

A slice of America 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 11th just brought that to our attention). But, in the past week or two I have witnessed a true slice of American life. And it is so beautiful.

We've been to a number of Christmas parades. What a joy they are! In all the chaos children's faces shine with excitement. Parents hover anxiously, arranging tinsel, 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 amount of volunteer work they dedicate to these events is large.

Finally, everything falls into place and the parade moves 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 bright gleam. Local bands march and play cheerful Christmas music.

What a wondrous amount of imagination goes into the creation 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 bedsheets, Christmas trees and Santa, reindeer made from everything from tissue paper to wood grace entry after entry.

Decorated boats, trailers and pickups carry proud "queens

Cars are topped with elves at work, giant bows and stars.

Horses parade proudly, many with bows on their tack or tails.

Wagons and carts sport wreaths and tinsel, four wheelers 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 all the crowds.

A shower of candies rain down, and Santa Claus is on hand to the delight of all.

This year, there were veterans on cars, and an abundance of flags and patriotic

As I stood 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 commissioned floats went by in regal splendor. No helium filled giants shadowed overhead. No beauty queens, no celebrities graces the entries. No vast amounts of money were spent. But the creativity was just as astounding.

Things may never be the same, but then some things 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 were one in a joy that we take for granted. It is happening all over this vast nation. Somewhere else is the world these parades would not be possible. Here, they are commonplace. Thank



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 632-5322 and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, December 13, 2001

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Community Christmas Service

Deport's Community Christ- in this special service. mas Service will be Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

There will be special Christmas music, scripture reading, puppets, attend. sign language and other ministries

Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center following the service.

Everyone is cordially invited to



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 This year, when you are look- that's the fact that people love to

through December the paper will of local people. only be \$18 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$20 everywhere else!

These newspapers have been around serving local people with the best in news, photos and ad-Deport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though times

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 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 photos

Any of these papers are a great gift for old and young alike. Young families look forward to the school news, photos and sports, retired people enjoy those recipes. Everyone enjoys knowing what is going vertising for many years. The on in THEIR own town, somewhere far from home.

So use the handy coupon on the have changed, one thing hasn't, full page ad and send in your subscriptions today!

Ramsay enters Ag race

State Representative Tom is seeking the office of Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"I entered public service because of a deep commitment to rural Texas and a sincere dedication to the future of our great state," Ramsay said. "After five terms in the State House my commitment to the families of rural Texas and my dedication to creating a brighter future for our communities are stronger than ever."

Ramsay, a 61-year old farmer, Ramsay announced today that he rancher and real estate broker, is from Mt. Vernon where he is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and a former school board member. He and his wife Laurie have four children and are members of the first baptist Church.

Ramsay was first elected to the House in 1992 and for the last two legislative sessions has served as Chairman of the House committee on County Affairs.

Christmas Tour of Homes

Prairiland Project Graduation in Blossom. will present its first Christmas tour of Homes on Sunday, December 16 from 1 until 5 p.m.

Homes on the tour include Greta Hunt, 510 Front St.; Jason and Sylvia Lewis Dickson, 520 Young Street; Leslie and Jamie Chapman, 535 Young St.; Beverly Athas, 605 S. Street and Dale and Sarah Upchurch, 610 S. Street, all neighbors.

Tickets are available at each home for \$5.00 per person. Present that ticket at each home on the viewing list. Maps of Blossom with homes marked will be available at each location.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this special event while enjoying a visit with friends and

Band Concert is tonight

The Prairiland Band Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school

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There will be an auction to help raise money for the bands held during the evening.

Money raised will help pay for the band's State competition to be held next spring.

Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of good Christmas music while helping the band with their expenses.

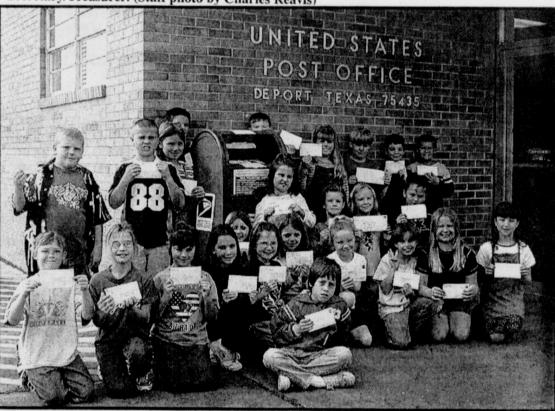
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNER



ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH at Minter will be presenting the musical "A Tribute to the King" on Sunday night, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



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 Asst. Chief Duane Glover, Reporter Nanalee Nichols, Chief Donny Darden, Assistant Training Officer Ronald Nichols; Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Fire Marshal Marilyn Glover; Chaplain Jeremy Day. Not Pictured is Sunny Whitney, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. (Staff photo by Charles Reavis)



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 and mail a letter. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



SHOPPING-Prairiland Seniors donate new items for faculty and school children to purchase as 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 and prizes graduation night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

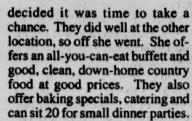
Country Cooking By Liz Irwin

Our cook this week is Pat Graham of Blossom. Pat recently opened a restaurant....or should I say, reopened a restaurant, down the road from where she was previously in Blossom. It is located on Highway 82 and is a remodeled green house that you can't miss just up from her former location that was the Front Street

When looking for a holiday cook, she came to mind and always has some great recipes. She and her husband James work together in the business and are members of the Blossom United Methodist Church.

She started back in 1995 when she decided that working for other 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 Sunday School class to sell and again at Christmas, but added pies. About that time, she was approached to do lunches and special dishes for school and that is 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



We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

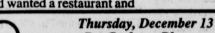
Very Best Potato Salad-this recipe is made with instant potatoes with a pinch of sugar! Cabbage Slaw with Poppy Seed Dressing-Pat says she likes to serve this with fish or barbecue! My Favorite Buttermilk Pie-this is a favorite with everyone!

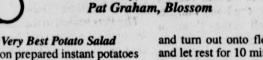
Pie Crust for 3-4 pies-Pat makes some of the best pies and crust around

Pat's Bread-she says that if you have a Kitchen Aide mixer, this bread is a snap.

Berry Mandarin Salad-just mix all ingredients and serve with dressing and is delicious!

Lemon Chess Pie-too much sugar, too intense heat or too long cooking will cause custard to be watery! Pat got this recipe from the late Georgia Nell Watson from one of her cookbooks and Pat has used it for years.





gallon prepared instant potatoes 3 boiled eggs l onion-chopped

l large chopped dill pickle l cup or less sweet relish l cup Miracle Whip or salad dresssalt and pepper to taste

Mix all together and serve. Cabbage Slaw with Poppy Seed Dressing I head cabbage 2 apples chopped 2 pears-chopped

pinch of sugar(a must)

l cup salad oil 1/2 cup sugar 1/3 cup cider vinegar l tablespoon poppy seed l teaspoon salt I teaspoon dry mustard

Chop and mix cabbage, apples and pears; set aside. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over cabbage mixture. Toss.

My Favorite Buttermilk Pie

3 eggs l cup buttermilk 2 cups sugar 2 tablespoons flour l tablespoon vanilla

l unbaked pie shell

Mix and pour into unbaked shell and bake in preheated oven for about I hour at 350 degrees or until set in center.

Pie Crust for 3-4 pies 3 cups flour

l cup Crisco or good vegetable shortening l teaspoon salt ice water to make dough stick to-

Combine ingredients and divide into three parts. Roll out onto floured surface and lay into pie pan. Do not stretch or shell will

Pat's Bread 3-1/2 cup flour

tablespoon yeast 1-1/4 cup hot tap water 1/2 stick margarine 1/4 cup sugar

1 large egg Measure hot water into mixer bowl and add yeast; do not stir. While waiting for yeast to work, measure flour ans salt in bowl. When yeast works (about ten minutes), add sugar, salt egg and margarine; stir. Start feeding flour mixture into mix and work for 10 minutes. When all flour is added place in a large greased bowl and let rise until double; punch down

and turn out onto floured surface and let rest for 10 minutes. Knead about 10-12 times. Roll out and cut in rolls or make a large loaf of bread. Let rise double and bake at 375 degrees until golden brown.

Berry Mandarin Salad

1/4 cup sugar 2 tablespoon cider vinegar 2 tablespoon honey 1-1/4 teaspoon lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon paprika 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard 1/2 teaspoon grated onion 1/4 tablespoon celery seed dash salt 1/3 cup vegetable oil

8 cups torn mixed salad greens 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries l cup mandarin oranges-drained l medium sweet onion-slice into 1/3 cup slivered almonds

4 bacon strips-cook and crumble In microwave-safe bowl com-

bine first 9 ingredients and cook on HI for 1-1/2 minutes. Whisk in oil cover and refrigerate. In salad bowl combine remaining ingredients and drizzle on dressing just before serv-

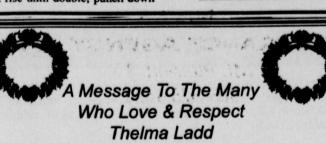
Lemon Chess Pie tablespoon flour-sift with sugar l tablespoon commeal 1/2 teaspoon lemon rind-grated 2 cups sugar

1/2 cup milk 1/4 cup lemon juice 1/4 cup butter-melted Combine all ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 45 minutes at 375 degrees.

Unbaked Fruit Cake 3 cups graham crackers-crushed 2 cups chopped pecans
2 cups chopped English walnuts
8 ounce package chopped dates 8 ounce package chopped candied 8 ounce package chopped candied

cherries Mix all ingredients together well. Line bottom and sides of loaf pan with waxed paper. Pack very tight into pan. If packed tight, cake will come out of pan and hold shape. Place in refirgerator and slice as needed. Will keep in refrigerator tightly wrapped for two months.

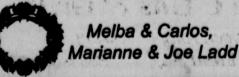




Currently "Miss Thelma" is in **Deport Nursing Home**

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.





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)



* 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. * Get Well Wishes are sent to:

James Minshew, George Smith, Mary Elrod and Betty Mullins.

Happy Birthday to: Bobbie Hervey, Geri Knowles, Wootie Harville, Dennis Carr, Linda Gray and Todd Duffer.

Sympathy is extended to Shirley Merritt and family.



RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

We have two queries this week The first is from Christy Westell e-nmail address i cwestell@flex.net. She is researching her great-great-grandfather. John D. Anderson, who is believed to have been living in Red River county in 1890. The John D. Anderson who was shown in the 1890 Veteran's Schedule was residing in the county at that time. John was married to Nancy "Nannie" Francis Alexander, whose father was James Sloan Alexander. Mr. Alexander was a Red River County resident in 1890. John and Nannie Anderson had three known children, Sarah "Sallie", Ulin and Lolo Nono Anderson, John was a marble dealer in AR in 1880 and made headstones, as did his son, Lolo. Some of the family moved to Brownwood and Vernon. Ms. Westell would like to know any thing at all about this Anderson family and their time in Red River

Also, there is a query from Barbara Kindrex Davis who is search ing for information on her lineage, beginning with her father and mother who moved to Red River County in 1930 from Forrest City, AR. She is told that her father and a sister, Vader and Tom Bales and his mother, Margaret Boxter Bales died in Red River County sometime around 1930. Her father, uncle and aunt Ida Mg. Ross Herzig and James Carl Herzig, also lived in Red River county. They had a daughter. Her father may have married Thelma Lumpkin. Anyone with information about this family, please contact her at 309 N. Waco St., Groesbeck, TX

766421331. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, ease send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

Doris G. Hopper dies December 8

Doris G. Hopper, age 81 of Avery died Sataurday, December 8 at ETMC, Clarksville.

Services were held Monday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Elder Leroy Morgan and Rev. Carl Raleigh officiating. Burial followed in Lydia Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Ms. Hopper was born in the Lydia community of Red River County on November 4, 1920, a daughter of James Washington and Georgia Simmons Hopper. She was a retired nurse and member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was preceded in death by brothers Dee, Odom and Wayne Hopper and a sister, Hazel Michie.

Surviving is a brother-in-law, James Michie of Avery; nephews and wives, Larry and Margie Hopper of Lone Star community, James and Maxine Hopper of DeKalb, Dwight Hopper of DeKalb; a niece and husband, two great-nieces and husbands, Twila and Mike Ross of Avery and Gayla and Samuel Taylor of Avery; and a sister-in-law, Gertrue Baker of Fulbright.

Pallbearers were Clint Jackson, Larry, Dwight and James Hopper, Samuel Taylor and Mike Ross.

Randy Stringer dies December 8

Randy Stringer, age 47 of Clarksville, died Saturday, December 8 at his residence.

Services were held Monday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Hinkle, Rev. A.B. Kellam and Rev. B,V. Clark officiating. Burial followed in New Haven Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Stringer was born in Clarksville on February 1, 1954, a son of Frank and Inez Dryden Stringer, Jr. He was a logger and a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and was a Baptist. Randy got the first turkey ever taken in Red River County when the first season opened in 1995.

He married the former Veronica Peacock on February 20, 1972 in

He was preceded in death by a son, Marshall Stringer in 1984. Surviving are his parents, Frank "Sonny Boy" and Inez Stringer, Jr. of Clarksville; a daughter, Shelley Stringer of Clarksville; a sister, Donna Clark of Clarksville; and brothers, Bubba Stringer and Thomas Stringer, both of Clarksville.

Pallbearers were John Mitchell, Bill McGuire, Paul Allen, Steve Raulston, Keith Westbrook, Gary Raulston, 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, December 6 in Hospice of East Texas in

Services were held Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial followed in Blanton Creek Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Barton was born in Bagwell on March 29, 1927, a son of Kirk and Eva Hastings Barton. He was a longtime rancher and auctioneer. He was a member of the Church of Christ, was a longtime member of the Red River General Hospital and the 410 Water Sup-

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 in 2001.

Surviving are his wife, Patty, of the home; his mother, Eva Coleman of Clarksville; a son, Bill Barton of Bagwell; a sister, Kay Wells of LaMesa; a brother, Jackie Barton of Bagwell; four grandchildren an dthree great-grandchil-

Pallbearers were Ronnie Joe Yarbrough, E.L. Livingston, Danny Coffman, Hank Walton, James Miller, Jimmy Ellis, Danny Lile and Bud Gordon.

E.G. Lum

dies December 10

E.G. Lum, age 90 of Boxelder died Monday, December 10 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13 in Salem Baptist Church with the Rev. Marlin Robey officiating. Burial was in Boxelder Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes, Bogata. The family received friends from 6 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday.

He was born August 19, 1911 in Boxelder, the son of Eddie Gerald Lum, Sr. and Emma Lee Jones Lum. He married the former Wanza Sueas Brooks at Cuthand on August 19, 1942. He was a retired school teacher with a MS degree. He taught school for over 34 years. He was a US Army Veteran, serving as a Staff Sergeant during World War II. He was a long time member of Salem Baptist Church of Boxelder.

Surviving are his wrie; two sons, Eric Lum and wife Belinda of New Boston and Vincent Lum of Allison; one daughter, Annette Welch and husband Tommy of Clarksville; one brother, Alvis Merle Lum of Cash, OK; six grandchildren, James Welch, Tracy Lum, Brandon Lum, Michelle Wilson, Sueann Welch and Aaron 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.

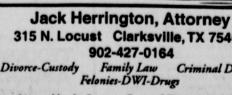
Wood Funeral Homes made burial on Wednesday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

He was born in Deport on September 16, 1940, the son of Hershel and Lois Ball Talley. He is survived by his son, Bobby Talley, Jr., of Los Angeles, CA; a daughter, Kim Talley of Houston; sisters, Sylvia Cariker of Lake Jackson and Brenda Hunter and Sharon Traver, both of Lubbock.

Card of Thanks

The family of Rufus Merritt would like to thank everyone for your love and kindness you gave to him and his family during his illness and after he went to be with the Lord. To Bro. Freddy Burden and Bro. Billy Daniels for the beautiful service, the ladies of the Deport Church for the wonderful meal they served the day of the funeral, the ladies of the Johntown Church and others that brought food to our home, your prayers, calls, flowers and cards. To Wood Funeral Home who helped in our time of grief. He was loved by so many. We, his family, loved and will miss him.

Shirley Merritt & Family Bob & Pat Merritt & Family David Merritt & Family



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Ralph Westbrook dies December 7

Ralph N. Westbrook, age 89 of Deport, died in the Christus-St. Joseph Hospital, North Campus on Friday, December 7, 2001. Wood Funeral Homes conducted chapel services on Monday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. with Freddy Burden officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Doc Enox, Mack Humphrey, Jerry Westbrook, John Beard, Earl Gresham, and Kenneth Gifford. Honorary pallbearers were Hobart Loven, Gordon Isbell, and Randy Gresham.

He was born on October 3, 1912 in Deport, Texas, the son of Samuel 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 Deport. He was preceded in death by a son, Dale Westbrook in 1955; two sisters, Artie Westbrook and Mollie Westbrook; and eight brothers, Cecil, Otis, Jim, Esker, Elbert, Earl, Donald, and Boyd Westbrook.

Survivors include, his wife Jayne of Deport; his daughter, Brenda Calhoun of Houston; four grandchildren, Dawn Sandoval and husband Darrell, Chip Calhoun and wife Sarah, Shawn Calhoun and wife, Sarah, and Daniel Calhoun; four great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Edith Westbrook of Paris, Mary Westbrook of Virginia Beach, VA, Clydelle Westbrook of Paris, Louise Dugger of Forney, and Margie Dugger of Seven Points; brother-in-law, Jerry Dugger and wife Donnie of Bedford; special nieces, Teressa Minor, Vicky Jane Massey, Ouida Ann Humphrey; many other nieces and nephews.

Ronald Luis Smith dies December 6

Ronald Luis Smith, age 40, born September 24, 1961 in Odessa, TX died December 6 in Dallas.

Memorial services were held Sunday, December 9 at Wood Funeral Home chapel in Deport with the Rev. Glynn Renfro officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Edith Smith. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Sheryl Smith; a son, Michael Dale Smith; a stepson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bibb; three stepgrandchildren; a sister and her hsuband, Jeannie and William Denton of El Paso; three brothers, Mike and Carla Smith of Rowlett and Gary and Donny Smith of Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and many friends. He was the grandson of the late Curtis H. and Fay

The family met at the home of Lee and Kathy Bice in Deport.

Dorothy Ellen Gray dies December 7

Dorothy Ellen Gary (Mobley), age 75 of Deport died in Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South on Friday, December 7.

Services were held Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Deport Presbyterian Church with Rev. Harold Isaacs officiating. **Burial was in Highland Cemetery** under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born in Rugby on August 21, 1926, a daughter of Paul Willis and Ruby Ella Chesshir Wood. She was retired from the Prairiland 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 husband, Herman Terry Gray and a grandson, Paul Wayne Everett, both in 1973; and an infant brother, Noel Wood.

Surviving are her children, Dick Gray and wife Yvonne and Mark Gray and wife Delayna, all of Pattonville; a daughter, Deeann Gray Flores of Ft. Worth; a brother, Paul W. Wood, Jr. of Irving; two uncles, Lawrence Wood and wife Martha Kate of Rugby and Carl Wood of Bogata; one aunt, Francis Franklin of Deport; three grandchildren, Terry Burge, James Gray and Israel Flores; two great-grandchildren, Chase Burge and Madison Brooke Gray.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday. The cards, gifts and phone calls were wonderful. Also to my family and friends for their love and support while I was ill. I'll always be grateful for your love and help.

Esther Tillman

Honey Grove Warriors at Honey

Grove on Tuesday, December 4,

and suffered a loss of 53-77. D.J.

Loveless was the big hitter for the

night with 17 points. Chance

Bankhead had 8 with Robby

Nichols and Bryan Murdock with

6 each. Shawn Steinkamp and

Scotty Nichols each had 5 with

Spur Norwood 4 and Stoney

The Patriots managed 15 points

in the first quarter while Honey

Grove added 26 to the boards.

Another 22 points in the second

quarter by the Warriors and hold-

ing the Pats to only 5 points in the

second quarter gave them the lead

20-48 going inot the locker room

Musgrove with one basket.

Patriots fall to Warriors

shooting.

The Prairiland Patriots faced the score in the third and another 18



LADY PATRIOT Brittany Ballard goes up for a shot against a pack of Lady Lions from Roxton in recent basketball action. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Lady Pats participate in Sulphur Bluff

in the fourth, but it was still not

enough for the powerful Warrior

In the first round of the Sulphur

Bluff Tournament on Thursday,

the Patriots fell again to the De-

troit Eagles 43-57. First quarter

action had te Pats adding 8 to the

the second quarter brought the

Detroit came back with another 14

Both teams shot for 16 points in

the third quarter with the Patriots

adding 8 in the final to Detroit's

13 and the game ended 43-57.

Bryan Murdock was high with 12

points followed by Loveless with

11. Jared Gage added 8,

to make it 19-28 at halftime.

The Lady Patriots participated with 4-9 from the free-throw line Farmersville came back in the secin the Sulphur Bluff annual tournament beginning on December 7 with the first round game falling to Sulphur Bluff 61-64. Lacy Davis had a strong game shooting for 18 points while Megan Graham and Jordan Hunold also had double figures with 11 and 10 respectively. Brittany Ballard had 9, Kami Hudson added 7 and Emilee Bolton 6.

The girls had a strong quarter in the first shooting for 15 points to Sulphur Bluff's 11. Hunold had a three-pointer in the second quarter 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 quarter as 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 shot 5-7 from the free throw line and Graham added a three-point

But Sulphur Bluff proved to be the better hitters with a three-point the lst quarter to tie the game and shot added to their credit along

and two buckets to end the ond with a big quarter with 13 heartstopping game 61-64. The ladies shot 50 percent from the free-throw line with 13-26 shots.

In the second round, the ladies faced Campbell and took the win 53-44. Double figure hitters were Emilee Bolton with 13, Hudson with 12 and Graham with 10. Lacy Davis and Ballard also added 6 each while Sara Bolton had 5 and Nikki Bybee shot a free

Although the girls trailed by one in the first quarter 12-13, they came back in the second scoring 13 points to Campbell's 5 to make it 25-18. They shot 14 points in each of the two final quarters to take the win 53-44.

In the final round against Farmersville, the girls played another outstanding game 56-50 with Ballard having a tournamenthigh shot record of 19 points. Davis had 12 along with 12 from Megan Graham, while Emilee Bolton and Sara Bolton each had 3 and 2. The girls shot 64 percent from the foul line with 16-25.

Both teams shot for 17 points in with 16-23.

Avery came out hot in the first 14 from Detroit. Eleven points in quarter, shooting for 20 points while the Pats could only manage 10 with Loveless adding a threescore up to 19 for the Patriots, but point shot to his record. Both

up against the Avery Bulldogs,

only to fall once again 38-58.

Loveless hit for 11 and Bankhead

6. Eric Berry had 5 and Murdock

and Nichols each had 4 with 2

from Gage.

teams hit for 10 in the second quarter, but the Pats trailed by 10, 20-30.

In the third quarter, The Patriots hit only two baskets and added a free shot for 5 points while Avery poured in 14 points. Another 14 points by Avery in the fi-The Patriots added 15 50 the Musgrove 6, Spur Norwood 4 and nal quarter sealed the game 38-58.

points while the ladies could only

manage 3 to go into halftiime

But the ladies persevered in the

third adding 15 points to the board

and holding the other team to only

7 and was ahead by two points 37-

35. By the end of the final buzzer,

everyone knew the Lady Patriots

knew baksetball as they threw in

a whopping 21 points to take the

traveled to honey Grove to take on

the Lady Warriors, but fell 49-63.

Both teams had Il points at the end

of the first quarter. Honey Grove

shot for 15 in the second whle the

Lady Patriots were held to 9 to

stall the ladies as they could only

manage 12 points to the Honey

Grove ladies' 20 points. But both

teams shot for 17 points in the fi-

nal quarter, but too little too late

for the Lady Pats as they buzzer

sounded 49-63. The girls drew 21

fouls from the Lady Warriors and

shot 70 percent from the foul line

Third quarter action seemed to

make it 20-26 at halftime.

Earlier in the week, the girls

game 56-50

with Farmersville ahead 20-30.

Frosh split games In the final round, the team went

The Prairiland Freshman boys began their season against the Paris team on December 3. The Paris team overwhelmed the young team by shooting 32 points in the first quarter. But the young Pats made a valiant effort with 17 points. Both teams cooled considerably in the second quarter with team team executing a basket with success.

The third quarter had Paris with Il while Prairiland shot for 9 points. The final quarter ended with 18 points from Prairiland as Paris took the win with another 7 points, to make the score 56-44.

High point went to Lance Connot and Marty Anderson with 12 each. Brent Burden added 6, Josh Osborn and Justin Pynes each shot 5 with Nick Dunn add-

On Thursday, December 7th, Chapel visited the Prairiland campus with the Red Devils taking home the win 57-59. Daniel Hayes had 17 points for the night and Burden 10. Jake Daugherty shot for 7, Anderson 5 and Connot 5 with Osborn adding 3.

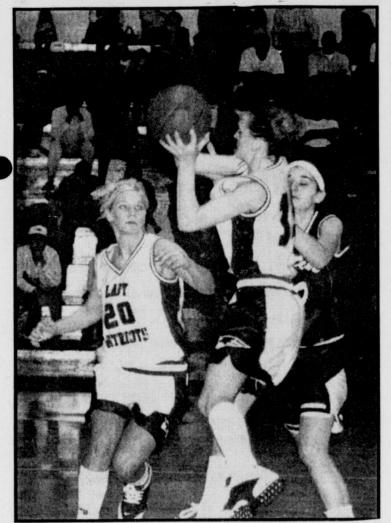
The two teams tied at the end of the 1st quarter 12-12 and Chapel Hill managed 12 in the second while Prairiland only shot for 8. The young Pats fell behind in the second as Chapel Hill hit another 12 points to the Pat's 8 to take the lead at halftime 20-24.

The Pats trailed in the third quarter by two points as Chapel Hill shot an amazing 27 points in the final to ice the game 59-47.

On December 8, the freshmen took on the Rivercrest JV team and took them in the first quarter 10-4 and also the second quarter 19-15 with a score at halftime 19-

Rivercrest came back in the third to score 14 points to the Pat's 7 and take the lead 26-29. Although the Patriots shot 11 to the Rebel's 9, they still trailed at the buzzer by one point, 37-38.

Double figure players for the night were Anderson with 12 and Burden with 11. Connot and Hayes each hit for 4, Osborn 3 with Daugherty adding 2 and Pynes adding a free shot.

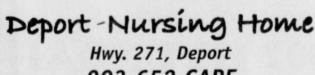


EMILEE BOLTON helps guard this Roxton Lady Lion to assist her teammate taking the shot in recent Prairiland basketball games. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

James Wirding of Avery; nephaws organe, the diagin school for over parents, Louis and Edith Smith

Good Luck Teams!

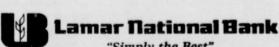
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JV scalps Warriors

Honey Grove to bring the win back home 37-26. ONeal Drinnon was high point with 12 with Jake Daugherty following with 8. Seth Walker added 5 along with 5 from

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Superville announces re-election On Tuesday, December 4, the Prairiland JV boys traveled to had 4 and Casey Johnson 3. The Grove to bring the wife

Superville is very active in the

community. He sits on the board

of several charitable organiza-

tions such as the Lamar County

Human Resource Council, the

Boys and Girls Club, the Girl

Scouts and the Northeast Texas

Council on Drug and Alcohol

Abuse. He is a member of the

Lady of Victory Catholic Church

and a member of other organiza-

tions such as Greater Paris Rotary

plishments, working with others,

Superville cites the "long strides"

made toward repairing the court-

house. The creation of a local

mental health authority to better

serve our mentally ill. The pre-

vention of the parole office from

leaving the county so that the con-

victed felons may be better super-

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people of Lamar County. I have

developed a reputation for being readily available to the public and

listening to the problems of the

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

with respect and making Lamar

County a better place to live. I

want to continue the progress we

have experienced."

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Specifically, among his accom-

"It is with great honor that I Judge," says Chuck Superville. The message of his campaign will be to continue the progress of Lamar County. Superville says, "I've done a good job and I would love to keep doing it."
Originally from Houston,

Superville has a moderately large 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 jurisprudence. Superville is both a licensed attorney and a licensed certified public accountant. He has work experience as a financial auditor with the international 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 I 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 contributed significantly to reducing the docket backlog in county court.

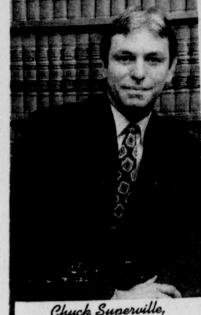
"Additionally, I think it is important that we continue to work to foster economic growth and development in Lamar County. I have done everything I can to work together with local business and industry to promote the economic development of Lamar

Foster family holds Christmas dinner

American Legion Hall on Decem-

Attending were James and Daniel Foster, Frank and Ann and Darold Norwood of Cunningham, Maxine and Charles Nix of Rockwall, Derek and An- Paris.

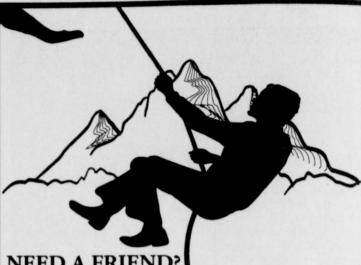
The Foster family held their drea Doss of Rockwall, Greg Nix Christmas dinner at the Deport and Jessica Murguia of Rockwall, Boyd, Melissa and McKenna Blair of Forney, Lisa and Stacey Cowan and Kinsey of Forney, Kyle, Alison and Madelaie Foster Siskk of Daingerfield, Ida Mae of Allen, Amy Foster of Paris, Kenda Foster of Frisco, Phyllis Webb of Garland, Geraldine Foster of Deport; Marlin Foster of Patterson of Dallas, John Walker Deport, Morris, Ginger and Alison of Dallas, Ramona Walker of Dal-Foster of Bogata, Mattie Bramlett las, Jeff, Lindsey and Tyler Hobbs of Paris, Darlynne and Richard of Rockwall and Del Walker of



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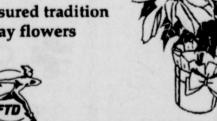


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Nancy Marie Breedlove and fiance David Gene Ballard

Breedlove-Ballard announce engagement

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The bride-elect is the daughter of Agnes Breedlove and the late Henry J. Breedlove of Paris. She is employed by Prairiland High School as a Math teacher.

Nancy Marie Breedlove and Her fiance is the son of Robert David Gene Ballard will be mar- and Sis Ballard and the grandson ried Friday, December 28 at 4:00 of Roland Ballard of Clardy and Veda Wimberly. He is employed by Prairiland High School as a Math teacher.

The couple invites their family and friends to a reception to be held on Saturday, January 12 at and Faye Bryant Varner gathered 2:00 p.m. at the Lamar Avenue at the Deport Legion Hall to cel-



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Eagle Court of Honor held for local scout

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Eagle is the highest rank in Boy Scouting and is earned by only two percent of Scouts. Josh is a member of 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 continuing his scouting with Troop 2 in Hot Springs, AR.

Josh is active in cross country running and tennis. He is active in UMY at the First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. Josh is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Benfer of Hot Springs, grandson

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A Christmas celebration was

Attending were Thelma Shelby

held December 2 at the home of

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Varner family holds Christmas party

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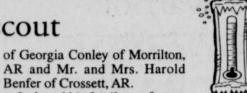
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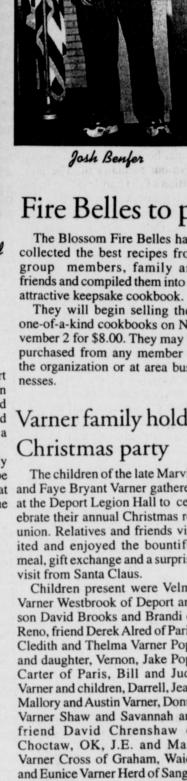


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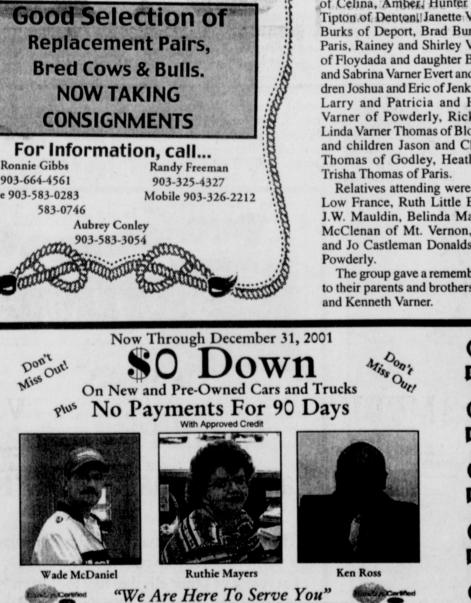




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Relatives attending were Elsie Low France, Ruth Little Eaton, J.W. Mauldin, Belinda Mauldin McClenan of Mt. Vernon, L.C. and Jo Castleman Donaldson of

The group gave a remembrance to their parents and brothers, Roy



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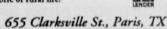
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Shower honors Mrs. Jason Anderson

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. ture of the couple. Assisting at the Jason Anderson, formerly Kelley Kae Gifford, was held in the fel-Sunday, December 2 hosted by Elisha Preston, Amanda LaRue, Jorene Carpenter and Juanita

Special guests were the honoree's mothers, Marijo Bono of Elkhart, her grandmother, Virginia Kirklaand of Deport, her mother-in-law, Sharon Anderson of Lufkin and her great-aunt Ruth Murrell of Deport.

The registry table, covered with

registry and gift table were Shelby Bono of Elkhart, Leslie Carrell of lowship hall at the First United Clarksville, sisters of the honoree Methodist Church, Deport, on and Courtney Carrell of Clarksville, niece of the honoree. Sixty names were registered.

The serving table was covered with a white cloth holding nosegays carried by the bridel attendants in the wedding. Almond grape punch, cake squares and nuts were served to the guests.

The honoree is making her home in Killeen while her husband, Captain Jason Anderson, is serving in Kuwait.

white cloth, held a framed pic-Prairiland receives All Star honors

The following members of the Musgrove(SEC). Prairiland Patriot football team

and

2nd team defense-Chris received all-district honors for the Basinger(DL), Jorry Briggle(LB) 2001 season announced recently. and D.J. Loveless(SEC). Honorlst 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, Stoney Brad Hunt and D.J. Loveless.

Prairiland JH begins season

The Prairiland Jr. High basket- Murdock 3. ball teams merged this year from Deport and Blossom to become stronger and cohesive teams. The 8th grade girls started out their season in a game against Chapel Hill on November 15 and fell to them 19-24.

Team members are: Ashley Ebarb, Leah Boren, Morgan Searls, Rebecca Murdock, Amanda Neel, Kim Wilson, Chelsey Anderson, Lori House, Bridget Ray and Lindsey Sugg. Murdock was high for the night with 11, Ebarb 6 and Wilson and Ray each had a point.

On Monday, November 19 the girls traveled to Chisum. Searls was high point for the night with Ebarb 4 and Searls 3. 10, Chelsey Anderson 5 and

In the first round of the Sulphur Springs Tournament held on November 30-December 1st, the girls faced Commerce to win 35-19. Murdock hit 13 followed by Anderson with 8. Ray and Searls each had 4, with Ebarb, Wilson and House adding 2 points each.

In the second round the girls played Sulphur Springs and suffered a loss of 18-28. Searls had 6 with Anderson having 5. Murdock 4 and Ebarb and Wilson

The girls played Paris in the final round for the third place trophy and fell 27-32. Anderson had 14 and Wilson 6. Murdock 5,

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Melissa Jane O'Neal. Phillips, Glen Schuelke, John Nash, Bernard Breland, Chad Hill, Linda Clark, Ruth Denison, Riede Faires, Gail Rhoades, Joann Parkman, Panola Arnold, Joan Mathis, Nettie Powers, Stefany Cope, Jeff Floyd, Amy Crumpler, Alanna Mercy, Hattie Hobbs,

Helen Temple, Connie Hobbs. Sympathy is extended to the family of Rufus Lee Merritt who died December 3 in Paris. He was the brother of Donald bob Meritt.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Daulty Bell of Minter who died December 4 in Paris. He was the father of Warren Bell and Wanda Porterfield and uncle of Waylon Norrell.

Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed, Ophelia Payne and Peggy Parsons had lunch at TaMolly's on Wednesday.

Among those attending the Christus St. Joseph's health System's Auxilairy Christmas Luncheon on December 6 at Paris Golf and Country Club were Frances Anderson, Sue Malone, Peggy Parsons, Nina Sparks, Lucille Pickering, Marianne Ladd, James Cunningham, Lewis and Janice Ingram, Weldon and Joyce Smiht, Freeman Safford, Virginia Lee Kennemner, Joyce Allen and

Lois Kennett of Paris took Keith and Peggy Parsons to the Fish Fry on Thursday in celebration of Keith's birthday. Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah and Nina Sparks were Thursday visitors of the Parsons. Keith received calls from Greg and Mark Parsons and families and his cousin, Dwayne Parsons in Georgia wishing him a happy birthday.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Ellen Gray Mobley who died in Paris on December 7 following surgery on Tuesday. She was the mother of Dick and Mark Gray and Deeann Flores.

Mickey Keener of Longview, Bernice Bell, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh McLean and Heather Anderson were visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home on Sunday.

Marcilene Jackson of Mabank. Nina Sparks, Mike Sparks and S.C. Short visited Elois Sparks in Heritage Care Center in Paris.

Deb Odell was a Friday visitor of the Parsons.

Carlyn Corso, Mallory Owens and Chad Larkin were visitors of Reed, Ophelia Payne, Ray and Iva Drew and Leah Boren during the

JH girls split games

On Monday, November 3, Rebecca Murdock each had 5 with Prairiland Jr. High 8B girls took on the Paul Pewett teams and lost 10-8. Team members are Mallory Owens, Jessica Chapman, Alicia Lang, Brittany Filkins, Caralyn Corso, Savanah Brummett, Amber Sugg and Kelcey Howington. Owens, Chapman, Lang and Filkins each hit two points.

In the second game of the night with the A team hitting the court, the young ladies fared better with a win of 35-22 over Pewitt. Chelsey Anderson had 17 points for the night. Morgan Searls and

Ashley Ebarb and Bridget Ray hitting 3 each and Lindsey Sugg with 2.

In the North Lamar Tournament on December 6, 2001, the first round was with Durant. The girls fell 18-34. Murdock had 5 with Searls and Anderson scoring 4 each. Ebarb, Neel and Wilson each had a basket.

In the second round the girls fell to Cooper scoring only 14 points for the game. Ebarb and Murdock added five each and 4 came from

JV girls defeat Honey Grove

The Prairiland JV girls traveled to Honey Grove on Tuesday, Deand Leslie Davis each adding 2 18.

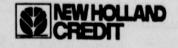
Honey Grove led in the 1st quarter 7-4 with Prairiland coming cember 4 to take on the Lady War- back in the second with 2 baskets riors and bring back the win 22- to trail at halftime 8-9. The sec-18. Freshman Britney Martin was ond halffared better for the ladies the big hitter for the night with 8 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 seal the game 22-



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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Melba Baker and Carlos Ordorica.

The Cunningham Baptist Church enjoyed their holiday dinner Sunday.

The Cornerstone Church members enjoyed Christmas dinner

Sunday night. Residents of Sterling House enjoyed their family Christmas Saturday. Marie Watson's family provided entertainment. Those enjoying the evening from Cunningham were Geneva Norwood, Nelta and Johnie Musgrove, Dean and Ada Watson, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinsk a Morton, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Brad and Rachel Watson and Johnny, Jamie and Landon Syrus.

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-

Pat Norwood and Erika shopped in Sulphur Springs Saturday.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood attended the Foster family Christmas dinner in Deport Sunday.

Delores Norwood, Teresa Smith and Frances Franklin went shopping Tuesday. Teresa and Jamie Smith met Canard and Delores Norwood in Greenville to eat at Red Lobster Sunday.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester Wednesday.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt attended a dinner to celebrate Ronnie Nutt's birthday Friday. Saturday, they attended the first Federal community Bank Christmas party at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

Geneva Norwood attended an Activity Director's Christmas party in Mt. Pleasant on Friday. Brandon, Marsha and Brayden

Oats and Kaylee Lane of Mt. Pleasant visited family in Cunningham on Sunday.

There will be a baby shower honoring Rachel and Brad Watson at Life Tabernacle church fellowship hall Sunday at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 2 p.m. The house is decorated to celebrate the 1894 wedding of Sam Bell Maxey Long and

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Thanks also to the families who held their reunions at our farm and the Sunday school and scout groups, too. We send heartfelt thanks to all the nursing homes, retirement and rehabilitation centers who so graciously invited our little horses into their facilities to visit their residents and bring smiles to so many

We've made many improvements to the party area during the past year, we've just added a "cabin" for shelter and are in the process of opening a gift shop. We also have a professional photographer available upon your request to record

your special moments. Our tiny 16" foals will begin arriving in the early spring, so make your plans to come for a visit! TLC is only 10 miles south of Paris and

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is for the purpose of informing ALL members of the Lamar Electric Co-op of the pending election of the Board of Directors. Please attend the meeting on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at Love Civic Center in Paris. If there is absolutely no way you will be able to attend, please sign and give your proxy to an LEC member in time for it to be certified prior to the meeting. DO NOT MAIL your proxy vote to LEC. Do NOT sign the front, sign ONLY on the back.

It is strictly my opinion, as evidenced by the proposed merger with Cap Rock electric, that the present Board of Directors do not have the best interest of the Co-op at heart. There are too many unanswered questions regarding the proposed merger. Will someone honestly explain to me how AND why the board members will be entitled to approximately \$60,000.00 each? The board members are NOT employees, they are just plain Jane regular people (working class) just like you and me. If this proposed merger were to go through, why cannot all members of LEC receive compensation also? I pay my bill just like everyone else so I feel, along with you, are as entitled to compensation just as each board member. The Co-op members have built Lamar Electric Co-op. We purchase the electricity for our homes, farms and businesses. We have made this entity what it is. ALL members of the Co-op should therefore be compensated (and not with Capital Credits).

I do not feel that merging with Cap Rock will be beneficial to MEMBERS of the Co-op. Like the old adage goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Why do we need to sell to Cap Rock? Honestly, ask all board mem-

Our Co-op has operated very well until the past four years. Then this proposed merger and the vision of individual monetary gain for the board members came along. After seeing dollar signs, the board has decided we have problems. Get real!

Remember, do not mail your proxy to the LEC office. Be there to vote in person. Ask questions. if absolutely impossible for you to be there, please give the proxy that has been signed ONLY on the back, to a Co-op member (not a board member).

Thank you, Betty C. Whiteman



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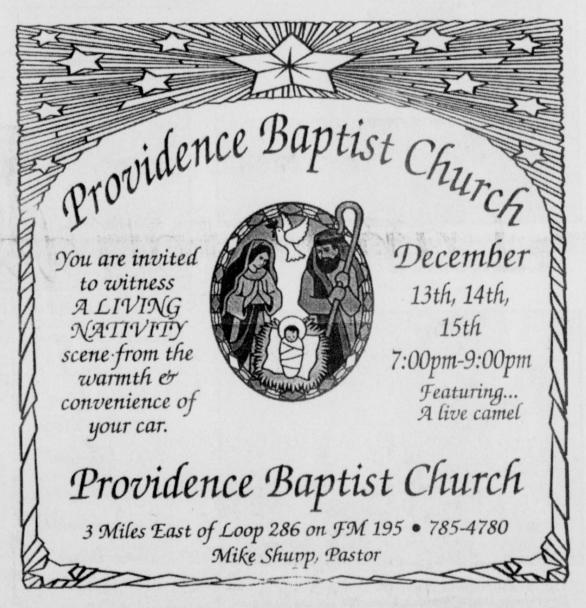
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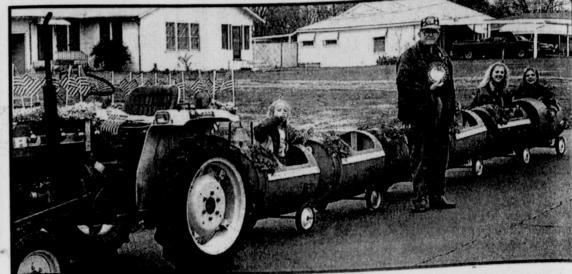
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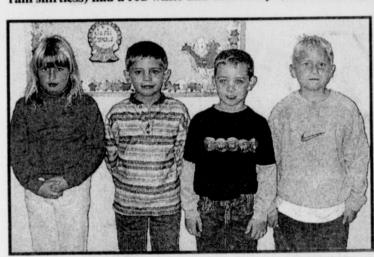
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SECOND PLACE FLOAT in the Deport Christmas Parade went to The Newly Crowned State Volleyball Champions! The Lady Patriots, along with their "cheering section" (who braved the rain shirtless) had a red white and blue entry. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



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



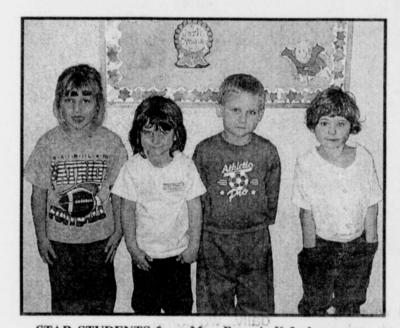
DEPORT STAR STUDENTS, Mrs. Freeman's Class are Karen Lumsden, Sarah Norwood, David Murdock and Trent Evans. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



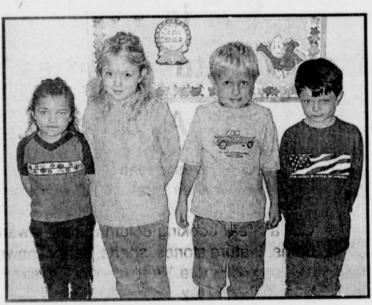
SECOND PLACE in the Deport Christmas Parade went to the Prairiland High School Cheerleaders, who were outfitted with big smiles and reindeer antlers. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



SECOND Place in the Car Division of the Deport Christmas Parade was this 1949 car with Jerrika McKee and Landen Syrus. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



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

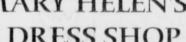


Huddleston's class are, Rachel Witherspoon, Tyler Plemons, Caleb Norwood, Conrad Martin. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



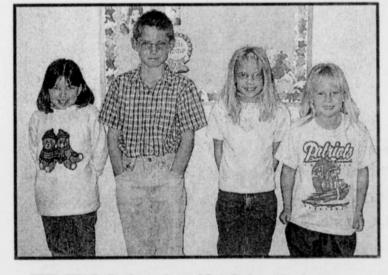
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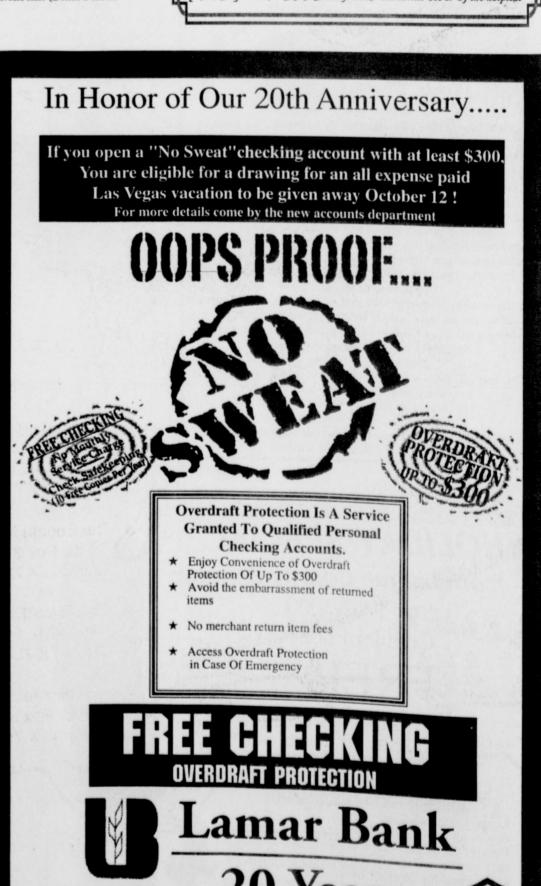


THE STAR Students from Mrs. Drinnon's class are Janet Smoot, Dustin Womack, Macee Malbry and Magen Bove. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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17	National Honor Society, 6:00
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	Final Exams, 1st, 2nd, 3rd periods
	Faculty Luncheon
	1:15 dismissal
20	JVG, VG, VB, Paul Pewitt, there, 4:00
	Final Exams, 4th, 5th, sixth, 7th
	1:15 dismissal
21	Christmas Break
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recently completed their first fall season. The team played a total of 23 games from August to October. They placed 2nd in their first tournament and won 1st place in the Texarkana Monster Mash. Team members and coaches are; (front) Alyssa Giddens, Kalee Chapman and Jessica Miller; (middle) Coach Mark Miller, Coach David Mauldin, Alison Mauldin and Coach Paul Meriwether and (back) Coach Buck Heath, Rachel Narramore, Allison Heath, Cheyenne Clower, Kemberly Meriwether, Marissa Summerlin, Angela Perez and Coach



BOGATA COMMOTION-a 12 and under ASA Softball team recently completed their first fall season. The team played a total of 15 games from September through October. They placed 2nd in their tournaments. The final tournament was a third place win for the team. The team consists of girls from Paris, Bogata, Talco, Deport, Mt. Pleasant and Oklahoma. Pictured are: (front from the left) denise Anadon, Cassie Woods and Susan Anderson; (middle from the left) Lauren Mauldin and Katie White and (back from the left) Coach Joe David White, jamie Harrell, Jillian Sloan, Coach David Mauldin, Jill Fennell, Coach Ronald Fennell, Katie Clark and Cecily Heath. Fennell, Katie Clark and Cecily Heath...

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By Massylu Upohurch

Peggy Whitney is home after spending 5 mos. in Arlington recuperating from surgery at the home of her son and daughter-inlaw Gary and Nelda Allen. She is reported doing fine.Welcome

home Peggy Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris visited his parents Edna and Frank Lee Saturday.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro spent Wednesday with their aunt Elizabeth Bell.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with his mother Velma and John Temple Thursday evening.

Leah and Russell Schroeder of Grapevine spent the weekend with her mother Mattylu Upchurch and visited their uncle Morris Lawler in hospital in Paris

Tim Parks of Faught had dinner Sunday with his grandparents James and Dorothy Holt ,Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited in the afternoon.

Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata visited Elizabeth Bell Wednesday afternoon.

Kaitlyn and Kaylan Spray of Reno spent Saturday with their grandparents Susan and Phillip Roach

Hattie Hobbs of Paris visited John and Velma Temple Saturday afternoon.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother Peggy Whitney

John W Harvey of Greenville visited his aunts Mattylu Upchurch and Mary Elaine Lawler Sunday also visited Morris Lawler in hospital in Paris,

Ruth Johnston of Paris visited her parents Edna and Frank Lee Sunday

Don Upchurch of Paris spent Sunday at his mother's ,Mattylu Upchurch.



Prairiland High School Week of December 17 Monday

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos Fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pizza Corn Salad Pudding Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Sausage, cheese, biscuit Juice, milk Lunch: Hot dog on bun Chili/cheese sauce Pork and beans Potato chips Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls Juice, milk Lunch: Hamburgers Lettuce, tomato Pork and beans Chips Milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza Juice, milk Lunch: Sandwiches Chips Cookies Milk

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the 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 had cancer of the lungs. He was a member of the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church along with his wife, Glenda. His funeral was held Sunday with burial here in Post Oak Cemetery. He will be

Mildred York of Blossom died Sunday at Paris Nursing Home. She will be buried in Post Oak Cemetery on Tuesday. She was formerly married to Austin Lane and was a mother to some of his

The East Post MBC choir is practicing their Christmas Cantata

FAMILY

HAIRCARE

Our sympathy is extended to which they will present Decem-

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourn Lee and Johnie and Bro. J.T. McNabb attended the preacher and wives MBC on Monday, December 3. It was hosted by Bro. and Mrs. Billy Turpin of the Johntown Church. There were 14 attending and enjoying the meeting.

The regular meeting of the fire department was held Tuesday, December 4 with nine present. Leslie Thomas joined as a new

Johnie Lee visited his cousin, Linda Pettit in Bogata on Decem-

Happy Birthdays this week to Stephanie Gonzales, Dustin Dillard, Jennifer Justice, Amanda Neel, Casey Upchurch, Greg Vickers, Julie Himes, Kathryn fellowship meeting at Johntown Smelley, Whittnie Stone, Courtney Upchurch, P.L. Smith, Robbie Anderson, Verna Irwin, Brad Hunt, Casey Smith, Reuben Peralta, Tony Duncan, Jessica Garrett, Trinity Drake, Kacey Bount, Angelicca Humphrey, Taylor Gillie, Bryan Simpson, Quinn Sessums, Judy Pieper, Shelby

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin

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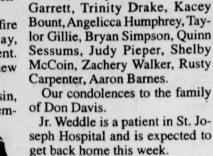
(903)-982-5829

Our condolences to the family

Jr. Weddle is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital and is expected to get back home this week.

mother of Ann Sanders, has been a patient at McCuistion Medical Center this past week.

Parade on Saturday and the ing. weather was very cooperative.



will test on December 20th. Rev. Ben Latimer of Ft. Worth Lucy Blount of Deport, the was in Paris Friday for the funeral of Doris Ann Smith. he also visited with his mother, Ruby Latimer. Ruby P. Latimer of Blossom had a great Christmas Lawton, OK was also here visit-

Blossom United Methodist

Women's organization met and

held their Christmas party at the

home of Sue Clarkson last week.

attended the Christmas party for

the Lamar Avenue Church of

Christ on Saturday night. They

also attended a church meeting on

11 days until Santa gets here!

Wednesday and Thursday, De-

School will dismiss at 1:30 on

cember 19th and 20th. Semester

tests will be given as follows-6th

period will test on December 17th;

7th period will test on December

18th; 1-3-5 periods will test on

December 19th; and 2-4th periods

Sunday night.

Bessie Garrett and Paul Garrett



Parker Robbins, Tres Andrews,

Delisa Speed, Ruth Denison,

Trista Nailling, Thelma Shelby,

Stephanie Crawford, Vita Bratton

Happy anniversary to Corene

and John Roach, Maxine and

and Brad Hunt.

Charles Foster.



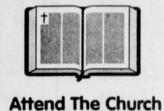
Call Your News To Cindy Talley 652-2954



Happy birthday to Willie of Dallas and Mrs. George Jones LaRue, Mandy George, Melissa of Terrell on a Christmas tour of Phillips, Gail Rhoades, Chris New York City recently. Chipman, Wayne Williams, Lawrence Wood, Joey Francis, Joe Garrison of Silver City, NM visited J.A. and Juanita Sparks

> this week. J.A. and Juanita Sparks attended a Christmas luncheon of her family on Saturday, hosted by her sister, Bettie Pace in Clarksville.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols, Martha Glover, Betsy-and Joel and Linda Ball and Donny Peyton Chapman accompanied and Dawne Darden had a Christ-



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Sam and Margie Rice and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols ate lunch Saturday in Mt. Pleasant to celebrate Sam's birthday.

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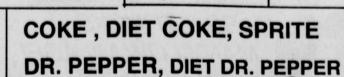
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