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**A Little Mystery**

Here's a little story that I have found interesting.

On New Year's day we received a phone call from Pam Kelly. Tearfully, she explained that her small dog, "Pooh" was missing. The elderly dog, which has a hearing and sight problem, had been let out for a moment, and took off running when some fireworks were set off near her. Pam wanted to run an ad in the papers to try and locate the dog.

In Bogata on New Year's eve Norma and Ross Baird were at the arcade at the intersection of 37 and Hwy. 271. Just before midnight, a tired little dog ran in the door.

Norma says that "the little dog just came right to me. The way she looked up at me was so pitiful, it was like she was begging me to help her".

At the end of the evening they Norma and Ross took the dog home with them, being way too softhearted to ever leave an animal alone on the road.

At home they discovered the dog was footsore, covered in sand, and exhausted. After a meal and some water, the dog fell into an exhausted sleep.

Perfectly behaved, housebroken, they knew the dog had to belong to someone who cared about her, but a survey of posters placed around Bogata did not turn up any dog missing.

When the Bogata News came out that week, Norma scanned the mini ads hopefully, but found to ad for a lost dog.

Later, she kept thinking "there just has to be an ad in here for this dog, someone is looking for her".

She picked up the Bogata News again, and sure enough, there was a small block ad next to the mini-ads. A call to Deport brought a delighted owner rushing to claim "Pooh".

Since dogs can't talk, it may never be known how this small dog managed to get from Deport to Bogata on New Year's Eve.

Did she run the whole six miles? Did someone pick her up and dump her as some idea of a sick joke?

The Bairds say she was so tired that she must have walked or run the whole distance.

It's a mystery, and one of those stories with a happy ending that are nice to hear.

Pooh is a lucky dog, due to the kindness and concern of the Bairds, who admit the dog was so sweet they almost hated to part with her!



**Project Graduation to meet**

The next meeting for Project Graduation will be Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Prairiland cafeteria. All parents and seniors are invited to attend.

**PEOPLE N THINGS**

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**One Act Play wins 4th**

The Prairiland Jr. High performed a one act play for UIL competition on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 in Mt. Pleasant. They received 4th place in the competition with others competing from: Hughes Springs, Chapel Hill, Chisum, Rivercrest, Paul Hewitt. This was the first year for Prairiland to be in the contest.

They were under the direction of Debbie Dawson and assisted by Donett Lyon.

Cast members included: Scarecrow-Andrew Philpot, With-Jenni Ballard, Fairy-Caralyn Corso, Man in Audience-Darren Lane, Little Girl-Jessica Chapman, Child #1-Amanda Neel, Child #2-Bridget Ray, Old Man-Blake Woodall, Skunk-Leah Boren, Jester-Dusty Cheney, Scarehuman-Cody Flatt, King-Lucas Morgan and Princess-

Chelsey Anderson. The technical crew included: Lindsey Sugg, Jackie Miller, Mallory Owens and Cole White. Alternates were Ricardo Cantera and Michael Middleton.

Named to the All-Star Cast was Andrew Philpot and Caralyn Corso. Honorable Mention went to Jessica Chapman and Jenni Ballard with the Technician Award going to Jackie Miller. Prairiland was also awarded Best Costume and Best Make-up.

The troupe also performed for the K-8 classes at Deport and Blossom. On Saturday night, January 12, they held an open performance for area residents at Prairiland. The cast and crew are to be commended for an outstanding job with this play and everyone is looking forward to next year.



PRAIRILAND JR. HIGH UIL one act play was presented to grade K-8 on the Blossom campus on Tuesday, January 15. Pictured left to right are Blake Woodall (old man), Blossom (princess), Matt Morgan (king), Dusty Cheney (jester), Andrew Philpot (scarecrow) and sitting is Jessica Chapman (spoiled child). (Staff Photo by Tony Corso)



SHE WON'T PLAY WITH US! Bridget Ray (little girl) and Amanda Neel (little girl) try to decide why Jessica Chapman (spoiled girl) doesn't want to play and share her dollie with them during the performance of the one act play performed by Prairiland Jr. High students. (Staff Photo by Tony Corso)

**Water plan meeting set for February 20**

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group will present an opportunity for comment concerning the Preparation of the Scope of Work for the update of the Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service Building, 1708 Industrial Blvd., Mt. Pleasant on February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

The proposed action is to receive comments and input for the preparation of a draft Scope of Work for the first update of the adopted Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D. The Scope of Work is to describe the activities to be performed during development and completion

of the first update; such planning is also referred to as Phase II of the Regional Water Plan for Region D.

Comments from the public may be received orally or in writing at the public meeting. Written comments may be delivered prior to the meeting to the Administrative Agency, the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District. Deadline for submission of any written comments concerning the draft Scope of Work to the Administrative Agency is February 20 at 2:05 p.m.

Copies of a proposed draft Scope of Work can be reviewed and/or acquired at the Administra-

tive Agency after February 4, 2002. The public can find information about the guidance for the preparation of the draft Scope of Work and related directives at the website of the Texas Water Development Board. This planning is being conducted pursuant to the TWDB, P.O. Box 13321, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78711-3231.

Questions and requests for additional information may be submitted to the Administrative Agency for NETRWPG at P.O. Box 955, 4180 FM250 South, Hughes Springs, TX 75656-0955, 903-639-7538, Walt Sears, Jr., General Manager.

**Neighbors** A Mini-Portrait of Area Citizens

by Jack Ballard



Jack Ballard has proposed to do portraits of area citizens when he has time. They will usually include a photograph, but the Lovens are camera shy, and absolutely refused! If you have ideas for people who would be interesting in this column, don't hesitate to give us a call at 652-4205.

Hobert Loven and his wife, Minnie Ruth, are longtime residents of Monroe Street in Deport. They have two sons, Jerry of Paris and Mike of Sweetwater, and three grandchildren.

Question-How long have you been in Deport? Eighty-four years. I was born in a house on Jeffus Street right next to where Carlos Denison lives now. I have always had an address in Deport, always. I may very well be the oldest original citizen still living in Deport.

When asked what Deport was like when he was young he says "It was a great town. I remember that in the 1920s we got electricity. One of the biggest and best places in town was Westbrook and Sons, a big grocery and dry goods store.

Most of the streets in town had sidewalks up and down on both sides. A big deal was roller skating all over on the sidewalks, and especially on Monroe Street. But, you didn't roller skate in the Post Office. When you did, Ike Lawler (the Postmaster) came unwound.

Hobert says that Deport is now like all small towns. In his opinion it was tough for the town after the banks consolidated and local money moved to different places. One good thing about Deport, though, is that the churches have survived really well, he says.

When asked what the three most memorable things that happened in Deport were Hobert says "It was big when they put in the water and sewer department. Maybe the best was that they ran a major highway through here. And, most recently, it was good that we were able to keep a gin in town.

The three most disappointing things? That too many good merchants had to go out of business. It was sad that we lost our high school, too. And, a number of

years ago the leadership of the town was hurt when Ms. Ollie More, the wife of Dr. John Moore, passed away. She was especially meaningful to the efforts of the ladies in town.

The question "if you could rebuild one thing from Deport's past, what would it be?" Hobert says "It would be Dr. Hale Glover's Clinic. His clinic was so important to the community and when we lost that, we lost other business as well."

He recalls that the funniest thing he ever saw in Deport was a vaudeville show. J. Doug Morgan's Show was really fun. In the 1930s they set up a tent downtown near what is now the Church of Christ. The hit of the show that made me laugh was a little person called King Rector.

What does Hobert say is the best advice he ever received? Don't play that Johnny Cash record again. And my daddy told us if you want to fight put on a pair of boxing gloves.

Asked "You'll Never Catch Me....he grins "Broke Again".

**Jeff Ballard to be Prairiland HS principal**

The Prairiland ISD Board met Monday night and in executive session accepted the resignation of High School Principal Ronnie Baker, effective June 15, 2002. They also hired Jeff Ballard as High School Principal effective July 1, 2002. Superintendent Morton's contract was extended through June of 2005.

Kent Wright was hired as the Computer Technician, and a leave of absence was granted for Rhonda Dockray.

Outside of executive session they named W.C. Ferrell as Architect for the building program.

They approved TASB update 67 board policy, named Dain Rauscher as Financial Advisors for Building Program.

Class Size Wavier was approved for Deport and Blossom campuses, and they approved special projects through June of 2005.

They approved the November Tax report, paid bills, approved the financial report and tax report for December.

**Girl Scout cookie sale continues**

Girl Scouts began their annual cookie sale on January 11 and will continue through January 27. The cookies will be delivered February 18 through March 10.

Once the cookies have arrived, booth sales and cookie caravans will also be opportunities for customers to purchase additional cookies.

According to Girl Scout officials, proceeds from the annual sale support activities of local Girl

Scout troops, as well as the services and facilities of the council.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to place an order, you may call the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-0975, or your local cookie managers, Susan Grantham in Red River County at 632-4997; Carla Filkins in Deport at 652-4702 or Audra Lane in Blossom at 982-6489.

**Blossom VFD to hold annual Chili Supper & Auction**



The Blossom Volunteer Fire Department will host it's annual Chili Supper and auction on Saturday, February 9th.

The annual event will start at

5:30 P.M.. With a chili supper that includes all the trimmings and the auction will follow. The price for the meal is \$4 for all you can eat, and children ten and under can eat free.

**"No call list" promoted**

Representative Mark Homer announced that Texans can now join the new "Texas No Call List" which enables consumers to block unwanted telemarketing phone calls and penalizes telemarketers who break the law. During the 2001 legislative session, the telemarketing disclosure and privacy act was passed. As a result, any Texan can voluntarily request that their name be placed on the no call list. The legislation prevents telemarketers from calling anyone on the list and also from disguising their number so that people will always be able to see who is on caller ID.

Homer pointed out that the law gives consumers more control over who calls them at home and also protects seniors and other

Texans from aggressive sales pitches and fraudulent companies. Any person who wants to put their name on the no call list can do so by calling 1-800-896-6225 or visit www.texasnocall.com. The cost for registering a residential phone number is only \$2.25 and the phone number will remain on the list for three years. The list will be updated quarterly with the first list available to telemarketers on April 1. The Consumer Protection Division of the Public Utility Commission will handle complaints against telemarketers who violate the no call list.

For additional information you may call the Texas Public Utility Commission at 866-4839 or 784-0977.



*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



I found another cookbook! This one is from the Blossom First Baptist Church Youth and Children's group. They completed the book just recently and have it on sale with a limited number still left for only \$8.00 each and going fast. Books are available at the Blossom Superette, any church member or you may call the church at 903-982-5212.

A little information about this organization: Youth Committee members are Carrie Couch, Debby Naron, Leslie Martin, Tammie Gillie and Jordan Smith. The children's committee are Carla Graham, Felicia Vanderburg, Cheryl Vanderburg, Leasa Hunold and Sheri Pugh. These committees help plan and schedule events and also assist in those events.

They try to plan something at least once a month and try to include a spiritual emphasis in all activities. An example of this is that everyone that attends the Harvest Festival receives a tract about the steps to Salvation and also how they included the real meaning of Christmas in their Christmas party.

Some of their activities along with the Harvest Festival is the trip to the Tyler Zoo with a side trip to McDonalds; a hayride and weiner roast for the Christmas party which included the reading of the Christmas story and a birthday cake and singing of "Happy Birthday Jesus"; before Thanksgiving they went to several of the homes and the nursing homes delivering fruit baskets to the shut-in members of the church; they rented the pool at Gordon's Country Club and had hamburgers and hot dogs as a "Back To School" party; Vacation Bible School which is held each June; and this past Sunday, all the kids who participated in the

Christmas program were treated to pizza.

Their main fundraising goal is to raise enough money to pay for the ones who attend the Youth Camp. They also attend the Youth Evangelism Conference in San Antonio each year. In February they will be attending a student life conference in Rockwall along with some upcoming bowling trips and playing volleyball each week. They are currently working on a church-wide Valentine's Banquet where they will play games, give away prizes and enjoy a barbecue meal afterwards.

The children (3-5) have Mission Friends from 5-6 p.m. each Monday. Ages 6-8 have Bible Buddies from 5-6 p.m. and the youth meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. We have included some of these young cooks who contributed their recipes to this week's column. We hope you enjoy them.

If you have a featured cook you would like to see or if an organization is preparing a cookbook, let us know. We'll see you in the kitchen!

**LIME JELLO SALAD**-Chase Hunold-why is it that small boys always like jello recipes?

**LEMON CHICKEN**-Carrie Couch-marinate ahead of time and grill or broil for a great meal!

**RED VELVET CAKE**-Jordan Hunold-a sure hit everytime! **HUGS AND KISSES CHEESECAKE**-Amie Love-nothing better than chocolate cheesecake!

**DIRT CAKE**-Layton Graham-won't let you play in the dirt pile.....try this one!

**AQUARIUM**-Parker Graham-there is no way you can kill these fish.....unless you eat them!

**Bogata V.F.W. News**

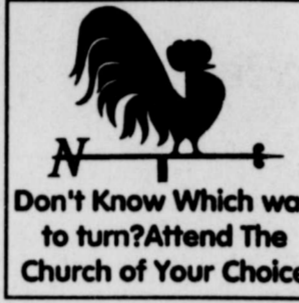
\* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

\*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.

\*There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available next week.



**RRC Genealogical Society meets**

The Red River County Genealogical Society met for the January meeting at the Red River County Library. Gene Simmons of Boxelder, Tx. presented a program on research of the Simmons family through ten generations.

Mr. Simmons described the problems encountered in the process of compiling a book on the family. Numerous family members acquired information from

**Mrs. Vivian Fail dies January 16**

Mrs. Vivian Fail, age 81, formerly of Talco died Wednesday, January 16 in Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19 at Talco Assembly of God Church with Rev. Don Malone officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mrs. Fail was born February 6, 1920 in Polk County, TX, the daughter of B.G. and Mary Black Tate. She married J.C. Fail on March 4, 1939 in Henderson County. He preceded her in death on November 24, 1999. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse and worked at Red River Healthcare Center in Bogata for a number of years until her retirement. She was a member of Talco Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are her children, Marilyn Presley and her husband, Ronnie of Talco, Yvonne Parker and her husband Doug of Talco, Jimmy Fail and his wife Aline of Palestine and Lynn Fail and his wife Ann of Kilgore; two brothers, Gerald Tate of Trinidad and Barney Tate of Snyder; two sisters, Vinnie Crocker of Waco and Elsie Kennedy of Scurry; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ray Tate and Thurman Tate and a son-in-law, Glenn Harris.

**Obituaries**

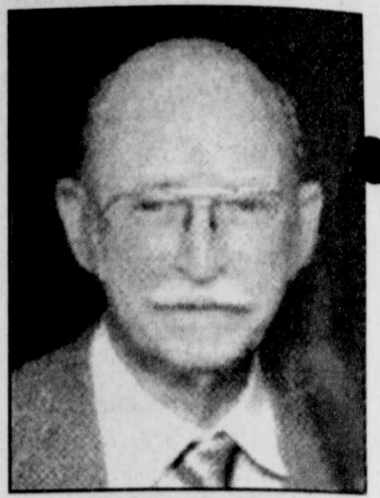
**William E. Stockton dies December 19**

Mr. William Eugene (Shorty) Stockton, age 71 of Wichita Falls, formerly of Talco, died December 19, 2001 in Wichita Falls after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Burial was by cremation.

Mr. Stockton was born December 11, 1930 in Bogata, Red River County, the son of Haskell Stockton and Una F. Stockton, who preceded him in death. He was raised by his grandparents, John A. and Lena Stockton of Talco, also deceased.

Mr. Stockton graduated from Talco High School in 1950. He enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1950 to 1959. He was a veteran of the Korean War. After separating from the Air Force, he worked as an oil field worker and various other jobs in Talco before moving to Wichita Falls.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher and Matthew, formerly of Joliet; sisters, Glenda Gail Green of Burkburnett and Betty Ruth Dunn of Omaha; and nephews, Darrel Stockton of Talco and Donald Stockton of Bogata; one brother, James H. Stockton of Albuquerque, NM and numerous other nieces and nephews.



Dr. E.L. Miller

**Dr. E.L. Miller dies January 20**

Dr. E.L. Miller, age 82 of Talco, died Sunday, January 20, 2002 in Titus Regional Medical Center.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted services on Tuesday, January 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bogata United Methodist Church with burial following in Bogata Cemetery.

He was born January 5, 1920 in Salix, Pennsylvania, the son of Ellis and Ida Livingston Miller. On April 1, 1965 he married the former Dorothy Newby in Talco. Dr. Miller has been a prominent physician in Talco for the last 54 years, establishing his practice in 1948. He was a member of the Titus Regional hospital Physicians Staff and was an active member of the Bogata United Methodist Church, being a long time teacher of the Ever Ready School Class.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie of Talco; a son, Dr. Doug Miller and wife Gail of Ardmore, OK; two daughters, Lynda Ryle of Irving and Pamela Sublette and Husband William of Lawrence, KS; a sister-in-law, Jean Beckham and husband John El of Hughes Springs; one niece, Nancy Long of Conroe; two nephews, Tommy Armstrong of Lone Star and Jimmy Armstrong of Longview; four grandchildren, Andrew Hiram Ryle, Rebecca Gail Miller, Aaron Josiah Miller and Brandon Miller Sublette; two great-grandchildren, Dylan Jacob Ryle and Sydney Dawn Ryle.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation or the American Heart Association.

*Card of Thanks*

The Pattonville VFD would like to thank the Pattonville Baptist Church for their continuous support of the fire department. **Fire Chief and all members of the Pattonville VFD**

**J.T. Eason dies January 15**

J.T. Eason, age 83 of Bogata died Tuesday, January 15, 2002 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital North, Paris.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 17 in the Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn, John Mullins and Randy Miller officiating. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery at Rosalie under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Eason was born July 29, 1918 in Ivanhoe, TX, the son of John Thomas and Mary Tucker Eason. He was retired from Bonham Veterans Hospital dietary department. He was a veteran of World War 11, serving for five years in the U.S. Army and an active member of the Bogata Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Mayes Eason of Bogata; two daughters, Cheryl Adkins and husband Jim of Irving and Karen Sheppard and husband Harold of Clarksville; a stepson, Ralph Mayes of Bogata and a stepdaughter, Susie Young of Garland; one sister, Lois Pruitt of Radliff, Kentucky; four grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and 11 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two stepsons, Roy and Julius Mayes and a stepgrandson Craig Mayes.

**YWCA to hold comedy luncheon**

"Getting Organized in 2002" will be the topic covered in a humorous talk given by Sheila Gay at the YWCA Activity Center on Friday, January 25 at noon.

Sheila is a comedienne and has performed at Hyena's in Dallas as well as in comedy clubs throughout the western and mid-western United States.

The YWCA will sponsor a series of luncheons scheduled every two months throughout the year. The luncheons will provide education on a number of topics, including gardening, women's health and stress reduction.

People wishing to attend should make a reservation. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased by calling 785-5221.

**Water Supply Corp. to meet**

The Pattonville Water Supply corporation will meet January 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pattonville Community Center.

Items to be discussed at this meeting include voting to change the by-laws; ownership of mem-

berships; the definition of active memberships; and payment to directors for meetings attended.

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting for the water supply.

**Blood screening clinic will be February 1**

A blood screening clinic will be held at Christus St. Joseph's Family Clinic in Bogata on Friday, February 1.

Diabetes Management Services of Paris will host the event from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

The service is free to the public.

Participants may register for a free meter to be given away on Friday.

For more information, call Lisa Allen at 737-3924.



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**First Baptist Church Youth-Blossom**

<p><b>Lime Jello Salad</b> Chase Hunold</p> <p>2 small packages lime jello 20 ounce can crushed pineapple 8 ounce package cream cheese 1/2 pint whipping cream 1 small package mini marshmallows 1 pint boiling water</p> <p>Combine cream cheese, marshmallows, yellow and water. Beat until marshmallows are dissolved. Add pineapple and let cool completely. Whip cream and add to cooled jello mixture. Beat until smooth and pour into glass bowls and chill.</p> <p><b>Broiled Lemon Chicken</b> Carrie Couch</p> <p>2/3 cup Real Lemon juice 6 tablespoons water 2 tps instant chicken bouillon 2 cloves garlic 1 teaspoon pepper 2-3 pounds chicken</p> <p>Mix all ingredients together and marinate for 4 hours or overnight. Remove from marinade and heat marinade. Grill or broil chicken, basting frequently.</p> <p><b>Red Velvet Cake</b> Jordan Hunold</p> <p>3 sticks butter-softened 2 teaspoons vanilla 1-1/2 cup sugar 2 eggs 1 ounce red food coloring 2 tablespoons cocoa 1 teaspoon salt 2-1/3 cups flour 1 cup buttermilk 1 teaspoon soda 1 teaspoon vinegar 8 oz. package cream cheese-softened 1 pound powdered sugar</p> <p>Cream 2 sticks of butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla in bowl. Add sugar, 1/3 cup at a time, beat well after each addition. Beat in eggs, one at a time after each addition. Stir in food coloring, cocoa, salt and mix well. Add flour, 1/3 cup at a time, alternately with buttermilk. Beat well after each addition, beginning and ending with flour. Combine soda and vinegar. Add to batter, mixing well. Pour into 3 prepared cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until cake tests done. Cream remaining stick of butter with cream cheese in bowl. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and powdered sugar and mix well. Spread between layers and over top and sides of cooled cake.</p>	<p><b>Hugs and Kisses Cheesecake</b> Amie Love</p> <p>2-3 ounce packages cream cheese 14 ounce can Eagle Brand milk 1 egg 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup mini chocolate chips 1 teaspoon flour 1 large ready made chocolate pie crust Glaze: 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips 1/4 cup whipping cream</p> <p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees. With mixer beat cream cheese until fluffy and gradually beat in milk until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla, mix well. Toss mini chips with flour and stir in cream cheese mixture. Pour into crust. Bake 35 minutes or until center springs back when lightly touched. Cool and top with glaze. To make glaze: Combine 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips with 1/4 cup whipping cream in saucepan. Cook until thickened and smooth. Immediately pour over pie. Chill and serve.</p> <p><b>Dirt Cake</b> Layton Graham</p> <p>1 pound bag Oreo cookies 2 large boxes vanilla pudding 2 cups milk 8 ounces cream cheese 1 tub Cool Whip 1/2 stick oleo or margarine 1 cup powdered sugar</p> <p>Pulverize cookies in food processor and set aside. In large mixing bowl combine milk and pudding until thick but not lumpy. Fold in Cool Whip and blend until smooth. In separate mixing bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Then fold in pudding mixture. Stir it all up together until smooth, creamy mass of goo. Pour mixture into new, clean plastic flower pot (be sure to cover hole in bottom) or a baking pan if you are making a grave. Cover with crumbled cookies. Add gummy worms for decoration or stick a clean plastic flower or plant in the middle to make it look like a potted plant. Serve with clean garden tool.</p> <p><b>Aquarium</b> Parker Graham</p> <p>6 boxes blue jello gummy fish goldfish bowl</p> <p>Make 6 boxes of jello to fill goldfish bowl. Let sit until it begins to firm a bit. Add gummy fish and gummy octopus to the jello. You can also make individual aquariums using clear plastic cups.</p>
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Thank in part to a grant from the Martha, David & Bagby Lennox Foundation, the Red River County Humane Society is now able to offer FREE Spay-neuter services to residents of Red River County! This will continue until funds are exhausted. No requirement except surgery must be completed by one of the listed veterinarians approved by the Humane Society.

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*Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Couch at their wedding*  
**Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Couch to be honored on 40th anniversary**

Please join Wayne and Sandra Couch in a celebration honoring them for their 40th wedding anniversary. Wayne and Sandra were married on January 27th, 1962 in Deport, Texas by Sandra's father, the late Reverend George Griffin in the First Baptist Church of Deport. Wayne is the son of the late Marvin Couch and Lucille Couch Pickering. Sandra is the daughter of the later Reverend George Griffin and Jo Griffin. There will be a reception on January 27th from two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon at the Pattonville Community Center. The Pattonville Community Center is located one-quarter mile of highway 271 on FM 196. Hosts for this celebration are Wayne and Sandra's three children: Ronnie and Vicki Ballard, Matt Allen and Dylan Ballard of Paris, Texas; Paul and Kim Helms, Hannah Weiberg and Madison Helms of Roxton, Texas; Dr. Wayne and Jill Couch, Riley, Olivia and Easton Couch of Rawlins, Wyoming. The family requests no gifts other than your presence.

**554 graduate from A&M**

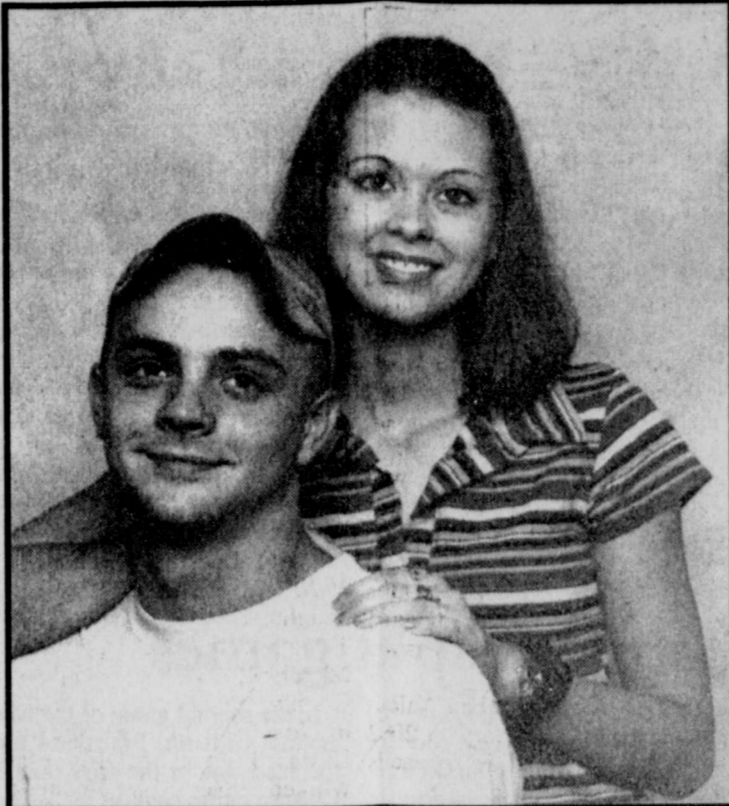
Adrian Hall spoke to students in the two morning graduation ceremonies on December 15 at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Hall, known as the father of the American regional repertory theatre movement, told students "to break a leg", meaning the actors should go on the state and give it everything they had to be the star of the show. Congressman Max Sandlin addressed students in the Graduate School ceremony and the College of Education graduation. A total of 554 students received diplomas. This consisted of 287 bachelor's degrees, 256 master's and 11 doctoral degrees. Locally, students receiving degrees are: Blossom: Jeania Raquel McFadden, BSIS; Becky Jo Wilkins, MS. Bogata: Norma Manuela Jasso, BBA; Isaac L. Roach, BS. Clarksville: Jon Timothy Dorsett, MED; Stacy A. Pineda, BSIS Cum Laude. Detroit: Mary L. Hart, BSIS.

**New members inducted**

On January, 15, 2002 at TaMolly's in Paris, seven students were inducted into the Blossom National Junior Honor Society. Eighth grade students inducted were Dusty Cheney, Amanda Neel and Blake Woodall. Seventh graders were Blake Connot, Trista Harper, Chris McKinney and Kara Nation. President Ricardo Cantera and Vice President Taylor Mauldin presented each member with a United States pin, an Honor Society identification card and a bumper sticker. Membership in the society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, citizenship, character, leadership and service. Once selected, members

**Dribblers play ball**

The Deport Little Dribblers layed Detroit on January 5. Fourth grade girls won 18-13. Kelty 8; Lizzie 4; Katrina 4; Felicia 2. The fifth grade girls won 8-6. Davis 8. Sixth grade girls won 23-8. McLean 2; Cave 2; Ham 1; Ballard 2; Murdock 8; Harrell 4; Martin 4. The fourth grade boys won 28-15. Murdock 4; Schulke 14; Cathey 8; Barnes 2. The fifth grade boys won 26-8. Watson 4; Ford 9; Hagood 3; Tesch 8; Howington 2. The sixth grade boys lost 9-22. Nichols 2; Syrus 3; Pitcock 4. On January 19 they played Roxton at home. Fourth grade girls won 17-4. Kelty 11; Courtney 2; Britney 1; Katrina 3. The fifth grade girls won 16-14. Hoover 2; Davis 13; Patterson 1. The sixth grade girls lost 12-23. McLean 2; Ballard 4; Murdock 3; Harrell 2; Anderson, 1. The fourth grade boys lost 17-17. Murdock 8; Schulke 2; Cathey 7. The fifth grade boys won 28-8. Watson 6; Parker 2; Ford 6; Hagood 2; Tesch, 10; Juneau 2. The sixth grade boys lost 20-33. Burris 1; Nichols 7; Syrus 8; Dickinson 7; Pitcock 2.



*Katessa Dawn Patterson with fiancé Terry Ray Glasgow*

**Patterson-Glasgow announce engagement**

George and Kathy Baird proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Katessa Dawn Patterson, to Terry Ray Glasgow, son of Judy Glasgow of Paris and Danny Lester of Pattonville. The couple will be united in marriage on Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Patrick and Janice Patterson of Deport with Rev. Fred Fango officiating. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Marvin and Pauline

**Pattonville VFD Activity**  
 October 2001 thru January 2002

Structure fires	5
Medical Calls	7
Vehicle fires	2
Storm Watch	2
Vehicle accidents	4
Public Service	2

Edwards of Paris and Helen Baird and the late Patrick Baird of Detroit. She is a 2001 graduate of Detroit High School and is attending college to receive her associate's degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently employed by the Detroit Superette. Her fiancé is the grandson of Gerald and Bettie Glasgow of Deport and Monroe and Carolyn Lester of Paris. He is currently employed by Paris Custom Trailers.

**Sixth annual Bluebird House day**

The Maxey House State Park will host its sixth annual Bluebird House Day on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about bluebirds, their housing, nesting and habitat needs. Learning to make your own bluebird house and where to place it on a trail to encourage continued growth in the bluebird population is part of the presentation in the seminar. Keith Kridler, Larry Calvin, Kathleen Oswald and Judy Brummett will present information on the bluebirds. Predator guards and traps will be discussed, along with building boxes and habitat requirements. Costs for participation in the program is \$3.00 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 785-5716 for reservations or information.

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**Pattonville VFD News**

The Pattonville VFD had a class on blood borne pathogens at the Monday night meeting on January 14. Training coordinator was Stuart Keys and medical directors were Matt Downs and Chet downs. The VFD welcomes new members Debbie Downs and Bradley Brown, junior fireman. Thanks are extended to the Pattonville Baptist Church for their continuous support of the fire department.

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## Chapel Hill takes Lady Pats

The Chapel Hill ladies traveled to Prairiland to take on the Lady Patriots just barely made it. In a hard-fought game to the finish, Chapel Hill came out on top by only two points, 60-62.

Four Lady Pats were in double figures. Brittany Ballard was high with 19, Megan Graham had 12, Lacy Davis and Jordan Hunold each scored 10.

The Lady Patriots held the lead in the first quarter by 2 points, 14-12. They maintained the lead going into halftime, 28-25. Three-point shots came from Graham and Davis.

Third quarter saw the ladies taking a strong lead with a score of 51-38 over Chapel Hill. With 23 more points added to the boards, one of these a three-point shot from Ballard, their confidence grew.


Fourth quarter saw a turn for the worse as the ladies cooled down to 9 points only. Chapel Hill answered back with 24 of their own and the game was over with the win going to Chapel Hill.

## BLOSSOM 3RD SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLLS

**A-B Honor Roll**  
 First grade: Brandon Brewer, Abigail Byrd, Bailey Gillie, Jaime Humphrey, Julio Peralta.  
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 Third grade: Cesar Alonso, Tyler Brown, Taylor Davidson, Cheyenne Duke, Dalton Ginn, Ashley McCain, Christopher Rhoades, Tiffany Smith, Alivia Stanphill, Jessica Stewart, Jessica Whitson.  
 Fourth grade: David Bishop, Jhonathan Cervantes, Aaron Cockburn, Logan Crawford, Michael DiGiovanni, Brandy Enox, Todd Fendley, Ariel Frazier, Calvin Goodin, Zachary Horton, Christopher Hyde, Jennifer Justice, Jerica Langston, Pecos McDonald, Steven Ruckman, Jaime Sanchez, Tanner Sisson, Michael Womack.  
 Fifth grade: Kayla Berry, Katy Garrison, Coydean Harmon, Dayne Sessums, Dakota Swindle, Cade White, Juana Zermeno.  
 Sixth grade: Lauren Ausmus, Kyle Blanton, Colby Chapman, Aaron Davidson, Shane Gonzales, Caleb Goodin, Zachary Jester, Sierra Radford, Leigha Stone.  
 Seventh grade: Hal Brady, Blake Connot, Trista Harper, Chris McKinney, Kara Nation, Claudia Ortiz, Jordan Walker.  
 Eighth grade: Dane Benson, Laura Cervantes, Matt Hostetler, Lori House, Brandon Mauldin, Lucas Morgan, Amanda Neel, Kimberly Pate, Andrew Philpot, Victoria Sawyer, Cole White, Kim Wilson, Cody Withers, Blake Woodall.

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 Second grade: Ashleigh Adams, Dyllon Adkins, Christine Blanton, James Booth, Coby Brakebill, Keleigh Burchinal, Meghan Caldwell, Morgan Caldwell, David Cantera, Colton Clemmer, Payton Connot, Maria Cortes, Krystal Dill, Jessica Ebbs, Joshua Esch, Dakota Filkins, Levi Frazier, Vince Gibson, Brian Graham, Taner Hearn, Tyler Holloway, Brett House, Angelica Humphrey, Dominique Jamin, Kortni Johnston, Brandon Justice, Samantha Kent, Sara Lane, Blake Lyon, Shelby McCoin, Benjamin Rocha, Jerica Ryan, Kathryn Smelley, Dylan Spencer, Christopher Stanford, Chac Steinhilber, Caleb Talley, Justin Wise, Jose Zermeno.  
 Fourth grade: Maci Adkins, Ethan Barnard, Melanie Barnes, David Bishop, Ben Blount, Gage Booth, Jhonathan Cervantes, Tanner Connot, Logan Crawford, Ty Crump, Michael DiGiovanni, Brandy Enox, Todd Fendley, Taylor Fendley, Ariel Frazier, Calvin Goodin, Blake Gordon, Zachary Horton, Christopher Hyde, Ryley Johnson, Jennifer Justice, Nichole Kilpatrick, Tommy Kuehn, Jerica Langston, Harley Martin, Pecos McDonald, Autumn Nation, Arturo Peralta, Kate Robertson, Steven Ruckman, Jaime Sanchez, Randal Sessums, Jordan Tyler, Kyle Upchurch, Clinton Winters, Michael Womack, Karissa Woodall, Joaquin Zermeno.  
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 Sixth grade: Kyle Blanton, Colby Chapman, Britney Croy, Joe Gibson, Shane Gonzales, Stephanie Gonzales, Dakota Henderson, Morgan Hostetler, Jessica House, Kori Hulen, Zachary Jester, Amanda Kent, Alisa Lane, Matthew Lovelady, DeShea Patterson, Laura Robertson, Meranda Sessums, Joseph Stevens, Leigha Stone, Lindsey Terrell, Haley Trammell, Cody Upchurch, Lee Ann Warren, Stephan White.  
 Seventh grade: Ashley Atkinson, Bailee Berry, Hal Brady, Kandace Burchinal, Alesha Chapman, Ashley Chennault, Scott Clark, Blake Connot, Kayla Craig, Kaylee DeLaRosa, Jach Ebbs, Jennifer Filkins, Clay Friddle, Nickki Garrison, Taylor Gillie, Trista Harper, Michael House, Amber Inocencio, Shawna Johnson, Riley Lewis, Teresa Little, Chris McKinney, Gerardo Martinez, Jessica Mitchell, Kara Nation, Blake Newman, Claudia Ortiz, Tel Pitcock, Kenneth Price, Jessica Roddy, Corey Scroggins, Courtney Upchurch, Jordan Walker, Holly Westbrook.  
 Eighth grade: Chelsey Anderson, Dane Benson, Erica Bishop, Nikki Bishop, Ricardo Cantera, Laura Cervantes, Jessica Chapman, Dusty Cheney, Cassie Cullum, Justin Enox, Cody Flatt, Jessica Harrell, Matt Hostetler, Darren Lane, Brandon Mauldin, Taylor Mauldin, Jackie Miller, Lucas Morgan, Amanda Neel, Ashley Outland, Andrew Philpot, Colby Reavis, Victoria Sawyer, Cody Upchurch, Cole White, Kim Wilson, Cody Withers, Blake Woodall, Landon Woodall.

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## JV boys split games

The Prairiland JV boys hosted Chapel Hill on Tuesday, January 15. O'Neal Drinnon hit a three-point shot in the first quarter to assist the Patriots to put 8 points on the boards, but they remained behind 8-11.

Second quarter saw another 8 points on the boards from Prairiland with Chapel Hill only scoring 6, but the Pats would still trail by one at halftime.

Chapel Hill pulled away in the third quarter by 13 points, 20-33 by hitting 16 points while Prairiland could only manage 4. Both teams scored 11 points each in the final quarter with Chapel Hill winning 31-44.

In the second game of the week against Chisum, Prairiland took the lead 8-4 in the first quarter. Chisum came back in the second quarter with 11 points, but the Pats retained a slight 1-point lead to go into halftime, 16-15.

The Patriots showed a strong quarter in the third by hitting 16 points and again in the fourth with 17 to take the game 49-32. Cody Hicks was the big hitter for the night with 10, followed by Casey Johnson and O'Neal Drinnon with 7 each. Matt Morgan hit 6, Justin Burchinal 5 and Jake Daugherty and Daniel Hayes each had 4. Lance Connot and Marty Anderson shared 3 a piece.

## JV girls take wins

The Prairiland JV Girls took wins over Cooper on Tuesday night, January 15 and the win over Chisum on Friday night, January 18, 2002.

The Cooper game had the ladies taking the lead in the first two quarters with scores of 8-5 and 14-10. Six of the 8 points in the third came from Amanda Nichols with another basket from Mallory Price to make the score 22-12, Prairiland. 4-6 free shots and two baskets later, the Lady Patriots took the win back home to Prairiland.

Nichols was high for the night with 10 and Price came in second. Whitney Brook scored 5, Nicole Boehler 3 and Whitney Turner and Courtney Nichols each contributed 2.

In the second game of the week against Chisum, the girls took the win 22-18, fighting all the way. The girls trailed by one in the first quarter but took over the lead in the second by one at halftime with a score of 9-8.

Third quarter had the ladies hitting 8 points and holding Chisum to only 4 to make it 17-12. In the final quarter, they managed a basket and 3-4 free shots to win the game, 22-18.

Price was high for the night with 14. Turner had 4 and Boehler and A. Nichols each had 2.

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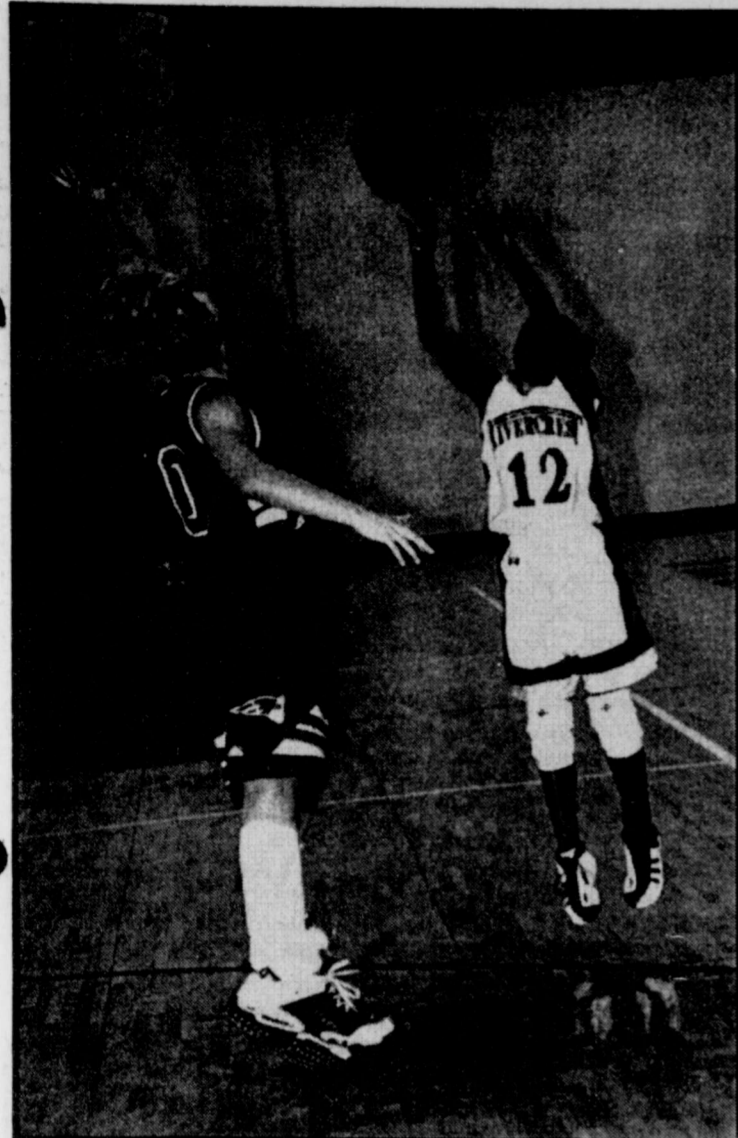
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**PROGRAM-the Pattonville VFD held a program on Blood borne Pathogens recently. Chet Downs speaks here. (Staff Photo)**

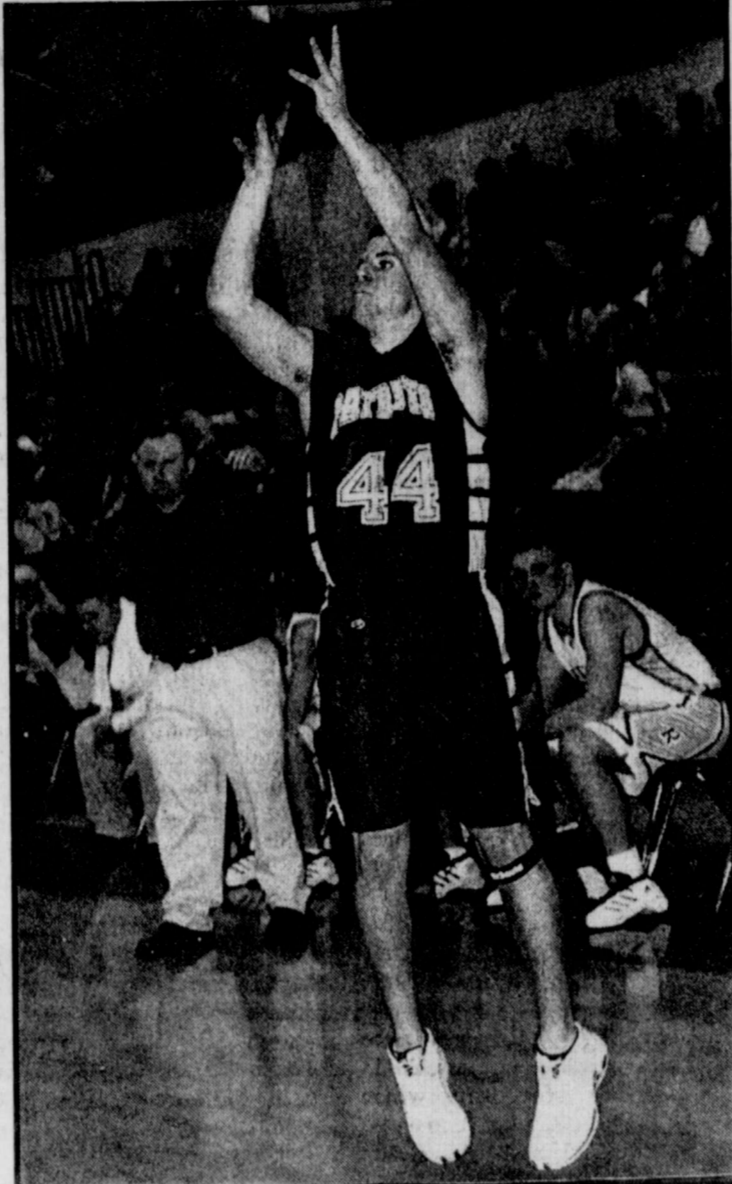


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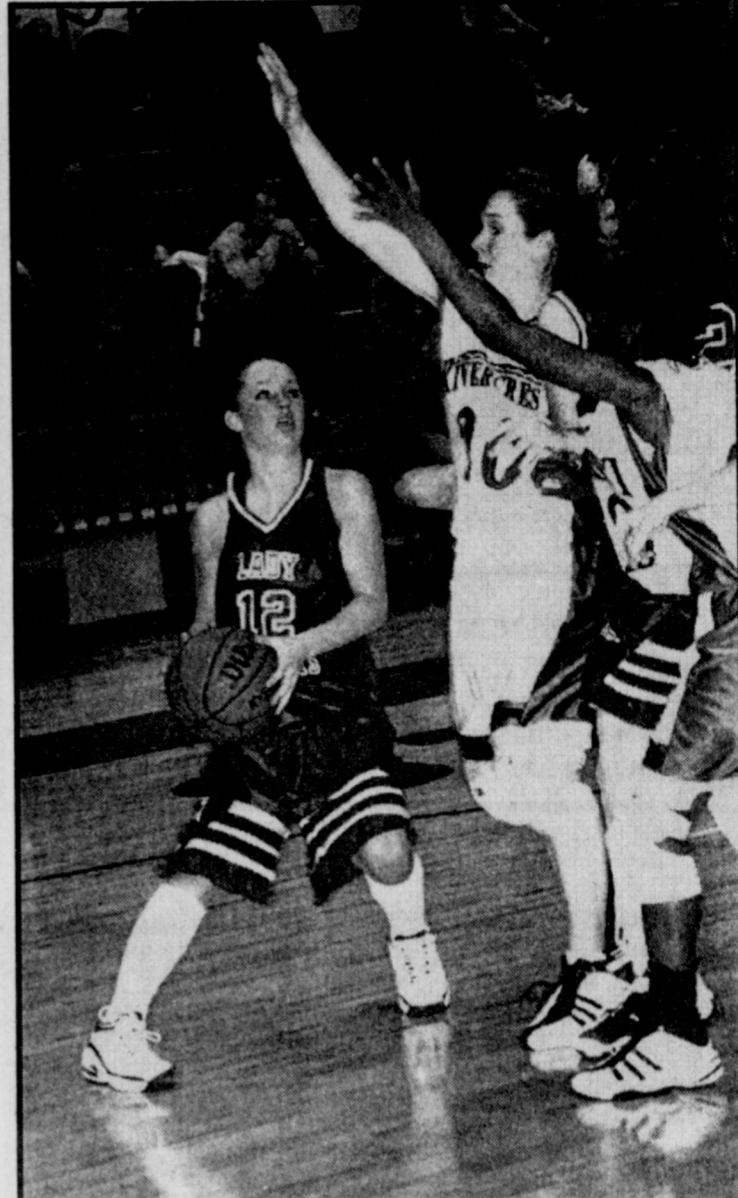




**LADY PATRIOT**-Megan Graham was too far off to stop this outside shot from Lady Rebel, Charla Hines as the two teams clashed at RHS Tuesday night. The Lady Rebels were victorious. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**D.J. LOVELESS**-gets the jump shot off as the Patriots met the Rebels at RHS Tuesday night. The Pats were defeated after a tough fought game. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



**LACY DAVIS**-looks to get her shot off as Lady Rebels Erica Williams and Charla Hines try to block her view and shot. The Lady Pats and Lady Rebs battled it out Tuesday night at RHS with the Lady Rebels coming out with the win. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

### Mustangs take District lead

The Chisum Mustangs defeated the Prairiland Patriots to take the lead in district 17-2A Basketball on Friday, January 18, 2002. The Patriots remain 0-6 for the season. D.J. Loveless made a game-high 23 points for the game with Bryan Mudock hitting 9. 8 came from Stoney Musgrove, 6 from Blake Smith, Shawn Steinkamp hit 3 and Chance Bankhead added 2.

Chisum came out in the first quarter hitting 20 to Patriot's 11 points to take the lead. Prairiland answered back with 17 in the second

quarter and Chisum managed 13 to make the score 28-33, Mustangs, at half time.

Another 18 points on the boards from the Mustangs added on to the damage already done, as the Patriots could only land 12 and trailed 40-51. Chisum iced the game in the fourth quarter by hitting 19 more to make the score read 51-70. The Pats shot 5-16 from the foul line and had 15 fouls. Smith and Loveless were the lone three-point shooters with one each.

### JH team plays DeKalb

With graduation only 18 weeks away, volunteers for Prairiland Project Graduation are still busy at work raising funds to provide this years graduating class with a night to remember. There is going to be a chili/stew supper this Friday, January 25th, 2002 in the high school cafeteria. The serving line will begin at 4:30 and will be open just until game time.

A table will be set up at the evening basketball games where

the newest sweatshirts can be ordered, raffle tickets sold and Prairiland discount cards will be available for purchase.

Project Graduation will also be sponsoring a Valentine's Dance next month on Friday, February 15, for Blossom and Deport Jr. High students. The dance will be held in the Blossom School Cafeteria from 7-9:30 p.m.

Your support for this worthwhile project will be appreciated.

### Chapel Hill nails Patriots

The Chapel Hill team came to Prairiland with one thing in mind and that was to nail the Patriots.....and they did a good job, 51-90.

First quarter set the pace with 14 points from the Hill and only 8 from Prairiland, with one of these being a three-point shot from Stoney Musgrove. Three-point shots in the second, both from D.J. Loveless, along with 9 more, was only half of what Chapel Hill delivered, 33 points! The score read

23-47 at the halftime buzzer. Prairiland with one thing in mind and that was to nail the Patriots.....and they did a good job, 51-90.

The final stanza was the undoing for the Pats. Although, they shots from Musgrove, Chance Bankhead, Blake Smith and another from Loveless had the Patriots scoring 19 points, another 17 from Chapel Hill made the lead formidable and the Chapel Hill crew took home the win.

### Ladies corraled by Mustangs

The Prairiland Lady Patriots took another hard defeat from city-rivals, the Lady Mustangs from Chisum, on Friday, January 18, 36-56. The Lady Mustangs took the lead in the first quarter 7-19 and never looked back. Second quarter action had the Lady Patriots leading adding 12 to the boards to Lady Mustang's 10, but they would still fall short by ten to take the lead at halftime, 19-29.

Poor shooting in the third quarter with only 6 from the ladies while the Lady Mustangs poured

in another 16 saw the score mount, 25-45. Both teams scored eleven in the final stanza, but Prairiland remained behind at the end of the game 36-56. This loss showed the girls with a record of 1-7 and 8-14 overall.

Brittany Ballard was high with 13 while Lacy Davis came in second with 8. Jordan Hunold had 7, Britney Martin 4, Sara Bolton 3 and Jodie Bybee 1. The girls shots 11-13 free throws and racked up 16 fouls. Hunold had one three-pointer.

### Lady Pats fall to DeKalb

The Lady Patriots hosted the DeKalb Lady Bears on Tuesday, January 11, 2002 and fell to them 56-64. High point for the night was Lacy Davis with 19 followed by Jordan Hunold with 14. Megan Graham had 11, Brittany Ballard 6, Britney Martin 5 and Jodie Bybee one.

In the first quarter, Davis and Hunold joined the three-point club to add one more to their statistics. The ladies shot 2-8 free shots as DeKalb answered with 21 points and two fo these were threes to make the score 15-21. The second quarter was a game of free shots as the

Lady Patriots hit 8-10 and DeKalb hit 5-7 with three baskets from the Lady Patriots to make it 29 and 6 baskets and a three-point shot from the Lady Bears to go into halftime 29-42.

Third quarter action saw the ladies fire in three more baskets, 7-10 from the free line. DeKalb shot 4 baskets and 3-3 from the free line to make the score 42-52. Davis added another three-pointer in the fourth as well as a basket to assist her team with 14 points in hopes to take over the lead. DeKalb hit a three-pointer and hit 9-12 to win the game 56-64.

### JH team plays DeKalb

The Prairiland boys played at Blossom Thursday night against DeKalb, Jan 10.

The B boys came out strong as they took control early against Cody Flatt had six points for the night with 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Lance Ballard also had 6 points. Chase Smallwood had 5 points and Blake Woodall had 5 points and 1 rebound. Matt Hostetler had 2 points and 4 rebounds and Brandon Mauldin had 1 point and 3 rebounds. Taylor Mauldin and Shane Wilson each had rebounds and Dusty Cheney and Jason Thomas each had a steal. Each of these young Patriots did his share to defeat DeKalb 25-8.

The A team also rocked DeKalb. Cody Upchurch left the game early with an injury but managed to score 4 points. Justin Wright scored 13 with 11 rebounds and 1 assist. Weston Drinnon had 7 points, 5 assists, 3 steals, and 1 rebound. Cody With-

ers had 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal. Cole White had 2 points, 1 rebound, and 3 assists. Matthew Owens had 2 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 assist. Jay Curt McKee scored 2 points and had 1 rebound. Another victory for the Patriots. (sorry, no final score)

The 8th graders played at Deport Monday night for their last home game against Chapel Hill. It was fast and furious as the Patriots took control. So fast that I'll not go into great detail on the stats for fear of leaving someone out. Upchurch scored 15 points, Withers scored 5, and White put in 10 points. Drinnon had 6, Wright 5, Ballard 4, and Allen scored a free throw. McKee, Smallwood, Norwood, and Flatt all joined in to defeat Chapel Hill 46-33. Each of these boys played and important part in this game and to truly understand, you just have to see them play. Next game will be at Chisum Jan, 24.



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Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Ham and cheese on bun  
Baked beans  
Pickles  
Milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast:**  
Cereal, trail mix  
Trail mix  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Corny dogs  
Fries  
Mexican beans  
Graham crackers w/peanut butter  
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Pam and George Wood visited with her uncle on Saturday in Athens. He was a patient in the hospital there. They also visited with Peggy and Judson Hall of Dallas and Roy Rogers of Fairfield.

Davis Hicks has returned home from a business trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado last week.

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Minnie Lee Shands spent the day in Bonham on Saturday.

Bro. Tim and Mildred Young of Powderly enjoyed dinner with Tracy and Todd Denny and Trey on Saturday night.

Get well wishes this week to Larry Young.

The Detroit Volunteer Fire Department will be holding an all-you-can-eat hamburger supper on Saturday, February 2 at the fire department in Detroit from 4:30 to 8:00.

Visiting with Jr. and Pauline Weddle this past week was Jim Weddle of Paris, Steven Weddle and family of Bogata, Pat Evers of Pattonville and Teri, Chris, Blake and Carly Moody of Van Alstyne. The Moodys also visited with several other family members while here.

## Courthouses awarded grants

The Texas Historical Commission announced Round III grand recipients of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program at its quarterly meeting on January 11 in Houston.

Commissioners awarded matching grants totaling approximately \$39.2 million to 14 Texas counties to help preserve their historic courthouses.

The counties to receive funds are Archer, Cameron, Denton, Dimmit, Fayette, Goliad, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Lavaca, Maverick, Parker, Val Verde and Wheeler.

THC commission members awarded the majority of the \$50 million received from the Texas Legislature during the 2001 legislative session. The grants will be used for construction and building costs. As in the first two months, the commission plans to grant the remaining funds for courthouses determined to be highly endangered based on inspections and recommendations by THC staff to the commission; to complete plans and specifications; based on other eligibility.

A total of 83 counties applied for grant money in Round III, requesting approximately \$195 million in assistance to preserve and restore their historic courthouses. Nine of the counties were first time applicants, 25 were automatically rolled over from Round II with no changes to their application and 49 from Round I were revised for reconsideration. Counties are scored on a variety of areas including historical significance, architectural style and degree of endangerment.

Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature created the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation program in 1999 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million. In May, 2000, the THC distributed \$42.4 million in matching grants to 19 counties in Round I of the program. An additional \$7 million was distributed to 28 Texas counties in October 2000 in Round II.

The Lamar County Courthouse received \$3,535,500 in Round III funding from the Preservation Program.

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Happy birthday to Harold Norris, Jesi Denae Davis, Felecia Kincaid, Mauna Kid, William Nelson, Eunice Sugg, Jason Thomas, Andrew Benfer, Jessie Pauline Perry, Virginia Farris, Brittan Adams, Devon Bundy,

Durwood Wims, Keaton Paul Perry, Ruby Chipman, Ty Parsons, Charles Davidson, Jr., Corene Roach, Duane Good, Jackie Smith, Lee Ann Graham Ragan, Tommy Minter, Michael Wesley, Michael Kincaid.

Happy anniversary to Darla and Kevin Keys, Peggy and Keith Parsons, Sandra and Wayne Couch.

Nina Sparks, Marianne Ladd, Mary Alice Enox and Lucille Pickering attended a meeting of the Christus St. Joseph's Auxiliary on the north campus Tuesday. Mary Alice and Lucille won door prizes.

Pete Jack and Sue Barrett of Harrison, AR took Carllys and Betty Denison, Reba Temple, Ruth Murrell, Virginia Kirkland and Nina Sparks for lunch at the 909 Diner in Bogata Monday.

Casey Rose has been visiting his mother, Linda Newberry.

Sandra Gifford and granddaughter Victoria were visitors of Margaret Parks and they enjoyed the meal prepared by the Heavenly Delights Saturday night. Sandra was on business in Florida and Indiana last week.

Recent visitors of Thelma Shelby were Stephen and Sara Tucker of Chicota, Jim and Ramona Anderson of Garland, Tom and Brenda Huntington of Leonard, Amy Rae Daugherty of Roda, Spain, Aaron Daugherty of Sherman and Andrew Daugherty of Greenville.

Dicky and Jayne King had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as supper guests Saturday night.

Rev. Sam Rice brought the message at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

James and Sunny Whitney and Pat Faust had Thomas and Nanalee Nichols as dinner guests Sunday night.

Howard Sparks' name was inadvertently left off the guest list for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of J.A. and Juanita Sparks.

## PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Sharyl Thompson, Bryan Moyer, Vicki Chapman, Ty Parsons, Keaton Perry, Helen Taubert, Thelma James, Robert Sawyer, Hunter Grose, Lee Ann Graham Ragan, Dwain Haggard, Margie Bogard, Rod Sims, Billie Mazy, Arlon Bristow, Virginia Farris.

Happy anniversary to Keith and Peggy Parsons, Wayne and Sandra Couch.

Barbara McDowra was the honoree of a surprise birthday party at her home Tuesday night by Denny and Judy Hood, Dale and Sing Hood, Chris and Matthew McDowra of Paris, Lynn and Mallie Hood, Matthew, Michael and Tiffany of Shady Grove, Reggie McDowra and Keith and Annie McDowra.

Congratulations to Megan Graham for being named to the 2001 All Red River Valley volleyball team. She was joined by Coach of the Year Frankye Sessums, Most Valuable Player Emilee Bolton, Kami Hudson, middle blocker; Lacy Davis, defensive specialist; and Britney Martin and Amanda Nichols were named to the second team.

Elvin and Joan Bell enjoyed having their children home for the Christmas holidays. Their son, Brandon and his wife, Mandy Babb Bell of Dallas spent several days and daughter Mandi Bell Greer and husband Shane and grandchildren Kastle, Seth and Madeline of Clardy. The Bell's also visited family and friends in Honey Grove and Savoy.

Alice Evans visited Jerry and Linda Short in Frisco the weekend before Christmas. They were joined by Eddie and Ada Brook of Winnsboro, Richard and Jenny Christenson of Mesquite and other family members for the Evans' Christmas tree.

Glen and Susie Evans had their family for breakfast on Christmas morning. Attending were Bill and Pam Evans, Erica and Michelle, Norman and Kim Montgomery, Madison and Michael, Pam Rogers, Brandi Hall and Eddie Evans.

Peggy Parsons attended an executive board meeting of Christ-

mas St. Joseph's Auxiliary Tuesday and she and Frances Anderson attended the general meeting in the afternoon in Lewis Hall on the north campus.

David and Nancy Ballard, Jenni and Joey, Leah Boren, Brandon Wright, Leann and Kim Mitchell attended a youth retreat camp in Hot Springs, AR over the weekend.

Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew visited Lonnie and Laura Layton and family in Paris Sunday. Laura is recuperating from back surgery performed in Dallas last week.

Lois Kennett, Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Freeman Safford, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Sandwich Etc. in Paris Wednesday.

Gary Ballard, Wayne Beard, Virginia Read, Judy Martin and Peggy Parsons attended an executive board meeting of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association Thursday in the Elaine Ballard Administration Bldg. in Paris.

Alice Evans spent the weekend in Winnsboro with Eddie and Ada Brook.

Nina Sparks treated Keith and Peggy Parsons to dinner prepared by the Heavenly Delights of the First United Methodist Church in Deport on Saturday in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Keith and Peggy and Marcy Campbell of Paris visited Leon and Elaine Roberts at Hidden Lake on Thursday.

Bill Blevins and Mickey Keener attended the Ft. Worth stock show on Sunday.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby Blevins included Mickey Keener, James Earl and Bernice Bell and Sandy Ring. Ruby visited Jessie Newsom in Paris Sunday.

The congregation from Cunningham, Bethel and Faith Baptist are having prayer meeting on Wednesday nights at the Pattonville Baptist Church. Dr. L.C. Stout is presenting the lesson this week.

There will be an annual meeting at 6 p.m. this Saturday of the Pattonville Water Supply Corporation at the Community Center.

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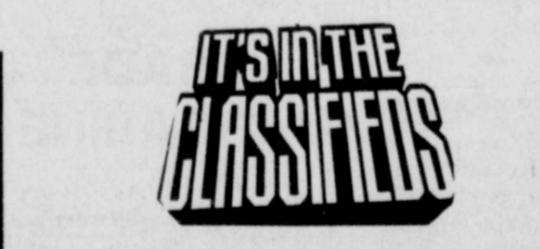
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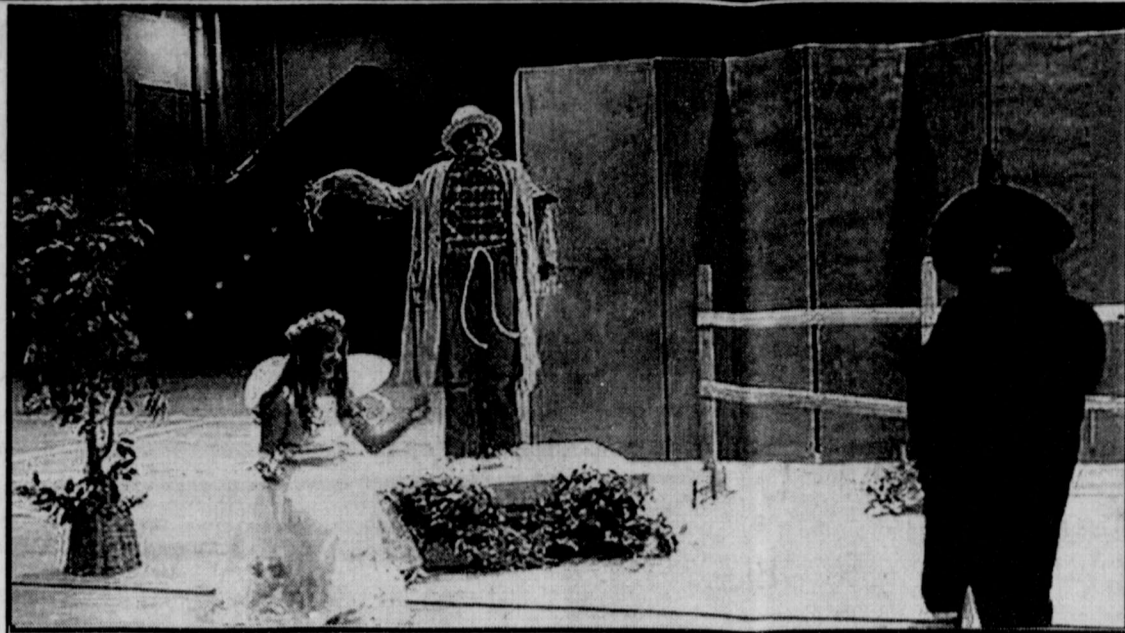
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### Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Pam Norwood, Jeff Kennedy, Jessee Davis and Rylie Kendal.

Rickey Anderson and Carlos Ordorica spent Friday and Saturday in Mississippi.

Logan Norwood and Haley Norwood both shot a deer last week.

Cindy Nichols and Ann Dye shopped in Paris Thursday and enjoyed lunch together. Cindy and Charles went to Carthage Saturday to watch their grandchildren, Torrie and Erika White, play basketball. They came back by their home in Lake Bob Sandlin to attend a POA meeting.

Zak Kennedy spent the weekend with his grandparents, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy.

Eating Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnie Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska Morton, Natalie Hutchison and Lynn and Betty Holeman.

Kelby Cole spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood while his parents, Todd and Mendy Cole went to the Ft. Worth Livestock show to watch Brenton Norwood show.

James and Pat Norwood, James

Wallace and Katy Winters and Bob and Betty Winters watched the Statler Brothers farewell tour in Sulphur Springs Sunday afternoon.

Nelta Musgrove ate lunch with Geneva Norwood Saturday and Geneva had her family. Jake Daugherty and Stephen Norman as dinner guests Sunday.

Morris Cox spent Friday and Saturday with Velma Cox. They visited Joe Bailey Williams and Walker Devlin. Velma visited Dora Hester Wednesday.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Craig and Andrea Slakey went to Frisco to shop Saturday.

The Deport Little Dribblers basketball teams played Roxton Saturday at Prairiland gym.

Several from the community watched the fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls and boys play. Those playing from Cunningham were Kely Mowery, Jenna Patterson, Nancy Smith, Jessee Davis, Layton Norwood, Ryan Ford, Brett Watson, Susan Anderson and Landon Suyrus.

Frankie Norwood went to A&M Tuesday to pick up chickens for the Houston Livestock Show.

### Enrollment is up at PJC

There is apparently no enrollment record too big to be broken at Paris Junior College.

Spring enrollment at the college has surpassed 3,000 students for the first time in history. A total of 3,021 students are enrolled at Paris Junior College, breaking the old spring semester record of 2,903 set in 1999.

"These are the kinds of records we like to see broken," said Paris Junior College President Bobby Walters. "I am extremely pleased that people are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn at our institution - to pursue a degree or improve their job skills."

The record enrollment is an 8 percent increase over last year, exceeding the spring 2001 count by 227 students, and surpasses the spring 2000 enrollment by 396 students.

According to Institutional Research Director Dr. Jerry Hammack, this is only the second time that enrollment has exceeded 3,000 students. The first time was the fall semester of 1998 when 3,068 students enrolled at the college.

Walters said enrollment showed an increase in both the academic and technical/vocational disciplines of the college. Contact

hours are up significantly in the academic departments and are showing an increase in the technical and vocational areas for the first time in a while.

"We have more individuals enrolled in technical programs this spring which is a good sign that people are working toward improving their job opportunities," Walters said. "It is equally apparent that we have a growing number of people pursuing an academic degree who plan to transfer to a four year college."

"I think all of this growth in numbers and interest in educational advancement speaks well of our institution, our faculty and staff who work daily with the students. Students are increasingly aware that they can obtain an excellent education at Paris Junior College."

Looking toward summer and fall enrollment, PJC Admissions Director Sheila Reese says students will have the opportunity to register for the first and second summer semesters and for the fall semester on May 28. She said more students are taking advantage of the opportunity to register in advance during that sign-up period.

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