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You Need WHAT?

Last week I wrote about one of my "charity" cats stalking one of my "charity" cats. I suppose this sparked an idea in a friend of mine's head. I will withhold the name of this friend and his children for the simple reason that otherwise I suspect he would have much more response to his request than he ever, ever wanted.

After the paper came out this friend called with what has to be the darnedest request I've ever been asked in regards to cats.

Over the years most people know that I love cats. They know I have had lots of cats dumped on me. They know I've found homes for many cats, after neutering them and getting them healthy. They know I've taken in kittens burned in house fires and kittens thrown from moving vehicles.

I've been asked for kittens by the hundreds. I've been asked for long haired, short haired, Siamese, male and female kittens. I've been asked for blue eyed, yellow eyed and green eyed kittens.

I've had requests for ANY color kitten, and I've been asked for yellow, brown, white, black and calico kittens.

I have had request for adult cats, even once (glorious day) for a mother cat with kittens!

Over my years of adopting, finding and being brought cats I thought I had heard absolutely every request possible.

BUT, last week I heard it all. Folks, these friends called to inquire as to whether I had a nice, gentle natured, un-neutered tom cat to be the father of their female cat's kittens.

That one has to cap it!

Not only and I unaccustomed to people WANTING their cat to have kittens, but I've never had anyone who felt they NEEDED a tomcat in order to have kittens.

It always seems to be the reverse!

But, they insist there are no tom cats out where they live. I promise, if they leave their female cat outside for a few hours there will be! I've never known it to fail.

I once knew a woman who paid large amounts of money for a pair of registered Persian cats. She was going to raise and sell registered their offspring.

The female cat dashed out the door and was missing for all of thirty minutes.

Guess what? You've got it....no full blood Persians, instead, little mixed breed, semi-long haired tabby kittens!

Still, had I been in possession of one I would have happily lent a tom cat to this nice family. I don't have one. So, I refuse to give out these people's names.....otherwise I have mental visions of them being flooded with tom cats.

Can't you see their yard....black toms, white toms, yellow toms. Handsome toms, old toms with torn and battle scarred ears, but, undoubtedly, more toms than they would ever want!

Some people believe that when a horse yawns, the weather is going to change.

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PAT banquet coming up fast, good food, talent and auction items will benefit students

Plans for the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation's annual fund raising banquet and auction are nearly complete.

This year's banquet promises to be the success of the others, and even more tables have been added to accommodate the number of people wanting to attend.

Tickets for the meal or \$25 each. A table for ten people is \$250. Call 652-6476 to make arrangement for tickets, or go by Prairiland High School, or see a PAT foundation member.

The catered meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. with entertainment to follow.

This year's entertainment will have the theme of "Past, Present & Future" and will feature talent from past

FFA Talent Teams, the current Talent Team and perhaps some upcoming talent. Stoney Musgrove, who has won district again this year in FFA competition, will know by the banquet whether or not he has qualified for state competition. Talent from the Jazz Band will also be featured, as well as other students will be performing.

A silent auction will be conducted throughout. Just a few of this year's auction items are: a saddle, a hand made cedar chest, hand made quilt, A Lincoln Welder, golf balls seeders, decorative metal crosses, a convertible worklight, floral arrangements, decorative items and much more.

Two special items will be auctioned off by live auction during the

course of the event.

In addition, the foundation is accepting \$1 donations and will hold a drawing the night of the banquet for a trip to Las Vegas. The trip is for two people and includes airfare and three nights at the Statosphere hotel.

The Prairiland Seniors can earn Patriot Bucks by accepting donations from anyone wanting one.

New scholarship criteria are being set up to award Prairiland students scholarships.

A discussion of the First Annual Golf Tournament, set for May 5th was held. Harold Morrison reported that there are nine teams signed up. Call Harold at Binsom Feed Store to enter the golf tournament. Fee for six person team is \$300.



AUCTION ITEMS- members of the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation stand behind a beautiful hand crafted cedar chest built by Bobby Winters. This is just one of the many auction items that will be sold at the fund raising banquet coming up March 1st. Others include decorative items, weed killer, golf balls, heavy duty welders and much, much more. Tickets are \$25 each for the catered meal, which will feature live entertainment. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport Fire Department Supper, Auction is set

It's that time of year again! Time to come out and support your local volunteer fire department by enjoying stew or chili and then bidding on some fine auction items as well as the chance to win door prizes.

The event is scheduled for March 3rd, 2001, a Saturday night and is being put on by the Fire Department and the Bucket Brigade auxiliary.

It will be held at the Deport Elementary School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the auction

beings at 6:00 p.m.

There will be homemade beef stew, chicken stew and chili with cornbread, crackers and tea, coffee and dessert for only \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Children under

age 6 get to eat free.

There will be lots of door prizes given away that evening.

Desserts are needed for the events. Anyone wishing to donate a dessert may call Darden Sparks Department store at 652-4515 ahead of time so that the committee can have some idea of what they will have.

The cafeteria will be open from 1:00 p.m. for people to drop by the desserts, or pickup can be arranged.

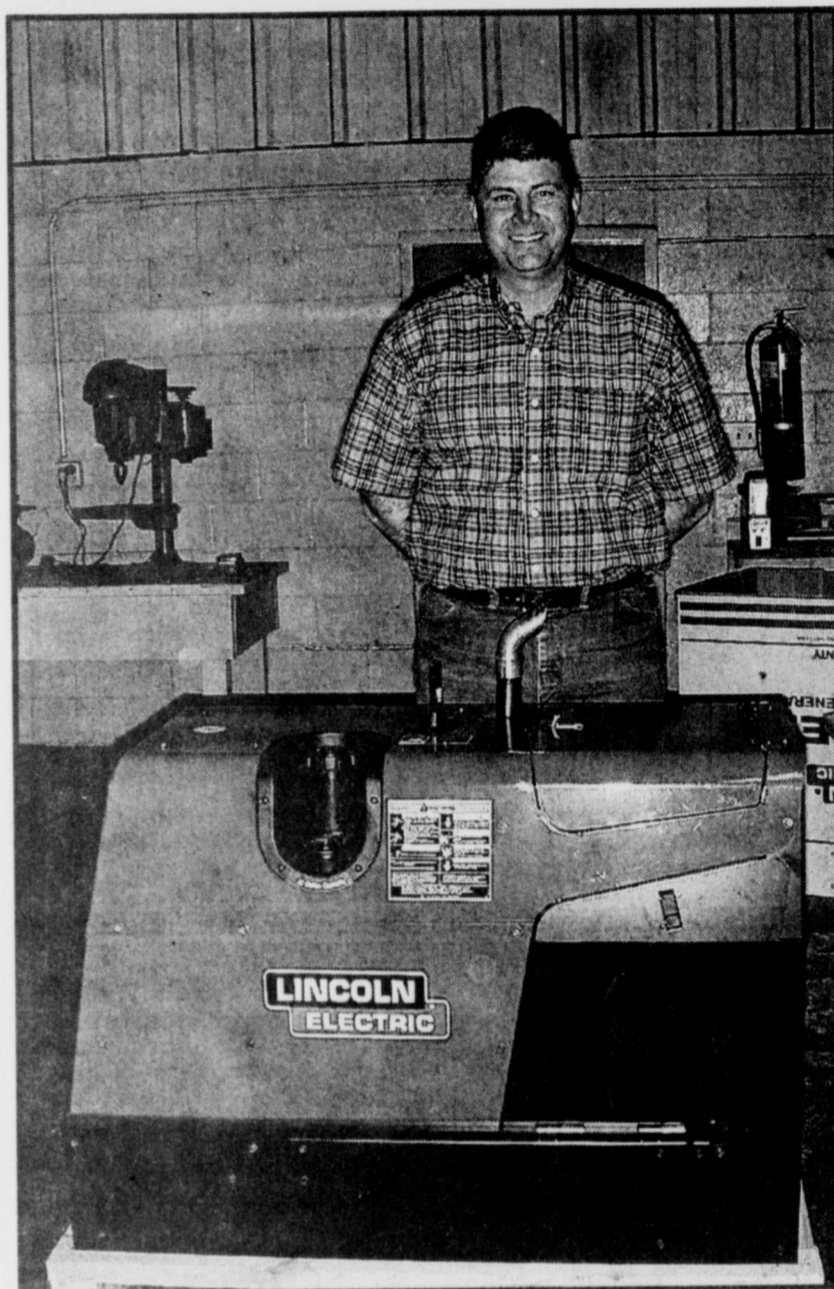
A wide variety of auction items, ranging from homemade craft items to agricultural implements will be offered and the highest bid to claim.

Come on and help fund the fire department that is always there for fire, accident or medical needs. They are there for you, be there for them.



PRAIRILAND Principal Ronnie Baker is pictured here with S.A.V.E. program speaker Davy Rovers who spoke last week to the Jr. High and High School students at an assembly. He is a Viet Nam vet who travels to school to speak to students about abstinence and self esteem. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Editor's Quotes
Goodness is the only investment that never fails.
Thoreau



TRACY CRAWFORD of Paris Oxygen stands behind the heavy duty Lincoln welder he has generously donated to the Prairiland Academic Trust Foundation to be auctioned at their upcoming fund raiser. Money will go to provide scholarship for Prairiland seniors. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



NEW MEDICAL SUPPLIES- Marilyn Glover of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department supplies the padded splint boards, new oxygen bottle and refills for the suction unit that the Bucket Brigade has purchased for use on medical calls. The Bucket Brigade Auxiliary has been of great value in helping to supply the fire department with much needed items. A fund raiser is scheduled for March 5th and everyone is invited to come have stew, chili and all the trimmings and bid on auction items.

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Call Liz at 982-5829 or Nanalee at 652-405

Obituaries

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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There is more to Mexican cooking than a combination of ground beef, cheese, onions and microwaved refried beans. In fact, most of what passes for Mexican food north of the border would leave people living in Mexico scratching their heads in bewilderment. "Mexican" food in the United States bears little resemblance to the authentic flavors of real Mexican cuisine.

A quick trip through the central market of a Mexican town or village reveals the true character of Mexican cooking. Piles of bright-red tomatoes, dark-green fresh chilis, brick-red dried chilis, fragrant bunches of just-picked herbs and a profusion of other vegetables compete for attention with an array of fresh-caught seafood, sweet young cabrito, savory free-range chickens and the butchers stalls that offer both the noble pig and the regal cow.

The heart of authentic Mexican cooking is the grill, like the saute pan is for French cooking. Meats, fish

and vegetables are all grilled or roasted over an open fire. Even stews and soups feature ingredients that are first roasted or seared on the grill.

This week we offer you some authentic Mexican recipes cooked over the grill. Try them out and we will "see you in the kitchen"!

Mexican Grilled Vegetables-a variety of tender vegetables is grilled and seasoned with a Mexican vinaigrette and garnished with fresh herbs and a squeeze of lime.

Classic Mexican Red Tomato Rice-version of the familiar Mexican rice but is cooked on the grill.

Grilled Catfish Tacos with Tomatillo Salsa-might seem strange to Americans who enjoy their catfish fried, one taste will convince of a new way of eating catfish!

Tomatillo Salsa-spicy green salsa made from green tomatillos that have a papery husk and can be purchased at any grocery store.

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Mexican Grilled Vegetables

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 6 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt plus additional
- 1/2 teaspoon pure ground chili powder or cayenne
- 2 small sweet potatoes-peel-cut into 4 slices
- 4 medium zucchini-cut into 4 slices long
- 2 small chayote-peel & cut into 1/4"
- 1 medium eggplant-cut into 4 slices and then cut in half
- 3 small bunches green onions-trimmed
- 1 pint small red cherry tomatoes
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs
- 4 limes cut in wedges

Combine oil, vinegar, 2 teaspoons salt and chili powder in blender. Process until smooth. Lightly coat vegetables with this mixture. Tossing tomatoes in a little oil before adding. Set remaining vinaigrette beside grill along with basting brush and salt. One by one lay vegetables slices and green onion on the cooking grate. Sprinkle lightly with salt and cook about 5 minutes. Turn vegetables over and baste with seasoned vinaigrette. Cook 3-4 minute longer, as soon as vegetables are done, remove from grill and transfer to a platter. Be sure to check each for doneness. Place tomatoes on the grill last for about 2 minutes. Place all vegetables on platter and sprinkle with chopped herbs (thyme, cilantro, basil or parsley) and serve hot or at room temperature.

Classic Mexican Red Tomato Rice

- 1 can tomatoes in juice-drain
- 1/2 small white onion-chopped
- 2 garlic cloves-peel & chop
- 1-3/4 cups chicken broth or water
- 1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 whole tomatoes-unpeeled
- 1-1/2 cups rice-medium grain
- 2 medium carrots-peel & chop 1/4"
- fresh hot chilis to taste-slit lengthwise
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 box frozen peas-thawed

In food processor combine canned tomatoes with onion and garlic. Blend into smooth puree. In small saucepan or microwave, heat broth or water until steaming season with salt. Lightly oil fresh tomatoes and place them directly on the cooking grate and grill until skin is lightly charred. When cool, roughly chop and set aside. Heat oil and add raw rice and stir regularly until kernels have turned from translucent to milky white, 5-6 minutes. Add tomato mixture and carrots. Stir a couple of times and then let cook until reduced and somewhat dry, 2-3 minutes. Add warm broth to water and parsley; stir thoroughly and scrape down any rice clinging to side of pan. Cover and place on cooking grate. Cook for 15 minutes or until almost all of the liquid is absorbed. Add peas and grilled tomatoes. Re-cover and cook 5 minutes.

Grilled Catfish Tacos with Tomatillo Salsa

- 1/2 small white onion
- 3 garlic cloves-peel & chop
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin salt
- 4 catfish fillets
- olive oil for brushing
- 6 springs fresh cilantro
- tomatillo salsa-see recipe
- small bowl of lime wedges
- 12 fresh warm corn tortillas

In food processor, puree onion, garlic, lime juice, cumin and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place fish fillets in glass baking dish. Using spoon, cover both sides of fish with marinade. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or up to 8 hours. Remove fish and gently shake off excess. Oil fish on both sides and place on cooking grate. Grill 10 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking time, until lightly brown. Break fish into large pieces and sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with taco fixings, tomatillo salsa and lime wedges.

Tomatillo Salsa

- 1 pound tomatillos or green tomatoes husk and rinse
 - 1/2 cup fresh green chilis to taste
 - 10-12 springs fresh cilantro-chop
 - 1/3 cup finely chopped white onion salt
- Roast tomatillos or green tomatoes and chilis directly over heat until darkly roasted for about 5 minutes. Turn and roast the other side for 4 or 5 minutes more. Cool and transfer to a blender, including juice. Add cilantro and 1/3 cup water and blend to coarse puree. Rinse onion under cold water and shake excess to remove moisture. Stir in salsa and season to taste with salt.



*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.

Red River Genealogy to meet

The Red River County Genealogy organization will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2001 at the Red River County Library in Clarksville.

Norman E. Sain dies January 29

Norman E. Sain, age 94 of Bogata, formerly of Paris, died Monday, January 29 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home conducted graveside services at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 31 at Restland Cemetery in Cunningham with Rev. Robert Myre officiating.

Norman was born January 1, 1907 in Cunningham, a son of Charlie Lee and Willie Coker Sain. He married Rachel Alvrene Posey on October 24, 1923 in Cunningham. She died July 24, 1998. He retired as a bookkeeper with Whitten Lumber Company in Talco and was also a bus and taxi cab driver. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Virginia Bell and husband Larry of Paris, Frances Thomas of Bogata; two sisters, Dorothy Green of Bogata and FayNell Nance of Ft. Stockton. He was preceded in death by brothers, Thurman and Buford Sain and a sister, Pauline Williams.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, food, cards and the donations that were sent during the loss of our dear loved one, Scott Ward. We especially wish to thank the James Wood family, First Baptist Church and Rivercrest Athletic Department. Also to Bro. Jim Benfer, Bro. Sam Campbell and Bro. Jeff Crowley for their beautiful message and words of encouragement. To the active and honorary pallbearers, know that we love you dearly. Thank you to John Fitch, the Deport/Bogata Community Choir and to Pop (Dr. T.H. Glover), Ida Lou Read and Martha Glover for the wonderful music provided. Randy and Lisa Carroll, thank you and we love you!

Also a special thanks to all the ladies and men who came to the house to help serve and to assist in any way needed. The lunch and dinner provided by Rosalie Community and Deport UMC was greatly appreciated. Thank you, St. Joseph's Hospital staff and paramedics for doing everything possible during our time of need. Those who came to the hospital, know your love and support did not go unnoticed. Words cannot express how much our friends and neighbors mean to us. Please continue the "power of prayer" which Scott spoke of quite often as one of the greatest gifts that could be given. Again, thank you all and know that we love you from the bottom of our heart.

Gayle, Zachary, Jeremy and the Scott Ward family

Seminar to be presented February 14 at PJC

"How to Present Image for Working Women" will be presented Wednesday, February 14 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Alford Center at PJC.

In this free video presentation, you will learn how to create a truly professional image by projecting personal power that gets noticed, gets respect and gets remembered. Learn how to overcome self-image problems, visualize yourself as a more powerful, competent professional, determine what level of dress to wear for any occasion, keep your composure in stressful situations, techniques to become more visible to people with clout, and how to project authority at meetings and during presentations. Workbook is included.

To register, call Continuing Education at 903-782-0447.

Mrs. Vivian Irene Landrum dies January 31

Mrs. Vivian Irene Landrum, age 74 of Sargent died January 31 at her residence.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5 at Meadowbrook Gardens in Paris under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Deport. Rev. C.G. Renfro officiated.

Mrs. Landrum was born October 3, 1926 in Pottsbough, Indiana, the daughter of Carl L. and Mildred Irene Benight McCarty. She married James Ferrell Landrum on July 8, 1950 in Houston. He died January 30, 1987. She was also preceded in death by a brother, William McCarty. She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Jo Rush-Clark of St. Simons Island, GA and Tammy Landrum of Norman, OK; four grandchildren, Raymond Clayton Rider of Muskogee, OK, Summer Darlene Tucker and Ashley Rae Dyal, both of Sweeny and James Jay Dyal of Norman, OK; one great-granddaughter, Sativa Jewel Ritchey of Sweeny; two brothers, Carl Leroy McCarty and Charles F. McCarty and his wife, Doris; two nephews, Charles W. McCarty and his wife Terry, David McCarty and his wife Linda and a niece Linda Everts, all of Indiana.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all who helped one way or the other with the illness and death of my husband. To Dr. Cochran and staff, Cypress Basin Hospice, for prayers, food, calls, flowers and cards, Bro. Paul Newby for the good message preached, Bro. and Sister Hood for the song, Mrs. Duck for letting us use Bro. Earl Duck's poem and last but not least, Wood Funeral Home.

May the Lord Bless, The Family of Andrew (Jacky Boy) Henry

Card of Thanks

Our family very much appreciates all the good deeds done for us and our loved one, Lois Dudley, the Deport Nursing Home, nurses and doctors.

Jerry Dudley, Rodger and Linda Wilma Stansell, Robbie Slaton

Card of Thanks

The family of Ella Davis very much appreciates all the good deeds during her stay in Red River Healthcare and East Texas Medical Center. We especially thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, calls and prayers. Also to Bro. George Rape for the wonderful message, Bro. John Rape and all who supported the family.

May God bless you, Joe Stewart, Jewel Davis, Annie Mae Rodgers

Card of Thanks

The family of Agnes Guess would like to express thanks to their many friends for their support, kindness and prayers during the loss of our loving mother.

Thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards, food and kind words during our time of sorrow.

We would like to express special thanks to Red River Health Care staff and the Wood Funeral Home. We would also like to give special thanks to Rev. Bob Posey for his comforting words and Rick Holeman for the beautiful music in song and Police Chief Charlie Clegg and his officers for leading the funeral procession to the cemetery. A sincere appreciation is given to all the pallbearers for their thoughtfulness and assistance in laying our mother to rest. May God bless you all.

The Guess Family

*** The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. -Ralph Waldo Emerson ***



Mrs. Claudie Dudley

Mrs. Claudie Dudley dies January 31

Mrs. Claudie (Lois G.) Dudley, age 89 of Deport died Wednesday, January 31 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 3 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Rev. Freddy Burden officiating. Burial followed in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Dudley was born August 13, 1911 in Clardy, the daughter of Albert and Sattie Stone Stansell. She married Claudie Dudley on September 23, 1929 in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death on April 2, 2000. She was an LVN and had worked at the Deport Hospital and the Deport Nursing Home. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Deport.

Pallbearers were Roger Allen, Johnny Dawson, Dewayne Ham, Buddy Malone, Donald Bob Merritt and Kyle Wright.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry Dudley of Deport and Rodger Dudley and wife Linda of Star Harbor; two sisters, Wilma Stansell of Paris and Robbie Nell Slaton of Halesboro; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; one sister and one grandson.

Parents Support Group to meet

The February 12 meeting of the Bereaved Parents Support Group will be a round table discussion with Irene Bryant. She will focus on trauma, loss and bereavement by Gary W. Reece, Ph.D.

The group meets the second Monday of each month at the TU Electric Building in Paris. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

An open invitation is extended to everyone.

Katie Owen Carrell dies February 2

Katie Owen Carrell, age 87 of Ennis, died February 2 in the Ennis Care Center. Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services on Monday, February 5 at 12:00 m. in the Restland Cemetery of Cunningham.

She was born in Stigler, OK on July 1, 1913, and the daughter of Claude and Mary Lane Allen. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Davis (Shorty) Owen in 1967, her second husband, Lawrence Carrell in 1976 and two daughters, Mary Owen Bailey in 1989 and Loretta M. Owen in 1999.

Surviving is her daughter, Patsy Owen Jones of Dallas; three sons, Claude Owen of Louisville, KY, Melvin Owen of Granbury and Tommy Owen of Rosalie; one brother, Herbert Allen of Chowchilla, CA; a sister, Ivy McKibben of Rogers, AR; 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Gary E. Townes dies January 6

Gary E. Townes, age 55 of Clarksville died Tuesday, January 6 at his residence.

Services were held Thursday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Westside Church of Christ with James Rennaker and Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Burial followed in Lanes Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

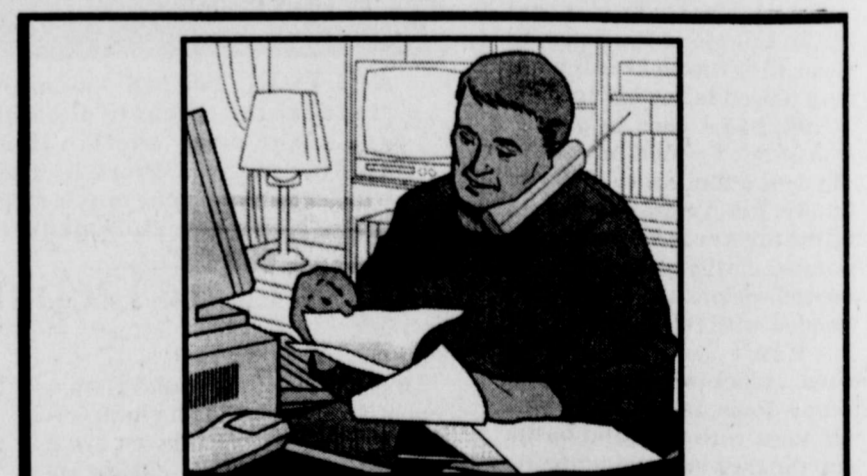
Mr. Townes was born in Deport on December 21, 1945, a son of John E. and Dorothy Creemeens Townes. He was a longtime production manager at Magnolia Brush Manufacturing in Clarksville, a member of the Westside Church of Christ and served in the National Guard and Army Reserves.

Pallbearers were Michael and Charlie Townes, J.P. Harvey, George Gordon, Jerry Phillips, James Jones. Honorary bearers were men of the Westside Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Backus Townes, whom he married August 12, 1966, of Clarksville; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Townes of Clarksville; sons, Gary E. Townes Jr. and wife Terri of Clarksville; a daughter, Kelley and husband Shane Joplin of Clarksville; sisters, Sue Giddens of Reno, Barbara Gibbs of Bogata and Annette Brown of Clarksville; a brother, Gerald Townes of Clarksville; grandchildren, Blake and Dalton Joplin and Jon and Laura McCoy.

*** Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter. -John Keats ***

Spencer Music will put on a music show from 2 til 4 p.m., picking old time tunes, country & western at the Bogata Community Center on Feb. 24. "Some comedy" added. You must see this cross-eyed lady friend. She is very bashful. She is called the Georgia Peach Picker. Make her laugh. Also we have a Guess Who? that Spencer is acting like. A prize will be given away. Spencer is 85 and legally blind. He moved here from Branson area. This is a donation, please, to help pay expenses.



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Lady Pats score district win

The Lady Patriots scored their first district win of the season on Tuesday night, January 31, 2001, with a win over Hughes Springs 54-51.

Both teams were tied at the end of the first quarter 9-9 and at the buzzer at halftime the game was still tied 24-24.

The third had the Lady Pats pull out in the lead with 15 points to Hughes Springs 8. Hughes Springs came alive in the final quarter hitting for 21 while the ladies could only manage 15 more to take the win.

Freshman Brittany Ballard was high for the night with 17 while Emilee Bolton followed with 10. Kami Hudson had 8 along with 8 from Crystal Davis. Lacy Davis shot for 7 and Jordan Hunold had 4. The girls hit 10-17 free throws and com-

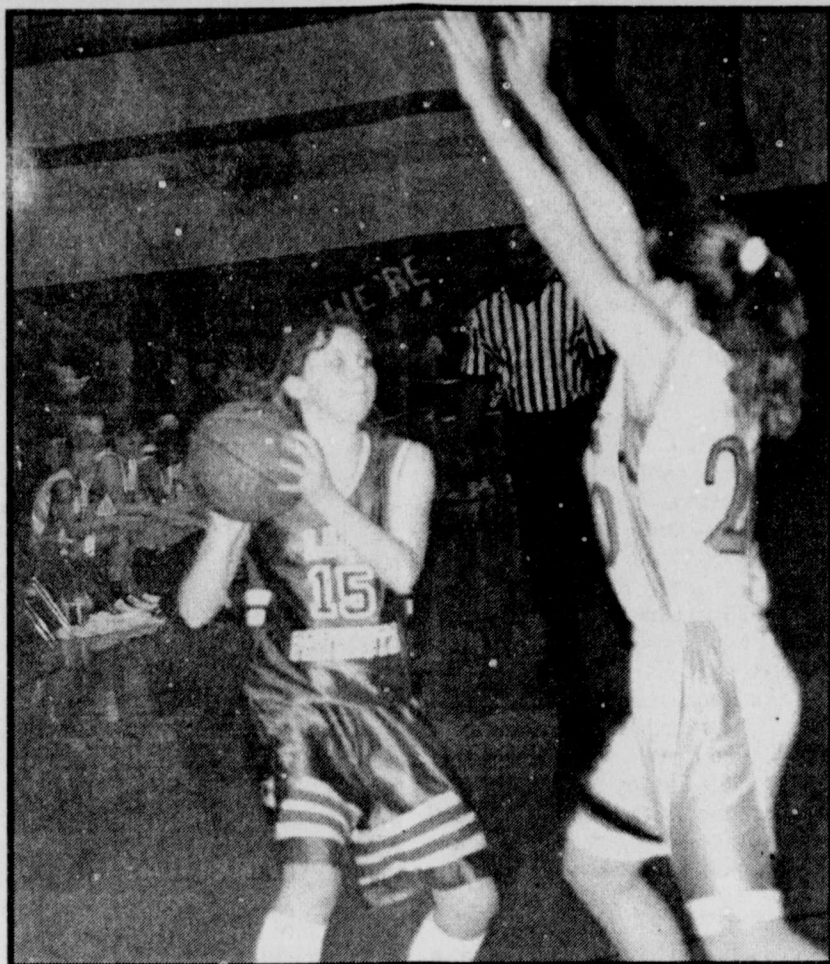
mitted 13 fouls.

On Friday night, February 2, the girls traveled to Joliet to face the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rebels out-paced the Lady Pats 8-13 and 9-17 in the 1st and 2nd quarters.

The girls came back in the third to hit 19 to the Lady Rebel's 14, but still needed 8 to take the lead. In the final quarter the ladies delivered 15 to the basket but was not enough for the win and went home the losers 51-61.

Hudson, C. Davis and Hunold all scored in double figures with 13, 12 and 10 respectively. While L. Davis hit 9, Ballard 6 and Sara Bolton had one. The girls committed 34 fouls and managed 11-15 from the free throw line. Davis and Hunold each added a three-point shot.



LADY PATRIOTS traveled to Rivercrest on Friday night to take on the Lady Rebels. The girls lost 51-61. They played Hughes Springs on Tuesday night, January 31 and took their first district win 54-51. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Patriots split games for the week

The Prairiland Patriots traveled to Hughes Springs and brought back a 2-point win of 50-48.

The game saw Hughes Springs take the first quarter lead of 9-15 but the Pats pulled out ahead in the second as the board read 22-19 going into the half.

Each team scored 12 in the third and it was a battle to the buzzer in the fourth as the Patriots took the win.

Heath Sessums was high with 11 while Smith followed with 10. Chris Berry added 9 and D.J. Loveless had 7. Stoney Musgrove 5, Eric Berry 4 and Kyle Malone and Robby Nichols added 2 each.

In Friday night's game against Rivercrest, the boys suffered a 35-78

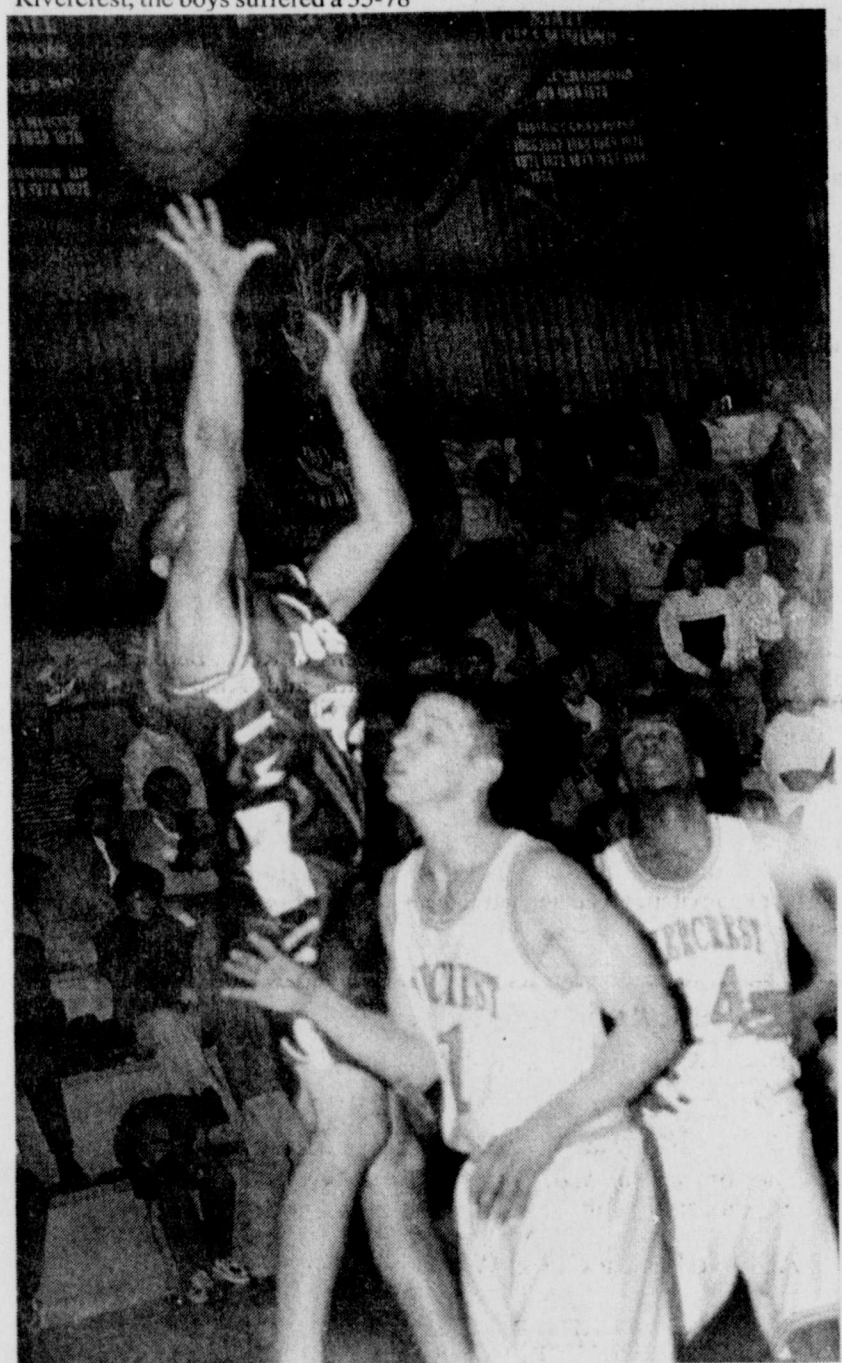
game over the Rebels.

Rivercrest came out in the first quarter and scored 20 over the Pat's 8 and hit 27 in the second as the Pats could only manage 8 more.

Third quarter was had the Pats adding 11 to the boards but it was not enough as the Rebels pumped in 14 and 17 in the fourth to the Pat's 8.

C. Berry was high with 11. Sessums added 7 while Musgrove had 6 along with 6 from E. Berry. Loveless had 3 and Aaron Murdock 2.

With a record of 2-7, 5-15, the Pats will take on DeKalb Tuesday night and Chapel Hill on Friday night, with both games at home.



PRAIRILAND PATRIOTS played at Rivercrest on Friday night. They lost their game 35-78. Earlier in the week the Pats won over Hughes Springs in a close game 50-48. (Staff Photo)

Business burglary is Crime of the Week

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the night of Tuesday, December 26, unknown suspects forced entry into the L.O. Hammons store at 27 Lamar in Paris. Once inside the store, the suspects stole 60 Tommy Hilfiger shirts. This burglary resulted in over \$4,000.00 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 February 12, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

Deport Little Dribblers play Blossom

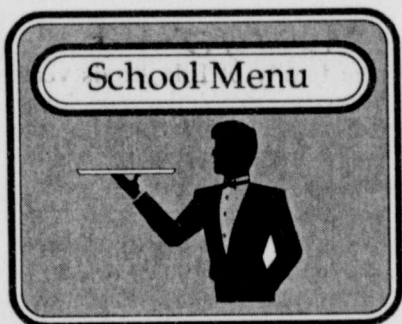
Deport Little Dribblers played Blossom at Prairiland on Saturday, February 3, 2001. Below is the stats for the game:

4th girls won 14-7	Davis 6
Patterson 4	Norwood 4
5th grade girls won 30-12 in game 1	McLean 6
Ham 2	Ballard 2
Murdock 2	Harrell 6
Spann 4	Gibson 2
Martin 6	5th grade girls won 38-6 in game 2
McLean 4	Ham 2
Ballard 2	Murdock 6
Harrell 12	Spann 4
Freeman 2	Martin 6

6th grade girls won 15-3	Mitchell 2
Graham 3	Screws 2
Rector 6	English 2
4th grade boys won 19-15	Ford 2
Tesch 14	Wear 3
5th grade boys lost 9-16	Ballard 2
Nichols 1	Syrus 6
5th grade boys won 44-30	Syrus 12
Wilson 2	Watson 8
Smallwood 3	Bundy 4
Spears 14	



JACK Ballard stands with movie star Bo Derrick at a presidential celebration during INAUGURATION week. The Ballards enjoyed a great week.



Prairiland Menu Week of February 12

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito w/salsa
Juice, milk
Lunch: Beef fingers
Mashed potatoes
Gravy
Green beans
Rolls
Milk
Tuesday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza
Com
Salad
Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes
Fried okra
Rolls
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast: Pancakes, toast, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes
Gravy
Com
Rolls
Milk
Friday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburgers
Pork and beans
Potato chips
Fruit cocktail
Milk



Friends and neighbors helped Morris Lawler celebrate his 86th birthday Saturday evening. Mable Pearson of Marshall spent Sunday with her sister and husband Elizabeth and Holland Bell. Nick Maudsley of Benbrook visited his mother Billie Goheen and grandmother, Matty Upchurch Tuesday and Wednesday. Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Edna and Frank Lee. James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Tuesday afternoon. Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with his mother Velma and John Temple Thursday night. Nikki and Ethan Lane of Mesquite spent the weekend with their grandmother and mother, Edna Talley and Jeannie. Don and Eva Upchurch of Albuquerque, N.M. visited his mother and sister, Matty Upchurch and Billie Goheen over the weekend.

Prairiland High School	
February 12	
13	Softball at North Lamar, 5:00-8:00, V
	BBall, Cnisum, Here, JVB, VB, 6:00
14	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
15	Tournament at Royce City
	Junior High Tournament
16	Royce City Tournament
	Junior High Tournament
17	FCCLA General Conference, Garland
	Royce City Tournament
	Junior High Tournament
19	Baseball at Cooper
	Financial Aid Workshop for Seniors & Parents, 6 to 7 p.m.

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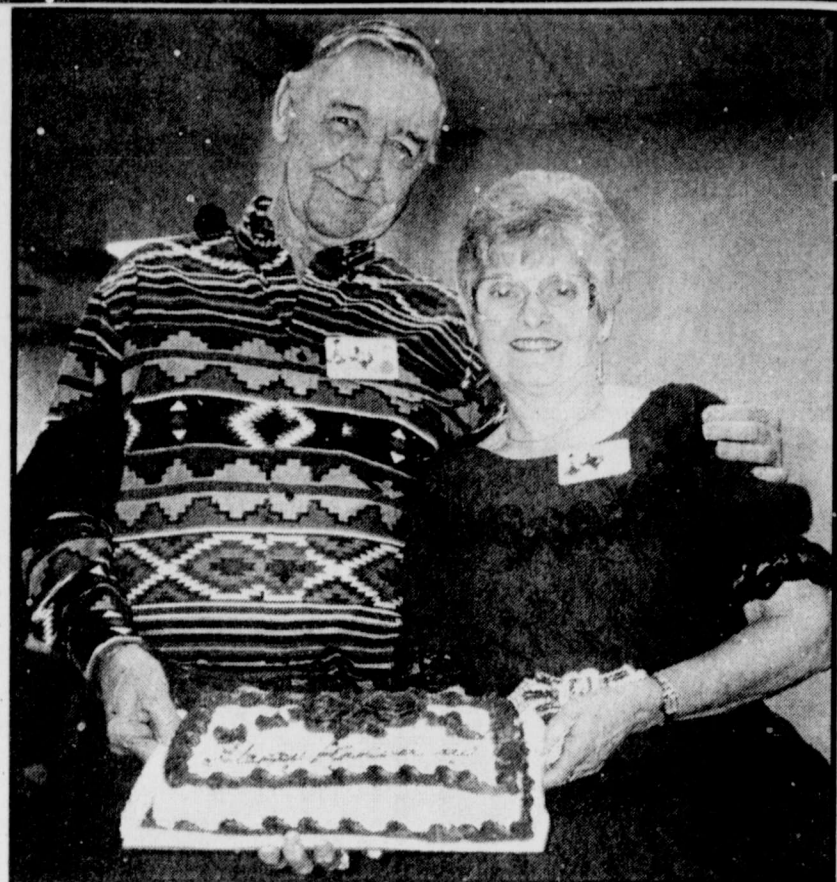
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bronson (Bunky) Smith



VALENTINE'S SPECIAL-Prairiland Project Graduation seniors are pictured here as they show off discount cards that are now on sale for \$5.00 each. The card gives discounts from area businesses. Cards may be purchased from any senior, M&M Food Mart, Blossom Superette or Huck's Fina or the high school. Pictured left to right is Matt Moffitt, Amy Hicks, Jessie Crawford and Micael Flatt. Pictured in front is Tammy Nichols and Tabitha Baxter. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Smiths to celebrate

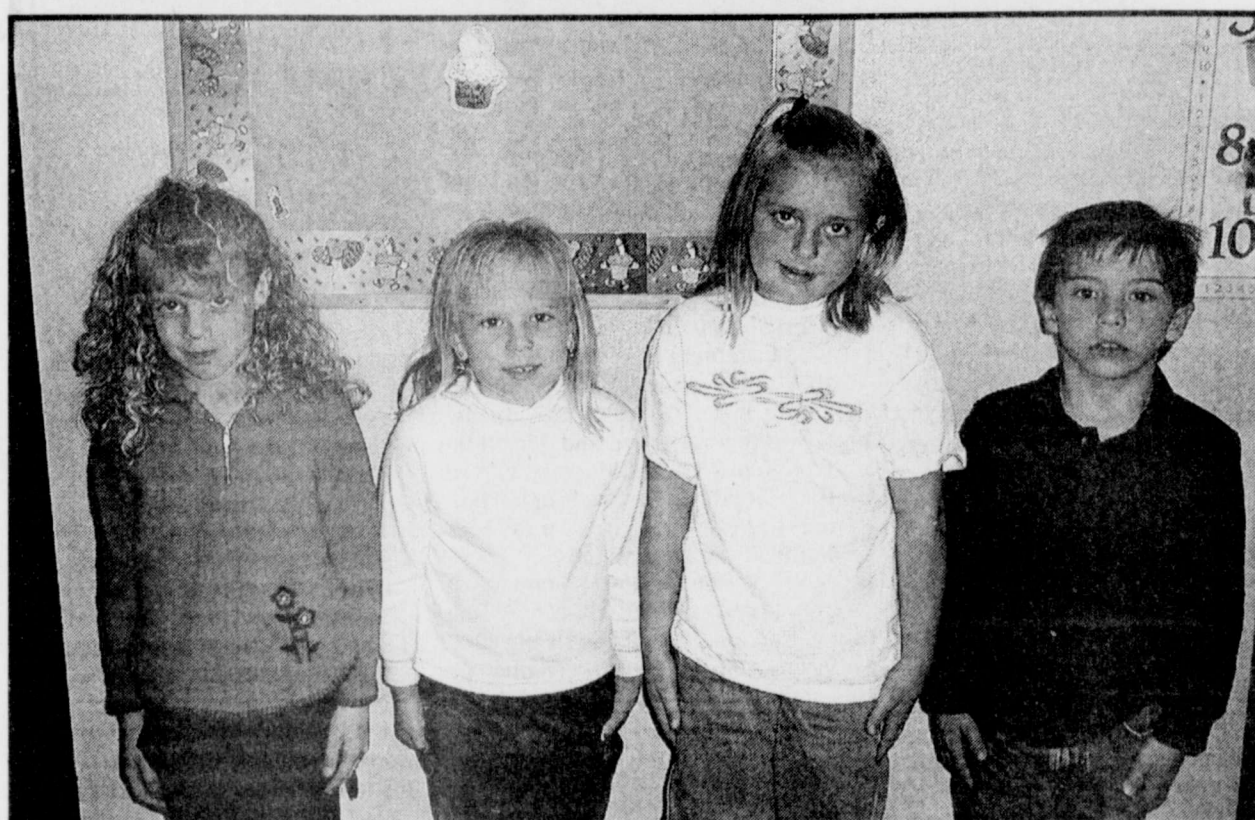
Bunky and Floy Smith will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception on Sunday, February 11, 2001 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bogata United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located on Main Street in Bogata. All family and friends are invited to come and join the celebration. The couple have requested your attendance be your only gift.

The Smiths are being honored by their children and their spouses, Monte and Frieda Smith of Crowley and Patti and Bruce Knowles of Longview. They are also being honored by their grandchildren, Dana Knowles, a student at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Monica Smith, a student at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Adam Knowles, a student at Pine Tree High School in Longview and Austin Smith, a student at H.F. Stevens Middle School in Crowley.

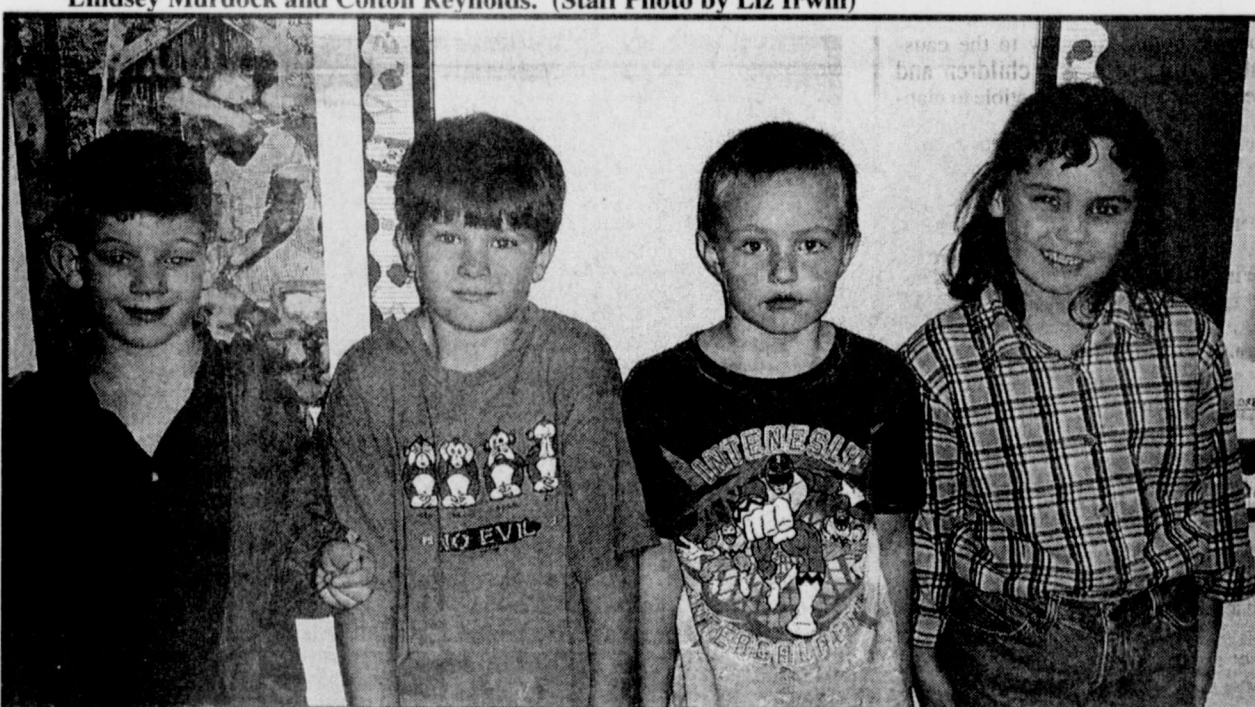
Floy Lee Waller and Carl Bronson (Bunky) Smith were married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1951 in Sulphur Bluff, Texas. For the last 50 years, they have lived on their Red River County ranch and raised cross-bred and registered Beefmaster cattle. Floy's roles as a wife, mother and homemaker, at various times have included serving as a Sunday School teacher, children's taxi, cowgirl, school room-mother, family seamstress, large animal vet and an excellent cook of local repute. Floy was also the receptionist for Dr. E.E. Brooks in Bogata for 26 years.

Bunky, in addition to raising cattle and kids also served as a Red River County Farm Bureau board member, president of the Bogata Rodeo Association, master storyteller and prankster, assistant Sunday School superintendent, the first president of the Fulbright Water Supply which later became the Red River Water Supply, expert repair man, using baling wire, and wild cattle catcher. In 1989 Bunky was recognized as Outstanding Rancher for Soil and Water Conservation for Red River County and the District.

The Smiths are members of the Bogata United Methodist Church and numerous ranging affiliated organizations. They enjoy fishing, reading, square dancing and playing various card games with their friends.



DEPORT FIRST GRADE STAR STUDENTS pictured left to right is Macy Mabry, Megan Bove, Lindsey Murdock and Colton Reynolds. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM'S 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL Perfect Attendance first graders-These 1st graders did not miss a day of school for the first 100 days. They are to be congratulated. Pictured left to right is Cole Clemmer, Joshua Esch, Vince Gibson and Kelsey Klingler. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Pattonville News
 By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Austin Lane Sparks, Raymond Hoover, Joyce Merritt, Ann Shelton Long, Tonya Crawford, Frankye Sessums, Lorene Gibson, Tamara Williams, Toni Clarkson, Stoney Musgrove, Chris Bassinger, Casey Johnson, Terry Cavender, Treda Norwood.

Happy anniversary to Bobby and Sue Salter, Wes and Tiffany Winters, Silas and Juanita Taylor, Doug and Melissa Phillips.

Jesse and Frances Anderson had lunch at TaMolly's in Paris Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lois Dudley, who died January 31.

Peggy Parsons, Gary Ballard, Wayne Beard and Virginia Reed attended an executive board meeting of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association in the Paris ISD administration building in Paris on Friday.

Randall and Rita Cox had lunch with her mother, Mary Head, in Paris on Sunday.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home Sunday. Inez Weaver of Paris was also a visitor.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Arlie Foster of Ragtown who died February 4. He was the uncle of Keith Parsons.



S.C. Short of Paris is recuperating after a recent hospital stay.

Many from the community attended the Little Dribbler basketball game between Deport and Blossom Saturday at the Prairiland gym.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Alice Simmons of Taylortown who died Monday, February 5. She was the mother of Peggy Crenshaw of our community.

Visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons included Irene Parsons and Marcy Campbell of Paris, Gayle Ward of Rosalie, Leah Boren, Emily Haggard, Carley and Canyon Conley and Tom Odell.

Vivian Day was honored on her birthday by family members Brad and Velma Burnsed, Robert, Victoria and Roxy, Jamie and Brandi Day of Sulphur Springs. Other visitors included Calvin and Judy Day and Sara Higdon.

Calvin Day is recovering from recent heart surgery in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien of Garland spent several days at their home in Shady Grove last week. They visited her brother, Calvin and Judy Day and the Shady Grove Cemetery where they reported much damage to the new chain link fence on the west side, due to the recent ice storm.

Friday, February 9-Pattonville Community Center dance, 8 p.m., live band. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Cookie sale hampered by flu

Natural disasters had an impact on the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale according to officials of the Girl Scout Council of Red River Valley. Although many potential customers were not contacted during the initial order taking in January, the Girl Scouts want people to know that it is not too late to order their cookies.

For information or to order cookies, contact the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-9075.

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Spending Friday night and Saturday with Mary Jane Lowry was Janie Ballard of Gilmer, Ryan Alyssa Landsey of Hughes Springs and Marla and Ryan Ballard of Johtown.

Ruby Crawford visited with her sister Gladys McClellan of Mabank on Saturday. She is a patient in Baylor Hospital in Dallas and we wish her the best.

Karen Kraft of Richardson spent

Friday thru Sunday with Emma and Lloyd Willard.

Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long visited with Mib and Jo Myers of Post Oak on Thursday.

Paul and Bessie Garrett visited with Jerry Garrett at Baylor Hospital on Saturday. Also there was Kim and Clay Redditt of Arlington and Pattie Garrett of Lake Tawokani.

Amy and Trystan Chapman traveled to Heber Springs, Arkansas over the weekend to visit with Skipper Chapman. While there they traveled to Little Rock and Trystan and her parents enjoyed the afternoon at Chuckie Cheese Restaurant.

Don't forget the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department's annual chili supper and auction this Saturday night. Everything begins at 5:00 p.m.!

Woman shares story of love and New Hope

By Nanalee Nichols
Betty Patterson called me today. Betty had an experience that she wants to share with readers, one so special that she "feels I just need to share it".

Betty lives in Chicago and visit relatives in the Detroit area.

"I've been really low, lately, my heart has just been so heavy", she explained. She was visiting in Detroit.

Last Sunday, she says she went to church, but "It just didn't do much for me. I needed something". That evening Betty got in the car and drove

around. She passed the New Hope church on FM 410 and says "I felt drawn towards the church." Betty was so distraught and low that she was crying as she passed by.

New Hope is a black church, and Betty is white, but that certainly didn't stop two ladies in the parking lot of the church from noticing Betty's distress and motioning to her. Still drawn, the woman pulled into the parking lot where she met Odessa Davis and Diane Harris for the first time. While they waited for the prayer

to be finished inside the little church they all held hands and prayed with her. Then, they took her inside.

"Pastor Brian Thomas of Dallas welcomed me" Betty says, "John and Dorothy Savage wrapped their arms around me. Never, ever have I been welcomed so warmly anywhere".

The congregation listened as Betty told them of her problems, and she just couldn't stop crying.

"You cannot imagine how good it felt," she says "I never felt so wanted, I've never felt such genuine concern in my entire life".

Prayers were offered and Betty left with the knowledge that more prayers would be made on her behalf in the days to come.

"I just wanted to share this story with everyone" the woman declares, "I want people to know what a wonderful thing the congregation of New Hope did for me, and what a strong, loving group they are".

Betty's problems didn't vanish that day, of course. But she feels that God guided her to New Hope and now she has just that...New Hope and faith.



INAUGURATION CELEBRATION-Jack and Glenda Ballard of Texarkana attended the inauguration of the President in Washington D.C. Rain didn't dampen their spirits a bit.

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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

Janis Reynolds, Bonnie Flatt and Johnie Lee attended lunch at the Midway Community Center Sunday of the Liberty Baptist Church. The church had services at 2:00 p.m. and they attended. Bro. and Mrs. John Paul Jones of Texarkana was with them Sunday where he brought both messages while Bro. and Mrs. Permenter was on vacation.

Wilbourne Lee had cataract surgery last Thursday and is doing fine.

Bro. J.T. McNabb is sitting some with his brother Basil McNabb in the Clarksville Hospital. Basil is not doing well at this time.

Frank Lee was able to attend church Sunday but his wife Edna is still having tests run and very weak.

Billie Ruth Bates had her last scheduled chemo treatment Friday.

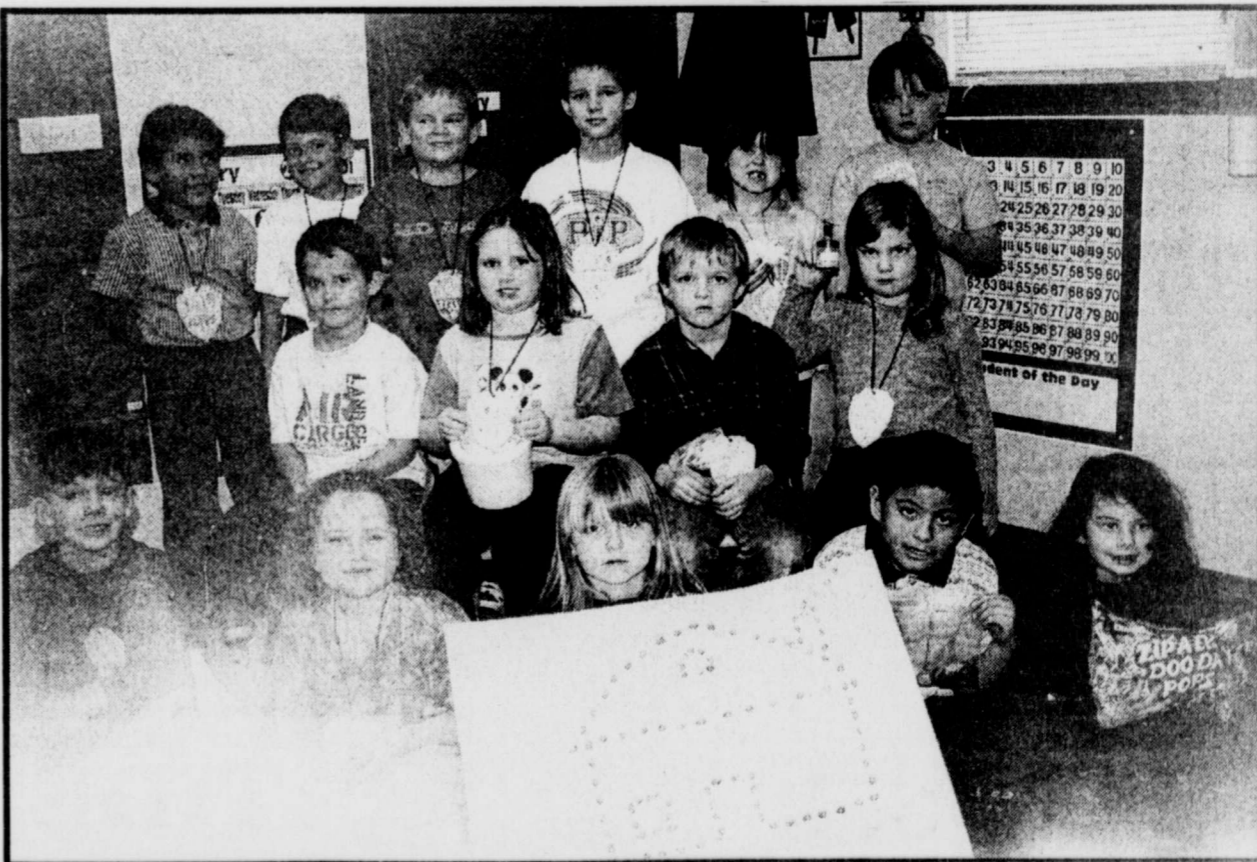
Sue and Norman Farris of Longview was here Friday and Saturday at her mother's Louis Cagle. Mrs. Cagle reports that her niece Eldon and Elma Chaloner of Bogata and was in the valley because of the ice storm did not get to come home but Eldon has been transferred from the hospital in the valley to Texarkana hospital.

Tommy Sue Emily took her mother Sue Ingram to the home of Bro. Ray and Jan Miller in Melissa Saturday to see the Miller's great grandbaby. It is Mrs. Ingram's grandbaby whose family have lived in Lubbock and will soon be moving to Melissa.

Bonnie Flatt and Janis Reynolds visited Nancy and Roger Bonds in Paris Saturday. Mr. Bonds is suffering from cancer.



AMANDA BARNARD'S Blossom first graders show off their "100th Day of School" chain that they made for this occasion. Pictured left to right back row is Patrick, Bradley Lester, Elaine Letto, Jaime Humphrey, Shelby George and Joaquin Cortez. Seated is Joshua Esch, Jessica Ebbs, Chance Steinhilber, Keleigh Breuchman and Levi Frazier. Front row is Morgan Caldwell, Caleb Talley, Tate Mauldin, Benjamin Freeman and Dakota Filkins. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



FIRST GRADERS at Blossom in Brenda Fendley's class are pictured here as they display some of the items they brought home for their celebration of 100 days of school. Pictured left to right back row is Cole Clemmer, Krystal Dill, Shelby McCoin, Jose Zereno and Katie Smelley. Seated is Brett House, Jerica Ryan, Brandon Justice and Halie Melot. Seated on the floor is Benjamin Rocha, Mario Smith, Dylan Spencer, Garon Booth, Chelsey Fletcher and Christopher Stanford. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

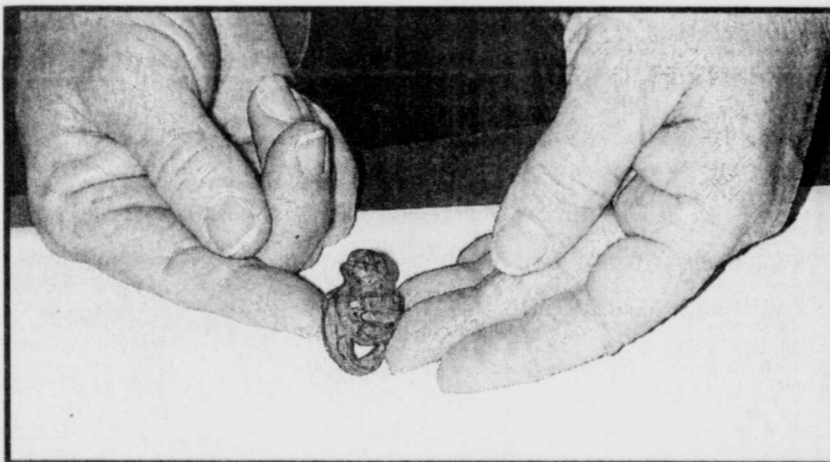
FOOT NOTES



Where Did I Get These Plantar Warts

Most are harmless, but some can be painful, especially when they develop on the soles of the feet. They are caused by a virus that lurks in warm, moist environments. Very contagious, plantar warts can spread via touching, scratching, or from skin that sheds from an existing wart. The most common ways of contracting a plantar wart is by walking barefoot on dirty surfaces or in public bathing facilities like locker rooms and showers. Epidemics of plantar warts have occurred among those who shared gyms and athletic facilities. Because people build immunity to the causative virus with age, children and teenagers are most susceptible to plantar warts.

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PEACH PIT MONKEY-Sunny Whitney displays a tiny carved peach pit. Sunny says her dad, Orville Wright used to carve the monkeys or tiny baskets from the peach pits for her and her sister, Pat when they were little girls. This one was found in a local garage sale and Sunny bought it "just as a reminder". (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Blossom "A" team defeats Avery

Blossom boys "A" team defeated Avery 47-34 at Blossom. The boys hustled and outscored Avery 3 of the 4 quarters.

Cody Upchurch was high point with 15. Nick Dunn-8, Lance Connot-7, Daniel Hayes-6, Cody

Withers-5, Jordan Smith-4 and Cole White-2.

Hayes led in the rebounds with 8 followed by Withers with 5. Connot contributed with 6 steals. Blossom played extremely well as a team and will play Detroit on Thursday.

PIP's perform at College Station

Three members of the Blossom PIP's (Players in Action) performed at half time of the A&M/Oklahoma basketball game in College Station.

There were 26 performers from the state of Texas that performed. Others from this area attending were Sandra and Jake Clark of

Clardy, Sissy Nations of Blossom and Rick and Sharon Connot of Blossom. Also Fred and Talana Weir of Azle, Charlotte and Kayla Orr and Jennifer Thornhill of Waxahachie and Tasha Burleson of College Station who are all friends and relatives of Tanners.



BLOSSOM FIFTH graders who are participating in the MAP (Motivation for Academic Performance) Program sponsored by Duke University. Pictured left to right is Lauren Ausmus, Laura Robertson, LeeAnn Warren, Edna DePriest-counselor, Morgan Hostetter, Kori Hulen and Kyle Blanton. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM FOURTH graders who are participating in the MAP (Motivation for Academic Performance) Program sponsored by Duke University. Pictured left to right is Courtney Outland, Rachell Procella, Rickey George, Edna DePriest-counselor, Dayne Sessums, Dakota Parker and Jacob Salas. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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If the W-2 was returned to the employer because of an address problem or was not yet issued, allow a reasonable amount of time for the

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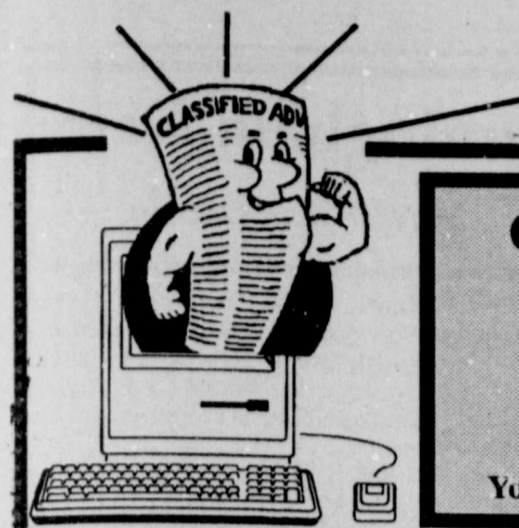
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Wanted

GIRLING HEALTH CARE is seeking qualified providers and Special Attendants in Bogata area. To qualify for both positions you must be at least 18 years old and have reliable transportation. And to be a Special Attendant you must also be a CNA with an active and employable status. For more information, you may call Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1-800-479-2914. MA 2-8

WANT TO BUY: Tanning bed in good condition, would be interested in any size or timer limit but must have top and bottom, not a half bed. Also Little Tike toys. 903-632-0237 or 632-0975 after 5 p.m. 2-8nc

HELP WANTED: Home health attendant needed in Bogata and Cuthand. Call 903-785-4070 to apply. 2-8

KELLY PLANT FARMS office clerk position available. Temporary, now through June, 2001. Some computer skills needed. Apply at Kelly Plant Farms, Rt. 1, Box 272-A, Bogata, TX 75417, 903-632-4437. MA 2-22

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.

FOUND: Large tan Shepherd mix male dog around 2 years old. Found near Hwy. 271 in Bogata. 903-632-4865. 2-8nc

LOST: Female dark gray and white Siberian Husky with blue eyes. Has a flea collar. Lost in Deport area. If found, please call 784-5013 daytime or 652-6017 evenings. 2-15nc

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 t/c

INSIDE SALE: 202 Circle Drive in Bogata. February 10-11, sale starts at 8:00 a.m. Cookware, bed linens, VCR, carpet, carpet shampooer, hospital bed, walkers, shower chair, garden tools, miscellaneous. 2-8

FREE

FREE OAK FIREWOOD: You cut, you haul. 903-379-5171. MA 2-22

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Blonde cocker spaniel, neutered male, all shots. Less than one year old. 903-652-9986. 2-15nc

Deport Locals

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Happy birthday to Brad Allen, Cameron Penn, Lora Lawler, Marlana Ballard, Marie Kunkel, Rusty Dewitt, Frankye Sessums, Mollie Ann Billy, Benjamin Lutch, Kristin Flenniken, Terri Norman, Austin Lane Sparks, Tonya Crawford, Amber Dawson, J.R. Moses, Julia Koegl, Larry Whittle, Patricia Paxton, Tiffany Dewitt, Raymond Hoover, Darby Oney, Stephanie Wolf, Tammy Currier, Don Davis, Brenda Dudley, Kim Helms, Logan LeCour, Beulah Ship, Ryan Randle.

Happy anniversary to Ruth and Richard Chapman, Juanita and Silas Taylor, Melissa and Doug Phillips, Tiffany and Wes Winters, Pauline and Joseph Wesley.

Wednesday, several of the McCuiston Auxiliaries surprised Nina Sparks on her 80th birthday with balloons and a birthday cake in the gift shop at the hospital. Helping her celebrate were co-workers Joyce Allen, Lewis Ingram, Barbara Kyle, Marilyn Ward, Peggy Parsons, Ophelia Payne, Freeman Safford, Lucille Pickering, Ruth Lee, Faye Ausmus and Virginia Reed.

Freeman Safford treated Nina to a birthday luncheon at TaMolly's

Wednesday with these guests, Mary Jackson, Lucille Pickering, Peggy Parsons, Ophelia Payne, and Virginia Reed present.

Shorty Ballard visited Burrell Kincaid last week.

Visiting Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were Pat Wright of Mt. Vernon; Mary Mantooth, Hugh Jeffus, and Jeff Jeffus.

Aaron Murdock went to Four States Band Competition in Texarkana at the Perot Theater in the Jazz and Aaron plays tenor sax and was awarded First Chair.

Aaron is the don of Kerry and Sandy Murdock of Pattonville.

Sunny and James Whitney went to Dallas to visit his sister, Sue Young.

Cemetery

donations received

The following donations have been received for area cemeteries January 9 through February 6:

Highland Cemetery: From Mavis Sowards.

In memory of Paul Reynolds, Reecy Kelsey and C.D. Hosey from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wright.

In memory of Paul Reynolds from Claude and Sharon Davison.

In memory of Reecy Kelsey from Billie Hill and Ruth Murrell.



Deport Nursing Home News

By Sandra Mauldin

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

Ina Hedrick was visited by Florence.

Johannie Warren was visited by Nell Wolf, Bro. Jim Benfer, Evelyn Roach, nannie Bell Ham, Jean and Gay Fields, JaLynda and Jaylan Mitchell.

Nell Wolf was visited by Cindy Filkins, Stephanie Wolf, James Garmon, Jasmine Garmon and Dorothy Clark.

Ann Austin was visited by Marcie and Dennis Lee, Floy Willimas

Dora Hester was visited by Floy and Wayne Williams.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray Owen Davis, Doris Ruff, Sarah Starks, John Starks, Charlie Ruff.

Verta Lynn was visited by Conner Chipman, Gaggie Chipman and Riley Chipman.

Terry McDowra was visited by Cherry Walker.

Nig and Margarette Martin were visited by Laquita J., Shane and Mike Rector, Shane and Theda Rector and Loice and Thomas Bullock.

Rodeo moves into cyberspace

The Bogata Rodeo Association Inc. would like to formally announce the completion of their new website. It can be viewed on the World Wide Web at www.bogatarodeo.org. The information contained on the Website will include the princess contest, the queen contest, the history of the Bogata Rodeo, a member's page and a lot more. Each page is subject to change so check back often.

The Charter members would be proud of what the Bogata Rodeo has turned into. For the third straight year it has been voted "Best Southern Rodeo" from the Cowboy's Regional Rodeo Association. The Website will

be another tool to try and reach the rodeo fans in this area and around the world.

If anyone is interested in joining the Bogata Rodeo Association, Inc. contact one of the members on the Website. Or, you can attend one of the monthly meetings. The meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata rodeo grounds if the weather permits.

If the weather gets too bad, the meetings are moved to the Bogata Community Center. And, of course, information about the monthly meetings is also on the Website.

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



Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Life Tabernacle Church had a spaghetti supper Wednesday night and honored Scotty and Treda Norwood's birthdays.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood and James and Pat Norwood went to Canton Trade Days Friday and came back by Miller Grove for a fish dinner.

Lillian King visited Billie and Leonard Ford Saturday. David Ford from Stephen F. Austin College visited over the weekend.

Paul Matthews, Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Penna Patterson were Sunday dinner guests of Pete and L'Wanda McKnight.

Jeff Kennedy and his family, Heath Kennedy and Laytner Kennedy and Cole Kennedy had lunch with Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Murray and Sue Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon had lunch with Jane O'Neal Sunday.

Josh Osburn spent the weekend with Spur Norwood.

Sunday guests of Nelta and Johnie Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove. Shane and Zarinska Morton, David Morton, Brad Hunt, Lynn and Betty Holeman, Alice McPherson and Celeste Coward.

Geneva Norwood cooked for her family and Josh Osburn Sunday.

Many in the community attended the Little Dribbler games at Prairiland Saturday. Jenna Patterson, Danci

Smith, Jesse Davis and Hanna Norwood play on Fran Patterson's fourth grade girls team. Layton Norwood and Ryan Ford play on Frankie Norwood's fourth grade boys team.

Susan Anderson plays on Tracy Freeman's fifth grade girls team. Landon Syrus plays on Frankie's fifth grade boys team. Lacy Cole, Haley Norwood, Charity Musgrove and Jessica Fox play on James Norwood's sixth grade girls team. A.J. Syrus and Bradlee Watson play on Frankie's sixth grade boys team.

Lacy Cole, Susan Anderson, Jerika McKee, Haley Norwood and Danci Smith presented a PIP performance at A&M College Station Saturday. Their families accompanied them on the trip. Those going were Todd and Mendy Cole, Mike and Gina Smith, Ricky and Pam Norwood, Rusty and Cindy Anderson and Pam McKee.

The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department and Community Center met Sunday. Gerrie and Jarod Bankhead presented the needs of the First Responders. A chili/stew supper fundraiser was set for Saturday, February 24. Gerrie and Jarod will be completing their class and taking their state board test soon. They will then be the First Responders for our area.

We were all saddened to learn that another of our 1942 graduating class members has died, Troy Lee Kennedy, who died in DeSoto on January 27.

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DEPORT KINDERGARTEN STAR STUDENTS pictured left to right is Conrad Martin and Joshua Haskell K-B. Kim Nichols and Kelby Cole K-1. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



President's Day

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along with a
President's Day
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DEPORT CAMPUS BOOK FAIR—Pictured here are students in Kristy Boren's fourth grade class as they shop for books at the annual book fair. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT SECOND GRADE STAR STUDENTS pictured left to right is Autumn Hinkle, Makynzi Watson, Courtney Crews and Allison Wolf. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)