund established to aid Brown family

A fund has been established to help the Bonita Brown family. Bonita died Tuesday night, October 17 in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. She had been put on a liver and kidney transplant list.

The Browns live in Deport and are well known throughout the area.

The fund is set up at Lamar National Bank in the name of The Bonita

Brown Fund, 200 S. Collegiate Drive, Paris, TX 75460.

Terry and Bonita have two children, Ferecia Miller and Josh Brown, ages 20 and 16. Anyone wishing to help is urged to do so.

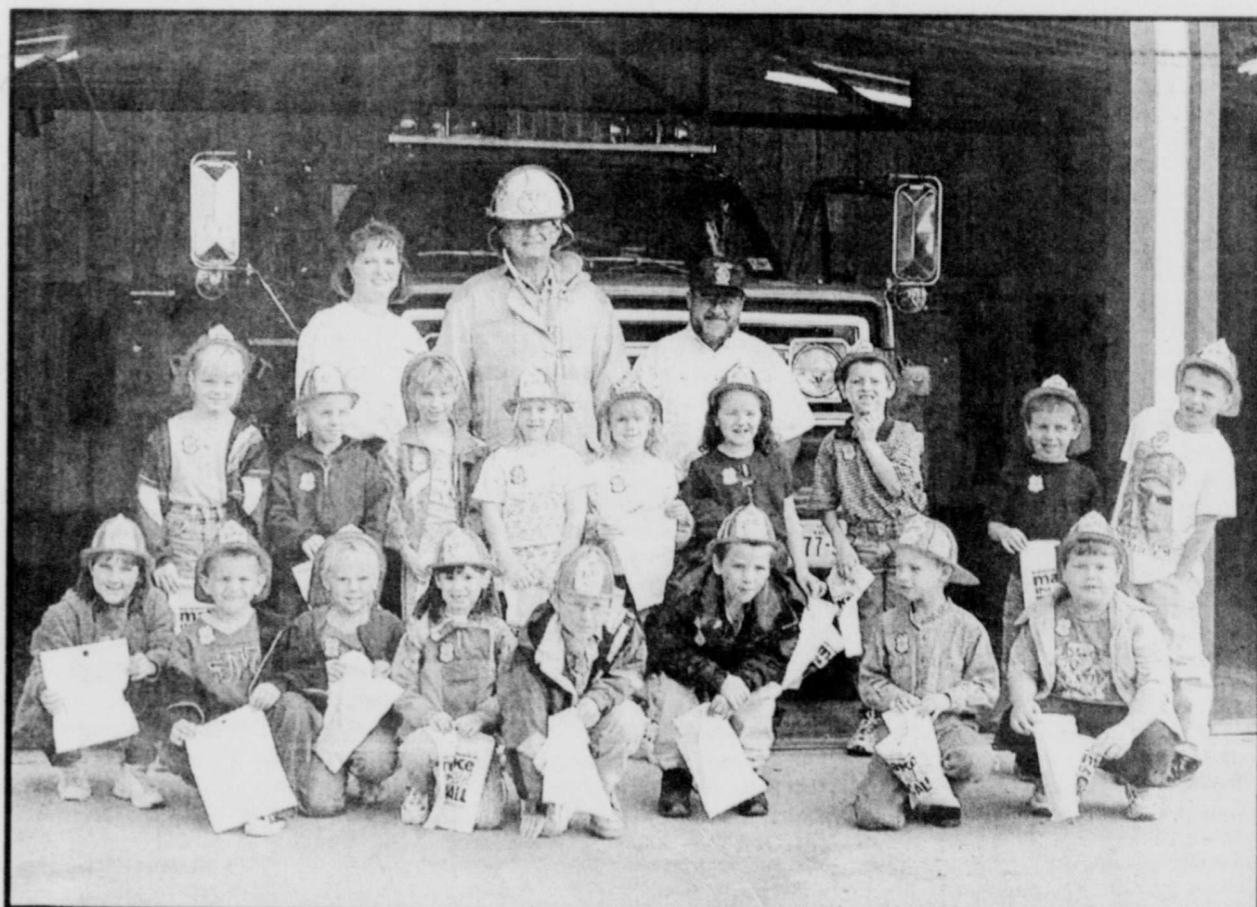
Terry has been unable to work for some time during Bonita's illness.

## Rodeo Association drive set for 21st

The Bogata Rodeo Association will hold their annual membership drive on Saturday, October 21st at Buck's Moonlight Jamboree beginning at 7:00 p.m.



FIRE SAFETY-Deport Third graders saw a film and heard a program from members of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department last week, during Fire Prevention Week. After looking at equipment they were each given a Junior Fire Marshal badge, a Fire Chief Hat and a "goodie bag". First Responders Nanalee Nichols and Sunny Whitney hand out the items. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



MRS. BROOKS' First Grade Class posed for a photo at the Deport Fire Department last Thursday. They learned about fire safety and prevention and what to do in an emergency. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



PRAIRILAND PROJECT GRADUATION is once again sponsoring their "Haunted Barn" to raise funds for this year. They will be working in conjunction with the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured are some of the students from last year's "barn". (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

## Deport Clean Up Days to be this Friday and Saturday

Deport will clean up day this weekend, Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, October 21st.

There will be a large dumpster on back street in Deport with a city employee on hand to help unload heavy items.

Old couches, big items, bulky things are acceptable this weekend.

There can be no batteries, used oil, large amounts of paint or tires. No refrigerators such as air conditioners or refrigerators can be accepted without a certificate that the coolant has been removed.

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## Country Cooking with Liz Irwin

**Our featured cook this week is Sharon Francis of Deport.** She is the City Secretary for Deport and has been since January 1, 1981.

Sharon has lived in Deport for 22 years and has two children. Crystal attends college at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and Clay is married to Chasity and they have two children, Camen and Caley and live in Bogata.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church and sings in the choir, along with teaching 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School and being a G.A. leader for 1st-4th grades.

Sharon also enjoys reading and cooking. We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen.



**COOK OF THE WEEK this week is Sharon Francis of Deport.** She is the City Secretary of Deport and enjoys reading and cooking. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**Mexican Casserole**-this recipe uses corn tortillas and Sharon says they are the best, but you can substitute Tostitos if you like.

**Guacamole Dip**-using lemon or lime juice will keep the dip fresh and will prevent discoloration until serving. Also, before chilling, place the seed you removed from the avacado on top of the dip and remove before serving.

**Chicken Enchiladas**-always a favorite with everyone!

**Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart**-I found this recipe and thought I would pass it on to everyone!

**Chevy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies**-these just sounded good!

**Pound Cake Cookies**-check this recipe out and see what you think!

### Ethellean Williams dies October 11

Funeral services for Miss Ethellean Williams, age 82 of Bonham, were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church under the direction of Wise Funeral Home, Rev. Bob Bush, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Rev. Tommy Brumett, Dr. Lowell Howard and Leonard Gerner officiated. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery, Bogata. Miss Williams died Wednesday, October 11 at Mullican Care Center in Savoy.

Miss Ethellean was born December 25, 1917 in Bogata, the daughter of Z.T. Williams and Cordie Bryson Williams. She was a graduate of Bogata High School and was a music major at Paris Junior College. She attended the Shuggy School of Fine Arts as an organ major and received her Masters degree in Education at East Texas State Teachers College. She taught at the School of Music in Paris, and taught Spanish, Math and English in Bogata and Bonham High School where she retired. Miss Ethellean was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she played the organ, and was active in choir and Sunday School class. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at Northeast Medical Center.

She is survived by a brother, Billy Mack Williams of Odessa; nieces, Donna Pharr, Lou Smith and Sue Lollis, all of Bonham, Janet Graham of Denison, Pat McCutcheon, Shelia Williams and Delores Williams, all of Odessa; a nephew, Billy Jack Williams, Jr. of Ft. Worth; great-nieces, Marisa Newman of Boyd, Michelle Lehew and Denise VanKirk, both of Bonham, Kathy Curtis of Telephone, Carol Jo McCutcheon of Odessa; great-nephews, Robert Lehew of Bonham and Shawn Michael McCutcheon of Odessa; cousins, Howard Ed Bryson of Bogata and Nina Fuller of Garland.

Bearers were Johnny Lollis, Clarence Smith, Robert Graham, Ricky Gatlin, Vernon Whitworth, Ricky Dodson, Jimmy Bethel and Gene Danner. Honorary bearers were Bob Williams, Pat Warren, Jr., Nolan Ashmore, Dana Sisk, Mike Bankston, T. Moore, Bill Terry, John Snead, Pat Sitzler and Gene Wilshire.

### George Peter Ford dies at age 51

George Peter Ford, age 51, died Thursday, October 12th at his home in Dallas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 14 at Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel in Dallas. He was cremated.

Dr. Ford was born in Ilford, Essex, England in 1949. He earned a bachelor of science degree with honors from Bedford College at the University of London and a doctorate of philosophy from the University of East Anglia in 1975.

An interest in computational chemistry prompted Dr. Ford to come to the United States, where he worked and studied under Dr. Michael Dewar at the University of Texas at Austin. After five years conducting cancer research at the Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Dr. Ford began his career as a chemistry teacher at SMU in 1984.

He filled his time away from chemistry with world travel, bridge games and classical music, which is how he met his wife, Linda, more than twelve years ago.

"A major interest of his and mine was trying to learn about classical music", Linda says.

"I guess he saw that I was interested in continuing to learn about classical music and for the first date he asked me to go to the SMU symphony. He compiled quite a large CD collection." Gustav Mahler was probably his favorite."

In addition to his wife, Dr. Ford is survived by his mother Sheila Cross and her husband, Alan of Colchester, England; his father, George W. Ford and his wife, Olive of London; brother David Ford and family of Manchester, England; sister Lyn Jones and family of Hong Kong; half-sister Joann Ford of London; and Linda's family, son Joel Price of Plano; daughter Leslie Price LaMastus and her husband, Robert, of Carrollton; and granddaughter Bethany of Carrollton and his mother-in-law, Alva Moore of Garland.

Linda is a former resident of Deport, and Mrs. Moore will be remembered as a special teacher in the Deport school system for many years.

#### Card of Thanks

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Calvary Baptist for the beautiful dedication service in memory of Lucile Whitney. She loved each of you at the church, and she would be proud that you are keeping her memory alive with the recordings of the services each Sunday for the elderly in the area. Your heartfelt testimonies of love are truly appreciated, and I know that she will be forever remembered in our hearts and minds.

Linda Parish & the Family of Lucile Whitney

## Obituaries

### Linden E. Horn dies October 16

Linden E. Horn, age 66 of Talco, died in McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Paris, on Monday, October 16. Services were scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Talco with the Rev. Keith Blankenship officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery.

Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

He was born in Jolthead on January 10, 1934, the son of John Ervin and Ruby Baugh Horn. He married the former Erma Jo Bladckwell on February 19, 1955 in Sugar Hill. He was a Baptist, a U.S. Air Force veteran, a member of the Pythion Lodge of Longview, a retired truck driver, and owned and operated the Bogata Barber Shop for 10 years.

Mr. Horn is survived by his wife, Jo Horn of Talco; his daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Ricky Howard of Mt. Pleasant and Patty and Bobby Kuhl of Snyder; his mother, Ruby Horn of Talco; a brother, Jerry Horn of Madeira, CA; four grandchildren, Chad Kuhl and his wife Michelle and Kristin Kuhl, all of Snyder, and Ashley Mankins and Calie Howard, both of Mt. Pleasant; three great-grandchildren, Christopher Sorrels, Casey Krop and Braison Kuhl.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Ervin Horn, September 27, 1983 and his brother, Delois (Skeet) Horn, April 19, 1976.

#### Card of Thanks

I would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the First Responders emergency team for its response to our emergency need Saturday night. Bogata is so blessed to have such a wonderful group as the First Responders. Thanks to each and every one that were there in our time of need.

Bob and Ima Martin

### Mrs. Allie J. Swafford dies October 17

Mrs. Allie J. Swafford, age 91 of Bogata died at ETMC in Clarksville on Tuesday, October 17.

Services were scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Bogata with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery.

Wood Fuenral Home had charge of arrangements.

She was born in Red River County, near the Miro community, on May 30, 1909, the daughter of Jim and Bennie Claude Wardlaw Barrow. She married Jake (Rudd) Swafford on September 1, 1945. He preceded her in death December, 1981. She retired from Guilf Oil.

She is survived by two sisters, Eunice Miller of Pine Branch and Odella Cheatwood of Cuthand; five nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Arrie Provence.

### David Wiley Young dies September 27

David Wiley Young, age 81 of Amarillo, died Wednesday, September 27.

Memorial services were held in Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel with Dr. John Bridwell of First Christian Church officiating.

Mr. Young was born in Blossom. He served in the Army during World War II. He retired from Phillips Petroleum and had been a self-employed plumber.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the First Christian Church. He married Opal Crosby in 1948 in Amarillo.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Loretta Sue Weddle; two sons, James Robert Young and David Wayne Young; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

#### Card of Thanks

Due to personal and medical problems, I have resigned my position as chairman in the Cuthand, Maples, Mauldin, Mt. Livingston and Turner Lake Schools reunion October 14, with a wonderful and capable lady taking over the chairmanship, Virginia Lady Bratton Wright with Merle Hughes and Tommy Mauldin co-chairmen. Good luck to Lady, Merle and Tommy, you have my support in every possible way to help with the reunion.

A special thanks to all who made my chairmanship of the schools reunion a most memorable time of my life, I will treasure it always. Thanks to Elaine Baird, my co-chairman for her support, help and hard work she gave so freely. Thanks to George N. for his ever loving support and the P.A. system he furnished for the reunion October 14. Thanks to all who helped put away the table, chairs and with the clean-up, a great big thanks to all who came from all parts of the country. Thanks to all from the bottom of my heart.

Annie Lee Mauldin Moore

#### Card of Thanks

Our family would like to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, flowers, food, visits and words of condolence during our time of sorrow at losing our loved one, Jimmy Day.

Special thanks to Bro. Bob Baker for his words of inspiration and love.

Special thanks to Bright-Holland Funeral Home for kindness and loving care at this time.

Thanks to the ladies who served the food and many more things that they did for us.

Words cannot express our appreciation for all of you for the concern you showed our family. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten.

God bless you all.

*The Case Family*

#### Card of Thanks

Thank you friends, relatives and neighbors for the food, visits, cards and telephone calls and for everything everyone has helped us with. Thank you so much.

Walker & Willie Devlin

**Tuesday, October 19, 2000  
Sharon Francis-Deport**

<p><b>Mexican Casserole</b></p> <p>1 package corn or flour tortillas 2 pounds hamburger meat 1 medium chopped onion 1 can Ro-tel tomatoes 2 cans Ranch-Style beans 1 package mexican-blend grated cheese</p> <p>Brown meat and onions; drain. Mix together all ingredients except cheese. Cut tortillas into quarters and place in baking dish. Then add half of meat mixture; place cheese on top and then tortillas, meat mixture and cheese. Bake until done at 350 degrees.</p> <p><b>Guacamole Dip</b></p> <p>1 medium ripe avacado 4-1/2 teaspoons lemon or lime juice 1 tomato-chopped finely 1 tablespoon jalapeno pepper-chop fine 1 garlic clove-minced 1/4 teaspoon salt tortilla chips</p> <p>In bowl, mash avacado and juice. Stir in tomato, onion, jalapeno, garlic and salt. Cover and chill. Serve with chips.</p> <p><b>Chicken Enchiladas</b></p> <p>flour tortillas 2-8 ounce cream cheese 2 cans chicken or cook your own 3 cans green chilis green onions-chopped 8 ounce package graded cheese-Mexican garlic powder to taste</p> <p>Mix all ingredients together. Roll in tortillas and place in baking dish. Pour small box of whipping cream over rolled tortillas and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese is bubbly.</p> <p><b>Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart</b></p> <p>3-1/2 cups baking mix 1 cup heavy whipped cream 1/2 cup butter or margarine-melted 1 can cinnamon-apple pie filling 2/3 cup caramel-apple dip 1/2 cup pecans</p> <p>In mixing bowl, stir together mix, cream and butter until pastry dough forms a ball. Turn onto flour dusted surface with additional baking mix if needed. Knead 7-10 times. Roll out 15-inch round. Fold into quarters and transfer to 13-inch pizza pan or baking dish. Spoon apple filling over pastry. Place teaspoonfuls of caramel dip over filling. Sprinkle pecans over top. Fold dough toward center to make edging. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-22 minutes or until golden brown.</p>	<p><b>Chevy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies</b></p> <p>1 cup granulated sugar 1 cup packed dark brown sugar 1/2 cup butter-softened 1/2 cup margarine-softened 2 large eggs 2 tablespoons milk 2 teaspoons vanilla 3-1/3 cups baking mix 2-1/2 cups oats 1 package chopped dried apples 1 cup chopped pecans-toasted 20 caramels-cut into 8 pieces</p> <p>In large bowl, beat sugars, butters until light and fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well and combine. Slowly add baking mix and oats; beat at low speed to combine. Stir in apples, pecans and caramel pieces. Cover; chill for 1 hour. Place tablespoonfuls on baking sheet well coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375 degrees for 12-14 minutes. Cool and transfer to wire rack.</p> <p><b>Pound Cake Cookies</b></p> <p>1 package pound cake mix 1/3 cup butter or margarine-softened 1 teaspoon almond extract 1 egg</p> <p>Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix half of cake mix, margarine, extract and egg in large bowl until smooth. Stir in remaining cake mix. Divide into halves. Roll each half 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut into desired shapes; or roll into 1-inch balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and flatten with bottom of glass. Bake until edges are light brown; 6-8 minutes. Cool slightly and remove to wire rack. Ice with Butter cream Icing below.</p> <p><b>Buttercream Icing</b></p> <p>1/2 cup margarine 1-1/2 teaspoon clear vanilla 5 cups confectioners sugar 2-3 tablespoons milk</p> <p>Cream butter and shortening and add vanilla. Add sugar, one cup at a time. Beat at medium speed. Add milk to desired consistency. Smooth onto cookies. Sprinkles may also be added.</p>
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Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fernando Velasco

**Velasco-VanDeaver exchange vows**

Charlotte Fay VanDeaver and Anthony Fernando Velasco were united in marriage Sunday, September 3. The Rev. Will Davis of Austin Christian Fellowship performed the ceremony on the garden grounds of Barr Mansion in Austin, TX.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph Gordon and Helen F. VanDeaver of Pattonville. Her grandparents are the late Thomas M. and Thelma VanDeaver, formerly of Fulbright and the late George and Hazel Cheatham. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received her master's degree from St. Edward's University. She is employed as a Project Manager in the Information Technology division of Worldcom.

The groom is the son of Fernando Manuel and Francis Mary Velasco of Austin, TX. He is the grandson of Alfredo and the late Clarita Velasco of Stuart, Florida and the late Carl and Ruth Helen Hyatt of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and is employed with BAM! Advertising in Austin.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown, designed by Ada Athanassiou, featured an ivory

silk satin sleeves bodice with band of beading at the waist and full tulle skirt. She wore a tiered, elbow-length veil with scalloped edges and headpiece adorned in seed pearls.

Matron of honor was Darla Kay McCubbins. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Uptmore and Charlotte Sobek. Soloist was Claudia Leigh Velasco, accompanied by Michael Jackson on guitar. Emma Frances and Ruel Thomas Ellis were flower girl and ring bearer.

Best man was Mathew Allen Lewis. Groomsmen were James Kelly Jones and Daniel Garcia. James VanDeaver read I Corinthians 13 in both English and Spanish. David Mechem and Thomas Ruel Ellis were ushers.

A Celtic march procession was performed by the band Rumbullion, and the South Austin Gospel Choir commended the closing of the wedding ceremony with two original compositions, "Build On The Rock" and "South of the River". Music at the reception was performed by Rumbullion and Slaid Cleaves.

Following a honeymoon in the Yucatan peninsula and the Caribbean, the couple now resides in Austin, TX.

**How I Turned My Hispanic Perspective Into a Positive Influence**

By Max Plata

Surviving negative episodes in my life, especially those that were aimed at my Hispanic heritage, is something I want to forget. However, I have found that this is not very easily done. I still can recall many of those negative events as if they were happening now. The emotional scars that these events left in their wake are long lasting and they still hurt when I recall them. However, I am able to cast them aside quicker than when they initially occurred.

As early as first grade, I learned that I had to rely on my skills and my God-given talents to overcome negative events. Instead of harboring hatred toward those who hurt me, I compensated by plunging into schoolwork with vengeance. I applied every piece of advice my Dad offered, especially if it applied to learning an achievement. I turned being a Hispanic, a negative in my peer's eyes, into a positive attribute for my family and me. Through my achievements, I wanted to pave the way for my brothers and sisters and other Hispanics who followed me, to show the world and mostly those that hurt me, that Hispanics could be smart in school.

Throughout my education career, as a student and as an educator, I have always followed the philosophy instilled in me by my Dad: "work hard and it will pay off". In many respects this philosophy helped me to succeed at Paris Junior College, at Sam Houston State University, as a classroom

teacher of the mentally retarded, and finally, to succeed in obtaining my Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. I applied this same philosophy in my work as at teacher educator in the field of special education and as a Director of Student Assessment. Throughout all my endeavors I never lost the confidence that I gained as a first grader when I proved to my non-Hispanic peers that I was a smart dude and they had better study hard and work hard because if they didn't they would be beaten by a Hispanic.

I have tried to become a model that others can emulate, both academically and socially. To promote myself as an academic model, I publish articles in professional journals. I have published in monographs, and a chapter in a book. To promote myself as a social model, I maintain a strong work ethic, put in an honest day's work, apply rules an regulations fairly and justly and am open and accepting of individuals of all cultures, races, ethnic backgrounds, ages, levels of employment and income levels. In short, I, as a Hispanic, want those who witness my achievements, my positive work behaviors and my positive attitudes to use these attributes as a yardstick to measure other Hispanics they encounter.

If I succeed in making a positive impact on some individual within and without my cultural group, then I am satisfied that I have turned my Hispanic perspective into a positive influence.

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**Cunningham News**  
By Jane O'Neal



Marie Watson was honored by her family on her 87th birthday with dinner at the Life Tabernacle Church fellowship hall. Attending were Dean Watson and Ada, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Brad and Bruce Watson, Reese Blevins, Dillon Gibson, Vicki DAVIS, Rachel Jones, Brenda Watson, Jane Polk, Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Georgeanna and Brad Nutt, Geneva Norwood, Clyde, Gerrie and Chance Bankhead, Jerrod and Susan Bankhead, Christi, Bryan and Kaden Callihan, Burl Dean and Glenda Watson, Susie, Kendra and Amy Hicks, Eric Loveless, Jake Daughtery, Lance Connot and Josh Osborne, L'Wanda McKnight and Betty and Lynn Holman.

Charity Musgrove was honored with a hamburger and dance party on her 12th birthday with 30 guests attending.

Aaron Palmer was honored with a party and dinner at Jane O'Neal's on Sunday for his 13th birthday. Attending were Karla, Kara and Andrea Palmer, Sue Murray, Kenzie and Jane Jackson, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Ida Mae and Darold Norwood visited Shelia Norwood in Denton Tuesday. Marlin Foster had Sunday lunch with them.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight had Sunday lunch for Johnny, Fran, Johnny and Jenna Patterson, Paul, Whitney, Zack, Darrell and Joey Mathews.

Visiting Shelby and Bobby Kennedy and having lunch with them on Sunday were Jeff, Cindy, Taylor and Asa Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy.

Bobby and Clyde Slusher and Bobbie Hall had dinner with Jackie Taylor on Thursday night.

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Dear Country Cathy is waiting to hear from you at P.O. Box 345, Bogata, TX 75417.

Dear Country Cathy,  
I am a big pack rat. I can't seem to get anything done or throw anything away. Can you help me get something done?  
Signed,  
Terrible Organizer

Dear Country Cathy,  
I am a high school student and I wear what I think is cool, but some kids make fun of me for wearing different clothes than them, or when to wear certain clothes. What should I do or what could I do?  
Signed,  
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The English as a Second Language class will be taught by Gaspar Sanchez, Susan Sanchez, and Jason

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For more information call Paris Junior College at (903) 782-0424.

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136 Grand Street, Paris. Students wishing to attend at the Resource Center must attend orientation sessions at 8:30 a.m., October 23 through 26.

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SHOW THAT PATRIOT SPIRIT-Patriot mascots Holly and Brittany show off spirit during the football games and help to lead the fans with cheers throughout the game. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**Patriot 8th grade win again 16-8**

Spectators enjoyed a great football game as well as a musical debut last week when the 8th grade team from Prairiland beat the Crockett Wildcats 16-8. The final play was followed by a victory song led by Patriot Daniel Hayes.

Moments before the game were filled with anticipation as rumors circulated about the tough team the Patriots would be facing and nerves were calmed when Crockett's Roderick Franklin sacked the quarterback in the first play of the game!

After turning the ball over on downs, the Patriot defense showed no fear and regained possession of the ball allowing their offense to complete several yard-gaining plays, followed by a 25-yard pass thrown by

Jake Daugherty to Nick Dunn for a touchdown.

Crockett also scored a touchdown in the second quarter. The Patriot defense did a great job against the Wildcats with awesome tackles throughout the game by Josh Osburn, Drew Boren, Spur Norwood, Jordan Smith, Brent Burden and a sack by Daniel Hayes.

Fan held their breath in the end of the second quarter as Lance Connot threw a pass which deflected off two Wildcat fingertips into the hands of runningback, Spur Norwood for the winning touchdown and a final score of 16-8.

The 8th grade hopes to continue their winning spree against Fannindel this week at Prairiland.

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**Patriot JV corrals the Bulls 20-18**

Thursday, October 12, the JV Patriots traveled to Paul Pewitt to defeat them 20-18. Once again it took some late heroics to pull out the win. Pewitt led 12-0 at the half as the Patriots had trouble stopping the multiple attack of the Brahmas. The Patriots could not mount an offensive drive the first half either.

The 2nd half was far different. After Pewitt scored midway thru the 3rd quarter to go up 18-0, Nathan Burden returned the kick-off 70 yards for the 1st TD. The PAT failed. On the ensuing kickoff, Clay Vaughn stole the ball from the Pewitt runner and took it in from 34 yards for the

2nd Pat TD. PAT failed. After the two teams exchanged possessions, the Patriots got the ball with about 2 minutes left in the game and trailing 18-12. Quarterback Blake Smith connected with fullback Dustin Applegate for a 17-yard pass. Then Smith hit tailback Heath Connot on a screen pass and Connot weaved his way 60 yards for the game-tying TD. Smith took in the PAT for a 20-18 Patriot lead. The Patriot defense stiffened on 5 consecutive plays to preserve the win.

The JV Patriots now stand at 4-2 on the season and 1-0 in district play. They host Rivercrest this week.

Defensive Stats		Tackles	Sacks	
Dustin Applegate		9	-	
Brenton Norwood	6			
Chris Brunson		5	1	
Nathan Burden		5	-	
Heath Connot		5	-	
O'Neal Drinnon		3	1	
Brad Brown		3	1	
Clay Vaughn		4	-	
Josh Fendley		1	-	
Dakota Mitchell		1	-	
Cody Hicks		4	-	
Shaun VanOrson		1	-	
Offensive Stats		Rushing	Passing	TD
Aron Arrasmith		8-38	-	1
Heath Connot		2-36	-	1
Dustin Applegate		3-4	-	1
Blake Smith		5-40 PAT 1	3-4 for 89 yds	1
Nathan Burden		-	-	1
Clay Vaughn		-	-	1
Receiving				
Cody Hicks	1-12			
Dustin Applegate	1-17			
Heath Connot	1-60 1 TD			

**Patriot 7th defeats PPewitt 44-14**

The 7th grade Patriot team once again triumphed over their opponents on Thursday night, October 12, 2000. The Paul Pewitt Calves were blown away by the Patriots.

The Patriots received to start the game. After Cole White ran the ball for an eighteen yard return, Cody Upchurch took the ball in for his first touchdown of the night, the first of six.

Upchurch ran for over 200 yards, but it was a team effort as White completed one pass to Lance Ballard for a 36-yard gain and Darren Lane was given the ball repeatedly for the short yardage plays, scoring 6 points

for the night in 2 point conversions. The defense was again on top of things as solo tackles were made by Cody Withers, Lucas Morgan, White, Upchurch, Matthew Golightly, Josh Allen, Cody Flatt and Matthew Owen.

Allen caught his first interception for the year and Golightly broke up a pass and forced the Calves to punt. Golightly also recovered an onside kick made by Withers and recovered a Pewitt fumble caused by Flatt. Flatt also covered a Pewitt on-side kick to give the Pats good field position.

The Pewitt boys were able to score twice for the night but fell to the Patriots 44-14. Great job!

**Tuesday 42 meets**

**Patriots fall to Paul Pewitt 46-0**

The Prairiland Patriots suffered their first loss of the season to a very good Paul Pewitt team.

The Patriots took the opening kick-off and were able to make a couple of first downs before punting to Pewitt. The Brahms scored on a 55 yard drive, 7-0. The Pats next possession resulted in a punt. D.J. Loveless boomed a 61-yard punt to the Brahms eight yard line. The Brahms drove 90 yards on 10 plays for a 14-0 lead.

The second quarter saw Jason Elrod hitting Chris Berry on a 31-yard pass to mid-field. The Pats drove to the Brahms 25-yard line before being held on a fourth and two play. The Brahms struck quick on a long pass to the Pats 10 yard line. Three plays later, the Brahms scored to make it 20-0.

The Patriots had a chance late in the second when Stan Cox forced a Paul Pewitt turnover on their own 35. The Patriots were intercepted on the first play and Pewitt took it 80 yards for a TD to make it 26-0. Paul Pewitt scored again right before the half for a 33-0 halftime lead.

The second half saw the Patriots trying to fight back but the Brahms were too tough. Pewitt scored on their first possession of the third quarter, 40-0. The Patriots were able to move the ball some the second half but the Brahms shut them down.

The final Pewitt TD occurred in the fourth quarter to put the score at 46-0. The Pats fell at 5-1 for the year and 0-1 in district. The Pats travel to Rivercrest Friday for their homecoming. It should be a great game along with a huge crowd. Come out and watch the Patriots go to 1-1 in district.

The Tuesday 42 club met Tuesday, October 17 with Alma Scaff as hostess.

Seven members were present and one guest, Eunice Ervin. Jimmie King won high score for members.

The next meeting will be with Thelma Shelby at the gazebo on Tuesday, November 7.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate.

(NAPS)—Halloween shopping for trick-or-treat bags, flashlights, spooky books and videos may be more fun at eToys' Halloween Shop, accessible at [www.eToys.com](http://www.eToys.com).



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### Lady Pats take PPewitt in district

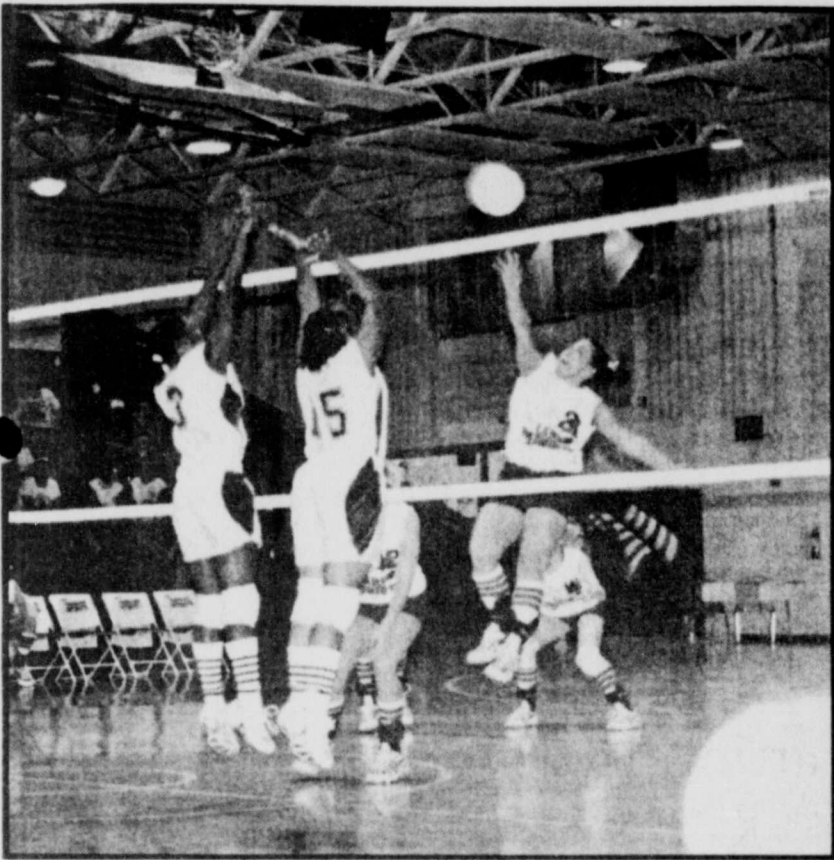
In Friday, October 13, 2000 volleyball action, the Lady Patriots put on a fine-tuned exhibition of volleyball skills as they easily defeated Paul Pewitt 15-4, 15-4.

Kami Hudson had a big game with 11 kills and 2 blocks while Emilee Bolton had 9 kills. Megan Graham

put up 21 assists while the entire squad played excellent defense.

The JV had a tough match, but hung on for a 15-11, 16-14 win. Natalie Wilson had 8 service points while Lindsey Peel had 9 assists. Jordan Hunold put down 8 kills.

	assists	serve	aces	kills	blocks	digs
Megan Graham	21	7/8	-	1	-	-
Emilee Bolton	-	5/6	-	9	-	-
Melissa Steinkamp	2	6/6	-	4	-	-
Kami Hudson	1	5/5	2	11	2	-
Ashley Athas	-	5/6	-	3	-	-
Sheena Jones	1	8/8	1	-	-	-
Brittany Ballard	-	5/6	-	-	-	-
Sara Bolton	-	-	-	-	-	-



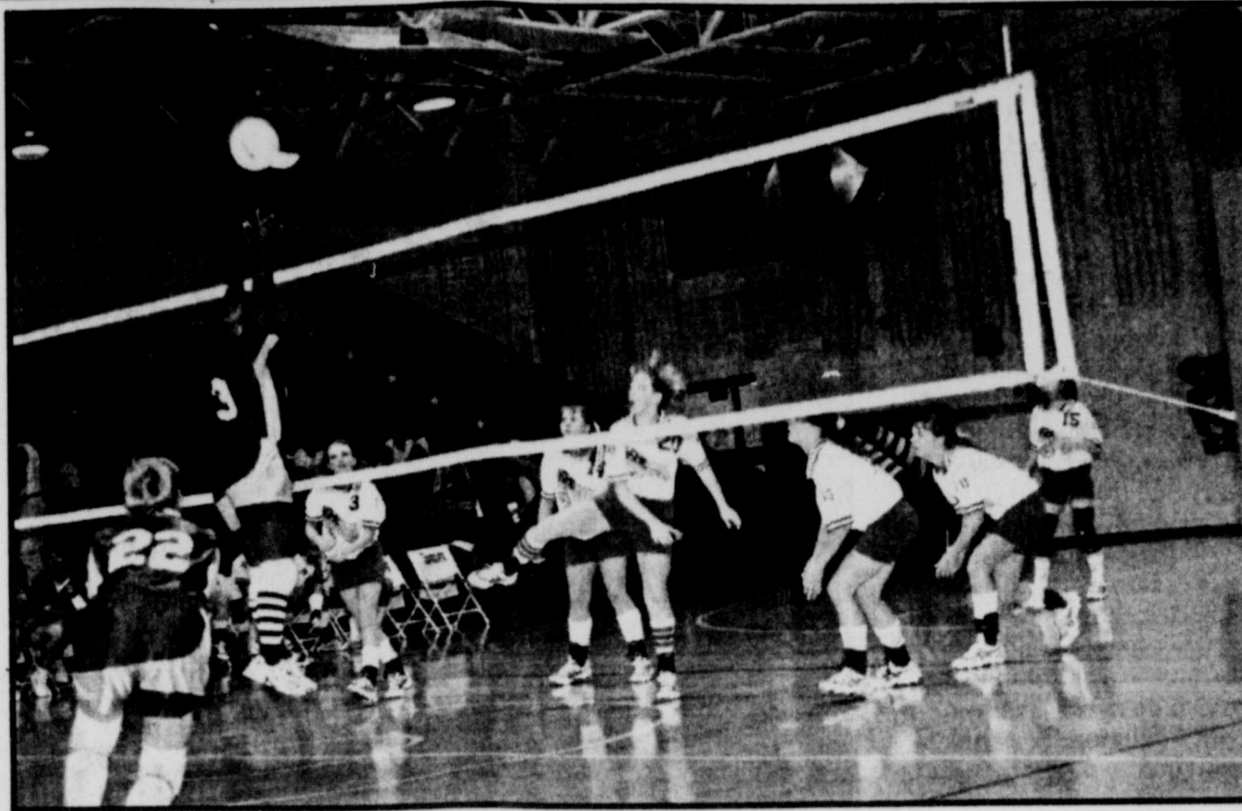
LADY PATRIOT Melissa Steinkamp goes up high for the kill during Friday's game against Paul Pewitt. The ladies defeated Paul Pewitt easily 15-4 and 15-4 in two games. (Staff Photo)

### Lady Patriots get 30th win

The Lady Patriots snatched win number 30 in district action Tuesday at Hughes Springs, winning 15-3, 15-2. Kami Hudson had 7 kills and 2 blocks and Melissa Steinkamp had 6 kills and 6 service points. Emilee Bolton added 4 kills and 1 block while Megan Graham put up 18 assists. In JV action Nicole Boehler, Leslie Davis and Lacy Davis each had 4 kills to lead the team to a 15-7, 15-11 victory.

Varsity Stats: Megan Graham had 18 assists, 8/8 services, 4 Digs. Kami Hudson had 7 kills, 4/4 serves, 2 block sand 4 digs.

Sheena Jones had 1 assist, 1 kill, 1 7/7 serves, 3 digs. Ashley Athas had 2 kills, 3/4 serves, 3 digs. Melissa Steinkamp had 6 kills, 7/8 serves and 6 dips. Emilee Bolton had 4 kills, 1/3 serves, 1 block and 2 dips. Brittany Ballard had 1/1 serves and 2 digs. Sara Bolton had 1 dig. Jodi Bybee had 7/7 serves, 1 ace and 1 dig. Nikki Bybee had 4/4 serves and 1 dig.



LADY PATRIOT JV defeated Paul Pewitt on Friday, October 13 15-11 and 16-14 in a hard-fought game. Jordan Hunold had 8 kills while Natalie Wilson had 8 service points along with Lindsey Peel's 9 assists. (Staff Photo)

### Patriots make last run before district

The boys ran hard with Michael Flatt in 30th at 20:10 for the 3-1/4 mile course. Josh Benfer came in at 62nd at 21:10. John Merrill took 22:44 and was 71st. Justin Elrod and Chance Bankhead were 94th and 98th. John Huff was not able to run Saturday.

Hopefully, all for the team members will be able to compete on Monday, October 23 in the district meet at Chapel Hill. Please encourage this group of athletes if you have the opportunity. Cross Country is a very demanding sport with little or no glory in return. Good Luck Patriots!

The Prairiland Patriots Cross Country teams traveled to Commerce for their final run before district opens. All of the members ran well and most improved their times from the last Commerce run.

Raynie Skidmore led the ladies as she came in 35th with a time of 14:41 for the 2-mile course. Lacy Beatty came in 43rd with a time of 15:01. Tiffany Bishop was close behind in 47th at 15:19. Kayleigh Connot did a fantastic job coming in at 16:02 in her very first competition. Sarina Wilson and Megan Filkins came in at 16:31 and 17:10. Sue Ellen Barnes was missed very much because of illness.



PATRIOTS FALL TO PAUL PEWITT on Friday, October 13, 2000-Pictured here is #44 Phillip Elder as the Brahmas take him down. Assisting him is #50 Jorry Briggie. The Pats will travel to Rivercrest on Friday night, October 20 for the Rebel's Homecoming. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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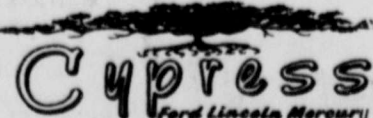
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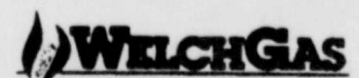
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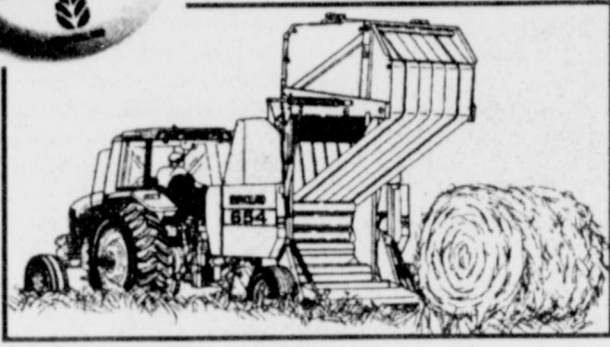
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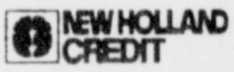
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**Deport Nursing Home News**

By Sandra Mauldin

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Linda King was visited by Lucretia Walker, Larry Walker, Jane Walker and Tooter Parsons.

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Anna Austin was visited by Betty Sisson and Raymond Hignight.

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Dow South and Bill Archibald were visited by Jean Goforth.

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Nedra Dixon was visited by Dick Deaton.

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Activity director Sandra Mauldin is asking for help. The nursing home needs someone to conduct a Bible study for residents at least once a week. If you would be interested in this, please call Sandra at 652-4410.



CAROL NEWBERRY, registered educational diagnostician with the Lamar County Special Education Co-op, has recently been certified by the North American Association of Masters in Psychology as a Nationally Certified Psychologist. Carol is married to George Newberry. They have two children and two grandchildren. They reside in Paris.

**Have A Great Weekend!**



BLOSSOM 4th grade student Alyssa Pitcock shows off the wall hanging she and her mother Linda made for her classroom. The wall hanging was made from a picture in a magazine using scraps of materials. Also pictured is her teacher Mrs. Patterson. (Staff Phot by Liz Irwin)

**Red Ribbon Celebration is October 23-31**

The Kids Safety Society Coalition is joining with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to promote the 2000 Red Ribbon Campaign from October 23-31. The Red Ribbon Campaign is an opportunity to bring together parents, schools, churches and businesses to help create drug free communities. Red Ribbon Week should serve as a kickoff and catalyst for a year long prevention effort including parents, schools, law enforcement, the faith community and all other community resources working in a unified way with a consistent message.

The first Red Ribbon Campaign was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents dedicated to protecting communities from the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration kidnapped and killed with investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of U.S. children

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- 6 Cooper JV here at 7:00
- 6 Football @ Fannindel 7:30
- 7 CCountry meet @ Saltillo
- 7 Jr. Hi district @ Avery
- 9 Retakes on all campuses
- 9 School Board 7:30
- 10 Vball Chisum H 4:30
- 11 Board Training/MP
- 12 HS Blood Drive
- 12 7/8JV @ PP 5:00
- 13 Vball PP H 4:30
- 13 PP H 7:30
- 16 DistrictSBDM Committee
- 17 Vball @HSprings 4:30
- 17 PSAT sophomores
- 19 7/8JV H Rivercrest 5:00
- 19 Executive Board 7:00
- 20 Vball @ CH 4:30
- 23 @ Rivercrest 7:30
- 23 assembly 1/6-12
- 24 CC district meet
- 24 TAAS Writing 11-12
- 24 Vball DeKalb H 4:30
- 25 PAT meeting 7:00
- 25 TAAS Math 11-12
- 26 TAAS Reading 11-12
- 26 Pro Grad H House
- 27 DeKalb H 7:30
- 28 Pro Grad H House
- 28 Pro Grad H House
- 30 District Vball
- 30 Pro Grad H House
- 31 Halloween
- 31 Pro Grad H House



THE BLOSSOM GARDEN CLUB will be sponsoring a yard each month in and around the city of Blossom. Nominations are now being taken by contacting the Garden Club. (Staff Photo by Mae Crawford)

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Dogs are assets to candidates, and the feeling seems to be engendered that if a dog loves the candidate, he can't be all that bad.

—Dick Gregory

**Garden Club to hold yard contest**

The Blossom Garden Club met on Tuesday night with ten members and one new member, Sue Clarkson.

Jenn Sandlin of Kwik Kar Lube, gave the program on "What women should know and look for on their cars". She told everyone how to know what pressure should be on your tire, if necessary how and what to do if you have a flat tire, how and when to check your water and oil. To listen to your car, you drive it and know the normal sounds, etc.

The next meeting will be on November 14, 2000. Members will be decorating small wreaths to take to the Deport Nursing Home. Anyone interested may come and join them.

There will also be a demonstration by Annette Case, on making large Christmas bows for gifts, doors and other things. If you would like to join them, bring your ribbon and learn

with them. Annette is the manager of "Catherine's Plus Sizes", a ladies dress shop in Texarkana.

The club voted to sponsor a yard a month, starting in November. If you would like to nominate a yard in or around Blossom, please fill out the slip and mail too: Blossom Garden Club, P.O. Box 143, Blossom, Texas 75416.

You may nominate yourself or a friend. Along with the City of Blossom, the Blossom Garden Club would like to encourage the beautification of Blossom and surrounding areas. These must be in, on or before the 25th of the previous month that you are nominating for. Like the November nomination would need to be in by October 25th. The club hopes that you will join in the fun and beautification of Blossom and surrounding areas.

Name of resident \_\_\_\_\_  
Address or directions \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number to take photo of yard \_\_\_\_\_  
(if chosen)

Mail to:  
Blossom Garden Club  
P.O. Box 143  
Blossom, Texas 75416

**Jerry Garrett injured in car accident**

Jerry Garrett, son of Bessie Garrett of Blossom was critically injured when his vehicle struck a large tree near Interstate 20 and Great Southwest Parkway outside of Quinlan.

Jerry 55, was listed in critical condition at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He has severe leg injuries and possible head injuries according to the traffic report.

Witnesses told the police that Garrett's car suddenly left the highway and struck a wooden construction sign. The car continued about 500 feet, crossed a frontage road and struck a large tree.

He was trapped in the vehicle and firefighters had to extricate him. He was then taken by helicopter ambulance to the hospital.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The State of Texas vs. Gary L. Gable and Sheila L. Gable
FM 44 North, P.O. Box 139
Annona, TX. Defendant: Cause No. 00C1253-102 in the District Court of Bowie County, TX.

Now, therefore, Be It Ordained by the City Council of Blossom, Texas, that Articles I and II, Ordinance No. 99-010, are hereby canceled and superseded and are restated as follows:
Article I. Construction Regulations:
Section 1. Building Codes. The "Standard Building Code," in its latest edition is hereby adopted by reference as though it were fully copied herein, as the safe and practical building standards for all construction within the City of Blossom and other areas outside the City over which the City has regulatory authority.

administration for future inspections and referrals.
Section 3. Approval.
a. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph b., all applications for construction permits not in compliance with the provisions of these regulations, or not covered by regulations established herein, must be approved as variance or a special use permit by the City Council.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Sections of the existing ordinance No. 99-010, not specifically superceded or amended herein, remain in full force and effect and that the provisions of this Ordinance No. 01-002, amending existing Ordinance No. 99-010 shall take effect immediately, and shall be in full force immediately in order to protect the public safety, health and general welfare of the citizens of Blossom, Texas.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Deport is accepting applications for the position of Water and Sewer Operator.
Water and Sewer Operator is responsible for all public works operations and functions of the City facilities and equipment. Applicant must be proficient in general public relation skills; must hold a high school diploma or equivalent thereof and two years of college; must have plumbing and mechanical experience; list live in or in close proximity to the City of Deport; and have a telephone; must be able to obtain a Class D Water and Sewer license or have a Class D or C Water and Sewer license.

Section 2. Types of Construction. Except as approved separately by the City Council, all new construction or residences shall be site-built single family residences or consistent with "Existing Land Use, City of Blossom, July 1999", prepared by Hayter Engineering as an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
Section 3. General Land Use Requirements. The City of Blossom Comprehensive Plan, developed with financial and administrative support from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, completed by Hayter Engineering, 1999, is hereby adopted by reference as though fully copied herein as the standard for land use and types of construction to be considered in the approval of all building permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 165
An Ordinance of the City of Detroit Providing For The Publication of Ordinances By Caption
WHEREAS, Chapter 52, Local Government Code (Adoption of Municipal Ordinances) provides that a municipality may publish ordinances by a caption that summarizes the purpose of the ordinance and any applicable penalty, and
WHEREAS, the City of Detroit desires to adopt an ordinance for that purpose: NOW THEREFORE:

Section 4. Regulation Outside City Limits. The regulations established herein, pertaining to building permits is extended to areas outside the City limits wherein the City has regulating authority and regulations established herein specific to plumbing permits and general requirements relating to plumbing extend to any area wherein the City provides water supply, whether that supply is provided by public or private distribution lines.
Article II. General Provisions.
Section 1. Permit Required. It shall be unlawful to construct or alter any building or structure in the City of Blossom, excepting fences, when the cost of such construction exceeds \$500.00 or where the effect of such construction or alteration is to enlarge the capacity or affect the bearing walls of any building or the roof thereof, without having first secured a permit for such construction.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of City of Detroit
Section 1. All Ordinances enacted by the City Council of the City of Detroit shall be published in a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Detroit by printing a caption of said Ordinance; which caption shall provide a summary of the purpose of the ordinance and the penalty, if any, for violation of the ordinance.
Section 2. Unless an Ordinance is specifically declared to be an emergency necessitating immediate effect, an Ordinance shall not take effect until it has been published in conformity with Chapter 52 of the Local Government Code and with the provisions of this Ordinance.
Section 3. If any section, provision, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Detroit, Texas hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions, despite such invalidity.
Section 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of conflict only.
Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after Publication.
Passed and Approved, this 9th day of October, 2000
Margaret Missildine, Mayor
City of Detroit
10-19

ORDINANCE NO. 01-002
Amending Ordinance No. 99-010
"An ordinance of the City of Blossom, Texas, amending certain Articles of existing Ordinance No. 99-010":
Whereas, the governing body of Blossom, Texas, meeting in duly posted Public Session, deem it prudent and necessary to amend Articles I and II of existing Ordinance No. 99-010, adopted May 18, 1999; and
Whereas, a duly posted Public Hearing has been held prior to consideration for adoption of aforementioned amendments;

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Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.
For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Milton News
By Mattylu Upchurch
Peggy Whitney spent Thursday through Tuesday with her sons and families, Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville and Aubrey and Shannona and Alyssa Allen of Flower Mound. Ann and Sheldon Lee sent last Monday in Sulphur Springs shopping.
Bobbie Hill of Little Rock, AR spent Monday through Wednesday with her mother and sister, Mattylu Upchurch and Billie Goheen.
James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Wednesday.
Ann and Sheldon Lee attended the play at the Paris Community Theater on Thursday night.
Haley Williams of Paris spent Monday with her great-grandparents, Dorothy and James Holt.
Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound, Josh Allen of Cunningham and Jay, Kurt McKee of Minter visited Peggy Whitney on Sunday.
Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma and John Temple Tuesday night.
Bud and Juanita Upchurch of Bisbee, AZ visited Mattylu Upchurch Sunday. They have been visiting relatives in Bogata and will return home Monday.
Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson and Juavane Carpenter went to Mt. Vernon and Clarksville Saturday to craft shows.
Ann and Sheldon Lee went to Texarkana Saturday for opening night of "Anything Goes" at the Perot Theatre.

Women with physical disabilities needed for study

Women over the age of 18 with physical disabilities are needed for a Web-based survey being conducted by The Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD) at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

A total of 450 women with spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, neuromuscular diseases, multiple sclerosis, joint and connective tissue diseases or any condition that limits mobility and self-care are being sought.
The study will examine knowledge and behavior, with participants being asked what they know about reproductive health and what they do to maintain it. All responses will be confidential. All eligible participants will be compensated for their time. For more information, contact crowd@bcm.tmc.edu or call either 713-960-0505 or 800-442-7693. The deadline to enter the study is December 31, 2000.



FAUGHT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT sponsored a training session at their fire department facilities on Saturday, October 14th, 2000. Members from Blossom and Powderly attended. Training instructor was Jonathan Flynn of the West 1-10 Fire Department. Hoe handling, vehicle extrication, search and rescue were just part of the training. Pictured here front to back is Dayna Heise, Kurt Dickinson of Faught, Durwin Wilkins of Blossom and John Flynn of Katy, Texas. (Staff Photo)

Blossom Volunteer Fire Department members Brent Hyde, Allen Blanton, Sammy White, James Taylor, Durwin Williams and Randy Crawford (not pictured) proudly display new bunker gear purchased last year. Unfortunately, the department cannot afford to purchase every member of the department a new set of gear since the price of a complete set runs close to \$780. The new bunker gear is extremely important for the protection of department members. Two members of the Blossom department suffered burns last year while battling fires without proper gear. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)





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271 MOTEL-Open 7 days a week, reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome. 903-379-5411. MA tjc

FOR SALE: 20 cu. ft. Sears Coldspot refrigerator, \$250.00. 903-632-5625. MA 10-19

SIGNOR'S on Front Street, Detroit. Beautiful new silk flowers and greenery. Also arrangements. Many items on sale at 25% off! Lay-away now for Christmas. 903-674-2042. MA 10-26

**Vehicles**

FOR SALE: 1985 King of the Road 26' bumper pull camper, very good condition. 903-632-4152. MA 11-2

FOR SALE: 1990 Terry Resort camper, 26' fifth wheel, good condition, \$7,500. Charley Lewis, 903-632-5387. MA 10-19

FOR SALE: 1998 Chevy Cavalier, 2-dr., good condition, clean. 903-379-2191. MA 10-26nc

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HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. tjc

HAY FOR SALE: Call Thomas Nichols, 903-652-5823 or 652-4205. nc

FOR SALE: 30 mixed cows with 20 calves, 10 springers, \$725 each grown head; 2 black bulls, 1 Angus & 1 Limousin, \$850 each. 903-982-6522, 982-4111 or 785-7443. MA 10-19

FOR SALE: Headgate with automatic catch; hay equipment. 903-652-5823.

FOR SALE: Registered Siberian Husky puppies, three females, \$100 each. 925-2099. MA 11-2

KID STOP DAYCARE in Bogata is taking applications. Person must be 21 years or older, a non-smoker, and must be able to pass a criminal history report. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call Christy Kennedy, 903-632-4954. MA 10-19

HELP WANTED: Nurses aides, certified or non-certified, day and evening shifts. 903-632-5293 or stop by Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata. MA 10-26

NEED HOME health providers in Deport, 14 hrs. a week and Bogata, 12 hrs a week. Call Red River Health Care, Paris, to apply, 903-785-4070. 10-26

DETROIT I.S.D. is seeking a qualified transportation director. Ability to supervise bus drivers, handle logs, purchase orders, federal reports and guidelines as well as repair and maintain buses if necessary. Interested applicants should call 903-674-6131 or apply in person at 210 Garner, Detroit, TX by November 1, 2000. 10-19

**LOST & FOUND**

REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

**Garage Sales**

CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA tjc

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, third house on right on N. Jeffus, Deport. Furniture and lots of everything. 10-19

YARD SALE: FM410, 7 miles south of Detroit, 5 miles north of Rugby. Large size men's clothes, Home Interior, Christmas decorations, some furniture. Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 8 until ?? 10-19

**FREE**

FREE PUPPIES: 9 weeks old, part cow dog, Alaskan Huskie and timberwolf. One male, four females. 903-674-6977. 10-19nc

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FREE TO GOOD HOMES: German Shepherd pups, almost full blood and Shepherd-Rottweiler cross pups, six months old. 903-379-4445. 10-26

FREE TO GOOD HOME: 1/2 Boston Terrier, 1/2 Walker Hound, male, 1 year old, good natured loving dog. 379-7421. 10-19

**Homes & Real Estate**

FOR SALE: Working ranch, hay operation, 812 acres, SE Lamar County. Seven-wire fences, stock ponds, barns, pens, 1/4 mile from Hwy. 271. No agents. 903-652-4205 or 652-5823. MA tjc

FOR SALE: Country Corner Store, FM909, east of Bogata. Walk-in cooler, shelving, approx. 4,000 sq. ft. \$60,000. 903-632-5298. MA 10-26

FOR SALE: 2BR, 1B, nice lot, 112 4th NW in Bogata. Owner finance, zero down, payments less than rent. 903-632-9393. MA 10-19

FOR SALE: House plus 3 lots, have Hwy. 271 frontage. Brick house, 2BR, 2B, double garage. 903-652-3343. MA 10-19

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**For Rent**

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2BR, 1 bath, remodeled, great for mature couple or single. 972-606-0750. Call after 8 p.m. MA tjc

**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



JENN SANDLIN OF KWIK KAR LUBE of Paris speaks to the Blossom garden Club members on how to deal with small car-related problems such as air pressure in tires, checking water and oil, etc. (Staff Photo by Mae Crawford)

**Deport Locals**

Call Your News To  
Cindy Talley  
652-2954

Ray and Caterina and Nicole Marino of Plano visited Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga on Tuesday and Wednesday. They loved Deport and its hospitality.

Virginia and Larry Bell of Paris, Dorothy Randall of Beaumont, Floy and Wayne Williams and Dot Nichols of Deport and Velma Cox of Cunningham visited the Walker Devlins over the weekend.

Happy birthday to Mable Pearson, Clara Stalls, Ashley Thomas, Edward Bray, Julia Grossman, Margaret Spencer, Paul Bratteli, Chris Skaggs, Joshua Pierce, Madison Bolton, Michael Williams, Juanita Primm, Madison Helms, Todd Tisdale, Tony Malone, Bradley Frazier, Kristi Boren, Morris Foster, Bert Filkins, John Grant Farmer, Silas Taylor, Bo George, Eulene Nicholas, Joe Ladd and Ruth Pickering.

Happy anniversary to Connie and Greg Parsons, Martha and Jerry Cross, Beth and Terry Bell, Sam and Maud Grinstead.

Virginia Kirkland, Ruth Murrell, Nina Sparks and Mavis Sowards spent the week at Bever's Bend State Park.

Lucille Pickering, Nina Sparks, Peggy Parsons and Freeman Safford visited Virginia Reed in McCuiston Hospital last Wednesday where she had surgery.

Donny Darden was honored with a bealted birthday supper at Thomas and Nanalee Nichols' Sunday night.

A number of people attended and Octoberfest Party at the home of Jake and Barbara Maurischat Saturday night in Lone Oak.



In Britain and some parts of France, black cats are considered lucky.

**Blossom Locals**

By Liz Irwin  
CALL YOUR NEWS TO  
(903)-982-5829



Happy Birthdays this week too: Justin Sessums, Bridget Nicole Ray, Corey Townsend, Trevor Upchurch, Cass Titsworth, Caleb Cline, Jacob Bedford, Jack Daniels, Melissa Godwin, Eldon Jackson, Levi Jackson, James Howard, Kayla Craig, Traci Freeman, Sandra Graves, Tracy Blount, Kenneth Thornton, Kelsey Holland, Chris Stone, Brenda Bishop.

Bessie Garrett spent part of last week in Arlington visiting Kim and Clay Redditt and part of the week visiting Jerry and Patty Garrett of Lake Tawokani. Special get wells go out to Jerry Garrett who was involved in a in auto accident last week.

The "Homesteaders" will be playing music on Friday nights at the Blossom Civic Center. Come out and hear them!

Christine Hargrove of Quitman was here visiting with Margaret Parks this past week.

Preston Mitchell and Ruby Crawford spent Wednesday night with Gladys McClellan in Mabank.

Virginia and Buford Cleveland enjoyed breakfast with the Lady Fire Belles at their monthly breakfast on Saturday morning the in the Blossom Cafeteria.

Get wells this week to Otis Hyde, Merle Bond, Bill Godwin and Zelma Galey.

Pauline and Jr. Weddle and Faye Shores enjoyed lunch with Minnie Lee and Hershal Shands on Sunday.

Minnie Lee Shands and Faye Shores visited with Juanita Harrison on Sunday afternoon. She has been ill.

The area youngsters enjoyed the pre-school reading program at Blossom on Friday morning.

Sandra Adams of Garland spent the weekend with Sally Mathena.

Pauline Weddle attended the 13th birthday of Laci Thompson at Murray's Mis-Q in Paris on Saturday. She topped off her birthday party with a sleep-over at her home Saturday night.

Pauline and Jr. Weddle visited with Edie and Eddie Brooks of Bagwell on Sunday afternoon.

Our sympathy is extended to Brenda Turk on the death of her mother and to Melonee and Gary Hatfield, Colt and Meagan for their grandmother and great grandmother, Violet Hudson who lived in West Texas.

**UMW meets at church**

The United Methodist Women met in the fellowship hall of the church on Monday evening. President Juanita Sparks opened the meeting with a devotional.

After a short business meeting, Cindy Benfer presented the program for the evening. She chose a four part skit entitled "To Look at Seasons of Our Life" and how God's timing affects our destiny. A woman's life was portrayed from a young girl to a

grandmother, finally realizing her dream to do with her life what she wanted. Ruth Chipman and Marianne Ladd assisted Cindy. The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah.

Marianne Ladd served refreshments to eleven members. The tables were decorated in the fall motif. The group welcomed Denise Brooks as a new member. The next meeting will be November 6 and special guest will be Reneata McCoin.



**Editor's Quotes**

Happiness grows at our own fireside, and is not to be picked in stranger's gardens.  
Douglas Jerrold

**School Menu**



Prairiland All Campus Menu  
Week of October 23  
Monday

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito w/salsa  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Beef fingers  
Mashed potatoes  
Gravy  
Green beans  
Rolls  
Milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, sausage  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Pizza wedge  
Salad  
Corn  
Milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast:** Cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Salisbury steak  
Mashed potatoes  
Fried okra  
Rolls  
Milk

Thursday

**Breakfast:** Pancakes w/sausage  
Bacon  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken fried steak  
Mashed potatoes  
Gravy  
Corn  
Rolls  
Milk

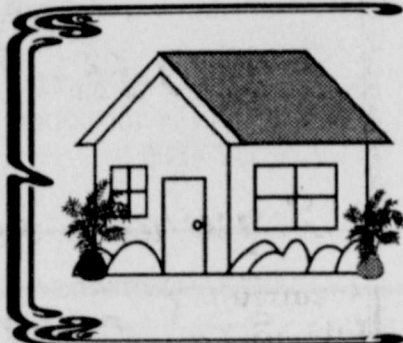
Friday

**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, sausage  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburgers  
Lettuce, tomato  
Pork and beans  
Potato chips  
Fruit cocktail  
Milk

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**Post Oak News**

By Geneva Lee  
982-5309

Bro. and Mrs. J. T. McNabb, Janis Reynolds and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended the preacher and wives meeting at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville Monday night, October 13. Others attending was Bro. and Mrs. Billie Turpin of Johntown, Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Kellam of Hopewell, Bro. and Mrs. James Bunger of Wards Creek and Bro. and Mrs. Mike Mitchell of Friendship. All enjoyed a good meal and fellowship. The next meeting will be November 6 at the same place.

Louise Cagle spent a few days last week with her daughter Sue and Norman Farris.

The Northeast Texas MB Mission Council met at Daingerfield MBC last Friday night. Bro. Henry Blackmon, Bro. J. T. McNabb and

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended the meeting. Missionaries gave reports and Bro. Lawrence Thompson, a young preacher brought the message. Officers for the coming year were elected. The next meeting is in January and will be at Gilmer.

Bro. and Mrs. Henry Blackmon and children Libby and Adam, Ruth Johnson, Janis Reynolds, Sue Ingram and Bonnie Platt attended the District Ladies Auxiliary meeting of the Red River-Bowie MB Association at Avery MBC Saturday. They took a load of food and clothing for the Texas Baptist Institute students.

Bro. and Mrs. J. T. McNabb were at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Paris Sunday where he brought both messages.

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**250,000 students absent on first day of school**

On the first day of school last year, approximately 250,000 students, over 5% of all Texas school children, were not in class, according to recent data issued by Texans for a Traditional School Year.

Tina Bruno, spokesperson for the group, says poor attendance not only means students are not receiving the benefit of 180 days of instruction, but it creates havoc in the classroom and reduces the amount of money the school district receives in state funding.

Poor attendance does effect a district's total revenue. According to the Texas Education Agency, schools lose approximately \$29.00 per student per day absent from school. If school districts were paid every day, Texas school districts would have lost about \$7.5 million in 1999 due to high absenteeism on the first day of school alone.

Bruno said she is not comfortable making the assumption that an early August school start date is totally to blame for the high absentee rate, due to the lack of historical data available. It is premature to make any leaps saying starting school later produces better attendance, but according to teachers heard from, first week of school attendance has gotten worse as school starts earlier.

Numbers around the state supported the theory. According to data available on the San Antonio Independent School District web site, absenteeism was reduced two percentage points this year, as the dis-

trict enjoyed a week later school start date.

A report in the Fort Worth Star Telegram said Fort Worth Independent School District, which started school a week later this year, also reported higher attendance the first day of school. Officials from the district credited the later school start with better attendance this year.

Bruno said Texans for a Traditional School Year started looking into the problem after receiving telephone calls from teachers voicing concern. The concerns were basically the same, teachers told the group many students do not enroll prior to Labor Day and those who do are often kept behind by unstable, constantly changing classes.

Bruno said, "We expected attendance date to be readily available and were surprised to find it wasn't". She stated she hopes school boards will take a look at their districts' attendance data for the past few years before setting this next year's calendar.

The region with the greatest percentage of students not in school on the first day was Region 1, representing Brownsville, Hildago, Mission, Laredo and surrounding areas. Cumulatively, the data shows that 13.15 percent of Region 1 students are not in school the first day. The greater Houston area, or Region 4 came in a close second with 9.55 percent of students not in attendance.

Facts show that areas with great absentee rates are not just due to area

migrant populations. It is a statewide problem that needs to be dealt with. Texans for a Traditional School Year announced their findings after tallying the data they received from school districts across the state. Data was received from 356 of the 1,042 requests sent and represents 47 percent of the student body in Texas. The data was collected via public information requests to each school district. The group asked school districts to provide attendance numbers for the first day of school and every day through October 1.

Based on the data collected, the statewide absentee rate for the first day of school was 5.53 percent in 1999. The percentage was multiplied by the total number of students enrolled in public schools and determined that approximately 250,000 students were absent across the state.

Bruno said their research doesn't show the same problem from September 1-October 1. She added that the difference in attendance was less than one quarter of a percent.

Texans for a Traditional School Year is a grassroots, educational organization of parents, teachers, administrators and business leaders concerned about the negative impact of the early August school start date on students, teachers and families. The group can be reached toll-free at 877-531-9011. For a copy of the data collected please call Tina Bruno at 210-479-3106 or email her at ttsy@stic.net.

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