By Nanalee Nichols

The other day a friend and I were in a store that had ornamental yard and patio plaques. One of them read "Heed Your Inner Voice" and another "One Day At A Time". There were several with different messages. I was looking at the "Heed your inner voice" plaque when my friend said "If you heed YOUR inner voice you know you'll get into trouble"

She's right...I put the plaque back and purchased one that simply said "Welcome.

I see a lot in magazines, books and on self help shows urging us all to "get in touch with our inner selves". That has never been a problem with me...my inner self makes itself known to me frequently and in no uncertain terms.

Since I have a very irresponsible and noisy inner voice it is best that I don't pay attention to it. My inner voice does not send me messages of peace and tranquility. Over the years it has encouraged me to move out of state and take up a different career (I stomped that one), try hang gliding and sky diving (my knees scotched those), raise purebred cats (the verdict isn't in on that yet) and work for the "National Inquirer" (I still think that would be a total "hoot" and their pay scale is incredible) .It tells me to do various other things that would be at best stupid and at worst disasterous.

voices for a while I realized that most of us do a pretty good job of controlling our internal vocalizations. Think about the many times you want to lash back at someone who is rude or demanding but control yourself. Think about the little voice that prompts you to let your true feelings be known when you keep right on smiling! How many

After considering inner

times has it urged you to quit your job and seek fulfillment as a romance novel writer, a professional singer or some other thing that the odds aren't real great on achieving? See what I mean? We listen to

our inner voice a lot...and our good sense and practical natures usually prevail. But, if you hear that I have moved to Colorado (with my hus-

band, the 3 dogs and 5 cats, of course) and am pursuing a career in sculpting small houses and running a whitewater raft company, you will know that I have broken down and heeded my inner voice at last. The odds may be slim...but they are there!

Pattonville VFD **Holding Breakfast**

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fund raising breakfast on Saturday, January 27th from 7 to 11 a.m.

Cost of the meal is \$3 for all you care to eat, and will include pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and bis-

All proceeds will go towards fire department to use towards equipment.

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Arson sweeps through Lamar County

The pillar of white smoke, which indicates a grass fire, was visible for ten or more miles. Before the afternoon was through it covered the southern horizon completely. When a call came for Deport Volunteer Firefighters to assist Cunningham at a grass fire at Clardy, they were unable to respond because of the multiple fires south of Deport. Another day of arson had begun.

The fires that I witnessed were set on a number of different pieces of property, on both sides of the road. It was apparent that someone had driven down the narrow county roads setting them. Before the afternoon was over Deport Volunteer Firefighters were assisted by Cunningham volunteers and Bogata volunteers. They battled fire as flames leaped across fences and swept through winter-dry pastures. On a trip back to Deport for water, an accidental grass fire behind houses had to be taken care of. If that had been a major fire, firefighters would have had to be pulled off the grass fires and set to dealing with that. Finally, the firefighters managed to stop the fires short of homes and barns. The amount of acreage burned off was considerable and it was a group exhausted firefighters who finally returned to their fire stations. In the mean time I listened to the scanner as grass fires had to be fought by Blossom and Detroit fire departments.

That was on Friday, January 12, and it was typical of what has been happening throughout Lamar County for several months now.

The night before volunteers at Bairdstown and Taylortown battled blazing fires involving large round bales of hay. Those fires, too, were arson. On Saturday I listened on the scanner while Novice, Faught , Powderly and other volunteers fought a huge grass fire in their area, which was also obviously arson.

In the past few months these arsonists have burned down three barns and uncountable amount of hay. The hay loss has been serious for ranchers who had a short crop this past year and cannot readily replace it.

Uncounted hours have had to be given by volunteer firefighters. Day and night they have been called to deal with flames that have no natural cause. The county will pay out considerable money at the end of the month to these departments for their efforts, and every town and community will need to raise more funds to pay for gasoline, water, equipment use and other supplies necessary in firefighting.

Lamar County Sheriff's department has been deligently trying to catch the person or persons responsible for these senseless and dangerous fires, but it a big county and there are hundreds of roads to patrol.

Sooner or later one of these fires will end in disaster. A firefighter will collapse from heat exhaustion, a home will burn, or cattle trapped and succumb. The arsonists apparently don't care, or don't think such things can happen. Obviously they respect no one. They care not what financial burdens they impose on citizens, nor what dangers they create.

The time has come for citizens to do something, and that something is simple. Keep watch. Make every strange vehicle, every stranger, your business! Take down tag numbers from vehicles that are "cruising" roads with no apparent purpose, for license tags are a good way to bring someone to justice. Contact the Sheriff's department if you see something suspicious. Don't think it is "none of your business"... it is, for all of us are paying for this criminal behavior. We need to look out for one another until this problem can be solved. With the constant vigilence of citizens all over Lamar County the law enforcement officials may be able to end this senseless and malicious problem.

Prairiland ISD extends Superintendent contract

The Prairiland I.S.D. met in regu- Policy was passed unanimously. lar session Thursday, January 11 with Downs, Patterson, Bankhead, Jones and Hunt present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

No action was taken on the tax report for December.

The financial statement and bills for December were passed unanimously.

The resolution for Prairiland Independent School District Investment Buddy Freeman was named as In-

ternal Auditor for the District. The board went into Executive Session at 7:20 and c ame out at 8:30

The board voted to let the administration and school nurse hire an aide

for the nurse. Dr. Stout's contract as Superinten-

dent was extended through June 30,

The meeting adjourned.

Final week to order Girl Scout cookies

River Valley Girl scout council will stop taking orders for Girl Scout cookies on January 21.

"Although we will be conducting booth sales from Febreuary 12 to March 4, this is th final week to personally order your specific selection of cookies," said Darla Shawhart, council coordinator of the cookie sale.

According to Ms. Shawhart, eight varieties are available at a cost of \$2.50 per box.

"The girls in our council have worked so hard during the cookie sale," Ms. Shawhart said, "They have been able to develop enthusiastic team

Girl Scouts throughout the Red spirit, a sense of personal responsibilityy, accountability to the group and self confidence."

According to Ms. Shawhart, proceeds from the sale support special activities of Girl Scouts ages 6-17 throughout the council as well as the facilities and services of the council.

"Please show support for the Girl Scouts in your area by placing orders for these delicious cookies,"she said."The benefits to the girls of your area are substantial and lasting.

To order your cookies, contact a Girl Scout in your neighborhood or call the cookie manager in your aarea.

Head Start Center Committee urges attendance

In Head Start, parents work together with teachers to decide what kind of education and learning experiences children will receive. This is not an easy job. If it is to be done well, it will require alot of hard work and good thinking by both parents and staff. There are many important questions which need to be answered, by attending the center committee meetings, we can address these questions. The center committee meeting are friendly and informal...

Parents and staff work together in deciding both the general goals of the program and the day to day activities for the children. If the center committee is to do the best possible job of planning the program for the childre, it is important that parents and staff share as much knoledge as possible about the children and the program. For this to happen, it is necessary for parents to be involved in all parts of

the program-health, social service, curriculm development, nutrition, staff training and career development. By getting involved parents will better be able to contribute ideas for the total operation of the program. All parents who have children enrolled

in the Head Start Program are members of the Head Start Center Committee. This is a way for all the parents to come together and come up with new ideas. Again, by attending the Center Committee meetings each parent can voice their concerns and ideas. The meetings are held in the Parent Center once a month at 2:00 p.m. Babysitters are always provided. Notes are sent home prior t each meeting announcing the date and time. Please come and join us; by working together we can make this the best program in the State of Texas.

PCT announces cast for "Brigadoon"

The cast has been set and rehearsals are currently underway for the Paris Community Theatre and Nations Bank of Texas' production of Lerner & Lowe's "Brigadoon". Director, Kenny Daus and musical director, Patsy Elliott have begun rehearsals nightly at the theatre for the production that begins February 29 and runs through March 10.

Among members of the chorus is Dora McEntyre, formerly of Deport.

There is still an open call for male chorus members and production crew. Chorus parts require some singing and movement, crew positions in all production areas are open. All interested parties should contact Paris Community Theatre at the Plaza.

D.T. Loven promoted to Sergeant

Cadet Douglas T. loven, 17, was recently promoted to Sergeant at the Marine Military Academy. Loven, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Loven of Minter, Tx. The Marine Corps JROTC promotion is in recognition of his combined preformance in academics, military leadership and athletics.

The Marine Military Academy was founded in 1965 as the only independent, college preparatory school in the workd based on the customs and traditions of the United State marine Corps. The Academy is committed to academic excellence, and to the development in its cadets of self-discipline and responsibility toward community and country.

This fall MMA enrolled 502 young men from 26 states and five foreign

Charles W. Chambers II completes training

Army Reserve Pvt. Charles W. Chambers II has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtsey, military jus-

tice, first aid and Army history and traditions

Chambers is the son of Charles W. and Kathie L. Chambers of Blossom,

He is a 1995 graduate of Prairiland High School, Pattonville.



HEAVY SMOKE-clouds of smoke roil on the horizon as grass burns south of Deport Friday. The fire took hours to contain, and required the efforts of Deport, Bogata and Cunningham Volunteer

Fire Departments. It is only one of a string of arson fires happening throughout Lamar County.

(Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

SMOKY JOB-Deport and Pattonville Volunteer Fire Departments responded to this smoky, fast moving grass fire on Hwy. 271 west of Pattonville Friday afternoon. (Staff Photo by Nanalee

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



FEATURED COOK OF THE WEEK is Frank Rhoades of Deport. Franks specialty is smoked ribs. He won't share his barbque sauce recipe though. It is a well kept secret. All we know down here at the paper is that they are delicious! (Staff



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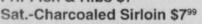


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Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers 652-6051

Maria and Preston Crump celebrated their Holiday dinner with each of their sons, almost all of their grandchildren, and their great-grandson. Attending were Tommy, Don, Vickie and Heather of Frankston, Charles with friend Anne Marie Messier of Dallas, Terry, Deana, Shawna and Blake, Abby and Micah of Paris and DeWayne, K'Tina, Ty, Katrina and Bailey of Cuthand.

Mar'a Crump spent 2 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lane of Alvarado for their family get together. Preston had to return home due to car trouble. Marla's brother, James,

Doyle Brown and Gary Spears visited with Marla Crump recently. Ty Crump spent the week-end with Grandma and Papa Crump recently, and visited with Fannie and Leon

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Lamb of Deport had her second knee replacement surgery recently and Preston and Marla have been attending her since her return home.

at the Church of Christ in Bogata. Everyone is invited to attend. Robbie Slaton of Halesboro took

A ladies Bible Class is being held

Lamb of Deport last Wednesday. mother, Marla Crump, to El Chico's

Monte and Shelley Rodgers of Tigertown had lunch with Betty

ited later that day. Karen Baker spent the week-end

found another man! No-No, just for the Cook's Corner this week! He is Frank Rhoades of Deport. Everyone down here at the paper office goes down to the Lonesome Dove on Tuesdays and eats lunch. On Tuesdays, he prepares ribs. They are the best! They are so good, that Nanalee even takes the bones home...to her puppy dog that is! He won't give me his secret recipe for the sauce though. He said it was handed down to him by the owners of the old Massey Barbeque

share it with anyone. Frank is married to Gail and has been for 28 years. He grew up near Forney and Gail is a transplanted "Okie" from up near Idabel way. They have lived in Deport for 25 years. Frank has two married children, Rickey and Robyn and 6 grandchildren. He and Gail have one son, Wesley. Wesley is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State Uni-

Potato and Corn Casserole

like you would for scalloped potatoes.

Layer these in your casserole dish.

Sprinkle with either dry onion flakes or

freshly chopped onions. Add green

chilis. Sprinkle a little salt and pepper to

taste. Pour Cream Style corn on top.

Dot with margarine and cover with foil

and bake at 350 degrees until potatoes

are tender when tested with a fork.

Remove from oven and cover with

shredded cheddar cheese. Replace foil

and let set in oven (oven off) until you

Layered Nacho Dip

1/2(1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning

1(4-1/2 ounce) can chopped ripe olives

l(4 ounce) can chopped green chilis

1/2 cup(6 ounce) shredded Monterrey

(16 ounce) can refried beans

(6 ounce) package avocado dip

(8 ounce) carton sour cream

2 large chopped tomatoes

small chopped onion

Slice potatoes crossways and thin-

House outside of Bogata. Doesn't

Frank is a retired PRCA Cowboy who has competed in the National Finals Rodeo as a bareback rider and later clowned the Finals three different years. He is a rancher and owner-operator of the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport. Gail is a teacher for the fifth grade at Deport

Frank's specialties at the restaurant are BBQ, steaks and fish. I can be a judge of the ribs, because they are really delicious and judging from the cars parked out in the lot on Friday evenings, his fish must be too. So, if you are down Deport way, stop in and chat with Frank and check out this rustic, western inspired establishment and see if you can recognize any of the rodeo pictures that grace the walls.... and by the way, see if you can get his sauce recipe. . . I

See you in the kitchen!



are ready to serve.

January 18, 1996 Frank Rhoades-Deport



ACombine beans and seasoning mix; spread bean mixture in 12x8x2 inch dish. Layer remaining ingredients in order listed. Serve with corn chips. Yield

Gail's Mom's Jello 1(6 ounce) package strawberry jello prepared as directions

sliced bananas(crossways) small can well drained crushed pine-

I large box frozen strawberries Add to jello, mix and let jell. Topping:

4 ounces cream cheese l cup granulated sugar l carton Cool Whip

Mix and spread on top of the jello and fruit. Top with 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

Frank's Calf Fries

Cut calf fries in 1/2 inch strips; roll in finely crushed cracker crumbs and drop in hot oil. When brown, place on paper towels to absorb excess oil.



brought her home. Lamb of Deport.

Preston Crump's mother, Fannie

each Wednesday morning at 10 AM Marla Crump to see Fannie and Leon

Terry Halbert of Paris took his Sunday to eat and watch the football

Rodgers Sunday. Melissa Arriaga vis-

with her father, Worth Baker. Martha and Gene Hill of Longview visited

Obituaries

Harlin Wesley Miller Dies January 7

Harlin Wesley (Jack) Miller, age 83 of Detroit died Sunday, January at the home of his son, Dale Miller.

Bright-Holland Funeral Home conducted services at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Janaury 9 at Martin Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit with burial in **Detroit Cemetery**

Mr. Miller was born July 3, 1912 in Bagwell, a son of Robert Ephrem and Annie Furgeson Miller. He married Elsie B. Vickers on August 19, 1931. She died in October, 1986. He was retired from the Red River Army Depot as a munitions expert and later retired as a grocer in Detroit. He was a member of Martin Memorial Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter and sonin-law, Mary Ann and Shelly White of Whitney; three sons and four daughters-in-law, Doyle and Moonyene Miller of Hurst James R. and Charlene Miller of Detroit, Dale and Evelyn Miller of Detroit and Betty Lou Miller of Lindale; two sisters, Maxine Bridges of Bagwell and Peggy Edwards of Mabank; 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Bobby John Miller in 1978.

Grandsons served as bearers. The family requests that memorials be made to the Detroit Cemetery

Alvis Glen Ballard Dies January 3

Alvis Glen Ballard, age 80 of Pattonville died Wednesday, January 3 in McCuistion Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 5 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Ballard was born June 25, 1915, in the Clardy community, a son of Willard and Nora Ellen Tucker Ballard. He graduated form Buford High School in Minter. He married Doris Eudy in Deport on October 19, 1935 with the Rev. Avery Rogers officiating. He was a farmer and rancher and longtime member of Bethel Baptist Church in Clardy. He was a former director of the Lamar County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; a son and daughter-in-law, Norris and Elaine Ballard of Pattonville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Sue and Delma Gibbs of Detroit, Kay and Danny Hancock of Pattonville and Louellen and Larry Hanna of Tyler; nine grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

Bearers were Joe Glen Gibbs, Kenneth Hancock, Mike Eudy, Farrell Eudy, Max Ballard, Jack Tucker, Dr. Drew Temple and John Wood. Honorary bearers were Fred Skidmore, Lewis Clement, Harold Eatherly and J.D. Williams.

Jerry L. Landers Dies January 7

Jerry L. Landers, age 54, died January 7 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Hous-

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn and son, Jon. He was the son of the late Ernest C. and Christine Landers. He was the brother of Edgar Cotton, Ron Landers, Byrl Landers, Lee Landers, Dorothy K. Krause, Daena Stafford, Dorothy Anderson, and June

He was a member of the Pattonville community during his childhood, graduating from East Lamar High School and attending Paris Junior College. He moved to Houston to begin his business career as an agent for New York Life Insurance Company and remained with the company until his death. He was a member of the Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 9 at the Klein Funeral Home in Houston. Graveside services were performed at Waller Cemetery in Waller. Memorial smay be directed to the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research, 1315 Calhoun, Suite 1818, Houston, TX 77002.

Ettie C. Fletcher Dies January 15

Mrs. Ettie C. Fletcher, age 82 of Paris died Monday evening in Cherry Street Annex.

She was born August 24, 1913, a daughter of James Robert and Ivie Rosella Robinson Finch. She was a member of East Paris Baptist Church and was a retired LVN having worked at the Sanitarium and McCuistion Hospital. She married Harvey Lee Fletcher on November 4, 1939, in Honey Grove. He preceded her in death February 16, 1995.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 17 in the Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home chapel with burial in Highland Cemetery,

Survivors include a brother, Ollie W. Finch of Madisonville, KY; three sisters, Estelle Chappell of Lufkin, a twin sister, Nettie Chappell of Paris and Frances Hoover of Pattonville; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Willie D. Finch and two sisters, Ruby Lee Skidmore and Wanda Mae Darnell.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to all who sent food, flowers, your presence and prayers, and each act of kindness shown us during the death of our brother, James Frances Cox, also to Bro. Benny Cogburn.

May God bless you, Mary Cleary Willie Cox Charles Cox

Paris Junior College announces honor roll

The president's and dean's list for academic achievement during the fall semester at Paris Junior College have been announced.

To be eligible for the president's list, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average (straight A's) on a minimum of 15 semester hours. Those on the dean's list must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on at least 15 semester hours and have no grade lower than a "C".

Students maned to the President's honor list include; Blossom-Jason M. Dvorak and Felishia A. Lemonds, Deport-David Alfred Davidson, Detroit-Kandice Elaine Brown.

Students named to the dean's honor list are; Blossom-Heather E. Ingram and Jeremy S. Smith, Bogata-Misty D. Taylor, Detroit-Justin A, Withers, Pattonville-Carrie Beth Gibson, Talco-Jesse Don Edge and James Jackson Brown.

Youth Essay competition offers bond

In conjunction with the Youth Activities/Voice of Democracy program, the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have launched an essay program for junior high school and high school students. The nationwide competition is open to all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students enrolled in an an accredited public, private or parochial school in the United States, it's territories and possessions and home study programs according to Weldon Hume VFW 3990 Chairman.

The Youth Essay competition requires a written essay of 300 to 400 words in length, typed neatly in English on a single sheet of typing paper, without added color or art. Writers are urged to adopt a positive approach, and must take care not to refer to their race, national origin, or disabilities, or in any way identify themselves, their city, state or school according to Velma Pool, Ladies Auxiliary Chairman. This years theme is "My American

Hero". Deadline for entries is March 15, 1996. Entries must be submitted directly to a local VFW Post. One winner from each Post advances to District competition; one winner from each District advances to departmetn competition and one winnner from each department advances to national competition.

According to Glenda Owens, Ladies Auxiliary co-chairman the local winner will receive a \$100 Saving Bond with the top winner from District winning a \$200 Savings Bond. The National winner will receive a \$5000 U.S. Savings Bond at the national convention.

Judging is based on theme developement and clarity of ideas. Judges for the competition will come from community leaders from outside the VFW, including church leaders and educatiors.

Students interested should contact their school Principal or English teachers. Each local public and private school has been contacted and given information and guidelines on the program.



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Linda Strauss with fiance Kenneth Thomas

Strauss-Thomas To Wed

neth Thomas of Deport will be m arried Saturday, February 3, at 5:00 p.m. at East Paris Baptist Church. The Rev. Billy Pearson of Lonake, AR, nephew of the groom, will officiate the semi-formal ceremony.

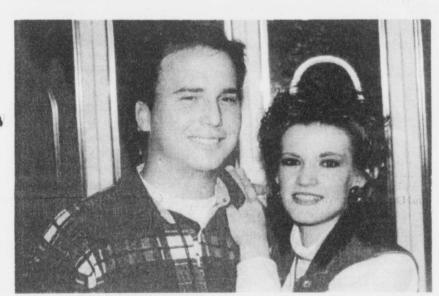
The bride-elect is the daughter of Katherine Allen of Paris and the late Frank Allen. She is a graduate of East Lamar High School and Paris Junior College. She is employed by Village Interiors in Paris.

Her fiance is the son of the late

Linda Strauss of Paris and Ken- Noble and Louella Thomas of Deport. He is a graduate of Deport High School and is employed by American Guard Corp. and works at the Texas Utility Mining Company at Mt. Pleas-

A reception and dance with the Quintet Band will follow at the Paris Golf and Country Club.

No formal invitations will be sent. All family and friends are invited. The couple requests your attendance, but no gifts, please.



Ginnifer Kaye Ballard with fiance William Loyd Lindsey

Ginnifer Kaye Ballard to wed William Loyd Lindsey

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ballard of Gladewater, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ginnifer Kaye, to William Loyd Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs.Glynn

Lindsey of Marlin, Texas. The formal wedding will be held on March 9, 1996 at East Mountain Baptist Church.

Ginnifer is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University and Gladewater High School. She is currently teaching Kindergarten at Marlin Elementary School in Mar-

Bill currently resides in Nacogdoches, where he is a senior at Stephen F. Austin State University, majoring in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Business Education. He is also a graduate of Marlin High School in Marlin.

Ginnifer is the granddaughter of Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom and the late James W. Lowry and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ballard of Clardy, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Alma Lowry of Bogata, Texas and the late Kirb Lowry and the late Mr. and Mrs. C.C. DeBerry of Bogata,

Presbyterian Women Meet

Presbyterian Women of the Deport Presbyterian Church met January 8 in the home of Mrs. Reba Temple. Mrs. Myrtle Singleton was

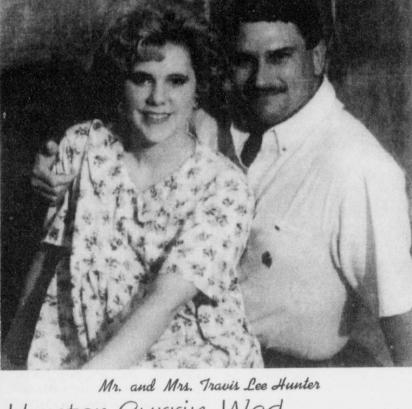
Mrs. Temple, moderator, gave the opening prayer and welcomed the new member, Mrs. Eulene Nicholas.

The Least Coin devotional was presented by Francis Franklin. The coins were collected and dedicated

The lesson from "God Speaks to Women Today" by Eugenia Price,

was led by Jessie Marie Woodard. The story was taken from the Book of Ruth entitled "Ruth and Naomi-Friends Through In Laws". The German poet, Goethe, wrote that the Book of Ruth is "the loveliest little idyll that tradition has transmitted to us". The entire story is total victory for

The February meeting will be held in the home of Francis Franklin. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Refreshments were served



Hunter-Currin Wed

Christian Currin announces the marriage of his mother, Tonya Michelle Currin to Travis Lee Hunter.

The couple were married Saturday, January 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney of Deport, grandparents of the bride. The Rev. L.C. Stout officiated.

The bride's chosen colors of mauve, wine and forrest green were carried throughout the house. The bride wore a forrest green pant suit accented with white Victorian lace and pearl buttons. She was given in marriage by her mother and grandparents.

A reception was held following the ceremony. The wedding cake was designed and made by the bride's aunt, Maurine Womack of Reno.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Currin of Powderly. She is the granddaughter of John and Claudia Whitney of Deport and Geneva Currin of Paris. Tonya is a graduate of North Lamar High School and attended Paris Junior College. She is employed by Family Mart in

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Hunter of Greenville. He is the grandson of Pearl Norton of Ada, OK. He graduated from Greenville High School and attended East Texas State University. He is employed by Walker-Harry Oil, Inc. of Sulphur Springs as operations man-

The couple is residing in Powderly.

Massey-LaRue Engagement Announcea

Lucretia Lynn Massey and Sammy Joel LaRue will be married on Friday, February 2 at 12:00 noon in Deport at the American Legion Hall, with a reception to follow.

The bride-elect is the daughter of .C. Massey of Haughton, LA and Lavonia Montgomery of Paris. She is a 1981 graduate of Paris High School and is employed at B.S. & W. Transportation as a driver.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Herman and Fay LaRue of Deport. He is a 1977 graduate of Prairiland High School and is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves in Paris. He is employed by B.S. & W. Transportation. The couple will make their home

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Glen Cutshall surprised with birthday party

Glen Cutshall was surprised with a supper and birthday cake Sunday evening, January 14th in the home of Jessie Marie Woodard.

The affair was held after a group of friends had watched the Dallas-Green Bay football game on television; and it was in honor of Glen's birthday whick was January 15th.

Those attending were: Eulene Nichols, Frances Franklin, Myrtle Singleton, Mame Cutshall, Reba Temple, the honoree and the hostess.

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Some Days It Just Does Not Pay

By Johnny Ragsdill

It was one of those hot summer days when the heat waves danced across the ground and the only way to stay cool was to keep the air conditioner turned to "Maximus Coolamus.'

Like all summers in Northeast Texas everyone was in a sweat (no pun intended) to get their hay in. Everyone you talked to was either cuttin', rakin', balin' or looking for parts. Now, looking for parts is a science all in itself.

That old saying about "making hay while the sun shines" did not take into account the many complexities involved in farm equipment and mechanical failures.

It sure seems weird that a tractor will sit quietly in the barn all winter and never utter a sound and when you really need it, things quit working and oil always drips somewhere.

As this particular Saturday started out, I really needed to be three people. I needed to be raking in one field, cutting in another field and helping with the preparation for a fund raiser at our new Community Center. I knew things were going to have to run real smooth for me to be able to get everything accomplished.

opportuniity and ran her back home. The hay would be ready to go about 10:30 or 11:00 I figured. Not being a breakfast person I ate a sandwich

about 10:45 and lit out for the meadow. Hay was curing faster than I had hoped so I whipped that little meadow in no time. The tractor and rakes performed like new and that is no minor miracle since they were all three born in the sixties.

Leaving the equipmment in the field, I jumped in the pick up and tore out for home. The next job was to

As I roared down the highway the thought just crossed my mind as to why I was trying to crowd all this into one day. No explanation, just drove on. Slowing down to avoid the rough spot in the highway just west of our house gave me time to notice a car parked in the gravel drive leading to our house, and on closer inspection I could see a camera crew with more mini cams than Muddy had boys and four men all dressed in look alike shorts, shirts and caps. One dude had a long boom pole with a microphone

stop, I gazed at this rather peculiar site. Yes, it had to be, the only thing it could be, "The Prize Patrol."

Finally, after all the years of returning those envelopes and paying for magazines that I never read, it was "Payday"

Suddenly from the back door out ran the "Little Woman" barefoot. Now this might not be too unusual for some old farm girls but this was near hysterical action for this particular one. Here I was about to receive the big prize and I suddenly took stock, overalls, blue denim shirt and work

"Fame and Fortune."

I clutched old truck and started ever so slowly up the drive way and if you can believe this, I was at a loss for words. I didn't want to sound like Jeff Foxworthy in "You might be a Redneck." Coming closer I could see the look on the faces of these strangers and as my trained eye was looking for the one with the "Big Check".

you know the one they use for TV purposes, suddenly my attention was directed to the sign on the side of the Buick. Sprawled across the door, bigger than my bank notes, were the words "Interstate Batteries". Whoa, Nellie, what is this, whoever heard of an Interstate Battery Prize Patrol. Think quick that's it, not four or five months ago a friend of mine had put a new Interstate Battery on "Old Truck". I made this connection rather puickly, after all there is a lot at stake

As I pulled to a stop and prepared to exit the truck and into the "Circle of Winners" my "Little Woman" said something incoherent about antique cars. No problem, the heat from the hot concrete had penetrated her tender feet and went straight to her brain.

One young man approached mye no check in hand, and said, "Sir, will we be in your way? We are filming the Antique Car Race for Interstate Batteries.

Things were going sour right before my eyes. No Prize Patrol, no circle of winners and more importantly, no instant wealth that I so richly deserved. Did I comment earlier about the heat? Well, big drops of moisture were running down my face and into my wide open mouth. Sweat and tears are salty.

Slowly, ever so slowly I began to understand as they told me over and over, "No Sir, we are not the "Prize Patrol", we are filming the "Cross of country Antique Car Race."

I heard one young man ask the Little Womann, "Is your husband

"No", she replied, standing on one foot then the other, "Sometimes he

just hears real slow. Some days it just doesn't pay to get



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God...he puts down one and sets up another..." (Ps. 75:6)

"Promotion comes not from the east, nor from the west...but

I heard someone say recently that "The one you please is the one who will

That makes sense! Please your boss...he'll be the one to oversee your

promotion. Please your coach, and you'll be the one to start the next

game. Sing the right kind of music or tell the right kind of jokes and the

audience will promote you...on your road to fame! The problem, as we

discover sooner or later, is that you can't please everyone all the time.

Have you ever run yourself silly just trying to please everyone...and

ended up pleasing no one and frustrating yourself in the process?

Another problem with getting into the "people pleasing" business is your

affections can quickly change...close friends can end up back-stabbing

you in order to "get ahead" by please the latest person of "influence" in

But now we see here in the word of God that the Lord is the one who

does the actual promoting of people. What a novel idea it would be if we

made it a point to "please God!" Psalm 37 tells us that if we would

"delight ourselves in the Lord, He would give us the desires of our heart!"

I am sure you know what it is to be disappointed by man...but God will

never let you down! The thing you need to remember is that you don't ry

to "please God" in order to "get things". You please God because of

WHO He is, and when the desire of your heart is to please Him in all

One last reminder...it is rather impossible to please both God and

man...you'll have to make a choice and live by it! John 12:43 tells us of

some folks who "loved the praises of men more than they loved the praise

of God..." So who are you looking to for promotion to come from in your

life...man?...then go ahead and keep trying to please 'em. But if you want

God to be the one who promotes you, make it your goal to please

things, He will see to it that His blessings will overtake you.

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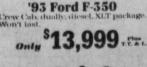
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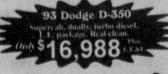
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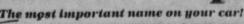
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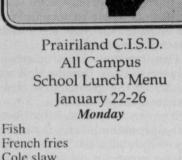
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MICHEAL SPRAY waits for his market lamb to be weighed in at the validation held at the fairgrounds last Thursday. Supervising the weigh-in was back left-Margariet Simpson of Paris, Phyllis Brumley-Sheep Superintendent, Micheal Spray and Jason Hostetler-North Lamar Ag Teacher. All market animals must go through the weigh-in in order for them to sell in April. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

> Deport Housing Authority News

By Mary Westbrook 652-3605

Betty Jackson of Paris is visiting her mother, Carrie Bennett, while she A get together was held January 10

in the gazebo. Lots of goodies wer eenjoyed by Maud Webb, Mary Johnson, Juanita Primm, Artie Westbrook, Lucille Morgan, Willie Mae Spears, Eunice Ervin, Thelma Shelby, Floy Sparks, Francis Franklin, Mae Storm, Lisa Johnson, Ruth Murrell, Beulah Shipp, Betty Andrews, Melba Ladd, Eunice Sugg, Mavis Sowards, Alpha Barnard, Thelma Warren, Mary Westbrook, Carlos Ladd and Kenneth Gifford.

On January 11 a reorganization party was held along with a luncheon in the gazebo. Attending were Lisa Johnson, Maud Webb, Floy Sparks, Mavis Sowards, Willie Mae Spears, Thelma Shelby, Alpha Barnard, Me Storm, Mary Johnson, Francis

Franklin, Burrell Kincaid, Mary Westbrook, Eunice Ervin, Kay, Zackary, Lucille Morgan, Betty Andrews, Eunice Sugg and Shelia

Jackie and Melba and Mrs. Bernice Elmore had lunch in the Lonesome Dove on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ladd and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Glover enjoyed the football game in Dallas Sunday between Dallas and Green Bay. Dallas

A devotional was held by Dr. Glover in the gazebo on Monday, January 15. Those present were Juanita Primm, Artie Westbrook, Eunice Ervin, Francis Franklin, Lucille Morgan, Mae Storm, Alpha Barnard, Mary Westbrook, Mavis Sowards, Eunice Sugg, Dr. Glover and Thelma Shelby.

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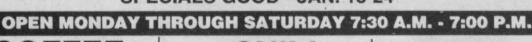
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ren 2nd and Nina Hale and Ivaleta

That afternoon we went on a shop-

ping trip in Paris. Dorothy Holt and

teh Act Teens came and gave mani-

Thursday we made some bird feed-

ers to keep the birds happy. Later that

day we had craft class. We all had fun

making octopuses out of yarn and

ribbon. Friday Sam Campbell taught

our Bible Study. Virginia Farris came

and spent the day beautifying our

ladies' hair. To top the day off we all

Sunday Jack Elliott and his family

gave Sunday Services while Rab,

provided the music. Monday the VFW

Ladies Auxilary of Reno Post 3990,

Natalie Ray and Margaret Hunold,

provided gifts and helped with the

game. They also presented a new

American Flag to administrator Jerry

Amsler. Sarah and Billie Mazy,

Nancy Murphy, Lila, Bren, Kara and

Lloyd Williams was visited by

Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson

Visitors of Johnnie Warren were

visited their father Terry Johnson.

Regina Webb, Evelyn Roach, Nell

Gardner, Irene Walker, Mr. and Mrs.

Raymond Hignight, Bren, Hali and

Bocky Norman and Danbri Mitchell.

Kara Screws, Jemilynn McKee,

Askmo and Annie Laura Smith,

Ruth Coleman, Janet and Clista

Filkins, Darrell Smith, Dale Smith,

donald, Tammy and Donald Jr.

Rodgers, Stormy Fraizer, James

Smith and Donald Ray, Dynetta dn

Billy Dean Smith visited Jewel Smith.

Woodard.

Mary Bell Igo visited Faye

Earlene Barnett's visitors were Bill

and Willie Woolsey, Peggy, Tommy

Wayne and Floy Williams.

Tim, Tina, Ryan and Aron Skidmore

Edwards tying for third.

cures to some of our ladies.

enjoyed popcorn.

weather had set in the warmth came

along. We still need winter rain.



Blossom Locals

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Shane Wall, Weldon Bishop, Mandy Hyde, Elbert Henderson, Scott Banks, Robert Sawyer, Camille Sparks Click, Shawna Johnson, David Smith, Liz Irwin, Heath Thomas, Scotty Murray, Dorris Prunty, Sherry Barnes, Rachel Ray, James Dunn, Jef Gilbert, Keilye Hays, Carrie Couch, Jackie Shelby, Margaret Fowler, Amber Trammel, Ramiro Huerta, Cole White, Tiana Brown, Heather McKay, Alex Thompson, Trinity Bowden, Kelly Pilip Dorries, Ashley Moffitt, Paul Smith, Shelley Newman, Jessica Blagg, Gail Thomas.

Happy Anniversary to Joe and Doris Misek.

Get wells this week to every one with the flu and Jr. Weddle.

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Jesse and Ann Sanders spent Satur-

day and Sunday in Coleman. Ed Gardiner is home recuperating from eye surgery and is doing very

Skipper Chapman celebrated his birthday on Saturday with a special birthday dinner. Attending was Jamie, Les and Colby Chapman, Valerie Chapman, Jeremy Day, Alan and Amy Dabbs, Mary Chapman, Pauline McFadden, Dale Wilkerson, Billy and

Melody Ratliff and Matt. Debbie and Becky Drake of Paris and Letha Cole spent the weekend visiting with Charles Cole and family and Ronnie Cole and family in

Anita Ratliff, Amy Chapman and

Citizenship rewards were handed

ing the Citizenship Honor Roll.

Pauline Weddle spent Saturday with Pat Evers of Paris and they went shopping and attended Pauline's grandson's basketball

This is the final week for the Girl Scout's cookie sale. If you need cookies. . . contact one of them!

Little Dribbler's are playing on Saturdays at the Blossom gym. They are having a great time!

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland talked to David and Colleen Cleveland of Dale, Oklahoma on Satur-

Gene and Alene Walker and Ruby Crawford traveled to Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday to attend a birthday celebration for Ralph Crawford. Also attending was Mrs. Ralph Crawford, and Margaret Parks of Deport and Janice Lenore of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pratt of

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

children and families over for supper Tuesday night to celebrate their granddaughter Sherrie Wolf's 16th

Shasta attended the basketball games at Chism High School Friday night.

John Manley Temple spent Sunday with his daughter and family in Carrollton and watched the Cowboy

Brad Allen of Denton and Kenda Blackburn of Sylvan visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Allen over the weekend.

Bisbie, AZ. spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch. They were

and Kay Woodard and Tim Parks of Faught, Dale Williams and Cindy Mills of Paris.

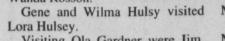
George and Nell Wolf had their

Eran and Mary Yoder, Nathan and

Bud and Juanita Upchurch of

also visiting with other relatives in Having dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Holt Sunday to celebrate their daughter Kay's birthday were Billy

George and Nell Wolf were in Dallas Monday for George's checkup at Medical City. He got good



Ivaleta Edwards was visited by Wanda Rosson.

By JaLynda Mitchell

Deport Nursing Home News

Visiting Ola Gardner were Jim, Nell and Angie Gardner, Slater and Vicki Sawyer, Tiffany and Michael Webb, Raymond and Aubrey Hignight, Johnnie and Virgie McLemore, Johnnie Warren and

Misti Fields Bonnie Johnson's visitors were Misti and Noma Fields, Kristi Johnson, Modene Len6tz, Robert Johnson, Jim, Saron, Bryan, Kathy and Brookelynn Johnson.

Terry McDowra was visited by Cherry Walker.

Kenneth McDowra, Lila, Bren,

Kara and Hali Screws. Sue Hart, Janie, Morgan and Da-

kota Martin visited Lena Powell. Steve, Dina, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton visited their par-

ents, Betty and Jimmy Middleton. Elizabeth Barnett was visited by James White and Hlen Moore.

Visitors of Babe Chesshire were Regina Webb, Imogene Wilson, Irene Walker, Martha Glover, Mavis Sowards, Clarice Vaughn, Mary Westbrook, Cecil and Margaret Allen, Nancy Murphy, Estelle Chesshire, Alpha Barnard and Eunice Sugg.

Audie Reed's visitors were Dean and Glenda Watson, and Debbie and River Cole.

Toni Clem visited her grand-

mother, Pauline Cooney. Robert Johnson, Pat Talley and

Debbie Smith visited Betty Gardner. Doris Norwood and Brodie Bell were visited by Sam Campbell, Raymond and Aubrey Hignight, Ruth Campbell, Ella Woody, Irene Walker and Martha Glover.

Iona Searcy's visitors were Gail Farmer and Thelma Neville.

Visiting David Geer were Irene Walker, Cecil and Margaret Allen, Joyce Love, Dan Tatum, Mary Westbrook and Bill Geer.

Tammy Aubrey visited Mary Matthews. Jack Bell was visited by Regina Webb and Bocky Norman. sharon Kinison took her mother,

Martha Fizer, out to lunch. Cecil and Margaret Allen visited

Marshall Dunigen. Becky Hayes and Patti Amis vis-

ited Jane Rhoades. Edith Franklin's visitors were Irene Walker and Patsy and Rufus Ward. MVisitors of Burks Dockrey were Randy Anderson, Fred Allen, Mickey Anderson, George, Carol and Jeremy

Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Gene Theilman and Curly Dickerson visited Don O'Dea

Harrell and Mack McLemore visited their parents, Johnnie and Virgie McLemore.

Grace Griffin was visited by Wynell Gilbreath, Mary Westbrook

and Danbri Mitchell. Geneva Stephens and Carolyn

Nicholson visited Martin Stephens. Marietta Parsons was visited by Paula Sue, Amanda and Amila Pervis. Visiting Mamie Fletcher wre Mike,

Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, Becky Proctor, Denny Fletchr and Jemilynn McKee.

Billie Sawyer's visitors were Viki and Slater Sawyer, Nell Gardner and Tiffany Webb.

Nancy Murphy visited Russell

Annie Mazy was visited by Paul

and Sarah Mazy.

Keith, Nita and Hunter Hollje, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws visited Pat Hollje.

Visiting Jo Wrenn were Pam Campbell, Jemilynn McKee, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Danbri Mitchell and Chance Crawford.

Mioriam Shannon's visitors were Regina Webb, Nell Gardner, Bocky Norman and Maxine Foster.

Nikki Farris visited Dottie Fisher. Nina Hale and Clarence Ham were visited by Nannie Bell Ham, Nell Shull and Bill Ham.

We would like to wish Happy Birthdays to Bonnie Johnson, Frankie Archibald, Carl Gilbert, David Geer, Harold Norris and Theda Watkins.

and Micah Malone and Earl Barnett. Pattonville -News

by Jo Newberry Nettie Hines went to Direct

Monday to visit relatives. Jo Newberry, Nell McCoin and Dee Jenings attended a baby shower in Paris Saturday.

Leroy Burke was dismissed from the hospital this week.

Marleen Boling and Betty Rodgers went into Paris shopping



East Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee Call 982-5309

The Northeast Texas Missionary Baptist Mission Council meeting met at East Post Oak MBC this Friday night, January 15 at 7:30. After the mission reports, Bro. Glen Ray Griffith of Neville's Chapel MBC will bring a message. A meal was served in the Fellowship Hall follow-

ing the meeting. Bro. E.R. Reynolds was able to attend the preaching service Sunday

morning. He hopes to be back preaching some in a week or two. Sue and Norman Farris of Longview visited her mother, Louise

Cagle over the weekend and brought her to church Hunday morning.

Claude Tyler was involved in an automobile accident involving 3 vehicles in Blossom Tuesday of last week. He had to have some stitches in his face but had no broken bones.

Bonnie Flatt had surgery last Tuesday on one of her fingers on her right hand because of arthritis. She is doing fine.

Alma Stevens was in the hospital the first of last week for blood transfusion but was able to be at church

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Weekend guests of Dee and Jo Newbarry were Betty Rodgers of Fulbright and Nell McCoin of Paris.

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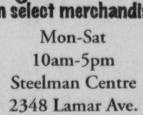
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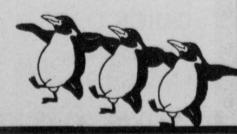
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CARI IRWIN shoots the ball for 2 points in the Rivercrest JV on Tuesday, January 9. The ladies won 51-36 and Cari had a game high 23 points. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)

JV ladies bury Rivercrest 51-36

Rivercrest to face the Lady Rebels in game action for the week.

Cari Irwin carried home game high honors with 23(2B-3A-7R-2S); Amanda Wherley had 11(2B-1A-2R-5S); Renea Holt had 9(IB-IA-6R-2S); Christy Patterson 3(3B-IA- the 3rd and 11 in the fourth.

The JV Lady Pats traveled to 2R-2S); Stacy Harrison 3(1B-5R-3S); Kristina Patterson 2(2A-IR-IS); Katie Mullins (4R); Elizabeth Tapia(1R-2S); and Sarah Hooge(IS).

The girls started out the game fired up and never quit as they hit 17 in the first quarter, 16 in the 2nd, 9 in

Mustangs corral JV Pats 70-74

In Friday night basketball action at the Chisum Mustang gym, the JV Patriots faced a hard fought 70-74

Mike Yaross had another good night in both defense and offense scoring a gme high 21(4R-4S-1B) points. Following him was Matt Wright with 11(3R-3B-1S); Ben Miller 11(2R-2B-1S); Michael Spray 8(2R-1A); Jackie Davidson 7(1B-1S); Shane Yarbrough 5(1R-1S); Duncan Gordon 2(2R); Chris Hudson 2(1R); Ricky Smith(2R) and Roy

Arrasmith (2R-1A).
The young Pats led by 1(16-15) at the first quarter's end and trailed by 5(30-35) at halftime.

Yaross added 5, along with Yarbrough and Davidson's 4 and

Wright's 2 in the 3rd quarter to still trail Chisum by 7(47-54.

In the fourth the boys came within 4 as Miller, Davidson and Yaross plunged in 3 treys to heat yup the

Pats lose barnburner to Chisum 52-56

town rivals, Chisum Mustangs on Friday night, January 12. The Pats were looking for their first district win of the season, but would continue their hunt, losing to the Mustangs 52-56. 1

The Patriots have thrilled the fans all season with their no-quit attitude as they faced yet another highly ranked team on their list of teams.

They took an first quarter lead of 18-12 over the Mustangs as Cory May again led the Pats with 8, while James was covered up by Mustangs allowing him little area for shooting. Junior post Jeremy Day was down with the flu, but made a valiant effort to remain in the game.

Second quarter had Jeremy Newberry coming out of the chute

The Prairiland Patriots faced cross-scoring 7 as May hit 3 and Justin Taylor added 2 and the Pats trailed at the buzzer 29-24.

Chisum would fire off 18 to the Patriot's 8 in the third and tie the game at 31-31 and 35-35 but pulled ahead at the buzzer 37-42

and 2-2 at the line, while juniors Carey Langston and Brandon Maroney came off the bench and added his defense to the game. Slowly the Pats edged closer to the Mustangs, but was short just 4 points for the win.

High for the night was May with

In earlier action for the Pats

Sophomore David Ford hit 2 treys

17(12R-2B-2S); Newberry 13 (7R-1A-2S); Ford 8(1R-2B-2S); James 7(5R-IB-IS-IA); Taylor 4(2R-2B); Langston 3(IA-IS).

United Methodist Women Hold January Meeting

The United Methodist Women met Asia. Calico material representing January 15th at the Fellowship Hall

The meeting was called to order by the President, Lucille Pickering. Eleven members answered roll call.

Correspondence was read from John Wright with the United Campus Ministry at Paris Junior College in appreciation for the cookies that had been furnished by the local Methodist Women during registration at Paris Junior College

Jauvanee Carpenter, Treasurer, led the Annual Pledge Service. Her program was taken from the study book, In God's Time. The sub-title was "The Season is Now"

The focus image was an arrangement of fabrics. Silk representing the women of the East and Southeast

the women of North America. A Bible and globe completed the arrangement for unity of all social stages around the world

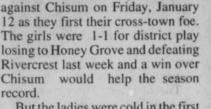
Martha Glover accompanied the group singing, "God Will Take Care of You". Assisting the leader with readings from the work book was Ruth Cheatham, Virginia Kirkland, Lucille Pickering and Juanita Sparks.

Annual pledges were deposited in an appropriate area on the display table.

The meeting adjourned with the repeating of the Mizpah. The next meeting will be February 5 in

the home of Ruth Cheatham. Margaret Parks will begin the study of Ecclesiastes. The hostess, Jauvanee Carpenter,

served refreshments. The earth is not perfectly round. Dis-



But the ladies were cold in the first quarter, with players suffering with the flu, scorinig only 2 baskets to

record.

Chisum ropes

Lady Pats 39-66

The Lady Pats knew that they would have to control Ferguson and

Allen of Chisum to keep in the game

Allen and Ferguson were unstoppable and continued their onslaught and both teams went into halftime with a score of Lady Pats 23 and Chiusm 32.

Again in the third, the ladies had a cold game only scoring 5 as Chisum added 18 to the boards.

The girls fared no better in the 4th quarter as they trailed behind adding only 8 to the score and Chisum pumping in 16, 39-66.

Breah Sessums took high point honors with 14(1B-1A-2S); Brandi Upchurch 8(4R-IB-IS); Fair Shae Gifford 6(4R); Meagan Hatfield 4(1R-1S); Katha Crawford 2 and Misty Day(IR-2B-2S).

Earlier in the week on Tuesday night, the girls defeated Rivercrest 62-59 to take their first district win.

The girls trailed in the first quarter 8-13, but came back in the rest of the game to maintain the lead of 26-24 in the 3rd; 52-41 in the 3rd and a final score of 62-59.

Sessums was high with 21(3A-2R); Upchurch 19(IB-IA-4R); Hatfield 7)2A-6R-6S); Gifford 5(5R); Crawford 4(8R); and Day 3(6R).

Lady Pats defeat Avery

The Deport Jr. High Lady Patriots traveled to Avery Monday night. They defeated teh Lady Bulldogs 25-20.

Candace Yaross scored first for the Pats with two free throws to get them going.

Brandi Patterson had 2 buckets for a 4 point in the 1st quarter. The end of the 1st quarter the score was 6-0.

In the 2nd the Lady Pats scored 5 more points and the Lady Bulldogs scored 5 of their own. Ending the 2nd qtr. with a score of 11-5.

In the 3rd the Pats outscored the Bulldogs 10-4, making the score 21-

The Lady Bulldogs rallied in the 4th, scoring 11 points to the Pats 4, but it wouldn't be enough as the Lady Pats won the game.

Patterson was high with 12, 7(R), 5 (S), 1 (A). Bren Screws scored 4 points, Amber Norwood 4, 1(R), 3 (S), 1(A). Yaross 3, 6(R), 5(S), 4(A). Crystal Davis 3 (R), 4(S), 1(A) and Jennifer Taylor 2, 2(S). Their record

Pats lose to Avery

The Deport Jr. High Patriots had a tough game against Avery. The Pats were missing 4 key players, they fell to Avery 47-30. They nver gave up,

In the 1st quarter the Patriots were outscored 23-6. Avery's three point shooters scored several 3 pointers.

In the 2nd the Patriots scored 6, but Avery would answer with 11 of their own. The half time score read 34-12

in favor of Avery. Neither team could find the basket in the 3rd. The Patriots scored 4 points

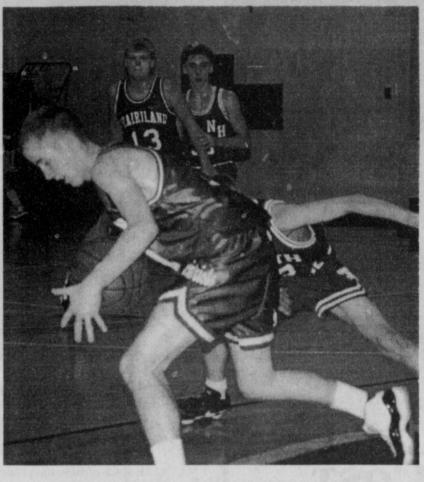
to Avery's 2. The Patriots rallied in the 4th scoring 14 points, but it wouldn't be enough, as Avery scored 11 more.

The final score Avery 47-Deport 30. Matt Cavender had a great night with 22 points, 12(R). Kyle Malone scored 7 points, 5(R), 5(S) and 1(A). Michael Mazy had 2(R), 2(S). Drew Riddle 1 point, 1 (S), 1(A). Jesse Crawford pulled down two rebounds



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JACKIE DAVIDSON steals the ball in recent action for the JV Patriots against North Hopkins. The boys played Cooper on Tuesday night at Prairiland. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

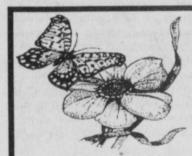
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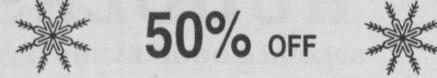


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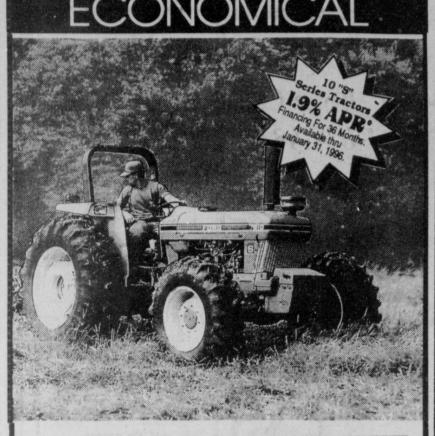
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NATALIE RAY of Blossom, (nursing Home Chairman for VFW Post 3990) presents the American Flag to Deport Nursing Home Administrator Jerry Amsler. (Staff Photo)

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For details regarding sessions and registration please call 903-572-8551.



Cunningham News By Jane O'Neal 652-6062

Burks Dockray moved to the Deport Nursing Home last week.

Lucy Fowler is recuperating at home following angioplasty surgery in Presbyterian Hospital last Tuesday. She is reported doing well. We

wish her a speedy recovery.

Talma and Margaret Fowler and Carol and Jennifer Dorsey visited Lucy Fowler on Sunday.

Lorette Pynes visited Lucy Fowler on Thursday and Jane Glass visited Bradley and Brett Watson.

her Sunday morning. home following a fall at home where las on Wednesday. she broke her ankle. We wish her a

speedy recovery. Chris, Tracie, Riley and Conner Chipman had Sunday lunch with Edd, Sandra and Burke Burnett.

Zarinska Musgrove and Shane Morton were honored with a wedding shower Saturday night at the Fellowship Hall of the Life Taber- Paris on Friday. nacle Church.

Silas and Juanita Taylor and Elvis Wright spent last weekend with Kerry and Milldred Wright of Mansfield, La. Also visiting with them were, their son, Allan and Claire Wright of Falls Church, Va. Elvis spent the rest of the week with them and they brought him home on Friday and spent the night here.

MaryBriscoe and Virginia and Larry Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Wednesday.

The following visited and some of them spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Wednesday; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon nance, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nance, Peggy Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. PeeWee Faulkenderry and Tiffany all of Forth Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. David Nance, jeff and Micky of Gilmer and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Porterfield and Dusty of Italy.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Frances Thomas of Johntown visited Mr. and

Mrs. Norman Sain. On Thursday Ollie Ruth and Carl Buford Gutherie of Talco visited Mr.

and Mrs. Norman Sain. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Wilhoite of Augusta, Maine spent two weeks with their daughter, Rev. Joe and Rhonda

Merrill. Having Sunday lunch with Marie Watson were Brenda Watson, Brad,

Deanna Legate is recuperating at Alma Norwood is recuperating at home following back surgery in Dal-

> Chad and Deanna Legate and brother, Dillon Gibson got to bring Brooklyn home from the hospital on Monday.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats spent the weekend in Houston with Georjeana, who is in school there.

Velma Cox visited Dora Hester in

Byron and Sue Wicker of New Boston visited William and JoDelle Cooper on Saturday afternoon.

There will be a baby shower at the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon honoring Toni and Jason Baker.

Having Sunday lunch with James and Pat Norwood were; Todd, Mendy, Laci and Kelby Cole, Rodney, Robin, Hannah, Jase and Erika Norwood, Hunter Moree, Tracie, Ruth and Brenton Norwood.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday night supper for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood.

Having Sundaylunch with Jane O'Neal were Sue Jackson, Dwayne and Lisa Drinnon, Karla and Danny Smith, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer.

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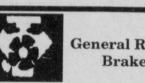
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NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Responsible, reliable adult to keep 5 month old infant, preferably in my home, but will make exception. Hours and days may vary. Please contact JoAnn Hanes at 632-5155, leave message. MA 1-18

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Transportation is accepting completed applications for Maintenance Tech III, \$8.19 ph, JVN 5-19-K512-055 in New Boston until January 23, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. and for Maintenance Tech II, \$7.27 ph, JVN 5-19-K518-043 in Linden until January 29, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. TxDOT must have a completed TxDOT application for each JVN. Mail applications to TxDOT, P.O. Box 1210, Atlanta, TX 75551, postmarked one day prior to the closing dat eor call (903)799-1256 for more information. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. 1-18

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MOVING SALE: Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20. Highway 271 South, Bogata. 7:30-5:30, Robbie Hawkins. 1-18

NOTICE

I WILL NOT BE responsible for any debts other than those made by myself. Randy Alsup. MA2-1



OFFICERS-the Deport Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for 1996 Monday night, Jan. 15. From left to right, front row are: Donnie Darden, Assistant training officer; Ronald Nichols, Assistant Sec.-Treas.; Charles Foster, Sec.-Treasurer; David Kelly, Chaplin. Back row, left to right: Thomas Nichols, President, Fire Marshal and News Correspondent, Marilyn Glover, Assistant Fire Marshal; Johnny Dawson, Vice President. Not pictured is Eric Pearson, training officer. (Staff Photo by Shad Day)

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Tuesday 42 Club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Thelma Shelby on January 16. Mae Storm won high score.

Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be on February 6 with Myrtle Singleton.

Friday 42 Club meets

The Deport Friday 42 Club met January 12 with Alma Scaff as host-

There were no visitors. Games of 42 were played, high score was won by Ethel Epps and refreshments were

The next meeting will be held at the gazebo with Thelma Shelby as hostess on Friday, January 19.

A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.

-H.L. Mencken



Deport Locals

By Barbara Crawford CALL 652-4205

Doug Alsobrook, Patsy Norrell and Venice Bryson had lunch Sunday with Jackie Alsobrook of Lamar Point. Susan Kennedy of Allen was also a

were Mildred Tucker of Bogata and of Pattonville. Bill Ham of Levelland.

Roger Newsome and daughter Rebecca of Dallas spent the weekend with Linnie Bailey and Alice Bumgarner.

Linnie Bailey is spending a few Visiting Nannie Bell Ham Sunday days with her sister, Ruby Dee Blevins

Roger Newsome and daughter



BRANDI PATTERSON shoots against the Harts Bluff girls in a game the Deport Junior High girls won 31-19. (Staff Photo)



JESSE CRAWFORD shoots as the Deport Junior high "B" boys played Harts Bluff. The young Patriots defeated Harts Bluff 37-22. (Staff Photo)



THE DEPORT Junior High "A" boys played Harts Bluff January 4. Matt Cavender shoots in the photo. The Deport boys lost 44-30 to a tough team. (Staff Photo)

Gerrie Bankhead, Chance and Jerrod of Cunningham, Ron and Sally Richardson of Dallas, Colby Bookman of Mt. Pleasant, George and Maureen Richardson of Paris, Tony and Kathy Corso, Lisa, Mindy and Carolyn and Gene and Jo Cavender. Marlena and Glenda Ballard of Bossier City, LA visited Mary Jane

Rebecca visited Ruby Dee and Bill

Blevins of Pattonville on Saturday.

A birthday dinner was held Sun-

day in the home of Gene and Jo

Cavender for Maureen Richardson

and Tony Corso. Attending were

Brian and Kristi Callahan, Clyde and

Lowry of Blossom and L.C. Ballard of Deport on Saturday evening and Joel Ballard of Longview was in Deport Saturday visiting family and

watching his nieces and nephew play L.C. Ballard visited Roland Ballard this week. Roland celebrated his 80th

birthday during the snow storm last week. Bro. Tony Corso visited L.C. Ballard last week.

Stephen Short visited in Arlington with his brother, John Paul Short for several days.

John Paul Short returned to Deport to visit with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wicker of New Boston visited the Walker Devlins during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Reubin Burnnett of Paris visited the Devlins last week.

Thomas and Nanale Nichols had supper Friday night with Sam and Margie Rice.

Dicky and Jayne King and NeLeigh and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols attended the "City Kitty Cat Show" at Plano Sunday.

Lee and Kathy Bice have been enjoying their vacation and the exceptionally warm winter weather while here in Deport. A few friends and family members joined Lee and Kathy for an outdoor "fish fry" picnic Sunday afternoon. Those present were Larry, Judy, Susan, and Penny Whittle of Minter, Eddie Daugherty of College Station; Carla, Brittany and Courtney Filkins of Pattonville; Penay Bailey and Ruth Whittle of Deport. Everyone enjoyed the after-

Ruth Whittle, Joyce Smith of Paris and Carla, Brittany and Courtney Filkins visited their sister and aunt, Johnnie Mac and Bobbie Henderson of Dallas Monday. Bobbie is slowly recuperating after major surgery and a long stay in the hospital. Everyone had a wonderful visit and was thankful and happy to see how well she was doing. They got dinner from Poncho's Mexican Restaurant and brought it back to the house.

Deport Little Dribbler play

In Deport Little Dribbler action this past week the Fourth grade boys were defeated by Chisum 26-10. Scoring for the team were; Kevin Gilbert-5 points, Aron Arrasmith-2, Bradley Brown-2 and Dakota Mitchell-1.

In the second Fourth grade boys game Deport defeated Chisum 24-12. Scoring for the team were; Kevin Gilbert-13 points, Dakota Mitchell-4, O'Neal Drinnon-3, Chance Crawford-3 and Aron Arrrasmith-1.

The Deport Fifth grade boys were defeated by Chisum 19-27. Scoring for the team were; Casey Elliot-6 points, Broder Murdock-6, Jase

Norwood-3 and Chris Basinger-4. The Deport Sixth grade boys took the win over Chisum 48-17. Scoring

for the team were; Charlie Lawerence-18. Chance Bankhead-10, Lucas Miller-10, Devin Peek-6, Scotty Nichols-2 and A.J. Watkins-2.

In the girls action, the Deport Fourth grade defeated Chisum 20-14. Scoring were; Erika Norwood-6, Manda Nichols-8 and Srah Tubbs-4.

In the Fifth grade girls game Deport defeated Chisum 14-3. Scoring were; Meagan Graham-8, Leslie Davis-2, Lacy Davis-2 and Nicole Boehler-2.

The Deport Sixth grade girls scored 16 points over the Chisum team. Scoring were; Sandy Brown-4, Halle Allen-3, Kelli Clarkson-3, Minda Corso-2, Jennifer Glasgow-2 and Tara Winter-2



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