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By Nanalee Nichols

Just one of those things that happen to ME!

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that when Thomas and I go on vacation something weird will happen. It never interferes with us having a good time, but it's always a little strange!

We had never really seen Wales, and a bargain airfare to London came up so that off we went!

Upon arrival May 2nd, it was quite warm, but we were told it was supposed to turn unseasonably cold. Did it ever!

I am a Celtic history aficionado, so we took a hike through the rain to a dolmen, or portal tomb one day. The next day we drove down a long country road to see another portal tomb, this one quite large and famous. These grave sites are located on private land, and the owners are required to give public access to them...but they don't have to do it willingly.

At the gate was a sign that said all visitors to the tomb must walk. It was good, long hike down a long, stone walled lane. Walking problems or not, I wanted to go, so we set out. We had barely started when a few drops of rain fell and Medora, my cousin, said she would go back to the van, where our driver/guide, Phil was waiting, get an umbrella and rejoin us.

As we went a little further the rain changed to round white pellets...a cross between snow and sleet! We trudged on, rounding a corner out of sight of the main road and travelling through stone walled sheep pens.

The snow became heavier, the wind howled eerily, and the smell of something unseen but obviously dead hit us. Since the grave site is 5000 old, we worked on the assumption that the dead smell came from a sheep. We didn't look too closely, just tucked our heads down further and trudged on through slush and snow.

Finally, we arrived at the gate into the pasture where the tomb sat, way, way back off of the road. We were less than thrilled to discover that after toiling so far, the lane was a mass of knee-deep, water filled ruts caused by a tractor! There was absolutely no way, without knee high rubber boots, to get to our goal!

There was nothing else to do but to turn into the teeth of our "blizzard" and begin a long trek back. We began to crust over with snow...it made a long line down the leg of our jeans, it coated the hoods of our jackets, it nearly froze our hands! There we were, in May, on foot, with a long walk ahead of us.

Our guide, however, had other ideas. Sign or no sign, gate or no gate, he couldn't stand the thought of us out on foot in the storm, so he braved the wrath of the land owners to drive down the lane after us. We tumbled gladly into the warmth of the van, but it still took about an hour before I quit shivering. I kept complaining that I was sure I had frostbite, but that was an exaggeration, since it really wasn't freezing.

Oh, well, the snow sure looked pretty up on top of the mountains!

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## Moreland, Simmons top grads at Deport JH

Renee Moreland has been named eighth grade valedictorian of the Deport graduating class with a grade average of 95-89. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moreland of Taylortown.

Named Salutatorian of the class is Tara Simmons with an average of 92-52. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Simmons of Taylortown.

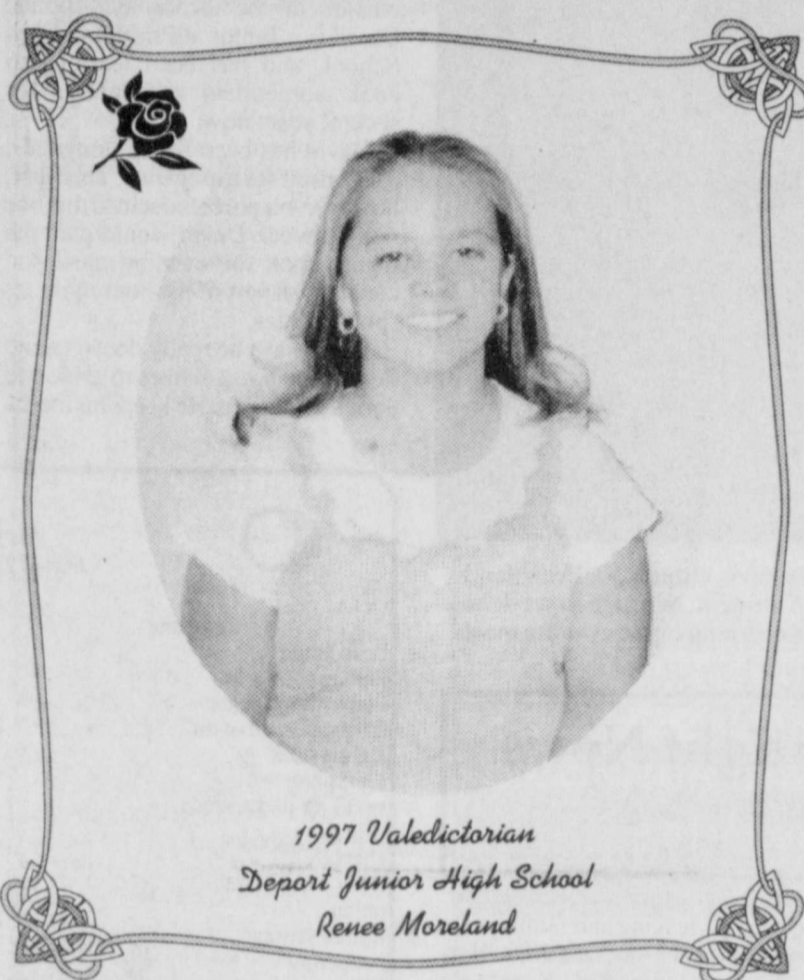
Other Honor Students are Kyle Malone and Amy Hicks along with graduates Sue Barnes, Ryan Brook, Toni Clarkson, Stanley Cox, Jesse Crawford, Crystal Davis, Jennifer

Dorsey, Brandon Frazier, Amber Gardner, Leslie Gordon, Lacey Gresham, Cy Guthrie, James Hicks, Jessica Hutchings, Rehannon Jackson, Donnie Larkin, Matt Larkin, Chris Mantooth, Samantha Maroney, Matt Morton, Aaron Murdock, David Nwman, Amanda Norman, David Parks, Deann Pressley, Drew Riddles, Jessica Semple, Brandon Stogsdill, Jenifer Taylor, MayInda Thompson and Stephanie Wolf.

Graduation exercises will be held Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Prairiland High School gymnasium



1997 Salutatorian  
Deport Junior High School  
Tara Simmons



1997 Valedictorian  
Deport Junior High School  
Renee Moreland

## Deport Methodist Youth to have hamburger fundraiser.

The youth at the First United Methodist Church in Deport will hold a fund raiser at the Deport American Legion building. They will have a hamburger supper on Saturday, May 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

No formal amount will be set for the meal but all donations are welcome.

Funds raised will go for church camp.

Everyone is invited to come out for a hamburger supper and to help support these young people.

## People 'n Things

The Annual Meeting of the High-land Cemetery Association Board of Directors will be held on Sunday May 18th, 1997 in the Conference Room at the Housing Authority, 232 Third Street in Deport, Texas meeting time is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

## Deport Masonic Lodge asking for return of stolen property

The Deport Masonic Hall was burglarized approximately one month ago. In addition to vandalism, the Masonic and Eastern Star Swords were stolen. These swords are symbolic to these organizations and are very difficult to replace. Monetary value aside, the swords mean a great deal to these groups.

If anyone has seen these swords or know of their whereabouts, they are asked to please return them.

This may be done anonymously, just leave them at the Masonic Hall or notify a member where they can be found. Please, help these symbols be returned.

## Prairiland to review Title I Program

The Prairiland ISD administrators, counselors, and Title I teachers will meet in the administration building in Pattonville at 9:00 a.m. on May 21 to review the 1996-1997 Title I program. If you have children that are receiving additional help through this program, we invite and welcome you to come to this meeting. We need your input and suggestions as we seek to make the Title program beneficial to our students. We are continually striving to make this a program that will help our students be successful in the areas of reading and math.

## May will show reduction on TNMP bills

All Texas residential and commercial customers of Texas-New Mexico Power Company can expect a seven percent reduction on their May energy bills. The refund is due to a supplier fuel refund and will be for the month of May Only.

According to Jack Chambers, TNMP senior vice president and chief customer officers, an average customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month will see a savings of about \$6.50.

"We've taken several steps to keep

rates reasonable, but we're always glad when we can go a step further and pass along additional savings", Chambers said.

TNMP last made a similar reduction in customer bill in January of 1996 due to a supplier fuel refund.

Texas-New Mexico Power company provides community-based electric service to 85 cities and more than 219,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico. It is the wholly owned subsidiary of TNP Enterprises, Inc.

## Deport Pony League Field named "Hunt Field"

The Pony League Field at the new Davis Ball Park in Deport has been named "Hunt Field" in memory of

Ken Hunt.

A permanent granite monument will be placed in front of the Pony

League field.

Donations will be graciously accepted toward the cost of \$300.00. For donations, please contact Chad Barnes or Mindy Nichols.



THEN AND NOW-Mrs. Ford's Fourth Graders toured the present day banking facilities of Guaranty Bank-Deport and then toured the old bank building across the street and to compare the way things are done now and in the past. Jane Swint gave the tour to the youngsters. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



## Deport council agrees to work with Pct. 1 commissioner on roads

The Deport City Council heard from Pct. 1 County Commissioner in their Monday night meeting.

Commissioner Blackburn discussed the possibility of working with the city with their interconnecting roads, the roads that the city and county run together. Mayor Charles Foster and Commissioner Blackburn will be working together to pick the roads that interconnect and will know more at the June meeting.

No action was taken with Hayter

Engineering, or with the buildings at the north end of town, or on Friendship Cable.

Mayor Charles Foster swore in Nancy Gresham, Mayor Pro-Tem and Robert C. Denison as council members for the 1997-99 terms. Eric Pearson wasn't present due to his work schedule, so will be sworn in at the June meeting.

In routine business the council approved the minutes, payment of bills and the financial report.

## Local's granddaughter on National Team

The National Academic League team at Pasadena's Thompson Intermediate School won the National Tournament Title by defeating Odyssey, Jr. High School of Redwood, Washington on April 28.

The competition was conducted in the Exxon Corporate office, in Houston, via televideo conference. It was the 2nd National Championship for the school in three years.

The NAL games are a year-long competition focusing on short answers, problem solving and team presentations. Subject matter includes English, Math, Fine Arts, Social Stud-

ies and World Events.

The students are expected to study for the competition outside of their other classwork, and on their free time.

The competition is patterned after a college basketball tournament, and includes fouls, technicals, time outs, and high score.

The team defeated three schools in February to advance to the Nationals.

Launa Kunkel, and eighth grader in Thompson, was a member of the team. She is the daughter of Jim and Marie Kunkel and a great-granddaughter of Thelma Warren of Deport.



DEPORT NURSING HOME residents enjoyed Open House Sunday with refreshments. Many family members were on hand to celebrate with them.

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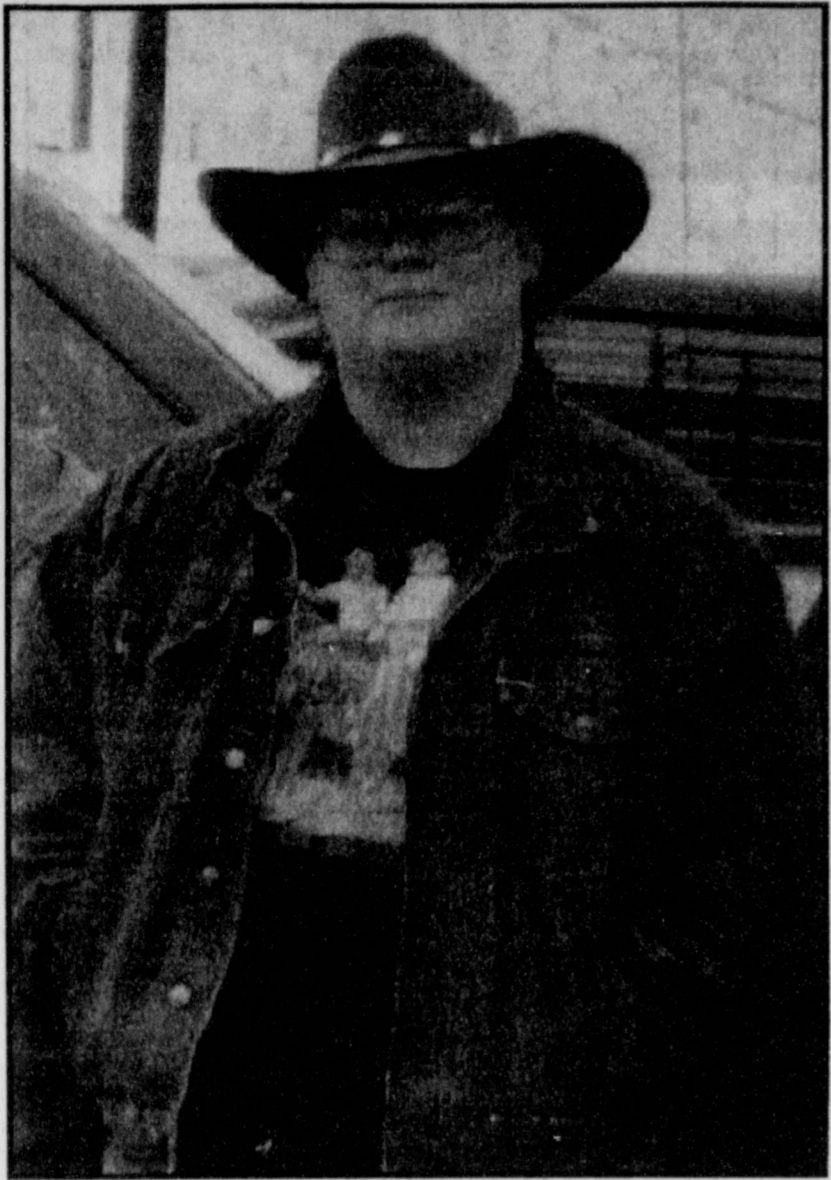
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RESPONSIBLE for cooking! David Darden, Junior at Prairiland High School, isn't just a hunter and FFA student, one night a week he is responsible for planning, cooking and cleaning up an evening meal at his house.

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Powderly spent Wednesday with Jimmy King. Betty Rodgers, Marcella Wright and Wanda Howerton attended Trades Day at Bonham Saturday. Harold Epps, of Mt. Vernon, Charles Epps, Dana Tabb and Wyatt of Rosalie had Sunday dinner with Ethel Epps. Thursday night Ethel Eps and Jimmy King visited in the Faye Conine home and played 84 at Bogata. Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmy King Friday, Mrs. Kay Osborn

of Hillsboro spent the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and family were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey King of Kansas City, Kansas are here to spend the week with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Powderly spent Monday with all of them. MMonte and Shelley Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga visited Betty Rodgers Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. William Elpps, Lauren, and Dalton visited with his grandmother, Ethel Epps Sunday evening.

PJC Nursing Students receive pins

Thirty-five Paris Junior College graduate nursing students received their pins in a ceremony last Friday. Virginia Holmes, Nursing Director, gave the welcome and introduced the nursing faculty. Dawn Nichols, of Ravenna, received the Outstanding Associate Degree Nursing Award, for her work and contribution during the two-year period. Students receiving awards for the Highest Application in Clinical Performance were Louisa Gomez and Melissa Wright of Paris. Class officers for the year were Kay Zachary, President, Deon Melton, Vice-President, and Debbie Grigg, Secretary/Treasurer. Students from Paris receiving pins included: Karey Asay, Shelly Bowden, Brandy Draper, Kelly Gifford, Louisa Gomez, Donna Kammer, Lucy Laakman, Charles

Melton, Kimberly Norwood, and Melissa Wright. Area students receiving pins were: Annona: Brenda Smith, Athens: Heather Gilbreath, Avery: Debra Griggs, and Gerry Lockman, Blossom: Alishia Roddy, Bogata: Lisa Hathcock, Cooper: Kristi Boggs, and Cynthia Tisdale, Deport: Vella Maddox, and Kay Zackary, Honey Grove: Bambi Moore, Mt. Pleasant: Barrie Reid, Ravenna: Dawn Nichols, Quitman: Vickie Francis, Saltillo: Tracie Decker, Sulphur Bluff: Stacie Reed, Sulphur Springs: Sabrina Ball, Vicki Johnson, Cheryl Pierce, and Patricia Touchstone. Oklahoma students receiving pins include: Kristy Dill, Boswell, Lori Doshier, Spencerville, Wilma Hunter, Hugo, Julie Self, Antlers, and David Webb, Broken Bow.

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Country Cooking
Liz Irwin
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This week's cook is sixteen year old David Darden, son of Donny and Dawne Darden. The family lives just outside of the Deport city limits. David is a Junior at Prairiland High School, and has been learning to cook...sometimes reluctantly, for several years now. David has been fixing things just for himself for a long time. This year, however, his parents decided that one night a week David would plan the menu, cook the evening meal and clean up as part of his household responsibilities. David says he really doesn't mind doing this, but still likes to gripe and complain about it. He keeps his menus

fairly simple....grilled fish, hot dogs, things that most teenagers like top his list. His mother says that it's all part of learning to take care of himself in life. David has several hobbies, including collecting swords and other weaponry, being an avid Civil War buff and hunting. He is also a member of the Prairiland FFA Chapter, and is very busy with Chapter activities as well as his other school work. His parents enjoy an evening "off" on David's night to cook, and he is learning valuable skills that will help him throughout his life. It sounds like a pretty good idea...huh, parents?

May 15, 1997 David Darden - Deport
Calazone
Cup water, yeast, sugar, olive oil, flour, salt, pizza sauce, cheese, mushrooms, onion, sausage, pepperoni.
Grilled Fish
Lightly coat both sides of fillet with cajun seasoning. Heat grill 3 minutes and add fish and cook 4 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily.
David's Tacos
1 pound ground chuck, 1 package Old El Paso taco seasoning, 1 package taco shells, toppings to taste.

"When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned."
Isaiah 43:2c

Red River County Roots
This week's query is from Sharon Grant, Rt. #1-Box 343-B, Rockwood, Tennessee, 37854. She is searching for information on the Avance (or Evant, Avants) family of Red River County. It has been said that Carey Avance and family lived in Clarksville in 1860. They lived in Saline County, Arkansas in 1850. Carey's sons were in Hopkins County and by 1880 were in Delta County. According to one source, Carey Avance was part Indian. If you can help Mrs. Grant, write her at the above address. To have a query placed in this column, please write to: Red River Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, TX 75426.

Shower honors Carolyn Strawn

Carolyn Strawn, bride-elect of Jeff Gibson, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon, May 3, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Approximately 40 guests registered to honor Miss Strawn. She received a lovely assortment of gifts. The hostesses presented her with a wooden tray table set and a Mikasa crystal heart tray. Special guests at the shower were the bride-elect's mother, Jane Strawn, and the prospective groom's mother, Brenda Gibson, from Pattonville. Out of town guests were Melanie Thomas of Bossier City, Louisiana, Vickie Thomas of Fouke, Arkansas, Misty Gage and Deanna Vickery of Paris, and Sue Nolen and Jean Stockton of Talco. Hostesses for the shower were Shirley Anderson, Toni Anderson, Bobbie Damron, Jane Glass, Gerlyn Gray, Nelda Screws, Sandra Stockton, Lillian Taylor, Judy Ward, Alice Ann White and Dianne Williams. Becky White feted On Tuesday, April 15, Becky White, bride-elect of Brian Hurst, was honored with a shower at Axtell Elementary School. The table was decorated in the bride's chosen colors of royal blue and white. The cake had white icing trimmed with white roses. Guests were also served sherbet and ginger ale punch. Thirty three guests attended. Many nice and useful gifts were received.

Obituaries



Billie Evelyn Sawyer dies May 8

Billie Evelyn Sawyer, age 83 of Deport and formerly of Paris, died May 8 in Deport Nursing Home. Services were held Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Littlevine Cemetery with Elder Bill Huckabay officiating. She was born in Paris on December 18, 1913, the daughter of William Jasper and Julia Stites Brown. She married Ollie Sawyer on April 23, 1930, who preceded her in death February 26, 1969. She was a member of the Belmont Baptist Church of Paris. Surviving are her daughters, Julia ANn Galloway of Odewssa and Kathleen Ebbs of Glen Rose; a daughter-in-law, Mary Sawyer of Deport; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews including Delma Bunch and Kathryn Bass of Paris. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Sawyer was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Edmond on February 2, 1995; two brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Lenora Hearron dies May 7

Mrs. Lenora Louise Hearron, age 87 of Talco died Wednesday, May 7 at Titus Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 9 at the Talco Assembly of God Church with the Rev. David Trawick and the Rev. Don Malone officiating. Burial followed in Talco Cemetery. Mrs. Hearron was born June 17, 1909 in Seguin. She married Ira Hearron on August 8, 1926 and had lived in Talco for 60 years. She was a member of the Talco Assembly of God Church and of the Women's Missionary Council. She was a homemaker. Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, James and Grace Hearron of Talco, Buddy and Charlene Hearron of Flint, Ray and Nellie Hearron of Mt. Pleasant, Melvin and Hazel Hearron of Lake Cypress Springs, Jerry and Mary Hearron of Mt. Pleasant and Larry and Lavonne Hearron of Sugar Hill; daughters and sons-in-law, Mrs. Melba Rose of Dallas, Helen and Sherwin Darnell of Houston, Wanda and Loren Stephens of Paris, Paula and Gary Bass of Mt. Pleasant; 26 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Louise Helen Hardt; her husband; Ira "Fats" Hearron; two sons, Walter Lawrence and Rodney Carl Hearron and a great-granddaughter, Heather Hearron.

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Joint genealogical meetings to be held

This is a reminder of the joint meeting of the Red River County and Lamar County Genealogical societies at the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Deport on Monday night, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. This is a meeting which should be of interest to both beginner and advanced genealogist. A representative of the Dallas Genealogical Society will be there to speak of the up-

Sarah Lorene Clement dies May 7

Sarah Lorene Clement, age 80 of Pattonville died Wednesday, May 7 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Dr. L.C. Stout and Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery. She was born April 22, 1917 in Murfreesboro, AR to Robert Jefferson and Lona Wood Strawn. She married Lewis T. Clement February 10, 1936 in Deport. He died June 12, 1994. She was a longtime member of Bethel Baptist Church. She was retired as a nurses aide at St. Joseph's Hospital. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Glenda Clement of Paris; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mildred and Weldon Stone of Pattonville, Charlotte Muecke of Wolfe City, Elaine Goley of Lubbock and Wanda and Jason Raney of Albuquerque, NM; two brothers, Herbert Strawn of Mansfield and Leslie Strawn of Texas City; two sisters, Effie Jones of Powderly and Loretta Endsley of Paris; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Grandsons served as bearers.

T.W. Brewer dies May 8

T.W. Brewer, age 88 of Blossom died Thursday, May 8 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11 at the First Baptist Church in Blossom with the Rev. Burgie Thompson officiating. Burial was in Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. Mr. Brewer was born February 8, 1909 in Clarksville to Thomas W. and Samantha Perkins Brewer. He married Lona Abbie Weddle on October 29, 1927 in Clarksville. She preceded him in death January, 1986. He was a water superintendent in Blossom, a farmer and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Blossom and was a Sunday School teacher. Survivors include four sons and four daughters, Jerry Brewer and wife Rita, June Barber, Joe Tom Brewer, Nancy Couch and husband Ernie, all of Blossom, Morris Brewer and wife Margie of Roxton, Judy Latimer and husband Glen of Ft. Worth, Josie McAfee and husband Mike of Tyler and Ted Brewer and wife Trisha of Picayune, MS; a sister, Beatrice Farley of Powderly; 28 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers and members of the Men's Bible Sunday School Class served as honorary bearers.

Joe Parks dies May 12

Mr. Joe Parks, age 91, formerly of Bogata died Monday May 12, 1997 in Deport Nursing Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 under the pavillion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery. He was born February 16, 1906 in Bogata, the son of James Asberry and Minnie Lee Lawson Parks. He was retired as a brakeman for the railway. He is survived by sons Earl Parks of Carrollton and Bob Parks of New Deal, TX and daughters Pat Moore of Kaufman and Sandra Giles of Dallas, one sister Francis Provence of Bogata, sixteen grandchildren, and a number of great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a daughter Betty and a son Joe Paul Parks.

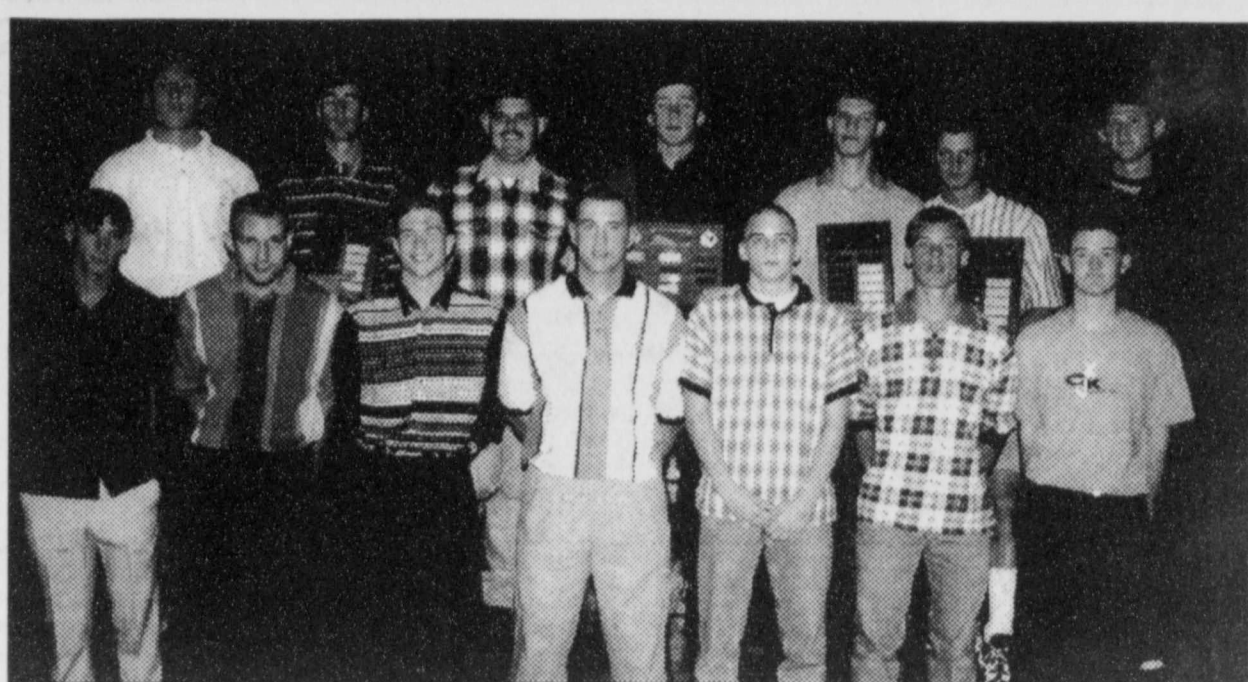
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1996-97 PRAIRILAND ATHLETIC BANQUET HONOREES-Back row from left is Brandie Upchurch(Basketball Offensive), Paige Lyon(Volleyball MVP Setter), Cari Irwin(Top Rebounder -Basketball & MVP Server-Volleyball), Katha Crawford(MVP Hitter-Volleyball & CO-MVP Defense in Basketball), Kenlea Jones-CO-MVP Golf, Meagan Hatfield(Most Improved Volleyball and Co-Defensive Basketball), Christy Patterson(Most Improved Basketball), Susie Sutton(MVP Track Field Events) and Kim Gibson(Fighting Heart Basketball). Front row from left is Shasta Riley(CO-MVP Most Improved Track), Susan Singleton(MVP Track Running Events), Fair Shea Gifford(Softball MVP and CO-MVP Server Volleyball), Renea Holt(Best Offense MVP Softball), Brea Sessums(MVP Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Co-MVP Golf), Stacy Bangs(MVP Defense Softball), Anna Thompson(Fighting Heart Track), Laura Oliver(Co-Most Improved Track,) and Jessica Lewis(Fighting Heart-Track).



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

1996-97 PRAIRILAND ATHLETIC HONOREES-Top row from left is Brandon Maroney(Lineman of the Year Football), Justin Taylor(Most Improved Basketball and MVP Track Field Event), Tommy Spray(Lineman of the Year Football), Jeremy Day(Basketball MVP), Cory May(Defensive MVP Basketball), Todd James(Offensive MVP Basketball) and Shane Chennault(Running Back of the Year Football). Bottom row is Chris Malone(MVP Track Running Event), Bryan Gifford(Golf MVP), Tim Mullins(Kamakazi Football), David Ford(MVP Football and All Around Boy), Caleb Craig(Most Improved Football), Aaron Williams(Defensive Player of the Year-Football), and Michael Richardson (MVP Tennis).

### Patriots play Cooper for district

By Mike Yaross

The Prairiland Patriots baseball team fell short of a district title Friday afternoon, losing to Cooper Bulldogs 7-3.

The game looked as if to be a close battle with it being tied 0-0 in the third. Cooper loaded the bases with one out. Then the ball was hit back to pitcher Mike Yaross. What looked like an easy double play to get out of the inning, turned out to be a disaster. Yaross' throw would go high over catcher David Ford and two runs would score. Cooper would go on to score three more runs in the fourth

and two in the sixth to take the win 7-3.

Yaross would go the 7 innings distance taking the loss. He gave up 12 hits, struck out 4 and walked two.

But all is not lost folks, because we all know these young men to be winners. With bi-district playoffs beginning Thursday against Elysian Fields. The Patriots still have their hopes alive.

Prairiland Patriot Coach Riddles stated that there are only 64 teams in the state of Texas in the playoffs and the Patriots are one of them!

### Patriot All-Sports Banquet held

Prairiland ISD held their annual all-sports banquet on Friday night, May 9, 1997 in the gym at 8:00 p.m.

Parents, faculty, students, board members and guests were welcomed by Dr. L.C. Stout with Dr. Gary Ballard giving the invocation.

Coach Sharon Connot recognized tennis players in both boys and girls divisions. MVP awards went to Michael Richardson and Amy Bryan. She also recognized the Patriot Cheerleaders for 1996-97.

Cross County Coach Mendy Cole's awards went to Shasta Riley and Melanie Griffin being named co-MVP and the MVP boy's award went to Joel Hudson.

Girl's Softball awards went to MVP Fair Shea Gifford. Best Offense went to Renea Holt, Best Defense Stacy Bangs and Most Improved Christy Patterson. Awards were presented by Coach Mendy Cole.

Football awards were given by Coach Rick Connot with the Fighting Patriot going to Sam Money. Kamakazi was named Tim Mullins, Most Improved Caleb Craig, Lineman of the Year Brandon Maroney and Tommy Spray, Running Back of the Year Shane Chennault, Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Williams and David Ford was named MVP.

Coach Frankye Sessums named Meagan Hatfield as Most Improved

Player, MVP Server was Cari Irwin and Fair Shea Gifford. MVP Server was Paige Lyon, MVP Hitter Katha Crawford and Volleyball MVP was Brea Sessums.

Basketball awards went to Most Improved Christy Patterson, Defensive Player Katha Crawford and Meagan Hatfield, MVP Rebounder Cari Irwin, Brandi Upchurch MVP Offense and Sessums Basketball MVP.

Track awards went to Laura Oliver and Shasta Riley as Co-Most Improved. Suzie Sutton received MVP Field Events and Susan Singleton received MVP Running Events. Fighting Hearts went to Anna Thompson, Jessica Lewis and Kim Gibson with all around MVP going to Brea Sessums.

Coach Charlie Martin presented Most Improved to Justin Taylor, Best Offensive to Todd James, Best Defensive to Cory May and Basketball MVP to Jeremy Day.

Coach Bill Scudder named MVP Track Running Events to Chris Malone and MVP Field Events to Justin Taylor.

Golf MVP's went to Kenlea Jones and Brea Sessums and Bryan Gifford.

Best All-Around boy and girl went to Brea Sessums and David Ford. Jonathan Newman gave the benediction and dismissed the group.

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—Josh Billings

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### Two PISD Graduates honored

Paige Lyon and Brea Sessums were honored with a graduation party Wednesday night at the Paris Golf and Country Club. Forty-three guests, teachers and family enjoyed finger sandwiches, chips, punch and cookies. Jamie McKinney sang two songs for the group and films of Paige and Brea when they were younger were viewed. The group also enjoyed dancing.

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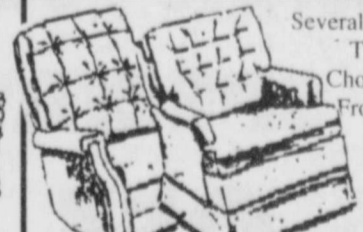
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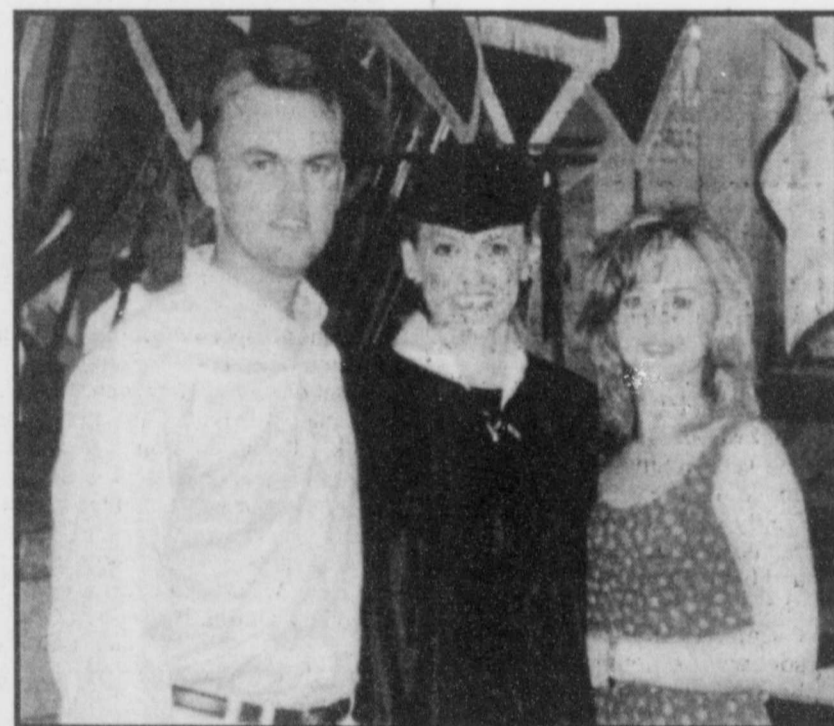
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**MAGNA CUM LAUDE** graduate from Texas A&M is Jan Scudder. Also pictured with Jan is her brother Scott and sister Amy Pickleman. They are the children of Bill and Sue Scudder of Paris.

### Scudder graduates Magna Cum Laude

Rebecca Jan Scudder of Paris graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A & M University at College Station, Friday May 9, 1997. Jan received her B.S. Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries with a teaching certificate in Biology. Jan has been accepted into the Physician Assistant Program at University of Texas Southwestern Medical in Dallas.

She was a recipient of a scholarship from Lamar County Texas A & M Club all four years at A & M and

played with the Lady Aggie Volleyball team for two years. She is a graduate of Prairiland High School and the daughter of Bill and Sue Scudder, granddaughter of Mrs. Joe Carter of Blossom and Mrs. W.T. Scudder of Paris.

Attending the graduation ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Bil Scudder, Mr. Scott Scudder of Austin, Dr. and Mrs. Jason Pickleman of Galveston.

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**East Post Oak News**  
By Geneva Lee  
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Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth visited his mother Rhoda Lee of Paris Nursing Home Tuesday for Mother's Day. Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee joined them there Tuesday morning and the four went to diner. They returned to Ft. Worth that afternoon.

The Post Oak Fire Department joined the Fulbright and Novice Departments for a training session Saturday morning where they burned a didsbanded house. They practiced putting out house fire. Johnie Lee, Mark McClain and Mark Bates attended from Post Oak.

Betty and Newman Low have both been sick with colds or the flu. They were able to attend church Sunday.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee visited Texie Gooch of Midway Sunday in ICU of St. Joseph Hospital where

she is scheduled for bypass surgery Monday morning.

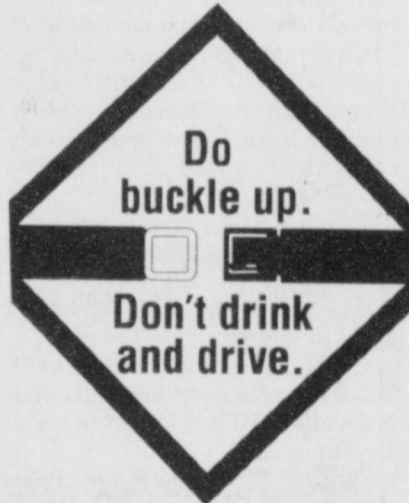
Louise Cagle's family all spent Sunday with her and brought her to church where she received a rose for the oldest mother there. Two others over 80 were Hazel Cleveland and Mrs. Merrill of New York. Mrs. Merrill is here visiting her daughter Mrs. John Mullins and family. She attended church with her granddaughter Sandra Flatt. She also has a daughter in Paris she is visiting.

Mrs. Elwood Cleveland is a patient in St. Joseph at this time and was reported some improved.

Frosty Giles of Paris Nursing Home and brother of Glenda Davis attended church here with her Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mickie Freelan visited Post Oak Baptist Church Sunday orning along with all her children and several grandchildren and she received a rose for the mother with the greatest number of children and grandchildren present. Her daughter Linda Mitchell of Ft. Worth spent the weekend here with her parents.

Our sympathy goes to Ruth McClain and her family on the death of her grandson Robert Mathew Davis, 17 who died in Greenville last week on Monday night as the result of a motorcycle accident. Fry and Gibbs had services with burial in Evergreen.



**Deport Nursing Home News**  
By JaLynda Mitchell

We had a week of games and entertainment. The clothes pin game winners were Frankie Archibald, 1st, Floy Sparks, 2nd; Johnnie McLemore 3rd. The Lawn Dice winners were Johnnie McLemore 1st, Nina Hale 2nd, Harold Norris 3rd. We treated ourselves to a day of shopping in Paris.

Dewey Ward entertained us Thursday afternoon with singing and his guitar music.

Bill and Gloria Gather and friends revived us with their revival video on Friday.

Sunday David Ham brought the message while Rab & Tim Skidmore provided the music. There were youth from the House of Prayer that sang a few special songs.

Dewey Ward, Sam and Debbie Campbell, Buck Fraizer, and Gene Fields took time out for our mothers on Sunday to sing and visit.

Monday we played bingo with Nanie Bell Ham, Sarah and Billie Mazy and Bocky Norman. We appreciate the love and support they show us.

We would like to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of Billie Sawyer and Joe Parks.

Milow Hume was visited by Stasha Hume, Ina Ward and Weldon Hume. Dee Bonham visited ARNold Ribble.

Mutt Powell's visitors were Janie Martin, Geneva Weaver, Sue, Britany and Shelbi Hart and Corbin Scott.

Visiting Johnnie Warren were Lila and Bren Screws, Larry and Barbara Crawford, Lynda Ballard, Carl, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell, Alice Bumgarner, Marline Thomas, Suzann Shovan, Lucille Morgan, Jerry, Chris, Christopher and Jerred Guerra, and Lucy Fowler.

Visitors of Jewel Smith were Shirely and Larry Haskell, Francis Franklin, Jessie Marie Wodard, Darrell Smith, Barbara Merchant, Larry Smith, Dale Smith, Mike, DeDee, Mikie and Jason Cherry, Donald Ray and Dynetta Smith, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell, Karen, Shawna and Richard Cherry and Sue Goley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Luft and Pastor Loeffler visited Kathrine Luft.

Jerry Moore visited his father, Short Moore.

Norma Williams was visited by Ricky and George Williams.

Johnnie McLemore's visitors were Dean and Clara Bailey of Frisco, Mack and Janice McLemore and

Nanie Bell Ham. James and Sarah Wilson's children, Larry and Jackie Wilson visited them.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher were Mike, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, Denny Fletcher, Glenda King, Jimmy Fletcher and Carl, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell.

Visitors of David Geer were Cecil and Margaret Allen, Jerry More, Alice Bumgarner, and William Geer.

Betty Gardner's sister, Pat Talley visited her.

Pam Humphrey visited Genevieve Humphrey.

Brodie Bell's visitors were Reecie Kelsey and David Glover.

Dean and Dorothy Babb celebrated their 50th wedding afternoon with 40 family members and friends. The event was hosted by their daughter Karla Burke.

Dennis Zak visited Peter Zak.

Cecil and Margaret Allen visited Marshall Dunigan, Ivaletta Edwards, Don O'Dea, Athel Hester, Marietta Parsons and Gilbert Marshall.

Visitors of Lena Powell were Worth and Karen Baker, Sue, Britany and Shelbi Hart, Corbin Scott, and Janie Martin.

Visiting Irene Senn were Lyn and Mary Ann Senn, Betty Garton, Kim & Sarah Wise and Allen and Bobbie Gifford.

Ruby Crawford's visitors were Vickie & Cogan Foster and Norman and Sue Cagle Farris.

Lora Hulsey was visited by Gene and Wilma Hulsey.

Nanie Bell Ham and Nell Shull visited Nina Hale and Clarence Ham.

Jim and Sharon Johnson visited Bonnie Johnson.

Visitors of Lovetta McMurray were Tony Corso and Carl, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell.

Visiting Floy Sparks wee Cecil and Margaret Allen, Euda Rainey and Peggy Parsons. She also spent the weekend in Dallas and attended her granddaughter's wedding.

Henry Jacks visitors were Kim and Makenzie True, Mary Ellen Jacks, and Wilma Hulsey.

Edith Franklin was visited by Ricky and Mary Ann Franklin and Steve and Patsy Ward.

Cherry Walker, Kenneth McDowra, Bobby and Sue Salter, Carl, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell visited Terry McDowra.

Visitors of Fay Woodard wer Alice and Dewey Woodard, Francis Franklin and Jessie Marie Woodard.

Visiting Ima Griffen wee Patsy Curtis, Lonnie Taylor, Flona Harris, Vickie and Billy Neely, Linda and Clint Burger, David, Amanda and Brandi Burger, Patsy and Gary Coats and Eddie and Sherry Miller.

Mamie Thompson's visitors were Kelly Coker, Pat Towers and Dee Bonahm.

Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen, Dorothy Holt and Joyce Wilson.

Sue Carroll, Carla and Reg Freemier, Jessie Marie Woodard, Edith and Larry Crawford.

Visitors of Sara Gilmer were Marline and Dewey Thomas, Don, Suzann and Kyle Shovan, Bud, Sarena, Jill and Cory Owens, Kathryn and Harold Verner.

Frankie Archibald was visited by Betty Roznosky and Cecil and Margaret Allen.

Visiting Estelle Cheshire were Betty Roznosky, Cecil and Margaret Allen, Maxine Foster, Imogene Wilson, Charles Rollins, Alice Bumgarner, Linnie Bailey, Vinice Bryson, Evelyn Barnes, Lucille Morgan, Eunice Ewen, Joanne Haney, Adlene White, Sherre Meyers, Mavis Sowards, Jessie Marie Woodard, Francis Franklin, Clara Stalls, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell and Joyce Wilson.

J.A. and Joyce Marshall and Wynell Gilbreath visited Grace Griffen.

Dorothea McDowra's visitors were Keith, Ammie, Brock and Justin McDowra.

Raymond and Edith Crawford was visited by Russell and Pat Crawford, Donald and Phyllis Crawford, Dewayne and Virginia Rhodes, John and Shirley Gifford, Larry and Barbara, Craig, Kacey, Kara and Dakota Crawford, Ethel Jackson and Otis Crawford.

sitors of Linnie Bailey were Pat and Debra Bailey, Alice Bumgarner, Ruby Blevins, and Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell.

Visiting Betty Middleton were Steve, Dina, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton, Richard Winkler, Nell Wolf, Nanie Bell Ham, Mark McClain, Becky Proctor, David, Angie, Marcus & Allison Wolf & Cindy Filkins.

We would like to wish Happy Birthdays to Edith Franklin, Fay Woodard, Athel Hester, Pat Hollie, Casey Grant, Mary Johnson, Tanya Hagood, Suzanne Golden & Billie Burton.

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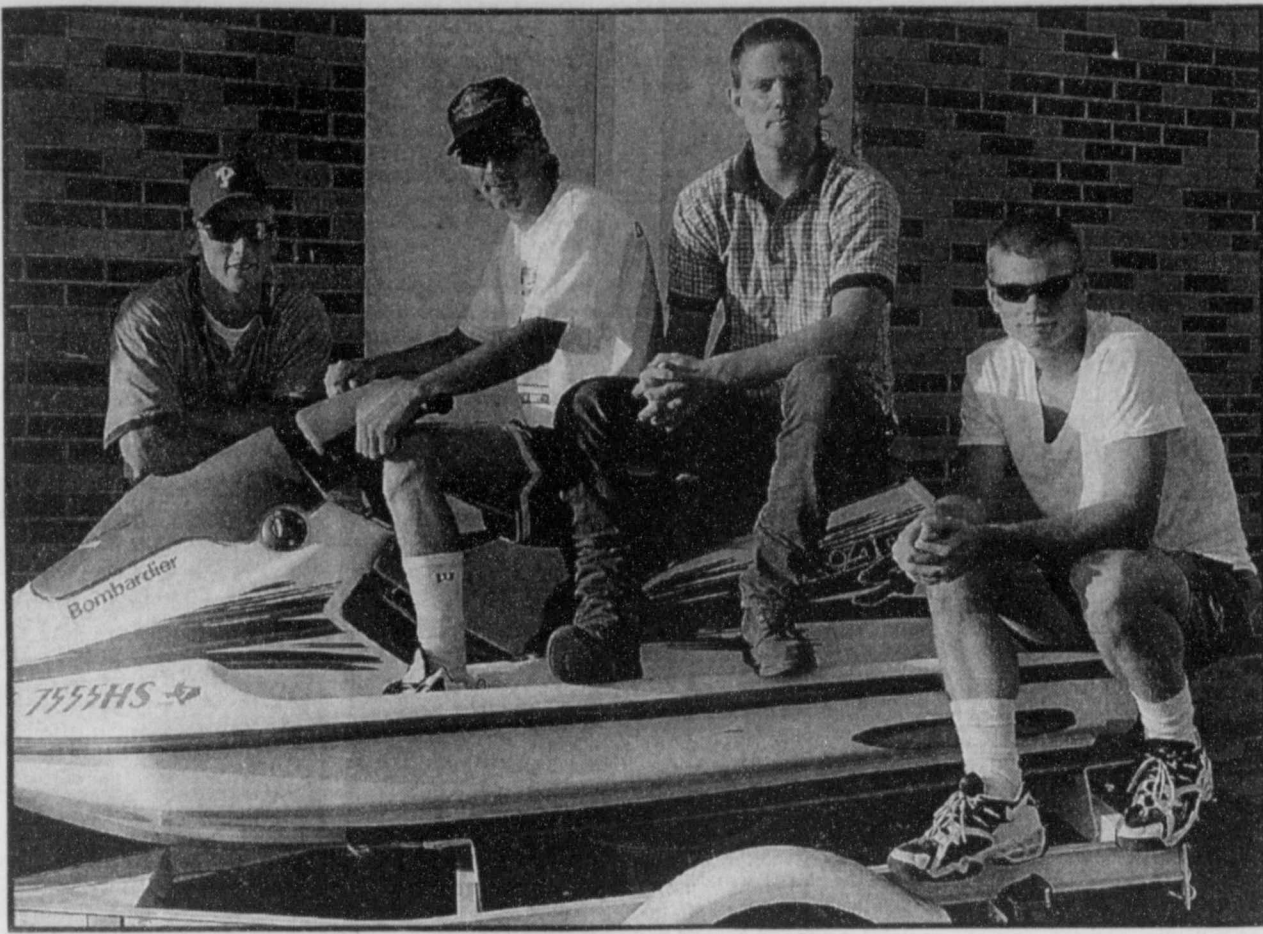
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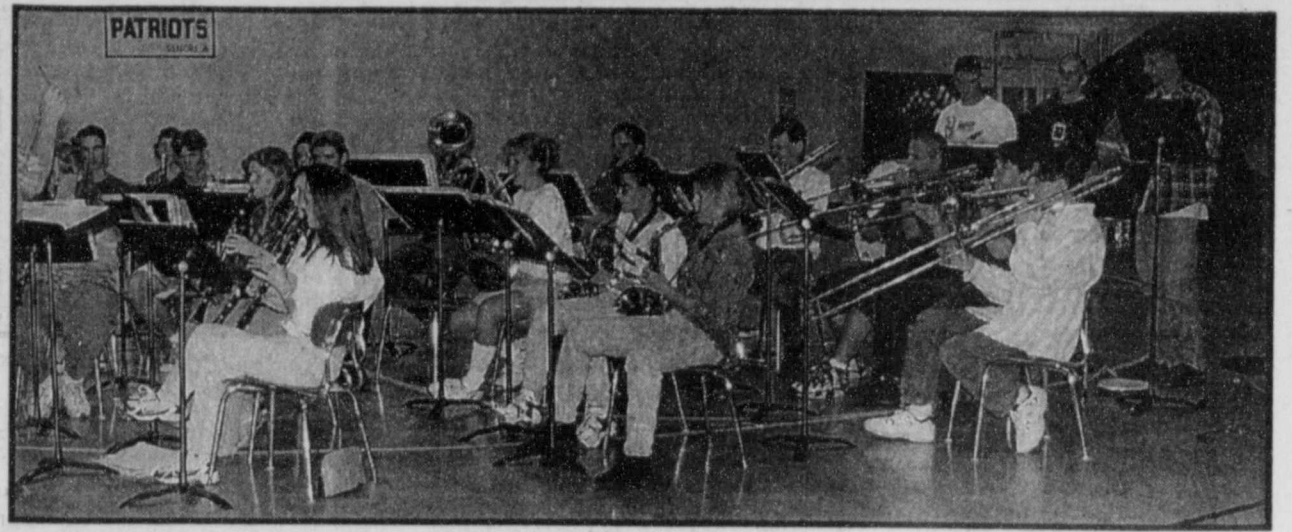
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**PRAIRILAND SENIORS** Jeremy Day, Justin Taylor, Duncan Gordon and Todd James pose in front of the jet ski that will be the "Grand Prize Give-a-way" at the 1st annual Prairiland Project Graduation to be held on the PHS campus following the graduation ceremony at Love Civic Center on Friday night, May 23.



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**PRAIRILAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS** tune-up for Monday night's band concert held on the Prairiland campus Monday night. They are under the direction of Joey Watson.

Hwy. 271 **PATTONVILLE NEWS** By Rita Cox 784-0283  
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Floy Sparks and Peggy Parsons spent the weekend in Huntsville with Bobby and Judy Ellington and Rusty and attending the wedding of Ronnie Ellington and Kelly Wars. Other visitors of the Ellingtons and attending the wedding on Saturday were Randy Ellington and Jennifer Burris, Hazel Barnard and Susan Courville of Hous-

ton, Doug and Tonya Winters, Tiffany and Colton of Bryan, Wes Winters of Huntsville, Ina and Nina Sparks, Mike Sparks, Kristi Boren and Leah and Jerika McKee. Keith Parsons attended church with his mother on Sunday and took her to lunch afterwards. Sunday afternoon visitors of Keith

and Peggy Prsons were Mack and Tonya Parsons of Rowlett, Scott and Gail Ward and sons of Bogata.

Buster and Louise Crossland visitor were Howard and Sara higidon and son, E.C. Bogard, Bill Geer. For Mother Day dinner were Willie and Donna, Michael and David Crossland. Kent and ann Brandon and Blaine Wright.

Katie and Cody Crossland went to Shreveport, La. to visited Katie's mother, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Raymond and Frances visitors for mother's day were John Paul Hoover and family. Larry Hoover Blake and Amanda Campbell, and Mitchell Campbell. Boyd Sanders and family. Shane and Zarinska Morton.

Bill and Ruby Blevins visitors were Ashley and Mickey Keener they spent the week Ruby visited Alice Bumgarner and Linnie Bailey. Edna Towers visited last week.

Randall and Rita Cox, Jo Gordon of Paris. Inze Christian of Paris. Joe and Bonnie Baily of Hugo, Ok. Bryan and Kerri Baily of Paris. Rick and Kathy, Josh and Jeremy Green of Blossom all had Mother's Day dinner with Mary Head of Paris.

Joyce Merritt visited her mother, Syble Songer of Sherman.

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Breakfast: French toast strips, cereal Juice, milk  
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches Vegetarian beans Potato crisps Chocolate chip cookies Milk  
Wednesday  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, yogurt Juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken bites Broccoli, cheese, rice Creamed potatoes Whole wheat rolls Milk  
Thursday  
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit muffins Juice, milk  
Lunch: Nachos with ground beef Tossed salad Spice cake Milk  
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Lunch: Hamburger on bun Cheese slice Lettuce, tomato Oatmeal raisin cookies French fries Potato crisps Milk

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Jenny Dillard, Lesa Thompson, Jessica Tidwell, Ashley Lester, Chance Whitney and Noemi Cortez.  
 Paul, Sue and Jamilyn Garrett of Paris along with Edna Cunningham, Jerry and Patty Garrett of Lake Tawokani, Christy, Curtis and Landon Garrett of Reno, Chad and Melissa Garrett of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett all enjoyed Sunday dinner at Furr's Cafeteria in Paris.  
 Bessie Garrett enjoyed a phone call from her granddaughter Kim Redditt of Arlington on Mother's Day.  
 Rick and Rita Redus of Paris, Patricia and Adam Northam of Little Elm, Lindsey and Bessie Allen, Margie, Tommy and Norman Clem of Paris enjoyed dinner at the Fish Fry on Saturday night. Ronnie and Lance Northam and Helen Northam of Little Elm along with the others mentioned above enjoyed dinner Sunday at the home of Rick and Rita Redus.  
 Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Bonner was Rita Mears and M.H.

and Martha Bonner of Bedford along with Rev. Norman Carter of Hot Springs and Dorothy Gay of Hurst.  
 Lecretia Flook and Tyler of Brunswick, Georgia spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Randle Clarkson.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended the 50 year pinning of three Mason from this area last Thursday night. They were Robert Day, Elic Gullion and Mr. Welch. On Tuesday night they attended the initiation ceremony of Kay Bowling into the Deport Eastern Star.  
 Special Get Wells to Otis Hyde this week. He is a patient in McCuiston Hospital.  
 Visiting with Billie Henry over Mothers Day was Angel Henry of Denton and Joe Boyd Weddle of Noble and Angela Shannon of Paris.  
 Mother's Day visitors of Randall and Margie Mayes were the following: John, Connie Kay & Marla Brooks, John, Kristi and Mayzie Purviance, Stanley, Donna and Jessica Jesse, Dovie and Mike Garretson from Bogata, John, Audrey and Carolyn Mayes, Randy and Kristi Mayes, Amber and Haley from Blossom, Daphney Mayes from Dallas, Valrea cade and Al Harris from Mt. Pleasant.

Visiting with Mrs. Garth Crawford on Mother's Day weekend was Joel and Trish of Blanchard, Oklahoma, Carol and Kenny Wood of Atlas, Jana LeMire, Annae Sugg and Marie Kennison of Paris.  
 Mary Jane Lowry enjoyed Mother's Day weekend with her children in Gilmer. They were Janie and Mike Ballard, Bill and Ginnifer Lindsey of Nacogdoches, Ryan and Gay Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. Pte Gipson and Mrs. Gipson's mother. They all enjoyed Sunday dinner.  
 Sam and Sammy Parks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray of Red Oak.  
 Sandra and Jeff Adams of Garland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mathena.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Shands and Linda and David Hicks enjoyed Mother's Day dinner at the home of Tracy Hicks.  
 Gage Booth spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Shands.  
 Terri and Blake Moody visited with Pauline and Jr. Weddle over the weekend. Also visiting was Jim Weddle of Denton and Joe Boyd Weddle of Noble and Angela Shannon of Paris.  
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**Cunningham News**

*By Carol Jean Williams*  
 Lou Hatfield Call 652-6792



The Cunningham Community is busy preparing for the upcoming Homecoming. Several men worked at the community center all week and Saturday was a community work day. They had a picnic lunch. The grounds look great and several of the projects are nearing completion. The next community meeting is set for Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. We are very proud of what has been accomplished.  
 The Homecoming will be June 28, 1997 with the meal cost \$6. Deadline for meal payment is June 15, 1997. Mail to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 62-5A, Deport, TX 75435. Call Jane O'Neal at 903-652-6792 or Geneva Norwood at 903-652-3141 for information. No notices are being sent, please notify everyone you know!  
 Visiting Lou Hatfield for the weekend were her daughter and granddaughter, Sheron and Virginia Jhole of Roundrock. Sunday visitors, relatives Hughlan, Bobby, Whit Barrett and Janette Christilaw of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Recently after having lunch with Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Tim and Kevin Brasher and son Hunter enjoyed a patio party with homemade ice cream.  
 A Mother's Day dinner was held at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall. There were a large number in attendance, including all of Marie Watson's family and Alma, Almer Norwood. They had supper in the Fellowship Hall Sunday night.  
 Geneva Norwood, Neva Jean Oats and L'Wanda McKnight presented a program at a nursing home in Paris. Marie Watson and Alma Norwood went with them.  
 Friday night Stacy, Linda, Stoney, Charity Musgrove, Pam and Larry O'Neal ate supper with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove.  
 Lillian King has moved to Deport.

Sunday for Mother's Day Lunch the following persons were guests of Leonard and Billie Ford: Lillian King, Lowell, David and Kay Lynn Ford, Carol Arrington and children, Ashley, Jayson, David and Ana, Ron and Joyce Yazel, Andrew Bashaw and Holy Yazel all of Gilmer, David and Traci Kendel, their children, Ryan, Marris, Megan and Riley. They took Lillian home and provided plants for her new home.  
 Jo Dell Cooper spent Friday in Mt. Pleasant with Anaya Phillips.  
 Jo Dell had lunch in Paris with Ellie Hodges Saturday. Sue and Byron Wicker visited with Bush and Jo Dell Cooper last week.  
 Carl Guthrie of Talco passed away last Monday. Mr. Guthrie's sisters, Mrs. Bob Midkeff, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott of Charleston, West Virginia, Mat and Steve Guthrie, his grandsons of Freeport, Texas all attended the funeral. They with Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie of Talco visited Norman and Rachel Sain Friday.  
 Lucy Fowler, Talma and Margaret Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moore, their family and Barbara and Delano Dunlap had dinner with Carol and Jennifer Dorsey Sunday. Sunday afternoon Talma and Margaret Fowler visited with Lucy at her home in Cunningham.  
 Lucy Fowler, Elois Sparks, Talma and Margaret Fowler, Jennifer Dorsey and friend, Stacy Cox, Carol Dorsey, Ricky and Melanie Moore, their children all attended Melanie Moore's graduation at Texas A&M University in Commerce.  
 Dean Ogden of Longview came in Sunday morning to visit Lorette Pynes. Lorette and Dean ate lunch at El Chico's then visited Buddy Pynes in St. Joseph's Hospital. Dean planned to return home Monday.  
 Andrew Bashaw visited with Lorette Pynes Sunday.

bobby and Shelby Kennedy ate lunch with Jeff and Cindy Kennedy Sunday.  
 Morris Cox of Dallas spent the weekend with Velma Cox. Floy and Wayne Williams of Deport visited with Velma and Morris Friday afternoon. Velma, Morris and Dora Hester ate dinner at the Golden Corral Saturday night.  
 Terry and Sandra Brehm, Kyle and Kaci spent Mother's Day with Bill and Shirley Page.  
 Murry and Sue Jackson, Carla, Andrea, Kara and Arron Palmer, Dewayne Lisa, O'Neal, Weston Drinnon ate dinner with Jane O'Neal Sunday.  
 David and Linda Pitcock and girls ate lunch with Katherin Sugg Sunday.  
 Jenna Patterson graduated from kindergarten.  
 Russell and Mary Helen Whitney's guest for dinner Sunday were Billie R. Pirtle of Bogata, Ken and Kathy Miller, Kati of Commerce, Peggy Risinger of Paris, Staci Whitney and daughter, Jaci, Johnnie Whitney and Chance. Tracy Chipman and Connor visited Sunday afternoon.  
 Those present for Georgina Oats' birthday dinner were her family and friends Lana Williams and Brad Nutt.  
 John Whitney celebrated his birthday last Sunday. John and Claudia's guests Sunday for Mother's Day were: Belinda and Bill Dickey, Jaelyn of Sulphur Springs, Darrellyn, Bryan, Johnathan, Kathryn and Glen Johnson and their children of Sulphur Springs, Debra and Courtney Currin of Powderly and April Bailey of Paris. Travis and Tonya Hunter and boys, Christian and Jeremy. They all went to church, had lunch and Sunday afternoon opened gifts. Belinda, Debbie, Tonya, Claudia then went to Bogata and visited Linda Drake and Family.

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 Linda Flippen of LIFE ANEW a maternity and adoption agency located in Paris visited with Mrs. Graves' Parenting classes at Prairiland on Tuesday. She discussed adoption and how she works with girls and women who have unplanned pregnancies.

**North Star Chapter program and luncheon to be held May 20, 1997**

The North Star Chapter Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce Program and Luncheon will be held May 20, 1997 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.  
 The topic will be "The 10 Litigation Land Mines of the 21st Century Workforce". This presentation will identify ten major litigation traps employers face and how to avoid them with special attention to problems of the future that are arising from new technologies, new laws and new work arrangements like telecommuting. This presentations is drawn from Littler Mendelson's survey of its group of over 300 employment law attorneys nationwide.  
 Guest speaker will be, Scott McDonald, shareholder in the Dallas office of Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff, Tichy & Mathiason the nation's largest law firm focusing exclusively on employment law.  
 All business owners, managers/supervisors and human resource personnel should attend.  
 The program will be held at Paris Junior College, Student Center Ballroom, Clarksville St. in Paris, TX. Registration fees received on or before Monday, May 19 will cost \$12 per person. Registration fees paid after Monday, May 19 or at the door will be \$15. For more information call Veta Weaver TABCC Region (903) 534-1398 or Melanie Fountain, TABCC Treasurer- (903) 737-0522 or FAX (903) 785-6344.

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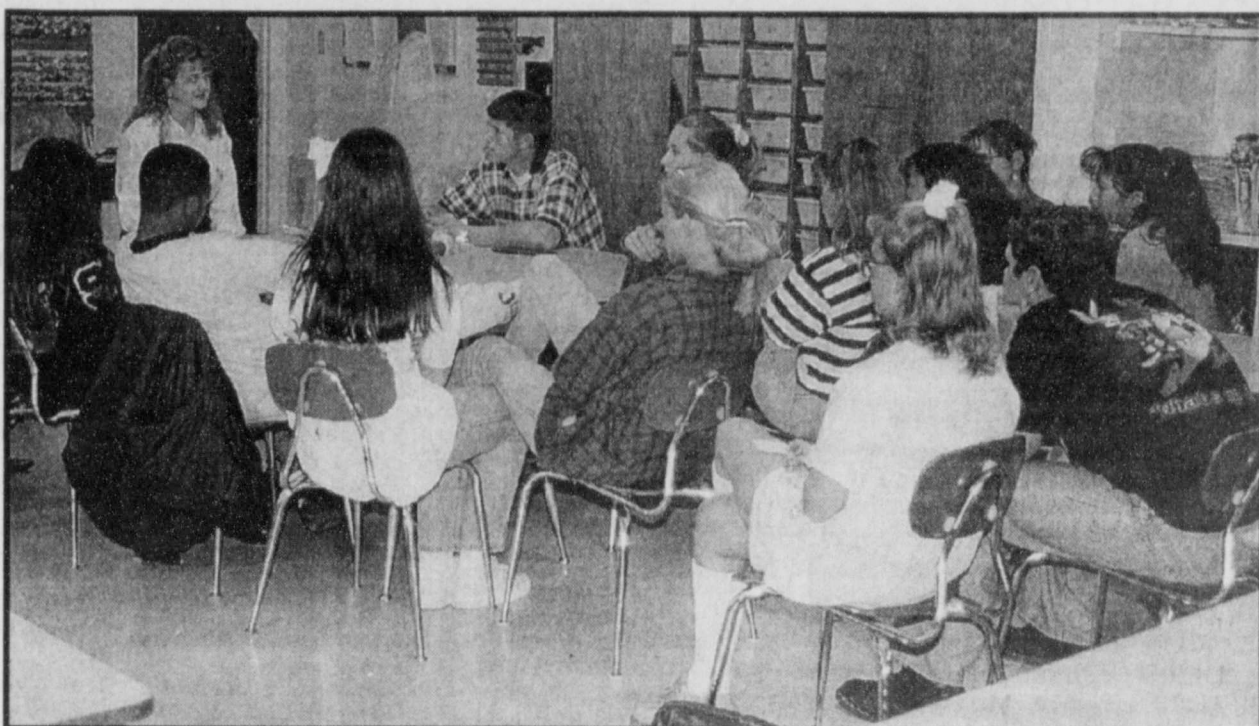
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STATE-BOUND PRAIRILAND FFA AG TALENT TEAM performed at the Banquet Thursday night, May 15. Pictured from left is Jonathan Newman, Lisa Corso, Deanna Merrill, Kendra Hicks and Amber Norwood.



(Staff Photo)

ALANE ABRAMS of the Child Protective Agency of Paris visited with the Prairiland Parenting class Monday. She spoke on child neglect and child abuse. Abrams also discussed qualifications for opportunities and careers in child development fields.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

DAVID FORD, Prairiland Catcher, makes a key play on third in last Friday's game against Cooper. The Pats lost the contest and Cooper claimed the 17-2A playoff berth. The Pats will play Elysian Fields on Thursday night at Lindale, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Nathan Yoder spent Saturday night with his friend Eric Miller of Deport. Nell and George Wolf had Mother's Day dinner with all their family at the home of Cindy and Bert Filkins of Deport.

Bud and Juanita Upchurch left Tuesday for their home in Bisbee, ARiz. after a two week visit with relatives in this area.

Ronnie and Eileen Pettit of Irving spent Mother's Day with Buena and Bob Marshall.

Visiting Frank and Edna Lee, Saturday and Mother's Day were Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris and Ruth and T.J. Johnson and Nita, Kay and Kasie Bowling.

Joe Shannon Barrentine visited Eran and Mary Yoder Saturday night.

Chris and Traci Chipman, Riley and Connot spent Mother's Day with Traci's parents Sandra and Ed Burnett of Cunningham and visited Chris' parents, Ruth and Bill Chipman of Minter, Sunday night.

Phillip and Susan Roach had dinner with his sister, Judy and Donald Screws of Bogata Sunday.

The Yoder family attended the Sports Award Banquet at Prairiland Friday night, their daughter Shasta Riley received two awards.

MLeah Schroeder and Jeff of Carrollton spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch. They went on to Little Rock, Arz. for the weekend.

Eran and Mary Yoder and family spent Sunday Mother's Day with his parents Toby and Delores Yoder of Paris.

Barbara and Jake Maurischat of San Antonio visited her parents, James and Dorothy Holt, Friday to Sunday.

Having dinner with Ruth Ann and Kenneth Allen, Sunday was her mother Mamie Kennedy of Red River

Health Centr, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy of Ladonia, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy and Kyle of Cuthand and Kenda Blackburn of Sylvan.

Shasta Riley attended the Youth Rally at their church in Minter, Saturday.

Bill and Mattylu Upchurch and Bud and Juanita Upchurch went to Dallas Wednesday for Bill's dentist appointment and had lunch with Billie Goheen.

John Pettit and friend Chuch of DeSota visited Bob and Buena Marshall Monday..

Ann and Sheldon went to Plano Friday for the weekend. They stayed with their nieces, Elisia and Amanda Harvey, while their parents, Jerry and Pam, went to Lubbock to attend the graduation of their daughter Jana from Texas Tech. On Saturday Ann, Sheldon and the girls had lunch with Trey Lee and Dave Cash.

The Children of the late Garner and Buelah Harvey came to the cemetery Sunday and had Mother's Day lunch at the pavilion. Attending were: John W. Harvey of Greenville, Peggy Scruggs of Carrollton, Norma Nunley of Aubrey, Thelma and Andy Krawczyk of Irving, Sherlie Benzi of Greenville and Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler. Mattylu Upchurch, Billie Goheen and Ann and Sheldon Lee visited them in the afternoon.

Spending Mother's Day with Dorothy and James Holt were Barbara and Jake Maurischat of San Antonio, Kay Woodard and Tim Parks of Faight, Dale Williams, Lorie McNeal and daughters Megan and Brittney of Paris.

Billie Goheen of Arlington, Merritt Corna and Devin of Ft. Worth spent Sunday with Mattylu and Bill Upchurch.

The family of Eran Yoder wish him a Happy Birthday this week.

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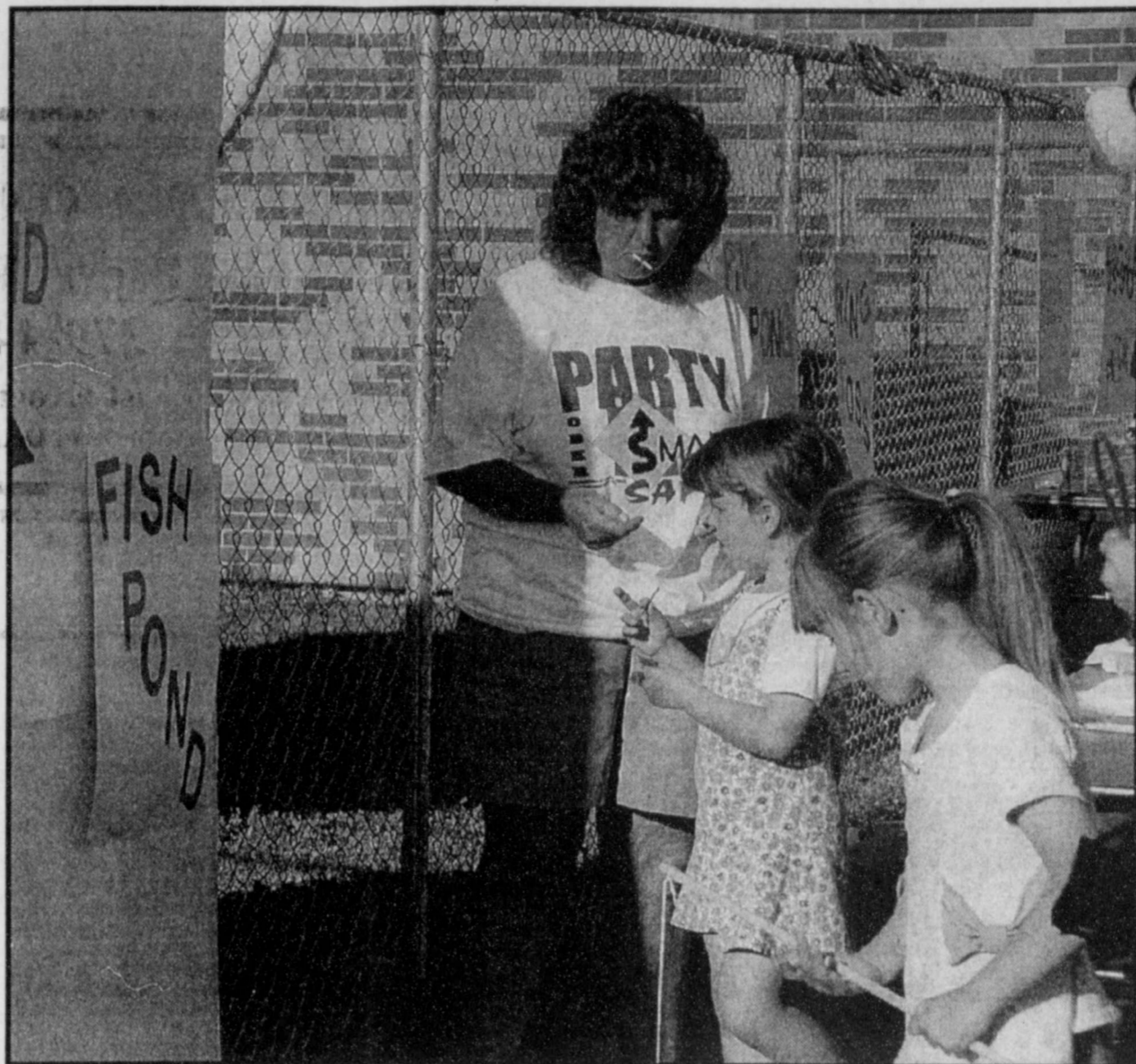
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PROJECT GRADUATION CARNIVAL activities Saturday on the Prairiland campus were enjoyed by some of the younger members of the community. The Graduation event is Friday night, May 23 at Prairiland after the graduation ceremonies for the seniors. The group has earned enough for the Grand Prize give-a-way of a jet ski for some lucky senior on Saturday morning. Pictured is senior parent Sheila Malone and daughter Katrina.

The past is but the beginning of a beginning, and all that is and has been is but the twilight of the dawn.  
—H.G. Wells

**Baker named head boys coach at Prairiland**

The Prairiland ISD board of trustees met Monday night and named Ronnie Baker as head boys basketball coach.  
The board also agreed to hire Karen Francis as a teacher on the Deport campus.  
In other action the board approved the minutes, payment of bills for April and approved the financial statement.  
No action was taken on the tax report, nor on budget amendments.

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THE GOSPEL LIGHTS took time out to entertain during Open House to honor the mothers on Mother's Day sunday.



TORI NICHOLSON is shown standing in front of the "General Lee", the car used in the tv series "The Dukes of Hazzard". It was on display at the recent Uncle Jesse's Big Mouth Bass Tournament held at Pat Mayse Lake.

**Bogata Book Club hears program on TFWC history**

Fourteen members of the Bogata Book Club met for a salad supper at the home of Linda Hodges on May 8. Following the meal Eleanor McCluer presented a program based on "Moments in TFWC History" published in the "Texas Club Woman". This article tells that Texas Federated Women's Clubs were instrumental in creating Women's College of Industrial Arts in Denton, which later became Texas Women's University. TFWC members gave support to founding and funding M.D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research. The second president of TFWC, Mrs. J.C. Terrell is known as the Mother of Texas Libraries and 85% of libraries in Texas were begun by Club Women. This article also listed numerous contributions to public education made by TFWC. Following the program a short business meeting was held.

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Guests on Sunday of Mac & Regina Webb were their children Karen & Tim Walker of Grapevine and Tom & Brenda Webb, Andrew Webb and Drew Chance of Paris.

Jerry Bryson of Sherman and Docky Bryson of Irving visited Ed Bryson, Venice Bryson, Eulene Nichols and Myrtle Singleton on Monday.

Charlie & Joyce Davidson were dinner guest of Richard & Clara Nance Thursday evening.

Jim Kunkle of Houston visited his grandmother Thelma Warren Sunday.

Grant Murrell of Houston visited his mother Ruth Murrell also her granddaughter Laura DeFrance of Houston. They also visited Ed & Sarah Helleny and Virginia Kirkland.

Kathy Bruno of Shreveport visited her mother Nannie Bell Ham and her sister Nell & Harold Shull over the weekend.

Robbie Slaton visited her sister Wilma Stansell of Paris last week., she visited her sister Lois & Claudie Dudley Saturday. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Alsbrook visited Robbie & Boyd Friday. Marcelle Wright, Jackie Fox, Carleena & Jessica visited them on Sunday.

Andy & Paula Speir and children Terri & Andy Jr. treated their mothers Willie Mae Speir and Rosene Bishop with dinner at the Lonesome Dove Cafe on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Lori & Rodney Parvin and Ashley of Keller, Christie Noone, Patrick & Christopher of Saginaw visited their parents Russell & Pat Crawford over the weekend.

Dwayne & Virginia Rhodes visited Mark & April Rhodes of Lewisville and Rick & Coetta Rhodes of Grapevine.

Visiting Alpha Barnard were Elнора & Jim Bill Ratliff of Paris, DeeAnn Elkins, Ashley & Miranda of Denton, Kenneth Betterton of Greenville, Britt & Amanda Barnard, Seth & Ethan of Blossom and Dan & Mary Barnard.

Margaret Parks spent the weekend with her daughter Sandra Gifford of Paris and granddaughter Amy Gifford of Rockwall.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols have returned from vacationing in Wales, England and Scotland. Touring with them was Nanalee's cousin, Medora Williams.

Staying at Thomas and Nanalee Nichols' home while they were on vacation were Jason, Christy and Chase Dickson and Jeff Jeffus.

Spending the weekend with Reba Temple and Bobbye Bailey were Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Temple of Dallas and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Hickman of Pottsboro.

Deloris & Canard Norwood of Katy, Tx. visited her mother Frances Franklin during the week.

George & Roberta Parks of Irving spent the weekend with his mother Mary Parks. They visited Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Hosey of Sumner Saturday night. Daughter-in-law Margie Parks of Paris visited Sunday.

Donna & Jimmy Blount, Jeffery & Nicholas of Temple spent the weekend with her parents Mervin & Colleen Slaton. They attended the Freeman family dinner Sunday at the home of Kathryn Anderson of Post Oak.

Visiting Jimmie & Yuba Sparks on Thursday were Alta & Fred Fungio and Brittany Bean of Paris. Ernie & Rita Sparks and Lloyd Simmons of Paris visited Saturday night.

Kathryn Wright spoke to Mrs. Ford's & Mrs. Allen's 4th grade classes at Deport School on Tuesday on what it was like when she was in school. Her grandchildren Kandi Wright and Brandon Wright are both in Mrs. Ford's class.

Claude Burks and Kathryn Wright attended the Revival at the First Baptist Church last Tuesday night.

Grady Wright attended the regular meeting of Reginal 8 Service Center Board in Mt. Pleasant at the Alps Cafe Friday night.

Kathryn Wright and Kandi Wright attended Brad Hunt's baseball game Friday night.

Having lunch with Kathryn & Grady Wright Sunday for Mother's Day were Mike & Sharon Wright of Blossom, Pam Hunt & Brad, Kyle & Lisa Wright & Kandi, Claude Burks, Cindy Burks of Campbell, Kent & Ann Wright, Brandon & Blaine of Pattonville visited after lunch.

Visiting Carol Dorsey & Jennifer for Mother's Day were her mother Lucy Fowler, T. J. & Margaret Fowler, Ricky & Melanie Moore, Meagan, Michael & Colt.

Lucy Fowler, Carol Dorsey & Jennifer and Stan Cox attended the graduation of Melanie Moore at Commerce on Saturday.

Jason, Christy and Chase Dickson and Jeff Jeffus were in Dallas on Sunday to visit their mother on Mother's Day.

Ledford Kelley and daughters Katie and Sarah of Georgetown visited the Walker Devlins over the weekend.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wicker of NEW Boston visited the Walker Devlins.

**Sudy Mae Nichols honored with special party**

May 12th, Sudy Mae Nichols was honored by family and friends for Mother's Day. a banquet lunch was served. Five of her children, seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren were present.

Friends also stopped by to say hello. Those present to honor her were: Alene Penry, Dewayne and Paula Clovegrove and children, Tiffany, Nathan, April, Mary Beth from Dallas; Joe and Sherry Penry and children, Andrew, Katie from Tyler; Sam and Dot Nichols from Athens; Aaron Nichols, Mike and Emily Nichols and Zach from Mt. Vernon; Mary Mantooth and Christopher and Angel; Chris and Kristi Nicholson and Tori from Deport. Benita Woods and children, Samantha Andrae, Stacy, Tracy from Detroit; Paul and Betty Nichols; Ronald Nichols and children, Matthew, Kimberly from Deport; Mona Peary and Keley from Leonard. Friends who came by were: A.B. and Pauline Head and David and Judy Hamm of Deport, Lary Haskell from Deport; Evelyn Enox from Detroit.

Letters



Dear Editor,

We the children of J.A. McClung, are looking for Old Hartford Music Co. Song Books, published in Hartford, Ar. Some books will be used for display in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame Museum, in Nashville, Tn. We would like to have a complete set for both the Hartford Museum as well as Nashville.

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**Senior Group meets with Shulls**

The Senior group of Deport First Methodist Church met in the home of Harold and Nell Shull on Tuesday, May 6th for a covered dish luncheon.

The event was attended by 21 people.

In the afternoon, activities included games, and visiting and regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Anyone wishing to attend future meetings may call 652-5018, or 652-4500 for details.

Arrangements can be made for transportation.

**Donations received for area cemeteries**

Donations received for area cemeteries from May 5, 1997 through May 13, 1997.

Highland Cemetery: Wanda J. Allen, Joe and Bobbie Granberry, Allene L. Hulen, Gail and Frank Rhoades, Kenith E. Brown, Mary Grant Lynch, Ann Sanders, Sara and Paul Mazy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clayton.

In memory of: Therb Thomas from Mrs. Hettie Thomas.

In memory of: W.F. Reece Family from Dorothy N. Cample.

In memory of: Floyd Whitney, John

Floyd and Fannie Ladd Whitney from Callie and Rudy Carrasco.

In memory of: Pick and Tina Anderson from Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ragsdill.

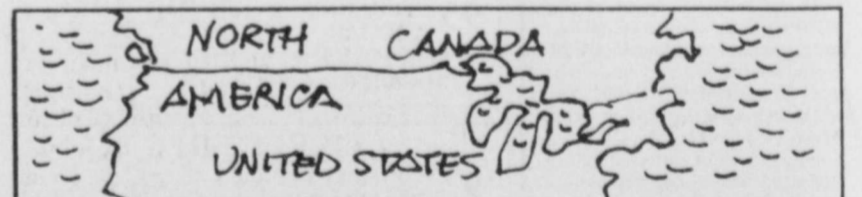
In memory of: Mrs. Will Gifford and Mrs. Orville Hignight from Grady and Jane Hignight.

OldDeport Cemetery: From Mary Grant Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery-From Juanita Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton.

**Births**

Bridgette Nicole is the name given the daughter of T. L. & Carole Ladd born May 7th weighing 6 lbs. 5oz. Grandparents are Felton & Mary Mantooth and Taylor Ladd. Great-grandmother is Willie Mae Speir.



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