

Nichols  
Worth



Up in the sky,  
it's a plane...no... it's a goose!  
The other day I went with  
Thomas to "rob the racks".  
This is not the commission of a  
crime, but the process of taking  
the coins out of the news  
racks. We go to all five towns  
we have papers in, and points  
in between and beyond.

In Bogata, we stopped at  
Huddleston's Grocery. Thomas  
got out and went over to the  
news rack to unlock it and do  
a little work on it. He left the  
door of the pickup open and  
soon I began to hear a loud  
honking noise.

Totally fascinated I looked  
skyward to see one of the largest  
flocks of snow geese I've  
ever seen.

They have wintered in the  
area, I knew, while I "chased"  
them quite a while trying to get  
a good photograph for the  
newspapers.

Their wings flashed brilliant  
white in the sunlight, the black  
markings punctuating the sentences  
of their flight.

The group split into two sections  
, and one flew over us.

Thomas had stopped too,  
and we both watched in wonder  
as they went over.

About the time Thomas  
came back to the pickup the  
second flock decided to rejoin  
the others and flew over also.

I opened my mouth to say,  
"Wow, and we didn't even get  
bombed" when my husband  
dropped his keys down in the  
door pocket.

"What in the world!" he  
shouted, pointing in horror.

I don't suppose there is any  
need to tell you what in the  
world he was referring to.

Tell me how one goose flying  
at about 200 feet managed to  
neatly, perfectly deposit a  
large, green wad of  
goose...well, you know  
what...inside a three inch wide  
pocket?

Totally disgusted, Thomas  
lost all awe at the majesty and  
beauty of the flock of geese.

Instead, he muttered and  
mumbled and fussed as he  
cleaned up the mess.

I couldn't stop laughing,  
which didn't help matters a  
bit.

Still, the geese were beautiful,  
and I suppose we're lucky  
we didn't receive a goose  
packet while standing looking  
up at them. Now that would  
have really been disgusting!

## Deport Ball Association sets sign up dates

Want to play ball? It's time for all  
ages to sign up to play with the  
Deport Ball Association.

Signup is set for February 26th  
from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the  
Deport School Cafeteria.

Children's birth certificates must  
be supplied and the sign up fee is \$35  
per child.

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## Area schools salute Future Farmers of America

FFA...Future Farmers of  
America...area schools will be  
celebrating National FFA Week on  
February 19-25 with various activities  
geared for their particular campus.

FFA has a rich history and strong  
traditions. Its past is a solid foundation  
for today's FFA. Many things  
have changed in more than 70 years,  
but the organization's founding principles  
are still solid.

The idea for forming a national  
organization for agriculture students  
was sparked in 1917 when Congress  
passed the National Vocational Education  
Act. This act, known as the  
Smith-Hughes Act, created vocational  
agriculture classes throughout the  
country.

In the early 1920's, the state of  
Virginia formed the first Future Farmers  
club for boys in agriculture classes.  
Henry Groseclose, an agriculture  
instructor from Blackburg, Virginia,  
organized the Future Farmers of  
Virginia and is commonly known as the  
father of the FFA. It was not long  
before Future Farmers' clubs were  
springing up across the country. (In  
states where schools were segregated  
by law, New Farmers' Clubs were  
also established for African-American  
students.)

In 1926, the American Royal  
Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri,  
invited vocational agriculture students  
to compete in livestock judging  
contests. Two years later, the students  
formed the Future Farmers of America  
to provide leadership training for farm  
boys. While in Kansas City for the  
American Royal, 33 delegates from  
18 states met at the Hotel Baltimore  
and formally launched the organization  
in November 1928. National  
dues were set at 10 cents per member.  
Leslie Applegate of Freehold, New  
Jersey, was the first national FFA  
advisor was Dr. C. H. Lane.

The National FFA Organization  
started life as Future Farmers of  
America. This name was used for the  
organization's first 60 years. Student  
leaders voted to change the official  
name to the National FFA Organization  
during the 1988 National FFA  
Convention. This current name  
respects the organization's roots while  
reflecting the science, business and  
technology of agriculture.

The FFA Code of Ethics was first  
adopted in 1952. It is a pledge by FFA  
members to conduct themselves as  
professional young adults at all times.  
By following it, members insure they  
are a credit to their organization,  
chapter, school, community and family.

The National FFA is one of the  
few student organizations that have  
a federal charter. There is a federal  
law that makes FFA an "intracurricular"  
part of the educational program. This  
allows FFA to operate very effectively  
within the agriculture classroom.  
The law also allows staff membership  
from the U.S. Department of  
Education to serve as the national FFA  
advisors.

The first federal charter was part  
of Public Law 740, passed by Congress  
in 1950. Today, the organization's  
federal charter is part of Public Law  
105-225.

Members dress in the FFA blue  
corduroy jacket that was born in the  
1930s. Dr. Gus Lintner, then advisor  
of the Fredricktown FFA Chapter,  
Ohio, was looking for a uniform for  
the Fredricktown Band, which was  
scheduled to appear at the national  
FFA convention. Lintner designed the  
first jacket in 1933. The crisp,  
blue jacket caught the attention of  
the official delegates. They voted to  
adopt it as the organization's official  
dress.

Today, the blue corduroy jacket  
continues to be one of the most  
recognizable symbols of the organization.  
It gives a proud, distinctive image to  
the organization. The jacket and  
accessories make up the uniform worn  
by the FFA members at local, state  
and national functions. The uniform  
is called "FFA official dress." Wearing  
FFA official dress properly is an  
important responsibility of FFA  
members.

If you have purchased the sausage  
products, a turkey, ham or other meat  
products sold by the organization,  
purchased fruit at annual fruit sales  
or purchased plants from area schools,  
you have supported the area FFA  
programs and they would like to say  
"thanks" for your support of them.

Each club has their individual  
activities that they plan each year.  
Prairiland starts out their year in June

where area ag teachers and district  
officers attended Camp Gilmot at  
Gilmer and participated in an executive  
planning session. Prairiland was  
proud to have Ashley Doyal as their  
district officer attending along with  
sponsors Bryan Moyer, Jeff Ballard  
and Frankie Norwood.

In July, officers, sponsors and  
talent team members participated in  
the state convention held in Corpus  
Christi. Officers attending were:  
Renea Moreland-president; Ashley  
Doyal-vice president; Jemilynn  
McKee-secretary; Brad Hunt-treasurer;  
Deann Pressley-reporter; Leslie  
Davis-sentinal; and Jessica Stapleton-  
junior advisor. Talent Team  
members attending and performing,  
coming in runners-up, were Amber  
Norwood and Stoney Musgrove. The  
organization also received the Golden  
Horizon Award which is a superior  
rating for a chapter and only 20 are  
given in the state.

Sponsors and members also  
began their trips to purchase market  
and breeding animals for interested  
members who would show in the  
upcoming shows in the fall and the  
county sale that would be in April.

August saw school begin and FFA  
caught up into the full swing of the  
new school year. The officers held a  
planning meeting with the sponsors to  
lay out their upcoming year of activities.

The September schedule had  
members exhibiting their animals in  
the 4-States Fair at Texarkana and  
attending their first monthly meeting.  
Sausage sales also began. Sale of  
pansies from the greenhouse.

October-members and officers had  
the opportunity to attend the National  
Convention in Louisville, Kentucky  
and they also exhibited hiefers, lambs,  
swine and goats at the State Fair of  
Texas in Dallas.

November saw nine teams  
attending and participating in the  
District Leadership Conference. Wild-

life team members earned the right  
to participate at state contest. They  
were Jorry Briggie, Stan Cox, Thomas  
Bishop and Harley Skidmore. Other  
teams participating was the Greehand  
Conducting Team-Nikki Bybee, Jodie  
Bybee, Amber Buster, Seth Walker,  
Hamilton Doty, Eric Whitaker,  
Weldon Bishop, Jessie Bryant and  
Brian Ray. Chapter Skills Team-  
Casey Upchurch, Jeremiah Jones and  
Brad Hunt.

Also, Radio Team members were  
Amie Love, Ashley Moffitt and  
Jessica Stapleton. Public Relations-  
Ashley Doyal, Renea Moreland,  
Deann Pressley and Jessica Stapleton.  
These girls won area and enjoyed  
the opportunity to participate at state  
along with two skills teams. Creed  
Speaker-Ashley Doyal and  
Greenhand Creed Speaker-Heath  
Connot. Greenhand Quiz Team was  
made up of Heath Connot, Brittany  
Ballard, Cesar Tinajero and Aaron  
Hughes.

By the end of November, sausage,  
turkey, ham and other meat orders,  
along with fruit orders were tabulated  
and sent in for delivery in December.  
Brent Norwood was high seller for  
the meat products while Larry Smith  
was high seller for the fruit sales.

Instructor, Frankie Norwood, gave  
a Continuing Education For Adults  
Seminar on Pesticide Application so  
that area farmers and ranchers could  
obtain their pesticide license for farm  
and ranch use. Wildlife team  
competes at state level.

December-Public Relations team  
takes 8th in the state of Texas at Sam  
Houston. Delivery of fruit and meat  
sales. Participated in the  
Deport Christmas Parade and handed out  
fruit. Several members gathered items  
for the elderly and needy for holiday  
baskets. Sale of pointsettias from the  
greenhouse.

January-Show Team members  
exhibit at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show  
and Rodeo with Brent Norwood and  
Cody Adair catching scramble calves.  
Members assist in clean-up around  
the area after the severe ice storm that  
hit the communities.

February-Show Team members  
will be exhibiting at the Houston  
Livestock Show and Rodeo with  
Norwood, Aaron Hughes and Leslie  
Davis participating in the calf  
scramble. February 12 will be the  
Area Convention with officers and  
Talent Team member Stoney  
Musgrove participating as delegates  
and all three sponsors will be attend-

ing.

March-members exhibiting  
animals at area shows and building  
projects for the annual auction in April.

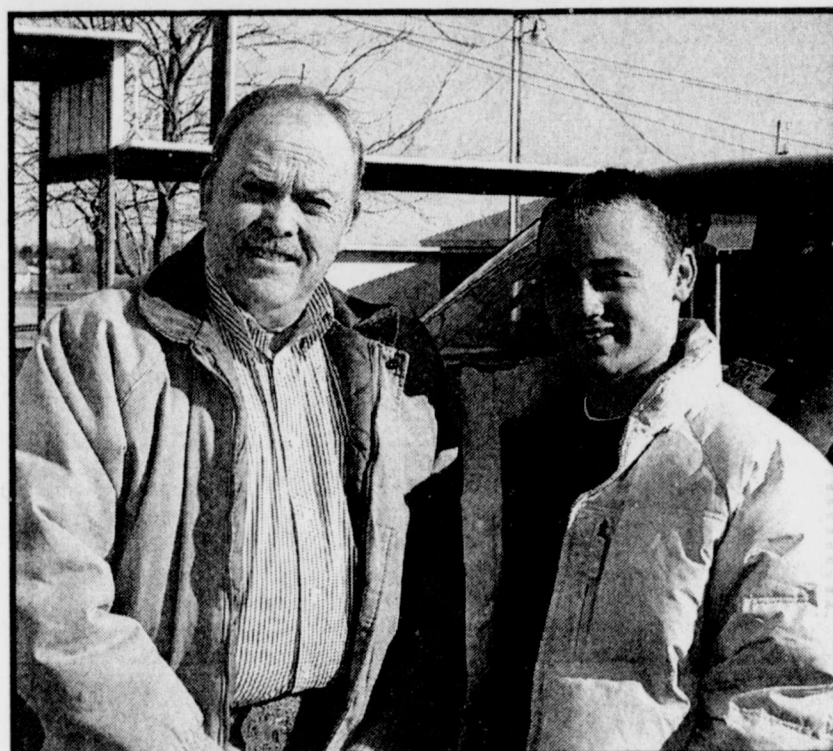
April 7th is the annual Project  
Show-Stew Cookoff-Pig Wrestling  
and Auction. Members will also be  
selling plants from the greenhouse  
that they have grown for the year. An  
all-day affair that has something for  
everyone! April 19-20 in the County  
Livestock Show where exhibitors will  
have the opportunity to put their  
market animals up for sale after a long  
year's hard work.

May-Election of officers for the  
upcoming year and annual FFA Banquet.

## People N Things

Friday, February 23-Dance, 8 p.m.  
Pattonville Community Center. Wade  
White and the Plain Label Band. Proceeds  
benefit VFD.

Monday, February 26-Business  
Meeting, 7 p.m.



**PRAIRILAND FFA advisor Frankie Norwood and talent team member Stoney Musgrove. Stoney is the district winner and will compete at area on February 12 at Kilgore Junior College. He was one of the state finalist last year along with Amber Norwood. (Staff Photo)**



**2000-2001 PRAIRILAND Officer Team-Pictured left to right is Brad Hunt-treasurer, Jemilynn McKee-secretary, Jessica Stapleton-junior advisor, Renea Moreland-president, Leslie Davis-sentinal, Ashley Doyal, vice president and Deann Pressley-reporter. (Staff Photo)**

## Prairiland Board extends contracts, grants leaves

The Prairiland ISD Board met in  
regular session February 19 with  
Downs, Fendley, Bankhead,  
Basinger, Sessums, Miller and  
Patterson present.

Johnny Patterson called the  
meeting to order.

In old business, the December  
report was carried unanimously; bills  
and financial report for December  
were approved unanimously; the tax  
report for December was approved  
unanimously.

In new business, the bills,  
financial report and tax report for  
January were unanimously approved.

A Board election for May 5 to fill  
two full terms in Place 1 and Place 4  
was approved. Patterson announced  
the Board members who have  
completed the required continuing  
education hours are Basinger,  
Bankhead, Downs, Patterson,  
Sessums, deficient Fendley and Miller.

Lesla Clarkson was named  
election judge and early voting judge,  
Kim Carlow and Lisa Martin were  
named as deputy early voting clerks.  
Judge at Blossom Methodist Church is  
Sue Clarkson; Deport First Baptist is  
Gordon Isbel; Cunningham Baptist  
Church is Shelby Kennedy and

## Bucket Brigade to meet this Thursday night

There will be a Deport VFD  
Bucket Brigade meeting this Thursday,  
February 22nd starting at 7:00 p.m.  
at Darden-Sparks Meeting Store in  
Deport. The meeting will finalize  
plans for the upcoming Supper being  
held in conjunction with the fire  
department's auction. All members are  
urged to attend and anyone wishing  
to join the bucket brigade or help  
with the event is urged to come.

Prairiland High School is Peggy  
Whitney.

The sale of property to David and  
Carolyn Davidson was approved.

The contracts of Buddy Freeman,  
Ronnie Baker, Sandra Burnett and  
Larry Salter were extended and the  
Resolution and Interlocal Agreement  
for Food Services with Region 8 were  
approved.

The Health Insurance Budget will

be amended in the March meeting.

The board went into executive  
session at 10:45 p.m. and accepted the  
resignation of Mendy Nichols. A  
leave of absence for Brenda Bishop  
and Shelia Huffman were also  
approved.

Non-action items discussed were  
the sewer system, FEMA, legislative  
issues student and teacher recognition.



**NEW RADIO-the Deport Volunteer Fire Department has a new radio in their grass fire and rescue truck, purchased with money raised by the Bucket Brigade. The truck's old, used radio would no longer function and the new one has greatly increased the unit's efficiency. Shown here are Johnny Dawson and Jeremy Day. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)**

# Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Or cooks this week are mother-daughter duo of Annette Welch and daughter Sueanne. They live north of Detroit, near Clarksville. Annette is a Science teacher in Jr. High and Sueanne is a sophomore at Detroit High School. Both are active in school activities.

Annette states that they have collected appetizer recipes for the past thirty years and has recipe books and a drawer full of them. She and Sueanne use most of them during the holidays and their favorite time of year is Christmas. We wanted to get her on our Christmas schedule this year, but somehow time ran out.

On Christmas Eve, they invite family and friends over for food and fireworks. They usually have a visit from Santa, who insults the kids and thrills the kids.

Before Christmas Eve, different friends or family members will say "Are you going to have my favorite

dish . . . ?" So Annette and Sueanne usually wind up preparing more dishes than they had planned for. . . sometimes 25 or so.

Here are a few of their favorite ones and maybe you can get a jump start on the new year with some of them! See you in the kitchen!

**Garlic Cheese Ball**-can be made ahead of time!

**Oyster Ball**-uses cream cheese, smoked oysters and Worcestershire sauce. This can also be made 2 days ahead of time!

**Hot Seafood Dip**-croustons are added right before serving!

**Clam Dip**-this recipe came from Susan Martin, a friend of Annette and Sueanne; they state that she is a fabulous cook and a vitamin guru!

**He-Man Dip**-the guys all love this one!

**Rumaki** -is definitely a hand's down favorite of everyone's and is always asked for!



ANNETTE AND SUEANNE WELCH of the Detroit/Clarksville area collect appetizer recipes and have many of them from various places. Pictured is Sueanne Welch with her niece, Katie Ann Welch.

**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.

**Red River County Roots**

This week's query is from Mrs. Ceryl Jobe, 1124 North Lincoln, Stillwater, Ok. 74075, who is researching her husband's Jobe family. James L. "Jim" Jobe married Eva Diggs, a Lamar Co. native in April 1900 in Lamar Co. Little has been learned about Eva's background but her grandmother was a Jackson. Mrs. Jobe believes. It is not known if any Diggs or Jobe families lived in Red River County, though some apparently lived in Lamar County. James and Eva's fourth child, Dock Milton Jobe, was born in 1907 in Lamar Co. This Jobe family later moved to Kansas and both Eva and James died in Kansas City.

If you would like to write to Mrs. Jobe 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

**Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Leon Smith was surprised with a 61st birthday party at his home by his wife, Mary and children Becky Holmes and husband Jody of Bogata, Susie Barnes and husband Tracy of Bagwell, Connie Phosay and husband To of Fulbright, Freda Smith of Detroit, Vincent Smith and wife Patti of Fulbright, Kristina Davidson of Detroit, Josephine Blessingame and husband Mike of Detroit. Also grandchildren Rachel, Jennifer, Jacob and Steffanie Phosay, Kevin and Megan Jarrett, Jessica and T.J. Barnes and Lilly Smith. Others attending were Laura Stover and children and Tom Bolton.

Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga had dinner with some of his former classmates at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Dallas Saturday. They also visited over the weekend with Cecil and Isabel Vega and Rey, Carolina and Nicole Moreno of Plano.

Our condolences are sent to the family of Kenneth Smith, who died last week and to the family of Gary Townes who lost a battle with cancer.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown visited Sunday with his mother, Betty Rodgers.

# Obituaries

## Gladys Mitchell McClellan dies February 19

Gladys Mitchell McClellan, born July 10, 1923 in Pin Hook and passed away February 19 in Dallas. Gladys lived in the Cedar Creek Lake area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mabank and Rylie First Baptist Church in Dallas. She retired from SW Bell Telephone Co. in 1980.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, M.E. "Mutt" McClellan; daughters, Martha Knox and husband Alvin and Peggy Murry; son, Lynn McClellan and wife Linda; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby Crawford and brother, Preston Mitchell, both of Blossom.

Celebration of her home going was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 23 at Anderson Clayton Bros. Chapel in Mesquite. Graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Friday at Red Oak Cemetery in Blossom.

### Card of Thanks

We want to express our appreciation to all who made our 50th anniversary so special.

To Monte, Frieda, Patti, Bruce and our grandchildren who did so much.

To everyone who came, called, sent cards and gifts, to everyone for your friendship and love, thank you.

**Bunky and Floy Smith**

### Card of Thanks

We would like to say a sincere "thanks" to everyone for their kindness, thoughts, prayers, cards and food we received during the loss of our Grandma. A special thanks to Wood Funeral Home for their loving care, Bogata Missionary Baptist Church for providing us with a wonderful lunch, to Stanley and Donna Jesse for their message through song and most of all, Bro. Daniels for his love and comforting words he gave to our family.

**Chris, Stephanie & Kristie**

## Naomi R. Watson dies February 20

Naomi R. Watson, age 83 of Bogata died Tuesday, February 20 at Baylor University Medical Center of Dallas.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Bogata. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Deport. Services were under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

She was the daughter of Charles and Lou Carolina Davis Davidson, born on May 2, 1917 near Deport in the Mosely Community. She married James Clyde Watson on January 27, 1938. She was an insurance agent for White Cross Insurance Company for over 23 years, retiring in 1972.

Her surviving relatives are her husband, James Clyde Watson of Bogata; one daughter, Barbara Joan Hambrick and her husband John of Paris; three grandchildren, Mignon Young of Round Rock, Jack Hambrick of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Meridith Hamil of Miami, Florida; three great-grandchildren, Parker, Aiden and Jackson Young of Round Rock; one brother, Charles Davidson and his wife Joyce of Deport; two sisters-in-law, Christine Davidson Nix of Hooks and Kinny and Charles Tipping of Hughes Springs.

She was preceded in death by a brother, J.L. Davidson and a sister, Frances Gibson and her husband James, and a sister-in-law, Jo Nell Davidson.

The family has requested donations be given to the Diabetic Foundation or the Bogata Church of Christ.

## Grief Support Group to meet

The Lennox Health Resource Center Grief Support Group is meeting March 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at 114 North Wlanut Street in Clarksville.

The grief Support Group is open to all citizens of Red River County, Free of Charge.

For more information, call 903-428-8500.

### Card of Thanks

Thank you for all your concerns, cards sent, visits, prayers and a special thanks to the ladies from Bogata Missionary Baptist Church for the meals prepared during my recent recovery from surgery. I also thank my husband and mother for their tender loving care. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community and have such a caring church family.

**Dana Neeley**

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## Myrtis Dightman joins honorees in Cowboys Hall of Fame

Myrtis Dightman, the first black cowboy to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo, joined eight other Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association members inducted into the Texas Cowboys Hall of Fame last Saturday at Belton.

Dightman, who is from Hosuton, qualified for his first NFR in 1966. He also competed in five more Finals, finishing third in the world in 1967, his best year.

Other inducted into the Hall of Fame were Buster and June Ivory, Maurice Champion, Buzzy Kaul, Hollis Gilfillian, Jack Bridges, Jr., Whit Kenny and Frank Rhoades.

Deceased PRCA members inducted were John Lindsey and George Taylor.

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Life teaches us to be less harsh with ourselves and with others.  
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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Thursday, February 21, 2001

### Garlic Cheese Ball

16 ounces cream cheese-softened  
8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese  
1 small onion-finely minced  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 teaspoon lime juice  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne-optional

Mix well. Chill one hour. Roll in paprika or form a log and roll in 1 cup of chopped toasted pecans.

### Oyster Ball

8 ounces cream cheese-softened  
1 can smoked oysters-drained  
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire  
1 teaspoon green onion tops-finely minced

1/2 teaspoon dried onion flakes soaked in 1 tablespoon water and drained dash of salt  
Mix cream cheese, Worcestershire, green onion tops, onion flakes and salt. Spray 2 sheets of wax paper with Pam. Roll cream cheese mixture between the two sheets of wax paper until mixture is rectangular and about 1/4-inch thick. Chop oysters and spread down center of cream cheese rectangle. Roll side toward center and seal ends. Wrap in wax paper and foil. Chill. Oyster Roll can be made 2 days ahead and when serving, spread thinly sliced green onion tops down center of roll.

### Hot Seafood Dip

2 cans mushroom soup  
2 small cans shrimp-drain  
2 small cans crabmeat-drain and pickled  
2 medium onions-diced  
1 cup fresh mushrooms-sliced  
2 bell peppers-chopped  
6 drops Worcestershire  
2 cups croutons

Saute onions, mushrooms and peppers in 1 teaspoon canola oil. Add

soup, shrimp, crabmeat, Worcestershire and heat. Immediately before serving, stir in croutons. Serve with wheat crackers or toast points.

### Clam Dip

8 ounces cream cheese-softened  
1/2 onion-minced  
1/2 cup Miracle Whip  
2-1/2 + 1 tablespoon Worcestershire salt and pepper  
1 can clams-drained  
Stir in cream cheese and Miracle Whip. Blend in other ingredients and chill.

### He-Man Dip

1 pound lean ground beef  
1 pound reduced-fat sausage  
6 green onions-sliced  
1 large onion-minced  
1 bell pepper-chopped  
1 can mushroom soup  
1 can Ro-Tel with chilis  
1 pound light Velveeta  
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
Brown and drain on paper towels beef and sausage. Place meats back in skillet and add onions and bell peppers. Saute until vegetables are done and add remaining ingredients. Heat and stir constantly. Serve with tortilla chips.

### Rumaki

2 cans whole water chestnuts-drain  
1 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup soy sauce  
1 pound thin bacon-cut in half  
Place water chestnuts in bowl. Mix maple syrup and soy sauce and pour on. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours. Wrap each water chestnut in 1/2 slice of bacon. Secure with toothpick. Cook on grill, bake or broil until done. Serve hot or cold.

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**PRESIDENTS DAY**-Guaranty Bank-Deport had punch and a contest about whose picture was on which bill last Friday in honor of President's Day. Jane Swint serves customer Sharon Frances some punch. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**SUNNY WHITNEY** display two crocheted Afghans she has just finished to donate to the **Deport Volunteer Fire Department's upcoming auction.** The auction is set for **March 3rd** and will be held in conjunction with a meal at the school cafeteria. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

## Basket weaving for Beginners

"A tisket, a tasket; a green and yellow basket." The simple nursery rhyme reminds us of earlier times and how useful baskets were to all people. The Maxey House State Historical Park at 812 S. Church is hosting a beginners Basket weaving workshop for 9, 10, 11 year olds on Saturday, march 10, from 10:00 to 11:30.

Youngsters will learn how baskets are woven and weave a basket to take home. Judy Martin and Judy Brummett will instruct the participants in using round reed to weave baskets. The class size is limited to ten students. Call 785-5716 NOW an reserve a space in the workshop. The workshop cost is \$5.

## Crawford family dinner held

The descendants of the late Jack Crawford held a family dinner on Sunday, February 18th at the Community Center in Blossom with a total of 66.

Attending were Clarence Crawford, Karen Broderick, Ken Crawford, Ethel Jackson, Winnie Steele, Ann Jackson, Bonnie Crawford, Paula Mortensen and Jessica, Dorothy Crawford, Geraldine and Bob Morton, Kathleen and Don White, James and Carole Crawford, Shirley and John Gifford, Virginia Dwayne Rhodes, Mike and Sonya Rhodes, Jordan and Drew, Prentice and Jo Crawford, Russell Crawford,

Lori Parvin and Ashley Stewart, Rusty and Rebecca Crawford, Kelci and Broc, Christie Noone, Braden and Dylan, Patrick and Christopher McLendon, Larry and Barbara Crawford, Kathleen McCulloch, Tammie Cason, Linda Mowery, Gray & Sharon Crawford and Shelia, Gertrude and Andy Hammett, Kerry and Bonnie Crawford, Shannon and Kelli, Randall and Anna Crawford, Jacky and Tonya Crawford and Samantha, Randy and Kristy Crawford, Emilee and Sydnee, Sammy and Jane Crawford, Martin and Matthew and guest Bessie Garrett.



## Deport Nursing Home News

By Sandra Mauldin

Johnnie Warren was visited by Jo Ann Henson, Nani Bell Ham, Evelyn Roach, Misty Vandiver, Lila Screws, Rev. Jim Benfer and son Hugh.

Roberta Watts was visited by Lorene Gibson, Shirley Allums, Marcus Allums and Kathy Allums.

Nell Wolf was visited by Danbri Mitchell, Cindy Filkins, Joseph Filkins, Richard Winkler, Joseph Coleman, Lyn Wolf, Angie, Marcus, Allison and Aaron Wolf, Nina Sparks and Owen and Flo Riley.

Roy Wells was visited by Ken Wells, Glenn Wells.

Nora Barnett was visited by Liquita J. and Rita Thompson and Katy Ramsey and Rhonda Hoskins.

Cara Perkins was visited by Pam Humphrey, Crystal Shelton and Carol Shelton.

Nig and Margarette Martin were visited by Shane and Theda Rector, Trista and Sarah Rector, Kenneth and Sue Martin, Thomas and Loice Bullock, Opal and Joel Houden, Mamie Spencer, Ed Spencer and Wayne Martin.

## 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.

## Rains' honored with shower at Presbyterian church

Taniela and David Rains were the honorees at a luncheon February 11th in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Deport.

The affair was held following the Sunday morning worship service.

The tables were covered in white with green silk arrangements placed up and down the center of each table. Other decorations were Dreamsicle figurines and small votive candles burning in crystal holders.

Following the meal, members of the church presented the honorees

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
The recent heavy rains really brought to the forefront a problem that never should have arisen in the first place. It is caused by human error. It could be solved very easily.

The problem really doesn't affect me very much, however it does affect eight of my neighbors. They live on County Road 1112-1110 & 1113. We have tin horns on 1112 & 1113 that will not carry the water that comes down Mustang Creek, Long Branch and Little White Oak. No gravel on part of 1110. Those eight families could not get out due to the high water. There are three people that I know of that have medical problems. What would have happened had they had a medical emergency? We need the tin horns on Co. Road 1112 replaced with bridges and the low places that have washed out due to high water built back up. I have lived here all my life, Long Branch and Little White Oak never overflowed as long as we had bridges. If Co. Road 1110 was finished with gravel three of those families could get out, two with medical problems would be helped.

There has been enough gravel washed down these branches to built good bridges. I say it was wasted tax money. The other five would not benefit much by gravelling 1110 all the way to Farm to Market Road 196. I understand the children that live in that area missed school due to the high water. These people need a way out. They pay taxes the same as the rest of us. I live on FM 196, I can get out.

With all due respect to everyone involved and malice toward none I remain respectfully yours,  
Pearis C. Abernathy

with gifts for the baby girl who is expected in march.

The Rains reside in Mt. Vernon and they are parents of a son and daughter, Brandon and Macie.

Brenda McEntyre, Lynn Nixon, Joyce Davidson and Melissa Daniel were in charge of arrangements.

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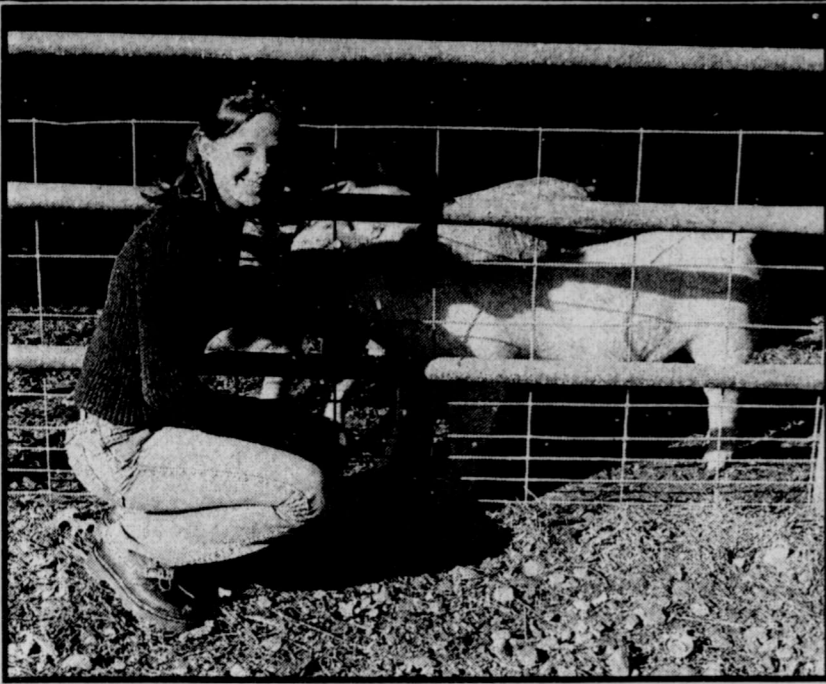
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PRAIRIAND FFA member Jemilynn McKee is pictured here with her three market swine projects. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND FFA officers and advisor visit Freedom Hall in Louisville, Kentucky during the national convention held there. Pictured left to right is advisor Bryan Moyer, Jessica Stapleton, Renee Moreland, Deann Pressley, Leslie Davis and Ashley Doyal. (Staff Photo)

**FOOT NOTES**



**In-Towing, Out-Toeing**

It can be disconcerting for parents to see their child's feet turning in or out when walking; however, children almost always outgrow these conditions, called torsional deformities, without torsion. When the femur or tibia rotates abnormally either inward or outward, the feet can be affected. The femur is the bone between the hip and knee; the tibia runs between the knee and ankle. Internal and external tibial rotation is most common in children younger than two and is often related to the child's position in the uterus before birth. Internal rotation of the femur is the most common cause of in-toeing among children older than two. Possible causes for this condition include pre-birth positioning and poor sitting habits.

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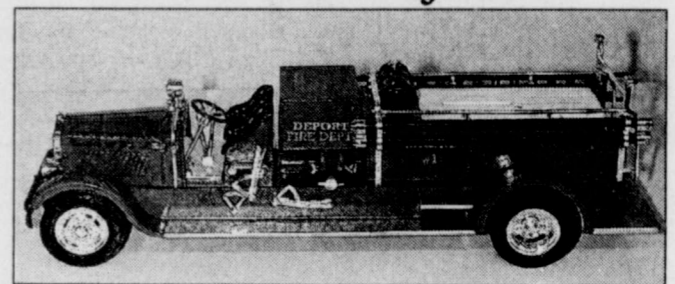
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**Post Oak News**  
by Geneva Lee

Word has been received of the death of Gladys (Mitchell) McClellan of Mabank, Texas. Her was Thursday in Mesquite with burial here at Red Oak Cemetery. She was raised in our community and is survived here by a brother, Preston Mitchell and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Crawford of Blossom and many friends. Here husband, Mutt, and daughter Peggi live in Mesquite. Sympathy is extended to the family.

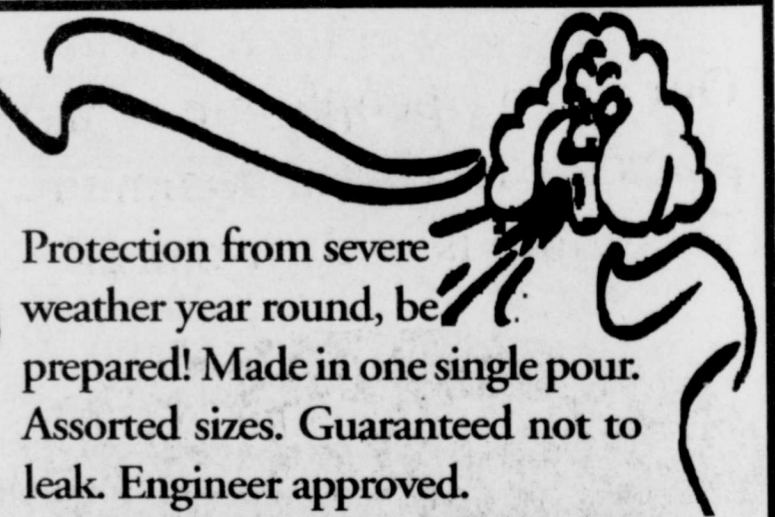
Bro. and Mrs. J.T. McNabb attended the preacher and wives meeting at Avery Missionary Baptist Church Monday night, Feb. 12. It was hosted by Bro. and Mrs. Joe Stevens and was a pot luck meal.

Evelyn (Stevens) Hall is in Paris Nursing Home in the Special Care Department. She is there while taking radiation.

Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Frank and Edna Lee of Milton and attended church here Sunday night.

Carol (Lane) Smith of Blossom, daughter of the late Austin Lane and wife, Jeanie, was buried here Saturday morning in Post Oak Cemetery. Her husband, Charles Smith of Blossom, survive her along with 2 sons and their wives, one brother and one sister.

Bro. Henry Blackmon had his parents of Arkansas visit him and his family over the weekend.



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PRAIRILAND FFA members also learn floral design. Pictured here with their arrangement are members Chastiti Weeks, Deann Pressley and Renee Moreland. (Staff Photo)



PRAIRILAND FFA member Bryan Hatanville exhibits his heifer at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. (Staff Photo)

**Best Wishes To The Local FFA Chapters... Keep Up The Good Work**

**Blossom Locals**

Happy Birthdays this week too: Chase Hunold, Edward Himes, Bryan Williams, Marilyn Adams Harrison, Sharon Boyd, Ben Blount, Allen Baldwin, Clint Loveless, Justin Withers, Leta Scott, Chris Wilkins, Jeremy Smith, Jacob Glidewell.

Congratulations to Matt and Sherri Downs who were married on Saturday, February 17 at the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church in Minter.

Jack, Glenda and Jordan Ballard attended church with Mary Jane Lowry on Sunday morning and enjoyed visiting with her.

Marjorie Myers of Bogata spent several days last week visiting with Mary Jane Lowry.

Don't forget the PAT Banquet on Saturday, March 3. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fay and Johnny SHores and Hurshul and Minnie Lee Shands spent Friday in Dallas at the Veteran's Hospital.

Minnie Lee Shands, Pauline Weddle and Juanita Harrioss enjoyed lunch in Paris after church on Sunday.

Jim Weddle spent Monday morning with Jr. Weddle.

Pauline Weddle, Lori Deverell and Paula Shelby traveled to Van Alstyne on Friday to visit with Teri and

Chris Moody, Carly and Blake. Carly came home with them and spent the weekend with Paula and Jackie Shelby and other relatives and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Sylvia May is home from the hospital and we wish her the best. She was visited by Minnie Lee Shands on Friday.

The Detroit Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a hamburger supper and cake walk at the fire house on Saturday, February 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long last week along with Juanita Garrett of Woodland.

Bessie Garrett attended the Crawford Reunion on Sunday held at the Blossom Civic Center.

Blossom Fellowship Baptist Church will be holding a dedication ceremony on Sunday, February 24 for their newly built youth center.

Fred Weir of Azle came in to watch his grandson Lance Connot and the Blossom boys play in the district tournament at Prairiland.

Congratulations to the Blossom Jr. High boys and girls on their 2nd place finish at the North East Texas District Basketball Tournament held on Saturday.

**Tuesday 42 meets**

Robbie Gooch hosted the Tuesday 42 Club meeting held on February 20. LaVerta Westbrook won high score for members.

Several members were present, along with one visitor, Reba Temple.

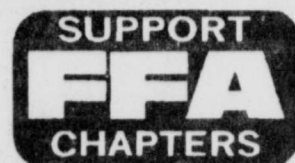
The next meeting will be held with Jimmie King on March 6.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate.

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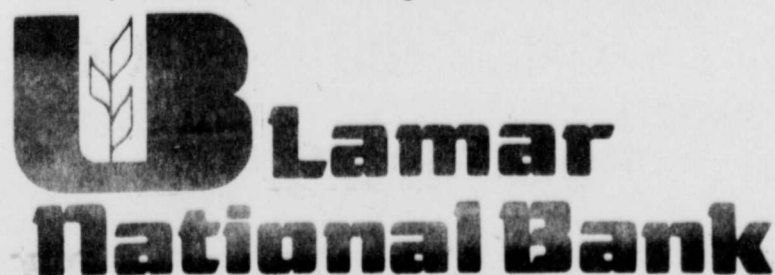
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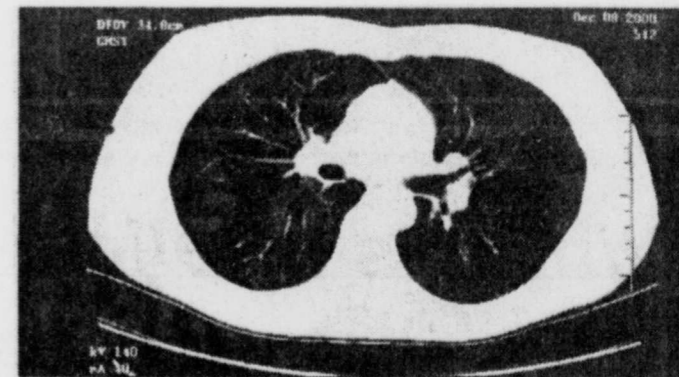
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PRAIRILAND FFA members Brittany Ballard and Cody Henry work on showing their market lambs for upcoming shows. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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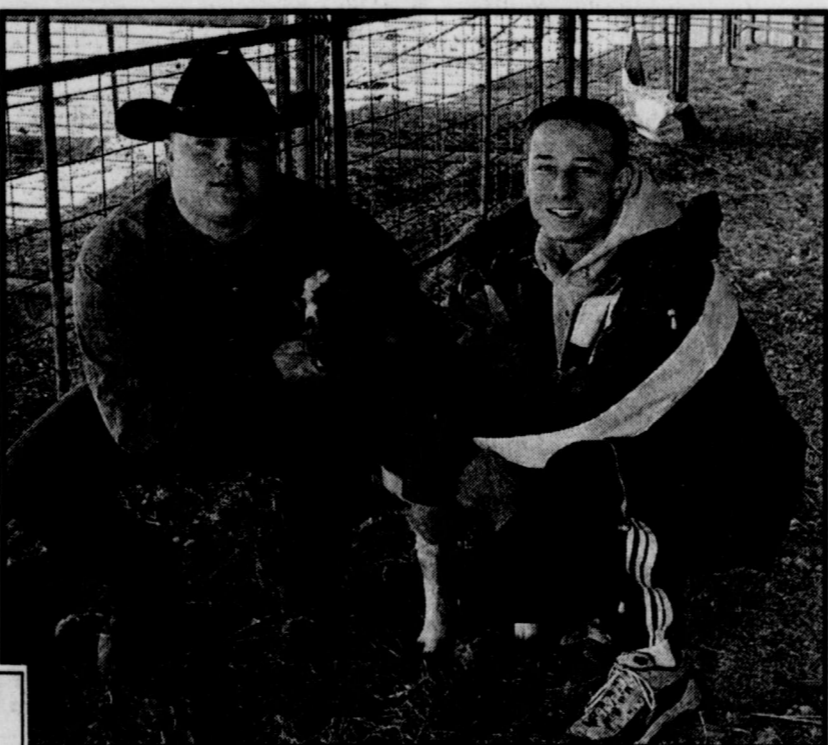
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PRAIRILAND FFA member Chris Green and Heath Connot with market goat belonging to Heath. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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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
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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	
26	Softball, Here 4:30, North Lamar, JV	
	Cheer Clinic, Gym, 3:45-5	
27	Softball at North Lamar, V, 5:30-7	
	Cheer Clinic, Gym, 3:45-5	
28	Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.	
	Cheer Clinic, Gym, 3:45-5	
March 1	PAT Banquet	
	Baseball, Gladewater	
	Cheer Tryouts	
2	Softball, Home, Clarksville, V, 4:30	
	Softball Tourney, JV at Mt. Pleasant	
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Thomas and Nanalee Nichols ate supper Saturday night with Jayne and Dicky King and NeLeigh who was in from the University of Texas for the weekend.

Dawne Darden visited with LuAnn Sparks of Rowlett over the weekend. They went to Grapevine and saw a mouth blown glass vase made, and toured a glass supply shop and gallery. Afterward they ate in the Rainforest Cafe.

Happy anniversary to Debra and Ricky McMikel, Susan and Philip Roach.


Ruth Murrell was honored on her 92nd birthday with a dinner and party at the home of her sister, Virginia Kirkland, Saturday night. Mavis Sowards, Nina Sparks, Reba Temple and Thelma Warren were guests.

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The Texas Department of Agriculture is examining these telecommunications issues and other economic development issues for rural Texas. The Texas Legislature also has directed the Public Utility Commission to produce a report on the availability of advanced telecommunications services in rural areas.

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PRAIRILAND FFA members Colt Hatfield and Justin McDowra show off some of their handiwork that will be used as centerpieces for the upcoming PAT Banquet. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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S.A.V.E Program speaker at Prairiland on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 was Dave Bremier who was a Viet Nam Vet from Ft. Worth. He spoke to junior/high school students from all 3 campuses on various moral issues relating to the youth of today. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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An Introduction to Personal Computing class will meet from 1-4 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, March 19-28.

The Introduction to Windows class will be held from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, March 20-29. This course include starting Windows, working with online help and text, and editing in WordPad, NotePad and Paint applications.

A Basic Internet class is scheduled to meet from 6-9 p.m., Topics will cover e-mail, Home Page, and how to perform basic research using the Internet.

An Advanced Microsoft Excel 2000 spreadsheet class will be held from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, March 20-29.

AutoCAD 2000 Update (16 hours) 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 16 and 18  
AutoCAD Fundamentals Level I (24 hours) 6-10 p.m., March 12-14, 16, 19-20

A First Aid/CPR class, approved by the American Red Cross and recognized by OSHA, will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 24.

The CPR for Health Care Providers (Course C), approved by the American Heart Association, will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

The CPR Recertification class for health professionals will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, March 30.  
Defensive Driving, offered by Paris Junior College #067, in accordance with the standards established by the National Traffic Safety Institute of Texas, Inc, License #C0297,

will meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

The Driver Education class, approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety, is open to students at least 15 years of age.

Private violin lessons will be available from March 5 through May 2.

A Basic Lapidary Arts class will be held from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, March 20 through April 12.

The Kids Hurt Too seminar will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. An alternate seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, March 10.

A Compassion Fatigue workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at the Calvary United Methodist Church. Rev. Lorenzo Johns will offer skills needed by professional care-givers who face career burn-out stress.

A Patent, Trademark and Copyright Laws class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, March 2.

A Professional Telephone Skills video presentation will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

How to Sell to the Government, hosted by Chuck Waldrop of the Center for Government Contracting, will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, March 22.

How to Write a Winning Proposal will be offered from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

The 200-hour Truck Driver Training class will meet from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 26 through April 20. To register for these classes call the Continuing Education Department at (903) 782-0447.

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**CUNNINGHAM NEWS**  
By Neva Jean Oats

Happy Birthday to Frankie Norwood and Kendra Hicks.

Weekend visitors of Bobbie and Clyde Slusher were Stephanie and E.C. McLaughlin of Burkburnett, Shane McLaughlin of Dallas, Janet Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, Jackie Taylor and Bobbye Hall of Paris.

Velma Cox returned home Sunday after a long road trip. She spent Christmas with the Gordon Cox family. She went to Baytown to visit with Raymond and Mary Ann Gaylord. She visited her brother Alton Devlin, in the rest home in Alvin, Tx. Alton sends a hello to everyone. Velma visited her niece Dorothy Jean Randal in Beaumont, Lancel and William Baxter in College Station and enjoyed two day trips with the Senior Citizens of Baytown. One trip was to Orange, Tx. and the other was to Liberty, Tx. She spent the day with Vera Cox, Helen and David Taylor in Ft. Worth and spent a week with Morris before coming home. Morris stayed overnight when he brought Velma home on Sunday.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood and Cindy and Charles Nichols played cards with James and Pat Norwood Sunday night.

Jeff, Zak, Garret, Taylor and Heath Kennedy ate with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy Sunday.

Sue and Murray Jackson visited

David Jackson and his family in Kasnas City over the weekend.

Donnie O'Neal Morrison is doing well after having a pace maker put in last week.

Leonard and Billie Ford took Lillian King to the Fish Fry to eat Friday night. They went in the new car Leonard gave Billie for Valentine's Day. Billie attended a Women's Conference at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Saturday and she also attended the birthday party of her granddaughter, Haley Yazell in Longview. Billie and Leonard visited Lillian Sunday afternoon.

Marie Watson was elected Valentine Queen at the Sterling House in Paris.


The Deport Basketball teams did well at the District Tournament this weekend. The girls won first place and the boys won third place. Johnna Patterson plays on the girls team and Spur Norwood, Marty Anderson and Weston Drinnon play on the boys team. Way to go Patriots!!

Craig and Andrea Slakey were Saturday night guest of Brad and Georjeana Nutt.

Sunday guest of Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Brad Hunt, Randy Rich, Alice McPherson and Lynn and Betty Holeman.



PRAIRILAND FFA member Jeremiah Jones prepares his heifer for show at the Ft. Worth Stock Show. (Staff Photo)



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Prairiland Menu  
Week of February 26  
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  
Pork and beans  
Potato chips  
Fruit cocktail  
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The federal Farm Bill shapes the way we do agricultural business across the United States. It affects how other nations view U.S. agriculture and trade. It dictates how we bounce back from agricultural blows like drought or unsteady commodity prices.

It plays an integral role in agriculture's progress, and while the Farm Bill is not scheduled to be revamped until 2002, Congress could start taking a look at it as early as 2001. That's why the Texas Department of Agriculture recently hosted a listening session in Austin to gather ideas from more than 40 agricultural organizations and individual farmers and ranchers on how the Farm Bill should be shaped.

To keep agriculture strong and moving forward, producers overwhelmingly agreed that we must have additional federal assistance for preventing the introduction of plant diseases and pests from across the border.

It also must address drought, which has been reducing farmers' and ranchers' incomes since the last Farm Bill was reauthorized in 1996. It needs to provide an adequate safety net without having to rely on ad-hoc disaster bailouts, which some countries consider subsidies.

And it also should promote a level playing field for international trade. U.S. producers are faced with unfair competition and contend with arbitrary trade barriers by foreign governments.

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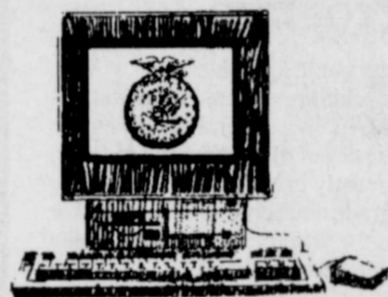
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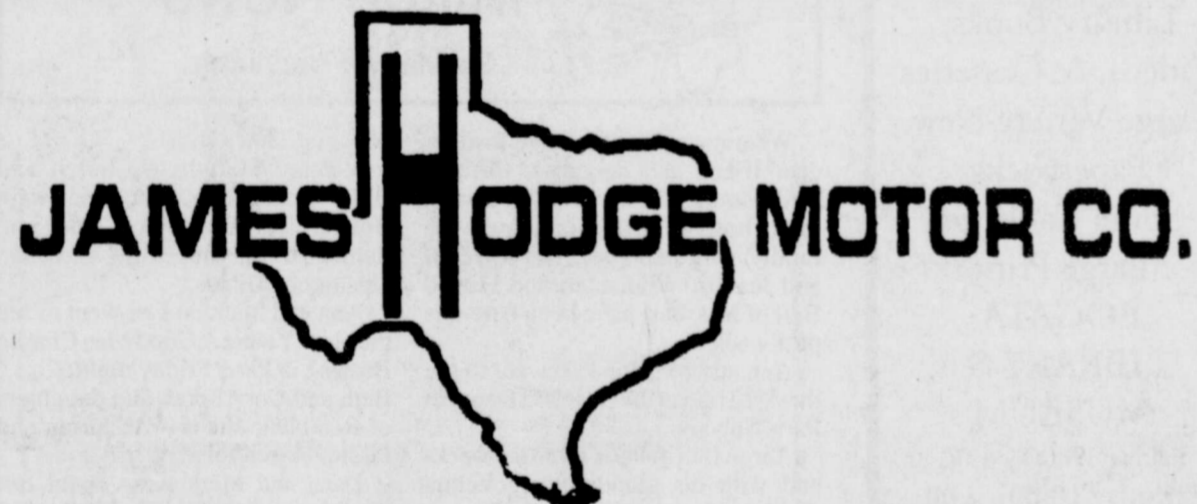


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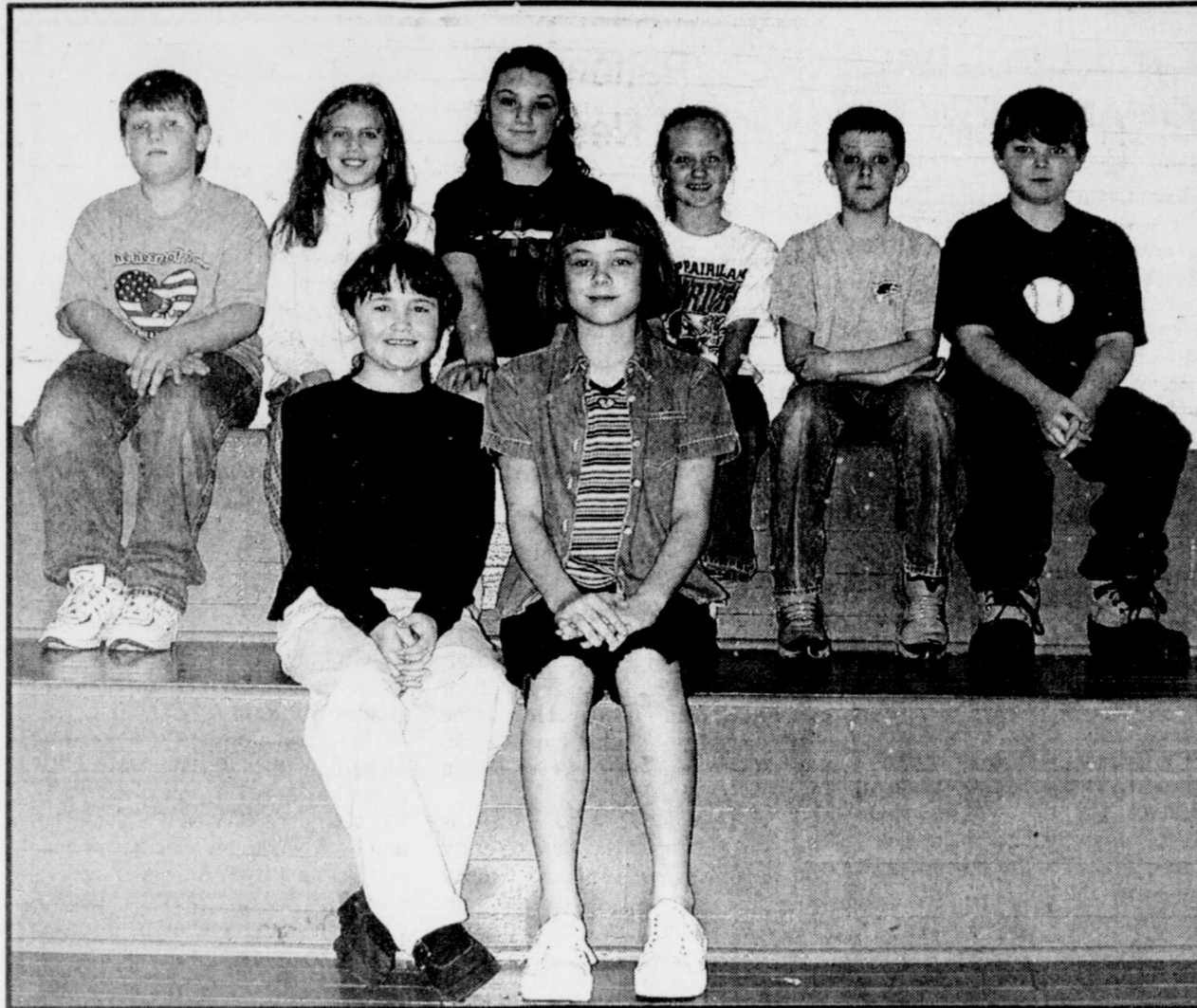
The skills learned through FFA programs help today's students lead the way into the future.

**Prairiland powerlifters score at HG**

The Prairiland Powerlifting team competed in Honey Grove recently and the girls scored a total of 19 points.

First, Susan Whittle, 670; second, Lacy Beaty, 460; second, DeAnn Pressley, 530.

The boys scored 37 points. First, Stan Cox, 1180; first, Phillip Elder, 1165; first, Brad Hunt, 1110; second, Taylor Brewer, 1005; fourth, Dakota Mitchell, 530; third, Jorry Briggie, 1040; second, Chris Brunson, 1010; fifth, Josh Williams, 895.



MAP STUDENTS-from Deport school will be participating in a Duke University Program called Motivation for Academic Performance (MAP) for grades four and five. Participating are: from left, back row: Grade 4-Josh Juneau, Kaylee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Jenna Patterson, Layton Norwood, Tyler Young. Front: Paige Freeman, Regan Harrell. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

**Eight Deport students to participate in Duke University Program**

Duke University sponsors a program, Motivation for Academic Performance (MAP) for qualifying students in grades four and five. The purpose of the program is to focus attention on the positive performance of students and motivate them to excel in academics. Deport Elementary School is proud to announce that eight students have met the qualifications required to participate. Students invited to participate in the program in grade five are Paige Freeman and Regan Harrell. In grade four, Josh Juneau, Kaylee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Layton Norwood, Jenna Patterson and Tyler Young

met the qualifications. Students are selected for participation based on a criteria including being a resident of the 16-state region, be currently enrolled in the fourth or fifth grade and achieve a score of at or above the 90th percentile on a grade level standardized test. These eight students will receive a certificate of achievement from Duke University for their excellence in academic achievement, a newsletter designed to further academic interests and opportunities as well as additional resources to enhance their interest and opportunities.



BRITNEY MARTIN, EIGHTH grader in Marla Evans' English class at Deport, recently won first in the local VFW Essay Contest. She went on to place third in the District competition. The topic was "What Does It Mean to Be Patriotic?" Britney received a \$100.00 savings bond as her prize. Shown are Jackie Cutbirth, chairperson of the contest; Geraldine Rowe, president of the Auxiliary of VFW; and Britney, daughter of Charlie and Lisa Martin.

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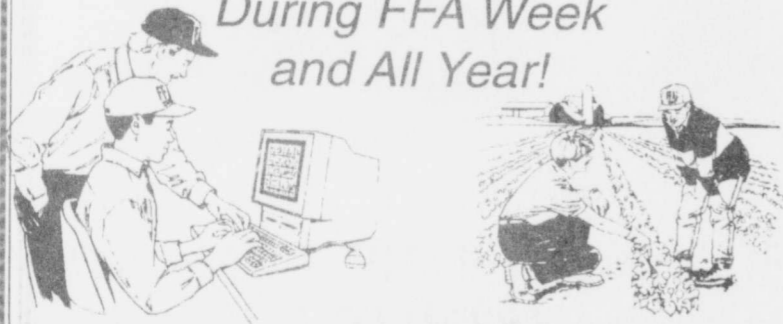
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**Milton News**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

We are saddened to have lost our dear friend and neighbor, Holland Bell, Monday afternoon, after a week in the hospital. Our sympathy to the family. His nephews, Harvey Bell and Jean of Winnsboro and Harold Bell of Missouri have been here this past week.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to see the play "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" in Paris Friday night.

Beth and Cory Spray and daughters of Reno had dinner with Susan and Phillip Roach Sunday.

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## Deport Fire Department Supper, Auction is set for March 3rd

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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 begins 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.

## Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to Gordon VanDeaver, Angie Ricardi, Mallory Woodall, Lisa Sims, Courtney Danielle Hunter, Jeremy Hunter, Debbie Currin, Madison Montgomery, Debbye Urbano, Lloyd Chandler, Leta Scott, Sarah Gambill, Jason Dunn, Wesley Vanderburg, Andrea Zant, John Lowry, Anson Amis, Mackie Moree, Billie Springer, Frankie Norwood, Ty Eppler.

Happy anniversary to Glen and Susie Evans, Mike and Mary Bove, Philip and Susan Roach.

Sympathy is extended to the family of James Pee Wee Reid, 80 of Paris who died Tuesday. He was the father of Grady Reid of Fayetteville, AR. Jesse Anderson served as an honorary bearer.

Congratulations to Matt Downs and Sherri Marsh who were recently married. They are living in McKinney where she works and Matt is employed in Dallas as an EMT. He is the son of Chet and Debbie Downs.

Congratulations to Wes and Tiffany Winters of Huntsville on the birth of their daughter, Gracie Lee Winters on Sunday, February 11. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 22" long. She was welcomed home by a sister, Myrta Lou Winters. Bobby and Betty Winters are the proud grandparents. They have returned after visiting in Huntsville.

Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins Friday.

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

Ruby D. Blevins visited Edna Towers in Paris Saturday and brought Heather Anderson home from work at McDonald's.

Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons visited Holland and Elizabeth Bell and Robbie Morrow in McCuiston Regional Medical Center Wednesday morning.

Visitors of Jesse and Frances Anderson were Grady and Carol Reid

of Fayetteville, AR. Tim and Terri Stowers, Nick, Clay and Luke of Elkins, AR, Dave and Kandy McEntire, Kendal and Kaylan of Broken Arrow, OK. They visited Lorraine Reid in Paris.

The members of the Pattonville Church of Christ enjoyed lunch and fellowship Sunday at the Pattonville Community Center after morning services.

Keith Parsons attended the meeting of the West Post Oak Cemetery Association Sunday at Belk Methodist Church. Afterwards he visited Wayen and Robbie Parsons and Gladys Burleson.

Congratulations to Dr. Jerry Stout on being named the new superintendent of Roston ISD. He is the son of Dr. L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout. Jerry and wife Mitzy and Christen, Lance and Brittany live on Cooper Lake in Klondike.

Thanks to Ed and Sandy Ring, Jim McNabb, Chet and Matt Downs, Angie Ricardi, Shannon Osborne, Margaret Fowler, Joyce Merritt and Peggy Gentry for preparing and serving breakfast Saturday at the Pattonville VFD breakfast.

Ada Brook of Winnsboro spent the weekend with Alice Evans.

Colt Moore has been sick at home for several days and grandad T.J. Fowler has been staying with him while Melanie teaches at North Lamar.

Many attended the District Junior High Basketball Tournament held at Prairiland on February 15-17 and the Little Dribblers Tournament at Chisum. The Little Dribblers Tournament continues this week.

Recently Shady Grove Methodist Church members with the pastor and his wife served lunch to PJC students at the college campus ministries.

Jenni Ballard spent Friday night with Leah Boren. They and Kristi Boren visited Keith and Peggy Parsons Saturday morning. Peggy visited Lois Kennett in Paris Sunday.

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Third Monday canasta ladies met in the community room at the Glover units for games and refreshments on Monday, February 19. Hostesses for the day were LaVerta Westbrook and Thelma Warren. Enjoying the games and fellowship was Eulene Nicholas, Frances Franklin, Clara Stalls, Mae Storm, Phyllis Gifford, Mary Alice Enox, Robbie Gooch, Nina Sparks, Virginia Kirkland, Reba Temple, Mavis Sowards, Dorothy Holt and the hostesses.

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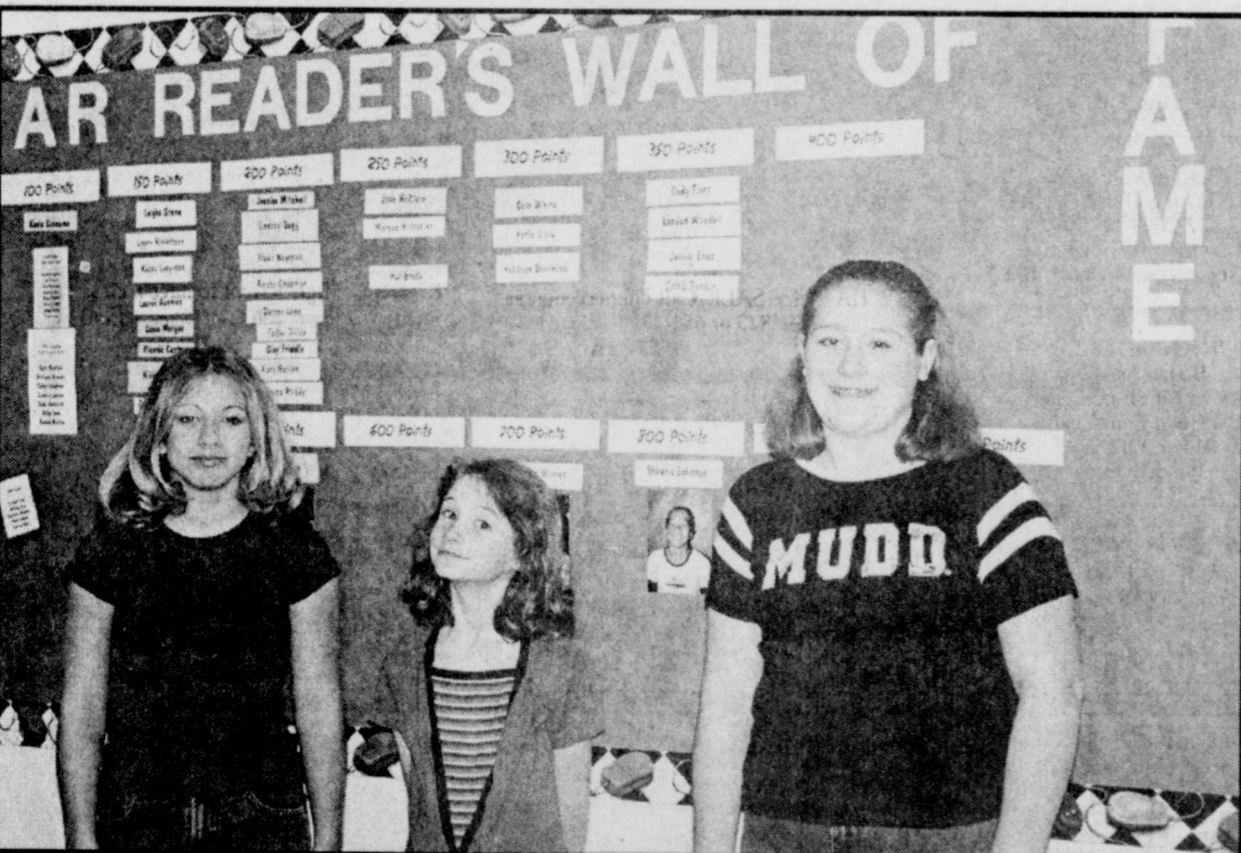
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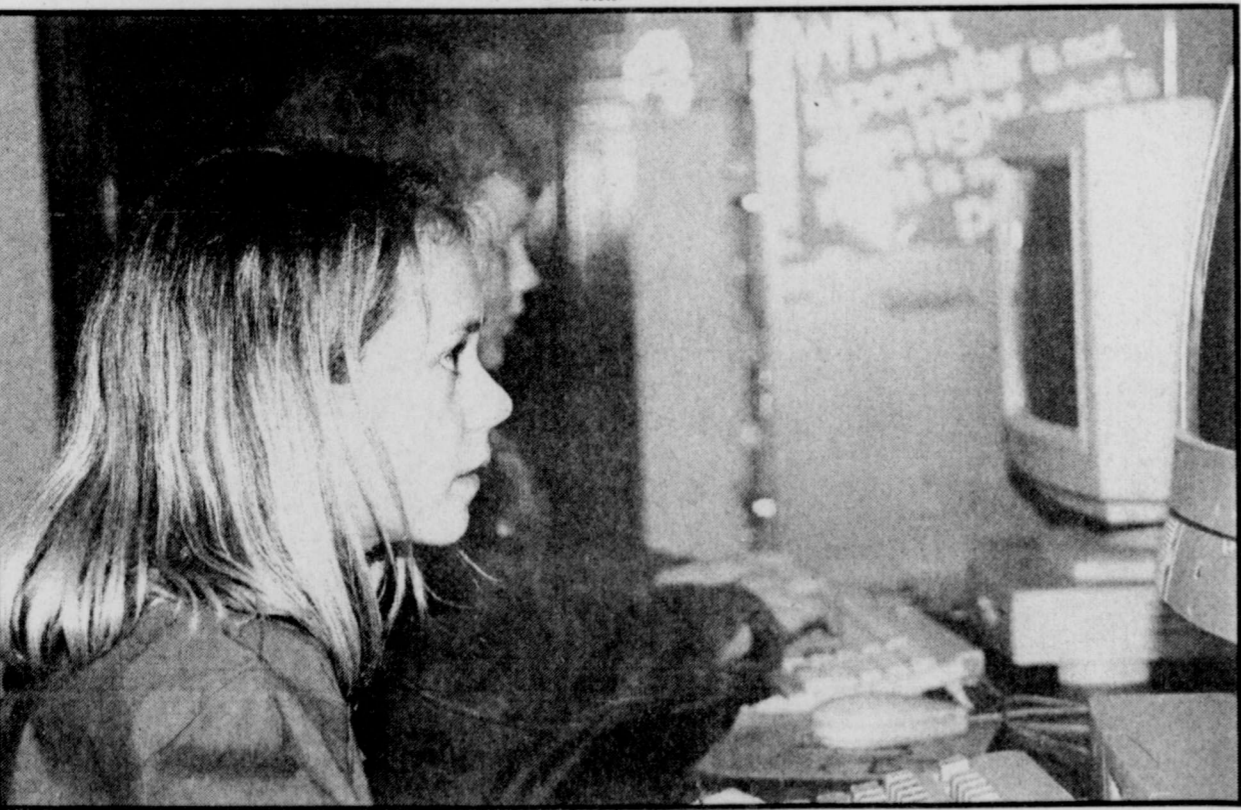
**PRAIRILAND FFA AG CO-OP members** are pictured here with a 5-bale gooseneck hay trailer that they made for Depart resident Roy Castleberry. Pictured left to right is Chris Green, Josh Horton, Garrett Horton, Larry Smith, Cy Guthrie and Roy Castleberry. (Staff Photo)



**PRAIRILAND FFA Greenhand Skills Team** placed 1st at district and 4th at area contest. Pictured left to right is Dakota Mitchell, Bill Robertson and Cody Hicks. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



**BLOSSOM'S TOP JR. HIGH "AR" STUDENTS**-Pictured left to right are the current point leaders in the "AR" program. Pictured left to right is Shawna Johnson-6th grade; LeeAnn Warren-5th grade; and Cassie Cullum-5th grade. (Staff Photo)



**INTENSE STUDY**-Morgan Hostetler and Justin Sessums take "AR" (accelerated reading) tests on the computer after the completion of reading a library book during their classroom time. (Staff Photo)

**Students enjoy AR reading time**

Certainly you have heard your child panic at one time or another about needing to hurry and finish a book so that they can accumulate some badly needed "AR points". These "AR" points have to do with the widely popular reading program found in schools throughout the state known as The Accelerated Reading Program. Students are encouraged to read books found in local libraries that interest them. When they finish, they take a test on a computer in the classroom which gauges their comprehension level. The points are accumulated and are figured into their grades at the end of the six weeks.

As parents, one of the greatest gifts they can give the child is to foster a love of reading. Read to them aloud when they are young. Take them to the local libraries and get them their own library card. Ask them about the books they are reading currently in school. Develop this affection for reading in them when they are young and they will appreciate you for it when they are older. Keep in mind, that during the recent power outage from the ice storm, when the TV's, VCR's and Playstations were deemed inoperable, there was always a good book to be picked up... even if it had to be read by candlelight!

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

**Expanded Classifieds..**

**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.

**Public Notices**

**NOTICE**  
The City of Bogata will accept applications through March 1, 2001 for a full-time position in the Public Works Department. Requirements include a valid Texas drivers license with a good driving record and a high school diploma or equivalent. A pre-employment drug screen is also required. Salary is dependent on qualifications. Applications and job descriptions are available at City Hall, 128 N. Main, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The City of Bogata is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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**NOTICE**  
The Housing Authority of the City of Talco, Texas will accept bids until Thursday, 12:00 p.m., March 8, 2001 at the Talco Housing Authority, 802 E. Wilson, Talco, TX, 903-379-2841 for lawn care during the seven-month period from April 1, 2001 through October 31, 2001. The successful bidder must furnish all equipment and labor necessary to accomplish the work. Specifications and scope of work may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority.  
3-1

**ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
The City of Bogata, Texas will receive bids for 2000 TCDP Project No. 720071 Water and Wastewater System Improvements until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2001 at City Hall, 128 N. Main, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, Texas 75417. Bids are invited for the several items and quantities of work as follows:

- 1) 1,100 L.F. of water line and associated appurtenances.
- 2) 3,945 L.F. of 6" PVC gravity sewer main and 650 L.F. of 8" gravity sewer main and associated manholes.
- 3) 830 L.F. of 8" gravity sewer main via pipe bursting and associated manhole rehabilitation.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at KSA Engineers, Inc., P.O. Box 1552, 140 E. Tyler Street, Suite 6001 Longview, TX 75606, 903-236-7700. FAX 903-236-7779, [www.ksaeng.com](http://www.ksaeng.com)

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with KSA Engineers, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded to bidders if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Bogata or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be sub-

mitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Bogata reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Bogata for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

City of Bogata  
Jack Crane, Mayor  
3-1

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS**

On March 1, 2001 at 1:00 p.m., the Board of Commissioners for the Blossom Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's five-year plan and annual plan. The meeting will take place in the Community Room at 630 West Division Street, Blossom, Texas. The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 630 West Division Street, M-F hrs. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
2-22

**ORDER OF ELECTION**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 5, 2001 for the purpose of electing three (3) councilmembers. First day to file for place on the ballot is February 19, and last day is March 21. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 128 N. Main, Bogata, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on April 18 and ending on May 1. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Anita Couch, City of Bogata, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, TX 75417 and must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001. Issued this the 12th day of February, 2001.  
Jack Crane, Mayor  
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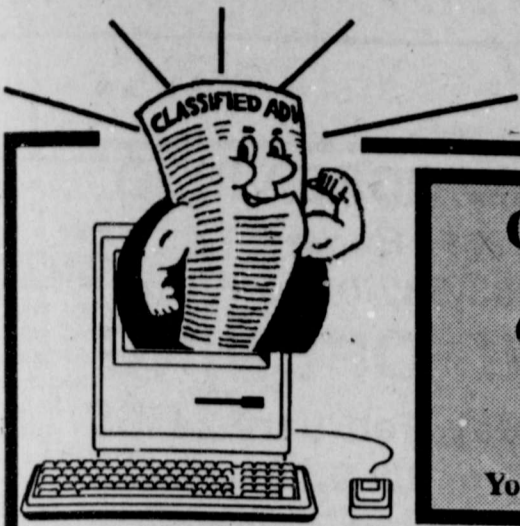
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