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It's Christmas time

It's almost Christmas. We're harried and hassled, sickly and stressed as we frantically scramble around trying to get everything ready.

But, in between the Christmas Craziest, there is the Christmas Beauty.

It does exist. Go to one of the area Christmas parades. Look at the bright eyed youngsters surrounded by doting parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles as they are lifted onto their floats surrounded by sparkling decorations, stuffed animals and Santas.

Watch them waving to the crowds, as proud as real princesses and princes would be.

Look at the faces of the elderly as they watch the parade go by, taken back to a different time, filled with joy at the youth and the fun around them.

Stop long enough to watch a child as his or her eyes light up in glorious joy at the sight of Santa in a window display, or when they see a Christmas tree studded with twinkling lights.

Look at the pride in a young couple's face as they balance on ladders, stringing icicle lights on their very first home, stepping back with their arms around one another as they inspect their work.

Watch the faces of grandparents as they welcome family in their front door, smells of holiday baked goods drifting out the door along with warm air, smiles so wide they fill the world.

Listen to the drifting sounds of a church choir as it practices for their Christmas eve performance.

Drive around and relax, looking at the decorations and lights that turn cold night time into a fairyland. Look at a nativity scene, really look at it, truly thing about it.

Yes, there is hypocrisy, stress and commercialism. But their is much more to this season that is real, and so, so beautiful.



Christmas decoration taken from yard

Someone stole some of the Christmas decorations from the yard of Carlos and Melba Ladd in Deport.

If anyone sees anything suspicious they are urged to report it to the people whose yard they see activity in.

Residents asked

to be alert

Precinct 1 Constable Randy Boren asks residents to please report any suspicious activities or any theft by calling him or the Sheriff's Department in their county to report the event.



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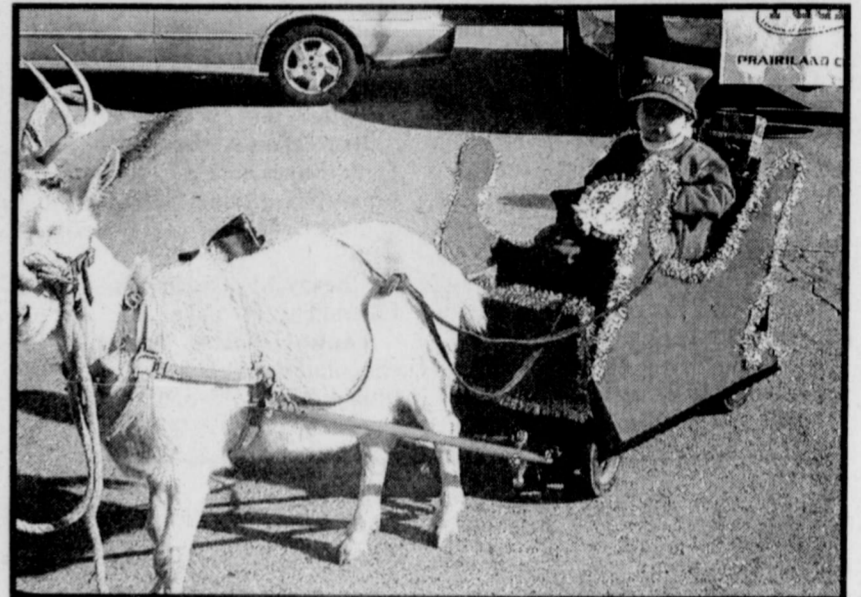
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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, December 14, 2000 50¢



THE FIRST PLACE FLOAT in the Deport Christmas Parade was entered by the Deport Fifth Grade. Queen was Tanya Jane and King was Joey Ballard. The float featured a western and antique theme. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



FIRST PLACE in the Miscellaneous Class of the Deport Christmas Parade was Chance Navia in his sleigh pulled by Rudolph the Red Nosed Goat! (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Deport man arrested in burglaries

According to Lamar County Precinct 1 Constable Randy Boren, a Deport man was arrested last week at a Bogata residence in connection with stolen property taken from four counties in Northeast Texas.

According to Boren, as many as 12 thefts have been linked to Billy

Slaton of Deport. Property valued at over \$10,000.00 has been recovered and traced to thefts from Lamar, Red River, Franklin and Collin counties.

Slaton is being held in Red River County Jail on Class "B" theft charges with charges pending in Lamar County.

Prairiland board approves contracts and policies

The Prairiland ISD Board met for routine business December 11.

They approved Budget Amendments, and Campus Improvement Plans. They okayed the Annual Legal Retainer Fee with Walsh, Anderson, Et. Al.

They designated James Morton as the Authorized Representative for CNPIMS.

A resolution was passed to change the primary contract for TexPool from

L.C. Stout to James Morton with Lisa Martin as Alternate Contact.

After an executive session they took no action.

The Annual Audit was approved as presented by George Struve of McClanahan and Holmes.

The bills were paid, minutes and financial report approved and no action taken on the Tax Report for November.

Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him!!

In an effort to promote safety during the holiday season, the Texas Department of Transportation has joined with local businesses in a holiday campaign to help promote safe driving.

Safety is always a factor regardless to the time of year, but put even more emphasis on it during the holiday season when there is a lot of celebrating going on statewide and people are trying to get to their various destinations.

There is a lot of traffic out on the

roads and people will find that sometimes they have to practice safe driving for themselves as well as the other drivers but its worth it in the long run. Statistics show that the Christmas and New Year's holiday season is the second most deadly time of year following the Memorial day and Independence Day holidays. Driver should be aware of the dangers of driving under the influence, dashboard dining and fatigue driving and take extra measures to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Prairiland band to hold chili supper

The Prairiland Band Boosters invite everyone to their annual Christmas Concert, Chili Supper and Silent Auction on December 14, 2000.

Admission for adults is \$4.00 and students \$2.00. Children under five eat for free. Beverage and dessert is

included in the meal.

The concert will begin at 7:00 with a thirteen inch color TV to be given away after the concert. You must be present to win. Everyone is invited to come out and support the band.



FIRST PLACE in the Truck division of the Deport Christmas Parade was M.D. Trucking of Deport with this entry. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



FIRST PLACE in the car division of the Deport Parade was the entry from Deport Nursing Home. "Just Pop in to Visit Anytime" was the theme, and employee Dona Pressley was the "jack in the box". (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

People
'n'
Things

Saturday, December 16-
Pattonville Community Center,
breakfast, 7-10 a.m., AYCE, \$4.
Monday, December 18-Pattonville
Community Center, VFD meeting, 7
p.m.

Friday, December 22-Pattonville
Community Center, dance with live
music, 8 p.m., proceeds benefit VFD.
Monday, December 25-Pattonville
Community Center, business meet-
ing cancelled.



CITY CHEER-the Deport City Council held their annual Christmas dinner Monday night at the Housing Authority Community Room. The covered dish supper was well attended. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook this week is quite unique. She is one of those cooks that can take one recipe and add it to another recipe to come up with a completely different one or she takes a pinch of this and a dab of this and creates her own recipe. She is JaLynda Ballard Mitchell of Deport. To say that she enjoys cooking is an understatement. She cooks for teachers, neighbors, her church and any other occasion that Arises or needs food.

She and husband Carl have three children. They are Dakota, 14, Dambri, 12 and Jaylan is 4. They enjoy doing things together as a family. The kids are involved in sports and other activities and they are members of the Abundant Life Church in Minter.

Along with cooking, JaLynda enjoys crafts and volunteering at school and helping her parents and friends in the community.

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen! Reese's Crunch-top chocolate

graham crackers with this mixture and you have a great cookie!

Nutty Sugar Cookies-uses Club crackers for the base and topped with butter and sugar, vanilla and almond extract!

Toffee Cookies-toffee flavored topped graham crackers make a taste delight!

Sugar Cinnamon Cookies-this recipe uses cinnamon graham crackers topped with butter and sugar. Yummy!

Butterfinger Bars-combine butterfingers with other ingredients for a tasty treat that everyone will enjoy!

Butterfinger Brownies-use the Butterfinger Bar recipe as a base and top with margarine, butter, flour, eggs and cocoa and see what you come up with!

Cherry Melts-these are wonderful and easy to make!

Peanut Butter Brownies-like chocolate brownies, try these for a little different flavor!

December 14, 2000
JaLynda Ballard Mitchell

Reese's Crunch

2-1/2 sticks butter-melted
1 cup sugar
1-1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 teaspoons vanilla
chocolate graham crackers
1 package Reese's peanut butter chips
1 cup chocolate chips
Boil butter, sugar and pecans for 3 minutes and then add vanilla. Meanwhile, line Pam sprayed cookie sheet with broken graham crackers. Pour butter mixture evenly over crackers and spread. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chips. Let sit 10 minutes and then spread. Cool and break.

Nutty Sugar Crackers

1-2 packages Club crackers-broken
1-1/2 stick butter
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup chopped walnuts
powdered sugar
Line crackers in a foil-lined cookie sheet, sprayed with Pam. Melt butter in pan and then add sugar and walnuts and boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla and almond extract. Pour mixture over crackers evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes or lightly browned. Let cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Toffee Cookies

1/2 cup butterscotch chips
2-1/2 sticks butter-melted
1 cup sugar
2 cups chopped pecans
2 teaspoons vanilla
1-1/2 packages graham crackers
1/2 package brickle toffee
12 ounces chocolate chips
Boil three minutes and add vanilla. Line pan with graham crackers. Pour mixture over crackers evenly and then spread. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with toffee and chips. Let sit for 10 minutes and then spread. Cool and break. Can be cooled in refrigerator or freezer.

Sugar Cinnamon Cookies

1-1/2 packages cinnamon graham crackers
2 sticks of butter-melted
3/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Line cookie sheet with foil and spray with Pam. Line with crackers. In pan melt butter and add sugar and boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour mixture evenly over crackers and bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes. Remove and cool.

Butterfinger Bars

1 cup peanut butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar
1 stick butter at room temperature
2 eggs
2 teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
2+1 butterfingers-crushed
Cream everything but flour and butterfingers. Then hand mix 2 butterfingers into mixture and then add flour. Mix well. Press into cookie sheet. Sprinkle remaining candy bar on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

Butterfinger Brownies

1/2 of Butterfinger Bar recipe
1 crushed butterfinger bar
1 cup margarine-melted
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 eggs
6 tablespoons cocoa
1-1/2 cup flour
Press the halved Butterfinger Bar recipe into pan and top with crushed candy bar. Mix margarine, sugar, vanilla, eggs and cocoa, and then add flour and mix well. Pour over butterfinger mixture and bake for 350 degrees for 25 minutes

Cherry Melts

1 box cherry chip cake mix
1 8 ounce tube Cool Whip
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix well. Roll into small balls and then roll in powdered sugar. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 11 minutes.

Peanut Butter Brownies

1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1/4 cup soft butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup sugar
Mix all ingredients but flour. Cream well. Then add flour and press into brownie pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



Cook of the Week Jaylynda Ballard Mitchell



*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

*The VFW will be open on Sunday's for the Dallas Cowboy football games. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the game with friends and neighbors.

*Feel Better Wishes are sent to Mildred Eudy, Deon McKeegan, June Killen, Jean Smith, Burl Moore and Tom White.

*Happy Birthday to: Bobbie Hervey, Geri Knowles, Wootie Harville and Dennis Carr.

*Thanks is expressed to the young ladies who decorated the VFW Post for Christmas. It looks so pretty.

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Eunice Miller. She will be missed.

Thank you
The Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 430 Elm Street in Blossom would like to express our appreciation to the Blossom Community for your love and support of our Bake and Barbecue Sales this year. Also for all that you have done in the past. We are thankful when someone reaches out to help us through our struggles. It gives us determination to carry on. Thanks for all your kind deeds. May God's Blessing be yours in the year to come.
The Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church Family
Pastor Rev. C. H. Littlejohn

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I am not there, I do not sleep.
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I am the diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.

The daughters of Lenton and Virginia Roach
Carolyn Roach Holland, Bobbie Roach Calhoun, Nancy Roach Dixon, June Roach Banks, Jane Roach Rhea and Ginger (Pete) Roach Swarts

Have A Great Weekend!

Obituaries

Card of Thanks

Carlos and I were so very grateful for the calls, cards, prayers and memorial donations that were sent following the sudden loss of my brother, Don Royce Guyon.
Thank you,
Melba Ladd

Thank You

Thank you to the Oak Hill Baptist Church, Blossom Fellowship Baptist Church and the Blossom Community. When someone reaches out to help us through when times are tough. It does so much to give us hope and brighten up our day. And though our "Thanks" is genuine, its never quite enough compared to all the happiness their kindness brings our way. Thanks is not enough when someone cares the way you care. It means so much to live in a community, like the Blossom community, where people really care. Thanks again for all your kind deeds and words that you have shown to my daughter and I. Thanks so much.
Stephanie and Raven Dowd.
May God's Choice Blessings be yours to enjoy.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, calls, visits, prayers and acts of kindness shown during the loss of our loved ones. Special thanks to Bro. Park Robertson and the Wood family for the beautiful service.
God bless you,
The Family of
Weldon & Louise Smith

Card of Thanks

A great big thank you to the Bogata Volunteer Fire Department for the great response to our fire alarm last Sunday. We were very impressed with the number of responders and the speed with which they responded. Also thanks to the many local people who came out to offer their help. It is so comforting to know that we can depend on our community to assist us when needed.
Red River Healthcare Center

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to the Bogata First Responders and Bogata law enforcement. Their courtesy and concern during my illness was outstanding. I hope everyone appreciates just what we have here. They are exceptional.
Molee Huddleston

It never yet did hurt to lay down likelihoods and forms of hope.
—William Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part 2

Ada Lee Chaddick dies December 10

Ada Lee Chaddick, age 91 of Deport and formerly of White Oak, died Sunday, December 10 in Deport Nursing Home.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. Interment services were held at 3:00 p.m. in the Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery, Gladewater. Grandsons were pallbearers.

She was born in Uvalde on March 10, 1909, the daughter of William and Zella Yett Robertson. On December 23, 1925, she married Isaac Chaddick. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1989. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Charles Leon Chaddick in May, 1945 and Henry Isaac Chaddick on November 19, 1997.

She is survived by three daughters, Winnie Christine Basham of a Vinger, Rebecca Nadine Moody of Ft. Worth and Patience Ham of Deport; two sisters, Jessie Simpkins of Denton and Jimmie B. of Nevada; 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Ora Pirtle dies December 8

Mrs. Ora Pirtle, age 88, died Friday, December 8 at IHS Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 10 at the Bogata Cemetery. Services were conducted by Mark and Lance Hudson under the direction of Curry-Welborn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pirtle was born May 7, 1912 in Johntown to Sam and Mary Emma Askins. She was married to Jim Pirtle on February 4, 1928. They owned and operated the Johntown Grocery Store for a number of years. She was a long-time member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Billie Pirtle of Bogata; her daughter, Fredrika and David Hudson of Mt. Pleasant; five grandchildren, Kathy Miller of Commerce, Mark Hudson of Lewisville, Karen Hudson of Paris, April Hudson of Lubbock and Lance Hudson of Laurel, MS; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1985; her son, Kenneth in 1987; her parents; three brothers and four sisters.

Revival set in Clarksville

The Clarksville Assembly of God Church will hold revival services on December 15-16-17 with evangelist Randy Caldwell of Cabot, AR.

Pastor Keith Brown invites everyone to attend services on December 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. and on December 17 at 6 p.m.

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LAMAR COUNTY DELEGATES, officers and award recipients attending the annual meeting of the Red River Valley Girl Scout Council are pictured. From left are Kathy Jenkins, Gary Gunder, Jean Bible, Deb Moore, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Sue Hendricks, Karen Methven, Sherrie Gribble, Georgia Weddle and Dr. Melissa Stansell.

Sherry Gribble is inducted into Order of Great Green Angel

Blossom resident, Sherry Gribble was inducted into the Order of the Great Green Angel when the Red River Valley Girl Scout Council annual meeting and awards banquet on Saturday, November 11 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Paris.

Gribble was recognized for her service as the Neighborhood Chair for the Blossom Girl Scouts. As the Neighborhood Chair, she is responsible for recruiting leaders, organizing troops, keeping leaders informed about council events, helping plan neighborhood events and activities and generally supporting the troop leaders and other volunteers in her area. She was presented a certificate and a crocheted green angel.

Mrs. Gribble and Audra Lane represented the Blossom Girl Scouts as delegates to the annual meeting. The evening opened with the pre-

sentation of colors by troops from Lamar County and a welcome by Dr. Stansell. During the business session, the delegates approved changing the name of the council to Girl Scout Council of Red River Valley.

Mrs. Carpenter, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented its slate of candidates, who were elected by acclamation. Officers elected were Dr. Melissa Stansell, president, Paris and Gary Gunder, treasurer, Paris.

Members at large elected were Sherry Moree, Lisa Johnson, Beverly Lewis, Becky Burton, Jennifer Gregory, Stephen Blezinger and Pat Baggs.

The Red River Valley Council covers Camp, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus counties and Bryan, Choctaw and McCurtain and Pushmataha counties in Oklahoma.



PVT. GREG GRIFFIN, Jr. graduated from Avenger Crewmember School at Ft. Bliss on Nov. 7. After recruiter duty for 20 days, he reported to the 1-25th infantry division in Ft. Lewis, WA on Dec. 4. Greg is a 2000 Prairiland High School graduate and the son of Greg and Gladys Griffin of Pattonville. Grandparents are Ellen Griffin and the late Trema Griffin, Sr. of Pattonville, Helen Potts and the late Youel Potts of Sawyer, OK and Fern Hopkins of Santee, CA and the late T.A. Hopkins of Bakersfield, CA. Pvt. Griffin joined the U.S. Army on June 11 and graduated basic training in Ft. Sill, OK on August 24.

Adopt An Angel program is in full swing

The Red River County Adopt An Angel program is in full effect, with donations being accepted through Saturday, December 16.

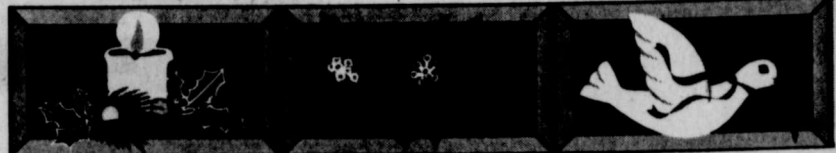
Any gifts purchased may be left at the Wal-Mart Customer Service Desk or at the Clarksville Fire Station in

Clarksville.

Parents should pick up their children's Christmas gifts on Tuesday, December 19 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Clarksville Post Office in the basement.



LILY NORWOOD won first place in her division when she competed in the Phrumjuntun's Taekwondo Tournament held in Longview on November 19. Lily is a third grade student at Depot Elementary School and is eight years old. She is the daughter of Clint and Amy Norwood of Rockford. She attends Karate for Kids class and is instructed by Jon Hossmon.



Holiday promises, be realistic

After the holiday leftovers are gone, family members have returned to their homes and the beginning of the year looms large, the rush to make resolutions begins. But making those New Year's resolutions should include realistic expectations and a plan that helps people reach their goals.

Most people make resolutions because they want to change something about themselves that they don't like.

People don't tend to think out their resolutions very well, instead they tend to make impulsive decisions and rash goals. More than 60% of all resolutions are abandoned in the first quarter of the new year.

Resolutions also are difficult to keep if they are unrealistic.

Planning resolution-making is critical. Follow these steps:

Assess yourself. Look at your skills and use them to establish steps toward setting goals.

Select resolutions based on small increments of achievement, have subgoals within goals.

Keep a daily or weekly ledger or diary of your progress to help monitor behavior.

Make a written contact with yourself, specifying the details of your steps.

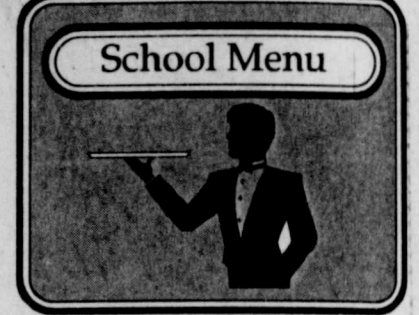
Reward yourself, but not excessively, with material items. Graciously accept and enjoy compliments and positive feedback from peers.

Be patient with yourself. Often, people are their own worst critics.

Admit and analyze your mistakes and continue with the steps. Don't be overwhelmed by small setbacks.

Seek help from others or those who are trying to accomplish the same thing.

Join a support group or enlist the help of friends.



School Menu

Prairiland Menu
Week of Dec. 18
Monday

Lunch:
Beef fingers
Mashed Potatoes, gravy
Green Salad
Rolls
Milk

Tuesday

Lunch:
Pizza
Corn
Salad
Milk

Wednesday

Holiday

Thursday

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Friday

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KALEB BENJAMIN LONG of Paris celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, December 9, 2000 at his home in Paris. He is the son of Steven and Renea Willard Long. (Staff Photo)

Editor's Quotes
Joy is not in things; it is in us. Wagner

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris visited their parents, Edna and Frank Lee over the weekend.

Peggy Whitney went to Chandler Sunday for the funeral of a friend.

Tim Parks had dinner with Dorothy and James Holt Sunday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to Sulphur Springs Friday, shopping.

Phillip and Susan Roach spent Sunday with Susan and Con Ray and Brandon of Gladewater.

Tim Salter had dinner with Velma and John Temple Thursday evening.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound, Greg Burel of Allen, Josh Allen of Cunningham and Jay Curt McKee of Minter spent the weekend with Peggy Whitney.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to the Paris Community Theatre Friday evening to see the musical production "Nuncrackers".

Births

Ruth and Stanley O'Brien announce the birth of a new granddaughter, Tess Luecree, born December 2 at the Willford Hall Maternity Hospital in San Antonio to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Bradley O'Brien. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 18" long. Her father is a medical and surgical nurse at Brook Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston. Other grandparents are Joan and Charlie Hickman of New York.

Blood drive is December 19 in Clarksville

The Lennox Health Resource Center and Stewart Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, December 19 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the mobile unit on the square in Clarksville.

Everyone who will donate blood

is asked to eat before donating and to bring your driver's license. You will receive a holiday T-shirt from Stewart Regional and a holiday gift mug from Lennox Health Resource Center.

What do the sewing machine, insulin and the novel *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* have in common? All were inspired by dreams.

Deport Nursing Home News
By Sandra Mauldin

Roy Wells was visited by Glenn Wells and Buck Frazier.

Nell Wolf was visited by Robbie Slaton, Cindy Filkins, Waylon Wolf, Joseph Filkins, David, Angie, Aaron Wolf.

Sonya Spray, Dana Spray and Morgan, Trevor Spray, Lisa, Richard Winkler, Allison and Marcus Wolf, Stephanie Wolf, Jasmine Garmon, JaLynda Mitchell, Tim Wood, Kathy Tippit Isheda Cautler, Samantha Maroney.

Ann Austin and Dora Hester, were visited by Velma Cox, Floy and Wayne Williams, Shanna Hicks, Tandy Green, Chelco Young,

Charles, Debbie, Whitnee J.R., and Jesse Taylor. Nora Barnett was visited by Ronal Thompson, Katy Ramsey, Sky Thompson, Tommy, Chris, James King, Ray Melton, Denise Melton.

Ima Griffin was visited by Flona Patty, Roger Lemesh, Patsy Sue, Bonnie Harris, Nina, Ima Gerrel, Odessa, Edith, Punkin, Patsy Cutis, Mary Ray, Raymond.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Patsy Cutis, Flona Harris, Roger, Aubrey, Gary Curtis, Dee Harris, Mary Ray and Ima Griffin.

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

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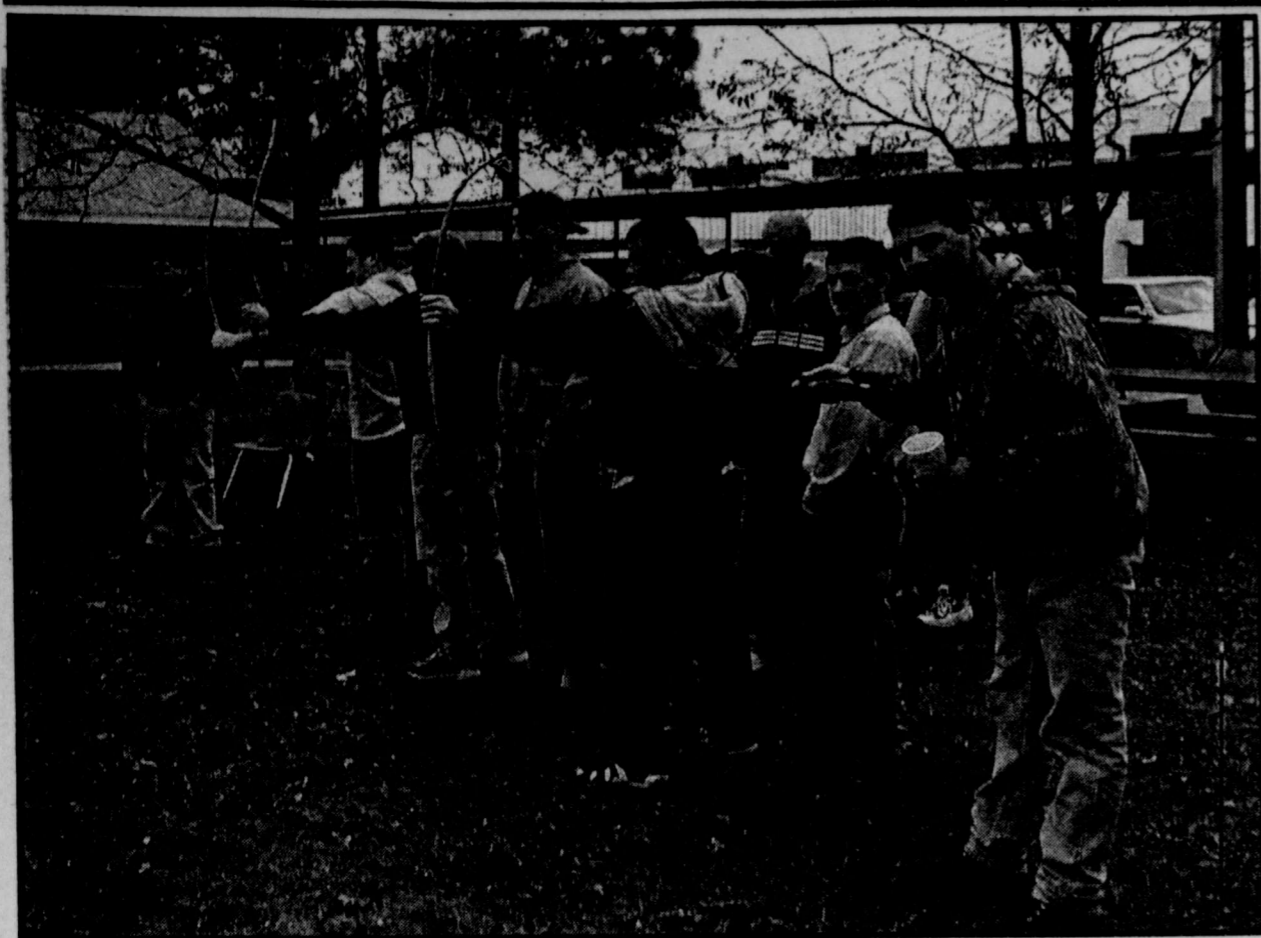
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THE PRAIRILAND WILDLIFE CLASS practiced archery their archery skills on Friday, December 1st, 2000. Pictured are Thomas Bishop, Jorry Briggie, Harley Skidmore, Jonathan Martin, Bo Sutton, Ryan Gordon, Zach Renfro, Kenneth, Johnny Farmer and Stan Cox. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Patriot football video on sale

According to Glenn Scheulke, head coach for the Prairiland Patriot football team, the 2000 Patriot Football Highlight Video is now on sale at the high school.

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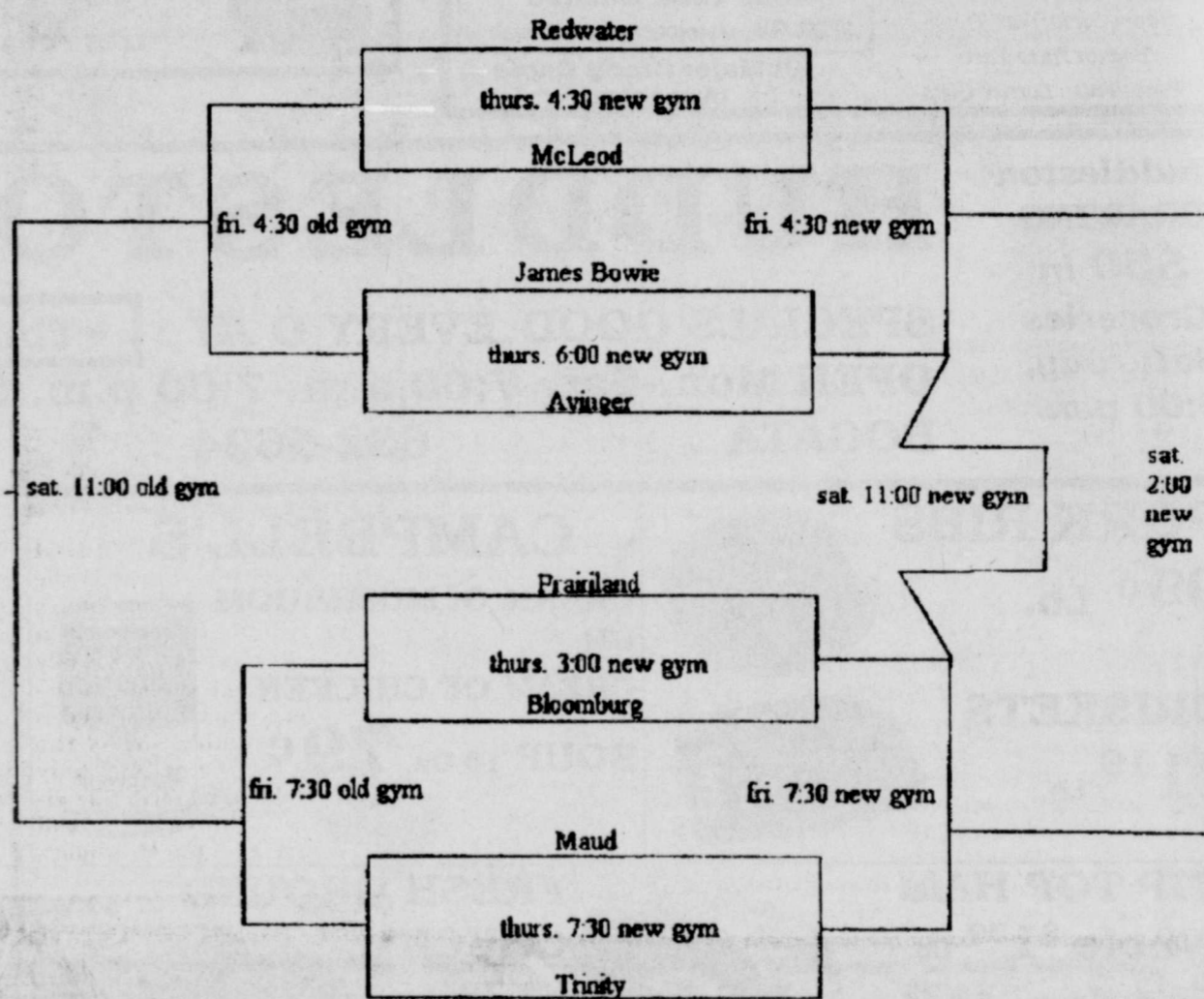
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Boys Division



Prairiland I.S.D. December



- 1 Prairiland Basketball Tournament
- 2 Blossom/Deport in North Hopkins Tournament
- 4 Basketball: Harts Bluff at Blossom
- 5 Depart at Winfield 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Basketball: High School teams at Avery, 5 p.m.
- 6 Project Graduation Christmas Bazaar
- 7 Homemaking Christmas Brunch
- 8 Sulphur Bluff Basketball Tournament
- 8 Tournament Continues
- 9 Depart Christmas Parade
- 9 Tournament Continues
- 11 Basketball: Blossom at Avery, 4 p.m.
- 11 Hart's Bluff at Deport, 5 p.m.
- 12 School Board meeting, 8 p.m.
- 12 Basketball: Chapel Hill JV, V, Girls here, 6 p.m.
- 14 Basketball: Boys in Maud Tournament
- 15 Maud Tournament continues
- 15 JV and Varsity girls at Chisum, 6 p.m.
- 16 Maud Tournament Continues
- 18 Semester Exams Dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Basketball: Saltillo, four games here, 4 p.m.
- 19 Semester Exams, Dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
- 20 Teacher Workday
- 21 Christmas Holidays
- 21 Basketball: Como-Pickton, There (4) 4 p.m.
- 28 Basketball: Girls in Lone Oak Tournament
- 29 Tournament Continues
- 30 Tournament Continues
- January 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Staff Development Day for Faculty/Staff
- 3 Students Return for Second Semester

Patriots participate at Cap Herman

The Prairiland Patriot boys basketball team were defeated 54-59 in the first round of the Sulphur Bluff Cap Herman Invitational Basketball Tournament on Thursday, December 7, 2000 by Miller Grove.

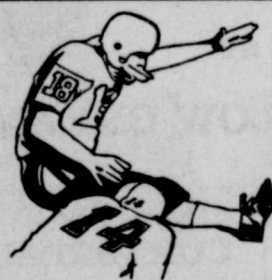
Chris Berry led the scoring for Prairiland with 5-three point baskets and a total of 21 points. Kyle Malone also scored in double figures with ten points.

In the second round, Saltillo knocked the Patriots out of the tournament on Friday by a score of 34-46. Leading the Patriots in scoring was D.J. Loveless with 11 points and Malone with 9.

The Patriots play Bloomburg in the first round of the Maud Tournament on Thursday the 14th at 3:00 p.m.

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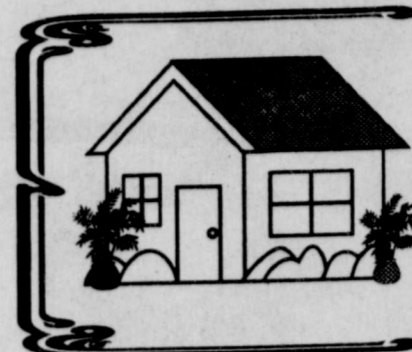
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Cypress Basin to hold fund raiser

Cypress Basin Hospice, a local non-profit organization serving terminally ill patients and their families, is kicking off their annual Christmas fund-raising campaign. "From Our Tree To Yours", is a memorial fund-raiser which offers a Christmas card and ornament honoring the memory of a loved one of someone special. After your donation is received, Cypress Basin Hospice will send a Christmas card along with a holiday ornament to the family of the person being memorialized or honored.

Edd Hess, Executive Director, is excited about the fifth year of this fund-raising project. "Holidays are always a special time, because in addition to bringing them a sense of joy and peace, they also bring back the memories of those who have touched their lives in a special way," says Hess. "This year's ornament is a gold filigree and white enamel angel. They also have some selections from the previous year's Christmas ornaments." Hess continues. "The ornament and card is there, in the home, throughout the holiday season. Memorial donations help Cypress Basin Hospice defray costs of courtesy care they provide each year. This program will help them off-set some of the expenses so that they can continue their mission of service to the terminally ill and their families, regardless of their ability to pay. They are very proud of this program. They have individuals who have told them that this is the perfect way to remember friends who really don't want or need a gift."

The Cypress Basin Hospice Christmas Tree, located in the Mt. Pleasant Hospice Office at 1805 N. Jefferson, will be decorated with the beautiful ornaments for patrons to come by and see. Please stop by or contact Cypress Basin Hospice at 903-577-1510 for an order form today so the memorial Christmas ornament will reach the family in time for the holidays.



Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
 982-5309

The East Post Oak Baptist Church choir will present their Christmas Cantata next Sunday morning, December 17 between Sunday School and the morning worship service. After service they will have lunch at the Fellowship Hall and come back at 1:30 and have preaching service. There will be no night service.

The church members and friends of the church will be having their pictures taken Friday and Saturday at the church for a new church directory.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth came last Friday and visited his mother Rhoda Lee at Paris Nursing Home. Wilbourne and Geneva Lee and Billie Ruth and Alvis Bates joined them there. After spending the morning visiting they went out to eat and all returned to their homes.

Bro. and Mrs. J. T. McNabb and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and

sonne Johnie attended the preacher and wives of Red River and Bowie Baptist Association meeting hosted by Bro. and Mrs. Calvin Permenter in Johntown last Tuesday night, December 5. He fried fish and other s brought deserts and other things. All enjoyed the meeting and fellowship. There were 21 in attendance

Janis Reynolds was able to attend church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

James Freelan has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is to have more tests done this week.

There were 7 that attended the regular monthly meeting of the Post Oak Fire Department last Tuesday night.

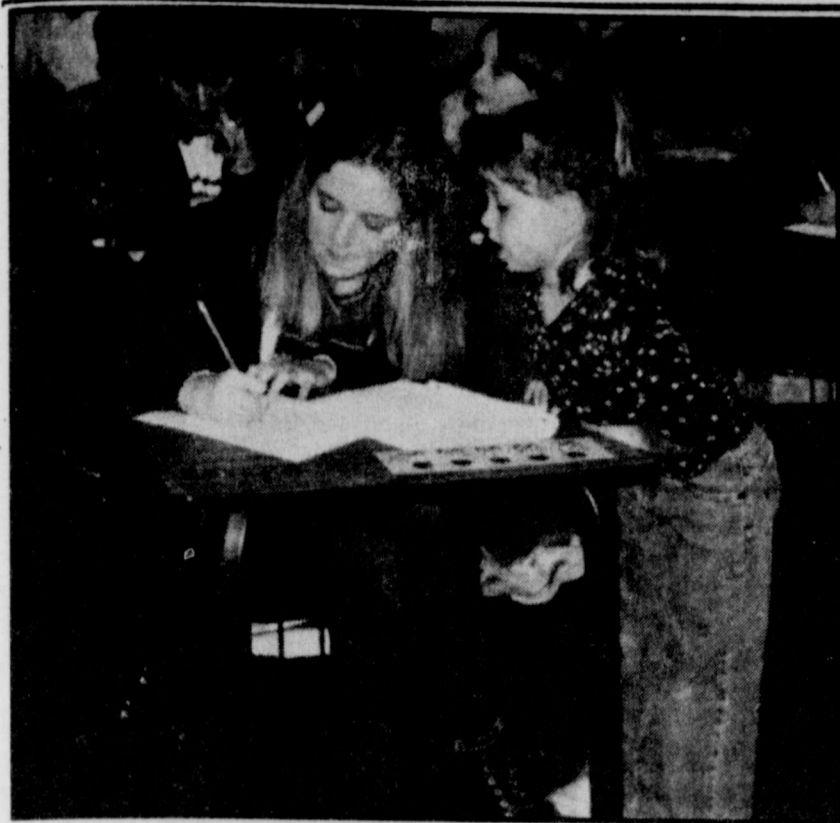
Included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students were these from our area: Michael W. Flatt, Amanda Hyde and Tammy Nichols.

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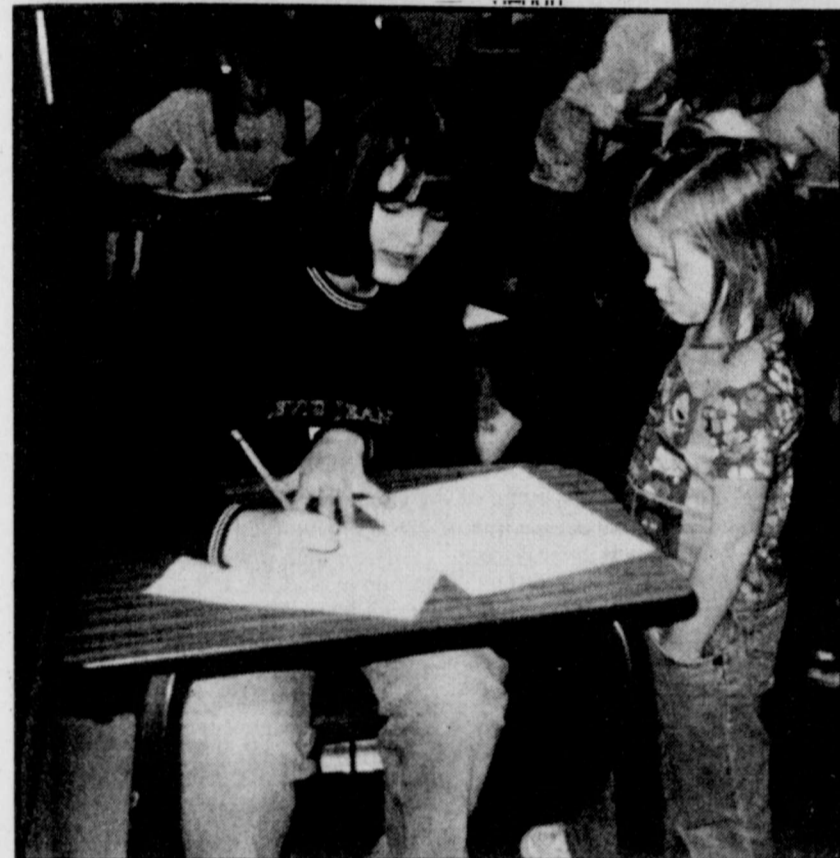
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THE 8-1 DEPORT ENGLISH CLASS wrote Mrs. Minter's kindergarten class Santa letters. Pictured is Johnna Patterson writing Sydney Ragan's letter.



THE 8-2 DEPORT ENGLISH CLASS wrote Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class Santa letters. Pictured is Breanna Holley, writing Chelsey Kelley's letter.



SANTA CLAUS was on hand at the end of the Deport Parade last Friday to hand out fruit and candy to youngsters. After the parade fruit and candy was also taken to the day care center, housing authorities and the nursing home. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Research could enhance recovery from spinal injury, says A&M prof

COLLEGE STATION - Victims of debilitating spinal cord injuries may in the future have greater chances for recovery of some locomotive functions, thanks to pioneering spinal cord research by Texas A&M University neuroscientist James Grau.

Grau, who has studied the spinal cord for more than a decade, has helped advance the concept that the spinal cord - long considered to be only a simple conduit for the relaying of impulses to and from the brain - is capable of learning without the brain.

"It appears the spinal cord is far smarter than most assume," Grau says.

He says his animal models have demonstrated neurons in the spinal cord are capable of different types of advanced learning, acting as a "back-up system" when communication with the brain is disabled.

Normally, the brain is responsible for locomotive activities and inhibits the spinal cord's learning abilities. However, given a potentially catastrophic set of events, the spinal cord can take on extra responsibilities that include the ability to learn locomotive function, Grau explains.

The ability of the spinal cord to learn, which is referred to as "plasticity," has come to the forefront of the scientific community within the last five years thanks to Grau and his colleagues, but Grau's continued research has taken spinal cord plasticity into uncharted territory.

While spinal cord plasticity has been the focus of experts throughout the United States and Europe, Grau and former student Robin Joynes' work on the phenomenon of "learned helplessness" in the spinal cord is unique to Texas A&M, Grau says.

Life teaches us to be less harsh with ourselves and with others.
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THE PRAIRILAND MARCHING BAND and Drill Team marched in the Deport Christmas Parade Friday. The parade was one of the largest ones ever, with lots of unique floats. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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"The federal government had budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that his money is available or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tell

consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help for Energy Bills Booklet Offer, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Crime Stoppers crime of the week

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

Sometimes between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4th, unknown suspects forced entry into the Wag-a-Bag Store on 1900 Clarksville Street in Paris. Once inside the store, the suspects stole the cash register. This burglary resulted in over \$750.00 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **November 20th** an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at **785-TIPS! (785-8477)**.





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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Gordon Cox brought Velma home after spending three weeks during the Thanksgiving holidays. While she was gone she visited Vera Cox and Helen and David Taylor of Ft. Worth. She also visited with Charlene and Gene Fetter of Ft. Worth. Velma enjoyed Thanksgiving with Gordon and Jan Cox. Others attending were Morris and Kyle Cox of Dallas, Meredith and Dusty form A & M and Mary Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown. Velma spent the night with Shelby and Ken Wardle of Ft. Worth. Mary Ann, Gordon, Jan and Velma attended an after Thanksgiving dinner at the Fred Cox home in Bowie. 54 people attended. Larry and Virginia Bell also joined them.

L'Wanda and Pete McKnight had the "O'Neal Christmas Party" Saturday night. Those attending were donnie and Clovis Morrison, Ethelyn Davic, Jane O'Neal, Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and McKenzie Jackson, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Della O'Neal, Jeannie and Shelby Little, Johnnie, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight and Cindy.

Linda Anderson attended the Anderson Women's Christmas Party at Carol Newberry's home.

Johnna and Jenna Patterson both won Queen in the Victorian Dream Pagent. Johnna also won Grand Talent.

Cindy and Charles Nichols had the couples of Life Tabernacle Church over Sunday night for a Christmas party.

James, Pat, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood went to Cindy and Charles Nichols Saturday night to play cards.

The Cunningham Baptist Church had their holiday lunch Sunday.

Ida Mae and Darold Norwood went to the Foster Christmas in Deport Sunday. John Darold Walker visited them in the afternoon.

Georgian and Billie Joe Oats had lunch for Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt Sunday. Wanda Joe Lawler visited them in the afternoon.

Heath, Missy, Laytner, Kayker and Jeff Kennedy visited with Bobbie and Shelby Sunday afternoon.

Jane O'Neal and Geneva Norwood attended the play at the Community Theater Friday night.

Dean, Ada and Marie Watson visited Ira and Mary Norman in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Margie Shell of Oklahoma City spent the weekend with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove. Stacy, Linda, Stoney, Charity musgrove, Alice McPherson and G.W. and Mildred Pratt joined them for Sunday supper.

Johnna and Jenna Patterson both vice to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The 24 SAU students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

The students were chosen based on their academic achievement, ser-

Jasper Clarkson chosen for Who's Who

Jasper Clarkson, a senior chemistry major from Blossom was one of the 24 students at Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, recently recognized as national outstanding leaders and chosen to be included in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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vice to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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EXHIBIT A-2

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	98 August 31, 2000	97 August 31, 1999
REVENUES:					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,192,140	\$ 122,394	\$ 2	\$ 1,314,536	\$ 1,244,043
5800 State Program Revenues	4,343,571	37,196	-	4,380,767	3,931,114
5900 Federal Program Revenues	5,046	357,857	-	362,903	327,269
5020 Total Revenues	<u>5,540,757</u>	<u>517,447</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6,058,206</u>	<u>5,502,426</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services	3,635,266	199,464	-	3,834,730	3,559,693
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	251,051	-	-	251,051	292,799
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	510,607	325,483	-	836,090	949,198
0040 Administrative Support Services	241,811	500	-	242,311	208,178
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	571,025	11,786	-	582,811	579,537
0070 Debt Service	4	-	-	4	9
0080 Capital Outlay	4,560	-	-	4,560	71,657
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	277,479	-	-	277,479	269,497
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>5,491,803</u>	<u>537,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,029,036</u>	<u>5,930,568</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	48,954	(19,786)	2	29,170	(428,142)
7020 Other Resources	7,125	-	-	7,125	15,874
8030 Other (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	56,079	(19,786)	2	36,295	(412,268)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) Residual Equity Transfer Out	137,326	3,324	2,926	143,576	675,844
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<u>\$ 193,405</u>	<u>\$ (16,462)</u>	<u>\$ 2,928</u>	<u>\$ 179,871</u>	<u>\$ 143,576</u>



MARY BOUNDS of the Blossom Garden Club visits with residents of the Deport Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 5, 2000. The club made wreaths and took them to the residents of the nursing home and played bingo with them. (Staff Photo)



BLOSSOM GARDEN CLUB visited the Deport Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 5, 2000 to deliver wreaths that the club had made and play bingo with the residents. Pictured is Jenn Sandlin, Mary Bounds, Heather Sellers and Tammy Sandlin. (Staff Photo)



PATTONVILLE VFD took part in the Deport Christmas Parade Friday with their truck decorated for the season. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons



Kaleb Long celebrates birthday

Kaleb Benjamin Long, son of Stephen and Renea Long, celebrated his first birthday with a Winnie the Pooh party on December 8, 2000 at his home in Paris.

Those enjoying the party along with his parents were his grandparents, Mike and Sandie Long of Henderson and Emma and Lloyd Willard of Blossom. Also, Rhonda, Sandra and Ethan Rasberry of Plano, Kaen and Rodney Kraft of Richardson, Jo and Milburn Myers of Post Oak, Juanita Garrett of Woodland and Julie Wood of Plano.

Happy birthday wishes to Hattie Hobbs, Helen Temple, Nettie Lois Powers, John Nash, Connie Hobbs, Ruth Denison, Jeff Floyd, Bernard Breland, Jo Edelhouser, Stefany Cope, Wayne Beard, Jane O'Neal and Homer Briggs.

Happy anniversary to Randy and Kristi Boren.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruby Crouch of Hugo, who died December 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris. She was the mother of Billie Mazy and grandmother of Eddie and James Mazy.

Virginia Reed of Paris treated Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford and Peggy Parsons to lunch at TaMolly's Wednesday.

Lori Tubbs had surgery in McCuiston Hospital Wednesday.

Her father, Fern Rees, was a visitor. Several from the community were in Deport Friday for the Christmas parade.

Debbie Currin, Claudia Whitney and Danielle Hutner went to Christmas in Fair Park in Paris Saturday.

Tuesday, Debbie Currin and Claudia Whitney visited Barbara Smith and Pat Norwood in McCuiston Regional Medical Center where they were day surgery patients.

Travis and Tonya Hutner, Christian, Danielle and Jeremy and Debbie Currin attended a Christmas party at the Faith Baptist Church in Deport Wednesday night.

Thursday night, Debbie Currin, John and Claudia Whitney ate at TaMolly's in Paris.



Garden Club visits nursing Home

The Blossom Garden Club made and took Christmas wreaths to the Deport Nursing Home on November 27th. The ladies that went were Jenn Sandlin, Mary Bounds, Tammy Sandlin and Heather Sellers. They played bingo with the residents and had a great time.

The Garden Club also had their annual Christmas party on Saturday

night, December 9th, with 22 people attending. The dinner was catered by Pat Graham and crew.

Be sure to go by the Blossom Park and see how pretty it is decorated this

year. The ladies did a fine job. Thanks to Arvana Goble, Jenn Sandlin and Mary Bounds and James Crawford who came by to help.



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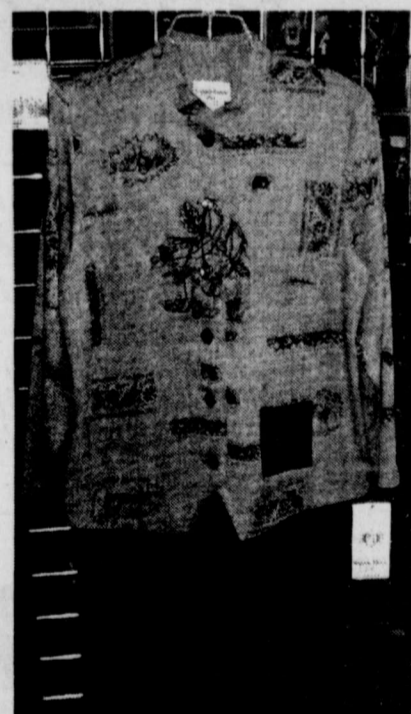
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Sam Upchurch, Bonnie Upchurch and Juanita Upchurch visited Shorty Ballard.

Shorty Ballard visited Burl Kincaid.

The children of Fred and Robbie Cox, formerly of Cunningham, met at the home of Sarah (Cox) and Jim McAfee in Bowie on November 25. Attending were Velma Cox of Cunningham, Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado, Ann Gaylord of Baytown, Larry and Virginia Bell of Paris, Loy and Charline Cox of Daingerfield, Carla and Shawn from Nashville, TN, Jessica and Charlie Cox from Sulphur Springs, Scott and Grace Cox and Rodney Cox of Keithville, LA, Nancy Cox and Ron Reese of Gilmer, Tracy Grainger and Patrick from White Oak, Sarah and Jim McAfee of Bowie, Richard and Liz Bobecka of Garland, Lavonna Vasquez, Mario Jr., and Megan from Ennis, Judy and Charles Teal of Paradise, Scott and Kelly Nix, Kalison and Kameron of Arkadelphia, AR, W.C. Jr. and Jennifer Nix Hunter and Jake of Gunter, Tammy and Brad Adcock and Hannah of Newark, Preston and Mary Beth Nix, Preston Chambers, Payton and Palmer from Wichita Falls. Lavon and Margaret Cox were unable to attend. Raul Cox died in 1992.

Happy birthday to Melissa Phillips, Mandy George, Gail Rhoades, Chris Chipman, Lawrence Woods, Wayne Williams, John Nash, Joey Francis, Tres Andrews, Nettie Powers, Ruth Denison, Alvis Dennis, Delisa Speed, Trista Nailing, Andrea Elmore, Jordon O'Neal, TheIma Shelby, Stephanie Crawford, Russell Riddle, Vita Bratton, Bobby Brooks, Kinda Pickering, Brad Hunt, Jane Griffis, Bonnie J. Guest.

Happy anniversary to Maxine and Charles Foster and Charla and John Guyon.

Donny, Dawne and David Darden entertained Saturday night with a Christmas dinner for Thomas and Nanalee Nichols.

Sunday night James and Sunny Whitney had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols for dinner guests.

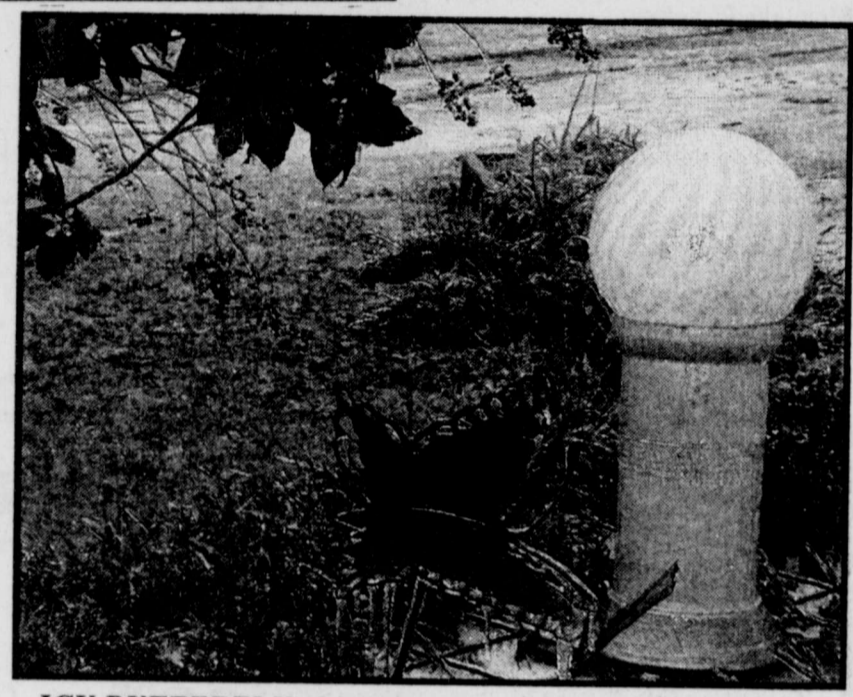
Earlier that day James' sister and brother-in-law from Dallas visited.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien were in San Antonio to visit Bradley and Cindy O'Brien and their new daughter, Tess, on Sunday and Monday.

The United Methodist Women held their Christmas program and covered dish luncheon in the community room at the Glover Units on Monday, December 4. We are very proud of our facilities and are always pleased when our rooms are used by those outside the Housing Authority.

The monthly luncheon for December was held December 6 in Gazebo #1. To celebrate the holidays, gifts were exchanged as well as the good food and fellowship. Those attending were Alma Scaff, Estelle Cheshire, Alpha Barnard, Mavis Sowards, Beulah Shipp, Frances Franklin, Eunice Ervin, Lucille Morgan, Maud Webb, Phyllis Gifford and Juavane Carpenter.

Have A Great Weekend!



ICY BUTTERFLY-this metal lawn ornament and gazing globe were coated in ice Wednesday morning as was the rest of the world. Icy roads and downed power lines cause many difficulties in spite of the icy beauty. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



A brown bear can run faster than a horse at full gallop.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Kori Hulen, Amanda Neel, Greg Vickers, Casey Upchurch, Brandie Nicole Upchurch, Julie Himes, Whittnie Stone, Courtney Upchurch, P.L. Smith, Verna Irwin, Robbie Anderson, Casey Smith, Ruben

Peralta, Holly Kent, Lori Walker, Tony Duncan, Taylor Gillie, Bryan Simpson, Quinn Sessums, John Merrill, Judy Pieper, Natascha Mitchell, Aaron Barnes, Zak Walker, Rusty Carpenter, Crystal Whitley. Happy Anniversary to William and Patsy Neel.

Visiting with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long on Friday was Rhonda, Ethan and Sandra Rasberry from Plano. They also spent the night Friday night. On Friday night Kaleb Long celebrated his 1st birthday at his home in Paris with his parents Renea and Steven Long, Rhonda, Sandra and Ethan Rasberry, Emma and Lloyd Willard, Mike and Sandy Long of Henderson, Karen and Rodney Kraft of Richardson, Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak, Juanita Garrett of Woodland and Julie Wood of Plano. On Saturday Renea, Steven and Kaleb Long of Paris, Rodney and Karen Kraft of Richardson and Sandra, Ethan and Sandra Rasberry of Plano enjoyed lunch with the Emma and Lloyd Willard.

JoAnn Gerringer spent last week with Jeania, Courtney and Zachery Mitchell in Tampa, Florida.

The Blossom Christmas Parade on Saturday was a big success. Congratulations go to the Smith family of Detroit for 1st place, Zach Cullum and Kyle Upchurch 2nd place and the Blossom Boys Scouts 3rd place.

Bessie Garrett has been visiting in Arlington with Kim and Clay Redditt this last week. She also visited with Jerry and Patty Garrett. Jerry is still a patient at Baylor and is improving each day. Paul Garrett of Paris brought her back home Sunday.

Prairiland ISD will dismiss classes on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:30 for the Christmas holidays and all students will return on regular schedule on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2001.

Minnie Lee Shands, Pauline Weddle and Juanita Harrison treated Faye Shores to a birthday dinner on Friday. Afterwards they visited with Viola Brendle of the Regency Medical Center.

Lori Deverell spent the weekend in Sherman with the Simpson family.

Jim Weddle of Paris spent Monday afternoon visiting with Pauline and Jr. Weddle.

Pauline Weddle was among the group from Lifeline Worship Center who traveled to Lindale to view the Christmas lights.

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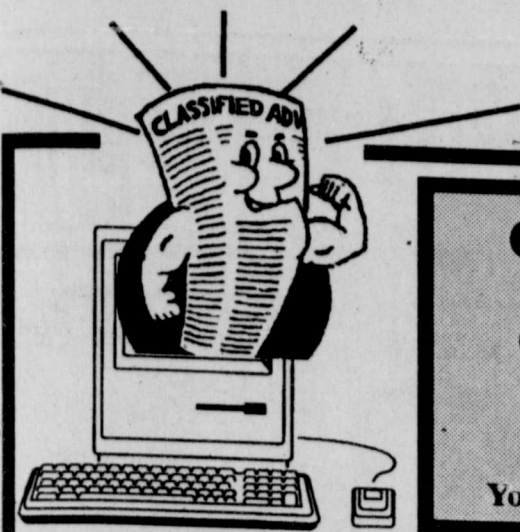
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 652-2084 or 737-0979
 In jail...want out? Call Johnny!
 MA tjc

ANTIQUE MARBLE: Various sizes gray marble from old building. Can be used for projects. 652-4205 or 652-2855 for information. nc

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

FOR SALE: Sleeper sofa, older but in great condition, \$30. Dorie, 632-5269 daytime or 632-0223 nights. MA 12-28

MONEY RAISING SALE at Signor's, Front Street, Detroit. Many marked down items. 674-2042. MA 1-4

STEEL BUILDING year-end blow-out! Msut fill 9 remaining production slots. 2@9-1800 sq. ft., 3@2-3000 sq. ft., 3@4-6000 sq. ft., 1@8-1000 sq. ft. Must fill by Christmas. 1-877-71-STEEL/usbw@aol.com. 12-21

Homes & Real Estate

I'M MAD...at banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, 254-947-4475. MA 12-14

AVAILABLE NOW-Blossom Duplex, 2 Br. - 1Br., Ref. & Range, \$350 MO + Deposit ("Move In Special") \$150 off 1st month! 155 Walnut St. 903-982-5398. MA 12-21

BLOSSOM NORTHSIDE & SOUTHSIDE APARTMENTS-2 Br-1 BA, \$250/\$300 mo. December special, \$100 off 1st Mo. No deposit with approved Credit. 903-784-7208 or Pager 903-737-5816. MA 12-21

FOR RENT: Nice house for rent in Johtown. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, \$300 deposit, \$500/month. References required. For more information, call 903-784-0948 after 7 p.m. MA 12-28

Livestock & Ag Supplies

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

Services

MEAT PROCESSING: Catfish fillets; chicken; beef and pork. All retail cuts. Beef by the side or quarter. Call for prices. Detroit Locker Plant, Detroit, TX. Pork, chicken, fish. Call 903-674-6911. If no answer, call 903-674-2352. We accept food stamps. MA tjc

STUMP-REMOVAL-Friendly; professional service. Serving all of Northeast Texas. No job too large or too small. David & Neil Rozell, 903-632-5617. MA tjc

ROADRUNNER SELF STORAGE: Call Neil Rozell, 903-632-5752. Now 3 locations to serve you! A size to meet your needs. MA tjc

G&S HANDY MART now has new credit card gas pumps. You can now buy gas 24-hours a day with Texaco, Fleet Cards, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, all major credit cards or debit cards. MA tjc

CHARLIE'S HOME REPAIRS: Small job specialist and trim carpentry. 30 years experience. 903-782-6833. Pager 903-783-8608. MA tjc

MAINTENANCE AND MORE: Plumbing repairs, Roto-Rooter service, plumbing supplies and home repairs. 903-379-2053, Talco, Bogata, Johtown and Hagansport. MA 12-14

PENNY'S CAFE, Hwy. 271 in Talco. Open 6-5, Mon-Fri; 7-11 Sat. 903-379-2053. MA 12-21

NORTHEAST TEXAS HEAT & AIR & Appliances. Honest, dependable service. 903-674-2302 or 249-2350. Bob Smith, #XACL020526E. MA tjc

FRAMES & MORE: Custom frames and shadow boxes, 112 Hwy. 271 S in Bogata. 866-632-4223. Donald and Mary Jo Porterfield, Owners. MA tjc

Wanted

WANTED-We need 1000 New Customers. Call Security Finance, Clarksville. 903-427-2373.

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

WOULD LIKE TO LEASE pasture for livestock east of Paris in the Blossom, Deport, Bogata or Detroit areas. 785-7443 or 982-6522. MA 12-21

NEEDED: College student or retired person part time to train two senior citizens to run a computer for a mail order business. Great Christmas money. 903-652-6111 (store) or 652-2320. MA 12-14

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.

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FOUND: Approx. 1 year old black male dog with black collar and white flea collar. Hwy. 271 and 410 at Rugby. 632-4865. nc

Garage Sales

CAKLEBERRY'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

FREE

FREE TO GOOD HOME- 3 month old Shar Pei female and 1 year old female, has been spayed, Chihuahua, not good with men. Call 632-1155. 12-14 nc

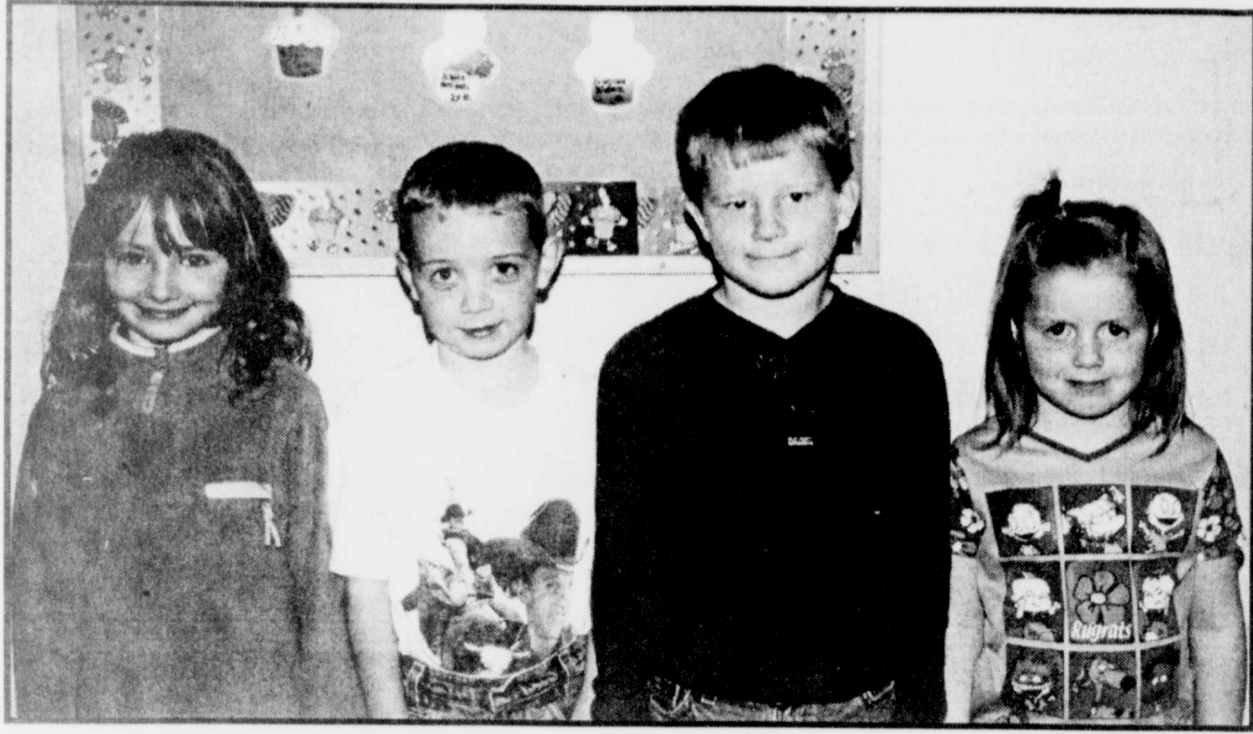
FREE TO GOOD HOME: 1/2 blonde Cocker Spaniel male puppy, eight weeks old. 632-5339. 12-21nc

Public Notices

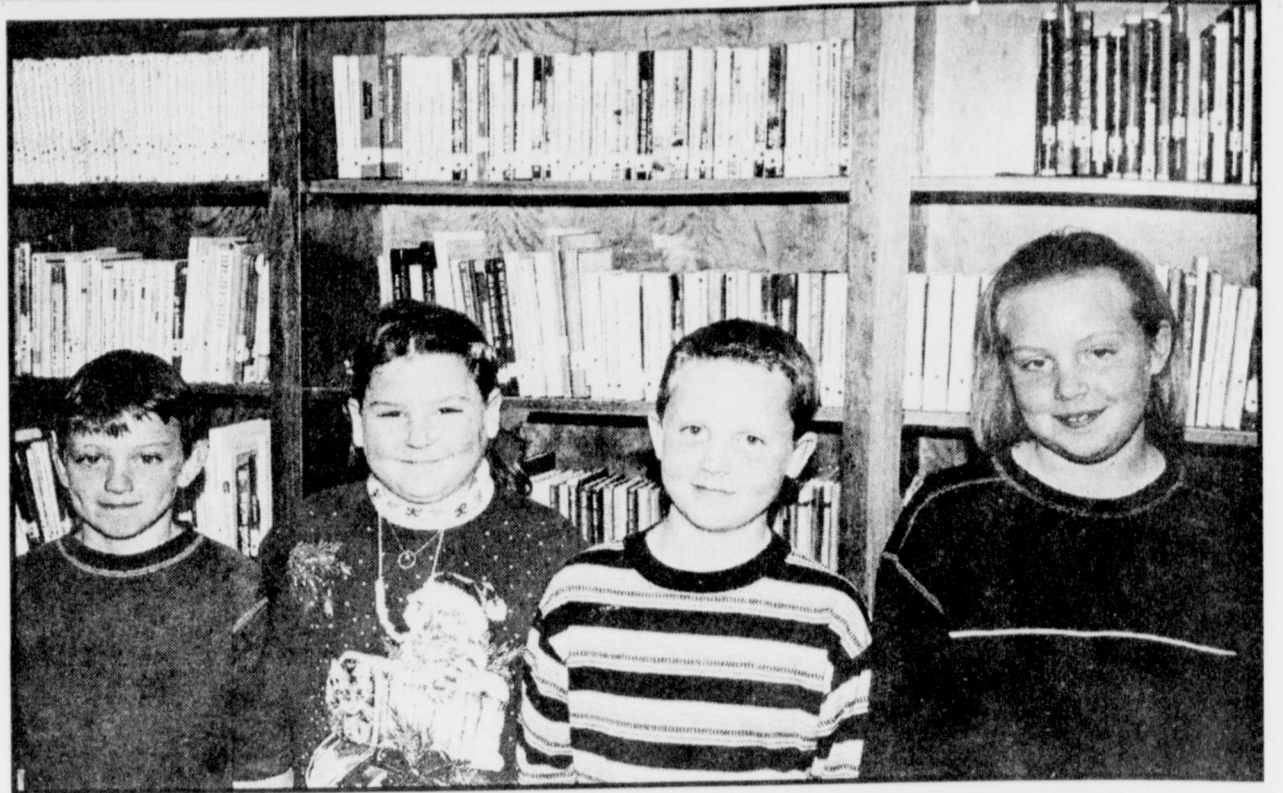
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 The City Council of Blossom, Texas, hereby gives notice of the following public hearing:
 Public hearing to consider a new City Ordinance No. 01-006 to prohibit dumping of trash within the City of Blossom: Thursday, December 14, 2000 5:30 p.m.
 Blossom City Hall
 1240 W. Front Street
 Blossom, Texas 75417

An ordinance of the City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, prohibiting the dumping of trash, garbage, refuse or hazardous waste within the City Limits of Blossom and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; providing that State Statutes and Local Government Codes shall prevail; providing that prior or existing Ordinances are superceded; providing that this Ordinance is cumulative; providing for severability clause; providing for penalty and enforcement clauses; and, providing for emergency clause to enable this Ordinance to take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring such.
 12-14

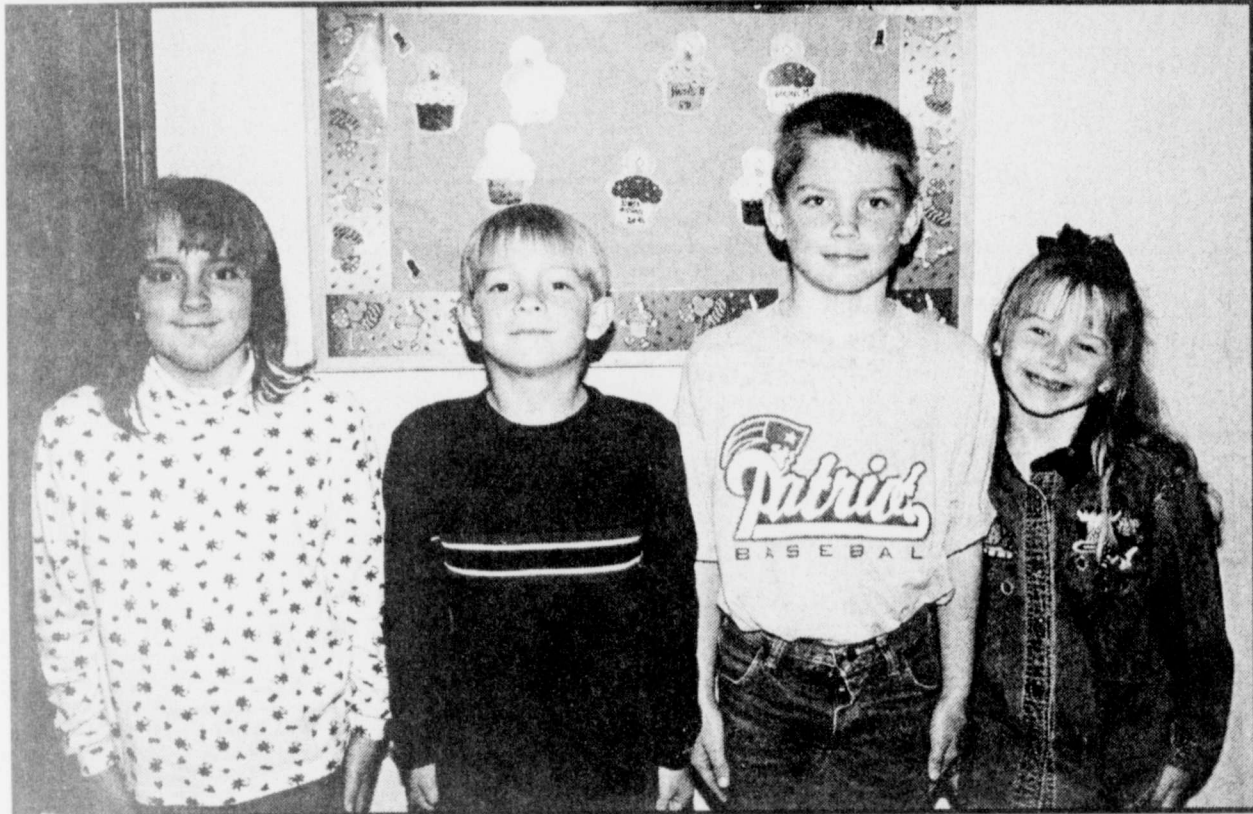
ORDINANCE NO. 168
 AN ORDINANCE relating to the prohibition of conduct which disrupts the public peace and order within the city limits of the City of Detroit, Texas.
 Be it ordained and enacted by the City Council of the City of Detroit, of the county of Red River, of the State of Texas:
Section 1. That any conduct within the city limits which constitutes a public disturbance, such as riot, affray, noise or disorderly assembly in any public or private place shall be prohibited.
Section 1-A. No person shall wilfully or knowingly keep or harbor on his premises any animal that makes or creates loud and obnoxious noises by whatever method created, thereby disturbing the peace of the neighborhood or disturbing the occupants of adjacent premises or people living in the vicinity of such loud and obnoxious noise.
Section 1-B. A person shall be deemed to have wilfully and knowingly violated the terms of this section, if such person is notified in writing by any member of the City Council of such disturbance and refuses, within 24 hours thereafter, to correct such disturbances and prevent its recurrence.
Section 2. A person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of day the violation is committed, continues or permitted. Each offense, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00.
Section 3. That should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable and shall continue to be in full force and effect.
Section 4. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.
Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately.
 Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Detroit, Texas on the 11th day of December, 2000.
 Mayor Margaret Missildine
 12-14



DEPORT CHRISTMAS KINGS AND QUEENS for K-2 is Tori Nicholson and Caleb Norwood and K-1 is Hunter Bratcher and Chelsey Kelley. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT THIRD GRADE Christmas Kings and Queens are left to right Kelti Mowery, Chase Stogsdill, Katrina Malone and Justin Harris. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT KINGS AND QUEENS for 1-2 are Tessa Steffenson and Dow Henderson and 1-1 are Dustin Womack and Maggie Minter. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT CHRISTMAS KINGS AND QUEENS from the 4th grade are Ryan Ford, Jenna Patterson, Josey Francis and Hielly Owens. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT Second Grade Queens and Kings for Christmas are, from left, Autumn Hinkle, Ryan Harrell, Shelby Richey and John English. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT CHRISTMAS KINGS AND QUEENS from the 5th grade are Ericka Ham, Landon Syrus, Tanya Cave and Joey Ballard. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



Christmas Gifts for Her

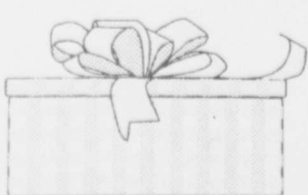
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Perfume

Crystal Figures

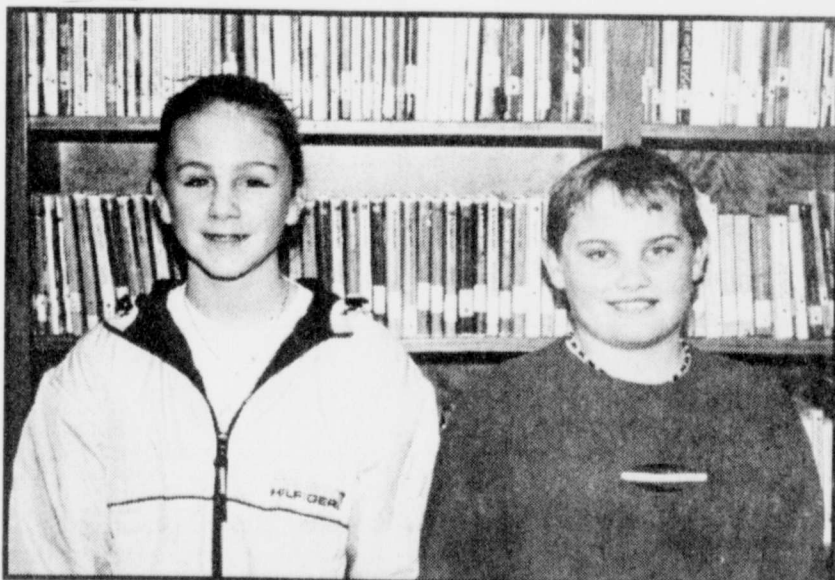
Candles

& Candle Holders

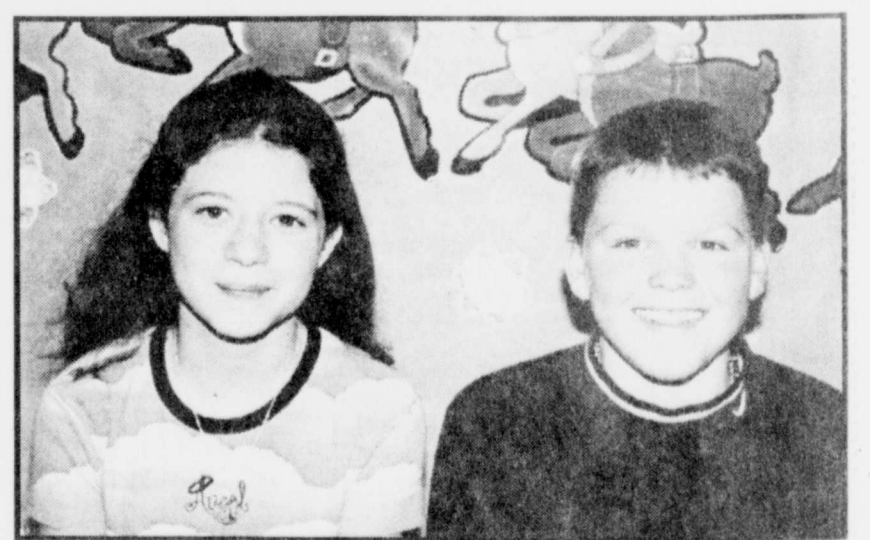


CITY DRUG STORE

Marilyn Glover Duane Glover
Main Street Deport 652-3456



DEPORT CHRISTMAS KING AND QUEEN for the 6th grade is Lacie Cole and Bradlee Watson. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT KING AND QUEEN for the 7th grade is Jenni Ballard and Josh Allen. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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by readers.



DEPORT KING AND QUEEN for 8th grade is Whitney Turner and Matt Swint. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Look For More Winners From The
Deport Christmas Parade Next Week