These days there is so much talk about our lives as Americans. Some believe we can
never be safe again. (we aren't ever perfectly safe, September 11 th just brought that to our attention). But, in the past week or tice of American life. And it is
slat slice of Ameri
so beautiful. We've been to a number of
Christmas parades. What ajoy they are! In all the chaos children's faces shine with ex-
citement. Parents hover citement. Parents hover anx-
iously, arranging tinsel,
and straightening hair, getting some
last minute tape to make a brief
repair.
Parade organizers and directors frantically place floats and
cars in the proper order. the camsunt of volunteer work they
amor dedicate to these events is large.
Finally, everything falls into place and the parade moves place and
out. Downtown streets are lined with proud parents and grandparents, fellow students, old people and tiny babies.
Volunteer Fire Departments have their trucks shined to a have their eam. Local bands
bright gle
march and play cheerful Christmarch and $p$
mas music. What a wondrous amount of imagination goes into the cre-
ation of the entries! Themes that range from Christmas in the country, to toyland, to the Nativity, and everywhere in
between abound. Cabins built of cardboard, robes made of
ofedsheets. Christmas trees and bedsheets, Christmas trees and
Santa, reindeer made from evSanta, reindeer made from ev-
erything from tissue paper to erything from tissue paper to
wood grace entry after entry. wood grace entry after entry.
Decorated boats, trailers and
pickups pickups carry proud "queens
and kings". and kings".
Cars are Cars are topped with elves at work, giant bows and stars.
Horses parade proudly, Horses parade proudly,
many with bows on their tack many
or tails.
Wagons and carts sport
wreaths and tinsel, four wreaths and tinsel, four
wheelers are transformed into wheeelers are transformed into
everything from sleighs to horses.
Bicycles wobble down the street, covered in glittering substances. Dogs in cloths trot
along, a little uncertain about along, a little
all the crowds.
A shower of candies rain down, and Santa Claus is on
hand to the delight of all hand to the delight of all.
This year, there were veterans on cars, and an abundance of flags and patriotic entries. As Istood for the third time on the street, watching all of
this, I felt so good, so proud, so happy. New York City it isn't. No slick, commercially commis-
sioned floats went by in regal sioned floats went by in regal
splendor. No helium filled giants shadowed overhead. giants shadowed overhead. rities graces the entries. No vast amounts of money were
spent. But the creativity was spent. But the crea
just as astounding. Things may never be the same, but then some things
are very much the esame are very much the same.
Our future, the future of small towns, smiled out at us with happy young faces. Our older citizens clapped and
beamed We werene beamed. We were one in a joy
that we take for granted. It is that we take for granted. It is
happening all over this vast happening all over this vast
nation. Somewhere else is the world these parades would
not be possible. Here, they not be possible. Here, they
are commonplace. Thank
G are commonplace. Thank
God.
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No notices to be sent in December Just a reminder, during December there are so many renewals that post cards telling people their paper is due will not be sent. If you think your paper is due
this month, just call $652-4205$ or this month, just call $652-4205$ or
$632-5322$ and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.

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92nd YEAR, No. 23

Community Christmas Service Deport's Communtity Crist- in this special service.
mas Service will be sundary De
 Baptist Church.
There will be special Christmas Everyone is cordially invited to
music, scripture reading music, scripe age reading,puppets, attend.
sign language and other ministries


VISITING and speaking were the order of the evening, along with excellent food at the City of Deport's annual Christmas
Party held at the Deport American Legion. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols
Papers on sale now, save money, give the perfect gift ing for an easy, yet great way to see their kid's pictures in the pafill your Christmas gift list, think per, they love to read humorous about your local newspaper. As columns (that have won numerous
usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata state-wide awards) they love to isual, the Blossom Times, Bogata state-wide awards) they love to
News, Deport Times and Talco clip the recipes out of the cooking Times are on sale NOW for $\$ 2$ off column, and they love to keep up the yearly price. Regularly $\$ 20$ with upcoming events and what for an entire year, during the last their friends are doing. Everyone
two weeks of November and enjoys feature stories and photo through December the paper will of local people.
hrough December the paper will of local people.
only be $\$ 18$ in Lamar, Red River Any of these papers are a great or Titus Counties, and only $\$ 20$ gift for old and young alike. Young Thesere else. These newspapers have been news, photos and sports, retire
around serving local people with peopleenjoy thoserecipes Every the best in news, photos and ad- one enjoys knowing what is going vertising for many years. The on in THEIR own town, someDeport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though time
have changed, one thing hasn here far from home. full page ad and send in your sub

Ramsay enters Ag race
State Representative Tom Ramsay, a 61 -year old farmer,
Ramsay announced today that he is seeking the office of Commis- from Mt. Vernon where he is an
Rat sioner of the Texas Department of active member of the Chamber of
Agriculture. Agriculure. II entered public service be- Commerce and a former school cause of a deep commitment to baurie have four children and are rural Texas and a sincere dedica- members of the first baptist tion to the future of our great Church. state," Ramsay said. "After five Ramsay was first elected to the
terms in the State House my rerms in the state House my com- House in 1992 and for the last two
mitment to the families of rural legislative sessions has served Texas and my dedication to creat- Chairman of the House commiting a brighter future for our com-- tee on County Affairs.
munities are stronger than ever."
Christmas Tour of Homes
Prairiland Project Graduation
will present its first Christmas tour will present it first Christmas tour
of Homes on Sunday, December 16 from 1 until 5 p.m.

Tickets are available at each
Tissor 6 from 1 until 5 p.m.
Homes on the Greta Hunt, 510 Front St: Jason on the viewing list. Maps of Blosnd Sylvia Lewis Dickson, 520 som with homes marked will be Young Street; Leslie and Jamie
Chapman, 535 Young St. Beverly Athas, 605 S . Street and Dale and attend this special event wite Sarah Upchurch, 610 S . Street, all enjoying a visit with friends and
Band Concert is tonight
The Prairiland Band Christmas
Concert is Thursday December Concert is Thursday, Decembe
13 at $6: 30$ p.m. at the high school

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|  |  | held next spring

Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of good Christmas music while helpig
expenses.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNER


ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH at Minter will be presenting the musical "A Tribute to the King"
 NEW OFFICERS for the Deport Volunteer fire Department are: front row: President Johnny
Dawson, Fire Marshal, Training Officer Thomas Nichols and Medical Captain Mike Francies.
Back Row: Vice-President and Back Row: Vice-President and Asst. Chief Duane Glover, Reporter Nanalee Nichols, Chief
Donny Darden, Assistant Training Officer Ronald Nichols-Seretary/T Donny Darden, Assistant Training Officer Ronald Nichols; Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Fire
Marshal Marilyn Glover; Chaplain Jeremy Day, Not Pictured is Sunny Whitey,


LETTERS of Friendship were a learning experience for the Deport third graders last Friday. The students wrote friendship letters to one another, walked to the Deport Post Office, and bought stamps, then mailed them. The exercise was to help them learn the proper way to write, address


SHOPPING-Prairiland Seniors donate new items for faculty and school children to purchase a Christmas gifts. They were at Deport last week, and did a brisk business. The funds made help fund the Project Graduation program which endeavors to provide a safe place with games hel prizes graduation night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## 8ming <br> Coataing <br> By Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is Pat Gra- decided it was time to take a
ham of BBossom. Pat recently chance. They idid well at the other opened a restaurant....or should I
say, reopened a restaurant, down say, reopened a restaurant, down
the road from where she was previously in Blossom. It is located on Highway 82 and is a remod-
eled green house that you can't eled green house that you can't
miss just up from her former location t.
Grill.
Whe When looking for a holiday
cook, she came to mind cook, she came to mind and always has some great recipes. She
and her husband James work together in the business and are Methodist Church. She started back in 1995 when
she decided people was something that she did no want to do all her life. Thanksgiving of 1995, she and a friend
of hers made cakes for their Sunof hers made cakes for their Sun-
day School class to day School class to sell and again
at Christmas, but added pies. About that time, she was ap-
proached to do lunches and speproached to do lunches and spe-
cial dishes for school and that is cial dishes for school and that is
when it took off. They picked up when it took off. They picked up
some catering jobs and started
Friday nights and all of the golf tournaments at the Clarksville Country Club.
She had wanted a restaurant and


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Thursday, December 13
Pat Graham, Blossom


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Message To The Many Who Love \& Respect Thelma Ladd

Currently "Miss Thelma" is in Deport Nursing Home

She is recovering from recent problems with her health. She remembers all of you fondly and regrets that she will be unable to send greetings to you during the holiday season. Please accept this message as her best wishes to all of you.

We treasure and appreciate your love and concern for this special lady.

Melba \& Carlos,
arianne \& Joe Ladd


COOK OF THE WEEK is Pat Graham of Blossom. Also pictured with Pat is her grandson Levi Graham. She has just
opened her remodeled restaurant on Highway 82 in Blossom and prepares, good, down home country food for everyone. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)


Bogata V.F.W. News








 *Get Well Wishes are sent to:
James Minshew, George Smith, James Minshew, George Smith,
Mary Elrod and Betty Mullins. Heryey ${ }_{\text {w }}$ Geri. Knowles. Wootie Harville,Dennis Carr, Linda Gray and Todd Duffer. Sympathy is extended to Shir-
ley Merritt and fapily.

## Aftend The Church <br> of Your Choice

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Doris G. Hopper dies December 8 Doris G. Hopper, age 81 of
Avery died Sataurday.December
8aI ETMC, Clarksville. Avery died Sataurday, December
8atETMC, Clarkville
Sevrices were held Monday,

December 10 at $11: 00$ a.m. in | December 10 at 11 :00 a.m. in |
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| Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville | Funeral Home with Elder Leroy

Moran and Rev. Carl Raleigh
officiating. Burial followed in Morgan and Rev. Carl Raeieigh
officiating. Buraia followed in
Lydia Cemeterry under the direcLydia Cemetery under the direc-
tion of Clarksille Funeral Home. Ms or Clarksille Funeral Home.
Ms. Hopper was io the
Lydia community of Red River Lydantymmunity of Red River
Countyon November 4, 1920, a daughtero JJames W ashington and
Georgia Simmons Hoper Georgia Simmons Sopper. She
was artiried nurse and member of
the was arectred nurse and memberou
the ereognizd Church of Jessus
Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was preceded in death by brothers Dee, Odom and Wayne Hopper
and a sister, Hazel Michie. and a sister. Hazel Michie.
Survivin is aroter--law,
James Michie of Averyr, nephews and wives.L.Lary And Margie Hop-
peri of Lone per of Lone Star community,
James and Maxine Hopper of
Dekal DeKail, Dwiight Hopper of
DeKalb; a niece and husband, Sheila and Clint Jackson of Avery; two great-nieces and husbands,
Twila and Mike Ross of Aery Twila and Mike Ross of Avery
and Ganla and Sameel Iaryor of
Avery, and asister-in-law, Gertrue Avery; andasister-in-
Baker of Fublirght
Pallbearers were C
Pallbearers were Clint Jackson,
Lary, Dwight and James Hopper, Samuel Taylor and Mike Ross.

Randy Stringer dies December 8
Randy Stringer, age 47 of
Clarksville, died Sauturay, De-
cember 8 at his residence,
cember 8 at his residence.
Services were held Monday,
December 10 at $3: 00$ p.m. in
Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville
Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville
Funeral Home with Rev. H. Minkl. Clark. A.B.B. Kellam and Rev. lowed in New Haven Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville
Funeral Home.
Mr. Stringer was born in son of Frank and Innez Dryden
Stringer, J. He was alog Stringer, Jr. He was a logger and a
member f the National Wild Turkey Federation and was a Baptist. Randy got tha first turkee ever
taken in Red River County when the first season openened in 1995.
He maried the forme V He married the former Veronica
Peacock on February 20, 1972 in Annona $\begin{aligned} & \text { He preceded in death by a } \\ & \text { son, Marshall Stringer in } 1984 \text {. }\end{aligned}$. son. Marshall Stringer in 1984.
Survivin are isis parens. Frank
"Sond Jonny Boy" and Inez Stringer,
J. of Clarksville; a daughter, Shelley Stringer of Clarkssville; a sister. Donna Clark ofClarkssilie.
and brothers Bubba Striner and brothers, Bubba Stringer and
Thomas Stringer, both of Clarksville.
Palbearers were John Mitchell, Bill McGuire. Paul Allen, Steve
Raulston, Keith Westbok Raulston, Keith Westbrook, Gary
Raulston, J. Harvey and Charlie Rauiston.J.P. Harvey and Charlie
Townes. Honorary bearers were Alan Hale, Gary Rogers, Mickey Minter, Ed Pryor, Leo Maroney. Tommy Welch.Ralph Meals, Paul
Cole, Phil Mammen, Chuck Mooney and Keith Dejarnett.

## Obituaries

Henry Burl Barton diesDecember 6 Henry Burl Barton, age 74 of
Bagwell died Thursday, DecemBagwell died Thursday, Decem-
ber 6 in Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. Serrices were held Sunday,
Decer
Decenber December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in
Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Lindeman Chapel of Clarkssiny
Funeral Home with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial followed in Blanton Creek Cemetery
under the direction of Clarksville under the direcc
Funeral
Funeral Home.
Mr. Barton was born in Bagwell
on March 29, 1927, a son of Kirk on March 29, 1927, a son of Kirk
and Eva Hastings Barton. He was a longtime rancher and auction-
eer. He was a member of the eer. He was a member of the
Church of C Crists., was a longtime Church of Christ, was a
menbengine
Hospitita and Red the 410 Wer General ${ }^{\text {ply }}$ On Fe
On February 26,1955 he married the former Patty Hobbs in
DeKalb. He was preceded in death by his
father and a sister, Ida Mae Giles father and
in 2001 .
Surviving are enis wife, Patty, of
he home; his mother, Eva the home, his mother, Eva
ColemanofClarksville; ason, Bill Barton of Bagwell; a sister, Kay Wells of LaMesa;a arother, Jackie
Barton of Bagwell: four grand. Barton of Bagwell; four grand-
childrenand dhree great-grandchildren. ${ }_{\text {Pall }}$ Pallbearers were Ronnie Joe
Yarbrough, E.L. Livingston, Danny Coffman, Hank Walton,
Ines
 E.G. Lum dies December 10 E.G. Lum, age 90 of Boxelder
diedMondy, December 10 in diedMonday, December 10inEast
Texas Medical Center,Clarksvile. Services were held dat $10: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Thursday, December 13 in Salem Baptists Church with the Rev.
Marlin Robey officiatin Burial Marlin Robey officiating. Burial
was in Boxelder Cemerery under was in Boxelder Cemetery under Homes. Bogata. The family ye-
ceived friends from 6 untill 7 .m. at the funeral home on Wednes ${ }_{\text {de }}^{\text {de }}$. in Boxelder, the son of Eddie Gerald Lum, Sr, and Emma Lee Jones Lum. He married the former
Wanza Sueas Broks ter Wanza Sueas Brooks at Cuthand
on August 19, 1942. He was a on August 19, 1942. He was a
retired school teacher with a MS degree. He taught school for over
3 years 34 years. He was a US Army Vet-
eran, serving as a staff Sergeant eran, Serving as a Staff Sergeant
durin WWorld War IIt He was a
d long time member of Salem
tist Church of Boxelder. Surviving are his wife:twosons,
Eric Lum and wife Belinda of New Boston and Vincent Lum of Allison; one daughter, Annette
Welch and husband Tommy o Clarkssille, one brother, Alvis
MerleLumof MerleLum of Cash.OK; six grand-
children, James Welch. Tracy children, James Welch, Tracy
Lum, Brandon Lum, Michelle Wilson, Sueann Welch and Aarron Lum; one great-granddaughter,
Katie Ann Welch; two greatgrandsons, John and Zack Wil Bobby Talley dies December 9 Bobby Talley, age 61, formerly
of Deport, died in Amarillo on
December 9 . December 9 .
Woor Funal Homes made burial on Wednesday, December
12 at $2: 00 \mathrm{O} . \mathrm{m}$.
in Highland Cem He was born in Deport on Sep.
He ember 16, 1940, the sonon f fershel and Lois Ball Talley. He is sur--
vived by his son, Bobby Talley Ir.od by his son, Bobby Talley,
Ingeles, CA; a daughter, Kim Talley of Houston, sis-
ters, Sylvia Cariker of Lake Jacksonand Brenda Hunter and Sharon Traver, both of Lubbock.

## Caud of Thanks

 The family of Rufus Merritt yourl live to thank every kindness you for your love and kindness you gaveto him and his family during his with the Lord. To Bro. Freddy Burden and Bro. Billy Daniels for the beautiful service, the ladies of
the Deport Church for the Deport Church for the won-
derful meal they served the derfur meal they served the day of the funeral, the ladies of the
Johtow Church and others that brought food to our home, your prayerss, calls, flowers hand yoards.
To Wood Funeral Home who helped in our time of grief. He welped in our time of grief. He to many. We, his
wion was oved by so many. We, his
family, loved and will mish sim.
Shirly Merrit \& Family
Bob \& Par Mertit Bob \& Pat Merritt \& F Family
David Merritt \& Family


Ralph Westbrook dies December 7 Gresham. Westbrook. with the
ciating. Imore. dies December 7 day, December 7 . neral Home. Noel WWood. son Brooke Gray. Esther Tillman Ralph N. Westbrook, age 89 of
Deport. died in the Christurus Joseph Hospital, North Campus on Friday, December 7, 2001. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Monday. De.
cember 10 , at $10: 00$ am. cember 10, at $10: 00 \mathrm{am}$.
Freddy Burden officiating. Serving as pallbearers were $D_{0}$ Enex, Mack Humphrey, Jerry
Westbrook, John Beard Eari Westbrook, John Beard, Earl
Gresham, and Kenneth Gifford. Gresham, and Kenneth Gifford
Honorary pallbearers were Hobart Honorary pallbearers were Hoban
Loven, Gordon Isbell, and Randy
He was born on October 3, 1912 in Deport, Texas, the sonof Samue H.and Sarah Blanch Harris
Westbrook. On October 31, 1952 he married the former Jayne Dugger in Hugo. Mr. Westbrook managed a grocery store in Dallas for 30 years and was a member of
the First Baptist Church of De. port. He was preceded in death by port. He was preceded indeanby
a son, Dale Westrook in 1955; two sisters, Artie Westbrook and Mollie Westbrook; and eight
brothers, Cecil, Otis, Jim, Esker brothers, Cecil, Otis, Jim, Esker,
Elbert, Earl, Donald, and Boyd

Jayne of Deport; his daughter Jayne of Deport; his daughter,
Brenda Calhoun of Houston; four grandchildren, Dawn Sandovir
and husband Darrell, Chin Calhoun and wife Sarah, Shawn Calhoun and wife, Sarah, and Daniel Calhoun, four great grand-
children; sisters-in-law, Edith children; sisters-in--Iaw, Edith
Westbrook of Paris, Mary Westbrook of of Paris, Mary
Westbrook of Virginia Beach, VA Clydelle Westbrook of Paris, Louise Dugger of Forney, and Margie Dugger of Seven Points; brother-访-law, Jerry Dugger and
wife Donnie of Bedford; special nieces, Teressa Minor, Vicky Jane Massey, Ouida Ann Humphrey

Ronald Luis Smith dies December 6 Ronald Luis Smith, age 40, bom September 24,1961 in Odessa,
TX died December 6 in Dallas. Memorial services were held Sunday, December 9 at Wood uneral Home chapel in Deport
eceded in death by his parents, Louis and Edith Smith.
He is He is survived by his wife of 15
years,Sherryl 5 mith;ason, Michael Dale Smith; a steoson, Mrs. Kenny Bibbst three step. grandchildren; a sister and her
suband, Jeannie and Williar suband, Jeannie and William
Denton of EI Paso; three brothers Mike and Carla Smith of Rowlett and Gary and Donny Smith of ews, cousins, aunts and uncles and many friends. He was the grand-
son of the late Curtis H. and The family met at the home of
Lee and Kathy Bice in Deport
Dorothy Ellen Gray Dorothy Ellen Gary (Mobley),
gee 75 of Deport died in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South on fir Services were held Saturday,
December 8 at $2: 00$ p.m. in the Deport Presbyterian Church with Rev. Harold Isacs, officiating
Burial was in Burial was in Highland Cemetery
under the direction of Wood Fu-

She was born in Rugby on Au
ust $21,1926, ~$ gust 21, 1926 a a daughter of Paul Willis and Ruby Ella Chesshit
Wood. She was retired from tit Wood. She was retired from the
Prairiand School System; was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Deport and was active in the Presbyterian Women. She
was preceded in death by her huswas preceded in death by her hus-
band, Herman Terry Gray and a grandsorm, Paul Terry Wraye Everett,
bothin 1973 and bothinon, Paul wanne
boel Wood
bond aninfant brother.
Surviving are herchildren, Dick
Gray and wife Gray and wife Yvonne and Mark
Delayna, all of Pattonville; a daughter, Deeann Gray Flores offt. Worth; abrother, Paul W. Wood, Jr. of I Iving: two
uncles. Lawrence Wood and wife Martha Kate of Rugby and Carl Wood of Bogata; one aunt, Francis
Franklin of De Franklin of Deport; three grand-
children children, Terry Burge, James Gray


## Caud of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped me cele brate my birthday. were words.g.erful. Also to to my fame cals
ils ily and friends for their love and support while I was ill. Ill always
be grateful for your love ald be grateful for your love and hel
Love


LADY PATRIOT Brittany Ballard goes up for a shot against a pack of Lady Lions from Roxt


EMILEE BOLTON helps guard this Roxton Lady Lion to assist er teammate taking the shot in recent Prairiland basketball ames. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

## Patriots fall to Warriors

The Prairiland Patriots faced the score in the third and another 18 Bankhead 2 Honey Grove Warriors at Honey in the fourth, but it was still not In the final round, the team went Grove on Tuesday, December 4, enough for the powerful Warrior up against the Avery Bulldogs, and suffered a loss of 53-77. D.J. shooting.
Loveless was the big hitter for the In the first round of the Sulphur only to fall once again 38-58.
Loveless hit for 11 and Bankhead night with 17 points. Chance Bluff Tournament on Thursday, 6. Eric Berry had 5 and Murdock Bankhead had 8 with Robby the Patriots fell again to the De- and Nichols each had 4 with 2 Nichols and Bryan Murdock with 6 each. Shawn Steinkamp and
Scotty Nichols each had 5 with Spur Norwood 4 and Stoney Musgrove with one basket. The Patriots managed 15 points in the first quarter while Honey
Grove added 26 to the boards Grove added 26 to the boards
Another 22 points in the second quarter by the Warriors and holding the Pats to only 5 points in the second quarter gave them the lead $20-48$ going inot the locker room The Pat

Lady Pats participate in Sulphur Bluff
The Lady Patriots participated with $4-9$ from the free-throw line Farmersville came back in the sec in the Sulphur Bluff annual tour- and two buckets to end the ond with a big quarter with 13
nament beginning on December 7 heartstopping game 61-64. The points while the ladies could onl with the first round game falling ladies shot 50 percent from the manage 3 to go into halftiim
to Sulphur Bluff $61-64$ Lacy
free-throw line with 13 -26 shots. with Farmersville ahead $20-30$ to Sulphur Bluff 61-64. Lacy free-throw line with $13-26$ shots. with Farmersville ahead 20-30. Davis had a strong game shoot- $\begin{gathered}\text { In the second round, the ladies } \\ \text { ing for } 18 \text { points while Megan } \\ \text { faced Campbell and took the win }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { But the ladies persevered in the } \\ \text { third adding } 15 \text { points to the board }\end{gathered}$ ing for an points while Megan
Graham and Jordan Hunold also
$53-44$. Double figure hitters were and holding the other team to only had double figures with 11 and 10 Emilee Bolton with 13, Hudson 7 and was ahead by two points 37 respectively. Brittany Ballard had with 12 and Graham with 10. 35. By the end of the final buzzer 9, Kami Hudson added 7 and Lacy Davis and Ballard also everyone knew the Lady Patriots
Emilee Bolton 6 .
added 6 each while Sara Bolton knew baksetball as they threw in Emilee Bolton 6
The girls had in the first shooting for 15 points to Sulphur Blufffs 11. Hunold had a three-pointer in the second quar-
ter along with a basket and 3-4 ter along with a basket and 3-4
free shots to help the Lady Pats keep the score tied 31-31 going into halftime.
Sulphur Bluff pulled away by
three points in the third three points in the third quarter as
action got hot and heavy in this action got hot and heavy in this
first round game, $39-42$. The fourth quarter buzzer sounded with a score of $53-53$ and overtime would take one of the teams
into the winner's circle. Prairiland into the winner's circle. Prairiland
shot 5-7 from the free throw line and Graham added a three-point
shot.
shot.
But Sulphur Bluff proved to be shot added to their credit along

## Good Luck Teams!

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Prairiland JV boys traveled to had 4 and Casey Johnson 3 . Honey Grove to bring the win The freshmen boys outshot pack home 37.26. ONeal Drinnon Honey Grove each y quarter with
was high point with 12 with Jake the exception the the ecend was high point with 2 with Jake tee exceptuon het ene secon.
Daugherty following with 8 . Seth teams each had 8 points.
Whker Walker added 5 along with 5 from

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Why were only the incumbent's names on the proxies and in the Paris News?
10. Would a responsible board list all candidate's names for the board of directors on the proxies so members could have a choice?
Why is Cap Rock supporting only the
incubents?
2. Sould Cap Rock determine the future of our
13. The merger is not a done deal as some want you to believe.

| membership meeting of Lamar 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at The Love Civic Center in Paris, Texas <br> VOTE FOR <br> Allen Jumper, J.W. Smith, and Billy Bratton |
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Superville announces re-election for Lamar County Judge

## "It is with great honor that I

 re-election as the Lamar County Judge," says Chuck Superville. The message of his campaign will be to continue the progress ofLamar County. Superville says, "I've done a good job a and I would love to keep doing it." Originally from Houston,
Superville Superville has a moderately large
family including five brothers and family including five brothers and
sisters. Superville has two degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. One is a bachelor's degree in accounting
and the second is a doctorate in and the second is a doctorate in
jurisprudence. Superville is both jurisprudence. Superville is boh certified public accountant. He has work experience as a finan-
cial auditor with the international cial auditor with the international
accounting firm of Coopers \& accounting firm of Coopers \&
Lybrand and as a corporate tax accountant with Enron Corp. Superville came to Lamar County to work for Tom Wells in the Lamar County Attorney's office
where he worked for six years as a prosecutor. Superville has been the Lamar County Judge for the last six years.
"I want everyone to know that 1 really care about the budget and
the administration of justice. I have responsibly managed the finances of the county and Lamar County is in very sound financial
condition. Also, I have worked very hard to expeditiously and fairly administer justice in Lamar County. This has sontributed significantly to reducing the docket
backlog in county court. backlog in county court.
"Additionally, I think it is portant that we continue to work to foster economic growth and
development in Lamar County.I development in Lamar County. I have done everything I can to
work together with local business and industry to promote the economic development of Lamar
Foster family holds The Foster family held their
Christmas dinner at the Deport American Legion Hall on DecemAttending were James and Daniel Foster, Frank and Ann
Siskk of Daingerfield, Ida Mae and Darold Norwood of Cunningham, Maxine and Charles
Foster of Deport; Marlin Foster of Deport; Marlin Foster of
Deport, Mortis, Ginger and Alison Foster of Bogata, Mattie Bramlett of Paris, Darlynne and Richard Nix of Rockwall, Derek and An of Rockwall and Del Walker of
 leaving the county so that the convicted felons may be better supercourt at law to to bet the county zens who need their cases re re solved more timely. Creating first
time time water supply to the Ragtown community. And participating extensively with other community
leaders to assist development of leaders to assist development
the Panda Power Plant the Panda Power Plant. Although much has been ac-
complished, there is still much to complished, there is still much to
be done. I will work hard for you. I will responsibly manage your money. I will be patient, firm and
attentive to the neds people of Lamar County. I have
developed a people oped a reputation for being
readily available to the public readily available to the public and
listening to the problems of the listening to the problems of the
individual. This is because no individual. This is because no
matter what the issue may be, whether its the budget, or a court case, or economic development. I understand that it is all about
people. It's about treating people people. It's about treating people
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Christmas dinner

## Dec 25

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Nancy Marie Breedlove and fiance Dawid Gene Ballard

## Breedlove-Ballard

announce engagement
 David Gene Balard will be matr and sis Balard and the grandson
ried Friday, December 28 at 4000 of Roland Bailard of Clardy and p.m. at Unalakleet, Alaska. Bob $\begin{aligned} & \text { Veda Wimberly. He is employed } \\ & \text { Lawrence will officiate the cer- by Prairiand High School as a } \\ & \text { Math teacher. }\end{aligned}$. $\begin{gathered}\text { emony. } \\ \text { The bride-elect is the daughter }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Math teacher. } \\ \text { The couple invites their family }\end{gathered}$
The of Agnes Breedlove and the late and friends to a reception to be
Henry J. Breedlove of Paris. She held on Saturday, January 12 at
is $\begin{array}{ll}\text { is employed by Prairilind } \\ \text { School as a Math teacher. }\end{array} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Church of Christ in Paris. }\end{aligned}$



Fire Belles to publish cookbook The Blossom Fire Belles have
collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook.
They will begin selling thei They will begin selling their
one-of-a-kind cookbooks on November 2 for $\$ 8.00$. They may be purchased from any member of the organi
nesses.

## Varner family holds

## Christmas party

 The children of the late Marvin and Faye Bryant Varner gathered at he Deport Legion Hall to cel-ebrate their annual Christmas reunion. Relatives and friends vis-
ited and enjoyed the bountiful ited and enjoyed the bountiful
meal, gift exchange and a surprise meal, gift exchange and a surprise
visit from Santa Claus. Children present were Velma Varner Westbrook of Deport and
son David Brooks and son David Brooks and Brandi of
Reno, friend Derek Alred of Paris Reno, friend Derek Alred of Paris,
Cledith and Thelma Varner Pope and daughter, Vernon, Jake Pope Carter of Paris, Bill and Judy
Varner and children, Darrell, Jean, Varner and children, Darrell, Jean,
Mallory and Austin Varner, Donna Mallory and Austin Varner, Donna
Varner Shaw and Savannah and
friend David friend David Chrenshaw of
Choctaw, OK, J.E. and Mary Varner Cross of Graham, Waide and Eunice Varner Herd of Sanger
and children Morgan, Deotta Herd of Celina, Ambek, Hunter Herd Tipton of Dentan! IJ Janette Varner Burks of Deport, Brad Burks of
Paris, Rainey and Shirley Vern of Floydada and daughter Bobby and Sabrina Varner Evert and children Joshua and Eric of Jenks, Ok, Larry and Patricia and Heath Varner of Powderly, Rick and
Linda Varner Thomas of Blossom Linda Varner Thomas of Blossom Thomas of Godley, Heath and Trisha Thomas of Paris.
Relatives attending were Elsie Low France, Ruth Little Eaton,
J.W. Mauldin, Belinda Mauldin McClenan of Mt. Vernon, L.C. and Jo Castleman Donaldson of
Powderly. The group gave a remembrance
to their parents and brothers, Roy and Kenneth Varner. held for local scout Eagle is the highest report. B Scouting and is earned by only
two percent of Scouts. Josh is membercof Troop 2. Mike Taylor, Mike McHam, Donna Taylor, John Fearn and Scott Cass are his Scoutmasters. Josh is a junior at Lakeside
High School and is currently con-


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Eagle Court of Honor

An Eagle Court of Honor was of Georgia Conley of Morrilton,
held Sunday held Sunday, September 28 for AR and Mr. and Mrs. Harold
Josh Benfer at the First United Benfer of Crossett, AR. $:$ STAY $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { Josh Benfer at the First United } \\ \text { Methodist Church in Depor } \\ \text { Eas }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Benfer of Crossett, AR. } \\ \text { Josh and his family are former }\end{array}\end{array}$ Christmas Is Coming Need Money? We Can Help Put the Presents
tinuing his scouting with Troop in Hot Springs, AR.
Josh is active in cross country
running and tennis. He is running and tennis. He is active
in UMY at the First United Methin UMY at the First United Meth-
odist Church in Hot Springs. Josh
is odist Church in Hot Springs. Josh
is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jim

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Tuckers meet
for Christmas
A Christmas celebration was
held December 2 at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Tucker of
Chicota.
Attending
Attending were Thelma Shelby
Anderson of Garland, James,
Amanda, Andrew and Sarah
Grace Daugherty of Greenville
Grace Daugherty of Greenville,
Tom, Brenda, and Emily Hunting-
Tom, Brenda, and Emily Hunting-
ton of Leonard, Ralph, Christy
and Hannh Grace and Hannah Grace Ramsey of Rowlett, Tom and Becky Moyers
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> hower honors Mis. Dason Anderson A bridal shower honoring Mrs.
Jason of the couple. Assisting at the
registry and gift table were Shelby Kae Gifora, was heldis the fel- Bono of Elkhart, Leslie Carrell of
lowship hall at the First United Clarksville sisters of the honee Methodist Church, Deport, on and Courtney Carrell of Sunday, December 2 hosted by Clarksville, niece of the honoree. Elisha Preston, Amanda LaRue, Sixty names were registered.
Jorene Carpenter and Juanita Jorene Carpenter and Juanita
Sparks Special guests were the Special guests were the nosegays carried by the holding honoree's mothers, Marijo Bono tendants in the wedding. Almond of Elkhart, her grandmother, Vir-
ginia Kirklaand of Deport, her nuts punch, cake s quares and ginia Kirklaand of Deport, her nuts were served to the guests.
mother-in-law, Sharon Anderson
The honoree is making her of Lurkin and her great-aunt Ruth $\begin{aligned} & \text { The in Killeen while her hus- } \\ & \text { Murrell of Deport. } \\ & \text { band, Captain Jason Anderson is }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{c}\text { Murrell of Deport. } \\ \text { The registry table, covered with }\end{array} & \text { band, Captain Jason Anderson, is } \\ \text { serving in Kuwait. }\end{array}$

## Prairiland receives All Star honors

The following members of the Musgrove(SEC).
Prairiland Patriot football team 2 nd team defense-Chris received all-districthonors for he Basinger(DL), Jorry Briggle(LB)
2001 season announced recently. and D.J. Loveless(SEC). HonorIst team offense-Brad able Mention went to Shawn
Hunt(OL), Stoney Musgrove(RB) Steinkamp(OL) and Taylor and Philip Elder(RB). Ist team Brewer(OL) with All Academic defense-Seth Walker(DL), Philip honors going to Josh Fendley,
Elder(LB) and $\quad$ Stoney
Prairiland JH begins season
The Prairiland Jr. High basket-
Murdock 3.
ball teams merged this year from
In the first round of the Sulphur ball teams merged this year from In the first round of the Sulphur
Deport and Blossom to become Springs Tounament held on NoStronger and cohesive teams. The
sth grade girls started out their 30 -December Ist, the girls
ver season in a game against Chapel Murdock hit 13 followed by Hill on November 15 and fell to Anderson with 8. Ray and Searls
them 19-24.
each had 4, with Ebarb, Wilson Team members are: Ashley
Ebarb, Leah Boren, Morgan House adding 2 points each.
In the second round the girls Searls, Rebecca Murdock, played Sulphur Springs and suf-
Amanda Neel, Kim Wilson, fered a loss of 18-28. Searls had Amanda Neel, Kim Wilson, fered a loss of 18-28. Searls had
Chelsey Anderson, Lori House, 66 with Anderson having 5 . Chelsey Anderson, Lori House, 6 with Anderson having 5.
Bridget Ray and Lindsey Sugg. Murdock 4 and Ebarb and Wilson Murdock was high for the night two each.
with 11, Ebarb 6 and Wilson and $\quad$ The girls played Paris in the fiRay each had a point. On Monday, November 19 the phy and fell 27-32. Anderson had
girls traveled to Chisum. Searls 14 and Wilson 6. Murdock 5, was high point for the night with
10. Chelsey And


Happy birthd
Happy birthday to Melissa Jane O'Neal. Nash, Bernard Breland, Chad Hill, and Peggy Parsons to the Fish Fry Linda Clark, RuthDenison, Riede on Thursday in celebration of
Faires, Gail Rhoades, Joann Keith's birthday. Kristi Boren, Parkman, Panola Arnold, Joan Drew and Leah and Nina Sparks Mathis, Nettie Powers, Stefany were Thursday visitors of the ParCope, Jeff Floyd, Amy Crumpler, sons. Keith received calls from $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Alanna Mercy, Hattie Hobss, } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Greg and Mark Parsons and fami- } \\ \text { Helen Temple, Connie Hobbs. } \\ \text { lies and his cousin, Dwayne Par- }\end{array}\end{array}$ Sympathy is extended to the sons in Georgia wishing him a family of Rufus Lee Merritt who happy birthday. died December 3 in Paris. He was happy birtuthy is extended to the
the brother of Donald bob Meritt. family of Dorothy Ellen Gray the brother of Donald bob Meritt. family of Dorothy Ellen Gray
Sympathy is extended to the Mobley who died in Paris on DeSympathy is extended to the Mobley who died in Paris on De-
family of Daulty Bell of Minter cember 7 following surgery on whodied December 4 in Paris. He Tuesday. She was the mother of was the father of Warren Bell and Dick and Mark Gray and Deeann Wanda Porterfield and uncle of Flores.
Waylon Norrell.
Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Mickey Keener of Longview,
Bernice Bell, Sandy Ring, Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Bernice Bell, Sandy Ring,
Virginia Reed, Ophelia Payne Ashleigh McLean and Heather $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Virginia Reed, Ophelia Payne Ashleigh McLean and Heather } \\ \text { and Peggy Parsons had lunch at } & \text { Anderson were visitors of Bill and }\end{array}$ TaMolly's on Wednesday. Ruby D. Blevins.
Ammong those attending the Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Among those attending the Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie
Christus St. Joseph's health Newsom in Parkview Nursing $\begin{array}{ll}\text { System's Auxilairy Christmas } \\ \text { Luncheon on December 6 at Paris } & \text { Home on Sunday. } \\ \text { Marcilene Jackson of Mabank, }\end{array}$ Luncheon on December 6 at Paris Marcilene Jackson of Mabank,
Golf and Country Club were Nina Sparks, MikeSparks andS.C. Golf and Country Club were Nina Sparks, Mike Sparks and S.C.
Frances Anderson, Sue Malone, Short visited Elois Sparks in HeriFrances Anderson, Sue Malone, Short visited Elois Sparks in Heri-
Peggy Parsons, Nina Sparks, tage Care Center in Paris.
 Janice Ingram, Weldon and Joyce Carlyn Corso, Mallory Owens
Smiht, Freeman Safford, Virginia Smiht, Freeman Safford, Virginia and Chad Larkin were visitors of
Reed, Ophelia Payne, Ray and Iva
Drew and Leah Boren during the Lee Kennemner, Joyce Allen and
JH girls split games
On Monday, November 3, Rebecca Murdock each had 5 with Prairiland Jr. High 8B girls took Ashley Ebarb and Bridget Ray
on the Paul Pewett teams and lost hitting 3 each and Lindsey Sug on the Paul Pewett teams and lost hitting 3 each and Lindsey Sugg
$10-8$. Team members are Mallory
with 2 . Owens, Jessica Chapman, Alicia In the North Lamar Tournament Lang, Brittany Filkins, Caralyn on December 6, 2001, the first Corso, Savanah Brummett, Amber round was with Durant. The girls
Sugg and Kelcey Howington. fell 18-34. Murdock had 5 with Sugg and Kelcey Howington. fell 18-34. Murdock had 5 with Owens, Chapman, Lang and Searls and Anderson scoring 4
Filkins each hit two points. In the second game of the night each had a basket. with the A team hitting the court, In the second round the girls fell the young ladies fared better with to Cooper scoring only 14 points a win of 35-22 over Pewitt. for the game. Ebarb and Murdock
Chelsey Anderson had 17 points added five each and 4 came from for the night. Morgan Searls and Searls.

JV girls defeat Honey Grove
The Prairiland JV girls traveled Honey Grove led in the lst quar
to Honey Grove on Tuesday, De- ter 7-4 with Prairiland comin to Honey Grove on Tuesday, De- ter 7-4 with Prairiland coming cember ond bring back the win 22 - back in the second with 2 basket 18. Freshman Britney Martin was ond halffared better for the ladies the big hitter for the night with 8 as they outshot Honey Grove 8-2 points. Rachael Murdock added and took the lead $16-11$. The girls her 5, Mallory Price 3 and added another 6 points in the fi-

Whitney Turner, Amanda Nichols nal quarter to | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Whitney urner, Amanda Nichols } \\ \text { and Leslie Davis each adding } 2 & \text { nal quarter to seal the game } 22\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | and Leslie

points.


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## Cunningham News <br> by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Melba Baker nd Carlos Ordorica． The Cunningham Baptist ner Sunday． The Cornerstone Church mem－ bers enjoyed Christmas dinner
Sunday night unday night
njoyed their family Christma Saturday．Marie Watson＇s family provided entertainment．Those njoying the evening from Norwood，Nelta and Johnie Musgrove，Dean and Ada Watson， Billy Ray and Neva Oats，Frankie， Julie，Logan，Layton and Caleb and Spur Norwood，Stacy，Linda， toney and Charity Musgrove Shane and Zarinsk a Morton，Jarvis and Renee Watson，Brad and achel Watson and Johnny，Jamie L＇Wanda McKnight and Jenna Patterson helped Ethelyn O＇Neal Davis with her Christms open house and jewelry show in Paris
Saturday．Several from here at－ tended．


## Letters to Editor

Dear Editor
This letter is for the purpose
of informing ALL members of he Lamarg ALL members of pending election of the Board Directors．Please attend the meeting on Tuesday，December 18 at 7 p．m．at Love Civic Cen ter in Paris．If there is absolutely no way you will be able to at
tend，please sign and give your end，please sign and give you ime for it to be certified prio to the meeting．DO NOT MAIL your proxy vote to LEC．D
NOT sign the front on the back．
It is strictly my opinion，a videnced by the propose that the present Board of Dire ors do not have the best inter est of the Co －op at heart．There are too many unanswered ques merger．Will someone bopestly explain to me how AND why the board members will be entitled to approximately $\$ 60,000.00$ ach？The board members ar plain Jane regular people jus plain Jane regular people
（working class）just like you and me．If this proposed merger Were to go through，why cannot 11 members of LEC receive compensation also？I pay my
bill just like everyone else so feel，along with you，are as en titled to compensation just as each board member．The Co－op nembers have built Lama Electric Co－op．We purchase th
electricity for our homes，farm and businesses．We have mad this entity what it is．ALL mem bers of the Co－op should ther with Capital Credits）． I do not feel that merging with Cap Rock will be benefi cial to MEMBERS of the Co－op． ike the old adage goes，＂If it
in＇t broke，don＇t fix it＂，Why do we need to sell to Cap Rock Honestly，ask all board mem－ bers．
Our Our Co－op has operated very Then this proposed merger and the vision of individual mon－ etary gain for the board mem－ bers came along．After seeing
dollar signs，the board has de－ cided we have problems．Get rea！！
Remember，do not mail your
proxy to the LEC office proxy to the LEC office．Be there to vote in person．Ask
questions．if absolutely impos－ questions．if absolutely impos－
sible for you to be there，please give the proxy that has been signed ONLY on the back，to a
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SECOND PLACE FLOAT in the Deport Christmas Parade went to The Newly Crowned State Volleyball Champions! The Lady Patriots, along wifh Photo by Mike Francies)


SECOND PLACE in the Deport Parade went to the Deport American Legion Post with their SECOND PLACE in the Deport Parade went to
patriot train entry. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)


DEPORT STAR STUDENTS, Mrs. Freeman's Class are Karen Lumsden, Sarah Norwood, David Murdo
and Trent Evans. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)


STAR STUDENTS from Mrs. Boren's K-2 class are Kerri Anderson, Kasey Bowling, Jeremy Hunter, Emily
Willis. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)


THE STAR Students from Mrs. Drinnon's class are Janet Smoot, Dustin Womack, Macee Malbry and Magen Bove. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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SECOND PLACE in the Deport Christmas Parade went to th Prairiland High School Cheerleaders, who were outfitted with
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DEPORT STAR STUDENTS from First Grade-2, Mrs. Huddleston's class are, Rachel Witherspoon, Tyler
Plemons, Caleb Norwood, Conrad Martin. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Sook for Mare Star Student and
Parade Photos Next Week

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SECOND Place in the Car Division of the Deport Christmas Parade was this 1949 car with Jerrika McKee and Landen
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Prairiland High School
Week of December 17

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 to October. They placed 2nd in their lirst tournament and won Ist place in the Texarkana
Monster Mash. Team membersand coach tonre: front) Alvssa Giddens, Katee Chapmanand Jessica Miller; (middle) Coach Mark Millor. Couch David Mouldin, Alison Mauldin and
Coach Paul Meriwether and (back) Coach Buck Heath, Rachel Narramore, Allison Heath, Cheyenne Clower, Kemberly Meriveth Coll
 leam consists of girls from Paris, Bugata, Talco, Deport, Mt. Pleasant and Okiahoma
Pictured are: (front from the left denise Anadon, Cassic Woods and Susan Anderson
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| ANYONE HAVING knowledge of OLDER smallSEARS welder; Vic the whereabouts of r . James Salter, tor torch \& guages, computer desk please call $903-632-5872$. MA 12 - Polaris 400 auto. 4 wd , 4 -wheeler sell for parts orcould be fixed. Housefor sale, 3BR, 2B freshly painted, BIG SCREEN TV for sale. Take on new roof, $1 / 2$ mile past corner storesmall payments. Good credit re- on 909 (Cuthand). $632-0400$. $M A$ quired. 1-800-398-3970. 12-1312-13 |  | Wanted <br> HOME HEALTH attendant needed in Bogata 6.5 hrs. a week 3 days. Call Red River HealthCare at $785-4070$ to apply. $12-13$ $\qquad$ |
| Real <br> Estate <br> OR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90 , Section F , spaces 652-6052. tf cnc | FR SALE: 85 hp tractor, cab \& air 4-wheel drive, clean. 903-652-2477 MA 12-20 | WANT TO PICK UP pecans on the hal 12-13 |
|  | PRAIRILAND FFA has poinsettias or sale, $\$ 5$ each. Call or come by Prairiland High School, 652-5681 | Sales <br> CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, an <br> CACKLEB, laws furniute |
| FOR RENT or owner will finance, 2 2BR homes in Bogata. Call 972 tails. MAtfc | FIREWOODFOR SALE Deliver within area. 632-4268 or 537-2042 MA 12-20 $\qquad$ | CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday 577-7158 or 572-3825. MAtfc |
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| HOUSE FOR RENT IN BOGATA: 2BR, 1B, 226 S. Sulphur, available December 1. $903-632-4543$. MA $12-13$ |  | Lost <br> \& Found <br> REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call $652-4205$ or $632-5322$. <br> LOST: Gray \& white Cockateil, family pet. $\$ 50$ reward for return. Please call 903-379-4121 or 379 3231.nc |
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## Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee 982.5309

Our sympathy is extended to which they will present Decemthe family of Don Davis, 58 , who ber 23 during the morning service died in Houston Thursday. He was
being treated for a brain tumor and being treated for a brain tumor and
had cancer of the lungs. He was a had cancer of the lungs. He was a
member of the East Post Oak Mis-
singry sionary Baptist Church along with
his wife, Glenda. His funeral was his wife, Glenda. His funeral was
held Sunday with burial here in held Sunday with burial here in
Post Oak Cemetery. He will be missed.
Mildred York of Blossom died Sunday at Paris Nursing Home. he will be buried in Post Oak Cemetery on Tuesday. She was
formerly married to Austin Lane nd was a mother to some of his
and was a mother to some of his
children.
The East Post MBC choir is


Happy Birthdays this week to
tephanie Gonzales. Dustin
Blossom United Methodis Stephanie Gonzales, Dustin Women's organization met and
Dillard, Jennifer Justice, Amanda held their Christmas party at the Dillard, Jennifer Justice, Amanda held their Christmas party at th
Neel, Casey Upchurch, Greg home of Sue Clarkson last week. Neel, Casey Upchurch, Greg
Vickers, Julie Himes, Kathryn
Bessie Garrett and Paul Garrett
Bit melley, Whittnie Stone, attended the Christmas party for Courtney Upchurch, P.L. Smith, the Lamar Avenue Church of Robbie Anderson, Verna Irwin, Christ on Saturday night. They Peralta, Tony Duncan, Jessica Sunday night. Garrett, Trinity Drake, Kacey 11 days until Santa gets here! lor Gillie, Bryan Simpson, Quinn Wednesday and Thursday, DeSessums, Judy Pieper, Shelby cember 19th and 20th. Semester $\begin{array}{ll}\text { McCoin, Zachery Walker, Rusty } & \text { tests will be given as follows-6h } \\ \text { carpenter, Aaron Barnes. } & \text { period will test on December 17th; }\end{array}$ Our condolences to the family 7 th period will test on December of Don Davis. Jr. Weddle is a patient in St. Joeph Hospital and is expect
get back home this week. Lucy Blount of Deport, the mother of Ann Sanders, has been a patient at McCuistion
Center this past week Center this past week.
Blossom had a great Christmas Parade on Saturday and the

Deport Locals
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Cindy Talley 652-2954


Happy birthday to Willie of Dallas and Mrs. George Jones LaRue, Mandy George, Melissa $\quad$ of Terrell on a Christmas
Phillips, Gail Rhoades, Chris
Chipman, Wayne Work City recently. Chipman, Wayne Williams,
Lawrence Wood, Joey Francis,
Joe Garrison of Silver City, NM
visited J.A. and Juanita Sparks Lawrence Wood, Joey Francis, $\begin{aligned} & \text { Joe Garrison or Siver City, NM } \\ & \text { Parker Robbins, Tres Andrews, }\end{aligned}$, this week. and Juanita Sparks Parker Robbins, Tres Andrews,
Delisa Speed, Ruth Denison, Delisa Speed, Ruth Denison, $\begin{aligned} & \text { Uis week. } \\ & \text { Trista Nailling, Thelma Shelby } \\ & \text { T.A. anda Sparks at- } \\ & \text { tended a Christmas luncheon of }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Stephanie Crawford, Vita Bratton } & \begin{array}{l}\text { tended a Christmas luncheon of } \\ \text { her family on Saturday, hosted by }\end{array} \\ \text { and Brad Hunt. }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cl}\text { and Brad Hunt. } \\ \text { Happy anniversary to Corene } & \text { her family on Saturday, hosted by } \\ \text { her sister, Bettie Pace in }\end{array}$ Happy anniversary to Corene her sister,
and John Roach, Maxine and
Clarksville. Thomas and Nanalee Nichols,
Charles Foster.
Martha Glover, Betsy-and Joel and Linda Ball and Donny Martha Glover, Betsy-and Joel and Linda Ball and Donny
Peyton Chapman accompanied and Dawne Darden had a Christ-

Attend The Church of Your Choice

Sam and Margie Rice and ThoSam and Margie Rice and Tho-
mas and Nanalee Nichols ate lunch
Saturday in Mt. Pleasant to ebrate Sam's birthday.

## Did You Know?

Volunteer Fire Departments With First Responder Units have found that $50 \%$ to $75 \%$ of their calls are MEDICAL!


