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A Breath of Spring...and
Friendship

I have said for years, I'm not a winter person. I need sunshine and green grass and some yard work to keep me sane...or as sane as I ever am. Many folks debate whether sanity is a word applicable to me at the best of times.

But, this past month or so has not been the best of times for my mental state.

Thomas is understandably down and out about his back surgery, which allows him to walk or lie down...but not to sit for more than 15 minutes.

I've been down because he is, and because it's been gray and gloomy, and because I love trees with all my heart and everywhere I look there are devastated, trees.

Now when I get down it's waaaaayyyy down there. It doesn't happen too often. I'm much more guilty of letting my temper flare up in blazing anger than I am to get depressed.

But, I've been in one of my "nobody likes me, everybody hates me, the world has treated me sooo bad" moods.

Monday morning I got up, dragged around, griped at the dogs and cats because they were demanding their food too stridently.

Then I reluctantly went to work, absorbed in my own "what a nasty day" attitude.

As I pulled up out front of the office, though, I was greeted with the most amazing sight!

Both our windows were decorated in gardens of bright spring silk flowers. In one, tiny tots (in the form of dolls) rode their tricycles on a "path" in a green field or picknicked. Under our ficus tree. In the other window bunny rabbits dressed in pink and blue stood amidst the silk blooms in little wooden planters.

To finish off the decor a tiny fountain surrounded by greenery had its own tiny golden fish...a real one.

It was absolutely impossible not to smile.

Still grinning I came on in the office to take a closer look. Little birds perch in the Norfolk Pine. An own and several other birds grace the ficus tree.

Ducks and geese (not real, fortunately) sit alongside a few stuffed bunny toys.

In open mouthed astonishment I learned that Sunny Whitney (who lives up to her name) and her sister Pat had borrowed the office key and come down Sunday afternoon to transform the windows into spring scenes for one reason...to cheer me up!

Well, the windows cheer me, but not nearly as much as the friendship that prompted such an action.

Aren't our friends priceless?



Editor's Quotes

Joy is not in things; it is in us. Wagner

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Deport residents to have 3% sanitation charge increase

In Deport City Council action Monday night a rate increase of three percent for sanitation was discussed. This amounts to 27¢ per customer for residents.

McClanahan and Holmes was given the okay for the city's audit for 2000.

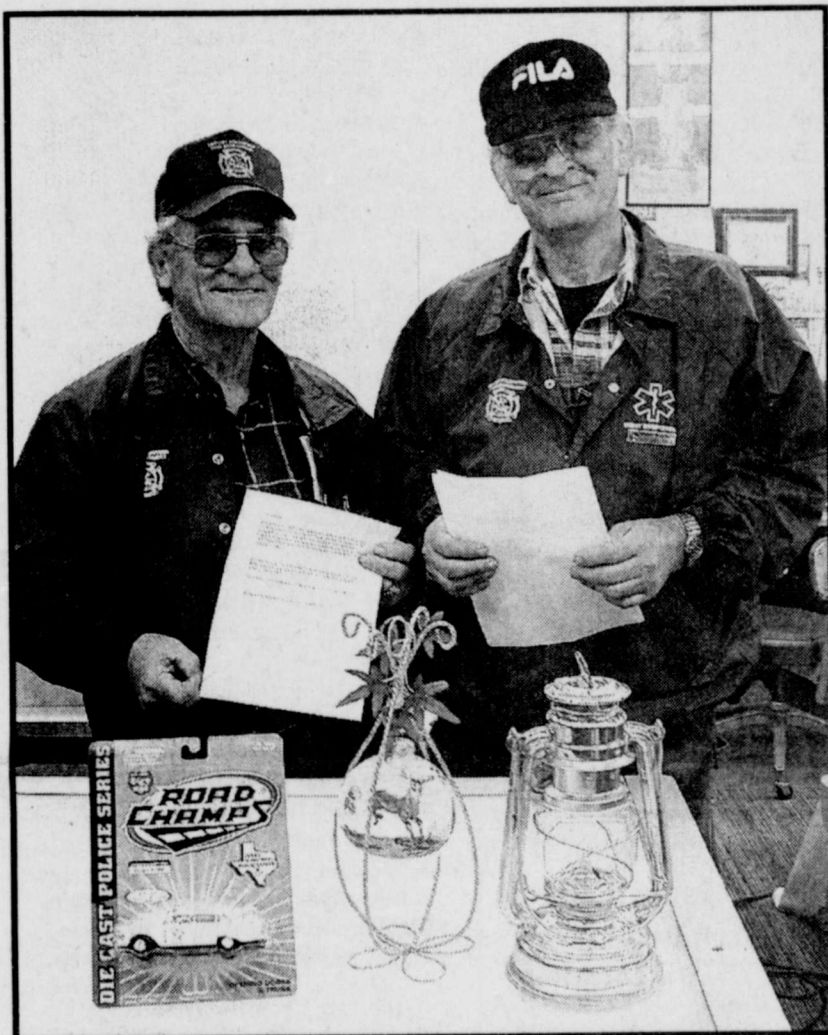
The council passed a motion to accept Tax Resale Deed Resolution for property located on Depot Street.

They also agreed to help spread gravel on the walking track when the weather permits.

Mayor Charles Foster called a May 5th election. Council members up for re-election are Mike Francies, Carlys Denison and Nancy Gresham. All three are two year terms.

No action was taken on the report from FEMA or on playground equipment for the park.

The motion to purchase new tires for the city's one ton truck passed 4 to 0.



AUCTION ITEMS-Deport Volunteer Fire Department members Johnny Dawson and James Whitney have been busy collecting auction items for the department's upcoming supper and auction. The event will be held March 3rd and will have stew or chili with all the "fixins" for \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children. An auction will be held after the meal, which will feature many different items, including this hand painted ornament with a fall buck on it, a German made lantern, collectible model cars and certificates for oil changes, feed and much more. There will be a number of door prizes to give away, including some nice, crisp \$10 bills!
(Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport Fire Department Supper

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 for 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.

School board announces agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Prairiland Independent School district will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building at Pattonville.

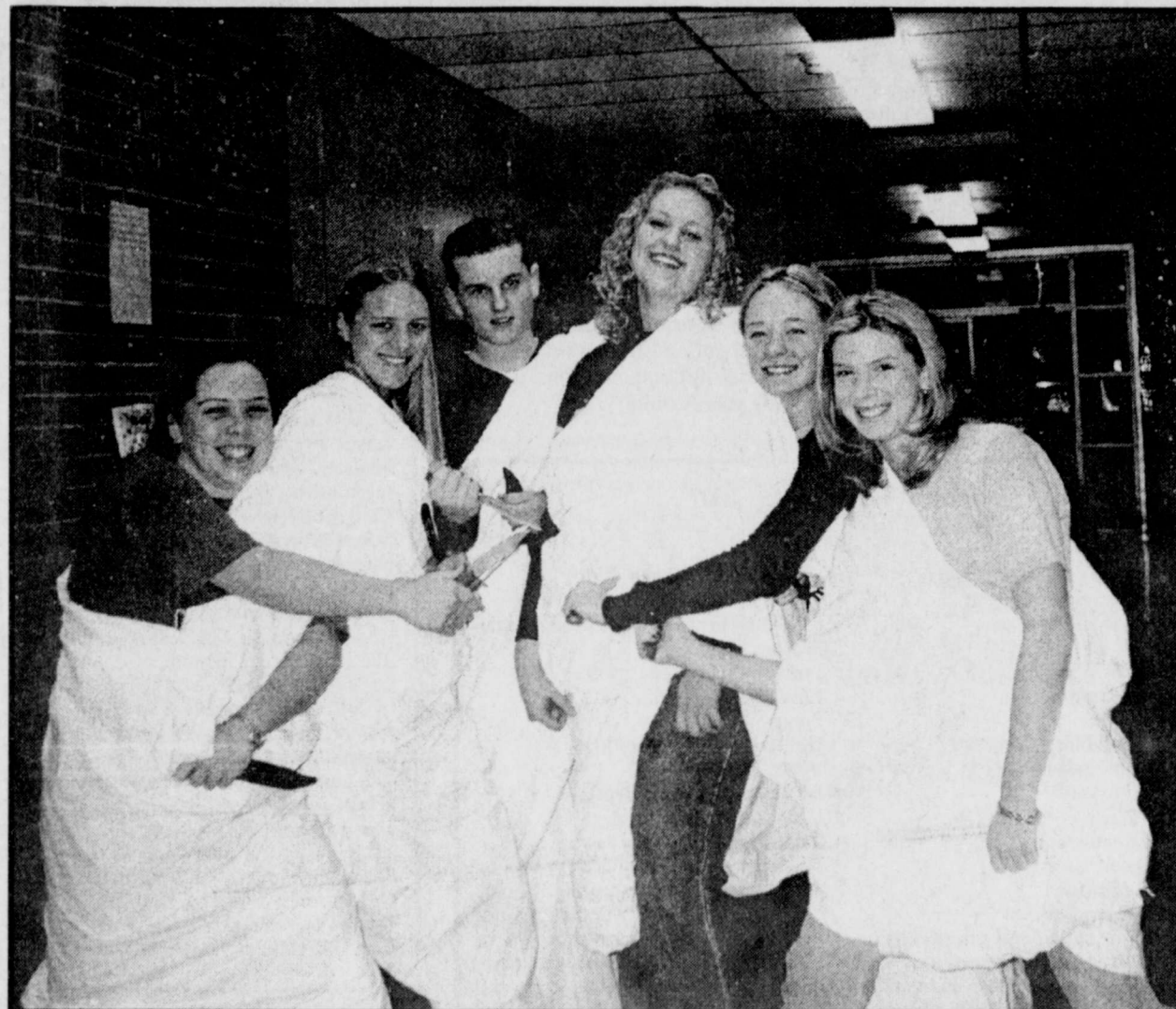
Subjects to be discussed include the following:

In old business, approval of the December tax report; payment of bills for December; approval of financial report for December; approval of tax report for December; approval of quarterly financial report.

In new business: payment of bills for January and February; approval of financial report for January; approval of tax report for January; call-

ing a Board election for May 5; name election judges, clerks and early voting judges; approve sale of property for taxes; assistant superintendent and principals contracts; approval of resolution and interlocal agreement for food services purchasing and commodity processing; action for executive session.

Executive Session is authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act 551.001 and will include: properties, discussion of possibly building program and bond issue; personnel, requesting leave of absence for Mindy Nichols and contracts.



GREAT JULIUS CAESAR!! Mrs. Chapman's third period English class at Prairiland are doing a unit on Julius Caesar. Students dressed in period costume with daggers and are ready to perform.

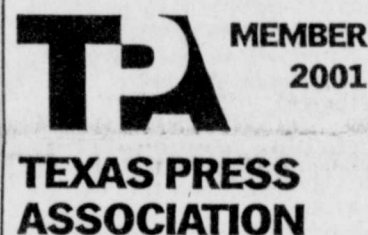
Cunningham VFD to hold chili/stew fund raiser

The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department will have a chili/stew supper on Saturday, March 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The proceeds will help to fund the First Responders Unit.

Cost of the chili/stew, tea and des-

sert meal will be \$4 per adult and \$2 for children. Everyone is invited to come enjoy some good food and support the Fire Department and most especially the newly formed and trained medical unit.



DEPORT ROYALTY-Pictured is Spur Norwood and Whitney Brook. They were crowned as the Deport King and Queen at the 2001 Prairiland Project Graduation Valentine Dance held on Saturday night at the Blossom Gym. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Sandlin requests 120-day extension for debris cleanup

Congressman Max Sandlin asked President George W. Bush for a 120-day extension for debris cleanup in Northeast Texas. In a letter to the president, Sandlin requested that the federal government continue to pay 90% of the costs associated with public debris cleanup beyond the March 9, 2001 deadline.

"There is still an enormous amount of cleanup that needs to take place throughout Northeast Texas. Meeting the march 9th deadline is unrealistic at this point", said Sandlin. "Everyone is working his hardest on the ground level, but the cleanup efforts are a work-in-progress. An extension of 120 days would help considerably to lighten the financial burden for the local governments."

Currently, Red River, Lamar, Titus, Cass, Bowie, Delta, Franklin,

Gregg, Harrison, Hopkins, Hunt, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Upshur and Wood counties have all qualified for the 90-10 percent cost share distribution for debris cleanup and would stand to benefit from the deadline extension.

"In addition to the enormity of the debris, recent weather conditions have further complicated recovery efforts. High winds causing sporadic power outages throughout the region have not made the cleanup process any easier," said Sandlin. He continued "A 120-day extension will allow Northeast Texas to recoup at a more comfortable pace. I sincerely hope President Bush recognizes the dire situation facing the citizens of Northeast Texas the need for this extension."

PAT banquet coming up

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 Blossom Feed Store to enter the golf tournament. Fee for six person team is \$300.

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or Nanalee at 652-405**

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Happy Valentine's Day. . . although I am one day late there are still parties and gatherings going on this weekend, so I have dug up some cookie recipes that will be great for any Valentine sweetie. . . but not before I let you in on some Valentine history!

Did you know how Valentine's got started? Well, there are varying opinions. Some experts say that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 AD, the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend and signed it "From Your Valentine!"

Other aspects of the story say that St. Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine's became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers and candy. There was often a social gathering or ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentines. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is very commercialized.

So there you are! Enjoy the recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

Valentine Sugar Cookies-the old stand by sugar cookie. . . cut out your favorite shape and enjoy!

Strawberry Almond Hearts-add some almonds and strawberry jam and wow, what a cookie!

In Love With Chocolate-a triple whammy of chocolate delight!

Sweet Potato Butterscotch Chip Cookies-mix a little sweet potato in with some butterscotch chips and you have a great cookie!



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

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

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

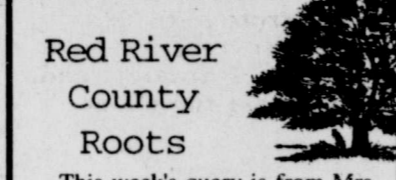
*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

*Crossfire Band will provide the music for a dance March 3, 2001. All March birthdays will be celebrated. Everyone is invited to come out and help celebrate.

*Happy Birthday to Marie Carr, Ross Griffin and Carolyn Coggins.

*Happy Anniversaries to Rich and June Killen.

*Get Well Wishes are sent to Zelma Mauldin who is home and recovering from back surgery.



Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Mrs. James Fryar, 357 William Drive, Pearsall, TX 78061-3403, who is researching the family of Lillie Cumy Sport, who married J.W. Fryar in Red River County in 1899. Lillie's parents were William Edward Sport (1857-1913) and Addie Lee Collins (1863-1946), who married in Red River County in 1882. She would like to learn the identity of Addie Lee Collins' parents, who were born in NC. Addie's mother was the former Lucinda Massey, but Mr. Collins' first name is unknown.

If you would like to write to Mrs. Fryar, please write to her at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

Financial Aid Workshop set for Prairiland

A financial aid workshop for graduating seniors and their parents will be held at the Prairiland High School Library on Monday, February 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents can get help on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. Parents will need to bring calculated tax return worksheets in order to complete the forms. Senior students filled out the first part of the forms in their English classes. If students are planning on going to college in the fall and are in need of financial help, this is the form they must complete. For more information call Fran Patterson, counselor at the high school at 652-5681 or 982-6233.

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
—Albert Einstein

Obituaries

Kenneth R. Smith dies February 7

Kenneth R. Smith, age 59 of Detroit, died Wednesday, February 7 in the Christus St. Joseph Hospital in Paris.

Services were held Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born August 1, 1941 in the Pinhook Community of Red River County, the son of William Fred and Elva Lee Barnett Smith. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Jackie Smith in 1956, a brother, Cecil Smith on February 1, 1975, his father, William Fred Smith in August, 1974 and his mother, Elva Smith on December 16, 1997.

He is survived by brothers, Dennis Smith and wife Florence of Paris, Leon Smith and wife Mary of Detroit, Larry Smith of Detroit, Odell Smith and wife Jean of Savoy, L.C. Smith of Detroit, and Ronnie Smith of Detroit; sisters, Virginia Farris and husband Robert of Detroit, Eva Lois Nowlin and husband Max of Waco, Joyce Harp of Bagwell and Karen Sotelo of Paris; numerous nieces and nephews.

Velma Fay Caldwell dies February 11

Velma Fay Caldwell, age 73 of Clarksville died Sunday, February 11 at her residence.

Services were held Tuesday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in Caldwell family cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Velma Caldwell was born October 11, 1927 in Ft. Towson, OK, a daughter of Dennis and May Woods Collins. She was retired from Hollywood Vassarette in Paris and a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Caldwell in 1993 and a sister, Mable Meyers.

Surviving are sons, Jim and wife Carla Caldwell of Clarksville and Dennis and wife Laurie Caldwell of Blossom; a daughter, Linda and husband Jerry Rhodes of Clarksville; a brother, Elmer Ray Collins of Clarksville; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Bearers were George Preston, Rocky Tolison, Harold Ray Tolison, David Barnett, Tony Potts, Howard Roberts.

Seth E. Glass dies February 9

Seth E. Glass, age 67 of Bagwell died February 9 in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

Services were held Thursday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in Albion Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Glass was born September 15, 1933 in Bagwell, a son of John Everett Pennington and Mary Etta Harrison Glass. He was a retired oil field worker and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Rose.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret J. Smith Glass, whom he married December 15, 1956 in Bagwell; sons, Joseph and wife Stephanie Glass of Lewisville, AR, John L. Glass of Bagwell, Doy Ray and wife Angela of Conroe, William and wife Amy Glass of Bagwell and Wayne Guass of Bagwell; daughters, Susan and husband Greg Swann of Shandon, CA, Alice and husband Jim Mathis of Bagwell; numerous nieces and nephews and 16 grandchildren.

Georgia Lee Black dies February 11

Georgia Lee Black, age 76, died Sunday, February 11 at ETMC in Clarksville.

Services were held Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Cuthand Methodist Church with Rev. Billy Daniels officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery.

Mrs. Black was born in Cuthand on March 8, 1924, the daughter of George and Oma Lee Matthews Tucker. Her first husband, Pete Eudy, died in 1964. She married Joe Black on February 6, 1965.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Linda Wilson of Quinlan; two stepdaughters, Rosie Pearl Rhodes of Bogata and Gladys Tucker of Johtown; one brother, Clifford Tucker of Johtown; one sister, Sybil Robinson of Grand Prairie; 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Donald Eudy in 1978 and a stepdaughter, Mary Jo Davis in 1992.

Card of Thanks

I would like to say a sincere "Thank You" to everyone for their kindnesses, thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I have been recuperating at home.

Gilbert & Melissa Arriaga

Marie Chesshir Legate dies February 9

Marie Chesshir Legate died Thursday, February 9 at Red River Healthcare in Bogata.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 10 at Blue Bayou Church of Christ with Bro. Randy Miller and Bro. Carey King of Bogata officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.

She was born June 11, 1912 in Howard County, graduated from Center Point High School and was a life-long member of the Church of Christ at Blue Bayou in Arkansas and Texas.

Surviving are a son, Wicker R. Jarman of Houston; stepdaughter Beryl Jean Miller of Bogata; stepson Milo Legate of Nashville, TN; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and a number of nephews and nieces.

Please remember if you are using an out-of-town funeral home please tell them that you specifically want a loved one's obituary to appear in these newspapers.
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Chauncey M. Allums dies February 8

Chauncey M. "Chaun" Allums, age 32 of Lake in the Hills, formerly of Dallas, died Thursday, February 8 at his home.

He was born June 18, 1968 in Dallas, the son of Jerry and Beverly Blankenship Allums. He was an honors graduate of Texas & M University-Commerce. He married Heidi "Christen" Schatz on May 12, 1991 in Big Sandy and they resided in Dallas before moving to Lake in the Hills, IL in October of 2000. He was employed as a computer analyst for Northrop-Grumman of Rolling Meadows.

Surviving are his wife, Christen; a son, David at home; his father, Jerry Allums of Bogata; a sister, Ronda (Mike) Ireland of Rockford, Michigan and nephew and niece, Donny and Danielle Ireland.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services were held Monday February 12 at James A. O'Connor Funeral Home in Huntley, Illinois with the Rev. Randy Gregory officiating. Burial was in Rockford, Michigan.

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

Thursday, February 15, 2001

Valentine's Sugar Cookies
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup Crisco shortening
2 eggs
1/4 cup corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Icing:
1 cup confectioner's sugar
3 tablespoons water
red food coloring
decorative candies

Combine sugar and shortening in bowl. Beat at medium speed until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla. Beat until blended and fluffy. Combine 3 cup flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed; mix until blended. Divide dough into quarters. Wrap and refrigerate for at least one hour. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and cut in various heart shapes. Ice with frosting.

Strawberry Almond Hearts
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 cup Crisco
2 eggs
1/4 cup corn syrup
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup finely-chopped blanched almonds
1/3 cup strawberry jam

Combine sugar and shortening in bowl and beat at medium speed until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and vanilla; beat until fluffy. Combine 3 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until well blended. Stir in almonds. Divide into quarters and refrigerate for one hour. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut cookies with heart-shaped cutter and place on ungreased cookie sheet to bake for 6-8 minutes. Remove cookies to cool and spread jam over hearts. Top cookie with smaller shaped baked heart cookie. Sprinkle with confectioner sugar.

In Love With Chocolate Cookies
1-1/2 cups firmly-packed brown sugar
2/3 cup Crisco
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup cocoa
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups miniature semi-sweet chips
6 ounces white chocolate
12 candied pineapple hearts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine sugar, shortening, water and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium until well blended. Beat eggs into creamed mixture. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Mix into creamed mixture at low speed until blended. Stir in chips. Divide dough into half and spread dough into 2 ungreased round cake pans. Bake one pan at a time for 10-12 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool 5 minutes in pan. Cut with 2-inch heart shaped cookie cutter with points toward center to make six cookies. Remove to cool. Chop white chocolate into 1/2-inch pieces. Place pieces in microwave on HI for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until melted. Spread top of cookies with melted mixture. Top each cookie with candied pineapple heart.

Sweet Potato Butterscotch Chip Cookie
3/4 cup mashed sweet potato
1-1/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup Crisco
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 egg
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups butterscotch chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and combine sweet potato, brown sugar, shortening and vanilla in large bowl. Beat at medium until well blended. Add egg and beat until blended. Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Add to creamed mixture at low speed. Stir in chips. Drop by rounded spoonful onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 7-8 minutes and cool.

Chamber banquet is February 16

The Red River County Chamber of Commerce banquet is February 16 at 6 p.m. in the Clarksville High School Cafetorium. Tickets are on sale at the chamber office for \$10.00 each or they will be sold at the door on the evening of the banquet.

Speaker for the banquet will be Dennis Engelke. He is director of member services for the Texas Electric Cooperative and serves as chair of the Texas Rural Development Council.

Entertainment will be the Jazz Band and the Rotary Singers.

SRBC asks community to give

Stewart Reginal Blood Center is asking all individuals to "Give from the Heart" and save a life this Valentine's Day. Everyone who donates blood the week of Valentines will receive a Valentine's T-shirt.

None of the blood inventories are even near Stewart's mandatory minimum levels, which is a red flag that more donors are needed. To give an indication on the scarceness of blood, Stewart normally keeps a minimum of 328 units of type A positive blood on its shelves, the center has only eight units at this time.

A number of mobile drives will be held around the area. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, please donate. Any individual group, church or organization interested in becoming a blood donor or hosting a blood drive should call the Stewart Blood Center in your coverage area for information.

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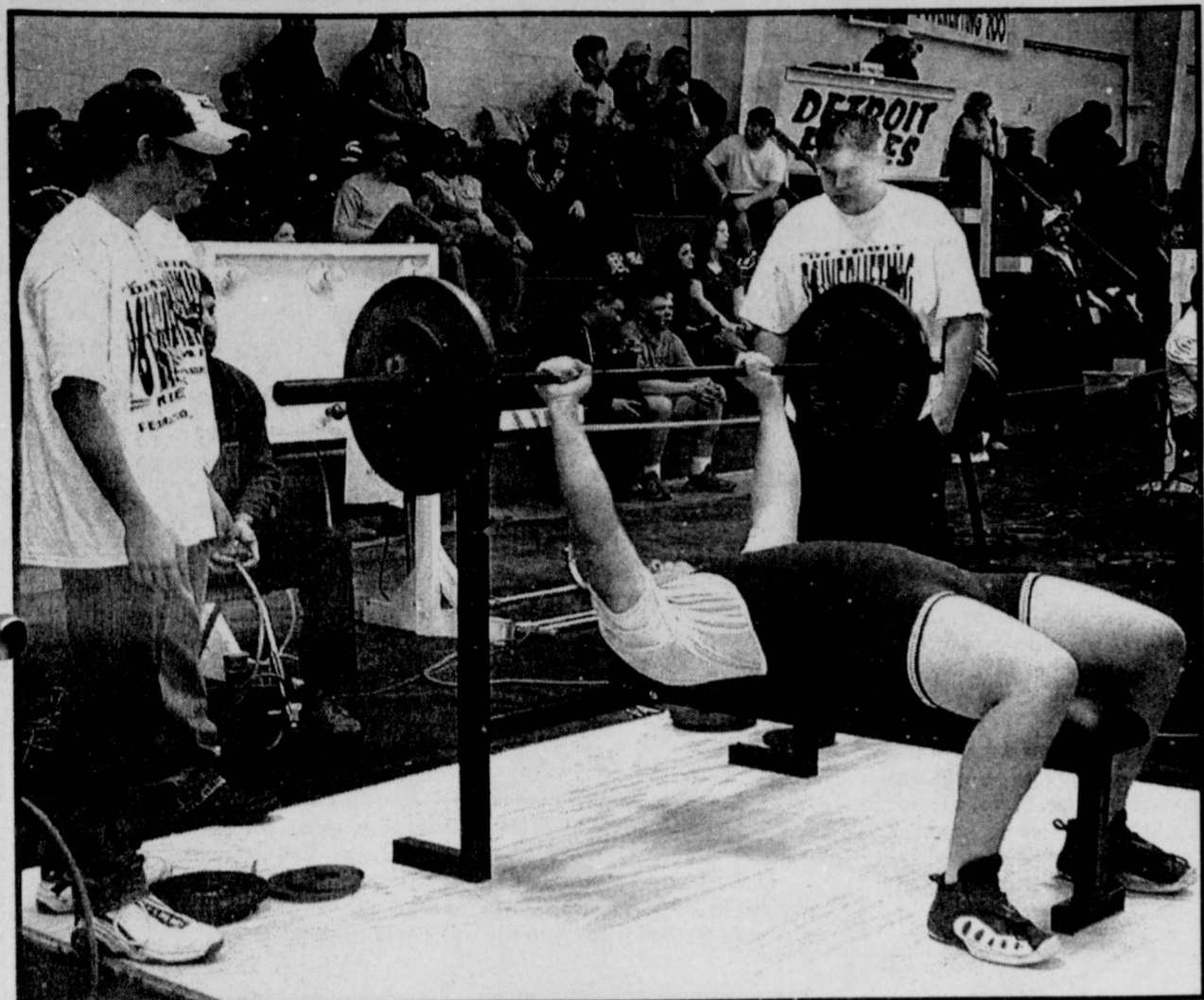
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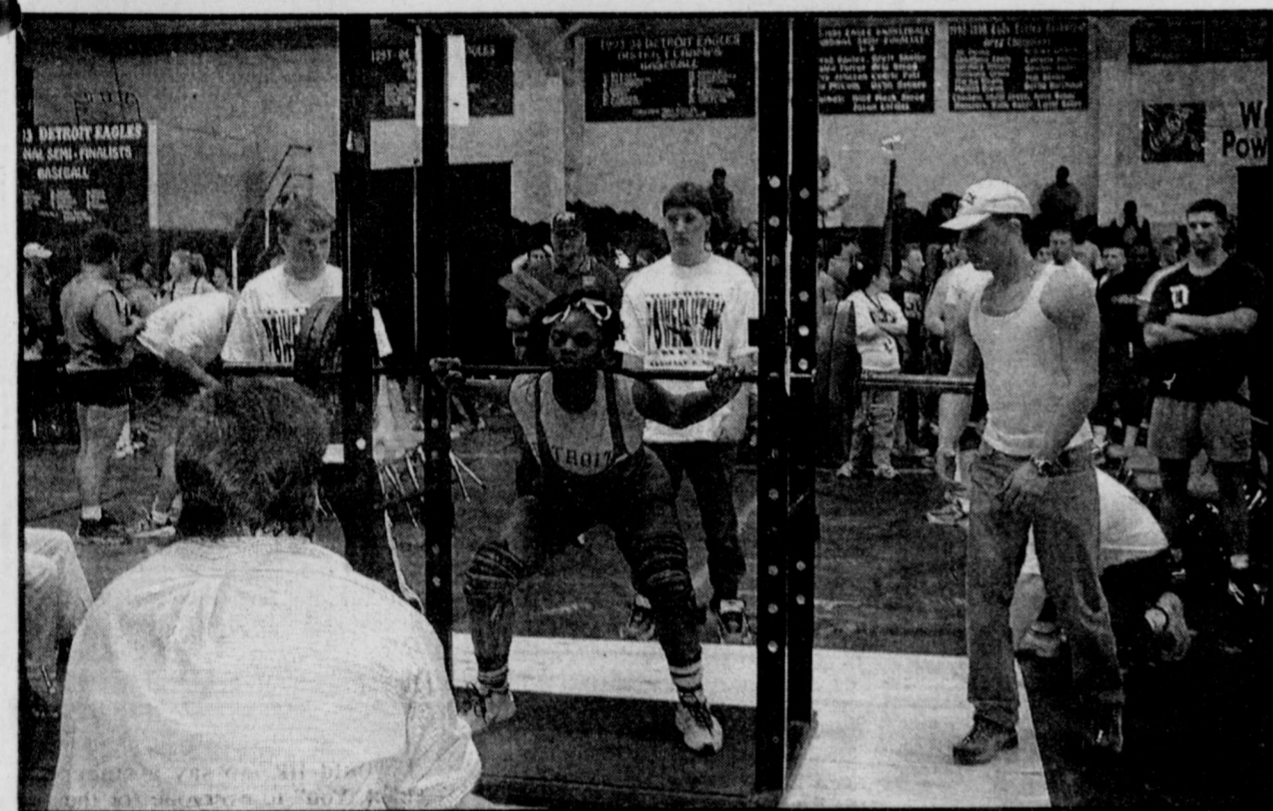
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PRAIRILAND PATRIOT lifter Chris Brunson tries his hand the bench press at Saturday's power lift meet at Detroit High School. Schools from around the area met for this first ever meet on the campus. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



AREA SCHOOLS including Detroit, Prairiland and Rivercrest participated in the first ever Powerade Power Lift competition held at Detroit. Coach David Pasternak stated that 12 schools were participating and hoped to have more next year. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Dear Editor:
I thought people in your area would be interested in this-in my Memphis, Texas, paper an article came out about Joyce (Palmer) Shawheart's death.

She was 75 and a lab technician for three generations of "Dr. Robert Clarks". She worked for Dr. Robert Clark Sr., Robert Clark Jr. and Robert (Bob) Clark III. She was born in Reno, and went to school in Blossom. Her father, Mr. Palmer used to work on the hay meadows for my dad, Lem Guest. Recently Linnie (Guest) Fox, daughter, got in touch with me, asking about the Charlie Mort Guest family. Through her I got the address of Dora (Fox) Hyatt my school teacher in 1932-Dora (Fox Hyatt). She is still alive and is 95 years old. One week an extrat Detroit paper was folded in with mine, I copied the address and put the paper back in the mail and then wrote her. She phone me, she was Mollie (Little) Stanley, and we visited over the phone.

I also got in touch with Marie (Pratt) Pohutsky in Sacramento, California. When my parents house burned in 1945 they had papers when Detroit was called "Bennet" and pictures of when Fulbright was called

"Possum Trot" and newspapers when the Titanic sank. If anyone reading this wants to write me my address is Virginia Fay Davidson 521 W. Tyler, St. Gilmer, TX. 75644.

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Barbershop chorus concert is Feb. 22

Lake country Harmony, a Sweet Adelines International barbershop chorus, will present a concert at Gilmer Civic Center, Gilmer, Texas on February 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The chorus will perform a costumed, choreographed program of lively Broadway show tunes, love songs, western swing, religious and patriotic songs. Their shows are considered "good family entertainment".

Based in Mt. Pleasant, Lake Country Harmony's members are from all over the northeast Texas area including Quitman, Cason, Avinger, Mt. Pleasant, Hughes Springs, DeKalb, Cookville, Omaha, Pittsburg, Lake Cypress Springs, Atlanta, Linden and Gilmer. The founder and director of this 30 member chorus is Peggy Rounseville of Lake Cypress Springs. Joe Barrett of Cason is assistant director.

Also appearing are B.U.B.A., a Northeast Texas men's barbershop quartet and "Friends, Too" a women's barbershop quartet from Avinger, Tx. The show is sponsored by the Upshur County Arts Council. Tickets may be purchased at the Gilmer Civic Center box office or in advance by contacting Ann at 903-572-0532.

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Eagles host Powerade Invitational powerlift meet

The Detroit Eagles sponsored their first-ever Powerade/Detroit Eagles Powelifting 2001 Invitational on Saturday, February 10. According to Head Coach David Pasternak, there were 12 schools that participated in the meet and he is looking for even a bigger attendance next year.

Taking first place in the boy's division was North Lamar with 32 points, 2nd was Pittsburg with 23, HOney Grove 3rd with 22, Prairiland 4th with 21 and Pleasant Grove with 20.

In the girl's division, Detroit was 1st with 44 points, Rivercrest 20, Honey Grove 17, Prairiland 14 and Pleasant Grove 7.

The Outstanding lifter in the heavy-weight division was Dennard Ingram of DeKalb with 550 pound deadlift. Mark Lloyd of Pittsburg was named the outstanding lightweight lifter.

Outstanding lifter for the girls went to Deann Pressley of Prairiland with total lifts of 555. Courtney Mahler of Honey Grove was outstanding lightweight lifter with 650 pounds.

North Lamar's John Thomason-1255, Michael Pirtle-1240, Jameson Ausburn-1275, J. R. Brannon-1065, Zach Michael-990, Cody Lawler-876, Jerry Pyburn-910, Casey Foreman-960 and Jon Buins-945, were the big lifters for the winning team.

Thomason and Pirtle places 1st and 2nd in the 242 pound class. Ausburn was 2nd in the 275 pound class.

The most outstanding class of lifters was in the boy 275 pound class, with the top five lifters totaled above 1100 pounds. DeKalb's Edward Daniels had lifts totaling 1325 pounds to edge out Ausburn of North Lamar, Cory Armour of Pittsburg, Stan Cox of Prairiland and Dustin Kennemer-5th with 1130 pounds, of Cooper.

North Lamar picked up two firsts, three seconds, a fourth and a fifth to take the title.

The Detroit girls took four first places, two seconds, a third, fourth and fifth for the team championship.

Listed below is winners in each division:

Boys 114 pound-Mark Lloyd-Pittsburg-1015; Whitley Foster-Honey Grove-730; E.C. Nichols-Detroit-625; and Dakota Mitchell-Prairiland-485.

123 pound-Andy Cheatham-Pleasant Grove-745; Leland Austin-Detroit-680; and Logan McKenzie-Honey Grove-655.

132 pound-Jason Clepper-Pleasant Grove-875; Brandon Williams-Honey Grove-815; Cody Shew-Linden Kildare-715; and Lee Singleton-Hooks-520.

148 pound-Toribio Willis-Pittsburg-1260; Aeden Moore-Linden-1040; Scott Smith-Pleasant Grove-1000; Jamey Allen-Honey Grove-950; Brandon Brown-Detroit-860; and Chris Wells-Linden-850.

165 pound-Chad Reger-Detroit-1185; Desmon Jones-Pewitt-1145; Larry Ford-DeKalb-1010; Jese Henderson-North Lamar-1000; David Duritsky-Hooks-990; and Marlon Johnson-Honey Grove-905.

181 pound-O.J. Madlock-Pewitt-1135; Phillip Elder-Prairiland-1125; Josh Demidio-Cooper-1060; Brice Gillean-Cooper-970; Wesley Baird-Detroit-960; Cody Lawler-North Lamar-875.

198 pound-Dennard Ingram-DeKalb-1280; Jorry Briggie-Prairiland-1045; Barris White-Pittsburg-1025; Glen Melton-Detroit-1005; Jerry Pyburn-North Lamar-910; and Brett Barker-Pleasant Grove-890.

242 pound-John Thomason-North Lamar-1255; Michael Pirtle-North Lamar-1240; Jeff Anderson-Linden-1180; Brad Hunt-Prairiland-1115; and Graydon Rochelle-Pleasant Grove-1000.

275 pound-Edward Daniels-DeKalb-1325; Jameson Ausburn-North Lamar-1275; Cory Armour-Pittsburg-1190; Stan Cox-Prairiland-1185; Dustin Kennemer-Cooper-1130; and Josh Williams-Prairiland-905.

Super heavyweight-275 and up-Courtney Miller-Honey Grove 1040; Chris Brunson-Prairiland-1020; and Tim Holden-Pittsburg-1000.

Girls 97 pound-Heather Bryant-Honey Grove-375.

105 pound-Liganna Stewardson-Detroit-470; and Paige Boyd-Rivercrest-270.

114 pound-Stephanie Williams-Rivercrest-435; and Alison Foster-Rivercrest-430.

123 pound-Nicole Flournoy-Detroit-500; Stephanie Neaves-Detroit-480; Randi Hawley- Detroit-460; Heather Green-Detroit-410; and Apryl Vickers-Detroit-410.

132 pound-Christin Adams-Detroit-475; Lacy Beaty-Prairiland-420; and Krystal Valenzuela-Rivercrest-395.

148 pound-Galatha Williams-Detroit-570.

165 pound-Lyndsey Kurtz-Pleasant Grove-700; Tiffany Johnson-Detroit-650; Randi Mooreland-Honey Grove-620; and Susan Whittle-Prairiland-615.

181 pound-Courtney Mahler-Honey Grove-610.

198-Deann Pressley-Prairiland-550.

Journalism scholarships available

To further the cause of community journalism, the North and East Texas Press Association will award two \$1000 journalism scholarships this spring, according to Nancy Brown of the Talco Times and Bogata News.

The NETPA scholarship program was begun in 1999. The 2000 winners were Lana Cain of Tyler and Miranda Finley of Linden.

The Talco Times and Bogata News are members of the NETPA.


Scholarships will be given to college-bound graduating high school seniors and actively enrolled college students from the NETPA region pursuing an education in print jour-

nalism. Scholarship applicants should submit a completed application, a 500 word essay and two letters of recommendation, including one from a newspaper professional.

Deadline is March 31, 2001. Applications are available at Rivercrest High School or the Bogata News Office and completed applications should be mailed to Phil Major, Clay County Leader, Box 10, Henrietta, Texas 76365.

The winners will be recognized at the annual NETPA convention, to be held in Burleson April 26-28.


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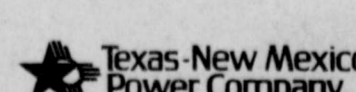


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Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hines

Hines to be honored on 40th anniversary

Buddy and Linda Hines will be honored on the occasion of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, February 18, 2001 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Dayspring House of Prayer in Deport.

No invitations will be sent but all friends and family are invited.

The Hines were married on Feb. 15, 1961 in Durant, Oklahoma. Their children are Laurinda Stogsdill, Tim Hines, Carl Hines, Lela Kelley, Daniel Hines, Carolyn Nichols.

They have 25 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

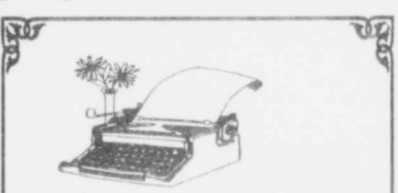


Lauren Brook Healy announces the arrival of her baby sister, **Amanda Faith Healy**, born December 27, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz and 19" long. Parents are Melissa and Danny Healy of Deport. Grandparents are B.J. and Mary Crawford of Bogata, Martha Healy of Clarksville and Danny and Sharon Healy of Bogata. Great-grandparents are Maxey and Christine Healy of Clarksville.

Joseph Weston Blanton was born February 8, 2001 to Jeff and Della Blanton of Detroit. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. and 20 1/2 inches long. He has two brothers, Jacob and Samuel.

Grandparents: Delma and Sue Gibbs of Detroit; Ann Blanton and the late Wayne Blanton of Detroit.

Great Grandparent is Doris Ballard of Clark.



Kaitlyn Spray of Reno spent Friday night with her grandparents, Susan and Philip Roach.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro visited Elizabeth and Holland Bell Friday.

James Holt is doing well after having eye surgery in Greenville Thursday a week ago.

Merritt Corna and Devin Newman and Jayla of Ft. Worth visited their mother and grandmother, Billie Goheen and Mattylu Upchurch Saturday.

Jeannie Lane had knee surgery last Friday. She is reported recovering well.

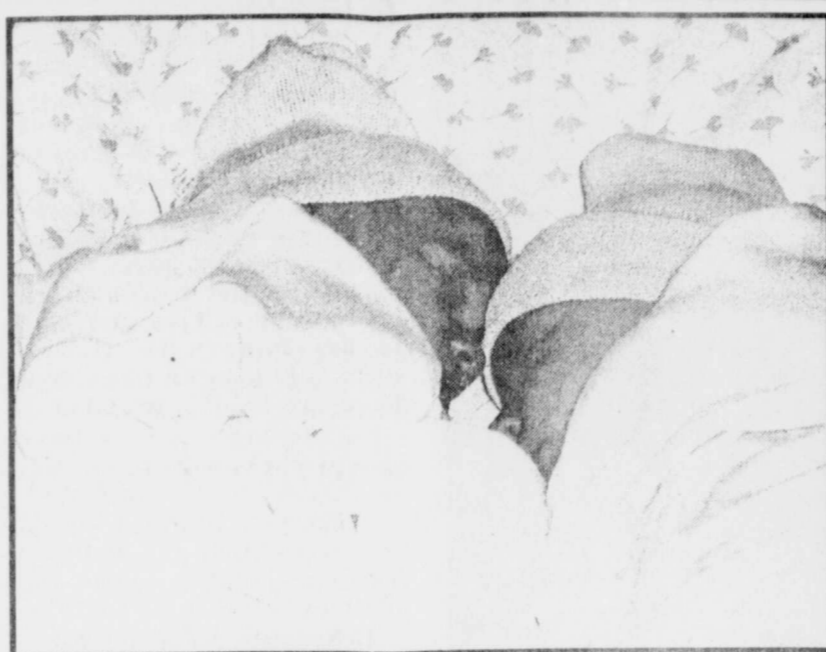
Joyce Wilson of Craig visited her sister Dorothy Holt on Monday.

Having dinner with Susan and Philip Roach Sunday were Beth & Cory Spray and daughters, Kaitlyn and Kayla.

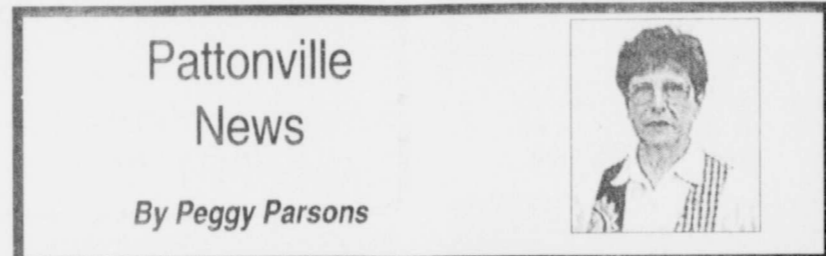
Don Upchurch of Paris had dinner Sunday with his mother and sister, Mattylu Upchurch and Billie Goheen.

Kay Preston of Minter had a birthday dinner for her son, Tim Parks of Faught Saturday evening. Those attending were the honoree, Tim and friends Susan Sampson of Dallas, Dale and Lorie Williams of Paris, James and Dorothy Holt and Johnny and Kathy Holt of Milton, and Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak.

A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.
—George Moore



CRAIG AND ANGELA Pennington announce the arrival of twin daughters born at Memorial Northwest Hospital in Houston. Grace Alexandria weighed 5 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Bethany Claire weighed 4 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and was 18 inches long. Their big sister is Emily and grandparents are George and Pat Thomas and Bill and Joyce Pennington of Houston. Great-grandparents are Fern Cox of Houston and A.F. Pennington of Hainesville. Other close family members are Craig's brother and wife, Doug and Monique Pennington and children McKensi, Ian and Zoe.



Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Colton Winters, Roy Arrasmith, Jr., Travis Hunter, Elaine Roberts, Zachary Ward, Jeremy Ward, Shelley Ladd Landers.

Happy anniversary to Jimmy and Ann Gatlin.

Louise Crossland, Mary Ann Wright and Blaine were in Texarkana recently to attend a surprise birthday party for Louise's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris were visitors of Buster and Louise Crossland last week.

Howard Crossland took Buster and Louise Crossland to Dallas for Buster's doctor appointment last week. Alice Ruth Gravett of Reno and Mickey Keener of Longview visited Buster and Ruby D. Blevins last week.

Keith and Peggy Parsons, Marcy Campbell of Paris and Elaine Roberts of Hidden Lake attended the funeral of their uncle, Arlie Foster at Belk Methodist Church last Tuesday.

Peggy Parsons visited S.C. Short Tuesday afternoon at his home in Paris. S.C. had visited Carl Ray Hatcher of Marvin Monday.

Congratulations to Rebecca Murdock for winning the 12-13 year old girl division at the Elks Hoop Shoot at Crockett Middle School in Paris. She will compete in Garland for the state title. She attends school in Deport. Congratulations to Aaron Murdock of Prairiland High School

for winning first chair in tenor sax in the jazz band at the Four States Band Competition in Texarkana at the Perot Theater. Their parents are Kerry and Sandy Murdock.

Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons were in Dallas Thursday at the VA North Texas Health Care System for memorial services honoring recently deceased veterans. James Morris Sparks, who died in November and nephew of Nina and Elois was one of the honorees. His widow, Bobbie Sparks and her mother of Murchiss, his brother Jerry and Margaret Sparks of Keller also attended. Edwin Glen Harbison and George Wolf from this area were also among the 600 honorees recognized.

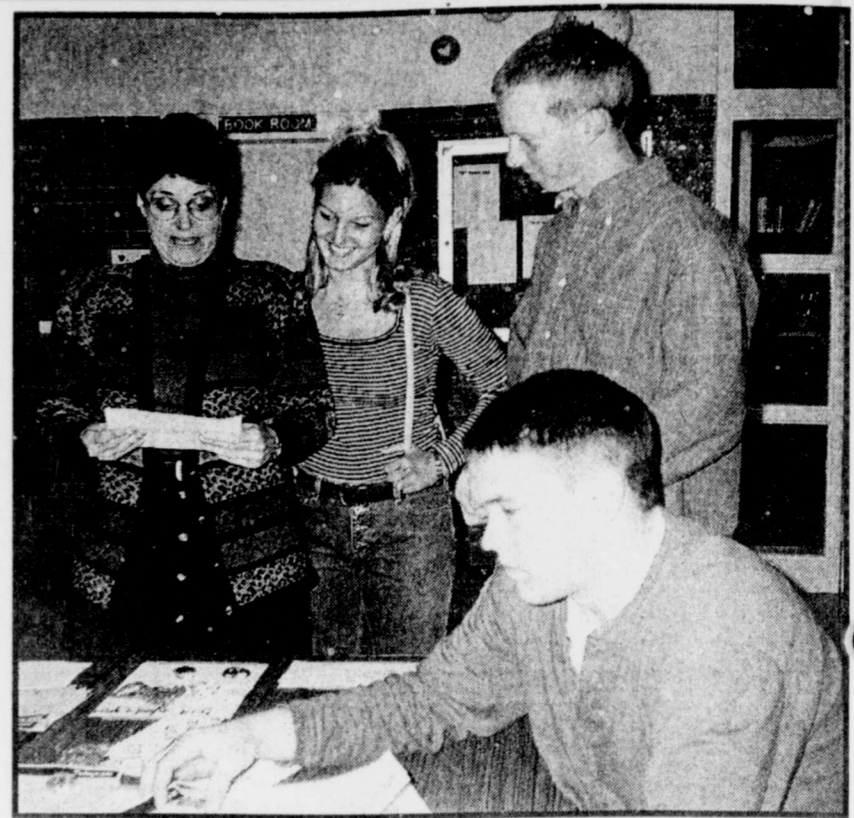
Buster and Louise Crossland celebrated her birthday with lunch at Catfish King in Paris Saturday.

Sand Ring and Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home Saturday.

Jewry Richey arrived Monday from having heart surgery in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas last Wednesday. Attending him were Dorothy Richey, Susan Richey of Georgetown, Kent Richey of Corsicana, T.J. and Margaret Fowler and Ann Gatin.

Alvis and Mary Elizabeth Jones of Searcy, AR visited Ruth Burk and others in the community last week.

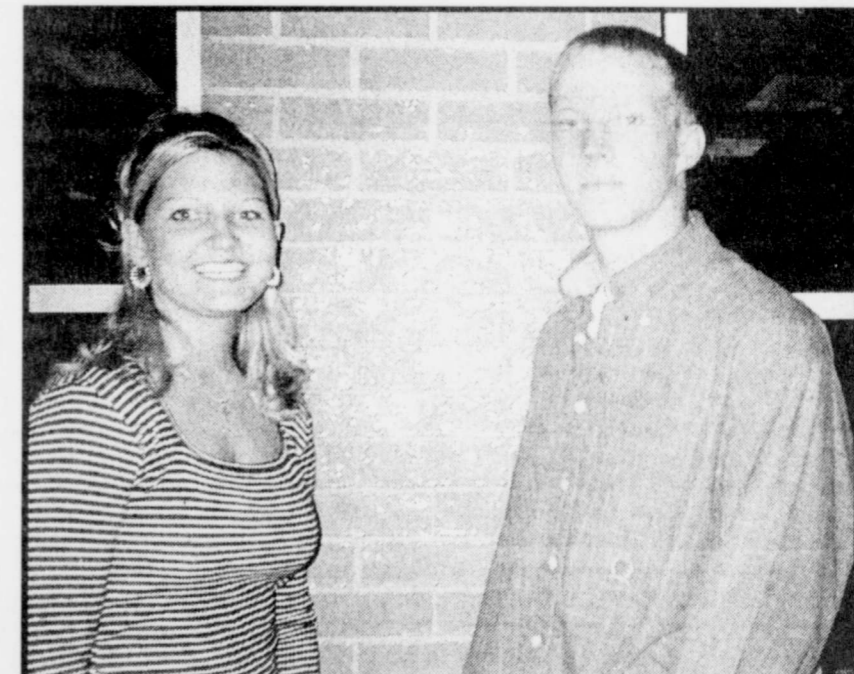
Jesse and Frances Anderson visited Helen Northam in Paris Sunday.



STUDENT COUNCIL at Prairiland is sponsoring a Val-O-Gram sale this week. Miss Breedlove receives a Val-O-Gram from a secret admirer while Amy Hicks and Drew Riddles look on. Selling the Val-O-Grams is Heath Sessums and Amy Love. The proceeds from the fundraiser go toward a scholarship fund.



PRAIRILAND STUDENTS Megan Filkins and Robert Robertson traveled to PJC on February 3 to compete in the North Lamar UIL meet where 31 schools were represented. Robert placed fifth in Science competition with a score of 160 and Megan placed fifth in Newswriting with Trista Reves, not pictured, winning sixth in Editorial Writing.



MR. AND MISS Prairiland High School for the year are Amy Hicks and Drew Riddles. The students were voted on by faculty. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hicks of Cunningham and Drew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Riddles of Paris.

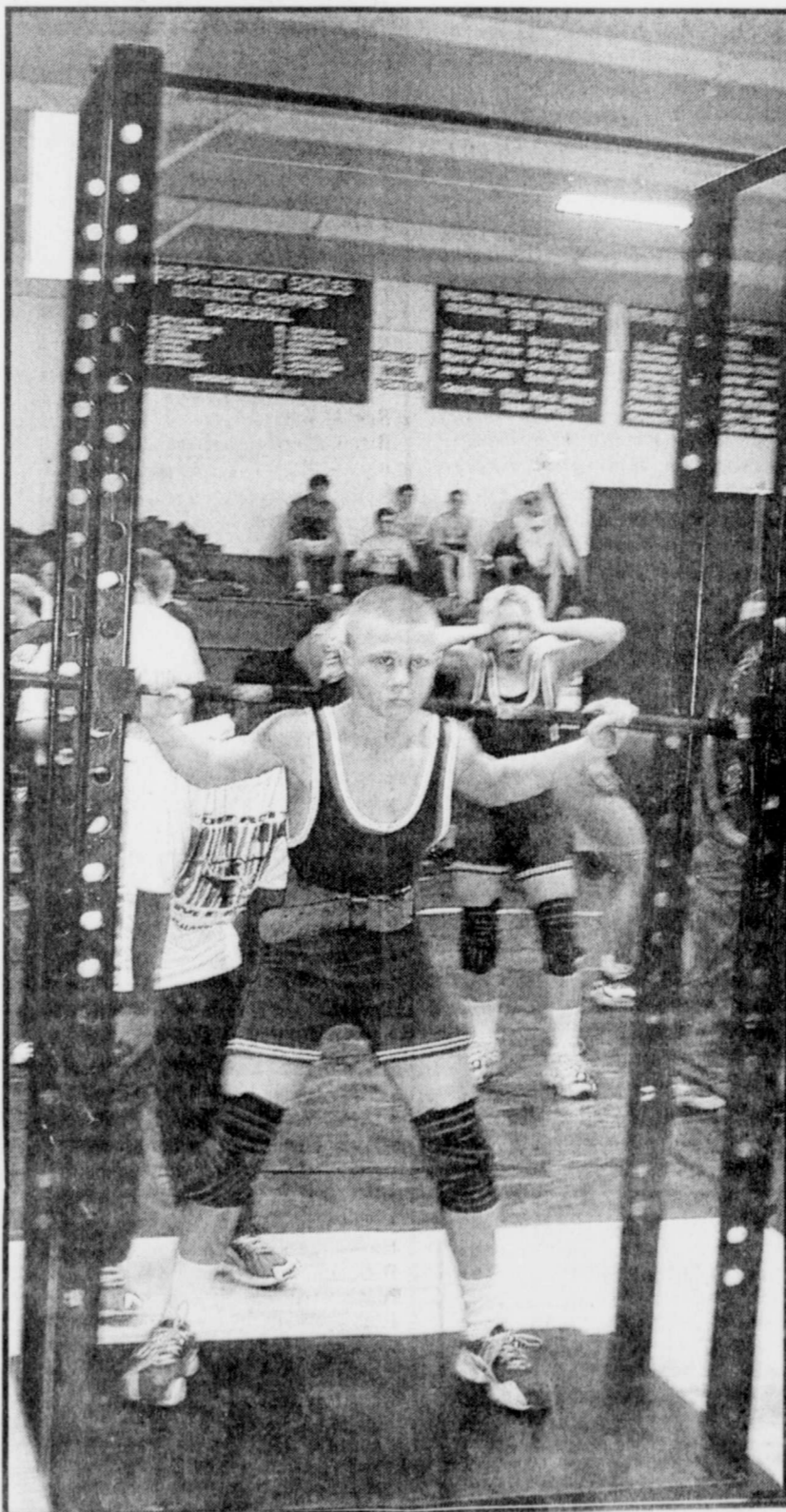
Residential burglary is Crime of the Week

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 Thursday, December 28, unknown suspects forced entry into two houses next door to each other in the 600 block of 3rd N.W. St. in Paris. Once inside the homes, the suspects stole televisions, play station 2 games, DVD players, jewelry and many other items. These two burglaries resulted

in over \$10,500.00 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).



DAKOTA MITCHELL, a Prairiland freshman is pictured here as he takes his turn at Powerade Powerlift competition held on Saturday on the Detroit campus. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Promotions announced at First Federal Community Bank

Chris Mallory, Vice-president/Branch Manager of First Federal Community Bank, Mt. Pleasant recently announced the promotion of two employees to the position of Assistant Branch Manager.

Angie Hobbs, a native of Mt. Pleasant, was promoted to the position of Assistant Branch Manager/Loan Officer. Angie joined First Federal Community Bank of September, 1997 and has attended various banking seminars since joining First Federal. Angie and her husband Lance, have one son, Hogan. Graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently continuing her education at Northeast Texas Community College and will complete her Associates in Accounting in May. Angie will complete her undergraduate work at Texas A&M-Commerce. She is actively involved in the La-

dies Golf Association of Mt. Pleasant, Junior Auxiliary and a past member of Hearts for Hospice Auction Committee. Angie and her family are members of First Christian Church of Mt. Pleasant.

Kari Logan, native of Mt. Pleasant was also promoted to the position of Assistant Branch Manager/Deposit Services. Kari joined First Federal Community Bank in 1996 and has been in the banking industry since 1993. Kari graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently continuing her education at Northeast Texas Community College. Since joining First Federal Community Bank, Kari has attended various Financial Seminars and oversees all deposit functions of the bank. Kari is an active member at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant.

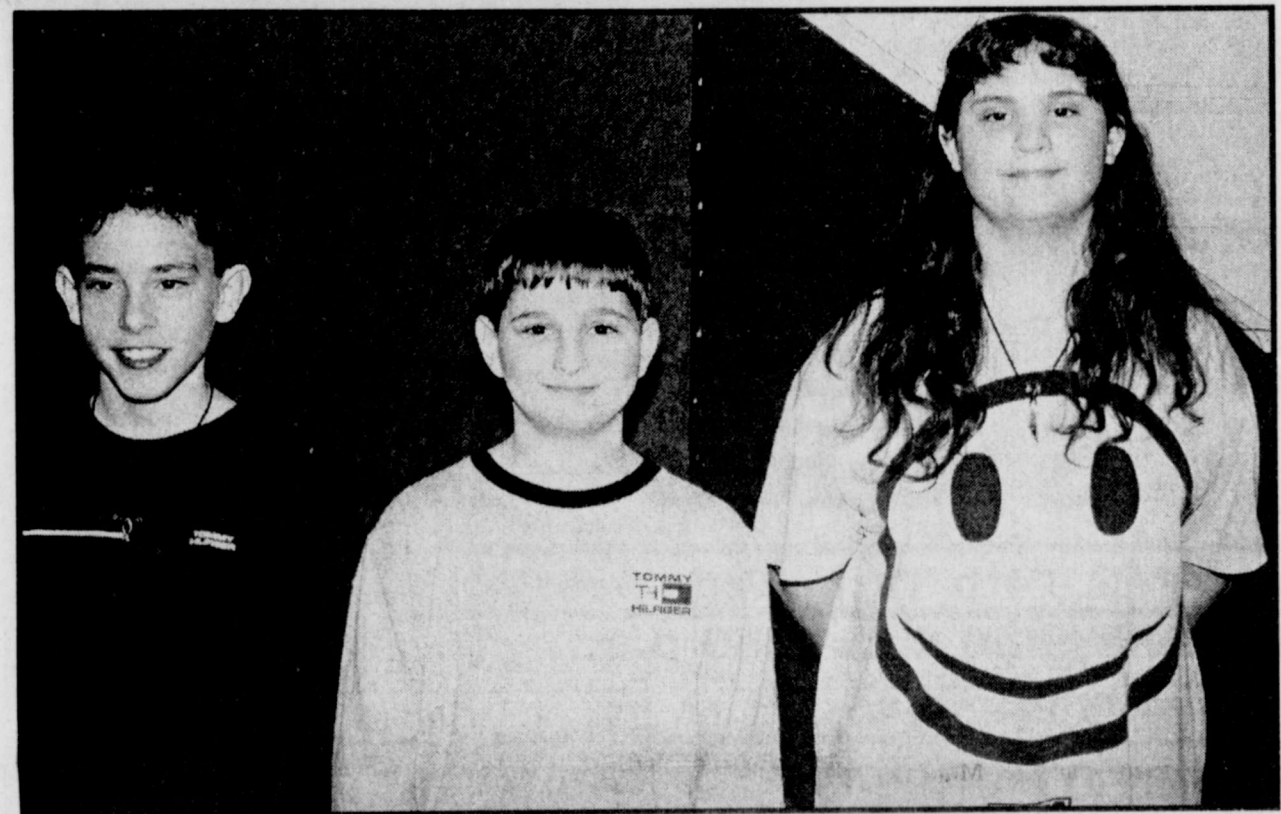
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VAL-O-GRAMS are being sent by the Prairiland Student Council this week. Melissa Steinkamp, Amy Hicks and Heath Sessums are being kept busy with the Val-O-Gram orders.



BLOSSOM HOOP SHOOP PARTICIPANTS-Participating in the recent Elk's Hoop Shoot are 6th graders from left to right Clay Friddle, Jeanette DeCrane and Hal Brady. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Chapel Hill takes win over Patriots

On Friday night, Chapel Hill defeated Prairiland 35-59 in a district match. Chapel Hill went 18 to the Pat's 8 in the first quarter and continued the wide margin throughout the game. The Pats would score only 9 in the second half to Chapel Hill's 21 and went into the halftime locker room with a score of 17-39. The second half proved no better for the Patriots as they continued trailing with 6 and 12 in the third and fourth quarters to Chapel Hill's 7 and

12. The Pats are 2-9 for district ad 5-17 for the season and closed out their season on Tuesday, February 13 at Chisum. Kyle Malone was high with 7 points followed by Heath Sessums and Aaron Murdock with 5 each. Stony Musgrove had 4 and Blake Smith 4. Chris Berry 3, D.J. Loveless, Jared Gage and Blake Thomas 2, along with one from Eric Berry.

Lady Patriots caged by Lady Bears

The Prairiland Lady Patriots fell to the Lady Bears from DeKalb on Tuesday night in a disappointing loss of 39-61. DeKalb came out strong in the first quarter and shot 24 points to only 13 from the Lady Patriots and they both tied for 9 in the second quarter. With a lead of 33-19 at halftime, the Lady Bears marched on to victory as they outscored the Lady Pats 13 and 15 to their 5 and 12 in the third and fourth quarters.

The girls committed 25 fouls and were 8-12 at the shot line. Jordan Hunold was the lone 3-point shooter for the ladies. High point went to Kami Hudson with 10 and Hunold with 9. Crystal Davis had 8 and Brittany Ballard and Lacy Davis each had 6. The girls ended their season with a record of 1-11 in district and 8-19 for the season. The JV girls game took the win 49-36. Twins Jodie and Nikki Bybee each hit 15 and 18 respectively.

Tuesday 42 club meets

The Tuesday 42 club met with Lucy Fowler. Thelma Shelby won high score. All members were present. A delicious refreshment plate was served to members. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th with Robbie Gooch at the Gazebo One.

First Methodist Senior Luncheon Held

Deport First Methodist Church hosted their monthly Senior Adult Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Fifteen were present. Visiting and table games followed the noon meal and their next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

FOOT NOTES



Arch Pain

While heel pain is a common system of plantar fasciitis (inflammation of the tendon running from the heel bone to the base of the toes), the condition can also cause arch pain. When the fascia suffers repetitive, constant strain, heel and arch pain can be the result. Patients often feel a burning in the sole of the foot, with increased pain when standing on tiptoe. The area may be tender to the touch. Arch pain can be caused by a person's exercise program. Runners who increase their mileage quickly or train on steep hill may experience arch pain. Ill-fitting an inappropriate shoes for a particular activity-wearing basketball shoes to get running for example-can contribute to the condition.

Pain is often the first sign of a foot problem, the pain doesn't always reveal the cause of the condition. The best way to determine the exact cause, location and seriousness of foot pain is to have a podiatric evaluation including medical history, examination and tests. And at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC, complete instructions for follow-up care and prevention are also integral part of any treatment plan. Call 784-5585 for an appointment.

OFFICE LOCATED AT 3605 N.E. LOOP 286 STE 1800 PARIS, TEXAS P.S. Obesity, arthritis, and poor biomechanics can also cause arch pain.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week to Chris Anderson, Michael Spray, Debbie Walker, Jesse Halankamp, Andrew Johnson, Melissa Ringwald, Jeremy Gray, Jason Granberry, Kendra Hicks, Billy Cline, Angela Williams, Charles Chambers, JoAnna Johnson Hipp, Eric Jackson, Taylor Brewer, Jeremiah Rater, Aaron Cockburn, Blake Newman, Jessica Smith, John Pittman, Mallory Woodall, Sheryl Shannon, James Freelan, Wade Chandler, Amanda Wherley, Jacquelyn Newman, Amber Brumalaw, Tony Mullins, Jennifer Jones, James Ingram, Kristy Young, Brandi and Michelle Carter. Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Shelton of Dallas were here for the weekend visiting Billie Henry.

Our condolences to the family of Larry Borden. Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long visited with Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak last Wednesday.

Minnie Lee Shands visited with Annie Milam of Deport on Friday. Junaita Harrison visited with Mrs. Shands on Thursday.

The Blossom Volunteer Fire De-

partment enjoyed a good turnout at their chili supper and auction of Saturday night. Thanks go out to everyone who supported them.

Teri, Blake and Carly Moody of VanAlstyne visited with Pauline and Jr. Weddle and Paula and Jackie Shelby several days last week.

Lori Deverell spent the weekend with the Simpson family in Sherman. Minnie Lee Shands, Fay Shores and Pauline Weddle visited Billy Wayne Farris at the Deport Nursing Home on Friday.

Lisa Thompson of Paris spent Saturday night with Pauline and Jr. Weddle.

The Blossom United Methodist Men sponsored a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and served a delicious meal.

Gertrude and Andy Hammett and Bessie Garrett enjoyed dinner at Sirloin Stockade in Paris one day last week.

Prairiland Project Graduation sponsored a Valentine's Dance at the gym in Blossom on Saturday night. Students from both Blossom and Deport Jr. High attended.



Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy Birthday to Stony Musgrove and Brad Nutt.

Happy 5th Anniversary to Shane and Zarinska Morton and Happy 55th Anniversary to Billie Joe and Georgia Oats.

Bro. John and his wife from Moljova, Russia, their interpreter and Bill Davis with International Starts ministered at Cunningham Baptist Church Thursday night.

James Norwood and Ben Shoalts went to A & M College Station Tuesday to talk to the National Forestry about a fire truck for the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department. The new truck should be delivered in two weeks. The Fire Department also purchased a Suburban for the First Responders to use.

Pat Norwood and Shelby Kennedy attended the women's conference at East Paris Baptist Church Friday and Saturday.

Jane O'Neal and Geneva Norwood went to the Paris Community Theater Friday night to watch "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown".

Billie Musgrove Smith spent Monday night with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove. Their Sunday lunch and dinner guest were Stacy, Linda, Stony and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton, Celeste Coward, Brad Hunt, Brenton Norwood, Lynn and Betty Holeman, G.W. and Mildred Creamer and Alice McPherson. Marge Shell spent the weekend with them.

Saturday night, Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove, Marge Shell and Marie Watson took Shane and Zarinska Morton to the Fish Fry to celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary.

Eulas Ashford called Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove to report ice in Amarillo again this week.

Sunday dinner guest of Darold and Ida Mae Norwood were Del, Zak and Philip Walker.

Frances Franklin, Ricky, Pam, Haley and Mattie Norwood, Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith and Kety Mowery ate with Canard and Delores Norwood Saturday night.

Sunday dinner guest of Jane O'Neal were Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Ronnie and Raylene Nutt had a birthday party for Brad Nutt Friday night. Others attending were Geor-

jeana Nutt, Jeff Nutt, Judy Nutt, Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Don, Jane and Beth Wikoff.

Jake Daughtery spent the night with Spur Norwood. They attended the Prairiland Junior High Valentine Dance where Spur was voted Valentine King.

Sunday dinner guest of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Heath, Layker and Laytner Kennedy.

Stony Musgrove won the Area FFA Talent Contest in Kilgore Monday night. He will compete in the State FFA Talent Contest in July. Way to go Stony!!

Prairiland High School February 19

19	Financial Aid Meeting, Seniors and Parents, 6-7 p.m.
20	BBall at Mt. Vernon, Varsity, TAAS Writing
21	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library, TAAS Math
22	Softball Tourney at Royce City, JV and V Junior High Tournament
	TAAS Reading
	Wolfe City Tournament
23	Weather Day
	Softball, Mt. Pleasant Tourney, Varsity
24	Softball at Mt. Pleasant, TBA

Lady Patriot Softball Schedule

February			
8	@ Maud-Scrimmage (2-5 innings)	4-5 p.m.	JV and Varsity
10	@ Bonham Tri-Scrimmage	10:00	JV and Varsity
13	Dual @ North Lamar & Mt. Vernon	5 and 8 p.m.	Varsity
15-17	@ Royce City Tournament	TBA	JV and Varsity
22-24	@ Chapel Hill Tournament	TBA	Varsity
26	North Lamar	4:30	JV
27	Dual @ North Lamar & Atlanta	5:30 and 7	Varsity
March			
2	Dual @ Paris and Clarksville	4-5:30	Varsity
2-3	@ Mt. Pleasant Tournament	TBA	JV
5	Sulphur Springs	4:30	JV
13	@ Paul Hewitt	4 p.m.	JV and Varsity
16	*DeKalb	4 p.m.	Varsity
17	*Chapel Hill	12:00	Varsity
19	Honey Grove	4:30	JV
20	@Chisum	4 p.m.	Varsity
23	*Rivercrest	4 p.m.	Varsity
27	*@Hughes Springs	4 p.m.	Varsity
April			
2	@ Sulphur Springs	6 p.m.	JV
3	*@ Chapel Hill	4:30	Varsity
6	*@Paul Hewitt	4:30	JV and Varsity
9	@Honey Grove	6 p.m.	JV
10	*@DeKalb	5:30	Varsity
13	*Chisum	1 p.m.	Varsity
17	*@Rivercrest	4:30	Varsity
20	*@Hughes Springs	4:30	Varsity

Head Coach: Mendy Cole
Assistant Coach: Randy Schuster
Athletic Director: Glen Schuelke
Principal: Ronnie Baker
Superintendent: James Morton
903-652-5681

School Menu



Prairiland Menu Week of February 19

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
Corn
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
Corn
Rolls
Milk

Friday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburgers
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Potato chips
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Milk



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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309



The East Post Oak Fire Department held their regular monthly meeting Feb. 6th at the fire station. There were nine present.

The department was called out Monday, Feb. 5th about noon to a grass fire three miles west of Post Oak. It was estimated about six acres were burned. They were hampered in fire fighting by the trucks getting stuck.

Mrs. Louise Cagle has received word from her niece, Elma Chaloner, that her husband, Eldon was transferred Sunday to a Clarksville Nursing

Home. Elma is home in Bogata. Johnie Lee went with some from Lamar County Genealogical Society to Dallas Genealogical Library Saturday where they spent the day researching family history.

Verlon Vaughn reports his mother has had a stroke and is in a hospital in Antler, Ok.

Sue and Norman Farris of Longview came Sunday night and brought their great-nephew, Jamie Jones, home and visited Sue's mother, Mrs. Louise Cagle.

Blossom boys win two

Blossom Boys "A" team defeated Detroit last Thursday with a score of 40-25. All of the boys hustled and played well. Daniel Hayes led the team with 7 rebounds. Cody Upchurch followed with 6. Jake Daugherty heped by having 3 steals. Jordan Smith led in scoring with 10 and Lance Connot had 9 points. Others scoring were Spener Talbert - 6; Cody Withers - 4, Daniel Hayes - 4, Nick Dunn - 4, Cole White - 2 and Cody Upchurch - 1.

Blossom defeated Winfield on Monday 53-27. Leading rebounders

were Jordan Smith with 14 and David Skeen with 9. Lance Connot hustled to get 4 steals. Cody Upchurch and Cole White added with 3 steals each. At the half Blossom was winning 30-2. Blossom had 12 players put points on the board: Daniel Hayes - 11, Kenneth Applegate - 10; Jordan Smith - 5; Cole White - 5; Cody Withers - 4; Justin Pynes - 4; Jake Daugherty - 4; Lance Connot; Cody Upchurch, Spencer Talbert, David Skeen and Tony Horton each had 2. Blossom will be in the district tournament at Prairiland on Thursday.

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Anyone who wants help from VITA/TCE volunteers are asked to bring all income information, includ-

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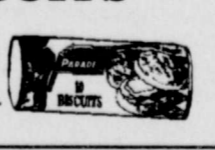

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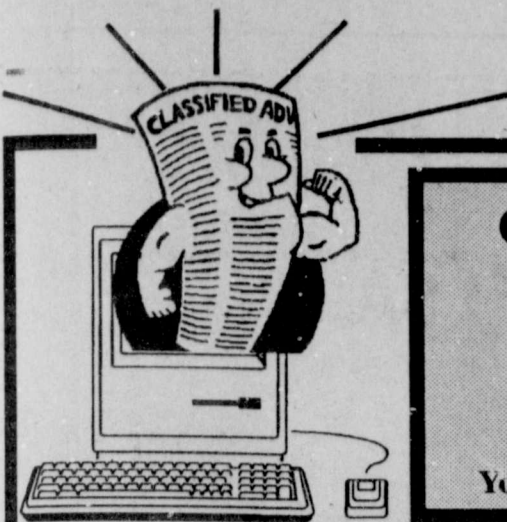

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 Application must be filed with Kim Maynard, City Secretary at Detroit City Hall, Travis Bronner, Mayor Pro Tem
 2-15
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 Tony Chance, City Administrator
 2-15

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

Deport Locals Call Your News To Cindy Talley 652-2954



Happy birthday to Ruth Ann Allen, Martha Jane Guest Anderson, Lorrrie Andrews, Phebe Allen, Ruth Grant Murrell, Zachary Ward, Colton Winters, Don Preston, Laci K. Guyon, Json Flenniken, Mandy Houston, Ray Davis, Roy Arrasmith, Jr., Travis Hunt, Susan Short, Chris Brunson, Gladys Reid, Jeremy Ward, John Pittman, Riley B. Couch, Andrea LaRue, Jesse Crawford, Brenda Denison, Dion Davis, Dr. Luanne Sparks, Harold Oney, Marilyn Glover, Tracy Bretcher, Richard Denman, Jr.

Happy anniversary to Lynda and Joe Ballard, Nancy and Earl Gresham, Vickie and Ronnie Ballard, Karen and David Moses, Nell and Harold Shull.

Nina Sparks visited Freeman Safford and Mary Jackson in Paris Sunday afternoon.

Pat Wright, along with new puppy Abigail and Abby's sister Jill had dinner with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols Friday night.

Visiting Thomas and Nanalee Saturday was Mary mantooth.

Harold and Nell Shull were gone Wednesday through Friday at Marble Falls to visit their Karen and Chuck Michie and grandchildren.

Ruth & Stanley O'Brien spent a few days in San Antonio with their son, Brad and his wife and their granddaughter, Tex.

Ruth & Stanley O'Brien have been helping their son, Dr. Stephen O'Brien, move his Dental Practice to Chattanooga, Tn., called her cousin, Ruth O'Brien. His daughter, Rachael, also assisted.

Visiting Sue Nichols recently was Ruth O'Brien, they both attended East Lamar School.

Ethel Fields Grissom who lives in Chattanooga, Tn., called her cousin, Ruth O'Brien, and reported she had been sick and had celebrated her 90th birthday.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien spent a few days in Shady Grove. They visited friends in Paris and Ruth visited her brother, Calvin Day who recently suffered a heart attack and underwent heart surgery in a Paris hospital.

Presbyterian Women meet

Frances Franklin was hostess for the Monday, February 12 meeting of the Presbyterian Women at the Glover Apartments Community Room.

Rev. Ed Dodson opened the meeting with prayer. From the study of "Women and the Word-studies in the Gospel of John," Rev. Dodson directed the fifth lesson, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place-A Woman Accused of Adultery." This story warns us of the destructive power of judgmentalism.

From "God's Little Devotional Book", Reba Temple read "It's Good to Be A Christian and Know It, but it's Better to be a Christian and Show It."

Frances Franklin gave the Least Coin devotion, "As Little Children, Opening our Hearts to the Future", a voice from Italy by Adriana Cavina. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Deport Nursing Home News By Sandra Mauldin

Verta Lynn was visited by Conner Chipman, Gaggi Chipman.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, m Owen Davis, Konnetta Ray, Flona and Patsy.

Ima Griffin was visited by Sue and Flona, Dee Odessa, Patsy Patsy and Buf.

Bill Farris was visited by GENE and Gay Fields, Becky Farris and Norris Farris and Keneth Gifford.

Betty Gardner was visited by laquita, Pat Talley.

Nig and Margareta Martin was visited by Loice and Thomas Bullard, Shane, Theda Rector, Trista and Sarah Rector.

Billy McCarty was visited by Rev. James E. McCarty, Linda McCarty, Jordan McCarty.

Roberta Watts wa visite by Mildred Allums, Gertie Choate, Nannie Bell Ham, L'Wanda Baranard, Ralynn Baskin, Jerilyn Baskin, Kennedy Peek.

Nell Wolf was visited by Stephanie Well, Cindy Filkins, Donna Russell, Tammy Rogers, Jasmine Garmon,

Joseph Filkins.

Roy Wells was visited by Ken WELLS, Glenn Wells, Mary Ann Miller, Ed Miller, Lawanda Cherry.

Ina Hedrick was visited by Doris and Nedrick and Florencia.

Nora Barnett and Jessie Lane were visited Laquita J., Pat Matlock, Alex Davidson, Ryleigh Davidson, rita Thompson, Katy Ramsey.

Billie Abbott and Lovetta McMurray was visited by Laquita and Margie and Dennis Lee.

Dora Hester was visited by Velma Cox.

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

Mary Ray was visited by Raymond Hignight, Ima Griffin, Laurence Ray and Betty Ray.

Harold Norris was visited by R.R. and Mrs. Hulen FAulkner, R.A. Cavender, Mary E. Crowder.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Velma Cox, Nell Wolf, Nannie Bell Ham, Lucy Fowler, Evelyn Roach, Sharlotte Harvey, Lila Screws, Lorene Gibson.

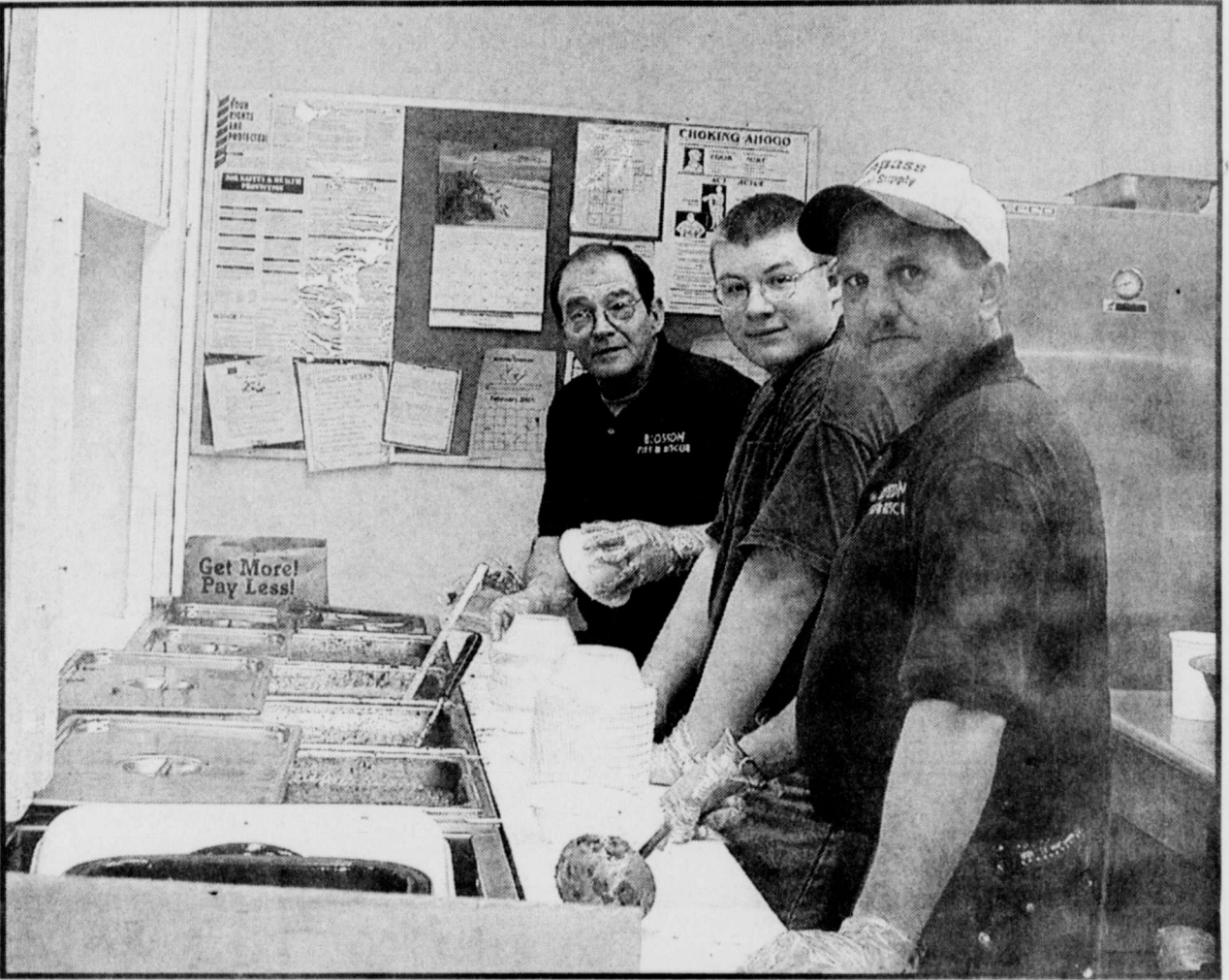
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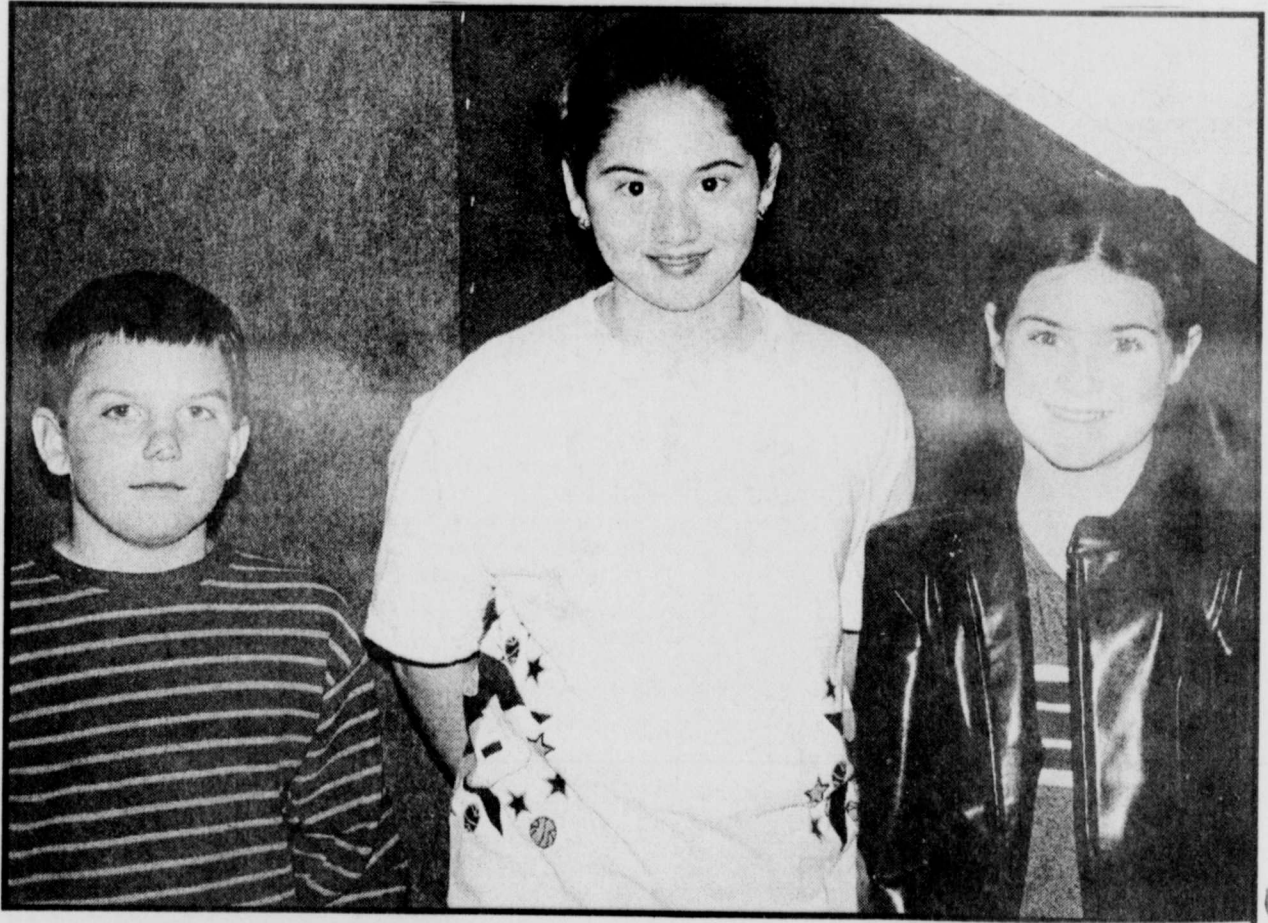
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COOKIN' UP CHILI-Blossom Volunteer Firemen Ronnie Westbrook, Lance Westbrook and Rusty Coward are pictured here as they dish out chili and all the fixin's to area residents on Saturday night, February 10 at the Blossom cafeteria for their annual chili supper and auction. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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STATE PIP(PLAYERS IN PROGRESS) participants at the state festival in College Station recently along with 26 other players from around the state were these Blossom students, Tanner Connot, Katie Clark and Kara Nation. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM HOOP SHOOT PARTICIPANTS-Participating in the recent Elk's Hoop Shoot are 4th graders from left to right Stormy Easley, Amanda Bishop and Casey Fendley. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)