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Tell me why this is fun?

Has anyone noticed that it rained? About four inches last week, as a matter of fact. And what has occurred from the rain? Mud. Slick, slimy soupy mud. And I'm not complaining, not after the awful heat and dryness this past summer. Mud is to be dealt with.

Thanksgiving Day I thought we were settled in for that rarest of occasions, a slow, lazy evening. I really shouldn't expect such a thing, but I did.

We had eaten out at lunch so there were no leftovers and I hadn't cooked a lot. I didn't want to put up the Christmas tree, and we were just going to "kick back" and listen to it rain. The cows were checked and fed.

Of course we went back to check on one cow that was restless and close to calving.

She was a lot closer, in fact, she appeared to be very close.

We felt so sorry for her. The rain was so heavy it was difficult to see, and the temperature was dropping. She couldn't find a place even remotely dry to have her baby.

We went back home, ate, then flipped on the television. Of course the lights immediately went off.

After managing to scramble around for a flashlight and a few candles we waited for the beepers to go off, figuring that someone had hit a light pole.

Sure enough, the beepers went off, but it was a problem with a back up generator at the local nursing home.

By the time we had gotten soaked once more and gone home again it was time to check on the cow once more.

We finally slogged through the mud until we managed to get her into the barn where it was at least dry. It seemed to me the poor thing visibly relaxed by just having a dry corner of the world to shelter in.

A quick check revealed that we were rushing her. This is not an unusual occurrence. The moment my husband sees a cow have about one contraction he wants to leap in and help! He chronically fusses at the poor bovine for not getting the job done fast enough.

Finally, soaked to the bone, tired from chasing cows in the dark and mud, we went back to the house and let nature take its course.

Next morning, sure enough, the cow had a calf, all was right with the world.

It was sunny, warmer and pleasant. Cows won't have calves when it's sunny and pleasant, I'm convinced.

What I want to know is, why do we keep cows for a "hobby"? What possible reason can there be for chasing them when they get out, breaking backs baling hay and mending fences and then staying up all night with a calving cow? The conclusion...we're nuts!

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# Deport Times

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, November 30, 2000 50¢



**BEAUTIFUL QUILT**-The quilting group at the Deport United Methodist Church have once again created a beautiful hand made quilt. Juanita Sparks displays the quilt. This Saturday, someone who has made a \$1 donation will have their name drawn and be the recipient of the lovely handcrafted item. The Church will be having it's annual Bazaar this Saturday. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## Christmas In Fair Park events scheduled Dec. 2

Christmas is a time of bringing friends and families together and again this year the Red River Valley Fair Association would like to invite everyone to participate in the community event. Everyone in the surrounding area is invited to come out and enjoy this celebration which is in its 12th year. The date has been set for Saturday, December 2, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be something planned for everyone this year. Arts and crafts, train rides for children, and lots of gifts for everyone. There will be family entertainment along with food concessions for everyone's enjoyment. They will also be sponsoring the annual Christmas parade for the second year. The theme this year is "Christmas-A Family Tradition".

The Community Exhibit Center, Building "B", and the West Side Exhibit Building will feature booths and

Deport Times office will be open until noon on Fridays during December

The Deport Times Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Fridays December 8th, 15th and December 22 in order to better serve our customers.

Those wishing to renew their subscription or select a Christmas greetings ad for the annual Christmas edition are reminded that the office is open Monday through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until at least 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday the office closes for lunch for one hour.

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exhibits from local businesses and craftsmen with holiday gifts along with a Christmas foods concessions. The Coliseum will house the decorated Christmas trees and wreaths, entertainment and of course Santa for the children. The Christmas Parade winners and the decorated tree and wreath winners will be announced around 12:30 from the entertainment stage of the Coliseum. The Coliseum building will have the Annual Pecan Show for everyone to view.

On the decorated grounds there will be train rides, food concessions and outdoor scenes. There will be no admission or parking fee to the fairgrounds for this event.

All area churches, schools, businesses, exhibitors and organizations are asked to help make this event a success. There are several areas that each can participate in:

(1) Annual Christmas Parade-The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from the East Side Parking Lot of the fairgrounds (corner of Fitzhugh and Hickory); up Hickory Street; pick up bands on Hibernia Parking Lot; around Plaza; down Clarksville Street to 12th Street; up Lamar Avenue to North Main; leave bands at Court-house; end on West Parking Lot of Fairgrounds. All parade entrants are invited to display their floats on the fairgrounds following the parade. Entry fees are \$5.00 per entry and must be received by Saturday, November 25, 2000. The judging of the entries will be done around the downtown Plaza. Floats and vehicles must have names of businesses or organizations on both sides to be judged. No items are to be thrown into the audience from parade entries (candy, etc.).

## Papers now on sale, save money and fill your Christmas list

The newspaper is now on sale! It's that time of year again, the time when Christmas gift giving is simple! The Deport Times, Blossom Times, Bogata News, and Talco Times will be on sale for \$2 a year off now until the end of December.

If one compares the amount of local news in these weeklies to a whole week's worth of local news in a daily it's clear...the competition isn't even close!

Where else can a reader get a whole year's worth of local news, sports, photos, award winning articles and columns, a delicious cooking column and much, much more for the price of \$17 within Lamar, Red River and Titus counties and only \$20 everywhere else?

Take advantage of the sale to send family and friends their home town paper for Christmas, and don't forget to renew for you!

## Festival/Bazaar is December 2

The First United Methodist Church of Deport will be holding its Annual Harvest Festival and Bazaar, Saturday, December 2, 2000 at the Deport Elementary School.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the Festival will feature a Country Store, complete with baked goods, canned items, and unique and decorative crafts. A turkey & dressing dinner will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. for a donation of \$5.00 for adults

and \$3.00 for children under twelve. Garage sale items will also be available during the day.

The Festival/Bazaar is a major fund-raiser for the church, with proceeds being used for their outreach ministries, improvements, and to assist in the general funding of the church.

For more information, contact the church at 652-5017.

## Christmas Parade is Friday, December 8

Deport's annual Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 8.

Entrants in the parade must be lined up by 12:30 at the park on the west side of town in order to be judged prior to the parade.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. Categories included in this year's

parade include cars, pickups, floats and miscellaneous.

First, second and third places will be awarded in each class.

The Parade will be attended by Santa Claus, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Zachary hired as Water & Sewer Superintendent

Dan Zachary was hired in a special meeting of the Deport City Council Tuesday, November 28th, to serve as Deport Water and Sewer Superintendent.

Zachary will assume his duties on December 11th, 2000. The current Water and Sewer Superintendent, Herman LaRue, is retiring.

## Whittles to hold Open House this Saturday

Larry and Judy Whittle will be holding an Open House on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All friends are invited to come see their new house, which replaces the one they lost to fire back in April.

## Please share your Christmas memories

It's time to send in your Christmas Memories for this year's contest.

Memories can be about virtually anything that ever made Christmas a special time, a happy time or even a sad time. The memory can be as recent as this year, or as far back as you can remember.

Just write your memories down and enter them into the contest.

Memories need to have a name and address on them and should be mailed to: Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435.

They may also be dropped by the main office at Deport or the Bogata Office, or given to Liz Irwin, Nancy

Brown, or any of the staff at the Deport Times.

The First Prize will be a Photo Album and certificate. Second and Third place certificates will be given.

First, Second, Third and Honorable Mentions will be published, along with as many of the other memories that we have room for.

Judging will be done by out-of-town judges so as to be completely unbiased.

Reading the Christmas memories has become a big part of the Christmas edition, help make it special by sharing your special memories.

## Yearbook sales continue thru Nov. 28

The Prairiland Patriot yearbook sale continues through November 28, 2000. Annuals will be \$27.00 until that date and \$32.00 afterwards. Blossom and Deport students should have brought home order forms from school; those may be returned with a check or cash to the school.

High school students who filled out order forms in class should have received a letter at home from Jostens,

the yearbook publisher, with ordering options. If that letter did not arrive, or if students or parents do not wish to order from Jostens, students may still purchase a book from any yearbook staffer at the high school.

The Patriot staff wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the entire community for the support you have given in the production and sales of the yearbook.

## Shady Grove Thanksgiving is Dec. 2

The Shady Grove Church will hold its annual Thanksgiving/Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

A covered dish meal with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served followed by an exchange of gifts and distribution of bags of fruit.

Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend.

## Local students included in Who's Who at PJC

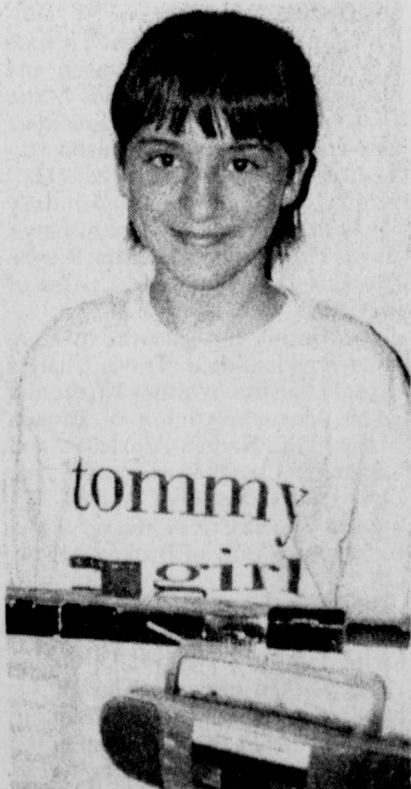
Twenty-three Paris Junior College students are included in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

These students were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Students named this year from Paris Junior College and their hometowns are:

Bogata: Elisabeth Sanders  
Clarkville: James Barton and Bridgette Fowler  
Deport: Lee Bland  
Mt. Pleasant: Jodi Logan  
Roxton: Scott Branum



**BRITTANY FILKINS**, seventh grader at Deport Junior High School, raised the most money for the Wheels for Life bike-a-thon, raising almost \$300.00 and receiving this jumbo as a prize from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (Staff Photo)



**STUDENTS FROM DEPORT ELEMENTARY and Junior High School show off their prizes they received for riding in the Wheels for Life bike-a-thon and raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Participants received T-shirts, sports bags and certificates. Pictured are from left, back row: Hunter Hoffman, Drew Boren, Brandon Wright, Rustin Beaty, Leah Boren and Brittany Filkins. Middle: Jacob Malone, Abby Ball, Charity Huddleston, Wesley Sullivan, Courtney Filkins and Jeffery Steffenson. Front: Cody Malone and Janet Smoot.**

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### Editor's Quotes

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# Congratulations Patriots for Your Outstanding Year!!



## Thanks for making us proud!!



**Prairiland Patriots Football Team**

Back row: Coaches Dwain Haggard, Bill Tesch, Derrick Byrd, Murray Riddles, Glen Scheulke and Rick Connot. Fourth row: Josh Williams, Brad Hunt, Chris Basinger, John Merrill and manager Thomas Bioshop. Third row: Taylor Brewer, Wade Moore, Shawn Steinkamp, Chris Green, Seth Walker and Chris Hock. Second row: Justin Elrod, Jerod Gage, Eric Berry, Chris Berry, Phillip Elder, Stan Cox and Jorry Briggie. First row: Heath Connot, Drew Riddles, Jason Elrod, Scotty Nichols, D.J. Loveless and Stoney Musgrove.



**Prairiland Cross Country Team:**

Back row: Sarena Wilson, Michael Flatt, Justin Elrod, John Merrill, Josh Benfer, Chance Bankhead and Sue Ellen Barnes. Front row: Lacy Beatty, Kaytlee Sugg, Tiffany Bishop, Rayney Skidmore and Megan Filkins. Middle: Coach Mendy Cole.



**Prairiland Lady Patriots Volleyball Team**

Back row: Amanda Nichols, Emilee Bolton, Kami Hudson, Sheena Jones, Brittany Ballard and manager Matt Moffitt. Front row: Ashley Athas, Megan Graham, Melissa Steinkamp, Lacy Davis, Leslie Davis, Sara Bolton and Jordan Hunold.

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Out of town visitors over the holidays in the home of Martha and Duane Glover were Lisa Booth, Terry McGonagil, David Glover, Dr. and Mrs. Kelsey Gibbs and David and Virginia Gibbs.

David and Denise Harbison of Blossom, Estelle Chessire of Deport spent Thanksgiving with Robert and JoAnn Haney of Wake Village. Also

visiting were Nick, Leslie, Graham, Natalie Norwood of Abilene, Sherry Meyers and Shirley Smith and Tom of Texarkana.

Happy birthday wishes to Vicki Ballard, Yuba Sparks, Terry Bell, Garrett Penn, Tanner Williams, Carl Yarbrough, Duane Glover, Fred Swint, Jr., Jaylan Mitchell, Macy Brooke Tisdale, Paul Alan Jackson,

Vickie Davis, Hanna Riddle, Kathy Holt, Darla Keys, Edna Earle Wright, Dr. Keith Young, Sue Clifton, Jo Juanita Lewis, Carroll Read Denison, Chad Robinson, Eddie Pickering, Hal Bratteli, Susan Whittle, Brandon Denison, James Asbery.

Happy anniversary to Joyce and Bill Smith, Judy and Larry Whittle, Dawne and Donny Darden, Patricia and Johnny Dawson III.

Attending the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees monthly luncheon and meeting at PJC Monday were Juanita Davis, Weldon Hume, Clara Nance, Peggy Parsons, Gail Rhoades, Freeman Safford, Elois Sparks and Nina Sparks.

Ruth O'Brien and Hammond Day were recent visitors of Vivian Day of Pattonville.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien were recent visitors in Red Oak. Mary Carter accompanied them, she and Stanley are TxDOT retirees.

Ruth O'Brien visited her cousins, David and Tara Day at Perot Hospital in Dallas. She visited the twins, Jonathan Tanner and Sarah Jordan who were born November 3, weighing 3 lbs. 11 oz and 3 lb. 15 oz.

Clinton Keel of Nashville, TN called the O'Briens recently and wished them Happy Thanksgiving and reported the Keel reunion a great success there.

Ruth O'Brien visited her sister-in-law, in Paris recently, Dorothy O'Brien, and went shopping.

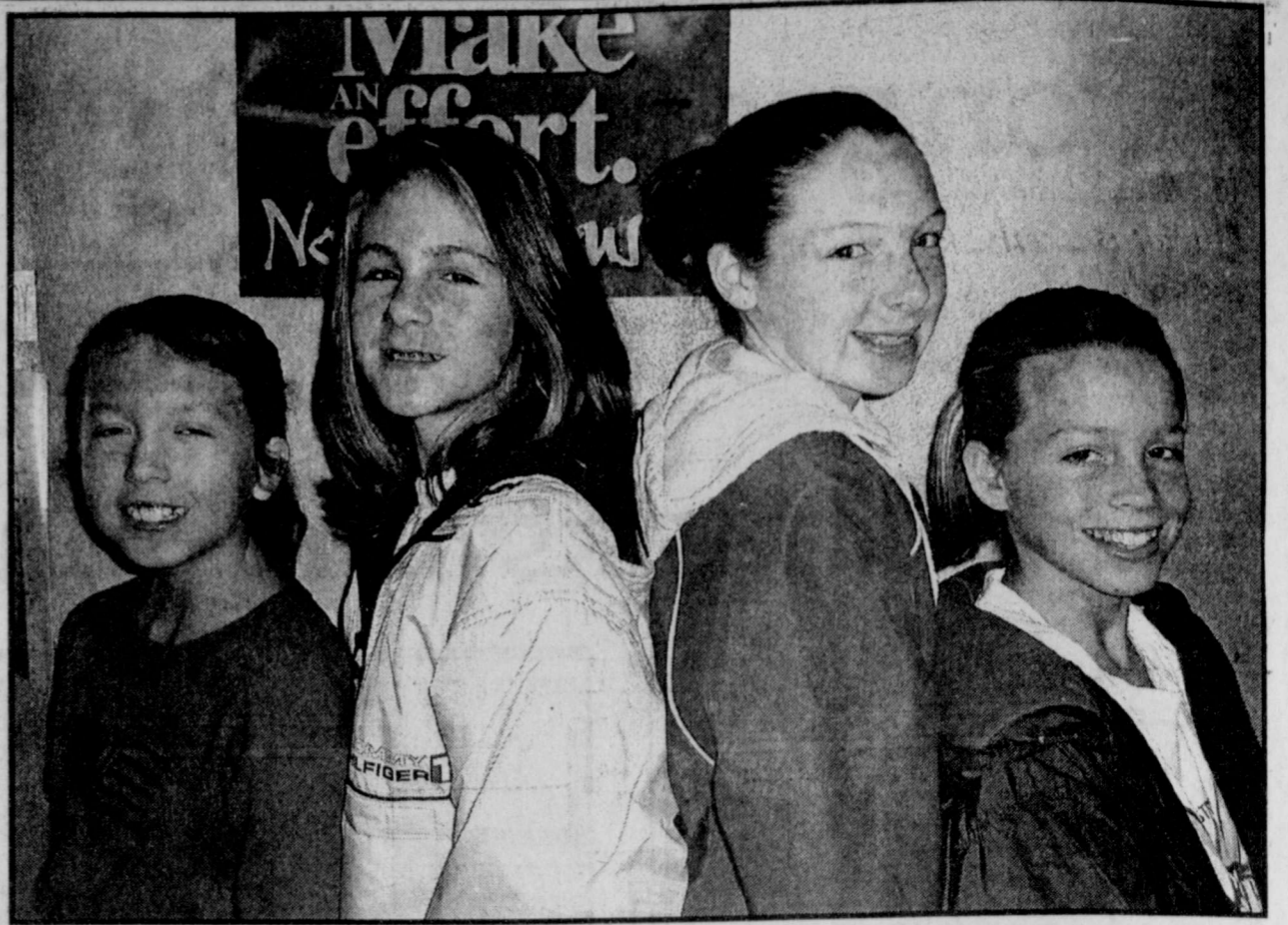
Hammond and Betty Day have been visiting her parents in Paris, Pauline and R.D. Bryan, who are ill.

Dawne and Donny Darden celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Natchitoches, Louisiana to see the Christmas lights.

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Camey Rogers, Ben and Sharon Gooding and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Paris for Thanksgiving lunch Thursday.

On Saturday those attending a Thanksgiving meal at the home of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were: Aaron and Heidi Nichols, Jerry and Connie Young, Paul and Betty Nichols, Abbey, Kimberly and Jessica Nichols, Mary, Angel, Christopher Mantooth, Christopher's girlfriend Brittney, Christy and Tori Nicholson.

James and Sunny Whitney were in Dallas for Thanksgiving with his family.



6TH GRADE DEPORT CLASS OFFICERS-Pictured left to right is president-Hali Screws, vice president-Lacie Cole, secretary-Hailey Norwood and reporter-Kalee Graham. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

**Deport Nursing Home News**

By Sandra Mauldin



Roy Wells was visited by Ken Wells and Glenn Wells.

Ina Hedrick was visited by Doris and Norma, and Florence.

George & Nell Wolf were visited by Cindy Filkins, Joseph, Richard Winkler, Tony Corso, Stephanie and April Wesley, Monty Chawblin, Keith Chamblin, David, Angie, Marcus and Aaron Wolf, Robbie Joyce Chamblin, Nanie Ham.

Roberta Watts was visited by Nanie Bell Ham.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Lucy Fowler, Evelyn Roach, Pauline Wesley, Stephanie and April Wesley of Wellington and Dora Hester.

Betty Gardner visited Betty Gardner, Patsy Hollje.

Dedra Dixon was visited by Troy Morris, Laquita Johnson, Jennifer Keagan, Hope Scott.

Ima Griffin was visited by Mary Ray, Raymond Hignight, Rodger Leanch, Nina, Patsy Curtis, Bonnie Harris, odessa Robison, Ima Gerrell.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Owen Davis, Carrol Ward,

Patsy Curtis, Hope Scott, Chester Taylor.

Edna Giffor and Lois Dudley were visited by Shirley Hurst, Bily Hurst, Deta Hurst, Kaysie Hurst.

Clara Perkins was visited by Dain Shelton.

Thompson, Tommy and Lisa Thompson, Katy Ramsey, Rita Thompson, Katy Ramsey.

John Mitchell was visited by Carl JaLynda, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell.

Ada Chaddick was visited by Tom and Monda Fults and Nanie Ham.

Lillie Dunham and Mamie Fletcher were visited by Lillie Dunnam, and Beveerly Lane.

Nora Barnett was visited by James M. King, Harlan King, Brian King and Tooter Parsons.

Homer and Melva Sisson was visited by Pete and Betty Sisson.

Nina Hale was visited by Nanie Ham, Nell Shull and Nanie Bell Ham.

Ann Austin and Dora Hester was visited by Nanie Ham and Nell Shull.

Linda King was visited by Rita

**Milton News**

By Mattylu Upchurch

Ann and Sheldon Lee spent Thanksgiving with their son, Trey in Wichita, KS.

James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Tuesday.

Bob and Buena Marshall had Thanksgiving dinner with Ronny and Eileen Pettit at their home here.

Nita Bowling spent the weekend with her sister, Ruby Lee in Dallas.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro spent Thanksgiving with Elizabeth and Holland Bell.

Mark and Dana Keys spent Thanksgiving with his sister and family, JoAnn and Jerry Pitcock, Mitchell and Jacie of Paris.

Having Thanksgiving dinner and visiting with Dorothy and James Holt were Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak, Dale Williams and Lorie McNeal of Paris, Tim Parks of Faight, Kay and Ronnie Preston of Minter and Johnny Holt and Renea Holt of Milton.

Spending Thanksgiving with Edna Talley were Nikki and Ethan Lane of Mesquite, Eddie Farris of Bixby, OK, Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby and Marty and Eran Yoder of Hopewell.

Visiting Mary Elaine and Morris lawler Saturday were Thelma and Andy Krauczyk of Irving, Peggy Harvey of Carrollton, Norma Nunley of Aubrey and Mattylu Upchurch.

Bob and Buena Marshall visited John and Helen Whitney of Paris on Sunday.

Having Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee was Ollie and Ruth Lee, Ruth Johnson, T.J. and Jimmy Chappell, Vickie and Steve Reeves, Nita Bowling, Kay Price and Monica and Kacie Bowling.

Spending Thanksgiving with

Velma and John Temple were Salena and Jeff Bell, Tabatha Purcella, Aaron Bell, Tim Salter and Edna Towers, all of Paris.

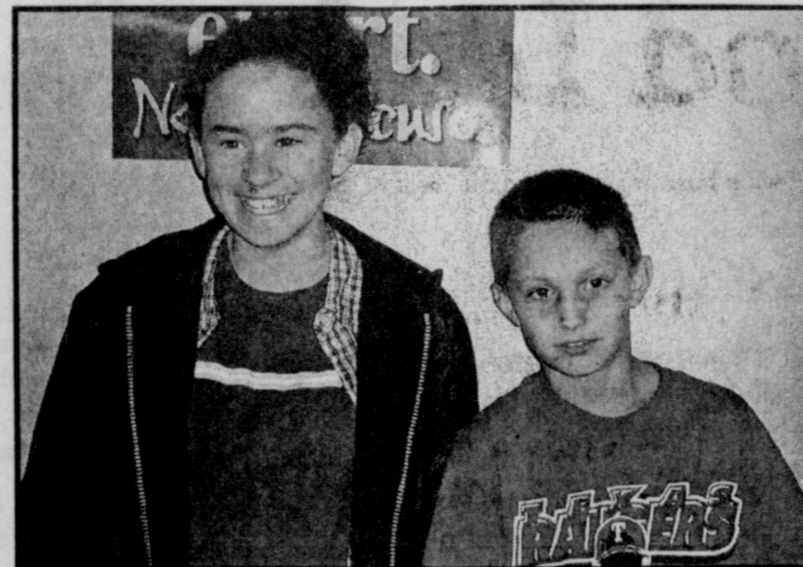
Mark Keys visited his mother, Ruth Jones Tuesday at a Dallas hospital where she had a knee replacement. She is home in Minter now doing fine.

Eddie Farris of Bixby, OK spent Wednesday through Sunday with his mother, Edna Talley.

John and Velma Temple spent Friday in Carrollton with his children and grandchildren at the home of Phil and Rachelle Casey, Bryan and Blair. Others were Paul Temple of Richardson, Wayne and Colleen Watson, Hannah and Austin of Corinth, Amber Brennan of Conway, AR, Kenneth and Patty Pearce, Brantley, Amanda and Alyssa of Houston.

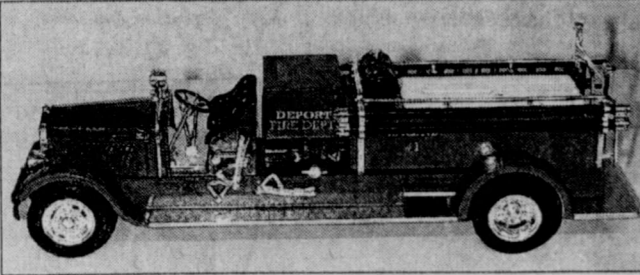
Spending Thanksgiving with Mattylu Upchurch were Don Upchurch, Steve Upchurch, Shaw Allen, Mtathew and Shadon and Dylon Giordano, all of Albuquerque, NM, Tracy Upchurch, Las Cruces, NM, Jim and Cynthia Upchurch and Aaron Upchurch of Aspen, CO., Bobbie and Ed Hill, Andrew Hill, Matthew, Kellye Hill and Morgan, all of Little Rock, AR, Elizabeth Hill of Knoxville, TN, Leah and Russell Schroeder, Jeffrey Todd an friends John and Tiffany of Grapevine and Nick Maudsley, of Benbrook.

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DEPORT 6th grade class favorites are Amanda Matthews and Cole Smallwood. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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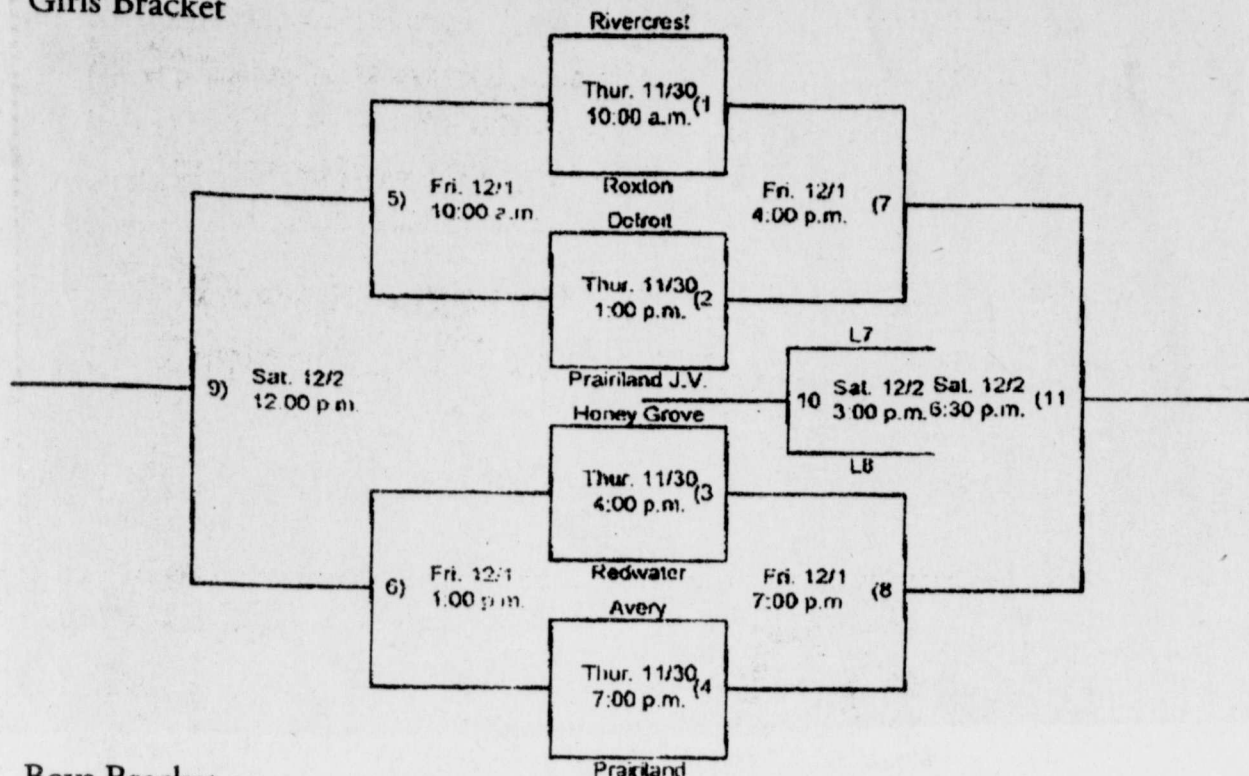
An ingrown toenail develops when the nail's edge grows into the skin of the toe. The skin surrounding the toenail can become red and infected if dirt or sweat enters the area. An infection causes the skin at the nail's tip or side to become red, swollen and tender. Sometimes a small amount of puss exits the area. Ingrown toenails can occur on any toe but usually affect the big toe. Curved toenails, improperly trimmed nails, or poorly fitting shoes can lead to ingrown toenails. If the toe becomes infected, soaking it frequently in warm, soapy water is recommended. Serious infections often require antibiotics. In chronic or severe cases, surgery is done to remove part or all of the nail.

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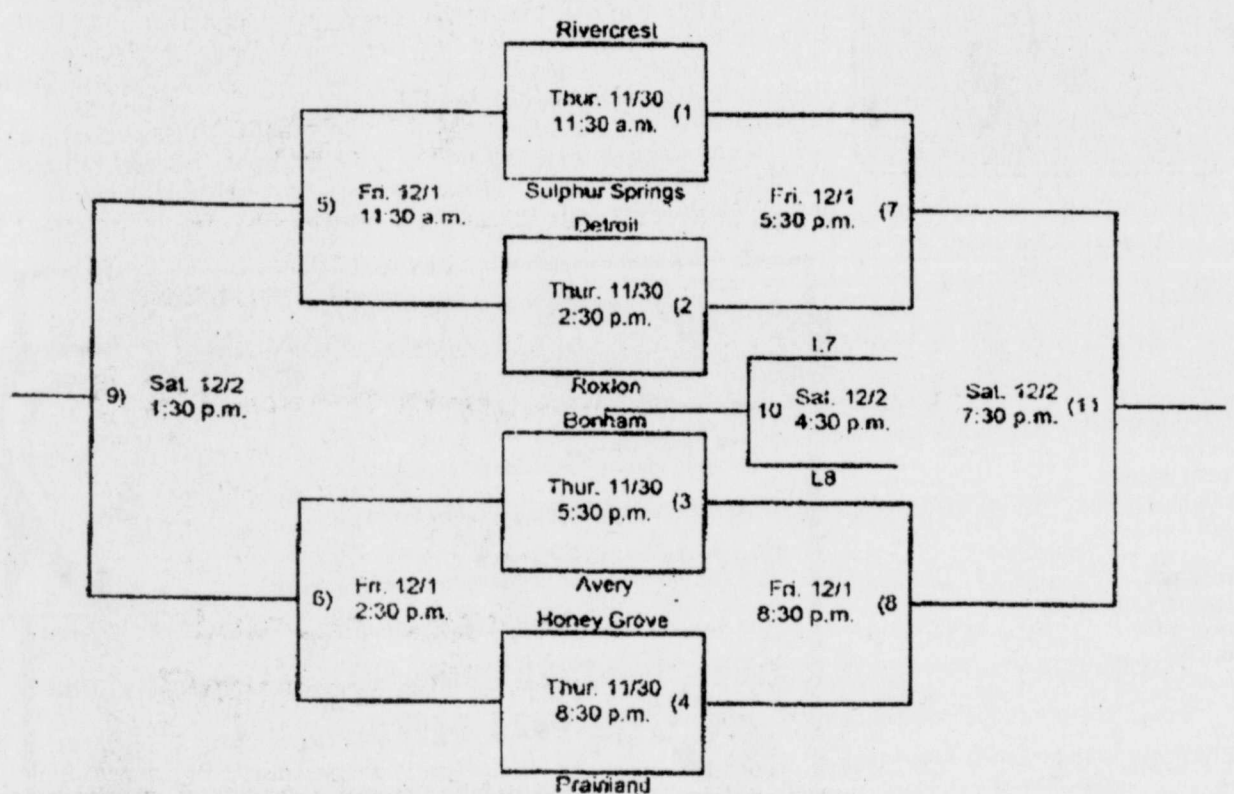
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the pastor at the First Baptist Church. Marsha and Freddy have three children, Melissa, who will be getting married in December, Nathan—a sophomore at Prairiland High School and active in football and Brent, an eighth grade student at Deport Middle School, where he is active in football and basketball.

### UMW women meet at Benfers

The United Methodist Women met in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Monday evening. Juanita Sparks presented the evening program. Her text came from the Books of Mark and Isaiah and entitled, "Who We Are, Why We Are Here, Where We Are Going." Hostess Cindy Benfer served refreshments to seven members and

one guest, Georgia Conley of Arkansas. Georgia is Cindy's mother. The next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 4th. They will meet at the Housing Authority Community Room, Glover Units. Ruth Chipman has charge of the program and members are to bring a covered dish.



Virgil Jones, Marsha Burden and Ty Abston

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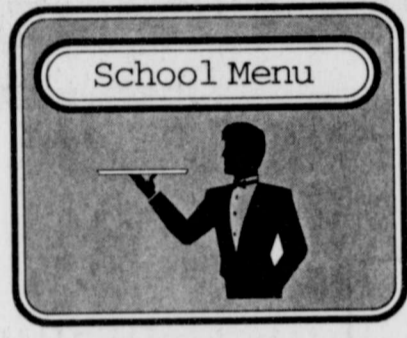
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### Pat yearbook on sale

It is time for the fall sale of the Prairiland Patriot yearbook. The elementary and jr. high students from Blossom and Deport will be bringing home an order form for parents to fill out. This year, they have had to go up on the price of the yearbook. They will be \$27.00 in the fall and \$32.00 in the spring. They regret the increase, but the annuals are now costing the yearbook staff about \$39.00 each. The staffers sell many ads to make up the difference and keep the price of the books at present rates. They wish to thank the many businesses, organizations and churches that buy ads and support the students. The sale will last this year through November 28. After that time, the books will be sold in the springs. For more information, contact David Phillips, sponsor at Prairiland High School 903-982-6233 or 903-6525681.

### Basketball begins for Lady Pats

By Matt Moffitt  
 Lady Patriot Basketball for the Year 2000 started off on the right foot taking a 53-32 win over the Avery Lady Bulldogs. Lacy Davis led the Pats with 16 points while Brittany Ballard and Crystal Davis wer close behind with 12 each. In JV action, the ladies won easily, 41-16. Leslie Davis had 17 points and Nicole Boehler had 10 for the girls. The ladies suffered it's first loss in Lone Oak on Monday night, falling to the much larger Lady Buffaloes. The final score was 48-27. Jordan Hunold led Prairiland with 11 points. In the JV game, the ladies won 42-31. Amanda Nichols had 14 for the team.



Prairiland All Campus Menu Week of December 4 Monday

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 Breakfast: Breakfast burrito w/ salsa  
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- Tuesday**  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
 Juice, milk  
 Lunch: Pizza  
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- Wednesday**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast  
 Juice, milk  
 Lunch: Salisbury steak  
 Mashed potatoes  
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 Rolls  
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 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage  
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GARY REYNOLDS of Paris is pictured here with his nine-point buck he shot on Sunday afternoon. Gary shot his buck on a private ranch outside of Blossom. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



JEREMY GLOVER OF BLOSSOM is pictured here with his first 8-point buck he shot in Arkansas on November 26, 2000. He was hunting with his uncle Gary Jones in Dierks, Arkansas. Jeremy is the stepson of Jerry Jones of Blossom. (Staff Photo)

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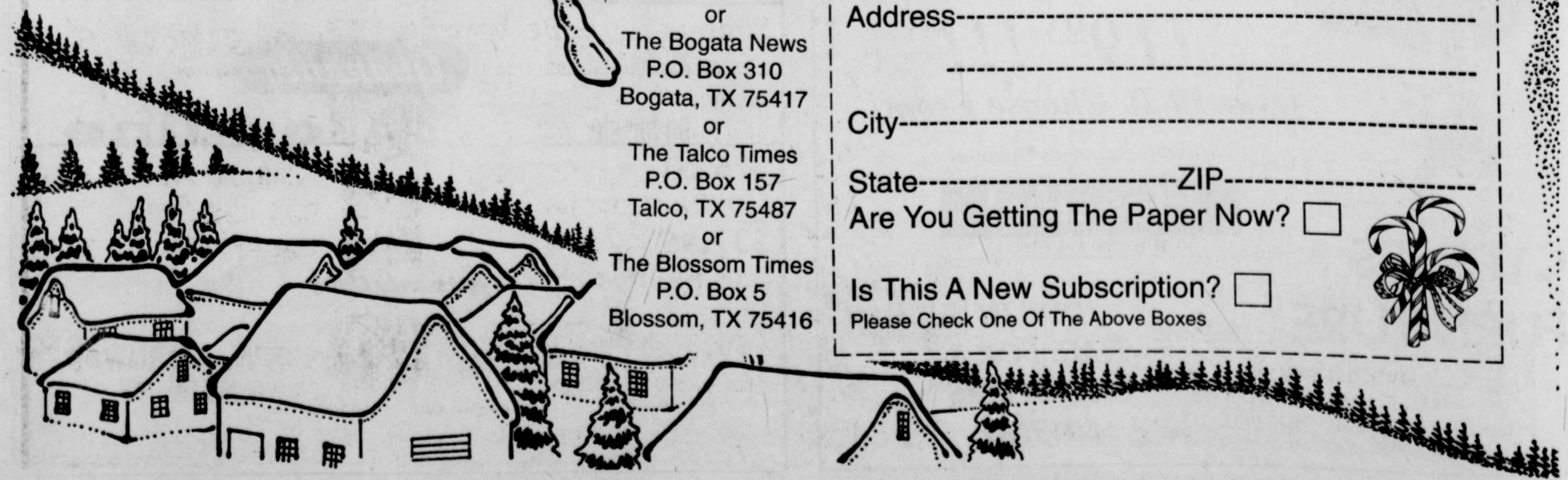
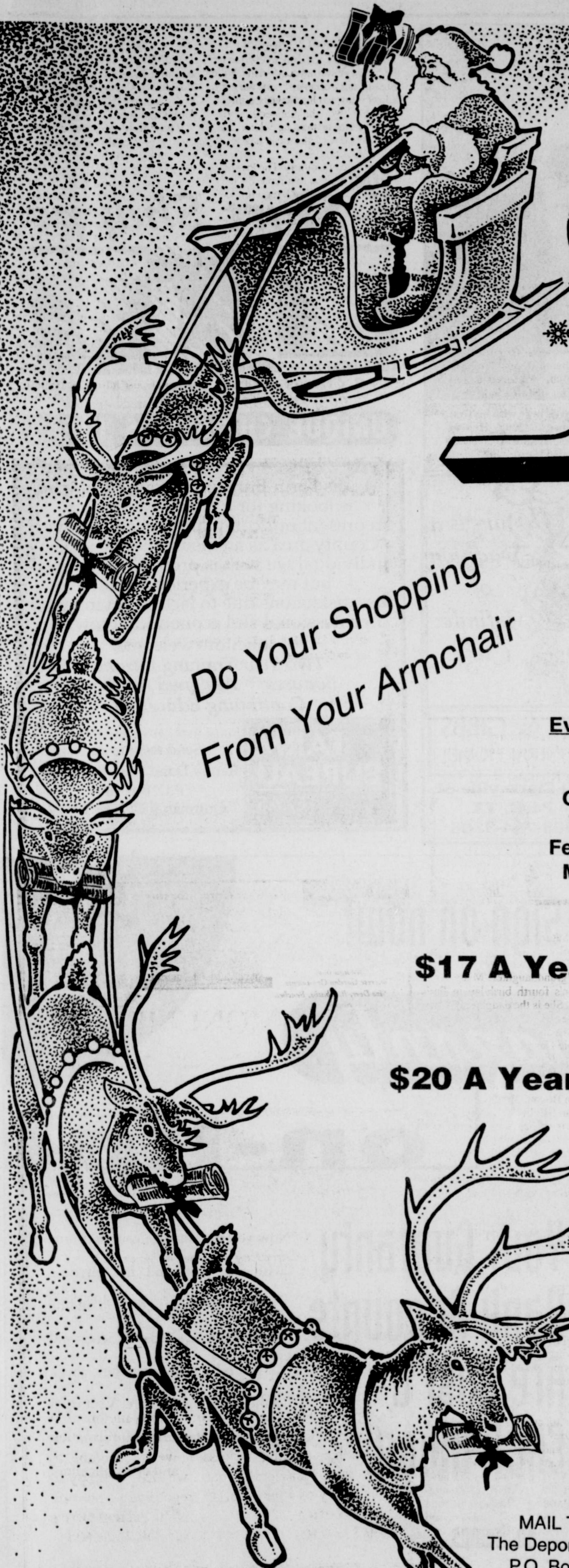
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**BLOSSOM GARDEN CLUB** donates wreaths to **Deport Nursing Home** on Tuesday night, November 28, 2000. Pictured is **Jen Sandlin** as she shows off the beautiful wreaths. (Staff Photo)



**HARD AT WORK**-Garret Berry, six years old and ready to help his dad, David, was busy Sunday morning with a power blower cleaning of the driveway at **Huck's Fina** in Blossom. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

**Pattonville News**

By **Peggy Parsons**



Happy birthday to Larry Hoover, Tanner Williams, Trenton Ray Osborne, Colin Ray Osborne, Dillon Campbell, Sandy Ring, Bill Tesch, Susan Whittle, Justin Armstrong, Megan Filkins, Sue Ellen Barnes, Trey Harvey, Zack Harvey, Daniel Sepulveda, Mike Bove, Sissy Nation.

Elaine Ballard will be retiring as superintendent of the Paris Independent School District in June after 36 years in the field of education, the last 19 years as superintendent. She and Norris are expecting their first grandchild.

Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Ophelia Payne and Peggy Parsons and Frances Anderson helped with the McCuiston Auxiliary bake sale at the hospital Tuesday morning in Paris.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Drew and Leah Boren at **Deport School cafeteria** Tuesday were Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett and Peggy Parsons.

Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons ate Thanksgiving at **Furr's**. Afterwards Keith and Peggy visited an took lunch to Irene Parson sin Paris.

Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah at Thanksgiving with Dee and Betty Boren in Paris, Roger and Brenda Boren and Randa of Reno, Beverly Cope and Stefani of Slabtown, Royce and Shari Stogner, Megan ad KaDee of Allen's Chapel.

Megan Graham is recovering from knee surgery performed last Monday in **McCuiston Regional Medical Center** in Paris.

Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett and Leah Boren spent Thanksgiving weekend with Keith and Peggy Parsons, Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew and Nina Sparks joined them for visiting and eating.

Congratulations to Barbara McDowra on becoming a great-grandmother. Christopher Lance McDowra, Jr. was born Saturday, November 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDowra. Reggie is the grandfather.

Robin Norwood, Hanah and Hunter spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Debbie and Philip Mitchell and family at Post Oak.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom and Mr and Mrs. Junior Pate of Dallas in the home of Red and Inez Weaver in Paris Saturday.

Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Ashleigh McLean spent Thanksgiving in California with her dad and grandparents.

Ed and Sandy Ring and Heather visited Sandy's parents in Missouri for Thanksgiving. Her father continues to improve with therapy.

Ann Geer, Chris and Becky Emerson and Misty Anne had Thanksgiving dinner at **Furr's** in Paris. Ann's niece, Beth Chism Rangle land husband Robert of Garland vis-

ited her Saturday. They enjoyed lunch at **TaMolly's**.

Ann Geer attended a birthday party for her granddaughter, Misty Anne Emerson's fourth birthday in Paris Sunday. She is the daughter of Chris and Becky Emerson. Ammie McDowra also attended.

Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Jeremy, Christian and Courtney Danielle, Jon and Claudia Whitney visited Charlie and Barbara Smith in Bogata Sunday.

Bill and Belinda Dickey of Sulphur Springs spent the weekend with John and Claudia Whitney.

John and Claudia Whitney, Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter and children spent thanksgiving in Sulphur Springs with Bill and Belinda Dickey.

Travis and Tonya Hunter and children visited Bobby and Billie Hunter in Greenville Saturday.

Debbie Currin has installed a new sign "Big Country" in memory of her son, Courtney, over the entry to their property.

Debbie Currin talked to Shane and Vickie Currin in South Carolina on Thanksgiving.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with Raymond and Frances Hoover were all their children, grandchildren and great-grands, Linda Campbell and family, Larry Hoover and family and Jon Paul and Jill Hoover, Randy and Lindsey.

Buster and Louise Crossland had their children for Thanksgiving, Kent and Ann Wright, Brandon and Blaine of Deport, Travis Crossland and family of Paris, Willie and Donna Crossland and David, Michael and Kristina Crossland, Ty and Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris visited Buster and Louise Crossland Sunday.

**Local author writes another book**

Three years ago Martha Sue Stroud's first book, "Gateway to Texas-History of Red River County", was published. She planned to write another book to take up where that one stopped and the task has now been completed.

"For Love of Country-The Price of Freedom", will be available on December 10th. This book recounts the history of bygone days when pioneers struggled to start our nation: the Civil War; World War I (stories of one hundred veterans); the Great Depression; Pearl Harbor; the war in Europe and in the Pacific; news of our men and women in the service as reported in the newspapers at that time; the Forties; and pertinent information about those years. The last chapter, "Lest We Forget", tells about over five hundred veterans of World War II. Much of this came from interviews with the veterans themselves and some from the families of those who are no longer with us. These experiences have been told as

they were told to the author, in the hope that this bok will make Americans, young and old, realize just what a price was paid for freedom.

It has been reported that 1,000 veterans of World War II die daily in our country and there are very few veterans of World War I still living. These veterans must be honored as their experiences are written about in order to be preserved for this generation as well as generations to come. Many made the ultimate sacrifice in giving of themselves in battle and many were wounded and left with suffering and illness for the remainder of their lives.

The members of the Bogata Museum/Library Association will be hosting a book signing at the library on Saturday, December 9, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Perry and Cheryl O'Brian will host a book signing at the Court House Inn in Clarksville on Sunday, December 10, 2000 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats



PRAIRILAND'S FLLAC held their Christmas Bazaar last week and enjoyed a good turnout. Pictured are some of the girls as they work decorating in the foyer. (Staff Photo)

Clyde, Gerrie and Chance Bankhead entertained Thanksgiving guests with a different twist this year. From the very first Thanksgiving in the New England states in 1613, they decorated the breakfast area with that era and the dining room with a Texas Thanksgiving era. Their guests, Bryan, Kristi and Kaden Callihan from Reno, Jerrod and Susan Bankhead from Cunningham, Brenda Callihan and George and Maureen Richardson from Paris, Susan and Brandon Phillips from Grapevine and Bud Richardson from Mesquite, first gathered around the New England table, drew a letter and had to say what they were thankful for, beginning with that letter. They all quoted a Thanksgiving prayer and then enjoyed the first foods from this decade, cornbread with nuts, venison, duck, journey cake and succatash. From there, they went to the Texas table where they enjoyed traditional turkey and all the trimmings.

The Taylor Ladd family met at the Cunningham Community Center for Thanksgiving. Attending were Taylor Ladd, T.L., Carol, Brigitte, Swede and Brittney Ladd, Tuttle Whitley, Steve, Carolyn, Craig, Meredith and Chandler Ladd, Shelly and John Landers, Melba Ladd, Drew, Janet, Daniel and A.J. Syrus, Anna Baker, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Jeff, Cindy, Taylor and Asa Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy.

Joining Jane O'Neal for Thanksgiving were Sue, Murray, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, David, Kathy and Sydney Jackson of Kansas City, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Joining Billie and Leonard Ford Thanksgiving were Thomas, Patricia, Danny, Dakota, Jennifer and Justin King, Chad, Caroline, Eric, Brittany and Renee Clear, Tracy, Megan, Marissa and Riley Kendal, Ryan Ford, Lillian King, David Ford, Daniel Moss, Misty Malone and Jordan, Joyce, Ryan and Haley Yazell, and Carol, Bobby, Ashley, Jason and Anna and Daniel Arrington.

The Norwood family met at Darold and Ida Mae Norwood's for Thanksgiving. Joining them were James, Pat, Rodney, Tracy, Jase and Brenton Norwood, Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Canard and Delores Norwood, Jamie Smith, Del and John Walker, Neva and Billy Ray Oats, Amber Norwood and Charity Musgrove, Charles and Cindy Nichols, Hunter Norwood, Dameon and Courtney White and Shelia Norwood.

Joining Billie Joe and Georgia Oats for Thanksgiving were Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats and Lessie Stuart. Ricky, Linda, Rusty, Cindy, Marty, Susan Anderson and Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica joined Fay and Billy Fred Daniels in Atlas for Thanksgiving.

The Watson family met at Musgrove Country Store for Thanksgiving. Attending were Marie Watson, Geneva Norwood, Nelta and Johnie Musgrove, Dean and Ada Watson, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Marsha and Kaylee Lane, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Laura and Ross Miller, Tony Duncan, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Brad

Hunt, Renee Madewell, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Deana, Reese Blevins and his children, Dillon Gibson, Brooklyn Legate, Brad, Rachel, Bradley and Brett Watson, Bruce Watson, Vicki, Crystal, Lacy, Roy and Jesse Davis and Zarinska and Shane Morton.

Mendy Cole and Pat Norwood shopped in Sulphur Springs Saturday. Geneva and Julie Norwood, Neva Oats and Georjeana Nutt shopped in Dallas Saturday. Julie, Treda, Linda and Julie's sister Ann, shopped in Frisco Friday.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight took Rich, Judy, Richard, Janelle and Josh Morton from Danville, AR to TaMolly's Saturday night. Rich ministered at Life Tabernacle Church Sunday.

Brenton, Rodney, Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby were Sunday dinner guests of James and Pat Norwood. Shelia Norwood of Denton spent a few days with her parents, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood. Joining them Sunday was Marlin Foster.

Melba and Anna Baker were Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Canard Norwood is spending a few days hunting.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton and Lynn and Betty Holeman were Sunday guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove.

Geneva Norwood had her family for Sunday lunch.

Bobbye and Clyde Slusher and Bobbie Hall were in Richardson recently to attend the funeral for Emmy Lou DaLappe, sister of E.C. McLaughlin, son-in-law of Bobbye and Clyde Slusher.

Georjeana Nutt had a birthday supper November 14 for Neva Jean Oats. Joining them were Billy Ray and Brandon Oats.

Velma Cox had breakfast with Nelta and Johnie Musgrove for her Nov. 23 birthday.

Canard and Delores Norwood had their Thanksgiving dinner recently with Frances Franklin, Talma Norwood, Carolyn Nance, Rickey, Pam, Hailey and Mattie Norwood, Kely Mowery, Jamie, Teresa and Seth Smith, Teresa, Seth, Hailey and

Kely had Sunday lunch with Canard and Delores. Jamie joined them for supper.

Abundant Life Church honored LaVetta McMurray's 100th birthday recently.

We are proud of the UIL students at Chapel Hill. Those participating were Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson, Layton Norwood, Jenna Patterson, Charity Musgrove, Hailey Norwood, Kely Mowery and Lacy Cole.

## PJC announces classes

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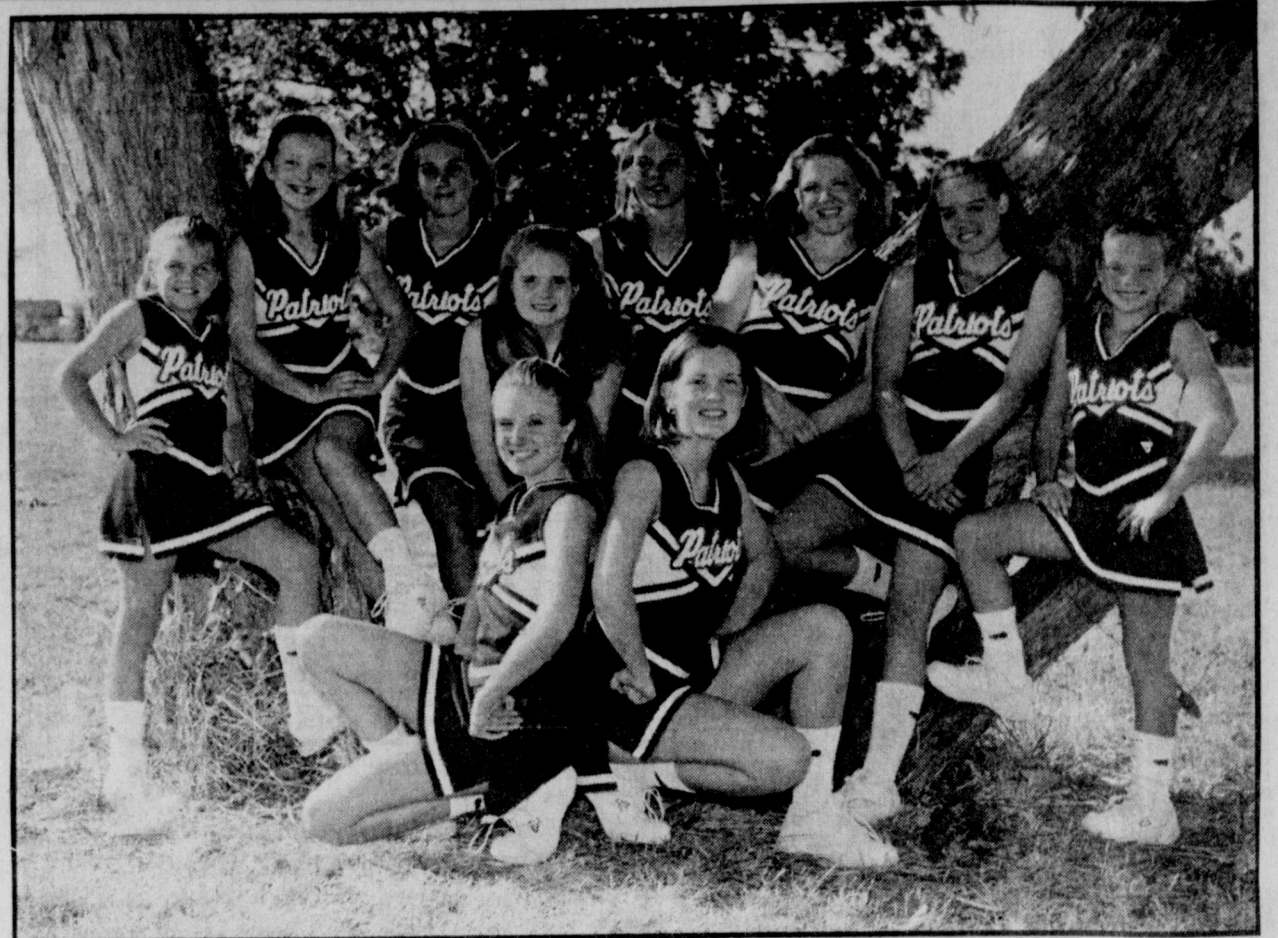
**Lady Pats make trip memorable**

By Matt Moffitt

The Prairiland Lady Patriots made a most memorable trip to San Marcos this past weekend, becoming the 5th Lady Patriot squad in eight years to make the trip to state. The 5th ranked team were going into this tournament with the confidence and momentum to win their first state title. Then disaster struck.

With a little more than 5 minutes remaining before the game began, Prairiland' star outside hitter, Melissa Steinkamp came down on one leg after hitting a shoot set and collapsed onto the floor in obvious pain. A Southwest Texas State University trainer helped the lone senior off the floor and quickly taped her leg so that she might be able to play in the state semi-final game. The young Patriot squad, in shock, were perplexed by the thought of playing without their senior leader.

Steinkamp started the game, but after the first play it was obvious to Prairiland's Coach Sessums that it wasn't going to be there and freshman Brittany Ballard was substituted for Steinkamp.



**2000PATRIOT JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS**-Pictured left to right back row is Leah Boren, Courtney Nichols, Laura Barnes, Mallory Price, Katy Hall, Nickie Long and Ashley Ebarb. In middle is Amanda Neel and front row is Johnna Patterson and Whitney Brook. (Staff Photo)

The game started off sluggishly for Prairiland falling behind 8-1 in the first game without the leadership they had grown accustomed to all season long. Then it all came together. The Lady Patriots realized that, even without Steinkamp, they still had what it would take to play with the Nocona Lady Indians. The

Lady Patriots rallied near the end of the first game, but game one was basically already in the books, with Nocona winning 15-10.

The second game started off with much of the same, as the Lady Patriots fell behind 8-3 and 10-4 before they found the momentum they needed to pull out a 15-12 win and force the third game.

The third and deciding game was a topsy-turvy affair, as the ladies quickly fell behind 9-4 and then rallied behind the play of Emilee Bolton to take a 12-9 lead and force a Lady Indian timeout. Though it may have seemed in the bag, they all celebrated too quickly as the you of the Patriots began to shine through and unforced errors led Nocona to pull out the victory 15-12.

Nocona was defeated by top-ranked Jewitt-Leon 15-4, 15-2 on Saturday. Jewitt-Leon defeated third-ranked Brazos in the semis 15-10, 10-15, 15-6.

Bolton had a career-high 24 kills to go along with 6 blocks, while Kami Hudson added 7 blocks and 12

kills and Megan Graham had 36 assists. Ashley Athas had 8 kills and a block while Sheena Jones had three kills.

Despite the loss, the ladies stepped up and showed great leadership. They look forward to a great season next year!

*Editor's Quotes*

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