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What defines your life?

I apologize for last week's negative, overloaded column. You actually have to live through one of those "nightmare" weeks to understand how bad it can get! If I snapped at anyone, I apologize. Things are better this week, except for the prospect of surgery on that torn rotator cuff!

I came in on the tail end of a movie the other night. I don't have a clue what it was called, or about, except that John Travolta was an attorney who had literally lost everything he had over some case.

But what stuck in my mind was the closing scene, where a judge asked him "where did the money, the homes, the cars, the securities and stock portfolios go? In other words, sir, where did the things that define your life go to?" The camera fades away as he simply looks at her.

Well, that set me to thinking, as little things often do.

What do I define my life with?

I can tell you right now it isn't money, or possessions.

Nice cars and clothes are all great. When we can afford vacations they are wonderful, and at least serve the purpose of being a great stress reliever. Huge houses are okay, but I wouldn't trade my frame, country house for any one I've ever seen, because of the birds and wildlife, our cattle and dogs and cats and the joy of a peaceful evening.

No, I define my life by my family and my friends...and what I do for a living.

I am part of my immediate family, my brothers, my sister-in-laws, my nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

I am a part of my cousin's life, and she a part of mine.

Then, there are friends. Not the friends you wave a casual "hi" to, but those you can literally phone at 4:00 in the morning when you need them. And, I have several of those, and they are precious indeed.

There are those loyal people who not only work for and with us, but who are our friends also. When things are rough, they throw themselves into the breach and somehow, week after week, together we make it all come out right.

I define myself as a newspaper editor and publisher in small towns. I'm proud of it, prouder than if I worked on a big daily.

And, my volunteer work counts, too. As a First Responder I define myself as someone who wants to help their community. I consider my involvement and support of Volunteer Fire Departments an important part of life in a small town.

And, I consider myself as a of where I live, and all the towns we serve. The well being of each town is vital to me.

No, I don't "define" myself by my car, my house or my income. I am not a financial statement...I am a human who loves people! How do you define yourself? Around here I don't know many people who are their car, or house, or financial statement, do you?

**EDITOR'S QUOTES**

What is past and what is to come are so tiny compared to what is inside of us.

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, May 2, 2002 50¢

## Bond election is this Saturday, intense competition for open places on Prairiland Board

This Saturday, May 4th, voters in the Prairiland School District will vote on two "firsts". One will be a bond election that would provide for the building of a new High School, using the old High School as a Junior High and renovating buildings at both the Blossom and Deport campuses, the other issue will be to vote on school board members who have

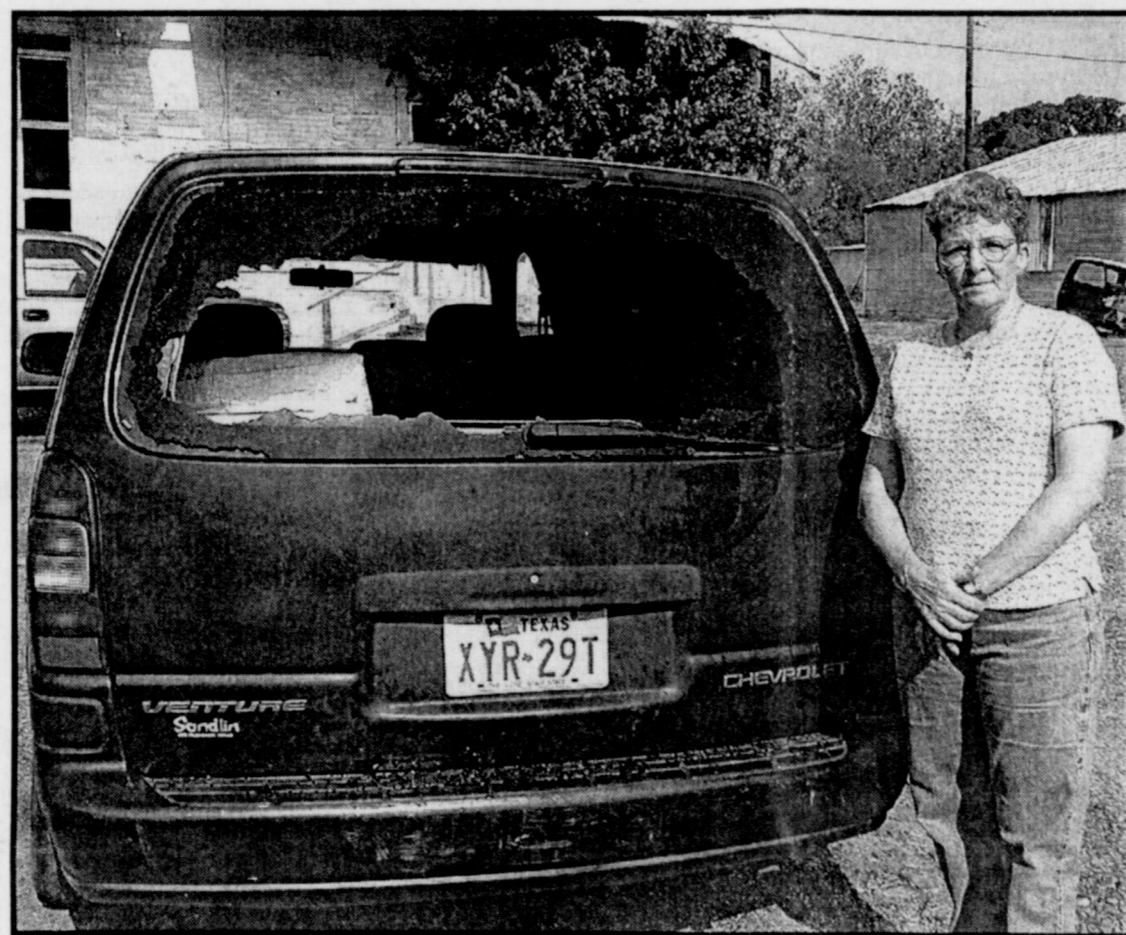
"cross filed" for the first time. Prairiland ISD Board of Trustees have a full slate as every opening has a challenger in the upcoming May 4th election.

Liz Irwin and Earl Unruh are challenging incumbent Michael Sessums for Place 2.

Tracy Crawford is challenging incumbent David Basinger for

Place 3 and place 6 is busiest of all. Incumbent Johnny Patterson is challenged by Kerry Murdock, Harold Morrison and Charles Gilbert.

Place 7 is a one-year unexpired term currently held by Shad Day. He is challenged by Willie Crossland, Tony Bowden and Wesley Davis.



**VANDALISM**-Several vehicle windows were broken out around Deport recently, including this one at Eddie's Service Center on Main Street. In addition, several United States Flags were burned on their poles in front yards. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

### Fire Belles breakfast is May 11

The Blossom Fire Belles breakfast will be Saturday, May 11 from 7 to 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the monthly breakfast go toward helping the fire department, community and needy families.



**FIRST PLACE**-Thunder Prairie Publishing won First Place in column writing at North and East Texas Press Association's competition April 20 in Jefferson. Nanalee Nichols' "Nichols Worth" column captured the award.

### Windows broken, flags burned

On Thursday and Friday of last week, Deport was plagued by vandals who did several disturbing things.

Windows in several vehicles around town were broken out, including a van at Eddie's Service Center. At least two American flags were set on fire. The flags

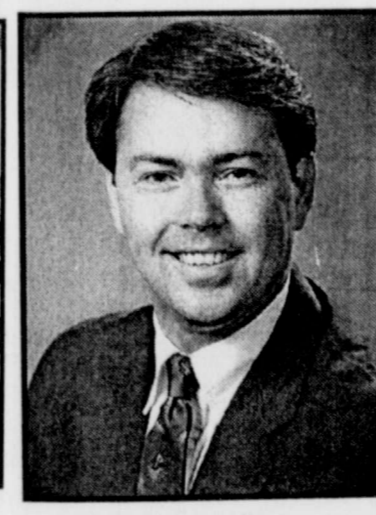
were on display in yards.

A special watch to discover who is perpetrating these acts is under way, and law enforcement officials are also on watch.

It is hoped that further acts of such unnecessary vandalism will not recur.



**MIKE FRANCIES** of the Thunder Prairie Publishing Staff displays the Second Place - Advertising award the newspapers won at North and East Texas Press Association competition last weekend in Jefferson.



**JACK BALLARD** shared a third place award with Nanalee Nichols at North and East Texas Press Association competition. His feature on his son's visit to D.C. Comics was one of two features entered by the Deport times into the competition.



**JIM IRWIN AND JOE BARRENTINE** dished out barbecue with all the trimmings to over 200 who showed up for the benefit for David Ford on Sunday. The lunch and auction raised over \$4600.00 for David's medical expenses. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

### Alumni turn out for benefit

The Prairiland High School Alumni Baseball game far exceeded everyone's goal. The event raised over \$1600.00 for David Ford of Cunningham, who has been diagnosed with cancer. The Prairiland Athletic Booster Club would like to take this time to thank the following for their donations and help; barbecue donated by Roger Daugherty, Sr., Michael Blackburn and Liz Irwin; and sno-cones and cotton candy donated by Blossom Girls Softball Association and parents and friends of David's who showed their support by coming out and working and coordinating this

game. Alumni players present were: Larry Smith, Roger Daugherty, Robby Connot, Joel Ballard, Tony Duncan, Mark Farris, Heath Kennedy, Matt Cavender, Randy Connot, Jason Draper, Scott Scudder, Quinn Sessums, Mike Connot, Clifton Hughes and Jeff Kennedy. Also, Murray Riddles, Bill Scudder, Trevor Upchurch, Darrell Loveless, Mike Yaross, Chris Sparks, Jonathan Martin, Kyle Malone, Chris Malone, Rick Connot, Drew Riddles, Chad Whitley, Jason Pasquill, John Dusenberry, David Ford and Ronnie Baker.

### Two vie for Mayors position in Deport

This Saturday, May 4th, Deport citizens will get the chance to vote for the mayor and council members of their choice. Incumbent Deport Mayor Charles Foster has been challenged by Deport resident Gilbert Arriaga.

Longtime council members

Duane Glover is running for reelection. Newcomer Crystal Folsie is running for the council.

Early voting continues from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Deport City Hall this week.



### Come shop and eat, have fun, raise funds this weekend in Deport!

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department is having a Trades Day on Saturday, May 4th.

Anyone wishing to have a booth on Main Street may do so at no charge. All sales are the booth holder's to keep and set up is on a first come, first serve basis.

A number of booth holders are already committed, including a "balloon" game that charges children a small fee to give them the chance to win prizes, several crafters and flea marketers.

There will be coffee and sausage and biscuits for sale at the Fire Station that morning, and at lunch there will be hamburgers and hot dogs for sale at the Fire Station.

In addition, there will be an enormous garage sale at the Fire Station, which is located at the north end of Main Street in De-

port. The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The drawing will be held to award the painting done by Dr. T.H. Glover at noon that Saturday. Anyone wanting to may make a \$1 donation to the Deport VFD and earn the chance to win this beautiful painting. A table will be set up for people to make those "last minute donations" before the drawing is held.

Money raised from the fire department sale and food sales and painting will go to benefit the department.

Everyone is welcome to come and sell their items, or to come out and shop!

Last minute donations for the fire department garage sale can be made by calling the Deport times at 652-4205, or any volunteer fire fighter.

### Rabies and vaccination clinic set for May 18 in at Deport ball field

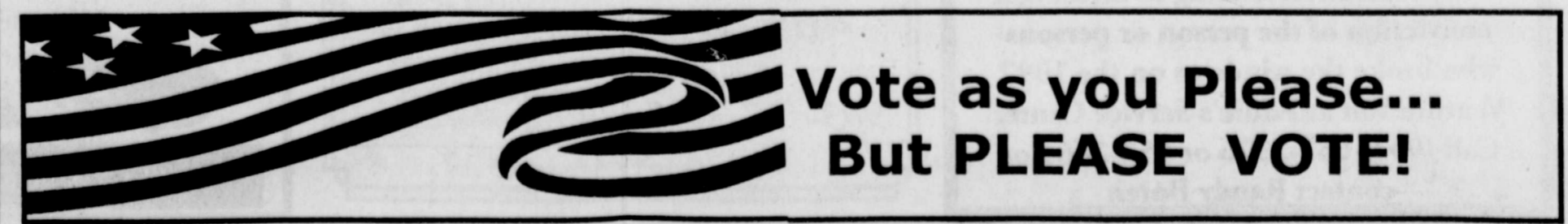
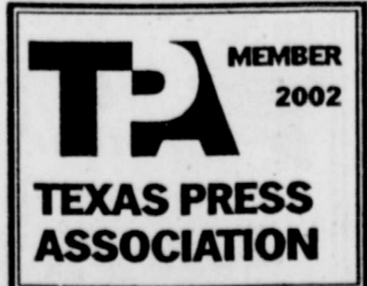
There will be a Rabies and vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on May 18th at the Roy Davis ball field just west of Deport on Hwy. 271 May 18.

The clinic will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 P.M., and will

be conducted by Dr. James C. Love.

Remember, rabies is very serious all every pet should be vaccinated for it.

In addition, there will be a flea and tick dip on the same day.





*Country Cooking*  
By Liz Irwin



From time to time, I have calls requesting easy, simple casserole dishes that can be made for the family and do not take a lot of time and preparation. Those are my kind of recipes. I found some that sound really good and might fill the bill.

Ingredients can be substituted to your families liking and now that the gardens are up and growing, fresh vegetables may also be added. Just use your imagination. The Cornbread-Beef Bake calls for black beans, we enjoy the Ranch Style beans more, but just use what your family enjoys.

All call for ingredients that you will have on hand and can easily fit into your budget for easy and economical preparation. Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

**CORNBREAD-BEEF BAKE**-this is one that will appeal to all of the guys....its loaded with lots

of rib-sticking ingredients and easy for the ladies to prepare!

**KEILBASA-VEGETABLE STEW**-this makes a mouth-watering dish with lots of color and flavor....fast too!

**LAYERED CHICKEN SALAD**-this one will be good when the weather gets warmer and you need something light and filling!

**BAKED TACO SANDWICH**-quick and easy and all you need for a meal is more cheese, sour cream, lettuce and tomatoes....can be made ahead and stored in refrigerator for 24 hours!

**HAM AND POTATO BAKE**-can be spiced up with more red pepper and also made ahead of time for a quick meal in minutes!

**ROASTED CHICKEN WITH POTATOES**-serve with a salad and your family will love you for it!

Thursday, May 2, 2002

**Cornbread-Beef Bake**

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion-chopped
- 14-1/2 ounce can Mexican-style stewed tomatoes-undrained
- 15 oz. can black beans-rinse & drain
- 8 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 11-1/2 ounce can cornbread twists

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook beef and onion in 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium heat 8-10 minutes; stirring occasionally until beef is brown; drain. Stir in tomatoes, beans, tomato sauce, corn, chili powder and heat to boiling. Immediately top with cornbread twists left in round shape-do not unwind. Press down gently. Bake uncovered 35-40 minutes or until cornbread is golden brown.

**Keilbasa-Vegetable Stew**

- 1 medium red onion-cut into thin wedges
- 145-1/2 ounce can stewed tomatoes-drain
- 6 small red potatoes-cut into fourths
- 2 medium carrots-cut into 2-1/4 inch strips
- 1/2 pound fully cooked Polish sausage or Kielbasa
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh or 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups coarsely chopped cabbage or coleslaw mix

Spray 12-inch non-stick skillet and heat over medium. Cook onion 2-3 minutes and stir occasionally until tender-crisp. Stir in tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, sausage, marjoram and pepper. Heat to boiling; reduce to medium-low and cover to cook for 10 more minutes. Stir in cabbage. Cover and cook 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender.

**Layered Chicken Salad**

- 1 package salad mix
- 1 small zucchini-slice thin
- 10 ounces chunk chicken-drain
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup pimiento-stuffed salad olives
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup frozen green peas-rinse and drain
- tomato wedges
- sprigs of parsley

Layer salad mix in bowl with zucchini, chicken, onion and olives. Spread mayonnaise over olives, sealing to edge of bowl. Sprinkle with cheese and peas. Toss just before serving and garnish with tomatoes and parsley.

**Baked Taco Sandwich**

- 1 pound ground beef
- envelope taco seasoning
- 1 cup baking mix
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 3/4 cup shredded cheese
- sour cream
- shredded lettuce for four
- chopped tomatoes

Grease square 8x8x2 pan. Cook beef as directed on envelope of taco seasoning. Mix baking mix and cold water until smooth; spread in pan. Spread beef mixture over dough. Heat oven to 450 degrees and bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Immediately sprinkle with cheese. Serve with remaining ingredients.

**Ham and Potato Bake**

- 1 package shredded hash browns
- 1 cup fully cooked ham
- 1 cup seasoned croutons
- 11 ounce can Cheddar soup
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper sauce

Grease rectangle baking dish 11x7x1-1/2 and spread potatoes on bottom. Sprinkle ham and croutons on this. Beat soup, eggs, milk and pepper sauce until blended. Pour over ingredients and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes until top is light brown and center is set.

**Roasted Chicken and Potatoes**

- 6 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 pound small red potatoes
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cloves fresh garlic
- chopped chives for garnish

Heat oven to 350 degrees and grease shallow pan 15-1/2 x 10-1/2 x 1 inch. Place chicken and potatoes in pan. Mix remaining ingredients except chives and brush over chicken and potatoes. Bake uncovered 30-35 minutes or until potatoes are tender and juice of chicken is no longer pink. Sprinkle with chives.

**RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS**



This week's query is from Sandra McDaniel, 10307 Hwy. 43 North, Northport, AL 35473. She would like to contact others working on the McCarley and Langston families of Alabama who married into the Patton family. These families may have moved with the Robert Patton family to Lamar or Red River County. Betsy Patton married John McCarley and Peggy Patton married Thomas McCarley and Sarah Patton married Isaac Newton Langston. They all married in Kentucky and apparently all later lived in northern Alabama. She has not been able to locate them in Alabama records and thinks they may have moved to Texas. Sandra is a descendant of Andrew Patton, younger brother of Robert Patton, who moved to Lamar County and settled in what is now called Pattonville. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



**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.

\*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

\*Make plans now to attend a dance at the VFW on May 18, 2002. The N2K Band will provide music for the occasion. Come out and shake a leg or just enjoy listening and visiting with friends.

**Ms. Brodie Bell dies April 24**

Ms. Brodie Bell, age 104 of Deport, died in the Deport Nursing Home on Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Deport with Reverends C.G. Renfro and Ted Willis officiating. Burial was to be made in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes has charge of the arrangements.

She was born in Deport, on November 17, 1897, the daughter of Sam H. and Iris Grant Bell. Ms. Bell retired from the Deport Post Office in 1967, after 50 years of service, beginning in 1917 when she worked for her father, who was Postmaster at the time. She was a long-time member of the Deport United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters, Cora Bell on September 6, 1982; John G. Bell on March 20, 1993; Doris Norwood on March 31, 1996 and Reecy Kelsey on January 4, 2001.

Surviving is a niece, Martha Glover and husband Duane of Deport; two nephews, Dr. Sammy Kelsey and wife Suzy of Deport and Frank Norwood and wife Eileen of Katy; great-nieces and nephews, Marilyn Glover of Deport, Betsy Chapman and husband Jerome of Deport, David Glover of Deport, Joe Travis Kelsey and wife Kim of Bogata; Connie Dodd and husband Skip of Paris, Mary Elizabeth Anderson and husband Matt of Dallas, John David Norwood and wife Leslie of Orlando, FL and Paul Norwood and wife Kimberly of Kansas; these great-great-nieces and nephews, Ty Merritt, Peyton Chapman, Phillip Dodd, Carter Kelsey, Katherine Norwood, Amanda Norwood, and Mathew Norwood.

**John A. McGowan dies April 28**

John A. McGowan, age 80 of Oklahoma City, Ok died Sunday, April 28 in Bellview Nursing Home in Oklahoma City.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Paris with Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Wood Funeral Home of Bogata had charge of arrangements.

Mr. McGowan was born January 7, 1922 in Jasper, TX the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGowan. He was retired from the Curtis-Mathes Company and was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Battle of the Bulge and Normandy Invasion.

He is survived by his wife, Lavern McGowan of Oklahoma City; one son, Ronnie McGowan of Lovelady; two sisters, Louise Miller of Silsbee and Bernice Ponder of Kirbyville and one brother, Delbert McGowan.

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414 N. Main Bogata, TX

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Louise Mauldin wishes to thank everyone for all of your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and thoughtfulness during the illness and loss of our Mother and daughter.

Mauna Kidd and the Mauldin Family

**PLEASE NOTICE**

If you would like an obituary placed in these five newspapers and you are dealing with an out of town funeral home, please let them know. Or, if you would like an obituary run, you may send it to Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435 (FAX) (903) 652-6041 Phone (903) 652-4205 There is a nominal \$10 charge for obituaries. This places them in all five of the Thunder Prairie Publications

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508 Monroe Deport, TX

**Mrs. Russle McConnell dies April 27**

Mrs. Russle Franklin McConnell, age 90 of Bogata died Saturday, April 27 at her residence.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 29 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

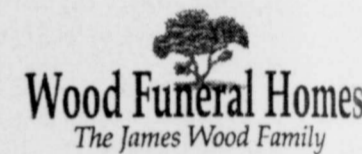
Mrs. McConnell as born September 6, 1911 in Red River County near Rugby, the daughter of two prominent pioneer families, David Edward Franklin and Lola Roach Franklin. She married John David McConnell May 31, 1931 and he was her devoted husband for 45 years, preceding her in death May 7, 1976.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Leon "Frankie" Hurtin 1993 and a brother, Charles Franklin in 2000.

She is survived by a son, John David McConnell, Jr. of Bogata; two daughters, Patricia McConnell Crockett of Bogata and Barbara Bower of Houston; two grandchildren, Catherine Bower of Austin and Marc Bower and his wife Stacey of Gunter; a great-grandson, Daylan Bower; and a sister, Mrs. Billie Bishop of Bogata.

The family requests memorials be made to the Bogata Cemetery Association.

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**Card of Thanks**

We are most grateful for the many kind deeds done for us upon Vernon Fogleman's death including Clarksville Funeral Home, Rev. Lee Everett's sermon, Dr. Ralph L. Brown's eulogy, the luncheon given in Marsh Fellowship Hall-Martin Memorial United Methodist Church and Woodland United Methodist, the lovely floral tributes, memorials, phone calls and visits all represented genuine love and caring and the kindness demonstrated will always be remembered.

With gratitude, The Vernon Fogleman Family

**Royal Southern Miss & Master Pageant to be held in Bogata, Tx.**

Gale Moats, Director and La Boutique Dress Shop of Paris, Tx. bring the Royal Southern Miss and Master Pageant to Bogata, Tx.

The pageant will be held Sunday, May 5, 2002 at the old Bogata School gym located at the corner of North Howison and N.W. 2nd St. in Bogata. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m. with the pageant beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Registration forms may be picked up at the following locations:

La Boutique Dress Shop in Paris, Tx.; Guaranty Bank Bogata, Rivercrest Elementary and High School Offices.

Admission to the event will be \$5.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child over 6 years of age. The admission fee will be awarded to the contestants in the pageant. Girls and boys of all ages are encouraged to participate. For more information contact Roland Screws in Bogata.

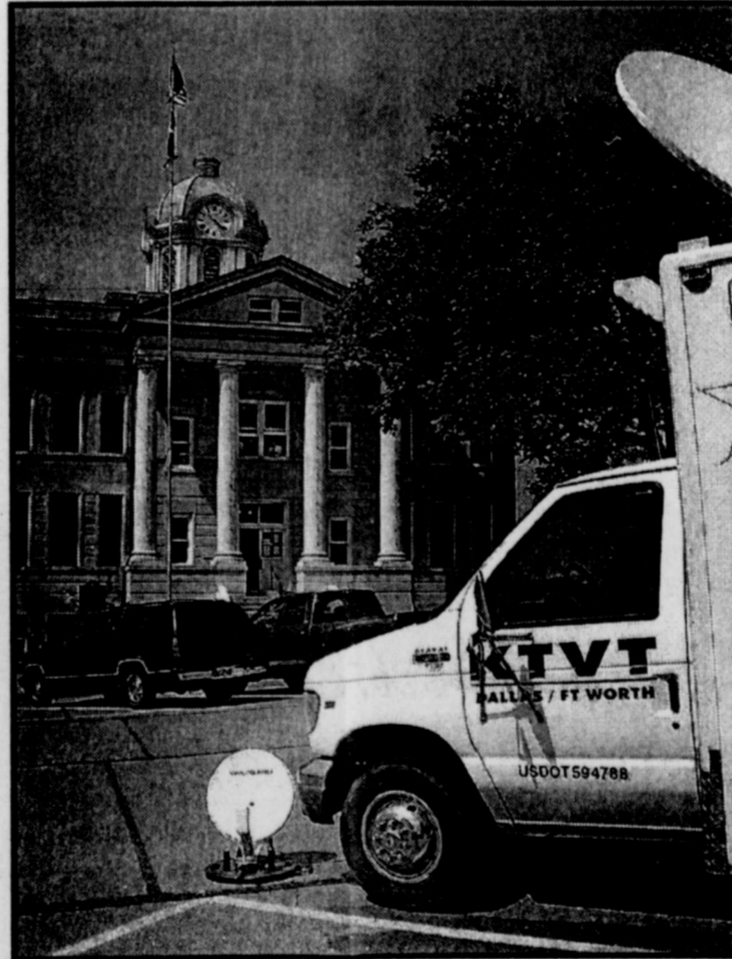
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For information leading to arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke the windows on the 1997 Venture Van at Eddie's Service Center Call (903) 652-2376 or 652-2664 or contact Randy Boren



MAJOR TRIAL-Mt. Vernon has been busy this week as the trial of one of the infamous "Texas Seven" member, Michael Rodriguez continues. All the major networks have been on hand, as well as Associated Press and many others to cover the trial. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

*Keeping an Eye on Texas*

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Letter to Editor

To the Parents, Grandparents and Community of Prairiland ISD,

This coming Saturday, we will have the opportunity to cast our vote for or against a proposed Bond to build a new high school, remodel the current high school facility into a junior high and remodel the elementary campuses at Blossom and Deport. For years the Prairiland school board members and administrators have worked diligently to provide a safe, secure and clean learning environment for our children. With the coming of the technology age which required rooms of computer labs; the state mandate for smaller class sizes; and the various other mandates, it has been a constant struggle to find and provide adequate space for the students. Must improvising and sacrificing has taken place by teachers, students and administration. Now we have the opportunity through a bond program to build, repair and provide school campuses for our children that will equal any facilities in the state. If we, as a district, vote to approve this bond program, we have the opportunity to receive around .70 cents on the dollar from the state to help pay for the program. If for some reason, the district does not receive the money from the State, the facilities would not be built even though we had voted to pass a Bond. To qualify for the money, our district must first show it is willing to do its part. In my 32 years in the Prairiland district you, the people that make up this great district, were always there to lend help and support to whatever the children needed. I do believe that the children of the Prairiland district need and deserve the facilities that can be provided if we pass this Bond. Sincerely,  
L.C. Stout

Prairiland board to canvass votes Tuesday

The Prairiland ISD board of Trustees will have a special meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at \*10:00 P.M. of the Administration Building at Pattonville. On the agenda are the following items:  
1. Invocation, call to order, determination of quorum  
2. Approval of minutes  
3. Public comment  
4. Business:  
A. Old business  
B. New business  
1. Canvass the votes from the May 4th Bond Election  
2. Canvass the votes from the May 4th School Board Election.  
5. Adjournment.

Dear Editor,

My name is Denise Isom and I live on Bevil Street, just around the corner from the Elementary School. For the last several weeks, I have been talking to various citizens of Deport and the surrounding area about the uncontrollable problem of loose or abandoned animals in the area. It seems every day, I speak to someone that has had a resent problem with a loose or abandoned animal. Just last week, I was asked by a nearby neighbor to borrow a large dog kennel to keep a stray wolf puppy that was found wandering the Monroe Street area. I, for one, am very concerned when wild animals become unwanted pets. Has this animal had shots? Did you know it is against the law to have a wild animal in captivity without a permit? Did you know it is against the law to have an animal that has not been vaccinated against rabies in the State of Texas? And did you know that you could pay a fine of up to \$2,000 for abandoning an animal? And also you could possibly be imprisoned for repeatedly abandoning animals. And most of all, did you know that the highest rate of rabies have been reported in North Texas among both domestic and wild animals? Have you or your children been playing with this animal? I would like to urge all animal owners to please have your animals spayed or neutered and always keep their shots current and try to keep them contained to your yard. And I would like to ask all citizens of Deport to start reporting animal abandonment to law officials. Stray animals, both cats and dogs, have become almost epidemic in Deport and it is up to the citizens of Deport to control this matter. We need a solution to this problem. Perhaps we could share our ideas with our local city government. Elections are being held this weekend. This would be a perfect time to find out how our city council would like to approach this matter. Thank you,  
Denise Isom

Parents Meeting set for May 9th at Prairiland

There will be a meeting for Parents of Eighth grade children in the Prairiland school system on May 9th, at 6:30 P.M., at Prairiland High School. This meeting is for both parents of students from both Blossom and Deport campuses and it's purpose is to help parents plan for the next four years of high school. The various plans for high school graduation and much other information will be explained during the meeting.



FLAG POLE DEDICATION-The new flag pole at the Deport Volunteer Fire Station was dedicated last Thursday morning and a plaque put up in appreciation to North East Texas Resource Conservation & Development. From left are: Mayor and President of NTRC&D Charles Foster, Fireman and council man Mike Francies, and Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols and First Responder Sunny Whitney. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc. reports first quarter results

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc., parent company of Guaranty Bank, reported first quarter earnings of \$982,000 or basic and dilutive earnings per share of \$0.33, up \$244,000 or 33.1% compared to the same comparable quarter in 2001. Non interest expense increased \$225,000 or 6.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2002 compared to \$992,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$5,000 or 0.5%. Salary and benefits expense increased to \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002 from \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$187,000 or 9.7%. Full time staff equivalent increased to 193 in March 31, 2002 from 191 at March 31, 2001. In addition to the small staff increase, benefit such as insurance, retirement and taxes also showed increases of \$56,000 or 8.7% during the two comparable quarters. Occupancy and other operating expenses remained steady for the two comparative quarters due to cost controls established and put into force by the Company. Shareholders' equity was \$232.6 million at March 31, 2002. Tier 1 capital was equal to 8.02% of assets. For the three months ended March 31, 2002, on an annualized basis, the Company realized a return on assets of 0.86% and a return on equity of 12.20% versus 0.72% and 9.90% respectively for the three months ended March 31, 2001.

**May 4th VOTE LIZ IRWIN For Place 2 Prairiland ISD Board**

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Place 7  
Prairiland ISD  
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I have been a part of the Pattonville area for 35 years and have worked with different organizations within the school system. I will work to represent everyone in the district and support the education of our children.  
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**PATTONVILLE NEWS**

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Yvonne Gray, Juanita Davis, Logan Sparks, Randy O'Brien, John Whitney, Raymond King, Karie Bove, Russ Stidham, Marissa Hodgkiss, Russell Ham, Pat Ham, Kendra Blackburn, April Good, Justin McDowra, Josh Fendley, Brittany Bailey, Brittany Harris, Bradley Brown, Mark Murdock, Mike Ragan, Trista Reeves, Jeremiah Jones.

Happy anniversary to Al and Angie Ricardi, Buster and Lousie Crossland, Bernard and Peggy Breland and Bryan and Brenna Gifford.

Rebecca Murdock, daughter of Kerry and Sandy Murdock was given a surprise birthday party in the home of Caralyn Corso. Classmates attending were Leah Broen, Jenni Ballard, Mallory Owens, Amber Sugg, Alicia Lang, Jay Kurt McKee, Rachel Murdock, Minda Corso and Lance Ballard, Tony and Karen Corso.

S.C. Short is at the home of his sister, Henrietta Watts in Paris after being dismissed from Christus North.

Debbie Currin, Tonya Hunter, Christian, Dani and Jeremy went to Gainesville and Sherman shopping.

John and Claudia Whitney, Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Dani and Jeremy spent Wednesday night in Grand Prairie and ate at Joe's Crab Shack. They enjoyed the Ft. Worth Zoo on Thursday. The children helped their grandparents, John and Claudia in the garden while they were out for spring break.

Frances Anderson and Peggy Parsons attended Christus St. Josephs Auxiliary Spring Awards Banquet on Wednesday at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

*Don't thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.*  
---Benjamin Franklin

Nina Sparks, Mary Jo Hughes, Dean Smolarz, Dora Jones, Virginia Gibbs, Christine Dickinson, Rosa Lee Emerson, Ophelia Payne, Lillian Hickman, Virginia Reed and Peggy Parsons were among those attending the Paris Noon Study Club's Luncheon and Book Review "Tender to the Bone" by Dr. Patricia Wysong of McKinney Saturday at Calvary Methodist Church in Paris.

Keith Parsons visited his sisters, Elaine Roberts and Marcy Campbell in Paris Sunday.

An overflow crowd attended the benefit barbecue lunch served Sunday noon by members of the Prairiland Class of 1998 in the PHS Cafeteria to help with medical expenses of their classmate David Ford, who is undergoing chemotherapy.

Katie Evans of the Prairiland FFA won Reserve Champion with her rabbits at the Lamar County Junior Livestock Show. She is the daughter of James and Marla Evans and granddaughter of Nora McDowra. Katie is a third grader at Deport.

Hallie Bolton, daughter of Brent and Deborah Bolton and granddaughter of Norris and Marilyn Bolton won Reserve Champion in Dairy at the Junior Livestock Show last week.

Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons visited Freeman Safford in Paris and Mike and Elois Sparks in Deport.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins were Micky Keener, Barbara Dawson, Inez Weaver of Paris, Kathy Grant of CA, Sandy Ring, Heather Anderson and Ashleigh McLean.

Barbara Dawson visited Rita Cox at the Pattonville Post office on Thursday.



**Deport Locals**

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Hazel Nobles Randolph, former Deport resident, has fallen and is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mona Leta in Denton. Hazel will be 90 years old November 18. She can be reached at 2226 N. Locust, Denton, TX 76209.

Happy birthday to Kenda Allen Blackburn, Nicholas Scott Tisdale, Weston Blaze Burns, Joshua Dawson, Juanita Davis, Wendy Cave, Russell Ham, Charles Reavis, Eddie Don Pickering, Liberty Huddleston, Breah Sessums, John Whitney, Pat Ham, Cindy Penn, Jennie Hays, Mike Ragan, Amanda Beard, Toney Leroy Reid, Kyle Wright, Steven Austin, Susan Gossett, Tyler Young, Aimee Driggers, Lauren Moses, Logan Sparks, Koleton Stephens.

Happy anniversary to Chasity and Clay Francis, Diana and David Hutchings, Brennan and Bryan Gifford.

Marianne Ladd, Lucille Pickering, Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Sue Malone, Lewis Ingram, Faye Ausmus, James

Cunningham, Jackie Hart, Marylon Huml, Dorothy Calloway, Clemmie Money, Ethel Pomroy, Ray and Iva Lee Kenemer, Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Sarah Smith, Earlene McFatrige, Ruth Welch, Ken Bolton, Judy Skidmore, Marcy Campbell, Weldon and Joyce Smith were among those honored with service pins and hour bars at the Christus St. Joseph's Auxiliary Spring Awards Banquet held April 24.

Juanita Davis and Clara Stalls spent several days in Branson, MO last week with a group from Prime Time in Paris.

Guests of James and Sunny Whitney are Earl and Wanda Oliver of Las Vegas, NE.

A Ashley Ford, Chisum 4-H, was selected Lamar County Junior Livestock Show Queen and Olivia Fouse, Lamar County 4-H Horse Club was selected Lamar County Junior Livestock Show Princess. Dicky and Jayne King and thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Texarkana Saturday night to eat.

**Program to help schools  
prepare for possible terrorism**

For the schools in and around Paris, emergency management, law enforcement: Help Schools Prepare for Possible Terrorism. The U.S. Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and FBI present this program to help the nation's schools prepare for possible biological, chemical, or radiological terrorist threats in their vicinities. It also will answer questions, update information, and explain the role of partnering agencies in the event of possible biological, chemical, or radiological threats (hoaxes or actual attacks). Will also describe how to revise school emergency response plans to address possible threats. This program is appropriate for school superintendents, principals, nurses, other school faculty and staff, Public Safety Directors, and any other interested commu-

nity members. Additional information can be found at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/schools?#reg>. This will be broadcast on 5/15, 12:00 to 2:00 in the Education Annex 855 E. Austin Street, behind CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Hospital, South Campus.

Live Response - Technology as a Force Multiplier. From the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute of St. Petersburg College, a discussion that explores topics related to Weapons of Mass Destruction and consequence management, proper use and understanding of available technologies as a valuable way to enhance existing response plans and preparedness. More information can be found at <http://terrorism.spjc.edu/>. This program will air on 5/22, 1:00 - 2:00 in the Education Annex.



**TIM PEIMANN** is the new Administrator at Deport Nursing Home. He assumed his duties on April 22. I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Gerontology from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1995. In 1996, I became a Licensed Nursing Facility Administrator and first operated a nursing facility in the town of Roscoe, Tx. Most recently I was employed at Riverwood Healthcare and Rehabilitation and resided in Madisonville, Tx. I have one child, a four-year-old named Grant. He says "The Deport Nursing Home residents, staff and families have given me a warm welcome and I have enjoyed getting to know everyone."

**Milton  
News**

*Mattyly Upchurch*  
Betty Martin of Paris visited Elizabeth Bell Sunday afternoon. Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents Dorothy and James Holt, Saturday. James Cunningham of Paris visited Mary Elaine Lawler Thursday afternoon. Bob Marshall visits his wife Buena, several times a week, who is in nursing home in Terrell, Texas. Dorothy Holt visited her brother-in-law Harry D. Wilson, who was in hospital in Paris, last Thursday. Tabatha Purcella of Okla. City visited her grandmother Velma and John Temple, Monday. Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the week-end with her parents Edna and Frank Lee. Kay Preston of Minter and Tim Parks of Faught spent Sunday with Dorothy and James Holt. Air Force Airmen Steve Upchurch and James McClenden of Shepard Air Base in Wichita Falls and Don Upchurch of Paris had lunch with Mattylu Upchurch and Mary Elaine Lawler, Saturday.

**Post Oak  
News**  
By Geneva Lee  
952-5309

Bro. Henry Blackmon's parents from Arkansas spent the weekend with the family and attended church here with them Sunday. Loyd Dvidson fell at his home Sunday, April 21 and had to have the rescue unit get him up. He has been doing better than he had been for a while. He has had some blackouts and was going to Dallas to see if they could find his problem. Mrs. Bonnie Flatt is having gall bladder surgery this week. We wish her well. I talked to Patti Ross Risigner last week and she had two good weeks. She needs our prayers as she has lots of health problems. Steve and Donna Adkinas have been working cleaning brush on the place they have bought on the Ben Runyon place, known by older people as the gin corner. Ora Blessingame of Ft. Worth came Saturday to spend a week with her sister, Nora and Claude Tyler. There hasn't been much change in Nora's condition. The regular May monthly meeting of the Post Oak Fire Department will be Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the fire station. All interested are encouraged to attend. Mrs. Louise Cagle came home from the nursing home where she had therapy last Tuesday. She is eating good and up part of the time and seems to be doing real good. Her son, Rayford from Burnet is here with her for a few days. He reports that it is real dry and they need rain where he lives.

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**BRIGHTENING** the Nursing Home. Members of the Deport Brownie Troops planted bright flowers in the beds in front of the Deport Nursing Home Tuesday afternoon. From left are Courtney Filkins, Ashley Thomas, Brittany Bolin and Laura Brooks. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

**Deport Housing Authority News**



call Melba Ladd

Melba Ladd recently spent two days at Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches training on new regulations and reporting requirements that have been set up by U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Dorothy Bailey, Executive Director from Blossom Housing Authority, went to the training with Melba.

The monthly bingo/birthday party was held April 24 at the Community Room in the Glover units. Those attending were Eunice Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Irene Grogan, Lloyd Grogan, Evelyn Roach, Eulene Nicholas, Alma Scaff, Frances Franklin, Gladys W. Reid, Maud Webb and Phyllis Gifford.

The next gathering will be a special luncheon furnished by the Housing Authority to celebrate Mother's Day on May 8.

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**A Honor Roll**

First grade: Dennis Crawford, Maycee Hagood, Pamela Hess, Chelsey Kelley, Drew Osborne, Skylar Ragan, Sydney Ragan, Rachel Witherspoon.

Second grade: Sarah Golden, Kastley Greer, Kelcey Klingler, Dustin Martin, Lindsay Murdock, Colton Reynolds, Alecia Bailey, Tessa Steffenson.

Third grade: Catrina Elliot, Kati Effans, Katie Golden, Ryan Harrell, Jessica Nichols.

Fourth grade: Wesley Murdock, Lily Norwood.

Fifth grade: Josey Francis, Layton Norwood, Danci Smith, Christian Elliot, Jeremiah Howington, Kaylee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Jenna Patterson.

Sixth grade: Joey Ballard, Kayshia Ballard, Kelci Crawford, Regan Harrell, Tiffany Lehman, Landon Syrus, Ben Dickinson, Paige Freeman, Sarah Murdock, Justin Pitcock, Megan Spann.

Seventh grade: Lacie Cole, Amanda Mathews, Leah Cathey, Kalee Graham, Hall Screws.

Eighth grade: Lance Ballard, Weston Drinnon, Justin Wright, Caralyn Corso, Alicia Lang, Dana Speir.

**A-B Honor Roll**

First grade: Lroyn Gibson, Karley Tucker, Jared Bolin, Coedy Malone, Conrad Martin, Tyler Plemons, Donald Rogers, Savannah Smith, Michelle Taylor, Wesley Watkins.

Second grade: Heath Elrod, Steve Melvin, Kaylynn Patterson, Meia Perry, Amanda Rick, Magen Bove, Leedon Burnett, Dakota Davidson, Bethany Prichard, Janet Smoot,

Wesley Willis.

Third grade: Ashleigh Allen, Brittany Black, Jessica Cannon, Heather Darby, Autumn Hinkle, Andrea Holmes, Laney Jackson, Valerie Jackson, Shelby Richey, Makyzni Watson, Allison Wolf.

Fourth grade: David Barnes, Brittany Bolin, Lizzie Brunson, Reana Burnett, Dylan Cathey, Christian Hunter, Kelvin Mowery, Ashley Thomas, Justi Enox, Marissa Kindle, Katrina Malone, Payne Schuelke, Chase Stogsdill, Jayci Chaney.

Fifth grade: Glen Cruise, Ryan Ford, Ethan Ham, Lindsey Hoover, Josh Juneau, Jacob Malone, Hiely Owens, Hailey Spann, Jeffery Steffenson, Derek Tesch, Brett Watson, Jessica Whitt, Tyler Young, Stephen Allen, Abby Ball, Courtney Hargroves, Corey Haskel, Zach McCann, John Winters.

Sixth grade: Lisa Barnes, Blake Dockery, Erika Ham, Nisha Mitchell, Justin Thomas, Susan Anderson, Tanya Cave, John Francis, Casey Gibson, Paige Martin, Ashleigh McLean.

Seventh grade: Tenesa Brown, Cassie Brummett, Tommy Hughes, Brantly Morris, Charity Norwood, Hailey Norwood, Brandi Richey, Cody Sullivan, Angel Deanda, Jessica Fox, Amanda Proctor, Cole Smallwood, Blake Stogsdill, Brandi Swint, Bradley Watson, Chaz Wilson.

Eighth grade: Chelsey Cole, Ashley Ebarb, Mallory Owens, Amber Sugg, Josh Allen, Jenna Ballard, Josh Dooling, Brittany Filkins, Kelcey Howington, Jay Curt McKee, Rebecca Murdock, Lindsay Sugg, Kelly Thomas, Shane Wilson.

**Blossom Locals**

By Liz Irwin  
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Keleigh Burchinal, Josh Dawson, Stacy Harrison, McCleskey, Monica Price, Kevin Piliip, Brea Sessums, Brandon Atwell, Gearl Keys, Pecos McDonald, Josh Fendley, Trista Reves, Yvonne Gray, Justin McDowar, Chad Brown, Megan Jones, Ashley Rhodes, Stephen Long, Rodney Kraft, Morgan Burchinal, Ashley Outland, Britany Harris, Betty Johnson, Josh Cato, Luke Adams, Shannon Wilson, Amy Chapman.

Happy Anniversary to Johnny and Faye Shores!

Don't forget to vote Saturday. Board election and bond issue at Methodist Church and city elections at city hall!

Pam Wood spent Saturday in Mt. Pleasant visiting with Denise Bryson and to be with her on her birthday. Also visiting was Daphne and Delbert Thompson of Kemp.

Amanda Wood spent Saturday in Sherman visiting with George and Nancy Wood.

Brad and Rachel Barrentine were honored on Sunday with a

baby shower at the home of Kortnie and Lucas Roddy.

The benefit for David Ford was a huge success making over \$4600.00 for his medical expenses. Thanks go out to everyone who helped in anyway!

Joel, Trish and Jody Crawford of Blanchard, Oklahoma spent from Tuesday to Thursday visiting with Ruby Crawford.

Johnny and Faye Shores spent Sunday in Sparrow, Oklahoma visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shores.

Emma Willard traveled to Plano on Saturday to the home of Randy, Rhonda, Sandra and Ethan Rasberry. While there she attended a t-ball game of Ethan's and watched him play.

Renea and Kaleb Long visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard on Sunday evening.

Be sure to take the children out on the second Friday of each month to the Blossom Library. They feature a special reading program just for them. The next date is Friday, May, 10 and begins at 4:00 p.m.!

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**School Menu**

Deport Campus  
Week of May 6  
Monday

**Breakfast:**  
Waffles, syrup  
Milk  
**Lunch:**  
Hamburgers  
Potato chips  
Cake  
Peaches  
Milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast:**  
Biscuits, gravy, bacon  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Ground meat with macaroni  
Pinto beans  
Cornbread  
Peaches  
Milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast:**  
Cinnamon rolls  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Chicken fried steak  
Creamed potatoes  
Gravy  
Fried okra  
Bread  
Milk

Thursday

**Breakfast:**  
Breakfast pizza  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Chicken rollup  
Salad  
Refried beans  
Peanut butter cookies  
Milk

Friday

**Breakfast:**  
Cereal, oatmeal, toast, jelly  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Hot dogs  
Mexican bans  
Corn chips  
Milk



**School Menu**

Prairiland High School  
Week of May 6  
Monday

**Breakfast:**  
Breakfast burritos  
Fruit juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Burritos, chili/cheese sauce  
Mexican beans  
Salad  
Milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast:**  
Sausage, cheese, biscuit  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Spaghetti with meat sauce  
Corn  
Salad  
Crackers  
Cake  
Milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast:**  
Cinnamon rolls  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Salisbury steak  
Potatoes, gravy  
Broccoli /cheese  
Biscuits  
Milk

Thursday

**Breakfast:**  
Breakfast pizza  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Pinto tacos  
Salad  
Cobbler  
Milk

Friday

**Breakfast:**  
Cereal  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Hot dogs  
Pork and beans  
Corn chips  
Fruit  
Milk



**Cunningham News**

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Jeremiah Jones, Shelia Norwood, Shane Cole and Myrtle Morris.

There were benefits for David Ford at the Prairiland school and South Main Restaurant and Club Sunday. All proceeds to go David's medical expenses. He is in Temple this week for treatment.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were T.L., Carol and Brigitte Ladd.

Gary Gatlin from North Carolina was guest speaker at the Corner Stone weekend retreat.

Sunday dinner guests of Billie Joe and Georgia Oats were Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Kaylee Lane.

Erika Norwood and Heather

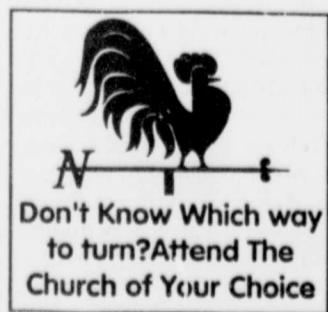
Fendley spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood, Mendi, Lacy and Kelby Cole joined them for Sunday lunch.

Canard and Delors Norwood ate supper with Teresa and Jamie Smith Sunday.

Geneva Norwood and Neva Oats went to Dallas shopping Saturday. Geneva had all of her family for Sunday lunch and dinner.

Seth Smith, son of Jamie and Teresa Smith, was in the hospital from Wednesday until Friday. He is home and doing well. Teresa and Kelly Mowery went to the movie Sunday.

Some of the men in the community began putting up the frame for the new fire station on Sunday.



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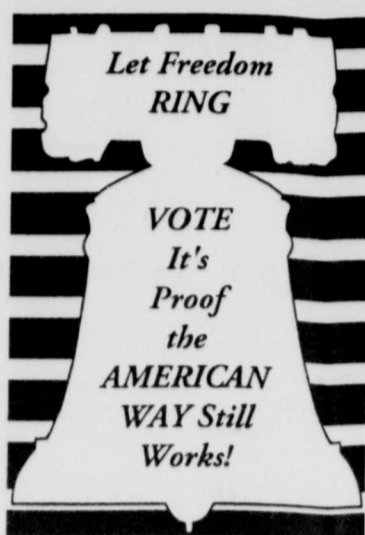
## G/T nominations are being accepted

Prairiland ISD is accepting nominations from parents for the PATS program for the 2002-2003 school year.

To be eligible for nomination, a student must be in grades two through seven and be currently enrolled in the Prairiland school system. A nomination form can be picked up at the principal's office on each campus beginning April 29, 2002. Deadline for applications to be completed and returned

to the campus is May 10, 2002. Students may also be nominated by teachers. Criteria for selection to the program include a superior student rating scale, intelligence and achievement tests and a test of creativity. Parents will be notified at the beginning of the fall semester for the 2002-2003 school year.

For more information, contact the school counselor on each campus.



TEXAS SCHOLARS celebrated on April 15, as they completed the recommended or higher graduation plan by taking an extra math course to complete the requirements of the program. This is a county-wide program. Twenty-five Prairiland students were honored for their accomplishments this year. Front row: Jemilynn McKee. Second row: Kelly Kincaid, Ashley Brown, Rebecca Hamm, Jennifer Mathews, Melinda Corso, Chastiti Weeks, Ashley Moffitt, Hollie Allen, Hollie Jones, Mallory Woodall, Jessica Spencer. Third row: Lacy Vincil, Amie Love, Brittany Bailey, Ashley Athas, Andi Gillie, Megan Filkins. Back row: Josh Fendley, Robert Robertson, Mitch Whitaker, D.J. Loveless, Chance Bankhead, Trey Unruh, Jimmy Smith.

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PRAIRILAND HIGH SCHOOL students were honored at a program held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on April 12, along with taking a tour of the campus and having lunch. Pictured are, front row: Jennifer Mathews and Heather Barnes. Second row: Miranda Smith, Amber Philpot and Brandon Wright. Third row: Josh Fendley, Lance Westbrook and Seth Bush. The meeting was held in conjunction with Celebration of Excellence and hosted students from 23 northeast Texas school districts.

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At 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th, an unknown suspect robbed a person at gunpoint, attempting to make a night deposit at the Hibernia Bank at 2800 Lamar Ave. in Paris. After the suspect stole a money bag, he was last seen running West from the bank. The suspect is described as about 6'

00" slender build, wearing a dark long sleeved sweat shirt with a hood.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by April 29, an arrest is made of those persons responsible. Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So let's all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).



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## Neighbors.....Burl Kincaid

By Jack Ballard

Emmet Burl Kincaid was born in Blossom on March 5, 1917. He was there for 18 months, then moved to Deport and has lived there all his life. Burl has five children: Burl Dean, Georgia Ann, Dorothy, Joan and Jerry. He says he has so many grand and great-grandchildren that he can't count them all. Burl lost the love of his life, Virginia Francis Kincaid, in 1991.

When Burl got to Deport as a small child, his family lived on what was the Lorraine Farm. While he feels he has lived in every house in Deport, Burl and his family actually lived on the Earl Gardner place for 20 years where he spent time farming and raising cotton. He spent a short time in the Navy in 1944 and loved San Diego, CA where he was stationed.

Back in those days Burl says it was very different. It cost a quarter to get into the show. He remembers that about half the time he didn't have a quarter, but he liked the westerns and especially those with Roy Rogers. He recalls that even in hard times everything was good in the area. There were three doctors in town and even Fulbright had a doctor.

Burl looks back with pride on how he has lived life. When Burl was growing up, he tells if he wanted to know something, he would ask an old person. Now, he says "I am an old person, so if I don't know it, I am just out of luck." And, he has learned one thing, "If you don't like today, hang around until tomorrow because it will be different." When asked what the best advice he ever received was, he looks up and smiles that his daddy told him to keep his mouth shut once and it paid off.

One of Burl's fondest memories of earlier days from 1962-65 was when he worked at the Co-

Op Cotton Gin when Euless Anderson was manager. He usually worked from seven in the morning until midnight. When he worked the "press" he made \$1.00 an hour but when he was "ginner" he got \$1.25. Fred Clifton was his boss and they turned out 25-50 bales a day. The hardest thing about gin work was doing without sleep so often.

Burl recalls the best day of his life was the day he got married to Virginia, or "Jenny" as everyone came to know her. They grew up together and met at Martin School. Jenny helped Burl with his pet squirrel, Tammy. One day when Burl was cutting wood on Sulphur River, he found a baby squirrel, brought it home and raised it on a bottle. He even built a cage around a tree to provide a safe home for Tammy.

The kindness has been a part of Burl's life. He wants to be remembered as honest and hard working. Asked if there is anything in life he would still like to do, he remarks, "I don't know that there was anything I wanted to do, I didn't get to do." Burl's all time favorite place to eat was his mother-in-law's. He loves hamburgers but would not be caught eating shrimp which he calls nothing but a little crawfish. His happiest time of the year is at Christmas with the grandchildren. He smiles that when they are happy he is happy.

The job most folks in Deport remember Burl for was when he was custodian for Deport School. I am not sure of his height, but five feet probably is stretching it. Being built low to the ground, I'm sure, brought him several challenges. Burl may have been sort, but his legs moved swiftly back then. Rarely did you see him unless he was wearing a big smile and offering a "hello" to you. His job title required cleaning, sweep-

ing and dumping trash, yet he did much more.

You didn't want Burl to see you doing something you shouldn't. He was the FBI and CIA all rolled into one. He knew Mr. Simmons and Mr. Isbell and they knew where the paddles were hidden.

Sure, he likely had some daily assistance, but he presented students each school day at eight o'clock with a bright and clean building in which to learn and play. Summer was no vacation for Burl. Fresh paint, carpentry repairs, yard maintenance and new varnish for the floors were always needed. Could anything compare to the annual first September day of each school year when you stepped through that front door to see those old wooden hallways glistening shiny like new and to smell that mixture of wax and wood polish?

Burl took special care of the gym, home of the Tigers. He was there for the teams. You could look over to the corner while a game was in progress and see him there cheering the team on. You could feel his love for his schoolkids.

Burl was a caretaker of lives, too. He put many miles, both early morning and late night, on those old yellow schoolbuses. He was proud to drive safely for those Tiger and Tigerette champions and he has happy memories of that time.

Burl had an automobile wreck a couple of years ago that has really slowed him down. He thinks Deport is still a good place to live, but he doesn't get out and about much. He had a pacemaker put in for his heart. He laughs that he has been told that the battery for the pacemaker will need to be changed in 17 years, but he doesn't figure that he is gonna need that.

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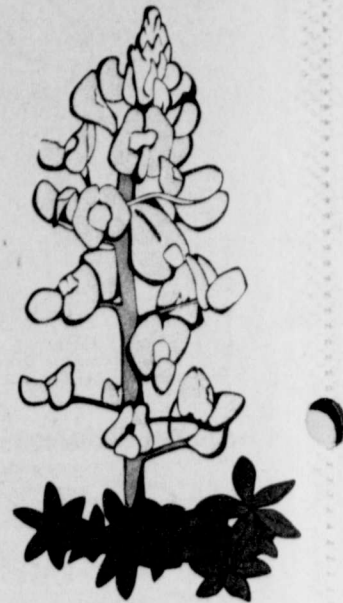
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Winning Pitcher: Kara Screws: 7innings, 26AB, 6K, 1BB, 2H, 1R, 0ER. Browning: 6innings, 34AB, 2K, 0BB, 12H, 8R, 3ER

Key Hitters: Prairiland: Lacy Beaty 3 for 4, with 1 run scored, 2 double, 1RBI, Britney Martin 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored, Ashley Athas went 2 for 4 with 1 run scored, 1double, 1RBI, Megan Graham went 2 for 4 with 1 run scored, 2double, 3RBI's, Brittney Ballard went 2 for 4 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI  
Harleton: Thomas and Morris 1 for 3  
Prairiland record 19-9, Prairiland will play Clifton for the Area round on Friday, May 3 at DeSoto High School at 7 p.m.



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7 ..... TAKS Field Test  
8 ..... Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m.  
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9 ..... Eighth grade Orientation  
10 ..... Prom, Love Civic Center, 8 p.m.

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<b>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS</b> Reg. \$1.49 All Kinds <b>99¢</b>	<b>DORITO CHIPS</b> All Kinds Reg. \$3.29 <b>\$2.69</b>	<b>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP</b> 9 Oz. <b>\$1.79</b>	<b>TOSTITO QUESO SALSA DIP</b> 10 Oz. <b>\$1.79</b>
<b>BANANAS</b> 49¢ Lb.	<b>PRODUCE</b> POTATOES <b>\$2.49</b> 10 Lb. Bag COLORADO PINTO BEANS <b>49¢ Lb.</b>	<b>KELLOGG'S CEREAL</b> RAISIN BRAN 20 Oz. <b>\$2.49</b> FRUIT LOOPS 11 Oz. <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>CHEER LAUNDRY DETERGENT</b> 31-40 Ld. <b>\$5.49</b>
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