

Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
 20 years...where did they go?
 Bob Seger's song "Like a Rock" has a verse that goes "twenty years now, where'd they go, twenty years now, I don't know, I sit and I wonder sometimes, where they've gone. And sometimes late at night, I sit and wonder by the firelight, the moon comes calling ghostly white, and I recall, I recall". While I wasn't sitting by the firelight, I did get started thinking the other night that this week was my 20th anniversary at the papers!

It just doesn't seem possible that twenty years has passed on this one job. When the Wrights, who owned the papers back then, came and asked if I could help them out for a couple of weeks I never anticipated that twenty years later I would still be here, much less be the owner/publisher!

I got to thinking about everything that has gone on over the years. There have been many changes...and yet very few.

Through the years I have seen terrible things, accidents and drownings, murders and assaults.

Through those same years I have witnessed things that were wonderful, rescues that worked, marriages and births, successful events, business successes, families reunited after many years...so much that was beautiful.

I can look through back issues of the papers and become sad at the many good people whose obituaries we have run. Then I can look back and see the bright faces of students with achievements, couples with much longed-for children, feature articles about unusual families and feel delighted.

And how my job has changed! I first learned to set copy and ads on machines without a display. We typed blind, had to put the tape on a reader, process it through chemicals, dry it, proof it, then set the corrections and paste them down! Each line of type on an ad was separate, and had to be cut out and trimmed, then waxed and stuck down. Even the borders on ads had to be put down using special tapes.

Now, we sit in front of our computer monitors, drawing borders, incorporating artwork, setting copy and then printing out a complete ad or story, ready to go down on the page.

Twelve years ago my husband, Thomas, became actively involved in the newspaper business. He had ideas and we made changes. He is responsible for us being on the internet, and for increased advertising and size of the papers. (When I first came to work at the papers a 10 page paper was a pretty big edition!)

Twenty years of looking back reveals style changes, from bell bottoms and long hair to short hair and baggy shorts.

Kids whose pictures I took now have kids of their own...whose pictures I take!

I don't have any idea how twenty years slipped by so quickly. I know my hair has some gray, my knees don't work too good, and my face has lines it didn't have back then. But my heart is still in the same place...devoted to these papers and the towns and people they serve. Because a look back over twenty years shows what I had always suspected...that these papers reflect the life of the places they serve. My life is reflected here too...and I like it!

Editor's Quotes

Pick your friends, but not to pieces.

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Deport Times

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, February 26, 1998

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Meal and auction set for Deport Volunteer Fire Department

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Chili and Stew Supper on March 7th at the Deport American Legion Hall. This meal will be followed by an auction. Meal time is from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Price is \$5 for all you want, ages 8 and under will eat free.

The reason for this important fund raiser is that old grass truck has many problems, and should be replaced with a fire and rescue truck, the department needs an AED machine (cost, \$3000) and a bay needs to be added onto the fire station for the water truck, which was donated.

Everyone is urged to turn out for this very important event, eat, enjoy friends and acquaintances, and help raise funds. It has been quite a while since a fund raiser has been necessary, so help make this one a great one.

There are many very nice auction items being donated, so don't miss a chance to bid on them, too.



TY FIGUEROA visits with Eloise Sparks as Ina Sparks takes money for the Deport Ball Association's hamburger supper Saturday night. In spite of rain the event was a success. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

TAAS testing begins next week on Prairiland campus

Some of the students in the Prairiland ISD school system will be spending time taking TAAS test during the next week. The TAAS is given to see how students compare with other students throughout the state.

Testing will be as follows:
Tuesday, March 3-Students in grades 4 and 8 and Exit Level (grade 10) and any junior or senior that has not passed that part of the test.
Wednesday, March 4-Exit Level Mathematics (grade 10) and any junior or senior that has not passed that part of the test.
Thursday, March 5-Exit Level Reading (grade 10) and any junior or senior that has not mastered that part of the test.

In April, students in grades will be testing in Math, Reading and some in Science and Social Studies. The high school students will follow a different schedule this year. This will benefit students taking the test by grouping them in smaller numbers.

Also, students in grade nine will be taking an alternate TAAS so that

we will be better prepared to serve those students that receive nonmastery on any of the test. If we can prepare these students to pass the Exit Level TAAS on their first attempt, it will be a plus for both the student and school.

This is not a timed test, students are allowed all the time necessary to complete each test. Please encourage your child to get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast and be on time for school.

On these three days, freshmen will be taking the TAAS tests for diagnostics purposes to prepare for next year. The sophomores will be taking the TAAS Exit-Level tests which they must pass to graduate from high school. Juniors and seniors who have not passed all three portions of the TAAS test will also be required to take appropriate test(s).

Scheduled below is a listing for all freshmen, all sophomores, juniors and seniors who have yet to pass all three tests: (Students not finished by 10:20 a.m. will go to the library to finish.)

Tuesday, March 3-TAAS Writ-

ing-8:20-10:20.

Wednesday, March 4-TAAS Math-8:20-10:20.

Thursday, March 5-TAAS Reading-8:20-10:20.

Juniors and seniors who have passed all three tests:

Tuesday, March 3-May arrive at 10:25 a.m. to begin classes.

Wednesday, March 4-May arrive at 10:25 a.m. to begin classes.

Thursday, March 5-May arrive at 10:25 a.m. to begin classes.

Bell schedule after testing on March 3, 4 and 5th. **First**-10:25-11:00. **Second**-11:05-11:40. **Third**-11:45-12:20. **Fourth**-12:25-12:50. **Fifth**-12:55-1:15. **Sixth**-1:20-1:55. **Seventh**-2:40-3:15.

This schedule rewards juniors and seniors who have passed the tests and also provides an opportunity for each teacher to keep on regular classes on the same schedule.

This schedule also allows for the use of classrooms instead of the cafeteria which is a better arrangement for testing. We will assign students to rooms and teachers will be assigned as monitors in each room.

Federal Land Bank completes merger

On January 1, 1998, the Federal Land Bank Association of Cleburne, North Texas Federal Land Bank Association and West Central Texas Federal Land Bank Association completed a six month merger plan, and the new entity is now known as Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association.

The association is under the direction of an 11 member board of directors including Wallace E. Kraft, II of

Paris.

No office or staff changes are anticipated as a result of the merger. Paris will maintain a credit office with a branch office in New Boston and will include Lamar, Delta, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Camp, Titus and Morris Counties.

Continuing staff for the Paris office includes Chris Bergman, Martha Randle and Ann Huffman.

Fulbright Baptist Church to host movie

The Fulbright Baptist Church will be hosting a free movie "Heaven's Gates, Hell's Flame" on March 1 at 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Following the film presentation

there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Everyone is invited to attend the dramatic presentation.

St. Joseph's Hospital to present program on fat

Registered Dietitian Erol Iscimeter will present a program "The Fat, Cholesterol and Fiber Connection" on Wednesday, March 11 at St. Joseph's Family Clinic in Deport.

The program is free and open to

the public. All programs are held the second Wednesday of the month.

Iscimeter will discuss how fat, cholesterol and fiber affect health, with a question and answer session to follow.

RRGenealogy Society to hold workshop

The Red River County Genealogical Society would like to announce a workshop coming very soon. A scheduling problem has forced the meeting date to be changed from the time originally planned. The meeting will be at the Blossom Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall on Thursday night, February 26, not the previous Friday as stated in last week's paper.

Leland Meitzler, a representative

of Heritage Quest genealogical magazine, of Washington state is slated to speak at this meeting. He will bring hundreds of genealogical research books and material with him and will bring two lectures, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on that night.

Only \$2.00 will be required to hear this man, who gives lectures nationwide on many genealogical subjects. More information will be given as the date approaches.



PRAIRILAND CHOIR STUDENTS JONATHAN NEWMAN AND LESLIE MCHAM sang at the Paris Lamar County Retired Teacher's Association luncheon and meeting at PJC last week.

People 'n Things

There will be a Senior Luncheon (covered dish) on Tuesday, March 3rd at the First United Methodist Church, Everyone is invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to help victims of the tornadoes in Central Florida may do so by sending a check payable to the American Red Cross, 136 Grand Avenue, Paris, TX.

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DESTROYED-the Duncan Home just east of Cunningham was totally engulfed in flames Saturday night. The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department and the Deport Volunteer Fire Department contained the blaze, which was very close to another home and a propane tank. The house and everything within it was destroyed. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin

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Our cook for this week is Ima Jean Martin, who along with her husband, Bob, lives in Bogata. Bob was a timber buyer for the Bruner Ivory Handle Company, and they moved here from Hope, Arkansas in 1977 for the ash timber. They both loved it in Bogata and decided to stay after Bob's retirement.

The Martins have two children. Their daughter, Deborah Goodwin, lives in Clarksville, Arkansas and their son, Kent Martin lives in Talco. They have 4 granddaughters.

The Martins attend the Full Gospel Church in Hugo, Oklahoma.

Ima Jean enjoys reading and studying the Bible and piecing and quilting quilts.

Ima Jean's kitchen is full of memories and so that she will not forget, she puts labels on the back of everything that was given to her by someone else and everything that has a special

memory. She has canning jars that her grandmother used in the early 1900s, and the dough roller her dad made for her mother in the 1930s that her mother gave her after she married and she is still using. She has the pitcher and glasses along with the dishes her mother set her table with when Ima Jean was a girl at home. She took some of her mother's handkerchiefs and some of her own handkerchiefs and made a quilt. All through the house and kitchen are articles with memory tags on them so that Ima Jean's memories can continue to live.

The recipes she is sharing with us this week are her sister's Dressing recipe, her mother's Tea Cake recipe, a Banana Bread recipe and a Monkey Bread recipe.

Thanks, Ima Jean, for such an interesting visit and for the recipes.



Ima Jean Martin stands in her Memory Kitchen, a special place filled with memories of people she loved.

February 26, 1998
Ima Jean Martin

My Sister's Dressing
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup butter
5 cups light bread
5 cups born bread
3 hard boiled eggs
3 slightly beaten eggs
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp sage or to taste
6 cups hot broth
Cook onion and celery in butter til tender but not brown. Add to dry ingredients. Add hot broth and mix well until juicy. Bake in a greased pan at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes or until brown.

My mother's tea cakes
3/4 cups butter
1 1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
3 cups self rising flour
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp soda
Cream together butter, sugar and beaten egg. Add flour, buttermilk, soda and 1 tsp vanilla. Knead together. Roll out thin. Cut and bake at 350 degrees approximately 10 minutes or until light brown.

Banana Bread
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2 slightly beaten eggs
1 plus 1 Tablespoon cup self rising flour
3/4 tsp. soda
3/4 cup ripe mashed bananas
Mix sugar in shortening until creamy, stir in eggs and bananas. Add soda to flour and pour in a biscuit pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Monkey Bread
1 1/2 pkg dry yeast
1 cup milk, scalded
4 Tablespoons sugar
1 tsp salt
1/2 cup butter
3 1/2 cups flour
1/4 cup butter melted for later use.
Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk. Stir in sugar, salt, butter, and flour. Beat well. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Punch down and roll out on a floured board to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut in diamond shaped pieces about 2 1/2 inches long. Dip each piece in the melted butter and arrange in a tube pan. Let rise until double in bulk again. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.

Falbright News
by Betty Rodgers
Call 632-6051

Happy Birthday to Marla Crump, Junior Dugger and Larry Parker last week.

Visiting Betty Rodgers Sunday were Sonny Roberts of Johntown, Monte Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport. Marcella Wright visited Monday afternoon.

Several in the community have been ill with the flu.

Sympathy in the community have been ill with the flu.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Froelich, Sr. who died Saturday. He was a former resident for several years in our community and was living in English community at time of death.

Duane and Bobbye King who had been in Corpus Christi since Thanksgiving came Monday and spent two night with Jimmie King. They will be working at Pat Mays Lake this summer.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmie King Tuesday. They were in Paris for Jimmie's doctors appointment, met Duane and Bobbye King for lunch.

Ethel Epps and Jimmie King attended an 84 party and dinner in the home of Faye Conine at Rosalie Thursday night.

Dick King of Paris spent Saturday with Jimmie King. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King Shelly and Travis took Jimmie King out to eat for Valentine Day Saturday night.

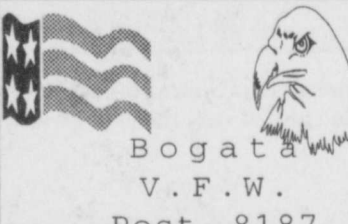
Red River Valley Antique Car Club has party
The Red River Valley Antique Car Club held a Valentine Party at the Blossom Community Center Museum and Saturday night February 14th.

Brenda Gibson and Bekcy Webb arranged the dinner and entertainment. There were 39 attending with several dressed in costumes to match their cars, which date from the 20s to the 70s.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the club in this area with a special celebration planned.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Charles N. Ferguson, 811 South Market, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. He is looking for information on Charley A. Smith, born June, 1861, Texas. He and his wife Clara J. (born 1870 Arkansas) were living in Red River County in 1900 with their five children, John W. (born January 1885), Mary E. (born July 1886), Charles D. (born January 1893), Marvin C. (born February 1896) and Lewis B. (born January 1898). A cousin, Charles A.L. Ferguson was living with the family. Was this Charley A. Smith the same Charley A. Smith who died in Red River County in 1935? If you would like to write to Mr. Ferguson, please do so at the above address. If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



Bogata V.F.W.
Post 8187

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 time. The VFW and its Auxiliary meet every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The VFW Post 8187 no longer has Bingo on Saturday p.m.

* All members are urged to attend the meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

* Don't forget the All You Can Eat Fish Fry the second Friday night of every month.

* Bogata VFW Post 8187 has a dance the first Saturday night of each month with Broadway Junction Band.

* Happy Birthday to Helen Barnett.

* Get Well to Jettie Minshew and Iva Carr who are in East Texas Medical Hospital in Clarksville.

Someone from Bogata went to a

March continuing education classes set at PJC

A child care workshop will be held from 8 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 7. The one day seminar is designed for child care employees and directors and meets licensing education requirements for both Texas and Arkansas.

A class for child development associate will meet on Monday and Thursday from March 23 through August 6.

The pediatric basic life support and emergency first aid for infants and childrens class will meet each Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31-

April 1.


Internet classes include: basics; and creating your own home page.

Defensive driving will be held March 16 and 17.

Driver education will be held Monday through Friday, March 2-30 with a skip for spring break.

Piano will be given March 23 to May 15. Lesson times will be established.

To register for these classes contact the Continuing Education Department by calling 782-0445.



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Obituaries

Cora Lee Ramsey dies February 11

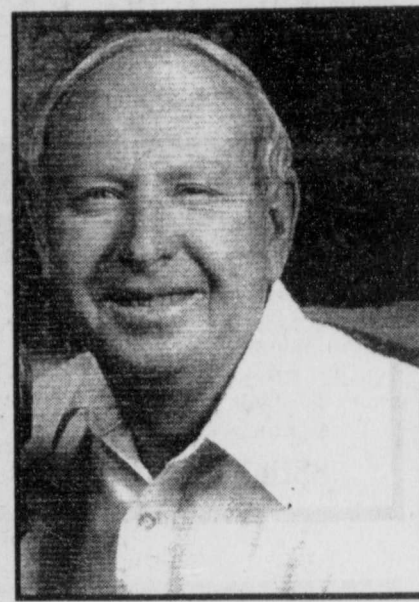
Cora Lee Ramsey, age 87 of Blossom died Wednesday, February 11 in McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Paris.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14 at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home with the Rev. E.R. Reynolds and the Rev. Joe D. Stevens officiating.

She was born April 20, 1910 in Red River County to Will D. and Trelia Butler Stevens. She married Fred Ramsey November 18, 1933 in Paris. She was retired from Blossom school where she worked in the cafeteria 13 years. She was a member of the Lamar County Woman's Home Demonstration Club, the Post Oak club, and a member of East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred; and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Glen Stevens, Dee Lype, Bobby Risinger, Hoyt Stevens, Lyle Champion and Arvie Stevens.



George C. Penry

George C. Penry Dies Feb. 20

George C. Penry died February 20, 1998 in Deport, Texas.

He was born in Enloe on February 27, 1931.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Mannon.

Survivors include: his wife, Susie Alene Penry of Galand; 3 daughters, Susie J. Penry of Garland, Darlene Golson of Mesquite and Paula Colegrove of Garland; two sons, Joseph Penry of Tyler and David Penry of Wisconsin and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 24 at Restland Wildwood Chapel with B.E. Stanley officiating.

Interment was at Restland Memorial Park.

Mr. Penry is the son-in-law of Mae Nichols of Deport.

Lee Bell Icenhower dies February 18

Lee Bell Icenhower, age 95 of Paris, formerly of Detroit, died Wednesday, February 18 at Cherry Street Annex.

Services ere held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21 at the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church of Detroit with Rev. Willie Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery.

Mrs. Icenhower was born July 20, 1902 in Detroit, a daughter of J.K. and Lela Evatt Guest. She attended Liberty School and was a member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker.

She married L.C. (Luther) Icenhower in 1917 in Detroit. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Charles G. Icenhower of Ft. Worth and C.L. (Junior) Icenhower of Chandler, AZ; one daughter, Kathalee Stuart of Paris; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kirk Icenhower; a grandson, Billy Dewayne Icenhower; and a great-grandson, Tommy Walker.

Named to serve as pallbearers are Gary Stuart, James R. Miller, Dale Miller, Paul Coleman, Otis Phifer and Ricky Walekr.

Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our many friends, family and neighbors for the calls, food, flowers, prayers, visits and all acts of kindness shown us during Buddy's recent operation and rehabilitation.

Thanks again,
Buddy & Bobbie Damron

Rosalie Community Center VFD to have super garage sale

By Jack Dodd

Mark your calendar for 8:00 a.m. March 7 for the Rosalie Community Center & Volunteer Fire Department Super garage sale. Everything you ever needed will be for sale. If we don't have it, you don't need it. Don't cuss, see us at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7.

For those who want to donate items, the Rosalie Community Center will be open from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6 to receive items.

Someone from Bogata went to a

super garage sale last Saturday and bought a garage. We have a big prize for the super garage sale for anyone over 80 years old accompanied by his father. If no one qualifies, a drawing will be held Sunday at Mayo Clinic. Did you know it is now possible to borrow enough to get completely out of debt.

Borrow some money from the kids and see us Saturday, March 7, at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. - Bring your items Thursday or Friday or early Saturday a.m. - More next week

The persons hardest to convince they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime.
—Shannon Fife

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John Brant Curtis dies February 22

John Brant Curtis, Sr., age 91 of Detroit died Sunday, February 22 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 24 at Elmwood Cemetery in Mineral Wells with Rev. R.B. Shiffet officiating. Wood Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Curtis was born August 22, 1906 in Mineral Wells. He was a retired oil and gas dealer and developer.

Surviving are his wife, Berta Curtis of Detroit; a son, John Curtis, Jr. of Lucas; a brother, Robert Curtis of Springdale, AR and two grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

After 27 years my wife and I will no longer be taking care of the Detroit Cemetery. It was a hard decision to make because we have family and friends buried there. We also met a lot of new friends and got to see old friends. We want to say Thank You for letting us take care of your loved ones. It was hard work but we enjoyed hearing what a good job we did. So once again, thanks to all of you.

Nip and Reba Whitley

Card of Thanks

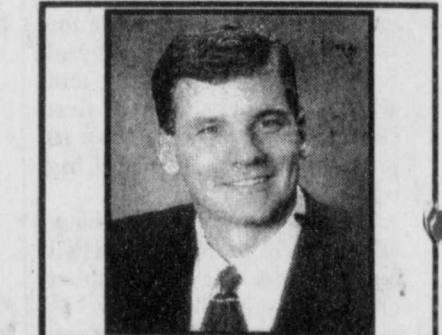
To those who brought food, sent flowers, said a kind word, or just shared in our sorrow, Thank You. There have been so many acts of love shown to us since Courtney's death, we will be forever grateful.

A special thanks to those who stopped to help at the scene. Thank you for the extra effort. To the staff of McCuiston's ER, thank you for the care and strength you gave.

If we missed saying a personal "Thank You" to you, let us say it now. May God bless each and every one.

The Family of Courtney Currin
Debbie Currin,
Tonya, Travis, Christian,
Jeremy Hunter
John and Claudia Whitney

"Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain with the Lord."
1 Corinthians 15:58b



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Presbyterian Women meet

Presbyterian Women of the Deport Presbyterian Church met Monday, February 16 in the home of Mrs. Joyce Davidson.

Mrs. Reba Temple, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. She reported that Mrs. Louise Osburn, a former native of Deport, and sent a bundle of soup labels. The Circle expressed appreciation to Mrs. Osburn for this gesture of remembrance to the Circle and their support of Goodland Home for Boys.

The ladies were reminded by Mrs. Temple that the spring workshop will be held April 11 in Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Francis Franklin gave the Least Coin devotion, entitled "From Hurting to Healing", Voice from

Australia. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

The fourth lesson entitled "The Limits of Wisdom" from the study book "Job-Faith Remains when Understanding Fails", was presented by Jessie Marie Woodard. One of the exciting messages learned from Job and the rest of the wisdom literature is the necessity of dialogue for a healthy and vibrant faith. We are not created to be Christians in isolation but in community, we grow by asking questions and by seeking answers individually and with others.

The meeting was closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction in unison. During the social hour, refreshments were served by the hostess.

When A Beloved Pet Passes Away Helping Owners Cope With Loss

(NAPS)—Losing a pet is a traumatic event. When a pet dies, the owner loses more than an animal; he or she loses the companionship, security, comfort, acceptance and love of a friend.

The situation is compounded in the case of prolonged pet illness. It is the owner who must decide, along with a veterinarian, whether to put the animal "to sleep." For many pet owners, the decision to euthanize a pet can be an agonizing, heart-wrenching decision.

"A pet owner can feel alone, particularly if friends and family don't seem to understand this sense of loss," said Dan Carey, a veterinarian with The Iams Company. "The human-animal bond is a very powerful thing. Pets provide unconditional love and are often the source of meaningful activities that can contribute to the owner's identity and self-esteem."

Recognizing the important bond between humans and their pets, The Iams Company is sponsoring the Pet Loss Support Resource Center. The Resource Center provides pet loss support hotline phone numbers throughout the country to grieving pet owners.

Pet owners who are struggling with the issue of euthanasia, are caring for a sick pet or have recently lost their animal companion can call the Pet Loss Support Resource Center at 888-332-7738.

"The sense of loss and grieving for a pet owner can be intense," said Bonnie Mader, M.S., who started the hotline at the University of California, Davis. "People with animal companions often feel totally responsible for the health and happiness of their pets, and will go through a period of grieving when death occurs."

The Stages Of Grief
A natural reaction to significant loss, grief is a normal and



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individual process. While no two people handle grief in the same way, there are distinct stages of grief associated with pet loss. The stages of grief follow.

- **Shock/Denial**—Denying the reality of death is a protective defense. Pet owners need time to comprehend the severity of the situation and accept the finality of their pet's condition before making euthanasia decisions.

- **Anger**—Blaming, accusing or desperately trying to find out why death occurred allows the pet owner to focus on something other than the death of their pet.

- **Guilt/Bargaining**—Guilt can come from many sources—regretting the decision about euthanasia; blaming the pet for dying; believing that the death was preventable; or thinking that the pet was not cared for as well as possible. Pet owners may make bargains to influence the outcome of the situation (for example, "I will go to church if Spot does not die").

- **Depression**—True sadness about the loss is felt.

The Iams Pet Loss Support Resource Center

Pet owners who call the Iams Pet Loss Support Resource Center at 1-888-332-7738 will be referred to the veterinary school closest to their geographical area. The Center hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, EST.

DEPORT LOCALS

CALL YOUR NEWS TO
Cindy Talley
652-2954



Shorty Ballard went to the Shady Grove Cemetery on Thursday and then visited Bell Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood and Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Berry of Grand Prairie and Michelle Berry of New York City visited Mrs. Ruth Cheatham.

Hattie Thomas is in the Clarksville hospital.

Ina and Nina Sparks, Ruth Cheatham attended the production of "Music Man" at the Paris Community Theater Sunday.

Attending the birthday party for Ruth Murrell last Tuesday at Lonesome Dove Cafe were Ina and Nina Sparks, Thelma Warren, Virginia Kirkland, Clara Stalls, Reba Temple, Bobbie Bailey, Eulene Nicholas, Marijo and Shelby Bono, Mavis Sowards, Myrtle Singleton. The group went to the home of Myrtle Singleton to play games.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.
— Will Rogers

Cunningham News

By *Linda Anderson*
652-3502 or 652-2059



Delano and Barbara Dunlap of Mesquite spent Friday night with Lucy Fowler.

Shelby Kennedy visited Lucy Fowler Friday evening.

Susan and Keri Anderson visited their grandmother, Bonnie Spencer of Paris Saturday.

Marty Anderson spent Saturday night with Faye and Billy Daniels.

Morris Cox spent the weekend with Velma Cox.

Joyce Smith went to Rosharon to visit her son and brother.

Mrs. Lorette Pynes has been dismissed from the hospital and is at home. Her sister from Canton, Betty Hershour, is staying with her.

Jarvis and Rene Watson had Saturday dinner for her mother and father from Texarkana, her father's brother from Illinois, J.D. and Jane Polk, Geneva Norwood, Brenda Watson, Bro. Phil, Marie Watson, Brad, Bradlee, Brett Watson, Jamie Wood, Deana, Dillon, Brooklyn and Vicki Davis.

For Sunday dinner, Vicki, Crystal, Lacy, Roy and Jesi Davis had Roy and Skeeter Davis, Wes and Edith Davis, Nikki and Zach Smith, Leslie and Shannon Davis and Vicki's sister, Judy Westerman and her husband Brett, their children, Robert and Randy, all from Mt. Vernon and Marli Elrod and Ashley Ebarb.

Saturday Lacy and a friend, Roy and Jesi Davis, Burke Burnett, Jase and Erika Norwood went skating.

Bruce Watson was home from Georgia Tuesday and left for Chicago Wednesday.

Bruce Watson and Vicki Davis took Lacy, Roy, Jesi, Jace and Erika Norwood, Landon Syrus, Burke Burnett skating in Paris Tuesday.

Bruce Watson and Vicki visited Brenda Watson and family in Paris Tuesday evening.

Crystal Davis and Jennifer Syrus went shopping Tuesday.

Crystal Davis spent the night with Jennifer Taylor Saturday.

Deport Housing Authority News



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The monthly birthday party was held in the new community room at the C.B. Glover units. Cake, punch and bingo were enjoyed by Mae Storm, Mildred Wright, Mary Lee Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Maud Webb, Eunice Sugg, Lucille Morgan, Alpha Barnard, Ruth Murrell, Virginia Kirkland, Willie Mae Speir, Juanita Primm, Eunice Ervin and Frances Franklin.

Faye Elmore made her decision to move to Paris near another of her daughters. Her neighbors will miss her and wish her well. Earl Bryant, after having spent some time in the hospital will be living with his son in Ft. Worth. We will miss his kindness. We welcome back Burrel Kincaid.

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

2 UII Contest Director and Judges at Cooper, 1 p.m.
3 Exit TAAS Writing
4 TAAS Exit Math
5 Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
6 Exit TAAS Reading
7 PIPS
8 SBall here, vs. Raines, 4:30
9 V North Lamar Tournament, TBA
10 V North Lamar Tournament, TBA
11 V North Lamar Tournament, TBA
12 JV Bball at Honey Grove, 11:30

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 Second grade: Kayshia Ballard, Paige Freeman, Erika Ham, Sarah Murdock, Ben Dickinson, Reagan Harrell, Megan Spann.
 Third grade: Lacie Cole, Kalee Graham, Amanda Mathews, Hailey Norwood, Trista Harper, Ashlee Waggoner, Brittney Baker, Leah Cathey, Charity Musgrove, Hali Screws.
 Fourth grade: Lance Ballard, Joshua Allen, Caralyn Corso, Weston Drinnon, Kyle Kinslow, Rebecca Murdock, Mallory Owens.
 Fifth grade: Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson.
 Sixth grade: Aron Arrasmith, Heather Barnes, Timothy Cox, Sarah Tubbs, Miranda Weddle.
 Seventh grade: Amanda Ball, David Crossland, Bryan Murdock, Christopher Basinger, Megan Graham, Raynie Skidmore.
 Eighth grade: Chance Bankhead, Jennifer Mathews, Lucas Miller, Shane Posey.
A & B Honor Roll
 First grade: Anna Baker, Kolbie Carlow, Jacob Malone, Jessica Malone, landry Packard, Justin Alcorn, Ryan Kindie, Ethan Ham, Laura LaRue, Hailey Spann, John Winters.
 Second grade: Meghan Counts, John Francis, Casey Gibson, Paige Martin, Jerrika McKee, Landon Syrus, Cody Burnett, Kelci Crawford, Nisha Mitchell.
 Third grade: Rustin Beaty, Tenesa Brown, Heather Filkins, Jessica Fox, Josh Helms, Candace Miller, Chris Parker, Michel Spears, Bradlee Watson, Nikki English, Danbri Mitchell, Blake Stogsdill, Brandi Swint.
 Fourth grade: Chris Clinkenbeard, Lindsay Kelley, Chassity Wilson, Justin Wright, Brittany Filkins, Jay Curt McKee, Amberlyn Sugg.
 Fifth grade: Adam Ball, Laura Barnes, Whitney Brook, Randy Hoover, Matthew Swint, Brandon Wright, Brent Burden, Matt Dickinson, Breanna Holley, Angel Mantooth, Rachel Murdock.
 Sixth grade: Christopher Brunson, Jr., Chance Crawford, O'Neal Drinnon, Erika Norwood.
 Seventh grade: Cassie Arrasmith, Lacy Davis, Donald Haaage, Benjamin Lemmen, Melanie Taylor, Nathan Burden, Amanda Denman, Susan Whittle.
 Eighth grade: Justin Armstrong, Brad Hunt, Kelly Kincaid, Justin McDowra, Jackie Thompson, Minda Corso, Kami Hudson, Jemilynn McKee, Stoney Musgrove, Kara Screws, Kayli Sugg, D.J. Watkins.

Milton News
 By Mattylu Upchurch

Edna Lee and daughter Ruby Lee went to Dallas Friday.
 Cindy and Bert Filkins and Joseph and David and Angie Wolf, Allison and Marcus spent Sunday with George and Nell Wolf.
 Sheldon and Ann Lee were in Beaumont Monday and Tuesday to visit with their sister-in-law, Nancy Harvey, who is in a hospital there.
 Bobbie and Ed Hill and granddaughter Morgan Hill of Little Rock, AR spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.
 Beth and Cory Spray of Reno had lunch Saturday with her parents, Phillip and Susan Roach.
 Edna Talley spent the weekend with her son and wife, Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby. They went to Mesquite Saturday for dinner.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pettit of Irving and John Pettit of DeSoto spent last week with Bob and Buena Marshall. Buena is home from the hospital and feeling better.
 Eran and Mary Yoder attended the ballgame at Prairiland Friday night. Ann an Sheldon Lee and Dr. Sammie and Suzie Kelsey of Deport attended a community theater presentation in Paris Thursday night.
 Tim Parks of Faught had dinner Sunday with his grandparents, James and Dorothy Holt.
 Ruth Johnson, Tony Ellis, Ruby Lee, Nita Kay and Kacie Bowling and friend Greg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodson of Dallas nad Peggy Whitney of Minter visited Bob and Buena Marshall over the weekend.
 Sheldon and Ann Lee went to Cooper Friday.
 Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother, Mildred Wright of Deport Wednesday.
 Eran and Mary Yoder and Nathan and Shasta Riley visited Darrell and Pam Farris of Cumby on Saturday.

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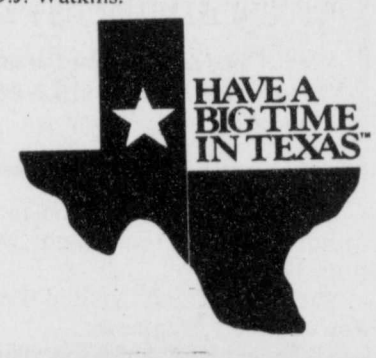
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Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons
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Sympathy is extended to the family of Courtney Currin. His father, David Currin and Grandparents Geneva Currin and the late Carl Currin were formerly of Pattonville.

T.J. Fowler and Ruby Dee Blevins were patients in McCuiston Regional Medical Center last week.

Floy Sparks received a card from William and Marilyn McDowra Cope of Burkburnett. Marilyn grew up in Pattonville. She, her daughters and granddaughters had recently returned from a trip to New York.

Aaron and Marla Moss Fortner of Houston visited her mother, Mary Moss last weekend.

Arlton and Ella Bristow enjoyed the company of their grandson, Derek, while his parents Joey and Susan Bristow were snow skiing in Purgatory, Co.

Peggy Parsons spent Friday night with Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen and Davis in Whitehouse.

Sympathy is extended to Alice Evans on the loss of her sister Willie Claxton Kimbrell of Dallas.

Billy and Pam Evans, Erica and Michelle, Norman and Kim Montgomery, Madison and Michael, Brandi Hall and Tim Lyons of Paris, Claudell Powell of Queen City, Eddie Evans, Donald Bob and Patsy Merritt ate supper with Glen and Susie Evans Thursday night.

Madison Montgomery celebrated her 3rd birthday with a Petting Zoo Paty at the home of her parents on Saturday in Paris.

Glenda Woodall and Grandson, Blake Woodall and Pam Rogers visited Glenda's sister, Sybil Richey and family in Alexandria, La over the weekend.

Glenn and Susie Evans and Wade White and the Plain Label Band played at Calhoon's in Sherman over the weekend. They will be in Rockwall at Southern Junction starting Wednesday night.

Kent and Jan Richey and Josh of Corsicana spent the weekend with his parents, Jerry and Dorothy Richey.

James and Bernice Bell hosted a family dinner in their home Saturday night. Attending were Charles and Nancy Gentry of Paris, Jimmy and Linda Caviness of Novice, Rickey Williams, Susan Oliver and Cody of Sylvan, and Don and Peggy Gentry.

Visiting Bell Day Sunday afternoon was her daughter Mary Brockway, granddaughter Kay Jenkins and great-granddaughters Krsiten and Kacy Jenkins of Paris.

Misty Anne Emberson of Reno spent Saturday afternoon with her grandmother, Ann Geer. Her parents, Chris and Becky Emerson visited Saturday night and Misty Anne returned home with them.

T.J. and Margaret Fowler went shopping in Texarkana Sunday.

Alice Bumgarner of Deport spent two nights with her sister, Ruby Blevins. Mickey Keener of Longview was a visitor Monday.

Willie Crossland was in St. Joseph's Hospital Friday and Saturday. Buster and Louise Crossland visited him. They visited Buster's sister Ruby Ray at Blossom Sunday.

Happy birthday to Mallory Woodall, daughter of Kurt and Jan Woodall.

Marie Smith & Jo Berry of Campbell, John Temple of Milton, Bren Screws of Deport and Pete and Angie Fernandez of Paris had Sunday lunch with Charlie and Scarlett Harvey and Daniel.

Charles and Scarlett Harvey met Buddy and Sue Malone at McKees in Paris for breakfast Saturday.

Mickey and Greta Moore of Clarksville visited Rickey and Melanie Moore and Colton Friday night.

Mickey Keener has returned from Costa Rica after spending a week of vacation there.

Raymond Hoover celebrated his 77th birthday Sunday, Feb. 15th at his home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover, Lindsay and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Campbell of Roxton, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoover and Daphne of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Sanders and Matthew of Reno, Mitchell Campbell and Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Shane Morton of Paris and Frances Hoover.

Raymond and Frances Hoover visited Nettie Chappell three days last week in Cherry Street Annex. They also visited his mother Virgie Hoover in Paris.

Peggy Parsons attended the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers Association's luncheon and meeting at PJC. Monday. Prairiland High School Choir members Leslie McHam and Jonathan Newman presented an excellent musical program.

Jeff McDowra's cousin, Allison Parham of Atlanta, Ga. is pictured in the Feb. 9th issue of People magazine. The accompanying article explains her success in promoting Spanish lollipops called Chupa Chups in this country. Allison is head of U.S. marketing the pops. She is the daughter of Barbara Anderson Parham of Atlanta, Ga. and Dudley Parham of Paris. Her grandparents are the late Pick and Tina Anderson and Orville and Alice Hignight all formerly of Deport.

Jeff and Tammy McDowra went to see the movie The Apostle, now showing in Paris. Tammy's nephew, Zack Bevins of San Antonio, has a small part in the movie.

Brad and Velma Burnsed, Robert, Victoria and Roxy and Jimmy Day of Sulphur Springs ate lunch with James and Vivian Day Sunday.

Drew Osborne, 3 year old son of Shannon and Amy Osborne, is recovering from a tonsilectomy and hernia surgery.

Several from the community attended the Deport Baseball Association Hamburger Supper and Auction Saturday night in the Deport Cafeteria.

Approximately 80 people ate breakfast at the Pattonville Community Center and PVFD Saturday morning.

Fifty people attended the meeting at the Pattonville Community Center Monday night.

There will be dances on Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 27th and 28th at 8 p.m. Broadway Junction Band will play and concessions will be available at the Pattonville Community Center and VFD. Proceeds will benefit the fire department.

Donations received for area cemeteries

Donations for area cemeteries received from January 20 through February 24 include:

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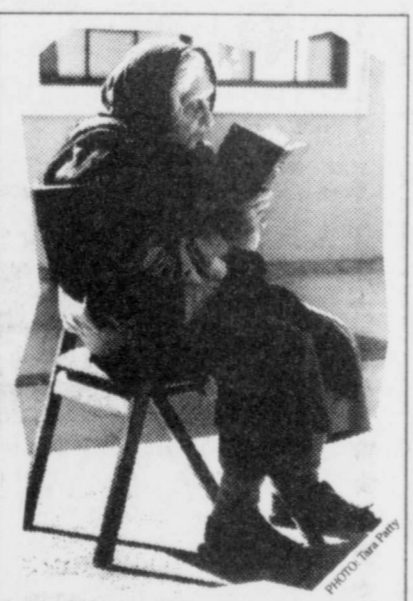
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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
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Have A Nice Weekend

Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Reynolds flew from Dallas to Houston on Friday afternoon to spend the weekend with their daughter and family and attended the 41st anniversary services at the Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Richwood on Sunday. Bro. Reynolds pastored this church before coming to Post Oak and he brought the homecoming message there Sunday morning. They returned home by plane on Monday to Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn picked them up and Bro. J. T. McNabb conducted both services on Sunday in his absence.

Several from our community attended the chili supper of the Blossom Fire Department Saturday night at the Blossom School Cafeteria.

Wallace and Frieda Lee of Ft. Worth visited his mother Rhoda Lee at the Paris Nursing Home Friday. They were joined there by Billie Ruth and Alvis Bates and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and son Johnie.

Edna Lee and sisters Claudell and Patsy of Milton visited their aunt Louise Cagle Thursday, February 12 and helped her to quilt.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee visited Charlotte Mills last Thursday and found her doing fine.

Donna Johnigan and 2 sons of Waco visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn over the weekend.

James Hart is reported improving in Medical City in Dallas following heart surgery February 13. He has been moved from ICU into private room.

Clara Bates will go Thursday from the home of her daughter Betty Low to Paris Nursing Home.

Bonnie Flatt spent last week in Garland visiting her sister Viola Cooksey.

Linda Mitchell of Ft. Worth visited her parents James and Mickie Freelan over the weekend.



(Staff Photo)

THE PRAIRILAND FHA celebrated FHA Week February 9-13 with cookies and punch for all members and with drawings for gift certificates to TaMollys each day for a week. Winners are pictured left to right Krissy Thompson, Becky Talley, Rebecca Keen, Amy Bryan and kneeling is Jessica Lewis.

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1998 PRAIRILAND TENNIS TEAMS are left to right front row Emily Burchinal, Jennifer Glasgow, Deanna Merrill and Shanna Pegg. Middle row is Amy Bryn, Shasta Riley, Diana Sparks, Amber Norwood, Anna Thompson and Stephanie Cope. Back row is Roy Arrasmith, Dustin Pegg, Chris Hudson, Jonathan Newman, Kurt Wilson, Matt Moffitt and Michael Flatt. Not pictured Lonna Layton. The team t-shirt was designed by Shasta Riley.

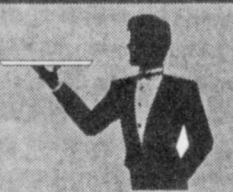
Lorraine Sapps honored on 90th birthday

Lorraine Sapps, recently moved here from Garden Springs, New York, was honored on her 90th birthday, February 21, 1998 at Rustler's Restaurant in Paris on Saturday night. Hostesses for the event were her neices Bobbie Shelton of Dallas, Tommie Thomas and Patsy Ridley of Paris, Johnnie Savage of Amarillo and Billie Jean Henry of Blossom. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs.

Gene Lintz of Duncanville. Mrs. James Morrison, Candi Morrison, Clint Morrison and Naomi Ridley all of Dallas and James Savage of Amarillo.

From Paris was Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith, Nicholas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dowd and Raven, Joyce Lawrence, Chad Lawrence, Rev. R. L. Gray, Bradley Thomas and children and Paul Thomas and Jo and Laquisha Branderous.

School Menu



Prairiland C.I.S.D. All Campus School Lunch Menu March 2-6 Monday

Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken dippers
Baked potato
Green beans
Fruit cocktail
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Tater tot casserole
Tossed salad
Peaches
Rolls
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza with cheese topping
Tossed salad
Spice cake
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup
Juice, milk
Lunch: Chili cheese fritos
Pinto beans
Peaches
Tossed salad
Milk

Friday

Breakfast: Fruit muffins
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hot dog rolls
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Pork and beans
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By Candy Larkin

Johnnie Warren was visited by Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Lila Screws, Becky Proctor, Bocky Norman, Jennifer Dorsey, Lucy Fowler, Candi Larkin, Donnie Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith, Barbara Dunlap, Nanie Bell Ham, Barbara Crawford.

Jesse and Bill Powers were visited by Prentice Crawford.

Melvin Dinwiddie was visited by Mary Matthews, Jassalyn Jackson, Bocky, Pam Humphrey, Bocky Norman.

Raymond and Edith Crawford were visited by Alice Bumgarner, Russell and Barbara Crawford and Prentice Crawford.

Linine Bailey was visited by Jay and Tina Stinger, Alice Bumgarner, Robin Frazier, Lawanda Cherry, Ruby Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ables of Oklahoma, Monday Hunter Saunders visited.

Anna Roberts was visited by Venron Wright, Venice Bryson, Buck Roberts, Imogne Wilson, Hazel Relford, Bocky Norman, Linda Barnett, Juanita Davis, Sharon Steely.

Ethel Alexander was visited by Glenda Williams, Catherine Lee, L.V. Lee and Schelly Byrd.

Audie Reed was visited by Dean and Glenda Watson, Kendra Hicks.

Sara Gilmer was visited by Dewey and Marline, Katherine Weaver, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Lynda.

Peggy and Margie.

Dean Boulware was visited by Juanita, Jodie and Glen Boulware and Carolyn Bonin.

Juanita Brawner was visited by Lillie Dunnam and Shane Kelli and Earline Lahman.

Floy Spark's guests were Ina and Nina Sparks, Elois Sparks, Peggy Parsons, Cecil and Margaret Allen and Monda Fults.

Alma Montgomery was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen, Nina and Ina Sparks, Peggy Parsons and Monda Fults.

Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen and Evelyn Roach.

Angie Smith was visited by Lawanda Cherry, Bocky Norman, Robin Frazier, Shirley Haskell, Don Smith, Donald and Tammy Rodgers and kids, Alice Bumgarner, Larry and Darrell Smith.

Raymond and Aubrey Hignight was visited by Bocky Norman, Sue Carrell, Doris Ruff, Sara Starks, Prentice Crawford.

Dorthea Jensen was visited by Johh P. Bates, Matthew Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peham, Kathy Jenkins, Rayson.

David Geer was visited by Cecil and Margaret Allen and William Geer.

Don O'Dea was visited by Athel Hester was visited by Cecil Allen and Margaret Allen.

Genivieve Humphrey was visited by Pam Humphrey, Candy Larkin and Floyd Humphrey.

Terry McDowra was visited by Raymond Wright, Cecil and Margaret Allen, Cherry and Barbara Fambro.

Ruby Crawford's guests were Cindy, Louis and Josh.

Mamie Fletcher was visited by Becky Proctor, Lila Screws and Dennis Fletcher.

Jane Rhoades was visited by Lawanda Cherry.

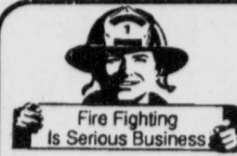
Milow Hume was visited by Weldon Hume, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Ina Ward, Stasha Hume. Feb. 17-Bible Study by Freddy Burden, Marilyn Coker sang.

Feb. 18, Bible Study by Harold Norris and manicures by Candy. Feb. 19: Bible Study by George Rape and birthday party by Church of Christ.

Feb. 20, Fed and Barbara Biggerstaff provided a Bill and Gloria Gaither tape, movie and popcorn. Feb. 23-Bingo, donuts and coffee and cherry pie.

We were honored to have James Grant, Juanita Brawner, Lillie Dunnam, Ray Richardson to join our facility.

We extend sympathy to the Ruby White Family.



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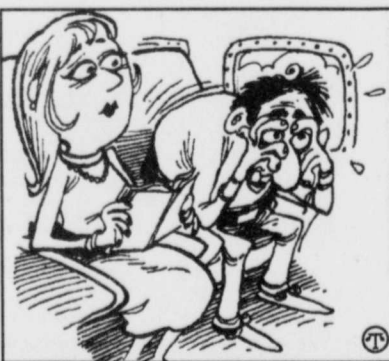
PRAIRILAND FHA officers participated in the Regional III Leadership Conference in Dallas this past weekend. Pictured left to right is Kristi Sexton-vice president of projects, Claudia Trammell-vice president of public relations, Kristin Lawrence-president and Kim Gibson-vice president of programs. Advisors Sandra Graves and Rhonda Bangs attended with the officers. Kim also won the door prize on Friday night.

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Happy Anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bonner.

Mrs. Lorraine Sapps was honored on her 90th birthday on Saturday night at Rustler's Restaurant.

Steven, Stacy and Jalyn Weddle enjoyed supper Saturday night with Jr. and Pauline Weddle.

Sheila Thompson and Lori Deverall and Pauline had lunch with Pat Evers in Paris on Saturday. Also visiting with them over the weekend was Charles Davidson of Deport

Monday and Ray Margraves of Alvin on Wednesday.

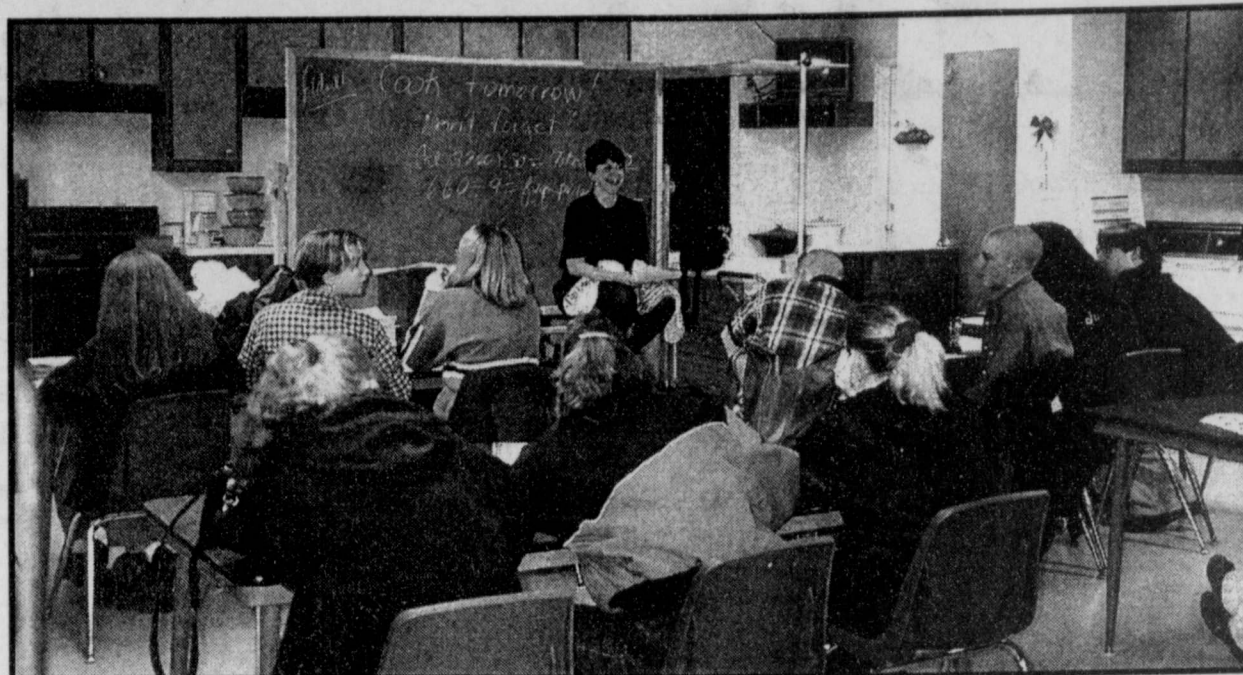
Teri Moody and Blake of Van Alstyne visited with the Weddles and Shelby's and other friends and relatives on Friday.

Our condolences go to the family of Tom Garrett.

Janie and Ryan Ballard of Gilmer visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bonner on Monday.

Congratulations to Sue Clarkson on receiving the Citizen of the Year award from the Blossom Kiwanis.

Don't forget the PAT Banquet on Thursday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Prairiland.




RUSTY PARKER from Family Haven and Tammy Basinger spoke to Mrs. Graves 2, 4 and 7th period Preparation to Parenting classes on Thursday. Student figured the cost of baby's first year, including apartment, utilities, bills, etc.

Visiting with Mary Jane Lowry over the weekend was Janie and Ryan Ballard of Gilmer.

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ORDER OF ELECTION
 An election is hereby ordered to be held May 2, 1998, for the purpose of electing a mayor for a two (2) year term, electing two (2) councilmembers for two (2) year terms, and electing two (2) councilmembers to finish out unexpired terms of one (1) year terms. Deadline to apply for place on the ballot is March 18, 1998. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 128 North Main, Bogata, TX (City Hall) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 and ending on April 28, 1998. Issued this 9th day of February, 1998.
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Homes & Real Estate

BROWN'S ROOFING: Roofing, carpentry, painting. 18 years experience, free estimates. Terry Brown, 903-652-9805. MA t/c

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FOR SALE: Three lots, choice location in Garden of Prayer at Meadowbrook. 903-652-6131. MA 2-26

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Livestock & Ag Supplies

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INCOME TAX SERVICE: 20 years experience, reasonable rates. Bonnie Huddleston, 140 Tanglewood & Circle Drive, Bogata. For appointment call 903-632-5238. MA t/c

A MOTHER OF ONE with lots of experience would like to babysit your child in my home, Monday through Friday. References available. Please call Misti, 652-3655. MA 2-26

B&K WELDING & FABRICATION: Install barbed wire fences, pipe fences and steel buildings. Call for estimate 903-537-4366 or pager 1-888-748-0223. MA 3-12

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, February 28, 8 a.m. until ?? At Toni and David Anderson's at Rosalie. Lots of girls' clothes and miscellaneous. 2-26

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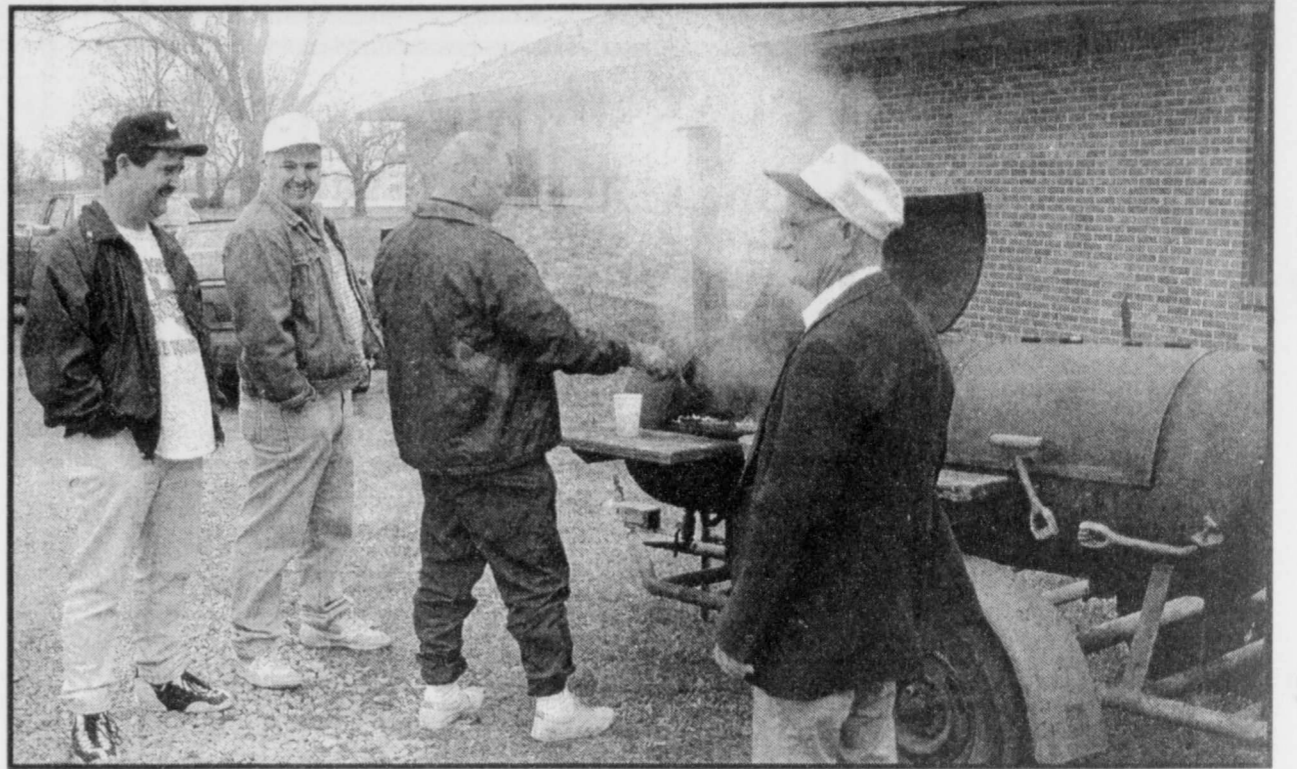
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**Burglary is
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Just after 7 p.m. on New Year's eve, an area business placed a bank bag with a deposit in the night deposit box at Hibernia Bank in Paris. When the bag was placed in the drawer, it did not completely drop. A few days later the business received an anonymous call stating that the bank bag had been stolen. The stolen bag contained over \$8,000 in cash and checks.

If you have information on this or any other felony crime, call Crime Stoppers at 785-TIPS. If Crime Stoppers receives the information by March 2, an arrest indictment is made of those responsible, you will receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000. All calls remain anonymous. You will not have to testify in court.



COOKING-the Deport Ball league cooked up grilled burgers with all the trimmings Saturday night. From left are: Jeff Nichols, Mike Screws, Randy Boren and long-time fan Burl Kincaid. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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**Matter
of Fact**
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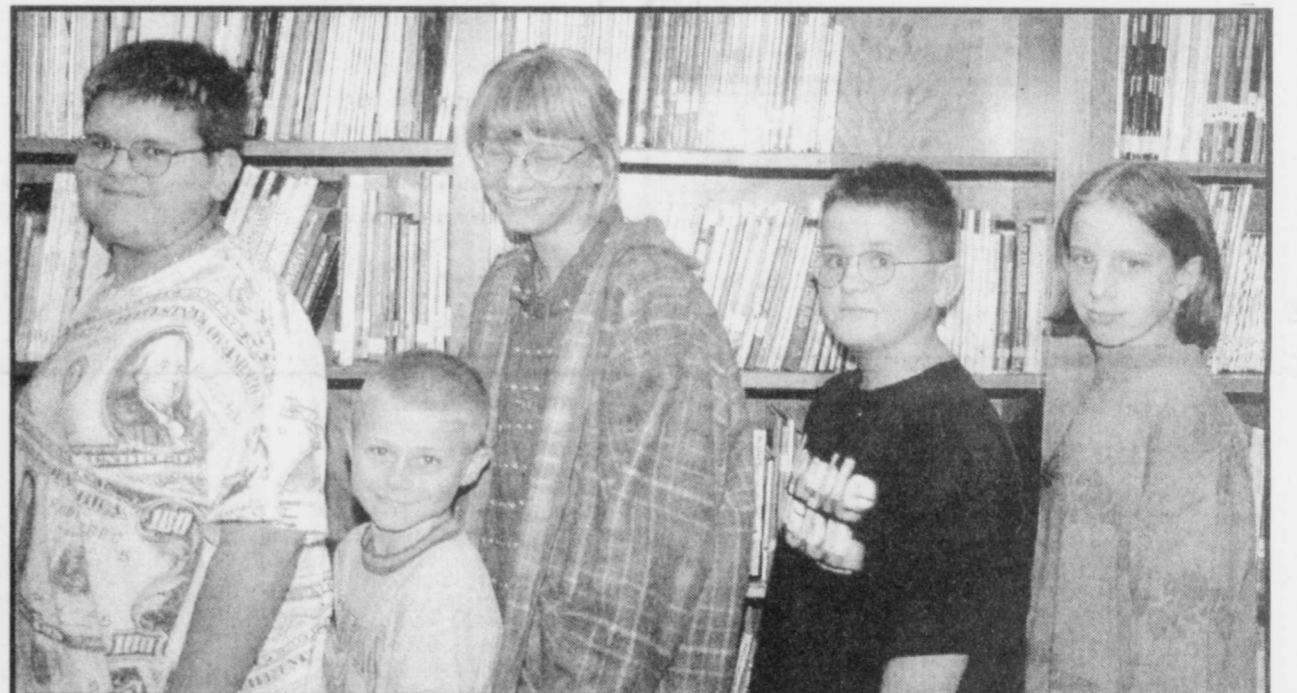
Back when I was a member of what was then called the "Future Farmers of America," we pretty much stuck to the basics of farming. But times - and our industry - have changed dramatically and so has what's now called simply FFA.

With about 60,000 members in Texas, the nearly one thousand chapters across our state now prepare young men and women for many diverse age-based careers including agritechology, marketing and environmental and resource management. But just as in my FFA days at Paint Creek High School, the basic lessons of leadership, responsibility and hard work remain an essential cornerstone to the lessons being shared.

While the organization is no longer officially known as Future Farmers of America, the group's roots are still planted in agriculture. It's estimated that almost 75 percent of our state's FFA members will end up pursuing careers in agriculture. That's close to 45,000 young people who are not only following in our footsteps, but also creating their own strides in our fast-paced industry.



DEPORT SEVENTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS for 1997-98 are left to right president Lacy Davis, vice president-Zach Renfro, secretary-Amanda Ball, treasurer-Meagan Graham and reporter-Burke Burnett.



(Staff Photo)

DEPORT SIXTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS for 1997-98 are Rudy Applegate-president, Dakota Mitchell-vice president, Shanna Draper-secretary, Timothy Cox-treasurer and Mandy Weddle-reporter.



PATTONVILLE Community Center held a business meeting Monday night with fifty interested people present. (Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)

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