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**A Special Evening**

How many special evenings do you have? If you are like I am, there aren't that many that stick in your mind forever.

But, I was treated to one Sunday evening, and I want to tell you about it. It might result in you dropping some broad hints to your family and friends, or in doing something similar.

I don't live in a "fancy" type of world. I'm plain country and never have made a claim to anything else. But, like most people, I enjoy a really nice meal and being made to feel special every now and again.

Our dear friends, Sam and Margie Rice, brought this special evening to completion.

It all began when Sam asked Margie what she wanted for her birthday. She told him that she wanted a catered meal at the Lennox House in Clarksville. He thought she was kidding, but she wasn't.

Plans began, and I was notified that since Margie and I have celebrated our birthdays more or less together for 32 years, I would be included in this very special event.

Arrangements were made. My husband got into the act by getting a long, long limo from Lady Limo in Paris.

Dressed up a little more than usual, Thomas and myself, and Donny and Dawne Darden were whisked to the Dimple woods to pick up Sam and Margie and Margie's sister and niece, Catherine and Kara Hayes.

We were whisked to the handsomely restored Lennox house, welcomed by Rebecca Zehetner and seated in the parlor to visit in the elegance of a by gone era. We enjoyed seeing the beautiful mantles, the classic furniture, the custom created drapes. We were intrigued by the sounds and smells wafting out of dining room and kitchen, but not allowed to peek in!

In a little while we were seated at a table with fresh flowers and beautiful egg-shell-thin china, to be served a delicious, custom created meal.

After chocolate cake with raspberry sauce we laughed and enjoyed opening presents, treasuring the remnants of an evening to remember.

Margie and I are still savoring the memory. It was a wonderful birthday gift, one which Margie generously shared with me. The time and trouble people went to was so flattering. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

It was a treat not to have to cook or a great up, or worry about a thing for Margie and for me. It was a delight for the whole thing to have taken place in such spectacular settings.

Usually weddings are about the only time people take the time to use a place like the Lennox house. That's a shame, because I don't know of a single person that doesn't enjoy being made to feel special every now and again.

Take the time to do it for someone you love. I think the reward will be tremendous!

Thanks Sam, and Thomas and everyone else who gave us both a memory to last a life time.

## Pattonville VFD slates 4th annual Car Show

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department will host their fourth annual VFD Car Show on Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Pattonville Firehouse and Community Center.

The event will be held rain or shine.

Entry fees are \$10.00 before September 15 and \$12.00 the day of the show.

All makes and models cars are welcome. Classes will be held as follows: Stock Cars, Pre 1950; Stock Cars, 1950 to Current; Rod and Custom Cars; Stock Trucks, Pre 1950; Stock Trucks, 1950 to Current; Rod and Custom Trucks; Unusual Class; Under Construction, Pre 1950; Under Construction, 1950 to Current; Big Trucks, Peoples Choice, Best of Show. First, second and third places

will be awarded in each category.

Free dash plaques will be given to the first 50 pre-registrars. Entrants do the judging and spectators judge the Peoples Choice category.

All proceeds from the event benefit the fire department.

A meal of barbeque sandwiches, chips and dessert will be available for \$4.50. Broadway Junction Band will be held, along with door prizes.

Checks for registration should be made payable to the Pattonville VFD and sent to Ed or Sandy Ring, P.O. Box 107, Pattonville, TX 75468.

Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy the fun-filled activities.

For more information, call Ed or Sandy Ring at 903-652-9048 or 652-3668.



STATE AWARD-Thunder Prairie Publishing has received the State Vocational Teachers Association Award for 2001. Nominated by Prairiland Vocational Teachers, the award was given to Thunder Prairie for "outstanding services rendered". From left are Prairiland Vocational teacher Frankier Norwood, Nanalee and Thomas Nichols, publisher and editor of Thunder Prairie Publishing, Vocational Teachers Jeff Ballard and Bryan Moyer.

## Thunder Prairie Publishing receives Distinguished Service Award

Thunder Prairie Publishing was recently awarded the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Distinguished Service Award for newspaper services rendered to agricultural science and education in their community.

This award is designed to commend individuals and organizations that are dedicated and supportive of agricultural education in Texas. Thunder prairie Publishing was presented their award during the Agriculture Teachers Professional Development Conference on Wednesday, August 1 in Corpus Christi.

"This year's conference focused on the necessity for agriculture education to join forces with other academic programs," stated J. Don Barnett, president of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. "As we continue to improve public education in our state it is imperative that agriculture education keep abreast of current student trends and that our teachers work with

school administrators to ensure that students are afforded the best possible courses that will positively affect their futures," said Barnett.

In Texas, there are over 1,500 agricultural science and technology teachers that impact over 108,000 students who are enrolled in agricultural education classes at the secondary level. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas is headquartered in Austin and aims to improve agriculture by teaching.



WESTERN EVENING-these old photos, from the early 50s, were part of a group taken at a Western dinner held at the Deport School Cafeteria for the O'Moore Club. Ollie Moore headed up the club. Shown are Martha Glover, Ray Woodard and Hobart Loven.



THELMA LADD WARREN reads to five year old Sydney Floyd, daughter of Scott and Dashielle Floyd and great-granddaughter of Jayne Gust Anderson. Ms. Warren was Ms. Anderson's first grade teacher at Deport.

## Moreland receives 4-H Scholarship

Renee Moreland was recently awarded the Wallace & Audrey McLean Endowment Scholarship.

This scholarship was awarded by the Texas 4-H Youth Development foundation at College Station.

Renee will attend Paris College this fall. She is the daughter of Doug and Mary Ann Moreland.



Renee Moreland

## People 'n Things

Deport School open house is August 23, tonight from 6-7 p.m. Prairiland Junior High cheerleaders back to school dance is Friday, August 24 at Blossom School cafeteria from 7-10 p.m. Deport and Blossom junior high students only. Admission is \$3.00.



NEW SIGN-The Wesley Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church of Deport have erected a new sign on Hwy. 271 at both sides of town. From left are: Rev. Ted Willis, John Cross, Richard Denman, Desiree Haskell, Wesley Willis, Chris Farmer, Laura, Brooks, Denise Brooks, T.H. Glover, M.D., and Jerry Brooks. (Staff Photo)



SINGING and SPLASHING in the rain was the order of the evening after rain showers brought welcome moisture last Saturday night. From left are Ty Klinkenbeard, Katrina Roberts and Adrienne Andrews. The kids made some concession to the raindrops still falling, they pulled their tee shirts up over their heads! It didn't help much, though. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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# Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



Last week we featured Jack Steed of Powderly who is the Fire Chief for the Powderly Volunteer Fire Department. He contributed his cooking skills to his grandmother, Jessie Steed. He has allowed me to use some of her recipes this week. Jack stated that she was just used a "down-home" style of cooking with the basic ingredients on hand.

The late Jessie Steed was born in Oklahoma before the state was settled as a territory. She came to Lamar County and married E.L. "Whistle" Steed. They made their home and raised their children in Lamar County. Jack learned many things from his grandmother. As he related last week, she was a big in-

fluence in his life and was a wonderful person.

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we thank you, once again Jack, for sharing them with us. We will see you in the kitchen!

**Grandma Jessie's Sweet Potato Pie** - not a better pie was made than sweet potato.....but that is just my opinion!

**Grandma Jessie's Potato Patties** - great way to use left over potatoes!

**Grandma Jessie's Bread Pudding** - another use for leftover bread and this makes a great dessert!

**Applesauce Cake** - this recipe is a little different in that it uses blackberry jam along with the applesauce, raisins and nuts!

Thursday, August 23, 2001  
The late Jessie Steed, grandmother of Jack Steed

**Grandma Jessie's Sweet Potato Pie**  
1 pound cooked sweet potatoes-drain and peel  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon melted butter  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs-beaten  
1-3/4 cup milk  
Mash sweet potatoes and mix with brown sugar, butter, cinnamon, salt; mix well and stir in milk and eggs. Pour into a 9" pie shell and bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes.

**Grandma's Potato Patties**  
2 cups leftover mashed potatoes  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
1 egg  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 cup grated cheese  
2 tablespoons butter  
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Fry in bacon grease or butter until brown.

**Grandma Jessie's Bread Pudding**  
4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
4 teaspoon cinnamon  
4 cups toasted bread-crumbled  
1 cup butter  
1 quart milk  
2 tablespoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Blend sugar and eggs together. Add milk and other ingredient; mix well. Bake at 350 degrees until firm for about 35-40 minutes.

**Applesauce Cake**  
2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1-1/2 cups applesauce  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 cup raisins  
1/2 cup pecans  
3 tablespoons blackberry jam  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in separate bowl. Cream sugar and shortening; add eggs and stir in soda and applesauce. Combine flour mixture and rest of ingredients. Pour into a tube pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

## Obituaries

### Katheryn Lavern Curry dies August 14

Katheryn Lavern Curry, age 78, formerly of Detroit, died August 14 in Denison.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17 in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Bluff Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

She was born in Red River County on July 27, 1923, a daughter of Carl and Evie Vickers Fodge. She was retired from J.C. Penney and a member of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are sons, Jimmy Curry of Detroit and Larry Curry of Channelview; daughters, Janice Stephens of Denison, Jeanne Riggs of Frisco and Pat Benson of Grand Prairie; a sister, Vivian Patterson of Dallas; a brother, Wilford Fodge of Dallas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis D. Curry.

Serving as bearers were John Gray, Mark Patterson, Jamie Miller, Bobby Fodge, Joe Stephens and Kenneth Adams.



Martha Cook

### Martha Cook dies August 10

Martha Cook, age 82, died Friday, August 10 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

She is survived by one son, Richard Cook of Stephenville; and one daughter, Christi Cook Bruner of Fairfield, CA. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kimberly Dowell, Bradley Dowell of Stephenville and Ellen Bruner and Kelly Bruner of Fairfield.

She married Fred Cook on June 12, 1950. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and two brothers and one sister. Martha was born December 22, 1917.

She graduated from Baylor University and began her career teaching at Odessa College. She continued her career teaching English at Permian High School for most of her career. She taught for 42 years and retired in 1991.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She took great pleasure in her friends and students and in her family and grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 13 at the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jimmy Braswell and Bill Heggemeier officiating. Burial was held Wednesday, August 15 in Detroit under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church at 415 N. Lee Avenue in Odessa.

### Bogata V.F.W. News

\* The 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. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

\* The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

\* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

\* The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have begun a project which they can use your help with. They are collecting stuffed animals for the Bogata Nursing home. The goal is to give each patient at the home a stuffed animal friend which they can keep or give to one of their grandchildren. The toys do not have to be new but should be in good condition and clean. Donations may be dropped off at VFW Post 8187 on Hwy. 271 south of Bogata or may be given to any member. Please help us bring a little happiness into the lives of others. All items must be turned in by August 31, 2001.

\* Get Well Wishes are sent to: James Minshew, George and Jean Smith and Bill Eudy.

\* Happy Birthday to: Earlene Miller, Bill Carr and Dana McClelland.

### Sheriff's Posse rodeo is Sept. 1-2

The Franklin County Sheriff's Posse will be holding their annual rodeo on September 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. nightly at the Sheriff's Posse Arena in Mt. Vernon.

The rodeo will sponsor all seven championship rodeo events, and will include a calf scramble for ages 7-11 on Saturday and ages 12-15 on Sunday and a Mutton Bustin' for kids age 6 and under on both days.

Free booth spaces are available under the pavilion to anyone. Come bring your wares, set up a booth and sell. No food booths are allowed.

The rodeo is being produced by the Wing Rodeo Company of Bogata. Negative coggins test is required for all horses.

Admission is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for 12 and under and under five is free.

For information on the booth spaces or on the rodeo, call Charles Williams, Captain, at 632-4770 or Lt. Gary Borden at 588-2381.

### It's a good time to soil sample pastures

Now is a good time to soil sample pastures where winter forages will be established. A soil test through the Texas A&M University Soil Testing Lab costs \$10.00 per sample. Forms and bags are available free of charge at the County Extension Office. Soil test results will show the soil pH, residual nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, calcium and magnesium. Lime and fertilizer decisions can be based on the results saving money and helping to ensure a proper balance of nutrients are available for the forage crop.

Ryegrass is very sensitive to soil pH. Ideally, soil pH should range from 5.5 to 6.5 for optimum ryegrass growth and development. Fall applications of lime to ryegrass pastures having a soil pH below 5.5 can be

very beneficial and economically justified, especially where stocker cattle are being run.

Residual soil nitrogen levels may be very low on hay meadows and where fertilizer applications were made prior to May and June rainfall. A ryegrass pasture requires 100 to 120 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre over the growing season. Where wheat and rye are part of the system, the required amount of nitrogen increases to about 200 pounds per acre. The investment in nitrogen fertilizer can be split into two or more applications depending on a forage growth and rainfall. One-half the required amount could be applied this fall at planting time and the other half can be applied around February 15 just prior to the spring ryegrass growth.

### Jones receives achievement award

Superintendent Ed Jones of Savoy received an achievement award from Board President John Gaddy recently, in appreciation for his invaluable contribution as the superintendent and construction manager of Savoy I.S.D.

All members of the board agreed that Mr. Jones had gone above and beyond the call of duty to oversee the construction of the new high school. Jones is the son of Betty Jones of Paris and the last Superintendent James E. Jones of Cunningham.

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**Thank You**

Upon my kitchen table are several bundles of sympathy cards and prayers of comfort from more people than I could tell who also have been struck so deeply with the death of love and mother, Dianne Ross. We are overwhelmed by the display of love and concern. Really overwhelmed.

It's all so...large. At times it shuts my senses down. No doubt many who read this can empathize with our loss. But it's to all of you that I am attempting to express my deep, deep gratitude for myself, my children and Dianne's family. Your number is literally in the thousands. The Apostle Paul describes God as the Father of all compassion. He truly is and without knowing it you have been his instruments.

As surreal as it all has been, I have sensed great sorrow for you as well. It has been so evident that you have been deeply hurt by this too. If I could, I would take this burden from you. But I can only be an instrument. Prayerfully, I will attempt to be one now.

Two things I know. Both have been proven through this event. One, God is infinitely wise, infinitely just and infinitely good. As such, He cannot increase in any facet of His nature. There can exist nothing outside Providence. No, the inmates are not in control of this asylum.

Add to that the fact that He is eternal and, as such, all His knowledge and all His purpose is established from everlasting. There is a throne in heaven and I assure you it is occupied. Merciful and kind beyond description is the Lord God Almighty. He makes no mistake. May have dilemmas with such thoughts, but dilemmas are with men. God has no dilemmas and He has no Plan-B.

There are two kinds of hearts. There is the heart Job had and a different kind within his wife. God's word tell us "In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing". Though in grief, he trusted God, all wise and purposeful. Job's wife did not. "Curse god and die", she counseled. Unfounded and unanchored, certainly tossed about from one fear to another, Job's wife screamed back at chaos and happenstance. She fostered a god of her own making who himself was either a impotent spectator or some cosmic grandfather figure pitifully trying to do his best in a world gone insane but evil gets the best of him at times. Her god failed her. I, on the other hand, am comforted only by the knowledge that God is both loving and involved. "In all things", Paul said, "God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose". I can lie down right next to that purpose and sleep like a child for I know "God doeth all things well". A god who is merely a spectator does not comfort me.

Secondly, I hope you will take strength from the demonstrated love publicly made by the hundreds and hundreds who live in our area. We may at times fuss at one another, but when one has a need this family called Red River county comes to the rescue. In so many ways we can count our blessings to live where we do among the kind of people about us. We truly are a family as if we lived under the same roof. I thought of this today as I watched a dozen men spend their weekend with children in the Pee Wee football program. My thoughts expanded to include the many volunteer activities, the churches, schools and just common day to day acts of kindness seen in among rural stock who have not forgotten the rule of a good neighbor. Take heart in what you have seen in response to my loss. That same resource is yours. And please don't confuse the important with the more important.

Thank you all for your generous acts of kindness. I protect the bundles of sympathy cards mentioned above and hope to personally respond. If you want to do something for me, pat my children on the back and remind them that God is good, good, good. Me? It is well with my soul. How is yours?

Ronny Ross

# Milton News

By Mattyly Upchurch



**In Memory of Rebecca Gilbert**  
3-7-84 to 8-24-2000

You are still in my thoughts Every day,  
Not once or twice, or just when I pray,  
Some days a little,  
But mostly a lot.  
You're so much a part of me,  
The thoughts will never Disappear,  
You will always be a big part of My life, even though You're not here.  
I hope you're so happy, way up Where you are,  
And I know you can see us, even Though you are so far.  
I wish so badly that I could feel Your hair or touch your hand,  
But that's okay, I'll wait a little Longer, because then I know I can.  
I would never wish the horrible Heartache on anyone I know,  
But still I can't help but ask,  
Why was it you who had to go?  
I love you,  
Christal, your sister

Edna Lee and daughters Ruth Johnson and Nita Bowling went to Sulpher Springs Saturday night for a meeting.

Merritt Corna and Jim Lewis of Ft. Worth visited Billie Goheen and Mattyly Upchurch Saturday.

Visiting James and Dorothy Holt Sunday were Tim Parks of Faught, Kay and Ronnie reston of Minter Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak and Johnny Holt of Milton.

Stacy Huddleston visited her parents Laura and Donnie Wright Saturday and Sunday.

James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Saturday afternoon.

Dorothy Holt visited Evelyn Roach of Deport Monday afternoon.  
Leah Schroeder and son Jeff of Grapevine spent the weekend with

her mother Mattyly Upchurch.  
Allen Dale, Stacy & Ally Huddleston had lunch Sunday with Martha and Jerry Cross of Deport, Sunday

Gary and Carol Shull and son Glyn of Shreveport, La. spent the weekend with his mother Nell Shull.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to Cooper, Monday.

Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata visited Elizabeth Bell Thursday.

Frank and Edna Lee's family spent Sunday with them.

Don and Eva Upchurch of Paris and Steve Upchurch of Albuquerque, N.M. visited Mattyly Upchurch and Billie Goheen Sunday.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother Mildred Wright of Deport, Wednesday.

## Red River Valley Fair begins August 28

The annual Red River Valley Fair will begin August 28 and continue through Saturday, September 1 at the Paris Fairgrounds.

The carnival opens each evening at 6 p.m. with the exception of the final Saturday, when it will open at 3 p.m. and run until 12 midnight.

Daily attractions include a Children's Barnyard; the Freddie Prez Show; The Tot's Spot; K-9 Comet's Dog Show; The Wild West Bear Show; Gator the Clown; Showcase of Agriculture; Farmer for a Day; Cato's Antique Cars; Mr. Karaoke; and Antique Tractor Exhibit.

The Farmer for a Day exhibit will help educate children in important farming tasks like gathering eggs, picking apples and digging potatoes, all the while they are seeing, touching and experiencing where their food comes from.

The Tot's Spot is a fenced area designed for children 4 and under; area contains Little Tyke toys and furniture.

Stage entertainment will include The Bolton Trio; Gene Watson; Stacy Musgrove; Blackland Band Janie Fricke; The Jordan Sisters; Wade White and the Plain Label Band and others.

Commercial exhibits open at 6 p.m. daily except on Saturday, when they open at 3 p.m., and livestock showing and judging will take place all during the fair.

August 28 is Family Night with admission being \$1.00 for adults and children under 6 free. Wednesday through Saturday, adults are \$3.00 and children \$1.00, under 6 free. Gates close Tuesday through Thursday at 10:30 p.m.; Friday and at 11:00 p.m.

Special exhibits include TLC Miniature horses; a home and garden showcase; Little Britches talent show; Pedal Power tractor pull; chili cook off; Boy Scout demonstrations; livestock shows; poultry shows; and senior citizen activities.

**Prairiland High School**  
**Week of August 27**

28 ..... VBall at Paris, all teams  
29 ..... Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library  
30 ..... JV football at Bonham, 6:00  
31 ..... FBall here vs. Detroit, 7:30  
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**Prairiland High School**  
Week of August 27

- Monday:**  
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French fries  
Hush puppies  
Fruit  
Milk
- Tuesday**  
Sloppy Joes  
Potato salad  
Pickle  
Mayo cake  
Milk
- Wednesday**  
Steak fingers  
Potatoes, gravy  
Green beans  
Biscuits  
Milk
- Thursday**  
Chicken nuggets  
French fries  
Corn  
Fruit  
Milk
- Friday**  
Hamburgers on bun  
Lettuce, tomato  
Pork and beans  
Potato chips  
Fruit  
Milk

**Have A Great Weekend**

**School Menu**

**Deport Campus Menu**  
Week of August 27

- Monday**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuits, sausage  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Barbeque on bun  
Baked beans  
Pickles  
Sugar cookies  
Milk
- Tuesday**  
**Breakfast:** Pancakes, syrup  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Beef burrito  
Pinto beans  
Fries  
Jello  
Milk
- Wednesday**  
**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken fried steak  
Creamed potatoes  
Gravy  
Fried okra  
Rolls  
Milk
- Thursday**  
**Breakfast:** Sausage on a stick  
Milk  
**Lunch:** Spaghetti and meat  
Salad  
Corn  
Cornbread  
Milk
- Friday**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal or oatmeal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburgers  
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## East Texas wildfire threat growing

The Texas Forest Service reports that East Texas wildfires are increasing in number and size, as hot, dry weather persists across much of the region. Agency officials attribute the increase to rapidly drying vegetation and the failure of people to realize how rapidly fire conditions are deteriorating.

Summer heat is baking the moisture out of vegetation and increasing its flammability, and people aren't taking the outdoor fire safety precautions warranted by the drying vegetation. Most East Texas wildfires result from carelessness, primarily connected with burning trash, brush piles and other debris.

In the absence of precipitation, the region will face an increasing threat of dangerous wildfires, a threat made greater by the presence of abundant vegetation prompted by winter and spring rains.

The presence of storm damaged and downed trees across much of northeast Texas only adds to the fire risk. Increased observance of outdoor fire safety precautions is absolutely necessary.

Residents living immediately adjacent to or within storm damaged areas need to act quickly to implement safety precautions around their homes and other improved property before a wildfire arises in their area. Residents should exercise utmost caution with all potential sources of wildfire ignition. Where possible establish firebreaks; keep vegetation mowed closely and grass from under overhanging power or telephone lines and trim overhanging branches.

Above all compliance with outdoor burning restrictions is necessary. As important as home fire safety precautions are; keeping wildfires from starting is even more important.

## Keep it cool for older people

Older people are at high risk for developing heat related illness because the ability to respond to summer heat is less efficient with advancing years. Fortunately, the summer can remain safe and enjoyable for everyone who uses good, sound judgment and learns about preventative measures as described in the National Institute on Aging's AgePage on hyperthermia.

Heat stress, heat fatigue, heat syncope, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are all forms of hyperthermia, the general name given to a variety of heat related illnesses. Symptoms can include headache, nausea, muscle spasms and fatigue after exposure to heat. If you suspect someone is suffering from a heat related illness, get the victim out of the sun and into a cool place, preferable one that is air conditioned; offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Water and fruit and vegetable juices are best; encourage the individual to shower or bathe, or sponge off with cool water; urge the person to lie down and rest, preferable in a cool place.

Heat stroke is especially dangerous for older people and requires emergency medical attention. A person with heat stroke has a body temperature above 104 and may have symptoms such as confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating, possible delirium or coma.

The temperature does not have to hit 100 for a person to be at risk for hyperthermia. Both an individual's general health and/or lifestyle may increase the threat of heat related illnesses.

Lifestyle factors also can increase risk, including extremely hot living quarters, lack of transportation, overdressing, visiting overcrowded places, and not understanding weather conditions. Older people, particularly those at special risk, should stay indoors on especially hot and humid days, particularly when there is an air pollution alert in effect. People without fans or air conditioners should go to shopping malls, movie houses, and libraries. Friends or relatives might be asked to supply transportation on particularly hot days. Many communities, area agencies, religious groups and senior citizen centers also provide such services.

## Forest tree trunks are available

The Texas Forest Service has recently created Forest-Tree Trunks for teachers, scout leaders, camp staffs, foresters, nature centers and other educators who would like to teach young people about forestry. The traveling trunks are 45 gallon

containers which include a leaf identification kit, tree biodiversity kit, cross section of trees, samples of various wood species, children's books, posters, videos, CD roms and other resource material. The material covers a variety of topics and includes information and activities about trees,

forest, urban forests, forest products and careers. Thirty-one trunks are located throughout the state at Texas Forest Service urban forestry offices and East Texas field offices. To borrow a trunk, contact Jason Guinn, New Boston office at 903-628-2711.

## Tips from an insider on applying to college online

As more and more admissions departments are allowing, even encouraging, students to fill out online applications, applying to college can seem almost as easy as sending e-mail.

You can go straight to a college's Web site to apply, rather than waiting for a form to arrive in the mail. You don't have to worry about your messy handwriting or inability to use a typewriter. And neatness is no longer a concern, you can't accidentally spill a cup of coffee on an online application. Still there are some pitfalls to watch out for, warns Ted O'Neill, Dean of College Admissions at the University of Chicago and a nationally known admissions expert.

Electronic communication is characterized by both speed and informality. It seems very ephemeral, but a college application is not an ephemeral document. Thinking of it that way can hurt your chances of admission. Before hitting the "send" button here are some key points to consider from O'Neill:

Do take the application essay seriously. You will probably need to write several drafts before your essay is ready to submit. Remember, it is not an e-mail, so don't be tempted to use sentence fragments or colloquial language.

Do proofread your work carefully. Even minor proofreading errors make

a poor impression on admissions officers. Since it can be difficult to spot errors on screen, print your completed application and proofread the hard copy.

Don't limit your communication to electronic media. If you need to ask questions or discuss special problems, feel free to contact the admissions office by phone or letter.

Don't submit the same application to a number of different colleges. Just as every company is different, every college is different. "When students apply to the University of Chicago, we want to know they are writing us", said O'Neill.

Don't wait until the very last day to submit your application. Online communication may be instant, but not if your computer crashes or the server is down.

Don't worry about whether your application was received. Many colleges will issue you a password so you can check the status of your application online.

Don't rely entirely on the Web for information, choosing the right college is much too important. Be sure to request a college brochure, known as a viewbook, which will include more information than the college's Web site. Even better, visit the college that interest you. A virtual tour is no substitute for a real tour.

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**THE WHITEDS OF TEXARKANA, AR** and the Texarkana First Nazarene Church performed for the dedication ceremonies of the Nazarene Church Child Care Center on Sunday, August 19, 2001. Pictured left to right are Kurt, Peggy, Amy and Taylor Whited.

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	21	Dual @ Robert E. Lee w/W'house	4:30	JV, V
	24-25	Varsity Tournament at Chisum	TBA	Varsity
	28	Dual at Paris w/Bonham	4:30	All
September	1	9th and JV at Longview Tournament	4:30	All
	4	Dual at North Lamar w/Sherman	4:30	All
	7-8	Varsity tournament at North Lamar	TBA	Varsity
	11	Dual at Sulphur Springs w/John Tyler	4:30	All
	15	at Dodd City	10:00	Varsity
	15	Paris Tournament	TBA	9th, JV
	18	Whitesboro	4:30	All
	22	Chisum*	10:00	All
	25	Paul Pewitt*	4:30	All
	29	at Hughes Springs*	10:00	All
October	2	at Chapel Hill*	4:30	All
	6	DeKalb*	10:00	All
	9	at Chisum*	4:00	All
	12	At Pewitt*	4:30	All
	16	Hughes Springs*	4:30	All
	19	Chapel Hill*	4:30	All
	23	at DeKalb*	4:30	All
	27	District Certification		
November	1-3	Area		
	5-6	Regional Quarterfinal		
	9-10	Regional tournament		
	16-17	State Tournament		
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#### Stroke Warning Signals

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Warning signals often precede a stroke. These signs include dizziness; weakness of a hand, arm, or leg on one or both sides; feeling of numbness, tingling or burning sensation in fingers or toes; slurring of speech; difficulty in remembering things; visual disorders such as double vision or loss of vision in one eye, and changes in personality. These warning signals can be a developing stroke in themselves or, if the symptoms last less than 24 hours, they may be what is medically termed a "transient ischemic attack" (TIA). However, many strokes occur without warning.

By knowing the warning signals of stroke and reporting them to your doctor, you may be able to avoid a major stroke.



**DON AND JENNIFER RAPIEN** of Blossom are responsible for making the sign in front of the Blossom Nazarene Church a reality for the child care center. The one-of-a-kind sign was hand made by the Rapiens with many thanks coming from the members of the facility for their donation. (Staff Photo)



**JOHN MOORE** visits with the wife of a Deport School Teacher in this 1950s photo of a meal held by the O'Moore Club in Deport. Every one was dressed in country attire, and the tables decorated with lanterns, horseshoes and more.

### Genealogy - Unlocking Our Past

By Travis Cope

Following an injury which required two surgeries and considerable recovery and rehabilitation time, I needed something to help pass the days which previously had been filled with the regular 8 to 5 workday. Being homebound, but unwilling to sit in front of the television for any length of time, left me searching for a way to fill the days and stimulate my mind. Having a natural inclination towards history and research, I found what I sought in genealogy.

Genealogy is the study of one's ancestors, or family tree. The study may be as broad or narrow as one makes it. Some choose to research everything they can on all of their ancestors, while others concentrate their efforts on one particular branch of a family. My own experience is that these projects tend to grow beyond original plans. Those searching will find more information than expected. My intention with this article and those to follow is to give some insight and encouragement to anyone interested in beginning their own project. If you have ever wondered about your ancestors and what their lives were like, I hope you find this article helpful.

To unlock the past, it is a good idea to start with the present. Using paper and pen, jot down what you already know; names, relations, places, dates, births, deaths, marriages, maiden names, occupations, church affiliations, etc. Sources for this type of information can be family bibles, scrapbooks, journals, diaries, photographs, etc. Explore through attics and cedar-chests. Check out any items passed down from previous generations. Remember the stories and their significance. Make notes.

With your notes in hand, contact living relatives and explain what you are doing. Share what information you have. Ask politely for information they might add. Older relatives are the living links between today and yesterday, and repeat visits help form bonds of friendship and trust. Allow your elders time to reminisce and wander in their memories. Be a respectful listener. Ask questions and make notes.

This will get you started. Later, I will give you some ideas on how to use the information collected to uncover more pieces of the past. Until then, collect what information you can, search through items you already have, contact relatives and make notes, make notes!

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**Deport Nursing Home News**  
By Sandra Mauldin

Dora Hester and Ann Austin were visited by Floy and Wayne Williams. Homer and Melva Sisson were visited by Betty Sisson and Pete Sisson. Mamie Fletcher and Lillie Dunnam were visited by B. Procter. Nora Barnett was visited by Katy Ramsey, Shannon Watkins, Rita Thompson. Edna Gifford and Katharyn Scroggins were visited by Merle Franks. mlma Griffin was visited by Roger Lynch, Vonnie and Dee Harris. Patches sue Jerry Curtis, Nina Lee and Ima Gerald. Raymond Hignight and Archie Fair were visited by Mary Ray and Buck Frazier. Sally Ordelle and Betty poole were visited by Norma Bryan. Larry Smith was visited by Ronnie Smith, Virginia Farris, L.C. Smith and Dennis Smith. Dora Felnniken wa visited by Dale and Sing hood, Mary Moss, Virginia and Larry Bell, John Allen, Boyce and Eva N. Flenniken, Phebe Allen, Hollie Allen, Paul R. Keys and Trina, Dustin Allen, Lee Bland, Pete Sisson, Larry and Virginia Bell. Nettie Chappell was visited by Raymond and Frances Hoover. Tom and Lucy Bledsoe were visited by Lisa Johnson, Bryn Goldberg, Casey Jones, Berenice Bledsoe, Jennifer, and Dorris and B. called. Bill Farris was visited by margie Garrett, Becky Farris, Norris Farris. Roy Wells was visited by Mary Ann Miller, Lawrence Barnard, Ken Wells, Glenn Wells. Eulalia Roach was visited by Jan. Pat Barner was visited by kathryn Wright, Joan Langley Buddy Greer, Denise Brooks, Tracey Ervin, jimmy Langley, Pattie Robinson and Sammy Strickland. Johnnie Warren was visited by the Mitchell Family, Carol Dorsey and Lucy Fowler, Beth Ann spray, Kaitlyn and Kayla, Phebe and John Allen, Robbie Head and Angie and Aaron Wolf, Bobbie Gifford and marry Ray, Evelyn Roach, Philip and Susan Raoch, kenda Blackburn, lila Screws, Nell Wolf, Ruth Ann Allen, Charlene Borders, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Rab Skidmore and Sandra DeFrates, Kenneth and Janette Burks, Dora and Boyce Flenniken, Dewey Ward, Buck Frazier, Bobbie Slusher, Jean Pendleton and Joe, Gala and Josey Francis. Sophia Seymour wa visited by Valerie and Roman, Catherine Whyte, Se Brigid Conlon. Visiting Nell Wolf was Evelyn Roach, Roy Wells, Richard Winkler, Lucy Fowler, Angie and Aaron Wolf, Ann Austin, Jean Pendleton and Sharon Sullivan.

**RWNT to meet**

The Republican Women of North-east Texas will meet Monday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandee McCann in Mt. Pleasant. Debe McGuire, guest speaker, will discuss planning for the future and retirement, using financial instruments like insurance, bonds, annuities and a special savings account and how taxes can be used to your advantage. For information, call Maxine Patton in Talco at 379-5171.

**Cunningham News**  
by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Paula Taylor, Bea White, Mike Fox and Geneva Norwood. Ricky, Rusty and Marty Anderson and Carlos and Cord Ordorica fished at Lake Tawakoni Saturday. Marty caught a 37 lb. catfish. Fran, Johnny, Johnna and Jenna Patterson honored L'Wanda McKnight with a birthday dinner Sunday. Pete McKnight was a guest also. Heath, Missy, Layker, Laytner and Zak Kennedy were Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy. Joining Nelta and Johnie Musgrove for lunch Sunday were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Lynn and Betty Holeman and Brad Hunt. Dewayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon were in Oklahoma Sunday to celebrate William Drinnon's birthday. Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Sheila Norwood in Denton Saturday. Geneva Norwood had all of her family for lunch and supper Sunday.

David Ford was home from SFA this weekend. Billie and Leonard Ford and Lillian King had lunch with Thomas and Patricia King Saturday. Velma Cox is home after spending two weeks with Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado. On August 11, she attended Meredith Cox' graduation at A&M in College Station. On Saturday she attended a graduation party for Meredith at A&M. Velma visited Dora Hester and Walker Devlin on Sunday. Georgeana and Brad Nutt ate lunch with Ronnie and Raylene Nutt Saturday and Monday they celebrated Ronnie and Raylene's 30th anniversary at Magel's. Sunday dinner guests of James and Pat Norwood were James Norwood and Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole. Neva and Brandon Oats, Karla Palmer and Wendy Ordorica began the 2001-2002 school year in a brand new facility, the Rivercrest Elementary began classes Monday and Neva is teaching her third generation in the Rivercrest School District.

**CUNNINGHAM NEWS FROM LAST WEEK**

Happy Birthday to Bill Page, L'Wanda McKnight and James Cannon. James loves to get mail. If you would like to send him a birthday card, his address is P.O. Box 297, Cunningham, Tx. 75434. The 2001-2002 school year has begun. Students and teachers are getting back in the swing of another fantastic year. The Cunningham Baptist Church had a "Lock In" week before last. 25 young people were in attendance. Speakers were Bill Page, Jody Vanaveaver and Micky Oats. Life Tabernacle Church enjoyed a "Back to School" supper Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001. Fran Patterson won 2nd place in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Oklahoma City recently. Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica and Linda Anderson visited with Carlos' family in Del Rio and Cancun, Mexico for a few days. Taylor Ladd was honored Sunday, August 12 for his 91st birthday at the Cunningham Community Center. Those attending were; T.L. Carol, Brigitte, Brittny and Swede Ladd, Melba Baker, Danielle Syrus, John, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus, Bobby, Shelby, Jeff, Cindy, Taylor, Asa, heath, Missy, Layker and Laytner Kennedy, Shirely Ladd, Tuttle Whitley, Kristi and Anna Baker, Brantley Morris, Kayleigh Sawyer, Emily Wallis, Steve and Carolyn Ladd, Shelly and John Landers, Kathy Emmiabby, Baily Gant and Scooter Bills. Happy Birthday Taylor!! Eating with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove recently on Sunday Aug. 12 were Ray and Shelia Knight and Tim Wauktonbrown from Canada, Gene and Mary Andrews from Hollygrove, Arkansas, Brad Hunt, Shanna Hiller, Zarinska and Shane Morton, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Spur Norwood and Ira Norman from Edmond, Oklahoma. Marge Shell from Oklahoma City visited them the following Monday. Brandon and Marsha Oats, Kaylee Lane and Brad and Georgeana Nutt ate lunch with Billie Joe and Georgia Oats Sunday, Aug. 12. Jane O'Neal ate lunch Sunday, Aug. 12 with Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon. James and Pat Norwood, Bobby and Betty Winters and James and Katy Winters went to Pecan Gap for supper Saturday night, Aug. 11. Canard and Delores Norwood, Ricky, Pam, Haley and Mattie Norwood and Frances Franklin ate with Jamie and Teresa Smith Sunday, Aug. 12. Geneva Norwood cooked for her family Sunday, Aug. 12 and joining them were Marie Watson, Dean and Ada Watson and Ira Norman. Billie and Leonard Ford's children surprised them with a 40th anniversary party Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001. Other family members joined to celebrate the occasion. Billy Ray and Neva Oats spent a few days in Branson, Missouri week before last. Brian and Wendy Dye from South Carolina, Michael and Chatay Dye and Richard and Amy Beasley from Michigan were weekend guest to Robert, Ann, Ruth Ann and Melissa Dye recently. Ann went home with her son Michael to spend a few weeks. Fred and Joy Allen of Temple, Tx. visited with Bobbie Slusher Thursday, Aug. 9. They also attended the Temple reunion at Deport the previous weekend.

**McCConnell family to reunite**

Descendants of Annie Waddell McConnell and Will McConnell will hold their annual family reunion on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Community Center in Bogata's Thomas Park. A covered dish meal is scheduled for noon; it will be followed by a family history program. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell came to Red River County with their respective parents in the 1880's. They married in 1900 in the Maple Community, where they lived for more than 50 years before they moved to Bogata. They were married for 71 years. Six of their remaining children live in the area; Gracie McConnell Bankston, Nettie McConnell Moore, Nadie McConnell Reid and Sam McConnell, all of Bogata; Edmond McConnell of Clarksville and Vernon McConnell of Talco. Today Mr. and Mrs. McConnell's immediate descendants number more than 350. For more information, contact Melanie McConnell Klein at 903-839-3260 or mmk@tyler.net <mail to: mmk@tyler.net>.

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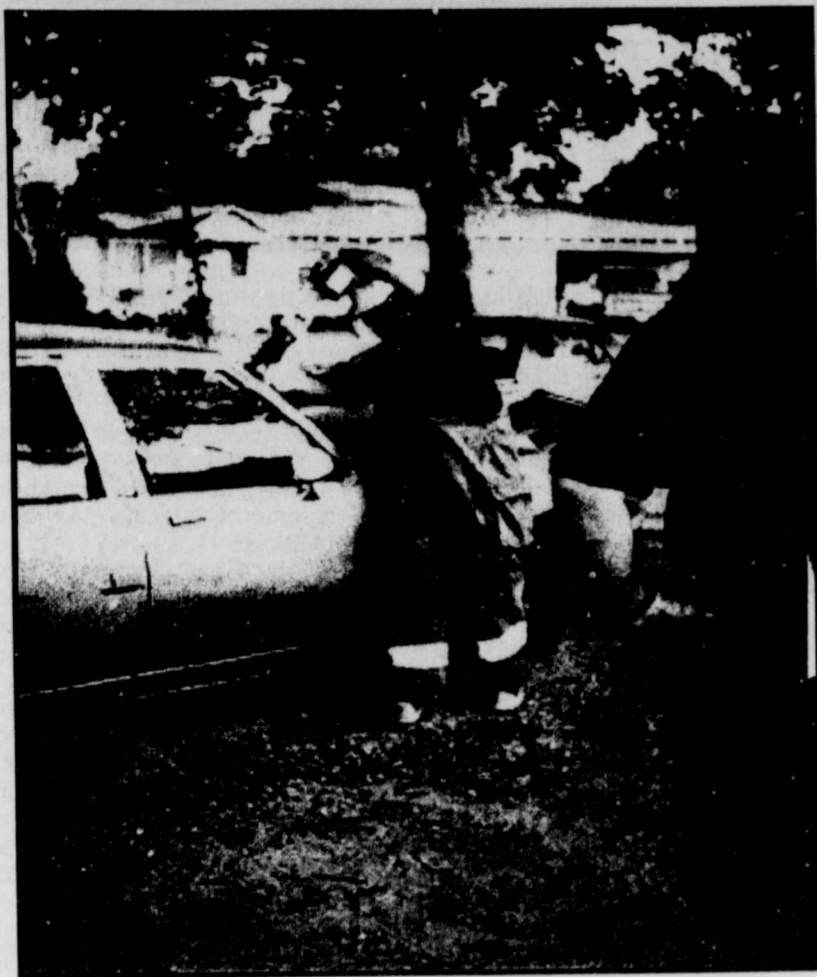
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**BLOSSOM VOLUNTEER FIREMAN Durwin Wilkins** is seen using the DeWalt reciprocating saw used for training recently. Firefighters from Honey Grove VFD brought the tool down for demonstration and training. (Staff Photo)

## Lady Patriots win big!

In Tuesday night action, the Prairiland volleyball teams won all matches against Chisum and Sulphur Springs.

In freshman action, the young squad defeated Chisum 15-10, 11-15 and 15-10. Johnna Patterson had 6 assists while Courtney Nichols had 5. Whitney Brook had 4 kills. Mallory Price put down 6 kills and had 10 service points.

The JV team swept Chisum 15-4, 15-7 with Raynie Skidmore getting 6 kills and 7 assists. They also downed Sulphur Springs 15-12, 6-15, 11-15. Mallory Price led the attack with 9 kills.

The varsity team was led by

Emilee Bolton's 9 kills and Megan Graham's 21 assists in their 15-8, 13-15, 15-6 win over Sulphur Springs.

Bolton also led the serving with 16 points. The varsity squad also put Chisum away 15-2, 15-6.

Bolton once again led the kills with 9 while Amanda Nichols and Kami Hudson each had 4. Nichols also served 10 points. Britney Martin had 2 kills and Megan Graham had 19 assists.

The Lady Patriots travel to Denton on Friday for the Billy Ryan Kickoff Tournament. Thirty-two teams will participate with the Lady Patriots taking on Crandell at 3:30 Friday.

## Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin  
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Liz Robertson, Cheyenne Duke, Jessica Harrell, Johnathan Arnold, Josh Benfer, Chad Wilson, Rick Smith, Bailee Ballard, Lauren Ausmus, Trystan Chapman, Dorothy Wood, Pat Nation, Marsha Upchurch, Layton Graham, Tel Pitcock, Dustin Jones, Latessa Harper, Susie Sutton, Pep Misk, Cade Patty.

Happy Anniversary to Marsha and Randy Upchurch.

The Oak Hill Baptist Church will hold their annual homecoming on Sunday, August 26th at the church at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Shelbi Bryson of Bogata spent Thursday, Friday and Monday with Pam and Amanda Wood.

Pam and George Wood and Chris and Tonya Lewis enjoyed supper at the Old Feed House in Texarkana on Saturday.

Pam and Amanda Wood attended the bridal shower of Brad Barrentine and Rachael Smisek at Minter on Sunday.

Carol Wood of Atlas visited with

her mother Ruby Crawford on Saturday.

Everyone enjoyed the rain on Saturday.....hope you got some of it too!

Emma and Lloyd Willard visited with R.L. Garrett of Kanawha on Thursday. He was a patient in the hospital and is recovering from surgery.

The Blossom Nazarene Church held a dedication for it's day care center on Sunday and enjoyed a good turnout.

Steven, Stacy, Jalyn and Jacob Weddle of Bogata visited with Pauline and Jr. Weddle on Friday evening.

Lori Deverell spent Thursday in Paris visiting with Rachel Wolf.

Bessie Garrett enjoyed attending the 10th birthday party of her great grandson Landon Garrett in Reno on Saturday. He is the son of Curtis and Christy Garrett.

Next week starts the Red River Valley Fair. Take time to go out and visit with everyone and see all the sights!

## Deport Locals

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Cindy Talley  
652-2954



Cynthia Burks, Pam Hunt and Grady and Kathryn Wright recently made a motorhome trip through Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. They stayed at Graceland RV Park in Memphis, attended a Bluegrass Concert at the Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and spent some time in Renfro Valley and Cumberland Falls State Park in Kentucky.

Sunny and James Whitney left August 7 to visit their daughter, Penny Conroy and family in Napoleon, Ohio and then on to Homer, Michigan to visit daughters Lori Hollenbaugh and April Hazelwood and their respective families. They enjoyed watching their grandchildren show pigs at the County Fair.

Happy birthday to Mildred Wright, Phyllis Gifford, Jim Kunkel, Theresa Read, Glenn Miller, Jack Reynolds, Cobie O'Neal, Scott Scholz, Edna Earle Gifford, Elizabeth Bell, Terry

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## Hospice to hold grief workshop

Cypress Basin Hospice will provide a grief workshop each Tuesday, September 4-October 2 at the hospice office in Mt. Pleasant.

The workshop will provide information about grief and the importance of working through the grief process. There is no charge for the

workshop and it is open to the community.

The workshop will cover a different topic each meeting.

For information or to enroll in the workshop call Marisa Daugherty at 903-577-1510.

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The City of Blossom will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8%. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2001, 5:30 p.m. at Blossom City hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416.

FOR the proposal: House, Petty, Eddins, Rodgers & Clement  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$30,225	26,292
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$30,225	\$26,292
Tax rate	\$.5204	\$.5571
Tax	\$157.29	\$146.47

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would decrease by \$10.82 or 7% compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.0367 per \$100 of taxable value or 7% compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Early registration will be August 23 & 24 from 12:00-5:00 at the Public Works Office, 50 W. Hickory. Late registration will be Saturday, August 25 at North Lamar High School Gym at 8:00 a.m. (Add \$10.00 if registering late)

A cheerleading clinic will be Saturday, August 25 from 9:00-12:00 at the North Lamar High School Gym. Parents must be present for registration but not for the clinic.

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MEMBERS OF THE BLOSSOM NAZARENE CHURCH enjoyed a lunch donated by the church for the dedication of the new child care facility that is open and operating in full swing. (Staff Photo by)

**PATTONVILLE NEWS**

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday wishes to Elizabeth Bell, Nettie Chappell, Anna Ruth Grinstead Pomroy, Steve O'Brien, Ann Gatlin, Howard Higdon, Madison Gray, Staci Chaney, Peggy Breland, Jason Brown, Pam Fry, Shane McMillan, Jan Woodall, Raynie Skidmore, Matt Cavender, Daniel Hancock, Steven Wilson, Matt Downs, Vi Coco.

Happy anniversary to James and Cassi Weems, Nick and Sally Becerra. Leroy and Anna Ruth Pomroy of Paris were visitors of Dorothy Ellen Mobly in Deport last week. Leroy is the son of the late Henry and Molly Pomroy, former residents of Crossroads and neighbors of the late Herman Terry Gray and Dorothy Ellen.

Nina Sparks took Larry and Pat Sparks of Longmont, CO, Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah, Keith and Peggy Parsons to eat at the Fish Fry in Paris Tuesday night to celebrate Larry and Pat's anniversary and Leah's birthday.

Wednesday supper guests of Keith and Peggy were Larry and Pat Sparks, Eloise and Mieke Sparks and Nina Sparks. Leah Boren was a visitor. David Shelton visited Thursday morning.

Helen Northam of Paris visited Jesse and Frances Anderson. Josh Northam of Dallas was a recent visitor of his grandmother, Helen.

Members of the Pattonville Church of Christ enjoyed lunch and fellow-

ship at the community center after morning services Sunday. Johnny Ramsey of Arlington preached during the gospel meeting Friday night through Sunday night.

David and Sue Shelton took her mom, Vi Coco of Paris to eat fish at Big Daddy's in Reno Saturday to celebrate her birthday and got caught in a hailstorm.

Pete Jack and Sue Barrett of Harrison, AR were guests at Betty Jo Taylor's bed and bath in Pattonville Sunday night.

Deport School will have open house tonight, August 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Prairiland Junior High cheerleaders will sponsor a back to school dance in the Blossom School cafeteria on Friday, August 24 from 7-10 for Deport and Blossom junior high students only. Admission is \$3.00.

Ruby D. Blevins and Sandy Ring visited Glynn and Dorothy Renfro in Deport Thursday. He had returned from Baylor Hospital in Dallas earlier in the week after heart surgery.

Ruby and Sandy visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home Sunday.

Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins Thursday.

Raymond and Frances Hoover attended the wedding of Faith Edwards at Powderly Saturday. She is the granddaughter of Glenna Faye Harper and daughter of Loretta, formerly of our community.

**Stew Cook-Off is September 8**

The annual Red River County Stew cook-off will be Saturday, September 8 at the Clarksville fairgrounds.

The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair. It is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash

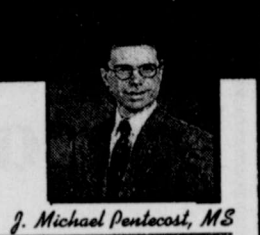
prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in the Showmanship Division and also for the Best Skit.

If you would like a copy of the rules or would like to register to cook a pot of stew, please contact the County Extension office at 427-3867.

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**Information for Veterans who served in Vietnam**

In early January 2001, Department of Veterans Affairs implemented a decision to presumptively recognize Type 2 diabetes for service connection disability based on evidence of an association between herbicide exposure (Agent Orange) and diabetes. On January 11, 2001, VA published a proposed regulation in the Federal Register that would add type 2 diabetes to its list of diseases presumptively associated with herbicide exposure. This established the presumption of service connection disability for Vietnam veterans with type 2 diabetes.

Any veteran, male or female, who had active military service in the Republic of Vietnam between 1962 and 1975, and who has a concern relating to exposure to herbicides (Agent

Orange) may participate in the VA's Agent Orange Registry examination program and may be eligible to apply for service connected disability benefits.

Generally, the only other veterans eligible for the Agent Orange Registry examinations program even if they might have been exposed to herbicides elsewhere during military service are U.S. Military veterans who

served in Korea in 1968-1969, when Agent Orange was used there. For compensation purposes, VA presumes that all U.S. service members who served in Vietnam were exposed to Agent Orange. This policy makes it unnecessary to "prove" Agent Orange exposure by any tests.

However, herbicides were used by

the U.S. military to defoliate military facilities in the U.S. and in other countries as far back as the 1950's. Even if a veteran did not serve in Vietnam or Korea, the veteran can still apply for serviced connected disability benefits if he/she was exposed to an herbicide while in military service and the exposure caused the veteran to be injured or to develop a disease which is on the list of diseases which the VA recognizes as being associated with Agent Orange.

Vietnam veterans interested in receiving the Agent Orange Registry examination are advised to contact the nearest VA medical center or clinic or contact the VA toll free number at 1-800-827-1000 to request the examination.

Participating the VA Agent Orange Registry does not automatically result in consideration for the possible

service connected disability compensation. Veterans who wish to be considered for a disability compensation must file a claim for that benefit.

To apply for service connected benefits associated with exposure to Agent Orange, the veteran should send the VA Regional Office a letter stating that the veteran has a specific health problem and that the veteran's claim is due to his/her exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. This is called an informal claim and will set the effective date for the veterans' benefit payments, if the claim is granted. The VA Regional Office will send the veteran an application form, which must be filled out and returned to the VA. The VA requires veterans to furnish evidence to support their claims for service connected disability. This includes medical diagnosis of a disease which the VA recognizes as being associated with Agent Orange; competent evidence of service in Vietnam or offshore in adjacent water; and competent medical evidence that the disease began within any deadlines established by the VA. The VA Regional office's address can be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

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- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
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- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 tsp. salt (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper

Saute onion and red or green pepper in oil in large skillet 2 minutes. Add potatoes, corn and thyme; cook over medium heat until potatoes are golden, about 5 minutes. Move potato mixture to one side of the skillet; add eggs to skillet. When eggs are almost cooked, gently stir into potato mixture. Season with salt and pepper.

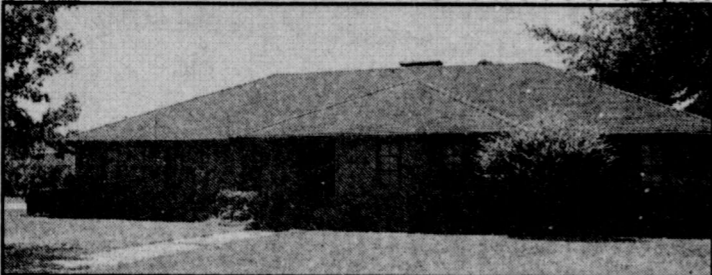


HARVEST-area farmers are busy combing corn right now, with hot dry weather not inhibiting the combing process. John Allen of Allen farms reports that the corn crop is average. Dry weather is affecting soy beans and cotton at this time. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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