

## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
Some Little Insights

As we bustle and run trying to get ready for the holidays, it's hard to find the time to slow down and smell the ...well, not roses, but perhaps the poinsettias.

I was reminded to do this last week, driving down a busy street in Paris. There was a small scene taking place in the sunny, pleasant afternoon.

There sat a lawn mower in the middle of a half mown lawn. It's driver was busy with something else, something much more important. He was throwing a football gently to three small children who laughed and scrambled through the leaves in delight. It was nice to see that having fun with those kids was more important than getting a lawn done.

During the Deport Christmas Parade Monday it was awful. Cold, we all watched in despair as signs and decorations ran, melted, fell apart and we all turned into a bunch of "drowned rats". But the joyous part was the fun everyone actually had. In spite of the weather everyone laughed, grinned and generally accepted that what cannot be cured must be endured. It was a great parade in spite of the wet.

An employee pointed out something doesn't make a lick of sense. On the label of a box of Christmas lights... "For indoor or outdoor use only". Okay, indoor or outdoor use ONLY. Wellll, I hadn't really considered using them underwater, and that's the only place I can think of which is neither indoors or outdoors. Or, wait! I know...you aren't supposed to use half the string inside and then run the rest of the strand outside?

Finally, I looked up the other day to see three small boys lined up looking in the office windows. They had the brightest, most innocent looks on their faces as they gazed in awe at Santa Claus and his computer slowly moving back and forth, back and forth. It was just wonderful to see the joy on their little faces as they chattered back and forth about the window display.

Take a little time to slow down, to look at the youngsters and their excitement, their joy and excitement. Take a little time to appreciate the beauties of the season, and to spend time with those to whom it means so much. It brings home the true spirit of the season.



### Deport Times Office to be open on Fridays in December

The Deport Times Office will be open during December on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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# Deport Times

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## Petition circulating to save Deport Clinic

A petition was begun last week to ask McCuiston Regional Medical Center to assume the Deport Medical Clinic after St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center made the decision to close the clinic. St. Joseph's has generously agreed to relinquish the license belonging to the clinic to allow a citizen's committee to use this as an attraction to getting another hospital interested in operating the facility.

Ron Ragan Executive Director of Business Development at St. Joseph's said "We will assist the community in any way in helping to obtain medical care in Deport. The least we can do is release the license."

The original petition has requested McCuiston to take over the facility and, if possible, keep the current staff in place. However, this does not rule out the possibility of some other hos-

pital assuming the clinic, or a hospital putting in their own personnel.

A citizens committee of Deport people has been formed. Spokesperson Nanalee Nichols says "We feel that the current staff is a definite asset to this clinic, and would make a transition easier. Nurse Practitioner Susan Scholz has many loyal patients. We are aware that anyone looking at the clinic must take all factors into consideration. Our main concern is to keep easily accessible health care available in this town and the surrounding communities".

Anyone wishing to sign a petition will find them located at Deport Times, City Drug, Darden-Sparks Department Store, Guaranty Bank-Deport, Allen's Food Mart or Deport City Hall. Signing should be done quickly, as the petitions needs to be submitted within another week.

## Time to submit your Christmas Memories

It's time to sit down and write down a favorite Christmas memory again.

This annual contest, which results in the publication of Christmas Memory stories sent in, is open once more.

Readers are urged to write down their story, whether happy, poignant or funny, and send them in to us here at Thunder Prairie Publishing P.O. Box 98 Deport, Texas 75435.

First, second, third place and a number of Honorable Mentions will

be awarded. All prize winners will be published in the big Christmas Edition of all five newspapers, as well as as many of the other entries as space allows.

First place will receive a beautiful photo album to collect more memories in!

Please share Christmas past or present with readers. Subscribers always say that they love to read the Christmas memories entries so much.

Deadline for entering is December 11, so hurry!

## Chili Supper/Concert upcoming at Prairiland

The Prairiland Band Booster Club's chili supper and Christmas Concert will be held December 17.

The chili supper includes hot dogs, desserts and drinks. Serving time is 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Price for the meal is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and five years and under

are free.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Tickets are available from all band members or at the door.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy a good meal and good singing to bring in the holidays.

## Deport Parade Winners announced

It's a little difficult to take pictures in the pouring rain, and it's impossible to write in the rain.

Such was the case Monday as the Deport Christmas Parade took place in the cold and rain.

While spirits were high, signs, decorations and clothing were soon soaked.

Several parade pictures did not come out due to the rain, or the fact that a second round through main street was not done by several of the entries due to their deteriorating decorations!

We are running those photos of the winners that we have available, and

here is the list of all the winners.

Floats: Deport Elementary 3-1, First place; Deport JH 7th Grade, second place; Little Dudes & Darlings Day Care, third place.

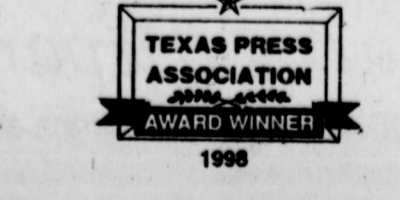
Trucks: First United Methodist Church- First place; Deport Nursing Home - Second Place; Prairiland FHA, Third Place.

Miscellaneous: Gifford Construction, First Place; Chad Barnes Family, Deport Junior High 8th Grade, Third.

Cars: Deport Elementary Third Grade, First; Deport JH 6th Grade, Second; '57 Chevrolet, Third Place.



**DONATION-Hunter Bratcher and Kenny Gifford donated their First Place Prize from the Deport Christmas Parade to the Deport Volunteer Fire Department. Their entry was from Gifford Construction Entry, Fire Chief Duane Glover and Asst. Fire Marshal Marilyn Glover accepted the donation. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)**



**Patriot Yearbooks for sale**  
The 1999 Patriot Yearbook is now on sale for the price of \$25. Contact any of the three campuses for your 1999 issue!



**OLD PHOTOS keep memories, history alive. Jean Williams (left) and daughter Davy Jo Williams have assembled a wonderful collection of historic photos in the Cunningham Community Center. The centerpiece belongs to Melba Baker, and the frame is made from the Cunningham School Mascot that was painted on the center of the gym floor. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)**

## Cunningham Community Center houses many memories

By Thomas Nichols

There is a lot of history on the walls of the Cunningham Community Center. Photos of the school and military history of the residents of the Cunningham Community grace the center, thanks to Jean Williams and her daughter, Davy Jo Williams.

The military photos date back to the Civil War, featuring John C. Cunningham, father of Sam Cunningham who founded the community by giving any family who would settle there 2 acres of land. Other photos represent Veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam who came from Cunningham.

Photos of Senior Classes graduat-

ing from the Cunningham School date from 1936 through 1970.

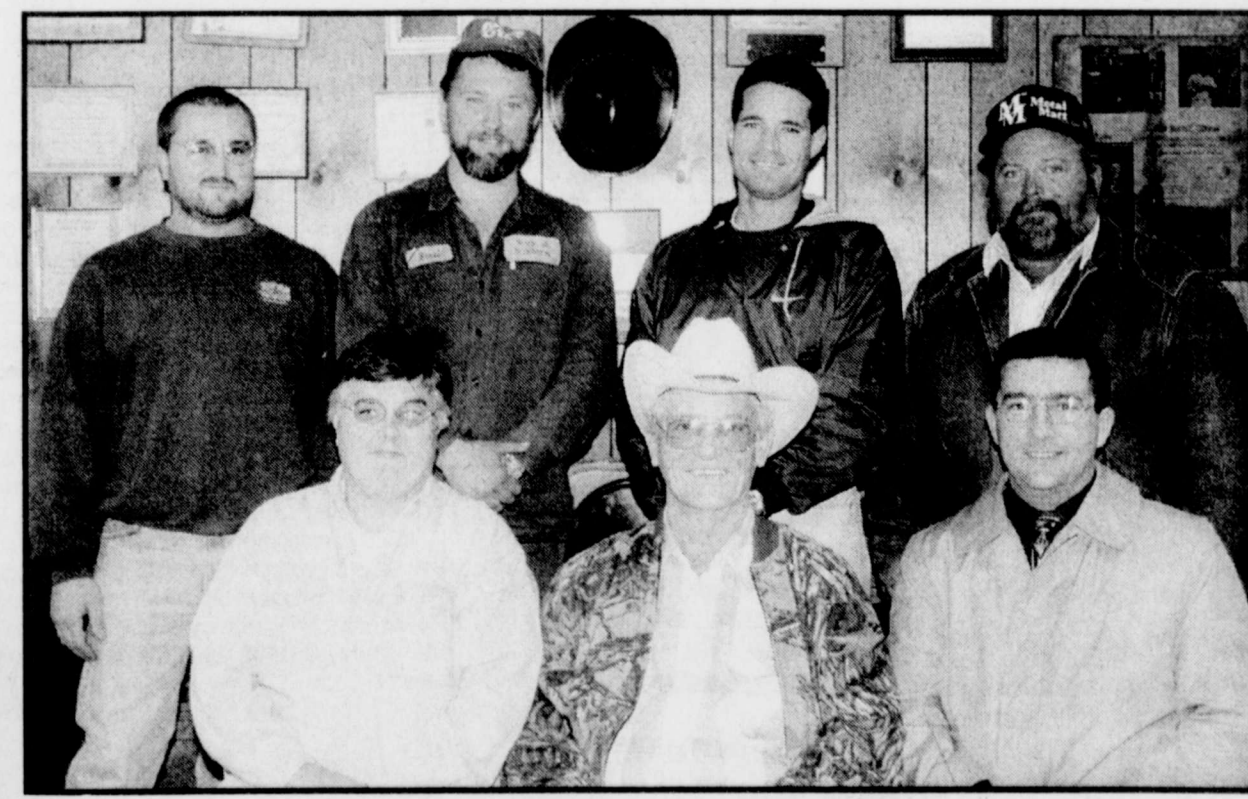
Some of the old school photos were lost or destroyed, but the mother and daughter team have worked relentlessly to make copies of individual or created some of the lost and destroyed class photos at their own expense.

One large picture frame that stands out among the rest belongs to Melba Baker. The big red frame houses various photos of individuals and captures a part of the community's past. The frame is constructed from hardwood removed from the center of the Cunningham School's gymnasium. The school's mascot, the Cunningham Warrior, represented the school and

the community's pride for nearly thirty years. Now it is once again a symbol of that pride.

Cunningham is typical of many communities in this area. They no longer have a school, but they still take pride in their memories. They are fiercely loyal to their community, meeting to support the fire department, or to rally around anyone who suffers a loss or disaster. They hold well-attended homecomings, meet at the center for a variety of events, and have many active churches.

The Cunningham Community Center shines with that loyalty and feeling of community which hallmarks so many of the smaller towns in this area. It is a pleasure to behold.



**NEW OFFICERS-The Deport Volunteer Fire Department elected officer for 1999 Monday night. Pictured are, (from the left back row) Vice President-James Owens, Assistant Training Officer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer-Ronald Nichols, Training Officer-Kevin Perry, Fire Chief-Donny Darden; (front row from the left) Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Fire Marshal-Marilyn Glover, President-Johnny Dawson and Chaplain-Chad Barnes and not pictured is Fire Marshal-Thomas Nichols. (Staff Photo Thomas Nichols)**



Life Tabernacle Church will present "The Greatest Gift" Sunday, December 20 at 6:00. There will be a salad supper following the program. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship.

The Pattonville Post Office will be holding Customer Appreciation Day on December 15 at the Post Office during the hours of 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. All customers are cordially invited to drop by during this time.

Thurs.-Fri., December 17-18

Prairiland ISD students will have early release days on Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18 at 1:15. Deport and Blossom campuses will release at 1:30. Teachers will return for a workday on Saturday, December 19.

Teachers will return on Monday, January 4, 1999 with students returning on Tuesday, December 5, 1999.

### Senior Series Luncheon Today at Deport Clinic

The St. Joseph's Clinic in Deport will hold their Senior Series Luncheon this Thursday, December 10 at noon.

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and join us for a get-together.

**See Page 7 on how to save \$2 for your subscription to this paper!**





# Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

<http://www.istarnet.com/tp>



Tis the season... and it is fast approaching... too fast in fact! But this week we are featuring some different candy recipes for everyone to try. I know that everyone is getting ready to hit the kitchen and start that baking and candy-making.

Also this week we have a recipe for a pie crust mix that was sent in from one of our readers. It makes enough for several crusts and can be stored unrefrigerated for up to four months.

We hope you enjoy these recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

**Date Krispie Balls**--These will keep well covered and recipe can also be frozen. For a more festive air, add red or green food coloring to coconut!

**Marshmallow Divinity**--tired of your divinity being running... well this is a sure-fire recipe for everyone!

**Peanut Butter Fudge**--no one will be able to resist this favorite!

**Old Fashioned Fudge**--this recipe is an original and was made way before marshmallow creme came into style!

**Cap'n Crunch Snacks**--this is another one of those snacks that cannot be eaten a little bit at a time!

**Crispy Pecans**--store these in an airtight container... if they last that long!

**Pie Crust Mixture**--everyone needs a good pie crust recipe and this one make enough to keep a supply of crusts. This one was sent to us by Nanie Bell Hamm of Deport. She received it from her friend Pauline Gilliam of Malvern, Ohio. She tells that the crust can be stored unrefrigerated and when she wants a crust she just measures out a portion and mixes for the amount of crusts she needs. She has kept this up to as long as 4 months in an airtight container. A baked crust also can be kept for an indefinite time.



Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

\* Get well wishes to Daphney Pointer who is in McCuiston Hospital with a broken hip and to Burl Moore.

## Have you seen an Angel?

The angel tree has arrived at the Clarksville Wal-Mart Store. As you stop by, you may adopt your own angel from the tree and leave your unwrapped gift(s) at the Wal-Mart customer service desk or drop them off at the Clarksville Fire Department. Each angel has been screened for eligibility and the gifts are equally distributed.

Please have all your adopted angels gifts returned by December 18.

If your schedule does not permit you to shop for your adopted angel, you may send your donation to the Clarksville Fire Department, 300 Pecan Street, Clarksville, TX 75426.

Please help spread the word to Red River County families that may be in need of assistance so that their children may have a Merry Christmas. All applications must be in by December 7.

## Internet service affects millions of men

Millions of young men were given an easier way to fulfill a civic and legal responsibility on December 2. As of that date, 18 through 25-year old male U.S. citizens everywhere were able to register with the Selective Service System using the Internet.

Federal law requires virtually all men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. About 1.8 million men are required to register each year. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after reaching age 26. Failure to register is a felony. Registration is linked to many federal and state benefits. Male immigrants who fail to register as required cannot obtain citizenship. Half of the states have supporting legislation which precludes men who are required to register, but who have not done so, from receiving many state benefits, like state tuition assistance, eligibility for state jobs, and enrolling in state post-secondary institutions.

Although the U.S. relies on an all volunteer military today, the Selective Service System and the registration program help America remain prepared to reinstate a timely and fair draft in a future crisis, should a draft become necessary.

## Vehicle vandalism is Crime of the Week

Just after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, unknown suspects smashed a door glass from a red Dodge Neon in the 600 block of Fitzhugh St. in Paris. Once inside the vehicle, the suspects stole a purse that contained cash, several pieces of jewelry as well as other items. This burglary of a motor vehicle, resulted in over \$3,000 in lost and damaged property.

If you have information on this or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers by December 14. If an arrest and indictment is made of the persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000. All calls remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court.

Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS.

## RRV Genealogical Society to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Christmas meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society. The December meeting will be held at the Blossom Library on Monday evening, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Those attending are asked to bring finger foods and other refreshments. Representatives from the library and museum will speak on the facilities and the library's growing genealogical collection. Members and guests are encouraged to come tour the library and enjoy the fellowship.

### Editor's Quotes

Brooding over one's troubles insures a perfect hatch.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Bertha Boren would like to express their sincere thanks for every act of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Whether you sent flowers or food or however you may have expressed your sympathy, we will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness.

**Charlie Boren  
Carl and Robbie Boren & Family  
LaVerta Westbrook & Family**

### Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful to those of you who, in any way, made the passing of our loved one easier.

We want to thank Bro. Chief Warden, Bro. Freddy Burden, Susan Roach, Wood Funeral Home, the Deport Nursing Home for the care of our Dad. Those who sent memorials, food, cards and expressions of sympathy. We will always remember your thoughtfulness.

**The Family of Terry L. Johnson**

After 15 years in the propane business, we have sold Bogata Gas Company to Ray Strube.

We appreciate each and every one of our customers we had the privilege of serving through the years.

### Thank You

Bob and Linda Embrey

## Obituaries

### Bobbie L. Shelton dies December 4

Bobbie L. Shelton, age 58 of Hagansport, died Friday, December 4 at his residence.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 7 in Lake Chapel Church with Rev. James Martin, Kenny Shelton and Mike Shelton officiating. Burial was in Connors Cemetery in Hopkins County under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Shelton was born July 22, 1940 in Hopkins County, the son of Erma and Vilene Beatrice Sheppard Shelton. He married the former Etta Faye Fain on January 20, 1961. He was a retired oil field worker.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Billy Shelton of Hagansport and Mike Shelton and his wife Sheila of Neosho, MO; two brothers, Ken Shelton of Hagansport and Jim Shelton of Seattle, WA; and four grandchildren.

### Marvin Shows dies December 4

Marvin (Son) Shows, age 87 of Pasadena, formerly of Bogata, died Friday, December 4 in Bayshore Medical Center in Pasadena.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 6 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with the Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Bogata Cemetery.

Mr. Shows was born September 7, 1911 in Rosalie, the son of Ben and Jimmie Thron Shows. He married the former Ivy Summers on September 25, 1937 in Bogata. He was a decorated World War II Army veteran, receiving three bronze stars serving in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign and the Phillipine Liberation.

He is survived by his wife, Ivy Shows of Pasadena; a brother, Benny Shows of Pasadena; a sister-in-law, Ruth Little of Cooper; good friends Mary and Dan Meitzen and Jean and Ken Wottrich, all of Pasadena; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family requests donations be made to the American Lung Association.

### Mollie Foreman dies December 7

Mollie Leona Foreman, age 89 of Bogata, died Tuesday, December 7 in the East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Her remains were interred on the McFarren ranch in Cuthand with Wood Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born August 12, 1909 in Walls, OK, the daughter of Walter and Jane Potter Cleaver. She was a retired cook/waitress.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Pat McFarren of Cuthand; her daughter, Freida Mauldin of Pattonville; two grandchildren, Rita Malone of Pattonville and Roger Mauldin of Deport; two great-grandchildren, Misty and Laura; and a nephew, Bill Hicks of Benton City, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kelsie McFarren; her daughter, Norma Jean Yoe; two brothers, Delmer and Earl Cleaver; and a sister, Betty Hicks.

### Billie L. Moore dies December 5

Billie L. Moore, age 77 of Blossom died Saturday, December 5 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Blossom with the Rev. Byron Allen officiating. Burial was in Knights of Honor Cemetery.

He was born September 25, 1921, in Blossom to Raymond A. and Wanda Vivian Lamberson Moore. He married Eunice Irene Allen on November 23, 1950 in Blossom. She died March 25, 1961. He served in the Army during World War II and was retired from Automatic Gas Co. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Blossom.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Hunt of Blossom; granddaughters, Rebecca Hunt, Elizabeth Yosten, Rachel Hunt; a great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Torres; a brother, Raymond A. Moore, Jr. of San Angelo; and a cousin, Beatrice Williams of Dallas. Bearers were Raymond Allen, Orville Allen, Robert Coleman, Holley Ables, Harold Blackburn and Tom Watson.

### December 10, 1998 Christmas Candy Recipes

#### Date Krispie Balls

1 stick margarine  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 egg yolks-beaten  
1 cup chopped dates  
2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 cup pecans-chopped  
2 cups Rice Krispies cereal  
1 package Angel Flake coconut

Over low heat, cook margarine, sugar and egg yolks; add dates. Cook and stir for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients except coconut. Cool slightly and roll into balls in coconut.

#### Marshmallow Divinity

1 pint marshmallow creme  
1/2 cup water  
2 cups sugar  
pinch salt  
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Place marshmallow creme in large bowl. Combine sugar, water and salt in saucepan. Bring to rolling boil and boil only two minutes or softball stage. Pour hot syrup over creme and stir until mixed. Stir until candy loses gloss. Add pecans and drop by spoonful on to waxed paper or pour into buttered dish and cut into pieces when cool.

#### Peanut Butter Fudge

2 cups sugar  
1/2 can condensed milk  
1/4 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix sugar, milk and syrup in pan. Cook on low heat until it reaches a softball stage. Remove from heat and add peanut butter and vanilla. Mix well and pour into 8-inch buttered pan.

#### Old-Way Fudge

2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1 cup sweet milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Mix sugar and cocoa in saucepan. Pour in milk a little at a time until all ingredients are mixed. Add vanilla and melted butter. Cook until soft-ball stage or thick. Cool and stir until thick. Pour into buttered platter or pan.

#### Cap'n Crunch Snacks

1 cup Karo syrup  
1 cup sugar  
12 ounces peanut butter  
4 cups Cap'n Crunch cereal  
1 package dried apricots-chopped  
1 jar dry-roasted or salted peanuts

Combine syrup and sugar together in a saucepan. Boil for 1 minute. Add peanut butter, cereal, apricots and peanuts. Mix well and drop by spoonful onto wax paper.

#### Special K Drops

1 cup sugar  
1 cup white corn syrup  
2 cups peanut butter  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
6 cups Special K cereal

Bring sugar and syrup to boil; take off heat. Add peanut butter and salt. Beat until smooth. Add cereal and drop by spoonful onto wax paper.

#### Crispy Pecans

2 pounds shelled pecan halves  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3 cups sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
5 cups oil water

Wash pecans thoroughly. Fill wok or heavy pot with water about halfway and put in pecans. Bring to boil and let boil for three minutes. Drain and wash them again. Pour 4 cups water into pot. Add salt, sugar and honey. Return pecans to pot and cook 20 minutes or until liquid begins to thicken. When thickened, pour contents into a large bowl and let them soak for 24 hours. Remove pecans and drain with strainer. Heat oil to 350 degrees and add pecans. Stir occasionally until pecans turn golden brown. Remove and let cool completely.

#### Pie Crust Mixture

6 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2-1/4 cup vegetable shortening

Mix together flour and salt using a pastry blender or your fingertips. Work shortening into flour mixture until resulting crumbs are about the size of dried split peas. Store tightly covered in container. To make crust measure out 3 cups of mixture and add 8 tablespoons of water. Mix and shape into dough. If necessary add more water.



## Have A Great Weekend

**There Are Many Ways To Say "THANK YOU"**

We do it each year by baking and preparing some of our favorite recipes and offering them at our Christmas Open House. This year the Open House will be the week of December 14-18. Please Come. We would personally like to say "Thank You" and wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year of prosperity and blessings.

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**Pattonville News**

By Peggy Parsons  
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L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout had Thanksgiving dinner with her sisters and their families in the home of Bill and Juanita Arnold.

On Saturday, L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout visited their son and family, Jerry and Mitzi Stout, Lance, Christin and Brittany in Cooper.

Spending Thanksgiving holiday with Mary Moss were Marla Fortner and Mr. and Mrs. Margie Moss of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Moss, Adrian and Shane of Houston spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Arlton Bristow. On Thanksgiving Day, 28 Moss family members gathered at the Bristows to eat and visit.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Hanna Corine Weddle, infant daughter of Randy and Diane White Weddle, who died at birth Tuesday, December 1. She was the granddaughter of Betty White and niece of Donna Crossland.

Leah Boren performed with the Paris School of Gymnastics Skills Team at halftime of the PJC basketball game Wednesday night.

Happy birthday to Keith Parsons, Gary Hatfield, Megan Hatfield and

Tracy Scott. Many Pattonville residents were in Paris Saturday morning for the Christmas parade.

Keith and Peggy Parsons visited his cousins, Sammie Hill of Clarksville, Indiana and Gayle O'Neal of Ft. Worth in the home of his mother, Irene Parsons in Paris Saturday.

Faye Rogers, Marcy Stewart, Irene Parsons, Keith and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Furr's Sunday after church.

The Shady Grove Methodist Church members enjoyed their annual Christmas supper Saturday night. Following the meal, they sang Christmas carols and had a gift exchange.

Dr. L.C. Stout participated in the Festival of Lights at Bright-Holland Funeral Home in Paris Sunday.

Visiting Buster and Louise Crossland Friday was his sister, Ruby Ray of Blossom. Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris were Saturday visitors.

Pam McNabb has been sick at home and was unable to work Monday.

Alice Bumgarner visited Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins last week after having angioplasty in Dallas.

**Matter of Fact**

Rick Perry  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

For that totally Texas touch this holiday season, rest assured you can count on our state's second-largest industry — agriculture. That's the whole idea behind the Texas Department of Agriculture's Totally Texas Holiday page. By simply visiting TDA's home on the Internet [www.agr.state.tx.us], you can easily ensure every holiday from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day has that Texas flair.

From preparing a Lone Star holiday dinner to finding where to get that perfect Texas Christmas tree, TDA's Totally Texas Holiday page offers these helpful hints and more. Find out how to decorate your home for the holidays with the right Lone Star touch or print off a recipe using homegrown ingredients for that special homemade gift from the kitchen.

And to make your holiday shopping easier, TDA also links you to our Taste of Texas and Naturally Texas companies that can send gift baskets or offer mail-order shopping. There's nothing quite like a gift from the Lone Star State.

The holiday season is traditionally a time to reflect on all that we have. Whether it's Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas or New Year, a Totally Texas holiday would not be complete without the bounty from our state's farmers and ranchers.

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**PTO to collect Campbell Soup labels**

The Blossom PTO met on Thursday, November 12 and decided to sponsor a Christmas Bazaar for the students on December 11. Students will have the opportunity to shop for Christmas. Two locations will be set up, one in the library for the junior high students and another in the cafeteria for the elementary students. Parent volunteers are being sought to work and all parents are asked to send craft items.

Another item on the agenda was purchasing a plaque for the school. It will be mounted on the front of the school. This plaque will show that the Blossom campus is a recognized

campus for their TAAS scores.

The school will also participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education. Students are asked to bring in all Campbell Soup labels, although labels are not the only product eligible for this project. A letter will be sent to each student with a list of products that can be used. This will be an ongoing project.

Among the labels accepted are any products from the following lines: Campbell products including tomato juices, Franco-American, Pace Picante, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Swanson and V8 products.

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**Deport Nursing Home News**  
By Candy Larkin

Visiting Milow Hume was Weldon Hume of Paris.

Cecil Allen visited with Athel Hester, Don O'Dea, David Geer, Viola Barham, Alma Montgomery.

Visiting Don O'Dea was his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biggerstaff and Gene Thielman.

Visiting Purna Haydock were Red and Inez Weaver, Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Evelyn Roach, Nancy Gresham and Karon Grossan.

Visiting David Geer was Tom Tatum, Pattonville; Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff of Paris and Joyce Love from Ft. Worth.

Virginia Carrell was visited by Ronald Carrell from Vido, Tx; W.A. Lawson, Linda Brodie, Savannah Robertson and Chaz Frank from Paris and Pat Smyers from Mt. Vernon.

Visiting Dorthea Jensen was Ray and Becky Jensen, John Bates, Kathy Jenkson from Paris.

Visitors of Brodie Bell and Reecie Kelsey was John and Pat Farmer, Alpha Barnard, Billie Grant, David Glover, Kathy Martinez, Angela and Nick and George Martinez.

Visiting Raymond Hignight was Sam and Suzy Kelsey.

Visiting Lois Dudley was Don Pierce, Jerry Dudley and Claudie

Dudley.

Visitors of Mrs. Edna E. Gifford was Marie Frank from Paris. Theresa Stephens, Koleton and Kara. Grady Hignight, Jane Hignight, Leslie Carrell, Courtney Carrell, Rachelle Yarbrough and Eulene Nichols.

Viola Barham was visited by Ruby and Opie.

Visiting Delmar and Dorothy Babb was Bill and Kathleen.

Visiting Loveta McMurray was Lou Hatfield, Jean Williams from Cunningham, Shera Johler from Georgetown, Ginnel Johle from Taylor and Jonathan Newman and Amy White.

Visiting Alma Montgomery was Tom and Monda Fults and Peggy Parsons.

Visiting Jenney Woodard was Lee, Teresa, Matt and Jessica Woodard, Jessie Marie Woodard and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Woodard.

Deidy Mendenhall visited Mrs. Kathleen Goldsberry.

Ann Robert's visitors were Buck Roberts, Deport Hazel Relford from Powderly and Juanita Davis, Deport.

Visiting with Lillie Dunman and Juanita Brawner were Eileen Lahman, Beverly Lane and Glenna, Geron and Lexie Jackson.

Roy Wells' visitors were Patsy Watts, Cindy Watts and Joe Potter from Ft. Worth.

Visiting Pauline Shew was Helen Davison, Lester Clary and Wilma Clary from Mesquite.

Visiting with Mrs. Ina B. Hedrick was Doris Haning.

Norma McIntire from Paris, Florence Summers from Winnsboro, Chris Reeves from Caddo Mills and Gloria Hitchcock.

Bill Powers was visited by Nettie Power of Paris, Lee Weddle, and Morris and Ida Lamkin, Onalaska.

Jane Rhoades was visited by Doris Hanning, Norma McIntire, Florence Summers and Joe Webb from Bedford. Also by her daughters, Pattie Amos and Becky Hayes from Paris.

Welcome to our new resident, Bonnie Brown from Bogata and Nora Barnett from Blossom.

Madeline (Bocky) Norman is now at home.

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The residents really enjoyed the Christmas parade.

The Prairiland Choir sang for us on Friday, Dec. 4. All our residents enjoyed the carols very much.

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### Prairiland VB earns honors

Recently recently 11AA All District standing have been released for publication. Several names from the Prairiland Lady Patriot Volleyball team were on the listing.

Most Valuable Player-Meagan Hatfield along with Kim Gordon of Chisum.

Most Valuable Hitter-Felicia Taylor.

Most Valuable Setter-Amber Norwood along with Jennifer Abston of Paul Pewitt.

Most Defensive Player-Katie Mullins.

Coach of the Year-Frankye Sessums.

First team selections-Christy Patterson and Susan Singleton.

Second team selections-Melissa Steinkamp and Crystal Davis.

Honorable Mention-Tammy Nichols and Toni Clarkson.

Academic All District-Hatfield, Patterson, Singleton, Steinkamp, Norwood and Mullins.



DAKOTA MITCHELL, #11 for the Deport "B" boys, goes up for a shot when they met North Hopkins on November 30. The boys won their game 21-20.



(Staff Photo by Melissa Steinkamp)  
PATRIOTS defend the goal during recent basketball action against the DeKalb Bears. The Patriots are on to a good start and looking forward to a great season!



MEAGAN GRAHAM dribbles down court when the Deport "A" girls met the North Hopkins girls in basketball action on November 30. The girls won their contest 48-16.



THE DEPORT "A" BOYS met North Hopkins in basketball action on November 30. Pictured here is #4 Chris Basinger with Burk Burnett in the background. The "A" boys lost their game by a 59-30 score.



LACY DAVIS takes a shot against the North Hopkins girls team on November 30 when the Deport girls overcame their opponent by a score of 48-16.

### Lady Patriots fall to Commerce

The Lady Patriots fell to Commerce in Tuesday action at Prairiland 55-47. The Lady Pats, showing steady improvement with their second week into the basketball season, led 14-11 after the first quarter, but trailed 29-25 at the half.

The Patriots couldn't close the gap with the bigger Commerce team taking most of the rebounds. Christy Patterson had 15 points and four assists to lead the Lady Patriots while Crystal Davis had eight points and four assists. Stacy Harrison pitched in eight points also while Tammy Nichols and Sarah Hooge each scored

five. Kami Hudson added four points and Toni Clarkson had two.

The JV team also fell to Commerce 36-19 with Kelly Clarkson scoring six points. The freshman team lost to Sulphur Bluff's JV team 24-19, and Ashley Athas scored 11 points while Shannon Haltom and Sandra Brown grabbed 11 and eight rebounds respectively.

The Lady Patriots play in the Sulphur Bluff Tournament, taking on Detroit at 4 p.m. Thursday. The JV team will be playing Como-Pickton at 1 p.m.

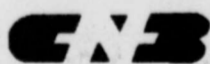


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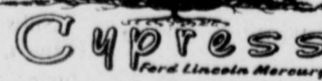
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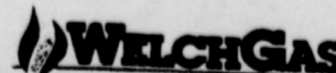
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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kirk Gibson

### Yohn-Gibson exchange vows

Beverly Ann Yohn of Lamar Point and Ronald Kirk Gibson of Pattonville were married in a double ring ceremony on September 16 at the First Baptist Church of Pattonville with Bro. C.G. Renfro officiating. The couple chose to be married on this date as it fell between both of their birthdays.

The bride is the daughter of Dick and Dorothy O'Gorman of Sunray. The groom is the son of Granvel and Helen Gibson of Pattonville and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Chandler and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Gibson.

The bride wore a western style ivory broomskirt with matching lace covered jacket and a western hat with a trailing lace band. She wore matching lace-up boots to complete her outfit. The bride wore the grooms' mothers' old heirloom wedding band on her right hand in fulfilling the tradition of wearing something both old and borrowed.

The bride's bouquet of white, blue and violet flowers was made by the groom. Kirk also made the bride's attendants' bouquets and the flower girls' basket. He made the wedding invitations, bookmarkers and thank you notes on his computer.

The wedding song was "From This Moment On", by Shania Twain. Daphnia Downs served as music coordinator for the wedding.

The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, Dick O'Gorman. Attending as Maid of Honor, for her sister, was Mary Tadlock of Stinnett. Also attending as bridesmaid was Beverly's other sister, Margaret Contreras, also of Stinnett. They wore matching broomskirts of blue and violet with ivory colored blouses and western boots to complete their ensemble.

The bride's daughter, Kelly Yohn, served as flower girl. The groom put a ring on her hand to symbolize their joining as a family.

The best man was the groom's brother, Dale Gibson, of Lake Jackson. The groomsman was the groom's nephew, Nathan Gibson, of Houston. Serving as ushers were Brad Barton of Borger and the bride's son, Joe Yohn.

The couple took their vows in front of an archway of white and blue roses that the groom designed. They lit a unity candle to symbolize their union. The bride and groom gave their respective mother-in-law's each a red rose to symbolize the uniting of their families.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church after the ceremony. The wedding cake was a sheet cake with two large heart shaped cakes on each side with white icing an ivory trim. One heart was adorned with an elevated bride and groom surrounded with white doves. Hostesses for the reception included Loretta Robison of Paris and Brenda Gibson of Pattonville.

The couple danced at the reception to the song "The Keeper of the Stars" and exited the reception to the sound of "Happy Trails".

Following a wedding trip to Beavers Bend, the couple will live outside of Pattonville.

The bride is a graduate of Stinnett High School in Stinnett and is employed by McCuiston Regional Medical Center of Paris in Environmental Services.

The groom is a graduate of Prairiland High School, Paris Junior College and Texas A&M at Commerce. He is employed by Earthgrains as a machine operator.

### Drake-Ferguson exchange wedding vows

Todd and Bill Ferguson and Brittani and Steven Drake announce the marriage of their parents, Linda Drake of Bogata, to James Ferguson of Meeker, CO on December 5.

The wedding took place at the home of Maurine Womack, mother of the bride, with the Rev. David Norwood, cousin of the bride, officiating.

The couple's chosen colors of red, green and white were used throughout the house. Music selections were pre-recorded by Lana Pritchard, cousin of the bride. Corsages and wedding decorations were made by Ms. Drake's mother and her aunt, Barbara Smith of Bogata.

Ms. Drake was escorted to the altar

by Zackery Drake, her grandson. Attending the couple were their children, Brittani Drake and Todd Ferguson. Flower girl was granddaughter Alexandra Drake and ringbearer was Paul Burke.

Ms. Drake is the daughter of Maurine Womack of Reno and the late Steve Womack.

Mr. Ferguson is the son of Suzie Ferguson of Meeker, CO and the late Clarence Ferguson.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Meeker.

Out of town guests were Judy Graeff, Bill Ferguson, Todd Ferguson, Brittani Drake, Tammy Drake and Claire Carrol.

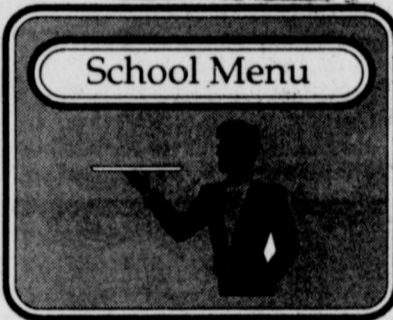
### Cunningham News

By Linda Anderson  
652-3502 or 652-2059



Thanksgiving holiday visitors of Clyde and Bobbye Slusher were Steve Slusher of Denton, Clint and Kasey Hyde of Dripping Springs and E.C. and Stephanie McLaughlin of Burkburnett.

Charles and Jackie Taylor of Paris hosted the annual Thanksgiving festivities at their cabin at Lamar Point.



Prairiland  
All Campus Menu  
December 14-17  
Monday

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

**Breakfast:**  
Scrambled eggs, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Tater tot casserole  
Salad  
Peaches  
Rolls  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
Choice of cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Ham and cheese sandwich  
Baked beans  
Pickle Peaches  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
Cereal, toast  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Chicken and noodles  
Crackers  
Carrot sticks  
Apples  
Milk

**Breakfast:**  
Fruit muffins  
Juice, milk  
**Lunch:**  
Hamburger  
Lettuce, tomato  
French fries  
Milk

In addition to the hosts, others present were Mike, Carrie, Charles II and Grant Taylor; George, Bonita, Sarah, Kate and Madeline Struve; Bobbie Hall; Tracy and Cindy Holbert and sons, Ryan and Seth of Bryan; J.M. and Mary Fisher of Paris; Stephanie and E.C. McLaughlin of Burkburnett; Shane McLaughlin of Denton; Clint and Kasey Hyde of Dripping Springs and Steve Slusher of Denton.

### Cleveland begins OSU studies

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland of the Post Oak Community recently released information pertaining to their granddaughter Cassie Cleveland. Cassie began her freshman year at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in August.

OSU president James Halligan and his wife Ann visited with the 1998 Shawnee High School graduate and her father on August 14 as she moved into the OSU residence halls.

Cassie is one of 387 new OSU

Valedictorian Scholars enrolled at OSU this fall, which bring the total number of Oklahoma valedictorians on the OSU campus to 1,057. OSU was recently named America's No. 1 Best College Buy in "The Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys." The selection was based on excellence in academic programs, low student-faculty ratios, a highly qualified faculty, high student ACT scores and low cost.



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**Milton News**  
 By Matty Lu Upchurch

Joyce Wilson of Craig visited her sister, Dorothy Holt on Monday; Ann and Sheldon Lee were in Sherman Friday for shopping. Allen and Stacy Huddleston and Donny and Laura Wright went out for dinner Saturday night, celebrating Stacy's birthday.

Vashti Bauman of Fayetteville, NC is visiting Nell and Harold Shull and Nannie Ham.

We're happy to report George Wolf is home from the hospital and doing much better. Their nephew, Richard Winkler, is here with them, helping out.

Frank and Edna Lee went to Winnsboro Monday for a doctor's appointment for Frank.

Matty Lu Upchurch spent Thursday through Sunday with her daughter and family, Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR.

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Suzie and Sammie Kelsey went to dinner in Clarksville on Wednesday.

Charles and Sarah Ham of Palestine visited Harold and Nell Shull

over the weekend. John and Velma Temple went to Mt. Pleasant Saturday for lunch and shopping.

Stacy Huddleston and her mother, Laura Wright, went shopping in Dallas Friday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee attended a meeting of the Lamar County Electric Co-op on Monday. Sheldon being the president of the newly formed auxiliary, accepted a donation in behalf of the Depot Fire Department.

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

Spending Thanksgiving with Nell and Harold Shull were their daughter and family, Karen and Chuck Mickie and children of Richardson.

Robbie and Boyd Slaton of Halesboro visited George and Nell Wolf Saturday.

Harold and Nell Shull and Nannie Ham and Vashti Bauman attended the funeral of a friend in Hughes Springs on Monday.

**Town's assets  
 being sold at auction**

Newgulf, Texas assets are to be sold at auction Dec. 8-9, 1998. The days of company towns are coming to an end, at least in Texas. Newgulf, Texas will be sold at public auction.

Conducted by Premier Auctioneers International from Dallas, the sale will include construction equipment, trucks and trailers, a complete machine shop, and much more, such as the town's lone fire truck and an equipped ambulance.

The vintage fire truck is a 1952 Chevrolet with only 10,300 miles and has only been used in Newgulf. It comes equipped with a Champion 500 GPM Fire Pump, hose reel and hoses, ladders and bunker gear. It would make a great parade vehicle for any fire department.

Texas Gulf Sulfur Company was the original owner of the town and built it for it's employees and the company's sulfur operation on the gulf coast. Established in 1909, the town at one time housed about 4000 people and was the largest sulfur operation in the world. Prior to the record-breaking sale to investors Tommy Littlepage and Stewart

Heighten, the Newgulf officials donated the company-built school to the County, as well as the community center, and actually gave their employees the homes in which they were living.

Littlepage, one of the investors, had dealt with Newgulf Sulfur for a number of years buying and selling drilling equipment (used in sulfur mining). When the opportunity to purchase the land and assets arose, he partnered with Heighten who was a land and cattleman. After liquidating the physical assets and majority of the land, the partners plan to develop a retirement community in this picturesque area, and further expand the existing golf course.

The auction will be by color slide at the Boling Community Center, a short distance from Newgulf. Viewing of the property to be sold will begin on December 3 at Newgulf, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily through the sale days.

Further information can be obtained by calling 972-870-9997 or on the internet at www.wcnet.net

**Matter  
 of Fact**  
 Rick Perry  
 Texas Agriculture Commissioner

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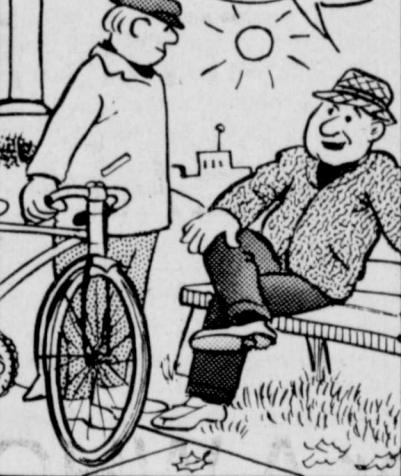
When I first took office, I laid out a vision for the Texas Department of Agriculture that soon became our mission statement: "To make Texas the nation's leader in agriculture while providing efficient and extraordinary service." I think that during the past 96 months, we've done a pretty good job.

We've seen our industry grow to meet the challenges and demands of a global marketplace. We've seen an increased interest and investment in processing more of our raw agricultural commodities in the Lone Star State. And we've seen a boom in research and agri-technologies that we couldn't have imagined eight years ago. Of course, we weathered a couple of droughts along the way too. It has been a busy and rewarding tenure.

As I prepare to end my administration, I may be leaving the Texas Department of Agriculture but I'll always have agriculture with me. This industry has ever been an important part of my life and will continue to be — whatever the future may hold for my family and me.

My family and I want to wish each of you the very best. It has been a privilege and honor to work for an industry that holds such great promise for all Texans.

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They will be sharing experiences of getting through the holidays. For some this will be the first holiday season. They recognize the difficul-

ties of coping with the many different feelings the holidays bring. Others who have been through the holiday season will share suggestions and way that helped them handle this time of year.

They will have finger foods for refreshments. Anyone who would like to bring something for this meeting. An open invitation is extended to bereaved parents, their families and friends. For more information contact Betty Grimes at 903-785-6613.

**Prairiland  
 Calendar of Events  
 Week of December 14**



14	PIP Practice, 6:30
15	PIP Performance, 7 p.m.
	Final Exam Review
16	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., library
	Final Exam Review
17	Chili Supper, 5 p.m.
	Band Concert, 7 p.m.
	Early Dismissal, 1:15
	Semester Exams
18	Early Dismissal, 1:15
	Semester Exams
	End of Third Six Weeks

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East Texas Medical Center- Clarksville is pleased to announce that the Bogata Rural Health Clinic will now be staffed with a Physician 5 days per week. Pulkit K. Patel, MD, is the newest addition to the Clinic, as a full-time Board Certified, Primary Care Physician. He joins Mary Wagner, Certified family Nurse Practitioner., Debbie Schneider, LVN, Diana McGuire, Office Manager, and Gaylen Hayes, D.O., Clinic Director, in offering you the best in medical care, with a friendly, caring atmosphere. We appreciate Dr. R.R. Millikan for assisting us at the Clinic on an interim basis, until Dr. Patel and his family could relocate to Bogata. We invite you to call for an appointment, if possible, but "walk-ins" are welcome.

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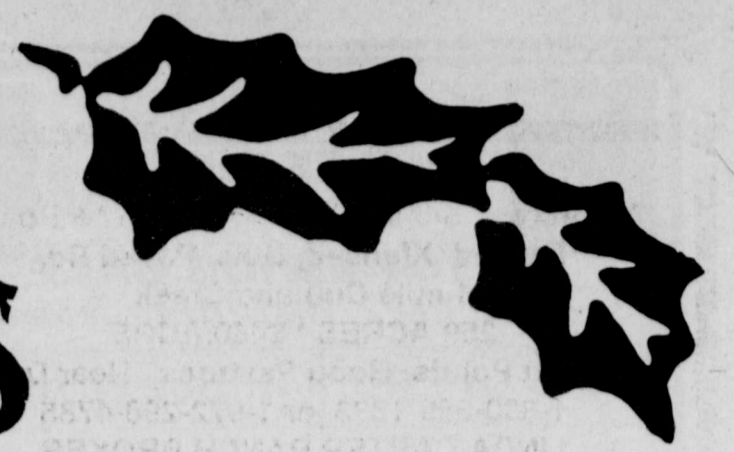
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**BUFFALO ARE BACK**

**And A 'New' American Cowboy Rides The Range**

(NAPS)—Standing on a hilltop in the Dakotas, the tribal leader speaks passionately of the buffalo's role in the culture and economy of his people. But he isn't reminiscing about a time long past.

The year is 1998, and Fred DuBray, founder of the Intertribal Bison Co-op, is in fact surrounded by buffalo. Slaughtered by the millions and brought to the brink of extinction in the "taming" of the American West, the shaggy 2,000-pound creatures are making one of the most remarkable comebacks in conservation history—both in the wild and as a commercial enterprise. Even more notable, perhaps, is that the buffalo's resurgence is infusing new vitality into the spiritual, cultural and economic lives of Native Americans.

In 1903, only 23 buffalo were known to exist in the American wilderness, with an estimated 500 scattered in zoos and on private ranches. Today, some 2,500 buffalo roam in Yellowstone Park alone, with about 10,000 head being raised commercially by Native American tribes on 45 reservations across the Great Plains. Also, about 150,000 buffalo are in other parks and on ranches.

Among the tribal communities closely involved in buffalo herding today are the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota and the Crow Reservation in Montana, where buffalo round-ups and a variety of cultural and religious festivals related to the buffalo take place. The round-up is especially exciting and dangerous. Although assisted in a limited way by a helicopter, the trial members do most of the work the traditional way—on horseback. In an ironic sense, they have become the new American cowboy.

The resurgence of the buffalo appears to have reconnected many Native Americans with their past. Jennifer Flat Lip, a history teacher on Crow Reservation, sums it up this way: "The young people...have the greatest experience now because it is okay to be Native Ameri-



Photo: Judy Hallet.

A powwow dancer celebrates the return of the buffalo at the Crow Fair in Montana.

can. And in this day and age where many societies are falling apart, we are becoming whole again. And when we see the wildlife free and wild and nourishing, then we know that we will be too."

November is American Indian Heritage month, and the *NATURE* series, produced for PBS by Thirteen/WNET in New York, helps kick off the observance November 1 with a penetrating exploration of the role of the buffalo in tribal life, past and present. *American Buffalo: Spirit of a Nation*, will be seen at 8 p.m. in most places (please check local listing).

The program is a co-production of the National Wildlife Federation, Devillier Donegan Enterprises and Thirteen/WNET. Produced, written and directed by Judith Dwan Hallet.

*NATURE*, which has won more than 100 awards, is made possible in part by Park Foundation. Major corporate support is provided by Canon U.S.A., Inc., Ford Motor Company and TIAA-CREF. For more information, visit Thirteen/WNET's website, [wNetStation.org/nature](http://wNetStation.org/nature).

**Laser utilized in hair removal**

Improvements in laser technology are making hair removal more effective and less painful.

"New technology allows the laser to pulse for a longer time and provides enough energy to destroy the hair bulb," said Dr. Martin Moskovitz, a plastic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Use of lasers for hair removal was approved by the Food and Drug Administration earlier this year. For the procedures, Moskovitz uses a long-pulse Alexandrite laser.

"The laser has a cooling device which sprays coolant on the skin a microsecond before it flashes," Moskovitz said. "This cools the skin, making the process less painful and less likely to cause blisters."

The laser emits a single wavelength of light that is absorbed by the brown color found in melanin, the dark pigment causing brown hair and tanned skin. Before laser treatment begins, all hair is shaved from the area being treated.

Since the skin does not have as much melanin, the laser beam passes through the skin and targets the brown-colored hair bulbs. The laser's

reaction with the melanin damages the hair bulb, causing it to atrophy and later fall out.

"The best candidates for laser hair removal are fair-skinned people with dark hair," Moskovitz said. "Darker skinned patients can experience a little pain and blistering because their skin might absorb some of the laser light."

"By doing a test spot, you can adjust the laser's energy level and decrease the amount of temporary pigment change," Moskovitz said.

To achieve permanent hair removal, most patients require three or four treatments. During the first treatment, about 30 percent of a patient's hair bulbs will be in a resting phase with no melanin in them.

"The second treatment gets the hairs that were in a resting phase, and following treatments get any other missed hairs," Moskovitz said.

Treatments take about one minute for a moustache and an hour or more for a back. Prices vary according to area treated, ranging from \$200 to \$1,400 per procedure.

Moskovitz cautions that laser procedures should be performed by a plastic surgeon or dermatologist.

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*Buckboard Annie Says.....*

Dear Lord,  
So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or even overindulgent. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help!!

*Gossip, pretending to have the eyes of Argus, has all the blindness of a bat.*  
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**Matter of Fact**

Rick Perry  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

It's not taught in any driver's ed course, but it is a basic three-step lesson of *Driving 101*: drive up to the gas pump, select the grade of gasoline you want and fill 'er up.

Over the years, the Texas Department of Agriculture has worked to ensure that when you paid for a gallon of gasoline, the pump was accurately providing a gallon of gasoline. Now TDA inspectors are looking closely at the octane levels posted at the pump to verify what you're selecting is actually making it into your tank.

Under a comprehensive octane testing program now underway, TDA inspectors collect samples for both octane and alcohol analysis during routine gas pump inspections. Those service stations found selling gasoline that doesn't match up with the posted octane levels face a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

An octane rating in gasoline measures how the fuel performs in an engine. In many engines, the higher the grade the lower the probability of engine knock. For that reason, many consumers choose to spend a little more to pay for higher octane gasoline.

More than 40 states have an octane testing program. And if their experience is any gauge for Texas, then consumers here will discover that the vast majority of service stations are selling you exactly what they say.

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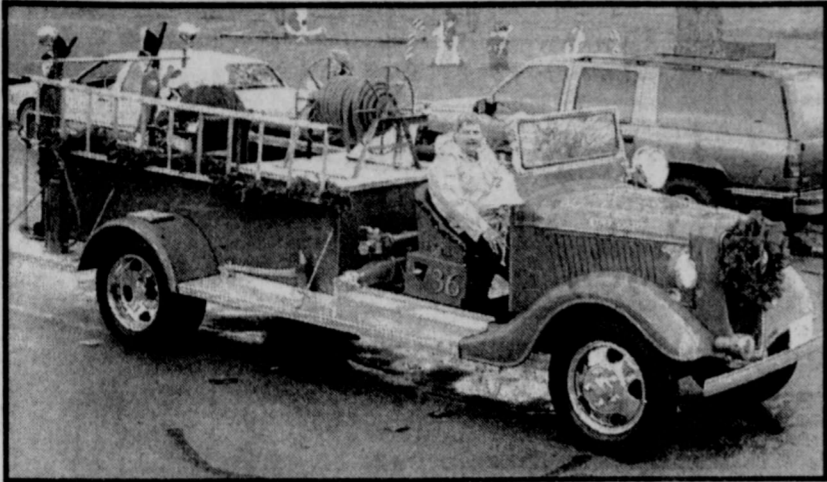
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Chili Supper- Geneva Norwood served up a bowl of chili last Saturday night at the Cunningham Community Center. The fund-raiser was held to help the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department pay for much needed equipment and expenses.

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Happy birthday to Clarence Wright, Jay Curt McKee, Keith Parsons, Robbie Wright, Sonny Davis, Leslie Lee Davis, Ruth Cheatham, Casey Gage, Janell Waggoner, Kay Wright, Jason Chumbley, Edd Burnett, Susan Singleton, Trina Keys, Lacey Gresham, Paul Nixon, Jared Miller, William Cooper and Mary Parks.

Reba Temple spent Thanksgiving week in Dallas and Lubbock. She visited the Bruce Temple family in Dallas and the Mike Temple family in Lubbock. Also spending Thanksgiving in Lubbock were the Ryan Randle family of Irving and Bruce Temple and children, Nicole and Clint of Dallas.

Happy anniversary to Colleen and Mervin Slaton, Alvis and Pat Dennis and Becky and Donald Brown.

Richard and Clara Nance had Thanksgiving at the farm with Steve Storey and Phoebe and Cade of Dallas, Shelly and Rebecca Fields and Scott McDowell all attended.

Joe and Kay Gage of Diboll spent Saturday night with Virginia Kirkland. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grant Gage and Casey in Hope, AR to help Casey celebrate his first birthday.

Don and Jan Rust of Keenesburg, Colorado have been visiting with Richard and Clara Nance at Paris and Deport.

Virginia Kirkland and Nina Sparks attended the Cunningham United Methodist Church covered dish supper and singing Saturday night.

Ina and Nina Sparks, Virginia Kirkland and Elois Sparks participated in the Festival of Lights at Bright-Holland Funeral Home on Sunday.

Sam and Bonnie Upchurch spent several days at L.C. Ballards this week. They enjoyed the annual Varner reunion and visited relatives in Arkansas and the Jack Ballards of Texarkana.

Jordan, Marlena and Glenda Ballard and Ryan Ward of Texarkana visited L.C. Ballard and Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom. They also enjoyed the Chapman Christmas party on Saturday.

L.C. Ballard spent Sunday night at the Jack Ballards of Texarkana.

Ms. Irene Bayless of Amarillo is in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Darlena Shipcock, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says: After the herein described Estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said Estray was found. I also contacted known exotic livestock and fowl owners in my County. The search did not reveal the owner of said Estray.

I did then advertise the impoundment of said Estray in The Bogata News, a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said Estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after impoundment of said Estray. The dates of such advertisement were December 3, 1998 and December 10, 1998 and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

I also posted a copy of the Notice of Estray and the Notice of Impoundment on the public notice board of the courthouse of the county in which the Estray was found.

Said estray is described as the following: Red crossbred Brahman cow, approximately five years old and 1,000 pounds. A five or an "S" on the right side, bangs tag #74DHE3552, right ear.

WITNESS my hand, this first day of December, 1998.  
 Robert L. Edrington  
 Sheriff of Red River County  
 12-10

**NOTICE**  
 The City of Blossom (Pop. 1435) City Administrator. Minimum qualifications, excellent working knowledge of Gen. Mgt. principals & Govt. procedures. Prefer strong Eng. & financial bkgnd, five years or more exp., strong morals & ethics, expertise in personnel mgt. & development and positive community relations skills. Benefits incl. vacation, holidays, sick leave, medical and TMRS retirement. Salary DOQ. Submit resumes to include five work references, salary history and current salary to: City of Blossom, Office of Mayor, P.O. Box 297, Blossom, Texas 75416. Open til filled. EEO. 12-17

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**IDABEL'S Colonial Lodge Retirement Center** is currently seeking a full time Manager who is very people oriented and business conscious. The ideal candidate is an individual with experience in operating a retirement center, housing facility, or senior center, with varied management and supervisory skills. In addition, an ability to interact with the community toward marketing the Lodge's services is desirable. We offer a wage commensurate with knowledge and experience. Please send resume to: VIA Health Facilities, 6875 Anglebluff Circle, Dallas, TX 75248. MA 12-17

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOGATA** is now accepting applications for the position of Paid Nursery Worker. The Nursery Worker will care for children during regular church activities for approximately 8 hours per week at the rate of \$5.50 per hour. You do not have to be a church member to apply. A complete job description and application is available from the church office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday or call for more information at 903-632-5218. 12-17

### LOST & FOUND

**REMEMBER,** we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

**LOST:** Pair of wire rimmed eyeglasses somewhere in vicinity of Hwy. 271 and FM1503 in Deport, on Monday, October 19. If found, please contact Mike Francis, 652-6052 or 652-4205. nc

### Garage Sales

**CAKLEBERRY'S:** Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Saturdays or call 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

**GARAGE SALE:** 320N. Bryson, Bogata. Friday, December 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas decorations, kitchenware, wall decorations and lots of miscellaneous. 12-10

**AUCTION:** Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m. From Talco, go west on Highway 71. Turn right at white mailbox with red rag. Watch for signs. Old fishing tackle, rods, reels, plastic worms, old baits, guns, restaurant cookware. Call for more information. 903-572-9796 or 572-3020. Lowell Riechburg Auctions, Txs 8543, Mt. Pleasant. 12-10

**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, December 12. Home of Betty & Buck Ramsey, 271 South, 1/4 mile from main street flashing light, Bogata. Watch for signs. Christmas decorations, many household items, bicycle, leaded glass lamps and new material. Furniture, chair, bed, like new southwestern style love seat, telephone gossip bench, formica dining room table and bookcase headboard and frame. To see furniture, call 632-5389. 12-10

**GARAGE SALE:** Friday and Saturday, December 11-12, 8 to 5. 317 S. Main, Bogata. Women's clothes and shoes, children's clothes and shoes, what-nots and miscellaneous. Some household items, 2 Dearborn heaters. 12-10

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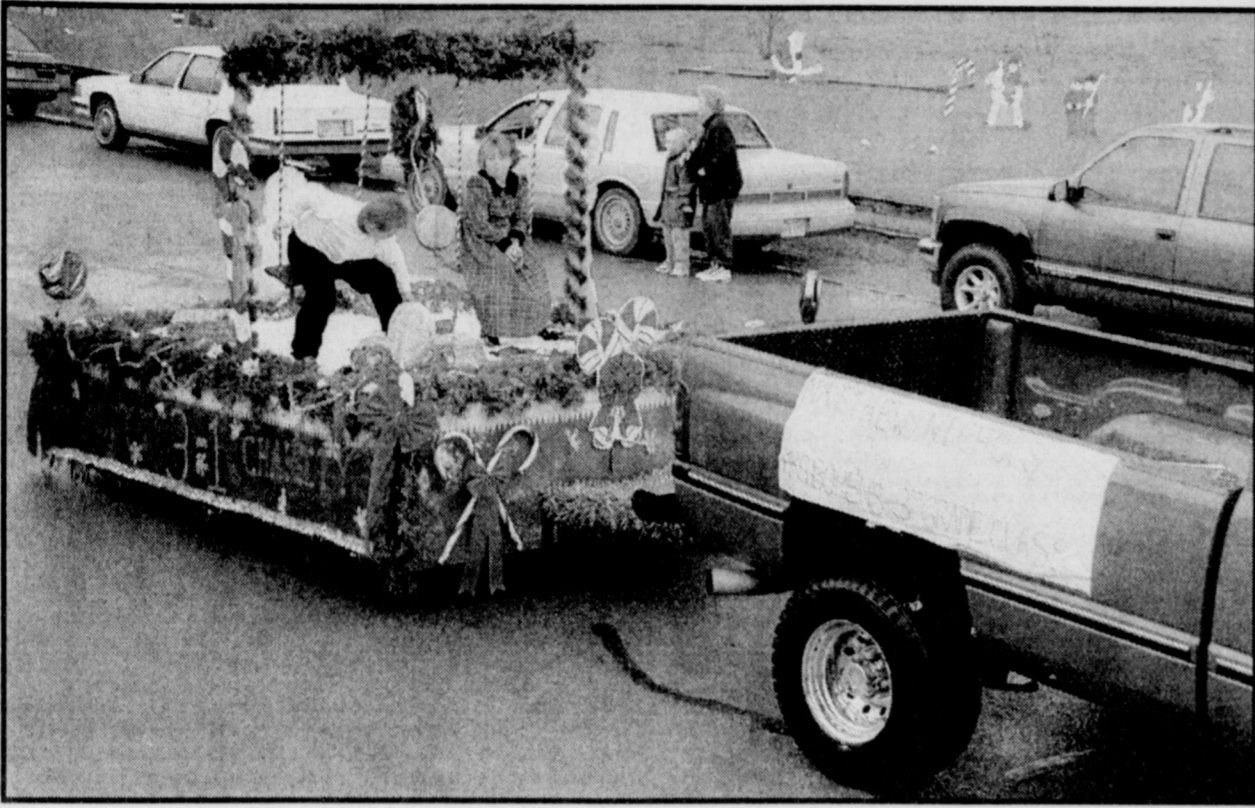
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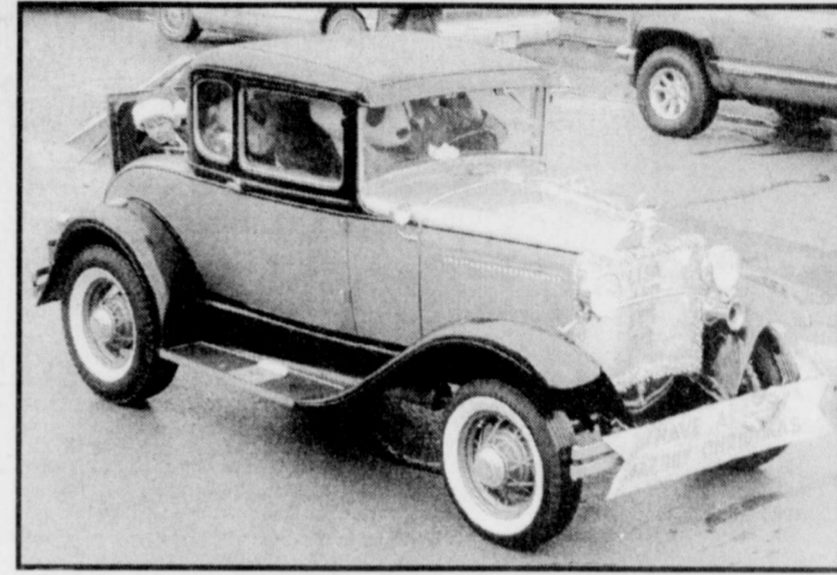
FIRST PLACE in the Float Division in the cold, wet Deport Christmas Parade Monday went to the Third Grade-1, complete with a swing. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



FIRST PLACE in the Truck Division at the Deport Christmas Parade went to the First United Methodist Church Youth Group. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



FIRST PLACE in the Miscellaneous Division of the Deport Christmas Parade Monday went to Gifford Construction. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



FIRST PLACE in the Deport Christmas Parade Car Division went to the 3rd grade with their 1930 Ford. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

**Letters to the Editor**

To the Editor:  
This is not a criticism not of any one or the city, but I have heard there has been some criticism about the sign board on business Main and 271. Everyone I have talked to about it said they could see down 271 east well.

I have driven by several times just to see for myself and I could see past the quick store and on down where 271 makes a curve.

I am 86 years old, and I can see down the road well. So, I say anyone who can't see down 271 needs new glasses or not be allowed to drive.

While I am on the subject, I asked everyone to take a tour of the city and count the blockage on our streets. There are several places that are blocked by either cars or shrubs or beautiful trees that grow close to the ground on corners.

It seems to me we should be proud to have every new business that comes into our city and hope the old ones stay. We will be hurt enough when the new highway passes us up.

*Kathren E. Campbell*  
Merchants and All Participants,  
I would like to thank each and every one of you that gave their time and participation in the 1998 Christmas Parade. It could not have happened without your help. This year's parade was a great success with all that participated in it. Due to the weather, it still went very smooth and I would like to thank you again for all the hard work you put into your floats, trucks, cars, horse drawn buggies, antique cars and etc. to make the parade a success.

To all the merchants who gave their money and time to the parade, I can't tell you how much it was appreciated not only to me but the children. They enjoyed it very much.

To the judges and helpers of the parade, I would like to give my sincere thanks to each and every one of you. The parade would not have been the success it was without your help. Thank you once again.

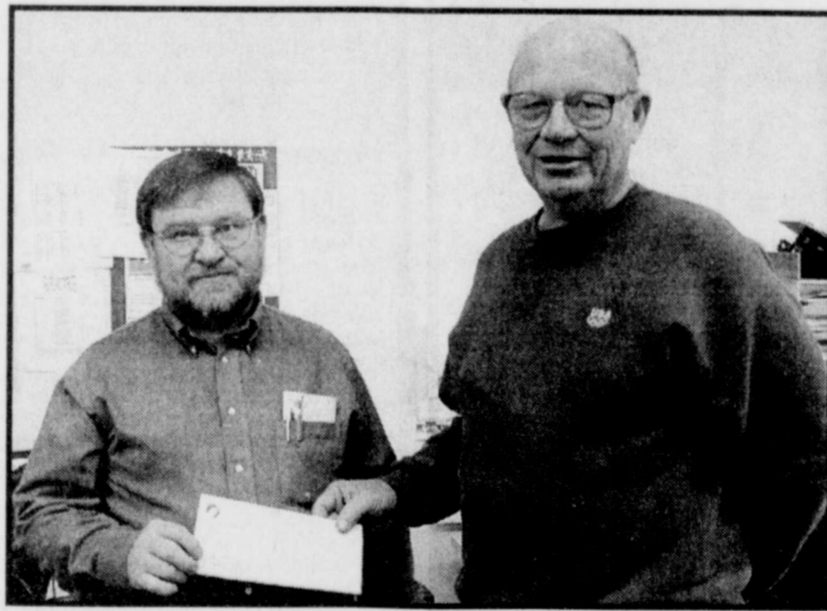
Sincerely,  
*Sharon Francis, City Secretary*

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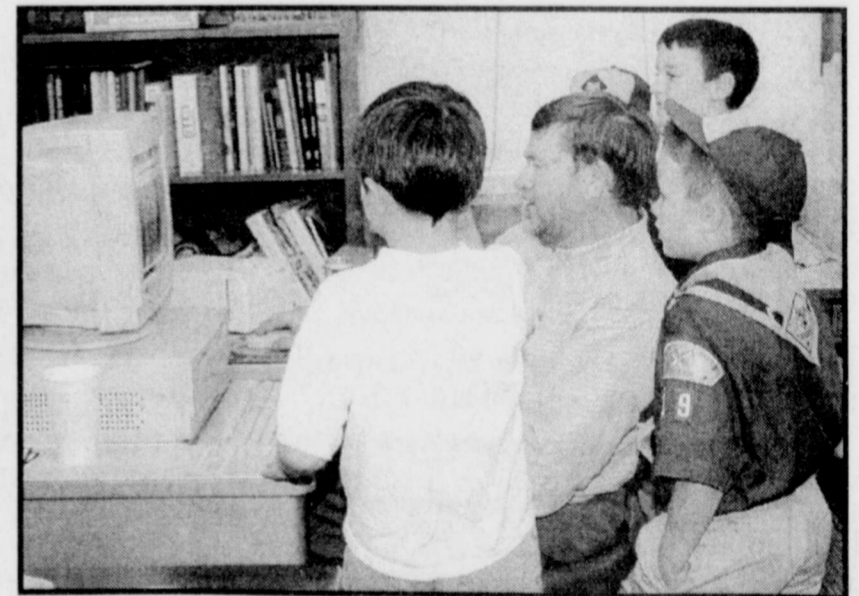


(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

DEPORT BOOK FAIR-students in Anna Beth Allen's fourth grade class browse through all the books at the yearly Book Fair located in the library on the Deport campus last week.



DONATION-Bucket Brigade President Sheldon Lee presents a \$200 from Lamar County Electric to Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols. Lamar County Electric held a special meeting Monday night to present all Lamar County Fire Departments with a donation of \$200. Since that night was election night at the Deport Volunteer Fire Department, Sheldon went to collect the money to help out the fire department. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



COMPUTER PAPERS-Thomas Nichols showed the Deport Tiger Scouts about newspapers last Tuesday night when the group came to learn about many aspects of communications. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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**United Methodist Women meet**

The last meeting for the 1998 year was held on Monday, December 4 in the new building at the church. Presi-

dent, Juavane Carpenter, opened the meeting with prayer. Present were Cindy Benfer, Ruth Chipman, Ruth Cheatham, Juavane Carpenter, Lucille Pickering, Rena Good, Martha Glover, Virginia Kirkland, Margaret Parks, Marianne Ladd, Melba Ladd and Juanita Sparks.

Following the business meeting, program leader Rena Good presented the story of Ben David, the Innkeeper in the City of Bethlehem, 1,998 years ago.

New officers will be leading the group beginning January 1. President, Juanita Sparks; vice-president, Martha Glover; secretary/reporter, Juavane Carpenter; secretary, Marianne Ladd.

The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah. Snack foods of the holiday were enjoyed during the fellowship time.

**Deport Cub Scouts tour Deport Times**

The Deport Cub Scouts, Pack 19 came to the Deport Times Office on Tuesday evening to see how a newspaper is created.

attending were: Ty Figueroa, Trey

Towers, Layton Norwood and Jeremiah Howington.

They saw how newspaper stories are typesetting, how photographs are done on the computers, and how page or made up.

**Steeley to review new book**

Former Paris resident, James Steeley, will review the new book he co-authored with Dan Utley, *Guided With a Steady Hand: The Cultural Landscape of a Rural Texas Park*, in the Maxey House Book Shop on

December 12 at 2 p.m. Mr. Steeley is director of National Register Programs at the Texas Historical Commission. There is no charge for the book review.

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