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By Nanalee Nichols

If you thought my "mud chronicles" had gotten out of hand last week...wait to you hear this week's tale!

Last Wednesday morning my husband, Thomas, had to get up about 4 in the morning to start delivering some hay before he came to work down at the office.

He was back by four-twenty, pounding on the bedroom door!

Awakened from a warm, pleasant sleep I stumbled across the room to find him standing on the back deck, muddy to his knees.

At our barn he had tried to back out the big tractor. The mud was so slick that the tractor had begun to slide sideways, almost into a pool!

Being the dutiful wife that I am I scrambled into jeans and sweat shirt, yanked on a coat and went to help him get it out.

I didn't take time to put on lace-up boots, just slip on shoes. That was a mistake.

The smaller tractor was also in deep mud. He helped me cross the seemingly endless mire. At each step I had to curl my toes and try to keep the shoes from being sucked off my feet. At the same time the mud was so thin it was gushing into my shoes. If I hadn't been fully awake I was then! Numerous times I nearly fell before making the security of the tractor. Then Thomas skidded his way on to the other tractor.

Spinning and slinging mud, the two machines began to move. When the mired tractor was about eight or ten feet away from the pool, however, all movement ceased. We dared not bog the small tractor down but felt we could now get to the big tractor to pull it out forward instead of backward, a decided advantage.

Thomas crawled down, slopped back to me, and we tried going around the pool to get to the front of the stuck tractor.

During that dark, cold-ridden ride I could feel clods of wet, slimy stuff splatting into my hair and across the back of my jacket, slung up by the tractor tires. Yuck!

Unfortunately, the ground was so wet and slick that the little tractor wouldn't back up close enough to the big one for the chain to reach!

Finally, in total disgust my husband left to move the hay around on the small tractor, cold, muddy and miserable.

I headed to the wash room at the house. There I showered, washed my filthy hair and scrubbed my feet.

Wrapped in a towel, I wandered from the shower across the carpet towards that warm, welcoming bed. It was only when I sat down on the edge of it that I saw muddy tracks! Sure enough, I had failed to get a chunk of mud off of my heel!

Finally, I felt clean enough to crawl back to bed. It wasn't until full day light that I caught sight of the mud under my toenails. Disgusting!

We've had enough sunshine to dry things up so he could drive the mired tractor out. We've missed a couple of rains the last few days. Somehow, I'm very, very sure that there are lots and lots of tales like mine that could be told.

I haven't heard of a single, solitary soul who regrets missing this last rain.

As for me, now I've got a terrible cold, filthy shoes and am paranoid that I will never again have clean feet! I'm through telling mud tales...I've had enough!

People & Things

Commodities will be distributed on Tuesday, February 11 from 9 to 12 at Cunningham.

There will be a personal shower for Mrs. Thelma Malone at Bethel Fellowship Hall at 5:30 Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Malone recently lost her home to fire.

Candidates Speak At Forum

The Prairiland Cafeteria was full as Missy Merritt introduced the candidates for Sheriff, Constable of Pct. 1 and Commissioner of Pct. 1 last Thursday night at a political forum.

Each candidate spoke briefly about himself and his goals before being asked questions from audience.

Constable Boren said that he believed he had done what he said he would when he took office. He stated that he has worked primarily towards clearing up burglaries, thefts and working towards stopping the drug problem, and that he felt his record spoke for itself.

His opponent, Jackie Dearborn, recapped his own history in law enforcement and spoke about his experience as a law officer. He is currently a jailer at the Lamar County Jail.

Pct. 1 commissioner Troy Owens addressed himself to the jail issue, saying that while he was aware there had been a lot of opposition to building a new jail there really had not been a choice, because of the growing number of prisoners and state regulations.

He mentioned the changes in the courthouse offices, and went over the number of new bridges, bridges that were rebuilt, culverts, road repairs and other things that have been done during his time in office.

Candidate Jim Satcher spoke about his background, citing 18 years experience in business for himself, his years on the board of AMPI and involvement in civic activities as qualifications. He stated that if elected he would provide representation in both the courthouse and in the field.

The third candidate for Pct. 1 Commissioner, Jack Malone, spoke then, saying that he would cut out the road foreman's, and secretary's position and spend his time outwith the men and would spend Pct. 1 money in Pct. 1 on roads.

Candidate for Sheriff Jerry Griffith spoke after the commissioner candidates, stating that if elected he would be a working sheriff with a goal of county wide patrols, active investigations and co-operation with all law enforcement officials.

He said that changes were needed in jail policy.

Sheriff Gene Burns was next up, saying that he was experienced and that one of his hardest jobs was managing about 180 people. Forty of them are employees of the sheriff's office while 15 Oare inmates in the jail. He addressed the fact that the jail was overcrowded and this was a difficult matter.

He stated that his men are well trained, and constantly training and striving to improve, as is he.

B.J. McCoy mentioned his qualifications as a certified peace officer and his experience in investigation as plus marks in his own favor.

He stated that his goals if elected would be: To have a secure jail, keeping inmates and trustees from roaming freely; and to do away with the phones that are currently in each jail cell and abolish furloughs of prisoners; full co-operation with other law enforcement agencies and more citizen involvement.

After their speeches the forum was opened to questions from the audience.

Questions were addressed to Jackie Dearborn, Pct. 1 Constable candidate, concerning his previous employment.

A question was directed at Pct. 1 Commissioner Troy Owens as to whether or not it was true that the county was renting office space for the County Attorney from Tom Wells, who is the county attorney. Commissioner Owens replied that it was true that at the present time the county was renting this office because there was not currently room in the county attorney's office. Further questions were addressed to him concerning future plans for office space. Owens stated that future plans were to remodel after the jail was moved to the new facility to provide offices for county attorney and other county offices.

Owens was also asked about having the county roads identified and if he had said the signs were up.

He said that he had never stated that the signs were in place, but rather that the maps were done, and as soon

as funds were available the signs would be ordered and put up.

The issue of phones in jail cells immediately came up, as people in the audience asked Owens and Sheriff Burns about them.

Candidate McCoy had stated that he did not like the jail cell phones because they could be used improperly. As an example McCoy stated that a woman had shot her ex-boyfriend, and made a call to a friend asking the friend to take the shotgun and hide it before the police could find it. During the question period Sheriff Burns stated that he did not think the call had been made from the county jail. He also said that the in-cell phones had freed two employees who had to go from cell to cell giving each inmate his fifteen minute a week phone call plus the required emergency calls, and that various companies would pay so much per month to install these phones. He explained that the phones were collect-call-only phones, and that all charges fell to the person accepting the phone call.

"This system makes the county money" he said. He also said that phones and televisions served as deterrents, since they could be "yanked" as a disciplinary action when prisoners mis-behaved.

McCoy said that indeed, the phone call to the friend which he had alluded to was a matter of record with the Paris Police Department, and that a statement from the friend had been taken, and the call had come from County jail.

The matter of jail phones resulted in quite a few minutes of "back and forth" conversation between the Sheriff, audience members, and candidate McCoy.

Questions were addressed to the sheriff concerning the number of walk-aways and escapes, bail bonding, and other concerns.

After the meeting Kathy Bolton, County Tax Assessor/Collector and her opponent, Peggy Noble made brief statements. District Judge Jim Thompson also made a statement about his candidacy for re-election, as did George Preston, candidate.

B.J. McCoy Announces For Sheriff's Office

Billy Joe (B.J.) McCoy is running as a candidate for Sheriff in Lamar County.

McCoy has been a certified peace officer for 17 years, and is in his 20th year of service in law enforcement.

He is currently employed by the Lamar County Attorney's Office as it's investigator.

His career in law enforcement began 19 years ago. A month after graduating from Chicota High School he moved to Irving and joined the Irving Police Department.

While serving with the Irving Police he received several letters of commendation, including one which involved the apprehension of three men who had just robbed an Irving pharmacy at gun point and critically wounded two people.

In 1977 he was promoted to Field Training Officer responsible for training new officers for their duties on the streets.

In 1979 he was promoted to Crime Scene Investigator. He was a Units Leader and he had the responsibility of training four men and was responsible for the unit's budget.

He has many hours of experience in investigating major crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, burglary and theft. He is extensively trained in photography, a latent fingerprint examiner, and a veteran crime scene investigator.

He holds an advanced law enforcement certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer standard and Education.

In 1983 he moved back to Lamar County and became a Deputy Sheriff. He worked for two months and was promoted to investigator. He says his duties were varied but that his main responsibility was investigation of major crimes.

McCoy says that his two rewarding accomplishments are the rescue of an elderly man who had been kidnapped by the killers of Paris Police

Officer Dave Roberts and the recovery of money that had been defrauded from an elderly Deport couple by a gypsy from Louisiana.

McCoy and his wife, Virginia live in Powderly and have four daughters, Theresa, Brandi, Lauren and Jessica. They are certified foster parents and currently have five foster children.

They currently supervise the Willow Creek Home for foster girls. The couple say they are devoted to the future of children which they believe rests in their academic accomplishments and the moral values they are taught at home.

Among the things he believes in are: Secure jails, proper training, good relations with all police agencies in the County.

If elected, McCoy says he would like to see the phones removed from the inmates jail cells, see inmates be in jail uniforms at all times, and not have keys to the courthouse doors or be on furloughs.



B.J. McCoy, Candidate For Sheriff, Lamar County

Fund Raiser To Be Held For Campaign, Camera

There will be a chili supper at the Deport American Legion Hall in Deport on February 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The meal will cost \$3 with children under 5 eating free. There will be chili, crackers, tea or coffee and dessert and proceeds will go towards Pct. 1 Constable Randy Boren's re-

election campaign and towards the purchase of a video camera for the squad car which will belong to the Pct. 1 Constable, from now on.

Anyone wishing to help with this by working that night or donating desserts please contact Marilyn Glover at 652-5945 or City Drug at 652-3456.

Cunningham VFD Stew & Chili Supper Is Saturday

The Cunningham VFD will be hosting a fundraising stew and chili supper on Saturday, February 8 beginning at 7 p.m.

The meal will be all you can eat for \$3.00 with dessert and drink included.

The fundraiser will be held at the Life Tabernacle Church Fellowship Hall in Cunningham.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a good meal while supporting a good cause.



REFRESHMENTS-people in precinct one availed themselves of the opportunity to hear political candidates speak last Thursday night at the Prairiland Cafeteria and also asked the candidates questions and

enjoyed refreshments. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

People & Things

Three area students will compete in the State Hoop Shoot Contest this Saturday in Austin. They are David Ford of Cunningham, Christal Gilbert of Taylortown and Rusty Kutzer of Pattonville. Ford and Gilbert are students at Deport and Kutzer attends North Lamar. Good luck to these students.

RESCUE-Deport Volunteer Firemen and bystanders managed to save this 1957 Thunderbird and a 1953 Ford from the garage of G.W. (Runt) and Linda Dill's house Sunday night. The entire house was destroyed by fire, and the two cars were so hot they sustained damage when they were bodily pushed from the garage. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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Pattonville-Shady Grove News

By Judy Day

The candidate forum held January 30 at Prairiland had a good attendance and gave community people a chance to meet all the candidates running for office in Precinct I.

The First Baptist Church of Pattonville will be getting a new roof and new paint on the outside of the building, as soon as weather permits.

Ruth O'Brien of Garland and Bob Day of Paris had breakfast with Calvin and Judy Day Saturday.

We regret that Runt Dill's home burned Sunday night. The house and contents were a total loss.

Sue Nichols celebrated her birthday January 31. Happy Birthday to you, Sue.

Helen Gibson is improving from recent surgery.

Harold and Jan Tomblin recently

returned from a trip to Burleson where they and their daughter, Vicky Nielsen, daughters Heather, Jessica and Katy of Burleson, attended the POA Club awards banquet. Heather accepted two plaques for the 1991 High Point Stallion of Texas, RM Gold Smoke, winning first in color and conformation. Heather also accepted a plaque for the 1991 Texas Novice Horse, Gambler's Bandit.

Visiting Harold and Jam Tomblin this weekend was their daughter, Vicky Nielsen, and daughters Heather, Jessica and Katy, of Burleson.

James Merritt returned from a two week stay in the hospital with pneumonia. He is still under doctor's care, but is improving daily.

Culbertson-Garrison Engagement Announced

Robert and Sharon Culbertson of Blossom announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn, to Bobby W. Garrison, son of John D. and Billie Ann Garrison of Powderly.

The couple will be married at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 29 at the Powderly Baptist Church. The Rev. Kirk Ballard will officiate at the for-

mal ceremony. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of North Lamar High School and attended Paris Junior College. She is employed at Sears.

Her fiancé is also a 1990 graduate of North Lamar High School and attended Paris Junior College. He is employed at Hope Agri.

Cooper-Spencer Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cooper of Pattonville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Valerie Nell, to Jeffrey David Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer of Paris.

The couple will be married at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in a semi-formal ceremony at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Reno. The Rev. Bill Self will officiate.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Prairiland High School and attended Paris Junior College. She is employed at Lamar National Bank.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Paris High School and attends Paris Junior College. He is employed at Campbell Soup Company.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the ceremony.

Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Date Set

Area Girl Scouts will be delivering cookies February 21 through March 5.

Each Girl Scout sold cookies to help raise funds for activities such as camping, council wide events, and badge workshops, said Mills. Proceeds of the annual cookie sale help individual members and the local council meet their goals.

In addition, this sale offers young girls valuable communication and sales experience, and an opportunity to develop their self-confidence.

Before selling cookies, the girls practice safety procedures and discuss sales techniques. It also helps them learn about money management, budgeting, goal setting and planning; all valuable business skills that can be useful to them in later life.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout for your order, phone the local cookie chairman, Donna Stewart at 632-4970 in the Bogata area, or Irene Bryant at 982-6176 in the Blossom area; or call the council office in Paris at 784-0803.

VFW & Auxiliary To Hold Membership Drive

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3990 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a membership drive on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at the Post Home in Reno.

Refreshments and snacks will be served to those stopping by to sign up and pay their dues, which were due December 31.

Desert Storm veterans are especially invited to join the Post. Any veteran needing their membership

card and dues to be picked up may contact a member of the Post.

Yearly dues include a cancer insurance policy through the Ladies Auxiliary. The VFW has a life insurance policy included in their yearly dues.

Growth is essential in membership to keep the organization going. For details, call the Post at 785-5677 or Commander Lenoir at 784-2033 or President Williams at 785-5187.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Charles Bybee of Rockwall and Mildred Smith of Paris visited Elizabeth Walker Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fowler of Maud and Sarah Broderick of Deport spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harvey.

Conrad Hobbs returned Sunday from visiting his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Hobbs and Jason of Dallas. Thursday, he and his cousin, John Hobbs of Canton went to Las Vegas.

Beth Stutzman of Gulf Breeze, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pear-

son of Marshall and Corene Taylor of Deport spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Holland Bell.

Kay Parks and Tim of Faught had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. James Holt Sunday.

Telitha Gay of Bonham spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Upchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harvey had dinner with Buddy and Sue Malone of Deport Saturday. The family present celebrated birthdays of Buddy Malone and Deborah Malone of Mt. Pleasant.

Lamar County 4-H Council Meets

The Lamar County 4-H Council met January 16 at the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.

President Amy Irwin presided and called the meeting to order. The treasurer's report was given and each club president gave a club report. Aimee Cross reported for Red Oak; Michelle Anderson for Blossom and Brenda Moreland for Prairiland.

The standing rules that had been updated in September were reviewed. District 5 4-H T-shirts are now on sale and orders need to be turned in to Jana Osborne.

There will be a Record Book and Scholarship Training on February 6 at the Hopkins County Civic Center at 7 p.m. and the deadline to register is January 30 with a fee of \$2.00 due.

The District Teen Retreat was announced and Lamar County will have six openings for 4-Hers to attend. It will be held at Wilkes Lodge in Avinger.

Handouts on scholarships and 4-H opportunities were given to each council member and seniors were urged to take advantage of the opportunity.



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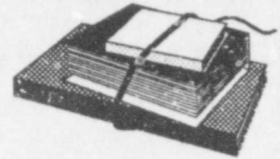
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All recipes submitted will become the property of Texas-New Mexico Power Company and cannot be returned. TNP reserves the right to edit and select the recipes that will be used.

Deadline For Entries is Friday, February 21, 1992

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DRIVING FOR THE GOAL- Prairiland Patriot Toúy Dockray goes past a Wills Point Tiger

The Prairiland boys lost to the Tigers 76-36 in a real shocker.

(Staff Photo by David Singleton)

FHA Delegates Attend Region III Conference

The Prairiland Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended the Region III Conference held in Tyler on January 24-25. The Chapter members were among approximately 1,300 delegates attending the

two day conference. The youth developed the meeting theme, "Destination FHA/HERO: The Ultimate Frontier" was carried out through workshops and general sessions where members discovered ways they can become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Issues addressed at the meeting were: date violence, peer pressure, coping with death, drugs and alcohol and other topics.

FHA'ers attending from the Prairiland Chapter were Holley Kent, State Vice-president of Programs and local Chapter President; Daphney Mayes, Chapter Vice-president of Programs; Tiffanie Jones, Chapter Vice-president of Projects; Kay Lynn Ford, Chapter Parliamentarian; Reigen Mitchell, Jo Lewis, Carrie Gibson, chapter members; and Sandra Graves and Rhonda Bangs, Chapter Advisors.


Future Homemakers of America is a vocational student organization for Home Economics Education students in junior and senior high schools. This youth centered organization is the only vocational organization that has the family as the central focus and an integral part of the Vocational Home Economics curriculum.

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The Paris News made sure the people knew that Mr. Malonewas defeated for Sheriff. They also failed to tell that he carried his Precinct. They also failed to mention other candidates had also been defeated several times. Myself, and a lot of other people feel like Mr. Malone was singled out as a target. Knowing Mr. Malone as I do, when elected he will be out there working with his men and we can promise you he won't need a foreman and three men riding around in one truck. I personally know Mr. Malone was offered money for his filing fee and he refused it. The Paris News made headlines when Jimmie Sparks was indicted for working on a road that he had maintained for several years to help the Little League Ball Club. When the charges were dropped Paris News put it in a little column in the back of the paper.
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Patriot Sports Report

Patriots Record First District Win

By David Singleton
The Prairiland Patriots broke into the win column in district play last Tuesday night at their home gym. The victory came at the expense of the Rains Wildcats.
Jimmy Little opened the scoring for the Patriots and when Wes Rhoades hit for two inside, the home team took the lead for good, 6-2. Both teams scored easily, but David Singleton and Cody Bowen combined for seven points ending the quarter at 20-14 Patriots.
Brock Blasingame's ten foot jumper upped the lead to seven at 22-15. The Cats responded with 14 points

in the second quarter, but Swede Ladd hit his third trey of the half and it ended 40-28.
Ladd and Rhoades combined for all 11 third quarter points for the Patriots to hold the lead at 51-39.
The fourth quarter saw Rains connecting from the outside, but clutch free throw shooting by Justin Gordon and Ladd preserved the victory for the Patriots 62-57. Ladd led the Pats with 18 points; followed by Rhoades and Singleton with 14 each.
In Friday night's game, the Patriots traveld the long road to Wills Point. The Tigers shot out of the starting

gate with a high paced offensive charge. When the smoke cleared, Wills Point had shocked the visitors and led 25-7.
In the second quarter, Wills Point used the full court press to control the Pats, and when Justin Gordon popped a trey, the quarter ended 38-21.
The Tigers pressed for three quarters, forcing the Patriots to struggle for each precious point. Ladd, Gordon, Bowen and Rhoades combined for only 7 fourth quarter points. The Tigers coasted to an easy 76-36 win.
The loss dropped the Patriots to 1-4 in district play and 7-16 on the year.

Lady Pats Win Two In Last Week's Play

By David Singleton
The first of the two successful games found the Lady Patriots hosting the Rains Lady Wildcats.
The first quarter ended with the Lady Patriots down by two points to the Cats.
But the second quarter gave the home team their game winning lead. Laura Hayes hit a pair of free throws in the first few minutes, followed by a Davonna Brumiey trey to add to the score. The visiting team hit a three, but Patriots Jan Scudder and Melissa Miller retaliated with a combined six points, and the quarter ended in the Pats favor 28-25.

Starting the second half, Hayes hit a field goal and a free throw. This keyed a Miller jump shot that forced the Lady Wildcats to take a time out. Scudder went to the line and hit two shots before the quarter ended leaving the score 44-36.
Just as the final stanza began, Katie Mowery banked one off the glass to help insure a Patriot victory. Then near the 2:00 mark, Scudder and Miller both hit two free throws apiece, leaving the score 50-43. The game ending buzzer stopped the scoring at 52-46.
Scudder led all scoring with 19;

followed by Hayes with 14 and Miller with 12.
In Friday night's contest, the Lady Pats crushed the Wills Point Lady Tigers 61-24.
The Patriots took the lead and never looked back. They maintained virtually the same margin of victory as in the team's previous meeting.
Dana Monday worked for 18; while Melissa Miller had 14 and Jan Scudder finished with 11.
The Lady Patriots climbed to 4-3 in district action and 14-11 for the year.

Prairiland Freshmen Lose 38-34

The freshmen Patriots found the scoring tough last week as the hosts could not come up with the baskets when they needed them.
Jason Whitley scored all 10 of the Patriot points in the final quarter as the Patriots took a 10-9 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter, Whitley had 4 points while Jeff Gilbert and Gearl Keys each found a basket. At the half the Patriots held a 18-14 lead.

In the third quarter, Whitley and Gilbert each added a deuce while Keys connected on a trey. While the Patriot team had trouble scoring, the Tigers of Mt. Vernon scored 14 points to take a 28-25 lead.

The fourth quarter found the Patriots scoring 9 points behind Whitley's 5 and Gilbert and Ausmus made two each, while the Tigers scored 10 of their own, making it a 38-34, Mt. Vernon win.

Leading the Patriot scoring was Jason Whitley with 21 points while grabbing 10 rebounds. Others scoring were Jeff Gilbert 6, Gearl Keys 5 and Brian Ausmus 2.

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Prairiland High School
Weekly Activities
Week of February 10

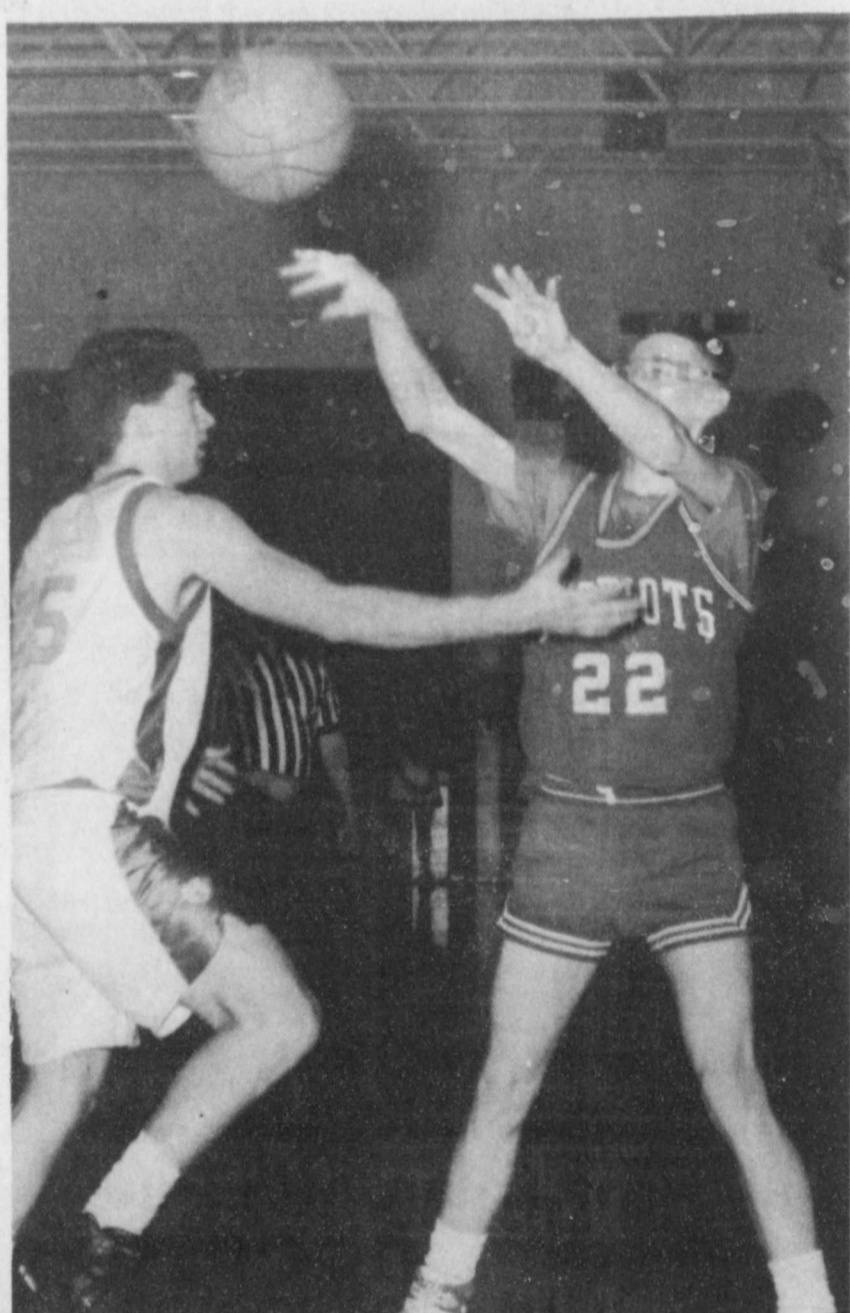
February 10 9th G and B, 5:30 p.m., H, basketball
11 Mineola vs. Prairiland, basketball, H 6:00 p.m., VB and VG
..... Teacher inservice
..... School dismissal at 12:15
12 YFC, Library at 8:50
14 Basketball at Rains, JVB and VB, 6:00
..... Baseball vs. DeKalb, H, 4:00 p.m.
..... End of Fourth Six Weeks

School Menu

- Prairiland School Menu February 10-14**
- Monday**
Corn dogs
Pinto beans
Sliced potatoes
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Local Sales Tax Rebates Show Modest Start For 1992

"January's local sales tax rebates showed a modest start for 1992 with today's payments to 933 cities totaling \$85.5 million, or 5% more than last January's payments of \$81.4 million," State Comptroller John Sharp said today.

January payments to 106 Texas counties totaled \$9.7 million, virtually identical to last January's payments.

"We have projected slow but steady economic growth for 1992 in Texas, despite the national recession, and retail sales should continue to show

moderate improvement," Sharp said.

Bogata received \$2,108.98 for this period, for a 28.77% increase over last year's payment of \$1,637.79.

Clarksville received \$12,984.63 for a 6.66% decrease.

Detroit received \$604.54 for this period, marking a 5.61% decrease over last year's payment of \$640.46.

Mt. Pleasant received \$89,686.33 for an 11.08% decrease while Talco received \$1,211.60 for a 16.01% decrease over last year's payment.

Blossom received \$1,459.01 for a

158.71% increase over last year's payment of \$563.95.

Deport received no payment for this period, as compared to no payment for the same period last year.

Paris received \$170,000.02, marking a 10.62% decrease.

Houston received the state's largest payment for January, \$13.5 million, an increase of 1.1% above last January's payment of \$13.3 million. Dallas received the state's second largest payment, \$8.3 million, an increase of almost 3%.

Prairiland FFA'ers To Show In Houston Livestock Competition

Eleven FFA members from Prairiland High School will join other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the Houston Livestock Show, February 15 through March 1 at the Astrohall.

The FFA and 4-H exhibitors will compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show, the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show

entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Exhibiting from Prairiland High School's FFA chapter will be Kevin Anderson of Blossom; Skipper Chapman of Blossom; Mendy Dobbs of Paris; Tara Gifford of Deport; Justin Gordon of Pattonville; Amy Irwin of Detroit; Gearl Keys of Deport; Kimberly Reep of Blossom; Wesley Rhoades of Deport; Cathy Sugg of Pattonville; and Stephen Swaim of Paris. All the Prairiland students will be exhibiting market broilers at the Houston show.

Representing 886 Texas 4-H clubs

and FFA chapters, the junior show will exceed 13,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

Net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,000 students receive some form of show-sponsored financial assistance. Almost 10,000 volunteers ensure a success of each year's event.

4-H In Focus

By Jana Osborn
County Extension Agent

Dr. Martha Couch, 4-H and Youth Specialist for District 1 & 2, will present a workshop on Record Books and Scholarships in Sulphur Springs at the Hopkins County Civic Center on February 6 at 7 p.m.

The time to begin work on your books is fast approaching. Dr. Couch will give helpful hints on the "do's and don't's" of 4-H record books. She has such a vast knowledge of the subject that any questions you may have can definitely be answered at this time.

Many 4-H members do not worry about scholarships until their junior

or senior year. However, to be successful in receiving a scholarship, you must start working toward your goal many years before your senior year.

Dr. Couch will also conduct a workshop on "Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks" on February 7 from 11 until 1. The workshop will be very informative and extremely useful with roundup just around the corner.

You must contact the office by Thursday, January 30 if you plan to attend.

Davis' Host Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Davis were hosts of the Cuningham Baptist Church for a dinner at the noon hour Sunday, Feb. 2. Approximately 70 guests enjoyed food and fellowship.

Lightning strikes the Earth a hundred times every second, from the 1,800 thunderstorms in progress at any given moment.

Deport Nursing Home News

Vada Mae Hoover visited her sister, Grace McHamm on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen D. Gable of Paris visited Lela Carrell last week.

Carol Dawson and Jimmy Sparks visited Mary Mathews and Elizabeth Mayes.

Dosie Jones, Linda Jones and her daughter, Patricia Jones, Mary Sue Jones and her sons were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hensley, Marguerite Cannon and Frankie Archibald.

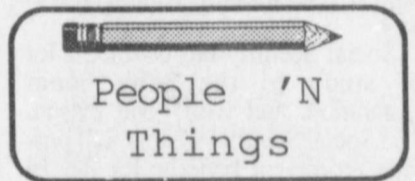
Robert Giboney of Paris visited his sister, Inez Frieze.

William and Ann Geer visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Geer on Sunday. Also visiting was Jimmy Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Dunigan visited his brother, Marshall Dunigan.



MELODY HOLLAND of Taylortown presented a slide show and talk to the Red Oak 4-H Club recently. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



The Blossom and Deport Little Dribblers will play at half time in the district game between Prairiland and Mt. Vernon on February 7.

This time the fifth grade boys teams will be performing.

Bereaved Parents Support Group will meet February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Paris Public Library gallery. Wade Eshelman of Honey Grove, employed by St. Joseph's Hospital, will be the guest speaker on day-to-day occurrences after the loss of a child.

Buford Cleveland is offering a \$500 reward for the return of a yellow ink bag with the name of Oklahoma National Bank, Capitol Hill (no questions asked). There were several hundred dollars worth of cash and checks that had been collected for the Blossom Fire Department's fundraiser Saturday night. If anyone has information about this bag, please contact Mr. Cleveland at 982-5947.

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Texas Ramblers Celebrate Year

The Texas Ramblers held a dinner at the Sirloin Steakhouse recently honoring all participants that traveled in 1991 with the group.

The Texas Ramblers is a group of senior citizens from all over the county who travel to various states. This year they traveled to Branson, MO, Eureka Springs, AR and Litchfield, LA during the Christmas holidays.

The group is composed of 54 senior citizens. Several reports were

given by various members on the past year's events and pictures were shown.

Martha Edwards of Fresno, CA, who was visiting her son and his family, Bro. Burgie Thompson, wrote an essay on the group.

Those attending from Blossom were Ethel Jackson, Ruby Crawford, Letha Cole, Sandy Pilip, Gertrude Crawford and Aileen Herron.



Precinct 1 Constable Report

January 31: Constable Boren arrested a Cunningham man for three traffic warrants.

Recovered a stolen vehicle from Highway 271 South on Old Clarksville Road. Vehicle was stolen from Mt. Pleasant.

February 1: Constable Foreman, Boren and Lamberson arrested one Paris man for disorderly conduct at Paris High School Gymnasium.

February 3: Responded to a car fire behind the Deport Gin.

Arrested a Deport man for criminal trespassing and criminal mischief.

News Of Marvin, Jennings & Clardy By Kay Hancock

Kyle and Kellie Martin ate supper with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gene Martin and Sondra Wednesday night.

Kyle Martin made a trip to Houston last week.

Mandy Read of Paris granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryle Lander of Clardy won 4th place in Steer Division at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Briscoe and children, were visitors of the community this week.

Tammy Gibson celebrates her birthday Feb. 5th...Happy Birthday to her.

Mary Ann Moreland and Gina visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Glenn Ballard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ballard of

M-J-C News

Quitman and Mrs. Larry Woodall of Clardy attended their cousin's funeral. Wendall Bryant of Colorado City was buried Thursday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant of Colorado City, and has a brother, Greg Bryant of Paris. They also visited J.P. Moore of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Kelley of Hopewell visited Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Ballard Monday.

Joe Gibbs visited them Monday night.

Sue Gibbs visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Ballard Thursday.

Hershall Stone visited the Alvis Glenn Ballards also.

Sue Gibbs of Detroit and Kay Hancock went to see Mrs. Argent Gibbs in McCuiston Hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lewis Clement visited Mr. and Mrs. Walt Craftsman of Viewpoint Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woodall visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Slaton of Halesboro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lewis Clement visited Mr. and Mrs. L.Rant Stone Thursday night.

Alvis Glenn Ballard and Kay Hancock visited Mr. and Mrs. Dexter McCurry of Viewpoint on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood of Cuningham, Mr. and Mrs. James Winters of Pattonville and Bobby Winters were in Wichita Falls Sunday to be with their uncle, who is ill.

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Baby Boomers Studied By Social Security Administration

By Ray Hudson
District Manager
Paris Social Security Office

Are you a baby boomer? If you were born between 1946 and 1964 then you are a member of the single largest generation in American history.

Social Security has devoted a lot of study to the baby boom generation...and with good reason. The Social Security system will provide retirement benefits for the 76 million members of this generation who will begin to reach retirement age in the second decade of the next century.

While we know with certainty that the first baby boomer will turn 65 in 2011, there are many uncertainties about this generation.

One is this: no one is sure just how many baby boomers will be retired in 2020, for example. According to the Census Bureau, it could be as many as 58 million or as few as 48 million. It depends a great deal on unknowns--how long are the baby boomers likely to work, and how long are they likely to live?

Take the question of work. Some experts say that because of lower birth rates that followed the boomer generation, there will be fewer young(er) workers in the early years of the next century. So, there will be greater demand for older workers to continue working.

On the other hand, the same experts agree that recent experience indicates just the opposite: workers seem to be retiring at increasingly younger ages.

A similar situation exists when we look at probably mortality rates for

the baby boomers.

When Social Security began in 1935, the average life expectancy for people turning 65 was a little more than 11 years for men and 13 years for women; today those numbers are 15 years for men and 19 for women; and when the first baby boomer reaches 65 in 2011; the numbers could be as many as 18 for men and 23 for women.

But that last number is iffy. New diseases, environmental hazards or unexpected increases in, for example, heart disease could cut future life expectancy. By the same token, new medical breakthroughs or healthier lifestyles might lengthen boomers' years after retirement. For example, the U.S. Public Health Service has estimated that a substantial reduction in cancer could add 3 years to everyone's life expectancy.

The Social Security disability insurance trusts funds will also be affected by the health of the baby boom generation. Already, the average age of a male disabled beneficiary has declined from 57.3 years in 1960 to 51.1 years by 1987.

We at Social Security continue to watch this generation with great interest--and plan accordingly. Our trust fund balances, for example, are accumulating enough reserves to pay benefits for at least 50 years.

But so much about the baby boomers remains unpredictable. And frankly, a generation that has always prided itself on being different probably likes it that way.

Backward Glances From 1953



By
Nanalee Nichols

From Deport Times,
February 5, 1953

Heavy rainfall and some hail had hit the area .262 inches of rain had been recorded with creeks and branches running out of control.

Forty-six men had been called dup in Lamar County for physical exams for the service. From this area were: Weldon Richard Burkett, Pattonville, Ornie Mantooth, Blossom, Joe Moreley Dennis, Pattonville, Idward Roden, Deport, Larry Dewayne Woodall, Blossom and Augustus Benton Moss, Blossom.

George Cheatham had been re-elected as superintendent at Deport Schools.

The President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, had called off the order to the Navy for protec-

tion to Red China.

Peach and Plum growers were worried about their fruit crops after heavy freezing weather had hit just behind a warming trend.

Ayers had mid heel pump shoes for women for \$6.99.

East Lamar had edged out the Blossom team in a 50-47 upset. Blossom had not lost a game that season until them. Joe Kelsey had fir and Pine Lumber J-B Pittsburgh Paints, Cement, Gravel and Sand, plumbing fixtures, light fixtures, screen wire and a variety of other things for sale.

The Mothers March against Polio had collected \$138.79 towards defeating the dread disease.

Rabies had been reported in livestock in the Pine Branch area.

Gramm Releases President's Budget For Area Projects

President Bush's new budget contains a total of \$11,839,000 for the Cooper Lake project in Hopkins County and \$400,000 for the proposed Pecan Bayou Lake in Red River County, U.S. Sen Phil Gramm said today.

Specifically, the senator said, \$11,100,000 will be used for continued construction of the recreational facilities at Cooper Lake, while \$739,000 will be used for operation

and maintenance activities.

The \$400,000 for Pecan Bayou will be used to initiate a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a multi-purpose reservoir near Clarksville.

"The President's budget is important to Texas because it represents the taxpayers' investment in the future of our state and our nation," Senator Gramm said.

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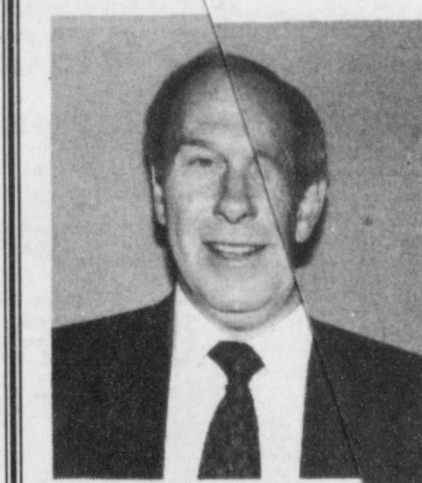
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Jak Herrington Announces Candidacy For County Attorney

Jak Herrington says, "Drugs, burglaries and other crimes are a serious problem in Red River County. Our schools are fighting the drug problem through drug education and

drug counseling. The Cub Scout book has 28 pages dealing with drug abuse."



Jack Herrington, Candidate for Red River County Attorney

Herrington believes the time has come for the criminal--the one who sells drugs, and the one who burglarizes your homes and businesses and steals from you--to pay the price.

He wants to have jury trials for these criminals and send them to prison. No longer will plea bargaining in over 96% of the cases be the order of the day. Herrington says, "We all work hard, respect the law, raise our families and live decent lives. If criminals choose to break the law, I intend to prosecute them through a consistent policy of regular jury trials."

"Our tax dollars pay all of the salaries and expenses of the County Attorney's office. I intend to see that you get your money's worth by providing real hard-nosed prosecution of criminals."

Jack was born and raised in Red River County. He and his wife, Barbara, live on North Highway 37 with his step-son, Brent. He has two grown sons, John and Michael. John is married to the former Neicy Miller and they live near Dimple with their daughter, (his granddaughter), Morin. Michael is a senior at the University of Texas.

Jack is a member of the United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club and currently active as a leader in Brek Cub Scout Webelos den and helps coach little league baseball.

He has been a practice trial attorney for 18 years. Herrington is a member of the Red River County Bar Association, Lamar County Bar Association, Northeast Texas Bar Association, State Bar of Texas and a former director of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and has been a speaker for legal education seminars. He has served as City Attorney for Clarksville and Detroit.

"I will prosecute and punish all criminals and plea bargaining in over 96% of the cases is a thing of the past in Red River County," promised Herrington.

Immunization Clinic Scheduled

The Texas Department of Health, Public Health Region 7 office, announced plans today for the continuation of a series of monthly immunization clinics for all children needing immunizations, who meet the required family income determination guidelines.

The clinic will be conducted at the Texas Department of Health, 1300 Hwy 37 North in Clarksville. The next clinic will be held February 13 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Future clinics will be held on the first Wednesday, second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month.

The Health Department emphasizes that this clinic is available to all preschool and school age children who meet the family income guidelines, beginning at two months of age. Immunizations offered include Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Oral Polio, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis and Tetanus/diphtheria. The Haemophilus Influenzae type b vaccine is also available to medically eligible children between the ages of 2 months and 60 months.

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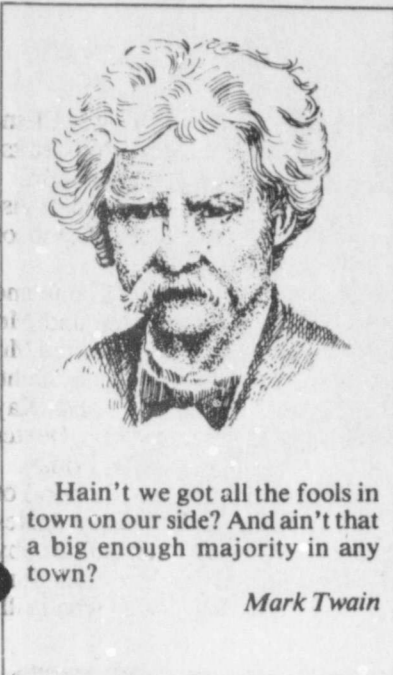
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Annual fees range from about \$20 to \$50. A premium card may offer automatic rental car insurance, roadside assistance for your family car, and buyer protection for theft or damage to goods purchased with the card. Don't pay extra for features you won't use. Often, you can get a premium card higher credit limit by asking for it on your standard card.

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GLORIA PHILLIPS, speaking to the class, from the Lamar County Alcohol/Drug Center, talked to Ms. Murdock's third grade class at Blossom School about the Living Life Program, a personal awareness and development program for youth, designed to encourage the youth of today to be drug-free adults of tomorrow. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Blossom Third Grade Hears Living Life Program

Cherie Murdock's third grade class at Blossom School heard a program about the Living Life Program, presented by Gloria Phillips of the Lamar County Alcohol/Drug Center, sponsored by the center. Living Life is a personal awareness and development program for youth, designed to encourage youth to be drug-free adults. Living Life provides education, information and support to the children. The program is available through the Lamar County Alcohol/Drug Center and is funded by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The Center also provides mini-presentations on the dangers of alcohol and other drugs to any grade level. A staff person from the center will provide the presentations free of charge. For more information about the school presentations, call the Center at 785-1608 or 784-1480.

Blossom Housing Authority News

By Morene Bradley and Aileen Herron

Opal Hensley and Dottie Fisher went shopping in Paris Friday. Mrs. Ellen Tuck and daughter of Bogata visited Mrs. Rhoda Lee Monday. Billie Bates visited her mother Saturday and Alma Stevens on Sunday. Mrs. Lee was able to attend church Sunday morning.

Chad Wilson and Clint Blankenship from Lawton, OK are visiting Chad's grandmother, Dorothy Wilson. Christy Holt of McKinney, Ruby Dickerson, Dorothy Richardson, Claudine Terry, Brenda Hurst, Sharon Boyd, Greg Haley and Sue Bradford also visited Dorothy.

Lorene Gibson and Morene Bradley visited Vergie Jamagin last week. Ruby Dickerson, Linda McDonald and Martha Jo Barnhill also visited Vergie.

Lorene Gibson spent Saturday night with her daughter, Daphna Downs and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gibson and Cary had supper with Lorene on Thursday.

Mary Smart visited Morene Bradley on Monday, Margaret Whitley on Wednesday and Polly Burman on Friday. Morene, Margaret Whitley and Mrs. Crawford had lunch at the Kountry Kitchen on Friday. Morene, Lorene Gibson, Georgia Clark and Aileen Herron had breakfast at the Kountry Kitchen Thursday. Morene, Lorene and Aileen went to the antique shop on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Whitecotton of Nocona visited his aunt, Alice Whitecotton and spent Monday night. Donette and Stacy Lyons had lunch with her grandmother on Sunday.

Lorene Gibson, Morene Bradley and Aileen Herron visited Lone Woodard last Monday. Chad Johnston spent Sunday night with his great-grandmother.

PJC Announces Continuing Education Classes

A variety of continuing education classes will be offered Feb. 3-6, according to Robbie White, director of the Paris Junior College Continuing Education Department.

A wax modeling for the lost wax casting process course is offered from 5 to 7 pm on Monday and Wednesday for 12 consecutive weeks beginning Feb. 3. Students will acquire the skills necessary to build wax models for the lost wax casting process used in the jewelry profession. Cost is \$50 and supplies are \$45.

A first aid/cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course, which is approved by the American Red Cross and recognized by OSHA, is set for 6 to 10 pm, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 4. This course will cover training in emergency care of injured or ill persons, including cuts, abrasions, bone and joint injuries, head and neck injuries, burns, poisoning, animal and insect bites, and adult CPR. Cost is \$28.50.

A driver's education course begins Feb. 3. Approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety, this course is open to students at least 15 years of age. Classes will be held from 4 to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, for three consecutive weeks. Students must provide a birth certificate and social security number. Fee is \$165.

A CPR recertification course for health professional is scheduled for 6 to 10 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 5. Taught by Kathy Gooding, this update and review course is for current CPR certified cardholders. Cost is \$15.

A CPR recertification course for laypersons is also offered from 6 to 10 pm, Thursday, Feb. 6. Cost is \$15.

A Quicken course, taught by Gary Annis, will be held from 6 to 9 pm, Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks beginning Feb. 6. Quicken can be used to track financial transactions for home and business, including checking accounts, liabilities, tax records, and financial reports. Cost of the course is \$30.

For more information on these and other continuing education classes, call (903) 784-9447 or 784-9445.

Blossom Locals

Happy birthdays this week to Lori Deverell, Wundretta Cooper, David Greenham, Melissa Hughes, Wesley Rhoades, Phyllis Berry, Guy Crites, Amanda Handley, Amanda Perry, Amber Philpot, Teri Shelby, Brandi Upchurch, Charity Barber, Jamie Jackson, Michelle Milam, David Berry, Jessica Woodard, Melonese Bonner.

Congratulations to Steve and Lettie Ducharme on the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Nicole.

Ethel Jackson, Ruby Crawford, Letha Cole, Sandy Pilip, Gertrude Crawford and Aileen Herron attended a special meeting at Sirloin Stockade for the Texas Ramblers last week to celebrate a successful year.

Everyone enjoyed the VFD's chili supper Saturday night. These guys do a great job throughout the year and we appreciate their efforts.

Lori Deverell was honored with a birthday party over the weekend for her 11th birthday at the Church of God. There were 14 guests to sleep over and enjoy cake and goodies galore.

Junior and Pauline Weddle and Lori Deverell visited relatives in Hugo on Sunday.

Thanks to Melody Holland of Taylortown for a great program Monday night for the Red Oak 4-H.

Charles Whelchel recently returned from a 2-week drill in Little River, Minnesota. He was one of 32 men sent by the Texas National Guard from this area.

Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Bonner attended a birthday party Monday for their daughter-in-law, Melonese Bonner of Sylvan.

Congratulations to the Junior High girls on their second place trophy from the tournament at Sulphur Bluff this weekend. The JH boys will participate in the Sulphur Bluff Tournament this weekend. Good Luck boys.

Six weeks tests start next week. Everyone needs to be prepared. School will dismiss early on February 11 at 12:30 for a teacher in-service workday.

Congratulations to Lloyd Sessums for being named the Kiwanis Citizen of the Year.

Sandra and Jeff Adams of Garland were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mathena.

Visiting from Galveston with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giusti is Jenny Goight.

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Births

Chelsea Nicole is the name given the daughter born January 30 to Steve and Lettie Ducharme of Blossom at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Grandparents are Dutch and Patricia Ducharme of Paris and Pat and the late L.B. "Red" Watson of Blossom. Great-grandparents are B.V. and Lettie Watson of Paris.



CHILI, MORE CHILI!! The Blossom VFD's annual chili supper and pie auction was held

Saturday night in Blossom. A large crowd attended the fundraiser. James White and Harold Blackburn served as auctioneers for the pie and cake auction that followed. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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If you have information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 785-TIPS. You may receive up to a \$1,000 cash reward for pertinent information.

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Teacher: "Now Peggy, where is the decimal?"
Peggy: "On the eraser."

Deport Little Dribbler Report

Deport Little Dribblers played Chisum on February 1 at Deport. In the fourth grade girls game, Deport won 10-8 with Leslie Morgan leading Deport with 6 points and Brandi Patterson adding 4. Fifth grade girls won their game, 20-4. Kendra Hicks hit 8, Katie Mullins 6, Tonya Brown, Amy Talley and Shenika Coleman made 2 each. Sixth grade girls won 19-14. Chastie Moody led her team with 10 points, Renea Holt had 5, Becky Talley and Kristen Lawrence had 2 each. In the sixth grade boys game,

Deport won 39-26. David Ford led the way with 16 points while Matt Wright had 10, Jackie Davidson had 6, Mike Yaross had 3, Shawn Brown and Bryan Gifford had 2 each. The fifth grade boys won 22-14. Dustin Allen was high scorer with 10 points, Sammy Hamm had 8, Chris Turner and Dustin Bangs had 2 each. The fourth grade boys lost their game 20-1 with Matt Basinger making the only Deport point. Deport will host Detroit beginning at 9 a.m. Admission is 50¢ and the PTO will have the concession stand open all day. Come out and support the children of your community.



JIMMIE SPARKS visited with Mrs. Jim Parker during the political forum at Pattonville Thursday night. Those that attended heard from incumbents and candidates for Lamar

County Sheriff, Pct. 1 Commissioner and Pct. 1 Constable races. It was an informative evening for all. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Deport JH Pats Win Two Games

The Deport Junior High girls and boys teams played Winfield at home Monday night. The girls won their game 27-12 with Misty Day scoring 8 points; Beth Roach 7; Tammy Gibson 6; Fair Shae Gifford 4; and Penny Whittle 2. This put the girls in second place. The boys won their game 42-16.

Jamie Mullins was high scorer for the Deport team with 10; Allen Johnson and Jeremy Day each had 8; Brad Griffin and Shane Tolison had 4 each; Lee Elrod, Justin Taylor, Cary Langston and Zachary Allen each had 2. This win put the boys team in first place.

School Menu

Deport School
February 10-14
Monday

Lunch:
Corny dogs
Pinto beans
Carrots
Dessert
Milk

Tuesday

Lunch:
Chili
Pickle slices
Cheese sticks
Fruit
Crackers
Milk

School will dismiss at 12:30 for teacher workshop.

Wednesday

Lunch:
Baked turkey roast
Creamed potatoes
Green beans
Hot rolls, honey, butter
Milk

Thursday

Lunch:
Fish
French fries
Pickle slices
Fruit
Bread
Milk

Friday

Lunch:
Taco salad
Salad
Chips
Fruit
Bread
Milk

Paul Jackson To Compete In Scramble At Houston

One local FFA'er will compete in the 1992 Houston Rodeo calf scramble on February 16 in the Astrodome.

Paul A. Jackson, 14, FFA member from Deport, son of Paul and Doris Jackson, will travel to Houston to participate in the calf scramble, an exciting part of Houston rodeo action.

The Highwaymen will appear at that twilight performance.

The youngsters will compete for one of 252 calves to be awarded at the 1992 show.

The calf scramble event involves 28 energetic youngsters pitted against 14 vigorous calves. Each youngster is committed to capturing a calf, haltering and bringing it to the finish line, but only the successful ones receive \$1,000 calf purchase certificates.

The certificate, donated by a generous firm or individual, is used to purchase a purebred registered beef or dairy heifer. This year, several companies have strengthened their commitment to the calf scramble program by donating a calf for each of the 18 rodeo performances.

The calf is raised by the winner for special showing competition in the Astrodome at the following year's show. The yearlong project is closely supervised by the appropriate county extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

The winners are required to submit financial records, photographs and a scrapbook to the calf scramble office to detail the progress of the venture. The youngsters are encouraged to provide updated reports to their donors as well.

Deport Housing Authority News

By Mary Westbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams of Arlington are visiting his sister, Mae Storm.

James, Jack and Joe Barnard of Cooper and Cindy Whittle of Sulphur Springs visited Alpha Barnard Sunday for lunch.

Corene Taylor attended the funeral of Helen Swindle from Dallas Friday at Grant Funeral Home.

Kenneth Betterton of Ft. Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Betterton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks attended a birthday party for Haley Parsons of Rowlett in the home of

Peggy Parsons Sunday. Also attending were Ina and Nina Sparks.

Corene Taylor had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Holland Bell of Milton Sunday.

Jimmy and Sue Clifton visited Verdine Betterton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith visited Mrs. Berniece Elmore Sunday. They all visited Mrs. Joe Bryant, who is home from being in the hospital for two weeks.

Corene Taylor and Elizabeth Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bell and family in Como Wednesday.

Jack Ballard and wife of Vienna, VA had breakfast with Gov. Ann Richards while she was in Washington recently. Jack received a picture on his birthday from Porter Waggoner.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.
Psalms 103:17

Congratulations to
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