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Rain and Autumn really might help!

And then, they pulled out their guns and shot each other dead on the street! No, it hasn't happened around here, but if we don't get some nice rain and perhaps the hints of autumn in the air it seems like it might happen!

Whatever am I babbling about? Rumors, ill tempers, arguments.

I have absolutely heard more unfounded rumors the past few weeks than can be imagined.

For the record, folks, no dead bodies have been discovered around here, and there was no meth lab next to where the body that wasn't supposedly was!

And, we all need to get a nice cool something to sip on, put our feet up and relax!

I go to lots of meetings, and so does my husband. I get lots of letters, and I get lots of phone calls.

And, whether aimed at me, or someone else, there is a distinct edge to things right now.

Folks are hot, they are tired and they are ready to flare up much quicker than usual.

It seems that there are so many "factions" so many "camps" that decisions are difficult to make and getting along is even harder.

Everyone wants what they want when they want it. And, they are ready to fight to get it.

I've taken a few "chewingings" lately, enough that I should wear a size six instead of my usual plus size! And, mostly, I've resisted the temptation to snapback. But, normally I don't HAVE the temptation to snap back!

I think it has to be heat related.

Think about every western movie you ever saw. Very, very seldom did the characters stalk down the Main Street of a snowy western town. No, it's always with a hard, dust filled wind cutting at them.

Signs squeak in the wind, tumble weeds roll down the street.

It's not raining, nor snowing, and the spring flowers are never in bloom during those old timey cowboy confrontations.

Personally, I think that's because if the weather weren't so hot and dry they would have gone to the saloon for a nice drink together instead of squaring off with murder on their minds!

So, I'll enjoy these cloudy days, and pray for a nice, life-giving shower.

And hope all of us get a little bit of a grip and step back from our aggression or irritation.

After all, it's the middle of August, the dog days are almost over and autumn is on its way.

In the mean time, stay cool and collected, and let's all work harder at not imitating those old Westerns!



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Deport water under boil order due to pressure drop

The City of Deport was put under a boil order Monday, August 12th as a precautionary measure after the water pressure dropped below an acceptable level. According to Deport Water & Sewer Superintendent Charles Reavis, calls began to come in that residents had no water, and upon investigation, the Lamar Co. Water Supply tower located on Hwy. 271 had a 0 pressure level. Lamar County Water Supply, which furnishes the city of Deport with water, had four major water leaks on Monday. According to Alton Dockrey head of LCWS, residents who are on Lamar

County Water Supply water are not under a boil order as the pressure on county customers did not drop below acceptable levels. The boil order was delivered house to house by Deport city employees Monday afternoon. The order reads: Due to conditions which have occurred recently in the water system, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has required the system to notify all customers to boil their water prior to consumption. To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cook-

ing and ice making should be boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, bottled water may be purchased or water may be obtained from some other suitable source. At press time Wednesday morning test results to make sure that there was nothing harmful in Deport's drinking water were awaited. If the tests are clear, the boil order will be lifted and residents will be notified. Deport city water customers may call Charles Reavis or Sharon Francis at Deport City Hall at 652-3875 if they have questions.



NEW COUNCILMEMBER-Rick McMikel is sworn in by Mayor Gilbert Arriaga as Deport's newest council member. McMikel replaces Duane Glover, who resigned due to health reasons. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport water rates to go up, park location sought

The Deport City council held a public hearing Monday night, August 12th to discuss what would have to be done with water rates. A small number of people attended the hearing. Dan Zachary expressed his opinion that an in-line pressure control valve could have been used while the Deport water tower was off line instead of "wasting water". Mayor Gilbert Arriaga said that the city had listened to experts on the matter, and had chosen to use the valve that has released water at the north end of Main Street. Alan Vanderburg of Hayter Engineering said that "if we had known how long the tower was going to be off line, or if we had decided to go a different route than refurbishing the existing tower, that type of valve might have done some good, but it's no use looking back and trying to say what if. We are looking now at where we are going to go." The current system, Vanderburg stated, is the simplest and easiest to maintain. A comment was made that a citizen didn't mind a rate increase but they resented being unable to drink the water. (Deport was under a boil order due to a pressure

drop in the system Monday). Councilman Mike Francis said "I understand that, but in reality drinking water is the smallest portion we use. We bathe in the water, wash clothes and cars, flush toilets with it, water with it and depend on it for fire protection. Of course we want good drinking water." Mayor Arriaga agreed that the city was working very hard to achieve an excellent water quality. Visitors were assured that what was happening with and to the water system would be carefully reviewed at least yearly. Mayor Arriaga said that "some problems haven't been addressed for a number of years, and we are trying to see that doesn't happen again". Hayter Engineering explained that a grant for \$250,000 is being applied for to replace the old cast iron water pipes on Monroe, Choctaw and N. Jeffus Streets, and have a dedicated line from the LCWS tower to the Deport tower. The original grant was larger, but a grant in that amount is not available, and water rate increases will be necessary to make up the difference, as well as absorb some of the costs for a chlorinator system. So far, every bid made for a chlorinator system has been al-

most double the amount the city can possibly spend, but an alternative system, a gaseous chlorinator, may very well be an option, and should be affordable. After the public hearing the council voted to increase water rates from \$10 for the first 1500 gallons of water to \$15 for the first 1500, and from \$4 for each additional 1000 to \$5 for each additional 1000 gallons. The rate increase will go into effect Sept. 1, 2002. Rick McMikel was sworn in by Mayor Arriaga to fill the position on the council vacated when long-time member Duane Glover resigned due to health reasons. An ordinance was approved concerning the gas company franchise fee from 2% to 4%. No action was taken on the proposed grant because none was necessary at this time. It was decided to send out letters on derelict properties and set up two budget workshops. The council okayed the creation of a Park Council consisting of Crystal Folse, Sue Shepherd and Tim Wood. A discussion on various locations for a park with playground equipment in Deport was held. Payment of bills and approval of the minutes were okayed.

Breakfast is August 17

The Pattonville VFD will sponsor their monthly breakfast on Saturday, August 17 at the Pattonville Community Center. The breakfast is all you can eat for \$4.00. Proceeds go to help

fund the Pattonville VFD. The dance is sponsored by the VFD each first and third Friday nights. A local band performs and concessions are available.

No body, no drug lab located at Shadowland after tip

According to reports from the Red River County Sheriff's Department, a 48 hour vigil last week ended at a dead end investigation at the present time. Apparently, a "bad source" of information was passed on to the Sheriff's Office last week. The information claimed that a body was seen in an old silo located at Shadowland, between FM 410 and Deport. Also, rumors of a drug lab located at that same site were

passed along, but after an extensive search no evidence was found to substantiate either of the stories. A DPS dive team assisted the Red River County Sheriff's Department and the Drug Task Force in a search of the old silo, which as some water in it. Personnel worked around the clock until the investigation was concluded, with neither a body nor a drug lab being located.

Milton Homecoming is September 9

The Abundant Life Church at Minter will host the annual Minter Homecoming/Fish Fry on Saturday, September 7 at the church. Plenty of food and fun activities with live music will be included in the activities.

The fish fry begins serving at 5 p.m. Former residents are encouraged to bring old photographs and come to the event. For further information, contact Mike Gordon at 652-4823.

Deport Water Tower back in service!

After a few unexpected delays, the Deport Water Tower is back in service. It was supposed to have been back on line on Thursday, August 1st, but delays in water testing prevented that from actually happening. The tower has been completely

cleaned and recoated, and the water samples taken have been excellent. Deport city officials have expressed their thanks to the citizens of Deport who have been patient during what has, at times, been a difficult situation.

Deport Methodist Youth to have car wash

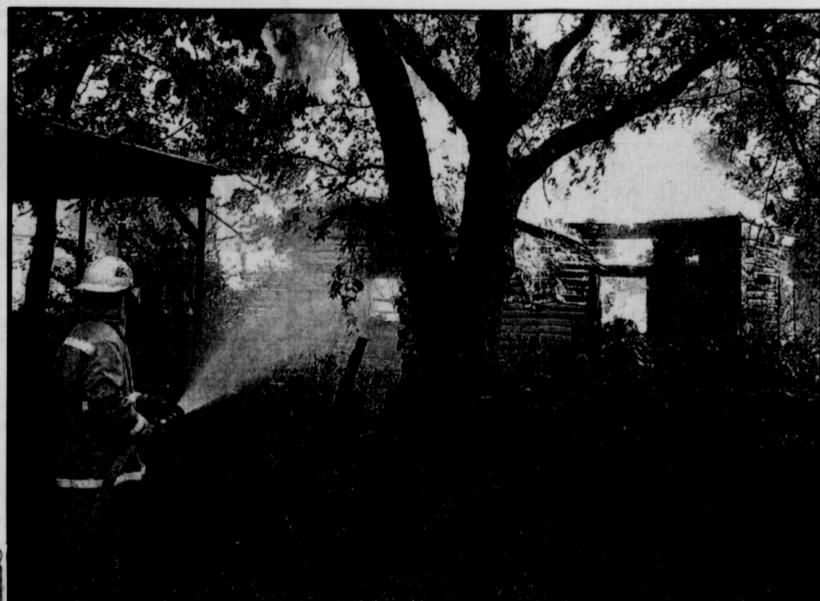
"Uh Oh! what have they done this time?"
"It's not what they have done, it's what they are going to do."
"Oh No! What do I have to do to get read?"
"That part is very easy...don't wash your CAR."
"What does washing my car have to do with the Deport Methodist Youth Group?"
"If you remember, back on May 18th, the Youth Group conducted a car wash as a fundraiser for their activities. It was held on the church parking lot at 177 Pecan St. and

many of Deport's residents came to get their car washed and help support the youth. We now some were not aware of the car wash and missed it. So, this is our way of letting you know there will be another car wash on Saturday, August 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It doesn't get any easier than this, just drop by and let the kids do the work and just like last time, donations will be accepted".
Sounds great, I'll see you there".

Shower to help Phosay family

A fire completely destroyed the home of Connie & Bo Phosay in Fulbright on Saturday. No one was at home at the time of the fire and the house was completely engulfed in smoke and fire when it was discovered. All contents were lost. There will be a shower for the family at the Fulbright Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 17 from 2 until 3 p.m. There was no insurance on the home or contents. If you would like to donate household goods, furniture or clothing, it would be appreciated. There has been a fund established at Community National Bank in Detroit for anyone wishing to make a cash contribution. You may do so by going by the

bank or mailing your contributions to the account of Connie Phosay, Community National Bank, P.O. Box 279, Detroit, TX 76536-0297. Items may also be brought to the shower on Saturday. Clothing sizes for the family are:
To: Shirt, large; pants, 33x32; shoes, 8 1/2.
Connie: T-shirt, 3X; dress, 22-24 women's; pants 24 plus size; shoes, 8-8 1/2 wide.
Rachel: Shirt, M; pants, 12 misses; shoes, 6 1/2 ladies.
Jennifer: Shirt, M; pants, 14 misses; shoes, 7 ladies.
Jacob: Shirt, M; pants, 10; shoes, 5 1/2 youth.
Steffanie: Shirt, 6, girls; dress, 5T; pants, 4; shoes, 13.



KEEP IT CONTROLLED-Detroit, Bogata, Deport and Clarksville Fire Departments responded to a two story frame house fire in Fulbright on Saturday. The Bo and Connie Phosay home was totally destroyed and everything the family owned lost. The fire departments had to use a great deal of skill to keep adjoining structures from catching fire. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Prairiland Drill Team holding car wash

The Prairiland Drill Team members will be holding a Car Wash this Friday, August 16th on the parking lot at Wal-Mart in Paris from 9 am. to 3 P.M.. Donations are welcome. Funds raised will go to assist the girls in uniform cost and other expenses.

Heavenly Delights to hold community meal

The "Heavenly Delights" of the First United Methodist Church, Deport, will hold their third Saturday dinner on August 17th. The menu will feature Roast Beef with onions, carrots & gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, green salad, homemade bread, peach cobbler & tea and coffee. Carry outs are available between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M., and the meal will be served form 6:00

P.M. to 8:00 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The cost of the meal is \$8 and reservations should be made by Thursday, July 15th at 6:00 P.M.. For reservations call Rena Good 652-2665, T.H. Glover at 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211. Come out and enjoy fellowship and good food.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Fulbright News
BY BETTY RODGERS
652-6051

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Ms. Merle Miller, 5701 S. CR 1285, Midland, TX 79706. She is researching the Stansell family. It is unknown if any Stansells settled in Red River County, many Stansell descendants lived in Lamar County. The first of the family came to Texas as William John Thomas Stansell, born 1850-60, possibly in Clay County, AL. He was known as John and is believed to have lived in Titus County at one time. His brother, James Charles Zwingle Stansell also moved from Alabama and he and his wife had 10 children in Lamar County. John married twice in Alabama and left three grown children there. The family information states he died suddenly working on a roof, but the location is not known. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send to the Red River Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

Obituaries

Doris Kenemore dies August 11

Services for Doris Kenemore, 83 of Memphis, TX were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 13 at Travis Baptist Church with Rev. Johnnie Snider officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home in Memphis.

Mrs. Kenemore died August 11 in Memphis.

She was born February 19, 1919 in Clarksville, TX to the late Carl E. Woods and Mable Huggins Woods. She attended school in Clarksville and moved to Memphis in 1954 from Deport. She married Harley F. Kenemore April 14, 1937 in Clarksville. He preceded her in death June 30, 1973. She was a homemaker and member of the Travis Baptist Church and was preceded in death by two sons, one brother and two sisters.

Surviving are a son, Gail M. Kenemore of Hobbs, NM; daughters, Betty Cruise of Greenville, Mary Watson of Memphis, Wanda K. Canida of Amarillo, Patsy N. Crump of Odessa, Dianne King of Memphis and Janice M. Moss of Amarillo; and two brothers, Gordon Woods of Honey Grove and Clifton Woods of Paris; one sister, Maurine Stanphill of Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

The family of Toby Sears and Earline Clark would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, food, cards, flowers and donations. Thanks also to Wood Funeral Home and a special thanks to the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Bogata who provided a wonderful lunch for our family and friends after the service.

Roy & Shirley Henderson
Vicki English
Kayla Sears
Jason Sears & Family
Ricky & Robin Henderson & Family

Card of Thanks

We want to take a minute to thank Thunder Prairie Publishing and Liz Irwin for your continued support of our second Saturday breakfasts in Blossom. If you have become one of our "regulars" or are a newcomer, we thank you. Hash browns have been added for the same price. We continue to support BVFD and our community as needs arise.

Thank you,
Blossom Fire Belles

Robbie Nell Cooper dies August 10

Robbie Nell Cooper, age 74 of Clarksville, died Saturday, August 10 at ETMC, Clarksville.

Services were held Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Mike Demory and Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Burial followed in Lone Star Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cooper and Will Cooper, Rusty Cooper, Max Cannaday, George Gordon, Richard Harvey, Carl Hendrix.

She was born in Red River County, the Mosley community, June 20, 1928, a daughter of Earl and Maude Mitchell Legate. She was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ. She graduated from Fulbright High School and Paris Junior College with honors.

Mrs. Cooper taught Bible classes for many years but for the last 24 years, she taught Cradle Roll, her favorite.

Her husband, Morris T. Cooper, preceded her in death April 16, 1984, along with a brother, Billy Legate.

Surviving are sons, Ron Cooper of Avery, Randy Cooper and wife Joyce of Gilmer and Keith Cooper of Clarksville and seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank our many friends for their love and concern in the loss of my sister, Janice Davis. Everything was helpful; the calls, cards, food, flowers and the donations to Bridges Chapel Cemetery, the Talco Ex-student Scholarship Fund, the Bogata Methodist Church and the Franklin County Historical Society. We had the visitation in Dallas for her friends and loved ones who were her second family from her work with Sedco and Desk and Derrick Club. She was indeed an oil field kid. The graveside eulogy was given by our family members and we thank them for making it so meaningful. Thanks to the Wood Funeral Home for helping us with the Dallas funeral service selection.

Mary Kathryn Cotten & Family

Attend
The Church
of
Your Choice

With school beginning next Monday, everyone will want an after-school snack when they get home. We are featuring some cool, quick recipes for just that. Kids like a variety of desserts as well as the adults.

Try some of these, I think you might enjoy them. See you in the kitchen!

BANANA SPLIT CAKE-keep this hand in the fridge for a really "cool" dessert!

CHERRY CRUNCH-quick and easy, rich but good!

FRUIT PIZZA-use whatever fruits your family enjoys!

OOEY GOOEY-everyone will like this one!

BREAD PUDDING-this is an old recipe taken from a 1912 cookbook.....so you know it is good!

POPSICLE MIX-pour into molds.....freeze for a quick refresher!

Thursday, August 15, 2002
Just Recipes

Banana-Split Cake

1 stick margarine-melted
2 cups crushed graham crackers
2 sticks margarine
2 eggs
2 cups powdered sugar
1 can crushed pineapple-drained
4 bananas-slice lengthwise
1 large carton Cool-Whip
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Mix 1 stick melted margarine and graham crackers. Pat into a 13x9x2-inch pan. Beat 2 sticks of margarine, eggs and powdered sugar for 15 minutes. Spread over unbaked crust. Cover with sliced bananas and pineapple. Cover with Cool-Whip and sprinkle with pecans and cherries. Refrigerate over night.

Cherry Crunch

2 cups flour
2 sticks margarine
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 box Dream Whip
1 cup milk
1 pound powdered sugar
8 ounce package cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can cherry pie filling
1/2 cup pecans
Mix together the flour, margarine and brown sugar. Brown; stir while browning. This is the crust. Place in casserole dish. Mix together the Dream Whip and milk. In another bowl, mix the powdered sugar and cream cheese and vanilla. Add sugar mixture to Dream Whip mixture. Add to dish, alternating with pie filling and pecans. Chill.

Fruit Pizza

for crust:
1 pound butter at room temperature
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
5 cups flour
Beat butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and egg; add flour

alternately. Bake in pizza pan at 400 degrees until brown around edges. Makes two crusts.topping:
8 ounces cream cheese
1 small jar marshmallow cream
Let cream cheese stand until room temperature. Mix with marshmallow creme and spread on pizza crust. Top with any chopped fruit you desire and chill.

Ooey Gooey

1 box butter-lfavored cake mix
1s tick melted butter
1 egg
1 cup chopped pecans
Mix above ingredients in 9x13-inch pan and pack down well. topping:
1 pound box powdered sugar
2 eggs
8 ounce package cream cheese at room temperature. With mixer combine above ingredients and pour over cake mixture and bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes. Cool before cutting.

Bread Pudding

1 small loaf dry bread-divided
2 level teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs-well beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 quart milk
1/4 cup butter-melted
Grate bread until you have 2 cups and place crumbs in buttered casserole. Mix baking powder and sugar together. Crumble remaining bread; add baking powder mixture, eggs, salt, vanilla, milk and butter, mixing well. Pour mixture into casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Popsicle Mix

2 packages kool-aid
1-3/4 cup sugar
1 package jello to match kool-aid flavor
Mix above and store in airtight container. When ready to make Popsicles, take 6 tablespoons of mixture and add 3/4 cup very hot water and stir until dissolved; then add 3/4 cup cold water. Pour into molds and freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Arriaga and Betty Rodgers made a trip to New Mexico to see Betty's sister, Ruby. On the way they stopped by her other sister, Bernice Thomas, in Boyd and she went with them. They all enjoyed the visit and the trip.

Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga spent the weekend in Dallas with his mother and relatives.

Marla Crump and granddaughters visited Betty Rodgers Sunday. Marla and Preston were visitors of Duane, Charity and girls, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis VanDeaver had their daughter, Linda Salters and grandson, Marshal, as visitors last weekend.

Recent visitors of Jimmy King were Kay and Dave German of Whitney, Duane and Bobby King and Kutchie King visited Wednesday, Dick King visited Friday and Saturday and has been doing some field work. Kyle King came by Sunday.

Butch Peek is tearing down the old Lassiter home. Lots of work being done in the hayfields right now. Betty Rodgers is having her home repainted and repair work done.

Stew cookoff is September 7

The annual Red River County Stew Cookoff will be held Saturday, September 7 at the fairgrounds in Clarksville.

The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair and is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in Showmanship and also for the best ski.

For a copy of the rules or if you would like to register to cook, contact the County Extension office at 402 N. Cedar or call 427-3867.

PJC fall registration set

Fall registration for students planning to attend Paris Junior College will be held August 21 and 22, according to Admissions Director Sheila Reece.

Students who haven't already registered for the fall term will enroll in the Learning Center from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

The schedule on August 21 calls for students whose last name begins with R through Z to register from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students with L through Q will register from 1 to 6 p.m.

On August 22, students whose last name begins with E through K will register from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and students with a last name beginning with A through D will register from 1 to 6 p.m.

Card of Thanks

We wish to send thanks to the Deport, Detroit, Bogata and Clarksville fire departments for the great job they did controlling the fire that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. To Phosay Saturday morning. Other homes nearby could have been destroyed if they had not responded as quickly as they did. Our community is grateful for their fine work.

Also, a sincere thanks to the Bogata Fire Department for their quick response to the grass fire east of Fulbright on Thursday afternoon.

Fulbright Community

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all who attended our 60th wedding anniversary and for many gifts, home visits and phone calls we received. Special thanks to Bro. Bush for the renewing of our vows. A very special thanks to Danny and Pam Greer, Linda and Mike Ramsey and Vicki Long for all their efforts to make it a success.

Jesse & Dixie Greer

John Us For Our Third Saturday Community Dinner From The Heavenly Delights Of First United Methodist Church



177 Pecan St., Deport
Saturday, August 17th 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
MENU: Roast Beef with onions, carrots and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, green salad, homemade bread, peach cobbler, tea and coffee. Seating limited to 50, by reservation only for reservations call: Rena Good-652-2665, T.H. Glover 652-3995, Juanita Sparks, 652-4211 by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15th.

Plans progress for gala

The CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System Foundation continues to plan for its Oct. 5 gala, with members of the Foundation's underwriting committee currently completing sponsorship calls.

Anyone wishing to become an underwriter for this year's gala, and who has not yet been contacted, may call Raymond Armstrong, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's director of development, at (903) 737-1163 or 737-1161.

Individual tickets for the gala are expected to go on sale in September.

Members of the underwriting committee, chaired by Robert Campbell, are Philip Cecil, Dick Severson, Arthur Tijerina, M.D., Steve Rowlan, M.D., Larry Love, M.D., Steve Graves, M.D., Gene Stallings, Jo Ann Parkman, John Kirkman, Don McCaskill, Charles Lynch, Charles Hill, Jim Bell, Sims Norment, Curtis Fendley, Lisa Higgins, Gary Young, Frank Ray, Melinda Love, Kathy Floyd, Gerald Brandon, Phil Fletcher, Mike McBride, Roy Sparks, Pat Bassano and Bobby Walters.

Proceeds from the 2002 CHRISTUS St. Joseph's gala, "Some Enchanted Evening," will be used to establish a nursing scholarship fund for Lamar County residents who wish to pursue a nursing degree to become a registered nurse. Scholarship recipients will be required to sign

an agreement to work for CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System for a minimum of one year following graduation. Scholarships will also be offered to RNs working toward an advanced nursing degree and who are interested in teaching after completing the program.

"The nursing shortage is a problem that seriously threatens our healthcare system locally and on a national level," explained Dr. James Brunette, 2002 gala chairman. "We have cycled through shortages in the past; however, this shortage is viewed as more serious since it is occurring at a critical time when the "baby boomer" generation will need more intense, long term health care services, and the majority of nurses currently in the workforce will be retiring."

Almost 60 percent of the nation's registered nurses are over 40, and a decade-long decline in enrollment in nursing education programs has created a shortfall in the pipeline. According to government projections, another 450,000 nurses may be needed by the year 2008 to meet the demand.

According to Paris Junior College officials, the total cost of tuition, books, fees, etc. for the associate degree nursing program is \$6,653, and many students require financial aid in order to make ends meet.

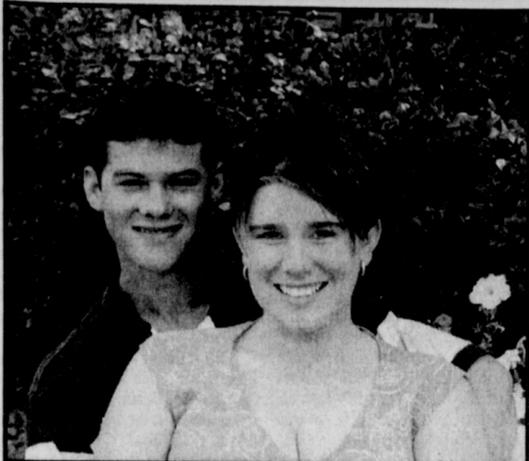
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Amber Nicole Norwood and Mathew Dane Galloway

Norwood-Galloway to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Norwood of Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. John Galloway of Tom, OK proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Amber Nicole Norwood and Mathew Dane Galloway.

The double ring ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at six o'clock in the evening at the home of Ross and Laura Miller in Blossom. Rev. Joe Merrill will officiate the ceremony.

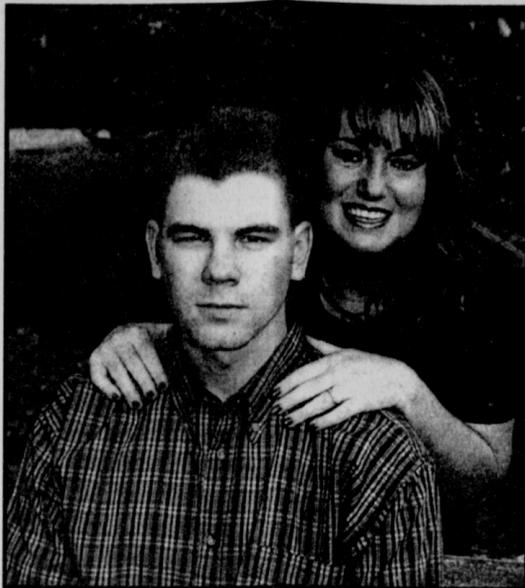
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Laura and Ross Miller of Blossom and the late Virgel Duncan and Geneva Norwood of Cunningham and the late Gene

Norwood. She is a 2000 graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by Dr. Regina Eason of Oaris as a dental assistant.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Calvin and Eva Jean Galloway of Tom, OK, Doug Williams of Idabel, OK and Pat Williams of Amarillo. He is a 2000 graduate of Haworth High School in Oklahoma and attended Connor College in Warren, OK for two years. He is employed by Turner International Pipe Systems of Paris.

The couple will make their home in Cunningham.

No invitations will be sent. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Brenda Kimberlyka Gibson with fiancé Brian Neil Choate

Gibson-Choate to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gibson of Pattonville proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brenda Kimberlyka Gibson to Brian Neil Choate.

The couple will be married at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, August 31 at West Side Church of Christ in Clarksville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gibson of Pattonville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Brown of Clarksville. She is a 1998 graduate of Prairiland High School, a 2000 graduate of Paris Junior College and a 2002 gradu-

ate of Collin County Community College with an associate degree in respiratory therapy. She is employed at Medical Center of Plano as a respiratory therapist.

Her fiancé is the son of Jeff Choate of Plano and Holly Choate of Dallas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker and the late Jean Walker of Hawkins, C.C. Choate of Douglas, AZ and Mrs. Deanna Conner of Venus. He is a 1999 graduate of Roysse City High School and currently attends Collin County Community College in Plano. He is employed by Baldwin Metals of Dallas as an office manager.



CORN HARVEST Larry Milam prepares to move his tractor into the field to accept more corn from the combine. Milam works for Allen Farms of Deport. Corn harvesting is in full swing throughout the area. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Butler

Butlers celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Butler of Lucas, Texas recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married August 9, 1952 in Pattonville, Texas.

Virgil is retired from Abbott Laboratories and Xerox. Virgil graduated from East Lamar High School in 1951 and after serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from The University of Texas in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He also received his master's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Texas in 1972. Virgil is involved in mission work

in Cameroon, Africa.

Anita graduated from East Lamar High School in 1951 and East Texas State University in 1978 with a degree in Home Economics. She is a doll dealer who specializes in doll restorations.

Virgil and Anita are members of West Allen Church of Christ.

They have three children: Brenda Walsworth of Dallas, Stacy Pitney of Richardson and Shannon Franco of Austin. They have four grandchildren: Allison and Maggie Pitney and Patrick and Jessica Thompson.

A small intimate dinner was planned for the couple.

Guaranty Bond Bank reports results

Guaranty Bancshares, Inc. a community oriented bank holding company with assets of \$491.6 million, reported second quarter and six month earnings as of June 30, 2002. Net income for the second quarter was \$1.1 million, an increase of \$370,000 or 51.3% over the second quarter of 2001. Net income for the first six months was \$2.1 million, an increase of \$614,000 or 42% from the first six months of 2001.

The increase in net income for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2002 was primarily attributable to an increase in net interest income and non-interest income partially offset by an increase in non-interest expense, provision for loan losses and income tax expense.

The annualized return on average shareholders' equity for the six months ended June 30 was 12.66% compared to 9.80% for the same period in 2001. The annualized return on average assets was 0.88% for the six months ended June 30 compared to 0.70% for the same period in 2001.

Non-performing assets increased \$288,000 or 4.6% since

December 31, 2001. Non performing assets to total loans and other real estate represent 1.86% at June 30, 2002. The largest increase occurred in other real estate owned which increased \$1.3 million. While this is a sizable increase, the amount does not appear to be a significant drain on earnings and is representative of the company's large loan growth over the last three to four years. Unless adverse market conditions occur, the other real estate owned should sell in the normal course of business. The other real estate owned was partially offset by a decrease of \$1.2 million or 65% in past due loans. The Company loans were \$348 million at June 30, 2002, an increase of \$16.7 million or 5.0% from December 31, 2001. Deposits increased \$19.5 million or 5.1% from \$383.3 million at December 31, 2001.

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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to O'Neal Drinnon, Bill Page, James Cannon and L'Wanda McKnight.

Happy birthday to Billie and Leonard Ford.

Linda Anderson, Wendy and Cord Ordorica, Fred Cole and Rusty, Cindy, Marty, Susan and Carrie Anderson went to Ft. Collins, CO last week to watch Susan play in the National World Series Softball Tournament. her team won second.

Sunday guests of Nelta and Johnie Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zariska Morton, Natalie, Benjamin and Doran Hutchison, Rick and Teresa Mennis, Claudine Slyder, Carman, Vickie, Peggy and Taylor Manners, Betty and Lynn Holeman and Treda and Amber Norwood.

The Cunningham Baptist Vacation Bible School was a success. The ladies from Novice Baptist Church and Nelda Harrel helped the ladies present the school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Sunday they had a closing program for parents.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats went on a cruise to Mexico last week. They left from Galveston and stopped in Cozumel and Carica.

Braydon Oats spent Thursday with Georjeana Nutt. He spent Thursday night and Friday with Billy Ray and Neva Oats. Brandon, Marsha and Kaylee came to pick him up and ate with Billy Ray and Neva Friday night.

Geneva Norwood had her family and Josh Osburn as Sunday guests.

Canard, Delores, Ricky, Pam, Haley and Mattie Norwood ate with Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith and Kety Mowery Friday. Canard and Delores ate with Teresa and Jamie on Sunday.

Delores Norwood took Frances Franklin and Eulene Nicholas to Pittsburg Saturday to buy peaches. Frances visited Delores again on Monday.

There will be a wedding shower honoring Amber Norwood and Matt Galloway at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited.



AUSTIN BRADFORD COOPER celebrated his sixth birthday at Bob Sandlin Lake with pizza, ice cream and Spiderman cake. After the party, the group enjoyed swimming. Guests were Colby Cooper of Mt. Pleasant, grandparents Gene and Jo Cavender of Deport, George and Maureen Richardson of Paris, Kristi and Kaden Callihan of Reno and Gerri Bankhead of Cunningham.



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WORLD RUNNERUPS-THE TEAM 'COMMOTION' won the runnerup position at the World Series National Softball Championship held in Ft. Collins, Colorado recently. Team members are, front row: Kaci Crawford, Susan Anderson, Amber Whitlock and Cassi Wood. Back row: Katie White, Kara Crawford, Lauren Mauldin, Jaime Harrell, Samantha Summerlin and Katie Clark. Coaches are David Mauldin, Rusty Anderson and Joe David White.

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**Post Oak
News**
By Geneva Lee
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"Commotion" wins runnerup

Commotion fastpitch softball team which consists of players from Bogata, Deport, Paris, Mt. Vernon and Mt. Pleasant represented the state in Ft. Collins, Colorado at the World Series. The team won runnerup during the week of July 29-August 2. The girls began play by winning all three of their pool games defeating Colorado Sliders Blue 5-3; Garden City Gators, 9-1; and Colorado Lady Warriors, 15-0. Their first bracket game was a win, defeating the Cajun Express from Lafayette, LA by a 7-1 score. The second game gave them a loss by Colorado Quick Silver, 1-4. They battled their way back through the loser bracket defeating Munooka Magic 8-1; New

Mexico Blazers 6-0; Iowa Intimidators 3-2; New Mexico Fierce 9-0; Texas Sasche Heat 6-3; Sierra Vista Roadrunners 7-3; Kansas City Stampede 5-0. They were defeated in the championship game with Arkansas Bee Blast by a 13-2 score. Samantha Summerlin received All World Most Valuable Offensive Player and Kaci Crawford received All World Most Valuable Pitcher. These girls raised money from area businesses to promote their tournament berth. In their first year they won Texas 12UB State Championship; Texas District 44 ASA Championship; World Runerup; and 12UB USSSA.

PATTONVILLE NEWS
By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Curt Woodall, Tonya Hunter, Blake Crossland, T.J. Fowler, Raynie Skidmore, Amanda Nichols, Ryan Pickering Leah Boren, Sherry Kyle, Baran Killough, Edd Fry, Charlotte Pickering, Renea Holt, Jace Short, June Zant, Seth Barnad, Shannon Davis, Todd James. Happy anniversary to Angie and David Wolf, Beth Ann and Cory Spray, Betsy and Jerome Chapman, Ruth and Bill Chipman, Tammy and Michael Harrington, Cindy and Jim Benfer, Gala and Joey Francis, Virgil and Anita Butler. Peggy Parsons attended a general meeting of Christus St. Joseph's Auxiliary on Monday to hear Monty McLaurin, CEO, bring an update on the hospital. Sympathy is extended to the family of Estelle Lamb page, 87, who died August 7 in Ft. Worth. She was the sister of Elreida Craig and the late Everett Lamb. They once toured as the Sunshine Trio singing gospel songs. She was the daughter of the late Charlie and Sammie Lamb.

Attending an Executive Board Meeting of the Paris--Lamar Retired Teacher and School Employees Association in the home of Rachel Braswell in Paris on Tuesday were Gary Ballard, Wayne Beard, Rhea Brown, Ophelia Payne and Peggy Parsons. Virgil and Anita Legate Butler of Lucas recently celebrated their golden anniversary with a family dinner. They were married in Pattonville August 9, 1952. they graduated from East Lamar in 1951. Several attended a bridal shower last Saturday morning honoring Kimberly Gibson, bride-elect of Brian Choate. Keith Parsons is recovering from surgery last Thursday. His visitors included Marcy Campbell, Lois Kennett, Nina Sparks, Kim Alexander, Kristi, Drew and Leah Boren, Stephen Norman and David Shelton. Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons visited Ruth Marie Denison in the hospital Thursday where she is in rehab following heart surgery in Dallas. Brian Long, son of Ann Long of McKinney, has joined the U.S. Marines and reported to boot camp in San Diego, CA for basic. He is the grandson of David and Sue Shelton. Mickey Keener, Martha Hill of Longview, Joan Bell, Sandy Ring and Heather Anderson visited Bill and Ruby D. blevins. Ruby D. visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home Sunday. Sandy Ring visited her parents, Lyman and Audra Rooks at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri during the weekend. Heather Anderson and Amanda Barnes went shopping in Dallas Monday and visited Ashleigh McLean in McKinney. Visitors of Jesse and Frances Andeson were L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout and Keith and Peggy Parsons. Josh Northam, son of Deb Northam and grandson of Helen Northam and Jeanne Bratcher of Paris will be married in Dallas to Tricia Lynn Collom on September 28. Josh is a graduate of Prairiland, University of Texas and SMU School of Law. He is employed by Blume and Stoddard as an attorney. Lucille Nash is spending a few weeks in the Honey Grove Nursing Home where she is receiving therapy. Prairiland ISD faculty and staff kick off the new year with a meeting at Love Civic Center in Paris on Tuesday. The students begin classes Monday, August 19.

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Bro. Henry Blackmon will preach revival this Wednesday through Friday, August 14-16 at Marble Missionary Baptist Church in Marble, AR. that is the home of his parents. Claude Tyler will have charge of the Wednesday night service during his absence. We extend our sympathy to Gail Vaughn and her family on the death of her brother, Robert Story. She and husband Verlon are in Wister, OK with the family and for the funeral on August 13. Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee along with Laura Stevens of Midway attended the revival at New Haven MBC in Dimple last Wednesday night. Bro. Larry Neeley of Hughes Springs was preaching. The Fire Department had their regular monthly meeting August 6. Clayde Tyler reports that his brother, William is back in the hospital in Dodge City, KS. He had a broken back and surgery some time ago. Mrs. Janis Reynolds visited her friend, Georgia Thornburg in Swink, OK on August 3. They got acquainted a few years ago when both of their husbands were on dialysis in Paris. They drove to Idabel and had lunch at Catfish King.

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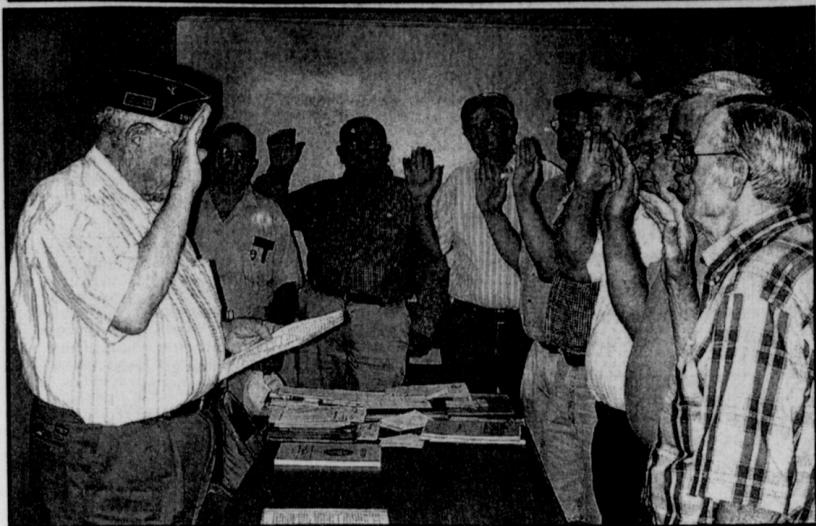
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Happy birthday to Betty Rodgers, Cecelia LaRue, Patricia Dawson, Richard Chapman, Doris Elmore, Matt Brunson, John David Newman, Leah Boren, Lottie P. Murphy, Athur Griffith, Billie Stephens, Jace Short, JohnSmith, Renea Holt, Seth Barnard, Victoria Davis, Charlotte Pickering, Danny Minter, Eddie Sheppard, Shannon Davis, Tonya Hunter, Bonnie Tinney, Midge Foley, Tommy Borders, Leah Cathey, Ronda Burns. Happy anniversary to Angie and David wolf, Patricia and Larry Sparks, Valerie and Bill Pierce, Beth Ann and Cory Spray, Betsy and Jerome Chapman, Kristi and Ken Read, Ruth and Bill Chipman, Kim and Joe Travis Kelsey, Tammy and Michael Harrington, Cindy and Jim Benfer, Gala and Joey Francis, Kathy and Lee Bice. Ruth Murrell has returned from visiting her son and family in Houston for three weeks. She has a new great-granddaughter. Virginia Kirkland visited Marijo and Shelby Bono in Elkhart for the past three weeks. Nina Sparks, Lucille Pickering, Sue Malone, Freeman Safford and Peggy Parsons were among many auxiliaries attending a general meeting of Christus St. Joseph's Auxiliary on Monday to hear Monty McLaurin, CEO, bring an update on the hospital. Donny and Dawne Darden had Thomas and nanalee Nichols as dinner guests Saturday night and celebrated Nanalee's birthday. On Sunday Sam and Margie Rice and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went out to eat in honor of Nanalee's birthday. Jack Oliver of Las Vegas, New Mexico, is visiting with James and Sunny Whitney. Word has been received of the death of Peggy Jane Hood Gore of Buffalo, Texas, who died on Monday, August 12th. She was a former Deport resident. Carlys and Betty Denison's visitors recently have been Jacqueline Amacker, of Dallas, Kim Guest of Longview, Jack Tucker of Frisco. They attended the Liberty Homecoming. Deolice and Bill Robinson of Brownwood visited with Carlys and Betty Denison recently. Al and Kak Hendron are in a retirement home in Brownwood and doing well. She is the former Katherine Read of Deport.

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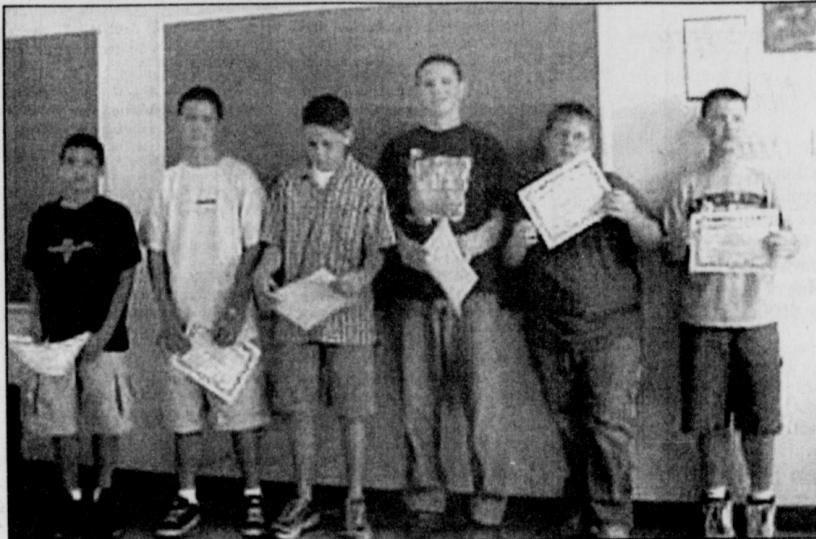
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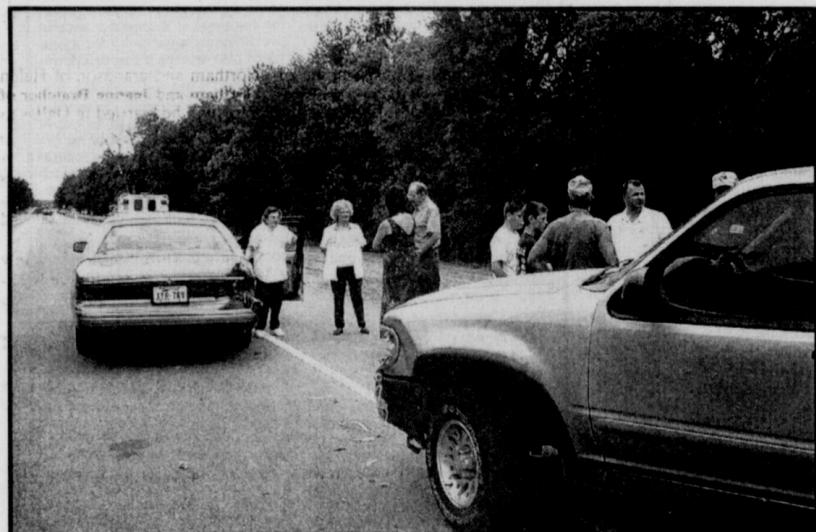
TAKING THE OATH-Deport American Legion Adjutant Charles Foster administered the oath of office to Commander Robert C. (Carlys) Denison, First Vice Commander Ralph Spencer, Service Officer Billy Anderson, Second Vice Commander Dwayne Rhodes, Finance Officer Larry McGill, Judge Advocate Newt Cook, Historian Buck Ramsey, Chaplain James Judd, and Sergeant at Arms Jerry Westbrook at the Post's installation last Thursday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



COOKS-Jerry Westbrook was the Chief Cook for the Deport American legion's Fish Fry last Thursday night, which featured fresh fried fish, fries, hush puppies, beans and all the trimmings. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



BLOSSOM SEVENTH GRADE Boys named at the end of the year for their sports ability were left to right Riley Lewis, Chris McKinney, Kenneth Price, Jordan Walker, Corey Scroggins and Zach Ebbs. (Staff Photo)



DAMAGE-Pattonville VFD responded to a two car accident near Pattonville Park Tuesday morning. There were no injuries in the collision, which DPS officer Perry investigated. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

School Menu

Deport Campus
Week of August 19
Monday

Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Milk
Lunch:
Hamburger
Shoestring potatoes
Pineapple chunks
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Corny dog
Seasoned pinto beans
Macaroni and cheese
Applesauce
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Biscuits, gravy, bacon
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chicken fried steak
Potatoes, gravy
Blackeyed peas
Bread
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Breakfast pizza
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Tacos
Lettuce, tomato salad
Refried beans
Pears
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hot dog on bun
Hot dog sauce
Grated cheese
Cornchips
Dill pickles
Fruit cocktail
Milk

School Menu

Prairiland High School
Week of May 27
Monday

Breakfast:
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Juice, milk
Lunch:
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Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
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Juice, milk
Lunch:
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Milk

Wednesday

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CHELIE LOVELESS, President of the Family, Career and community Leaders of America Chapter at Prairiland High School hosted a pizza party for officers of the local FCCLA Chapter on August 7 at the school to plan projects and programs for the 2002-2003 school year. Community Service projects were planned as well as educational activities involving all chapter members. Chapter officers will be serving ice cream sundaes to all students enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science course the second week of school as a means of encouraging membership in the organization. Officers attending were Amber Philpot, Amber Buster, Britney Hart, Allison Hinkle, Kandi Wright, Emily Fendley and Advisors Rhonda Bangs and Sandra Graves.

Lake meeting set for Friday

There will be a meeting concerning the proposed Marvin Nichols Lake at the Hagansport Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16th. Some of the speakers will be Oran Caudle and Max Shumake.



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APPLICATION: City of Talco, P.O. Box 365, Talco, Texas 75487, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10869-001 (EPA I.D. No. Tx0012205) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 125,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located on the north side of Farm-to-Market Road 71, approximately one mile northeast of the City of Talco in Titus County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed ditch; thence to Prairie Lake; thence to an unnamed tributary of the Sulphur River; thence to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River. This application was submitted to TNRCC on July 19, 2002. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Talco City Hall, 400 West Broad Street, Talco, Texas. The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application of Preliminary Decision. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or requests a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 76711-3087. ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The TNRCC may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC office of the chief Clerk at the above address. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application. **INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC office of Public Assistance toll free, at 1-800-687-4040; General information about the TNRCC can be found on our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Further information may be obtained from the City of Talco at the address stated above or by calling Jone Clemmons at 903-379-3731. August 7, 2002 8-15

2002 Property Tax Rates in City of Blossom

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for City of Blossom. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	96,460
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	96,460
Last year's tax base	17,314,649
Last year's total tax rate	.5571/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	96,460
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	18,487,880
= This year's effective tax rate	.5217/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	.5374/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	96,460
+ This year's adjusted tax base	18,487,880
= This year's effective operating rate	.5217/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.5634/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	.5634/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Blossom adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.5217 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2001 taxes by \$.0354.

Schedule A -Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B -2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or		Interest to		Total	Payment
	Contract Payment	to be Paid from Property Taxes	to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts		
None						
Total required for 2001 debt service					-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A					-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources					-0-	
- Excess collections last year					-0-	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2002					-0-	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95 % of its taxes in 2002					-0-	
= Total Debt Levy					-0-	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Lamar County Appraisal District 521 Bonham Street Paris, Texas 75460.

Name of person preparing this notice: Cathy Jackson
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: August 09, 2002

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Milton News

By Marylou Upchurch

Visiting Nell Shull Wednesday from Oklahoma City were Faye Ham and Ronda Hensley and daughters Maria and Mallorie.

Dorothy Holt visited her sister, Joyce Wilson of Craig on Friday.

Amber Brennan of Conway, AR and Alyssa Brennan of Allen spent Monday through Wednesday with their grandfather, John Manley and Velma Temple.

Kathy Bruno and grandson Tyler McCubbin of Shreveport, LA spent Thursday with Nell Shull.

Barbra Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents, Dorothy and James Holt Monday.

Trey Lee of Wichita, KS spent last week with his parents, Sheldon and Ann Lee and visited his aunts, Mary Elaine Lawler and Mattyly Upchurch on Thursday.

Randy and Bell Shull and son Charlie of Lufkin spent Friday with Randy's mother, Nell Shull.

Tim Parks of Faught had dinner with his grandparents, Dorothy and James Holt on Sunday.



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FOUND: Black & tan male dog, looks like Rottweiler cross. Very friendly and loves children. Call Roxanne, 903-379-6486. If not claimed, this dog will be free to good home. 8-15

FOUND: Chihuahua female, found near Halesboro. Call 903-632-4963. 8-15nc

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West Nile Virus case suspected in Talco

By Nancy Brown

Donnette Parrot of Talco could possibly be the first case of West Nile Virus in the area, but she waits for a positive confirmation of her test results. Donnette and her family returned last Sunday from a trip to the Gulf Coast. While there she reported the weather beautiful with a breeze blowing every day except on Friday evening. She went out on the deck of the place they were staying and said her legs were instantly covered in mosquitos. Thinking nothing of it she brushed them off and went inside. Sunday on the trip home Donnette said she felt really tired.

On Monday she had to force herself to do some housework and by afternoon had a bad headache. She is prone to have migraine

type headaches so this was not unusual. By Tuesday the pain in her head was severe and she went to a local doctor's office, and was able to see the nurse practitioner. She was given two shots and a prescription.

By Wednesday morning the pain was much worse and Donnette returned to the doctor. He sent her straight to the hospital where she had a spinal tap. The normal protein in a human's spinal fluid should be 20-40, Donnette's reports that hers was 140. West Nile Virus also causes swelling of the brain so a brain scan was ordered and test results were sent to a lab to see whether she could possibly have West Nile Virus.

As of press time no confirmation has been made as to whether Mrs. Parrot has the virus, which is affecting humans, birds and animals.

She is at home and is improving daily. On Tuesday when I spoke to her she stated the pain was much less but she is still having to take pain medication around every 6 hours.

The symptoms of Mrs. Parrot's condition started as a very tired feeling, headache which escalated, stiffness in the neck and finally down the spine.

Mrs. Parrot said she is not sure when her tests results will be in but will report the results when she receives them.

For now, she is wished a speedy recovery from whatever has made her ill.

Traffic stop yields drugs

Last Friday a Red River County man was arrested after he failed to yield to a routine traffic stop. A chase ensued with a Department of Public Safety officer and Danny Powell of the Drug Task Force. The suspect wrecked out on FM 114 north of Clarksville.

An undetermined amount of marijuana was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. According to Red River county Sheriff Chief Deputy Larry Spangler, several thousand dollars worth of marijuana was seized.

Editor's Quotes

We must not give only what we have; we must also give what we are.
Cardinal Mercier

2002 Lady Patriot Volleyball Schedule

Date	Team	Location	Time	Teams
August				
16	Scrimmage/Paris, NL	Chisum	NL	TBA All
17	Scrimmage w/Paris, NL	Chisum	Paris	10 All
20	Dual w/Chisum, S. Springs	Chisum	Chisum	4:00 All
23-24	Varsity tournament	Denton	TBA	V
27	Dual w/Lee, Tyler	Tyler	5:00	JV, V
30-31	Varsity tournament	Chisum	TBA	V
September				
3	Dual w/Paris, Bonham	Paris	4:30	All
6	Dual w/Grand Saline	Longview	TBA	JV, V
7	Fresh & JV tournament	Paris	5:00	F, JV
10	Pleasant Grove	Here	5:00	F, JV, V
13-14	NL tournament	NL	TBA	V
17	Dual w/John Tyler	S. Springs	TBA	F, JV, V
21	Texas High	Here	10:00	F, JV, V
24	Whitesboro	Whitesboro	TBA	F, JV, V
October				
1	Clarksville	Here	5:00	JV, V
4	Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	5:00	JV, V
8	Chisum	Here	4:30	F, JV, V
11	Clarksville	Clarksville	5:00	JV, V
15	Chapel Hill	Here	5:00	JV, V
18	Chisum	Chisum	4:15	F, JV, V
22	Clarksville	Here	5:00	JV, V
26	Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	10:00	JV, V
27	Chisum	Here	4:30	F, JV, V
Nov. 1-2	District Certification			
Nov. 4-5	Bi-District			
Nov. 7-9	Area			
Nov. 11-12	Regional Quarterfinal			
Nov. 15-16	Regional tournament			
Nov. 22-23	State Tournament			

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Beware of mosquito borne illness

It's shaping up to be a virus kind of year, and Texans are being warned to take precautions to avoid mosquito-borne diseases, according to an entomologist with the Agriculture Program at Texas A&M University.

"The general public needs to be more aware of the local mosquito situation and take precautions against these insects," said Dr. Jim Olson. Precautions include cleaning up premises by removing all sources of standing water, mosquito-proofing dwellings, and, as much as possible, altering outdoor activities to times and places mosquitoes aren't active.

"Wear loose, light-colored, long-sleeved clothing and apply a mosquito repellent of choice," he said. "Mosquitoes tend to go for dark-colored, moving objects. If the clothing fits tightly, they can drill right through the fabric into the skin."

The recent rains across much of the state is a good-news, bad-news type of situation. With a capability of traveling up to 30-50 miles

from where they breed as larvae, these mosquitos may cause nuisance problems well away from where they were in their developmental stages. They are going to be a serious source of annoyance for the next 10 days to two weeks.

The first case of West Nile virus in a human in Texas was confirmed recently in a 50-year old Orange resident, who is in stable condition at the Houston VA Medical Center. Evidence of the disease has been found in birds or mosquitos in Harris, Jefferson, Fort Bend, Orange, Montgomery and Dallas counties, and several confirmed and unconfirmed cases of the virus have been found in horses in Southeast Texas.

Some horses have died while others are recovering. "The situation in East Texas is further confused by also having Eastern Equine Encephalitis activity," which has been confirmed in one horse each in Nome, Jasper and Tyler.

According to the Texas Department of Health, mild infections of mosquito-borne encephalitis in humans may occur with only a headache. More severe infections

may include headaches, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and tremors.

With West Nile infections, flu-like symptoms include fever, headaches, sore throat, body aches, fatigue (often with a skin rash), and swollen lymph glands. It can be fatal, particularly in the elderly or very young or those with weakened immune systems.

Human symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis range from mild flu-like illness to frank encephalitis (true inflammation of the brain), coma and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the United States, there have been 153 confirmed human cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in humans since 1964; up to 3,000 cases of St. Louis Encephalitis in humans since 1975; 639 human cases of Western Equine Encephalitis since 1964; and 152 human cases of West Nile virus confirmed since it first appeared in the U.S. in 1999, according to CDC information.

Migrating birds are the primary source of the West Nile virus and

Eastern Equine Encephalitis, which are transmitted by mosquitos to other birds, animals or humans. Eastern does not seem to kill birds (West Nile infections kills blue jays, crows and hawks), though birds are the reservoir for that virus.

There is evidence of St. Louis Encephalitis cycling in mosquitos in the Corpus Christi area and Western Encephalitis cycling in mosquitos in El Paso. Western Equine Encephalitis is vectored by Culex tarsalis. Since West Nile virus often shows up in the bird population first, the public is asked to contact the nearest office of TDH when dead blue jays, crows or hawks are found. Check for the nearest office at their website: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/>

As a final precaution, please report any dead crows, blue jays or hawks to City officials so notification to the Department of Health can be made. The best way to help is to control breeding sites for mosquitos in your area.

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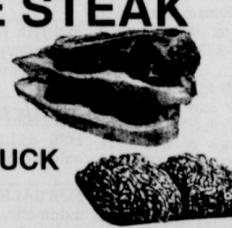
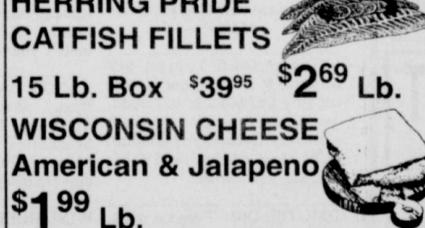
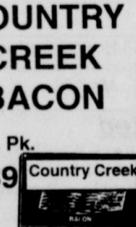
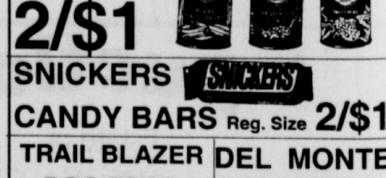
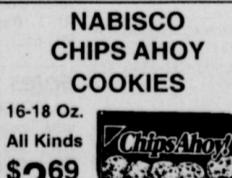
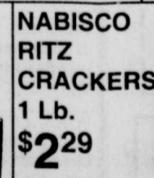
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