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Home Alone

Like the little boy in the movie "Home Alone" sometimes getting what you wish for just isn't quite as much fun as we think it is going to be.

The ones small, bright spot in having my second knee replacement was, (I thought) the chance to have a little time to myself. You know, that precious time most of us simply don't have where we can get caught up on some reading, mending, some craft project there never seems time to do.

So, after the first few days of feeling so bad I would have had to make substantial improvement to die, I was all ready for some alone time.

My husband strapped me into the CPM machine, which slowly flexes the leg back and forth, back and forth, then took off for work. Somehow, the joy of having uninterrupted reading time was tempered by the fact the only way to read was by holding the book up above my face, since I was flat on my back. Even getting a drink from a glass of iced tea was a clumsy, uncomfortable ordeal. After my machine time my sister-in-law Mary came and got me unstrapped from the torture machine. Then she had to go back to work. More alone time. Painting my special Christmas ornaments wasn't possible, I can't sit up long enough to get a straight shot at them. Embroidery was much the same, about half an hour and I was worn out from the uncomfortable way I had to sit. I crawled back into bed and settled down with a book. After about 4 hours of reading I was heartily sick of it! I don't watch TV much in the evenings, and I can't believe what's on daytime TV!

I discovered that being home alone and having fun means being home alone and healthy! Not being able to sit on the porch and watch the hummingbirds, wander for the kitchen with a snack, stroll out to the wash room to play with Teddy, my latest cast off kitten makes being alone no fun at all. What it translates to is that it isn't any fun to be alone unless one is also self sufficient, not helpless!

When Thomas came home late that night from work I was sooo glad to have some company. When he left to repeat the next day's work schedule I hated for him to go. Each day someone appears to take me from my exercise machine, throw me a sandwich and then rushes back to work. It complicates their life worse than mine, too.

But, I don't particularly like being home alone this way. What I really can't figure out, though, is how, since it's only been five months since the first knee surgery, I could possibly have forgotten how lonely, frustrated and left out I felt! Like I say, I need to be careful what I wish for. I have it. I can't wait to get back to work!

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SAMMY ANDREWS, owner of Dodge Bodacious, displays the bronze statue of bronc riding legend Casey Tibbs that "Bo" received upon his induction into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame on August 14 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Other awards that Bo has gathered for the Andrews Rodeo Company, including the 1994 and 1995 PRCA Bucking Bull of the Year honors and the PBR Bull of the Year awards, can be seen behind Andrews. Bodacious has put his home in Addielou on the map, as evidenced by the number of tourists who drop by the ranch to get a glimpse of a rodeo champion. (Staff Photo)

"Bodacious" inducted into ProRodeo Hall of Fame

Since the ProRodeo Hall of Fame first opened its doors in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1979, rodeo's greatest athletes have been immortalized within its walls.

On August 14, on the Hall's 20th anniversary, six new inductees joined the legends who preceded them.

And included in the 1999 inductees was J31A, Dodge Bodacious, the baddest bull in the world of rodeo today.

Sammy Andrews of Addielou, owner of Bodacious, accepted the award on behalf of "Bo" during the induction ceremonies, accompanied by his wife, Carolyn.

Inductees were welcomed by more than 700 guests at the new location in the Hall's outdoor courtyard. Personal introductions gave way to video footage of each inductee's career, offering the spectators a glimpse into the past.

Bo was born in 1989 and at the height of his rodeo career, weighed in at 1,850 pounds. The famous Charbray bull brought home numerous awards during his active rodeo career, the highlight of which were consecutive Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Bucking Bull of the Year honors in 1994 and 1995. He was also named National Finals Rodeo Bucking Bull of the Year for the same two years, along with being named the Texas Circuit Champion for 1994-95. He was named the Professional Bull Riders Bull of the Year in 1995.

In 1995, Bo bucked off three-time World Champion Bull Rider Tuff Hedeman at a bull riding, fracturing most of his face. Just a few weeks later at the National Finals Rodeo, Hedeman drew Bo again, but opted to take a no-score and "gate" the bull, in light of what had previously happened. Just two rounds later at the NFR, Bodacious knocked Scott Breeding unconscious and it was at that point that Andrews made the tough decision to retire Bo at the con-

clusion of the 1995 National Finals Rodeo.

His popularity hasn't diminished, though his presence in the arena spotlight has faded. Bodacious is still #1 in the minds of rodeo fans all across the country.

Bucking bulls are noted for possessing many qualities, such as strength, athletic ability, intuition, intelligence and heart, to name a few. But only the right combination in just the right amounts makes a champion bucking bull, and Bodacious got the mixture just right!

He has been featured in Sports Illustrated two times, GQ (Gentleman's Quarterly), Western Horseman and Penthouse, in addition to the "rodeo" oriented magazines.

In his career, Bo bucked off 127 of his 135 opponents, and most of those 127 fell short of making the two-second mark. His first two jumps out of the chute were awesome, and he got harder to ride from that point on.

And though Bo won't be competing himself anymore, he's left a legacy that only he could, a herd of young bucking bulls just waiting for their turn out of the chutes. Bull riders better not be squeamish, either, these "Baby Bo's" are loaded and ready.

Andrews humbly accepted a Casey Tibbs bronze on behalf of Bo and in his acceptance speech said "I guess I'll speak on behalf of Bodacious, seeing as how he'd probably wreck this place if we tried to bring him in here."

The other inductees joining Bodacious in the prestigious circle include PRCA announcer Hadley Barrett of Kersey, Colorado; rodeo producer Bob Thain of Reno, Nevada; saddle bronc rider Mel Hyland of Ponoka, Alberta, Canada; pickupman Charles "Lefty" Wilken of Hillsboro, New Mexico; and six time All Around Champion Cowboy Tom Ferguson of Miami, OK.

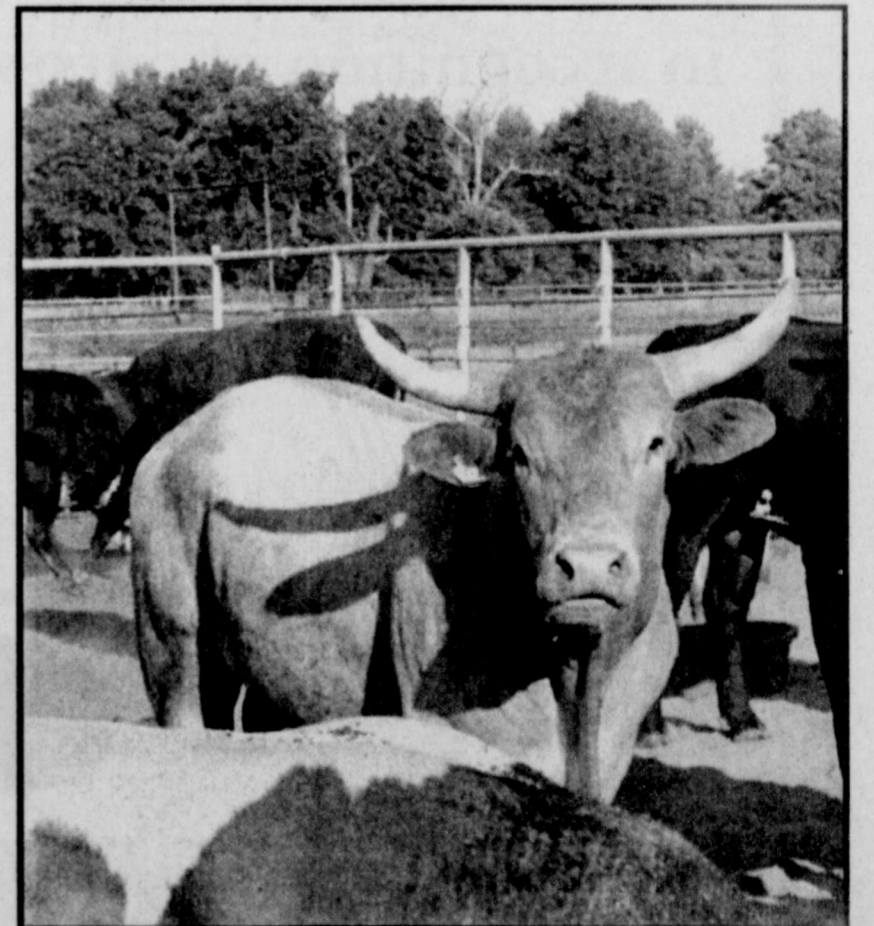
PATS program selects students

On Friday, August 20, the selection committee for Prairiland's Gifted/Talented Program met to select additional students for the program and to determine which sixth grade students should continue in the program during their junior high and high school years. This process was based on students' performance on the Terra Nova Achievement Test, Grade 3, or the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test, Grades 4-8, the Terra Nova IQ Test, Grade 3, or the Otis Lennon IQ Test, Grades 4-8, and the Torrance Creative Thinking Test. Teacher evaluations and grade averages were also taken into consideration.

The following students met the required standard for selection to the PATS Program: Cassidy Adams, KayLee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Layton Norwood, Jenna Patterson and Jeffery Steffenson, Grade 3; Lee Ann Warren, Grade 4; and Cesar Tinajero, Grade 8. The following students met the required standard to continue in the PATS Program during their junior high and high school years: Cody Flatt, Matt Hostetler, Josh Allen, Lance Ballard, Caralyn Corso and Rebecca Murdock.

At present, there are 72 students participating in the PATS Program, which represent approximately 7 percent of Prairiland's student population.

The following students met the



BABY BO-dacious, that is! This young bull is on his way to filling his father's hoof prints as a rodeo champion. He is just one of several Bodacious sons that will start his professional rodeo career next year under the tutelage of Sammy Andrews, owner of Andrews Rodeo Company. (Staff Photo)

Prairiland's 1999-2000 budget to be discussed

The Prairiland School Board will meet Monday, September 13, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in a called meeting to have a public hearing to discuss the 1999-2000 budget and a proposed tax rate. The current tax rate is \$1.21 per \$100 value. The proposed rate is also \$1.21. A second meeting of the Board will take place at 8:00 p.m. at which time the tax rate will be adopted in the regular business meeting.

A breakdown of the 1999-2000 Prairiland budget is shown below. The 1999-2000 budget will be \$6,720,819 which is an increase of \$617,164. Most of the increase is due to state mandated salaries and the addition of personnel.

In March of each year, budget worksheets are distributed to the principals and various departments within the school system. Those responsible for the budget worksheets seek input from teachers and others as to the projected needs for their programs. Their information is reviewed by the principal or person responsible for the budgeted items in that department. The completed worksheets are given to the superintendent, who with the school board

president, puts together a preliminary budget. This is reviewed by the school board in budget workshops before the final budget is approved.

The Prairiland district receives revenues from three sources: Federal, State and local. The Federal dollars received by the district help supplement the school. It is extremely important for every child that qualifies for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program to apply. This benefits the parents and the school in that most Federal money is based upon the numbers of Free/Reduced students in our school. Federal dollars are received from the lunch program, the Title program, and the Tech-prep/Vocational grants. The anticipated amount of Federal dollars for the 1999-2000 school year is \$353,000.

The State dollars received by the district are determined, for the most part, upon the Average Daily Attendance (ADA). This is why it is so important for students to be in school every day possible. The State money is broken down into various funds such as Regular Block Grant, Special Education, Migrant, English as a Second Language, Transportation,

career and Technology, Gifted and Talented, Compensatory and Bilingual. The total amount of money that the state has appropriated to the Prairiland district at this time for the 1999-2000 school year is \$4,449,137.

Local money is received primarily from the property taxes that our citizens pay. The tax rate for the past year was \$1.21. The Board will approve the same tax rate in the meeting on September 13. The taxable property value of our district is \$89,722,920.

The Prairiland School Board, administration and staff works diligently to provide our students with good facilities, a safe, happy environment and excellent educational programs. This past week TEA sent out State Accountability Ratings. The Prairiland district received a "Recognized" rating. Prairiland graduates (many of you, your children and family members) are leaders in the local and national work force. We are proud of the role that Prairiland has had in so many ways. The staff of Prairiland works each day with the clear understanding that every one of our students is a Learner Today and a Leader Tomorrow.

Prairiland I.S.D. Total Appropriations All Funds

Function	Function Name	Appropriations	Percent of Total Budget
11	Instruction	\$3,741,079.00	55.66%
12	Inst. Resource/Media Services	125,345.00	1.87%
13	Curr. & Inst. Staff Development	36,783.00	.55%
23	School Leadership	250,503.00	3.73%
31	Guidance & Counseling Services	173,159.00	2.58%
33	Health Services	45,467.00	.68%
34	Pupil Transportation	215,125.00	3.20%
35	Food Service	297,580.00	4.43%
36	Cocurricular/Extracurr. Activ's	319,591.00	4.76%
41	General Administration	640,056.00	9.52%
51	Plant Maint and Operations	486,807.00	7.24%
52	Security & Monitoring	2,000.00	.03%
53	Data Processing Service	71,279.00	1.06%
71	Debt Service	45.00	.00%
81	Facilities Accuis. & Const.	21,000.00	.31%
93	Payment to Fiscal Agents	295,000.00	4.39%
		\$6,720,819.00	100.01%**

**Due to rounding, total percentage is greater than 100%

People 'n Things

Monday, September 6, 1999
Prairiland ISD students will be out of school on Monday, September 6, 1999 in observance of Labor Day. Students will return on Tuesday, September 7, 1999 and resume their regular schedules.

Friday, September 3, 1999
The Daybreak Quartet will be performing in concert at the First Church of Nazarene in Blossom at 7:00 p.m. No admission will be charged but a free-will offering will be taken up. Everyone is invited.

Monday, September 6, 1999
The First Baptist Church of Blossom will be holding their annual Labor Day Fish Fry at the Family Life Center behind the church from 3:30-6:00 p.m. There will be no carry out orders, but everyone is invited to come and bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

This is the last week for getting your order in for the annual Community Calendar of birthdays and events. This makes the 21st year and will start the 21st century. If you have not been contacted by a volunteer, please call 652-3406 before September 5.

The *Deport Bucket Brigade* will meet Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the *Deport Times* office.

Booster Club elects new officers

The Prairiland booster Club elected new officers for the upcoming year at their first meeting held August 19.

They are as follows: Mark Fendley, president; Donna Crossland, secretary/treasurer; Willie Crossland, buyer; Shelly Dunham, worker coordinator.

The Club is looking forward to working with the students, teachers and parents and the activities planned in the upcoming year.

The next meeting will be held October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria to discuss Homecoming 1999 plans.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our recipes this week come to us from a copy of the Greenville Morning Herald. What is so strange about that you ask? Well, this particular issue is dated April 26, 1956. Remember the kitchens back then... of course most of you don't, but a few will. Spotless. No microwaves, food processors, bread makes or other such frivolities. Just your average "Leave It To Beaver" kitchen. You know the one where everyone eats at the same time... at the dining room table, no less!!! Everyone dresses for dinner... even down to wearing shoes... and sometimes dad even wore a tie!!! Can you imagine!!! Certainly no fast foods graced the table. Lots of greasy fried foods, starches, high carbs and other "heart attack" foods.

A simple glance through this paper gave you a walk through time. Robin Hood flour was 5 pounds for 43 cents. Cake mixes were 27 cents each. Catsup was 19 cents for a 14 ounce bottle. Apples were 19 cents a pound while grapefruit rivaled at 8 cents per pound. Decker Bacon was 2 pounds for 75 cents. Brisket roast was 17 cents per pound. Large size Tide was 30 cents a box.

You could even buy a pair of Naturalizer shoes at the shoe store for \$9.95 and they look a lot like the ones everyone is wearing today. Chunky heels with straps.

Marilyn Monroe, Milton Berle and Marlon Brando were hot in Hollywood while the cotton market closed

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for the wonderful food, calls, cards and visits since I have had my second knee joint replacement.

Each card brightens my day, each act of kindness reminds us that living in this part of the world is a joy.

Thank you all so much.
Thomas and Nanalee Nichols

Card of Thanks

My children and I would like to thank everyone for the food, visits, calls, cards, flowers and kindnesses shown to us during our time of loss. God bless you all
Tammy Nicks and Children

at \$1.05 a bale. You could buy a 1948 Ford Sedan for \$175.00 and a John Deere Slide Delivery Hay Rake for \$150.00. Hamburgers were 10 cents and a 6 room house with a double garage went for \$6,000.00.

Now that we have taken this little walk down memory lane, sit back and enjoy the recipes from the "50's. and we will see you in the kitchen!

Green Beans in Mushrooms—there is nothing extraordinary about this dish... but can you imagine putting it before our youngsters in this day and age!

Jam Pie—don't believe I have ever tasted a Jam Pie. But the jam is spread on the bottom of the baked crust with custard and meringue on top of this.

Individual Pizza Pie—this is the one that caught everyone's eye... sounds more like a hamburger to me!

Chicken with Almond Sauce—Isn't it strange have tastes have changed... the only way anyone fries chicken anymore is at the Colonels or Popeye's!

Poppy Seed Dressing—There are many variations of this recipe and nowadays folks enjoy it over a fruit salad as much as anything.

French Fried Cauliflower—I love cauliflower, but I am not sure this is the way to eat it!

Jam Cake—this is a tried and true recipe that has been handed down through many generations. Check out instructions for preparing pan to bake.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Dr. Strom for his words of encouragement, concern and professional care. We would like to give a special thanks to every staff member and worker at the Deport Nursing Home for their excellent service, concern, attention and loving care given to both our parents, also their support to us in our time of sadness. We also appreciate the workers of the McCuiston Hospice for the wonderful service they are performing. God bless all of you. We also appreciate the concern and help of the Wood Funeral Home.
The Family of Bill Power

September 2, 1999
Greenville Morning Herald 1956

Green Beans in Mushrooms

1 cup mushrooms
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups cooked string beans
1/3 cup sour cream
2 teaspoons chopped parsley
Cook beans unsalted water until barely tender. Saute mushrooms in butter and add beans, sour cream and salt. Sprinkle parsley over the mixture and serve.

Jam Pie

1-1/4 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
2 level teaspoons flour
1 cup sweet milk
1-1/4 cup any favorite jam
butter the size of one egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix and cool custard in the usual way, adding butter last. Let cool. Bake pie shell, let cool and spread jam evenly in pie shell. Spoon the custard carefully over jam. Beat egg whites and add usual amount of sugar. Top custard with meringue and bake slowly till brown. Cool before serving.

Individual Pizza Pie

Flatten out Ballard biscuits and put on cookie sheet. Spread with catsup and top with meat pattie, well seasoned with garlic and salt. Bake ten minutes. Then place a slice of onion, tomato and slab of thin cheese on each. Return to oven until cheese is melted. Serve at once.

Chicken with Almond Sauce

Fry a young chicken until golden brown in hot Wesson Oil. Put on hot platter and make the sauce. Thicken 1 tablespoon of oil in which chicken was fried with 1 tablespoon flour, season and add 1 pint cream and 1 tablespoon chopped parsley with 1 cup chopped blanched almonds. Let boil a few minutes and pour around chicken.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank all of you who helped us in any way at the time of our accident and recovery.

We especially thank the emergency teams that were so readily available when we needed them.

Thanks to those who have sent food, cards and made visits. We especially thank all of you for your prayers and other acts of kindness at this time.

May God bless all of you,
Clovis & Katy VanDeaver

Card of Thanks

Thank you all for your cards and gifts welcoming our new addition. You have all been so kind and thoughtful. We thank the Lord for our new baby girl and wish to thank you for your kindness as well.
Love,
Pastor Mike, Trish
Ashley and Payton Ryherd

Poppy Seed Dressing

3 teaspoons dry mustard
2-1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups sugar
1 cup apple cider vinegar
2 teaspoons grated onion
3 cups Wesson Oil
3 teaspoons poppy seed
Mix mustard, salt, sugar and vinegar. Beat well and add slowly the oil a few drops at a time. When thick, add onion and poppy seed. Keeps well. Use on lettuce or any salad desired.

French Fried Cauliflower

Cook cauliflower in salted water until just tender after breaking the head up into flowerets. Dip in beaten egg and then in cracker crumbs. Fry in deep fat. Serve immediately.

Jam Cake

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
3 slightly beaten eggs
1 cup blackberry jam
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon soda
Cream butter and sugar well. Combine jam, eggs, spices and flour. Add buttermilk and soda. Bake in stem pan lined with buttered brown paper on bottom. Bake for 50 minutes at 325 degrees. Keeps for days and freezes well.

Card Of Thanks

Just a note to say thank you to everyone who supported me as I fought my battle with breast cancer.

To Mike, who was there every second of every day to encourage, bolster and cheer and who took care of all the little things that I didn't have the strength to do and never once complained. To Chase and Jillian, who stepped up to the plate and did everything asked of them without a whimper or moan and who even proved that they could cook and clean when they had to. The three of you are my life and I love you! To our church family who lifted us up in prayer and who was always ready and willing to do anything needed to take care of us physically and emotionally. And, last but not least, thanks to everyone in the community who called, sent cards or food and gave support in ways so numerous I can't begin to list them all. I'm not sure I could have sailed through this experience so smoothly without each and every one of you. Thank you!

Judy Sloan

Obituaries

Bill Power dies August 26

Bill Power, born August 2, 1906, passed from this life on Thursday, August 26 in the Deport Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wood Funeral Home Chapel of Deport. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

His wife of 70 years, Jessie Power, preceded him in death October, 1998, also his parents, Jim and Dinah Power; brothers, Roy, Frank, Charlie, George, Steve and Earl Power; and a sister, Oma House.

He leaves to mourn his daughter and son-in-law, Ida and Morris Lamkin of Onalaska; two granddaughters and husbands, Brenda and Robert Clark of Crosby and Cheryl and Robert Royall of Highlands; four great-grandsons, Craig Clark of Webster, Kevin Clark and wife Cindy of Fresno, Trey Royall and wife Becki of New Jersey and Justin Royall of Highlands; one great-granddaughter, Carrie Clark of Crosby; one sister, Dearie Adams of Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was born around the Cunningham area and lived most of his life in Byrdtown community and Pattonville. He was a member of the Pattonville Baptist Church.

Jerrell Kelley

dies August 19

Jerrell Kelley, age 72, formerly of Red River County, died August 19, 1999 at his home in Midkiff, Texas.

Services were held Monday, August 23, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Rankin, Texas. Masonic burial rites followed at Rankin Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelley was born February 10, 1927, in Fulbright, Texas, to Russ Kelley and Minnie Brewer Kelley. He married Winnie Belle Dean on August 5, 1950, in Midland, Texas. She died April 18, 1993.

Jerrell joined the Masonic Lodge in 1948, and he was a lifetime member of Lodge 690 of Lockhart, Texas and a 32nd degree Mason member of the Scottish Rite, Austin, Texas.

He is survived by his sons, Rory Kelley of Oklahoma City, OK and Ricky Kelley and wife, Barbara of Odessa; daughter, Rosemarie Whitlock and husband, Edward Whitlock of Oklahoma, City, OK; four grandchildren, Kerry Whitlock, Kelley Whitlock, Wendy Kelley and daughter and Michael Wayne Kelley and wife, Heather and son.

The family requested memorials be directed to West Texas Boys Ranch, San Angelo, Texas or Masonic Children's Home in Waco, Texas.

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Your concerns, prayers, phone calls and visits were deeply appreciated during my recent hospital stay and illness.
 May God bless you!
 Otis Phifer & Family



*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.
 *The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

Labor Day

The VFW and Auxiliary will hold a barbecue brisket lunch on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 1999 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend for good food and fellowship.

September 10

James Case and his Hallmark Country band will provide dance music Sept. 10 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Make plans to come out and enjoy.

*Happy Birthday to B.B. Cawley.
 *Get Well Wishes to Jean Smith, Bill Farris, Audrey Gillis and Jettie Minshew.
 *Sympathy is extended to Betty Baker and the family of Ernest Whitaker.
 *Everyone is enjoying the beautiful old bar given to the post by Paul Taylor.



Roy C. Finch

Finch named Eagle Scout

Roy C. Finch, age 16, has been awarded the rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts of America program.

Finch is the son of James and Phillis Finch of Tyler and the grandson of Clyde and Gertrude Lane of Paris and the late Roy and Ruby Finch of Blossom.

He was presented the award in ceremonies recently at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler.

He has received many scouting awards and held many positions, including Arrow of Light, World Conservation Badge, Cobra Patrol Leader, Scribe for Troop 370, God and Family and God and Church, Donor Awareness Badge and 21 Merit Badges. He began in scouting as a Tiger Cub with Pack 354.



Deport Scouts gear up for another year

The Deport Girl Scouts are gearing up to start another year of fun and learning. The Girl Scout Leaders have decided to teach the girls the value of supporting the community in the same way that the community has supported them.

They will continue the annual tradition of celebrating the founder's birthday by giving a baby basket to the first baby girl born on October 31.

This year, while teaching the girls about good health habits, they will be making personal needs emergency boxes for the Deport Volunteer Fire Department to give to individuals when they lose their belongings. These will include soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items one might need.

The girls will be learning about

first aid and how they can help someone that has been injured. During this study they will be holding a drive to collect new twin or full size sheets to cover accident victims while they are taken to the hospital. These will be donated to the fire department. In an effort to make Girl Scouts more rewarding they will be asking for your help.

Not only do they need you to give, but anyone who has a special talent, interest or hobby, they would love to have you share it with them. The only way they will learn about our exciting world is to share it with them. They appreciate your help and support. For more information, you may contact Amy Norwood at 784-5504.

"Run With the Big Dogs" relay planned October 9

A 10K and 5K run, a 10K relay and a one-mile pet walk has been set for Saturday, October 9 at Camp Maxey, about seven miles north of Paris on Hwy. 271.

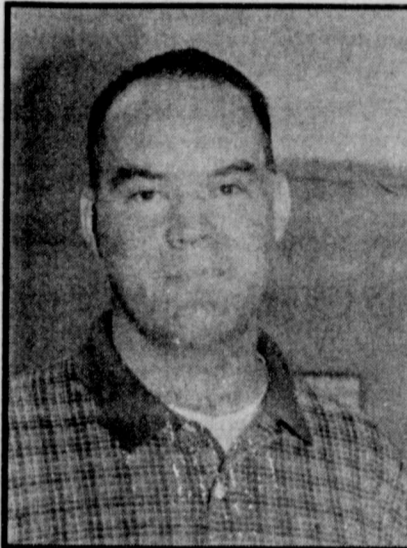
The event, tagged "Run With the Big Dogs II" is being sponsored by Christus St. Joseph's Health System's Aerofit Fitness Center.

Activities will begin at 8 a.m. near Camp Maxey's main gate. Signs will direct visitors and participants.

After the race, a barbecue dinner and drinks will be provided for participants. Also, a free pet dip will be offered by Brenda's Room and Groom, and free T-shirts will be given all participants.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the overall male and female runners in each race. Other prizes will be awarded. Drawings for door prizes for race participants will also be made during the meal.

The event promises to be fun and exciting for all ages, including pets.



SHELDON DAVIS will be teaching Freshman Algebra I on the PHS campus. He is married to Jyme Kay and they have two children Mason and Kale. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a BS in Math and Texas A&M-Commerce. They reside in Powderly.



STEVEN D. ROWAN, M.D., has been named Chairman of the McCuistion Regional Medical Center Board of Governors. He accepted the gavel from long-time McCuistion Board Member and most recent Chairman, Dick Amis. Rowan joined the McCuistion staff in 1983 and is a practicing partner of the Paris Orthopedic Clinic and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Stewart Blood hosts Laborless Day Blood Drive

Stewart Regional Blood Center will host a Laborless Day Blood Drive on Labor Day, Monday, September 6. Each person who donates blood that day will be put in a drawing to receive a free house cleaning from The Clean Team or a 30-minute massage from Therapeutic Massage and Body Work. In addition, each person who donates blood the week of August 30 through September 7 will receive a

special Labor Day T-shirt. Stewart Regional Blood Center is located in Chisum Square at 3715 Lamar Avenue in Paris. Operating hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact the center at 903-785-9399. Potential donors must be at least 17 years old and in good health. Photo ID is required to donate blood.

PCT to present

"A Streetcar Named Desire"

Tickets are currently on sale for Paris Community Theater's first production of its 23rd season, "A Streetcar Named Desire", which opens on September 9 and runs through September 19.

The Pulitzer Prize winning drama by Tennessee Williams will include Deport resident, Tim Wood, who will

portray Mitch. Bill Kennedy, long-time PCT board member, is directing the production. Dr. David Brock has designed the set.

For information, call 784-0259 weekdays after 1 p.m. or FAX reservation inquiries to 784-4195.

McCuistion Gala is filled with "Intrigue"

"Innocence and Intrigue-The 50's" is the theme of the 13th annual McCuistion Regional Medical Center Endowment Fund Gala set for Saturday, October 2. Arvin Starrett is chairing the event.

Guests will dress in theme costume ranging from Bobbie Sox, Poodle Skirts, rolled up blue jeans

and white T-shirts to formal attire. Each year more than 200 volunteers are involved with the preparation of the gala.

According to Raymond Armstrong, development manager for McCuistion, underwriting for the gala has begun. For information, call 737-1161.

Abundant Life Center to celebrate 8 years

The Abundant Life Center in Minter will be celebrating their 8th anniversary this Labor Day weekend, September 4-6.

Along with special services both Sunday morning and night, with Gary Coe speaking in both meetings, they will also be having a joint Homecoming for Minter residents and Open House, to let folks see the new Fellowship Hall that has been completed.

All contractors who had a hand in building the hall have been invited to

come and join the festivities with their families.

A fish fry will be held on Saturday evening with a live gospel group that will play that evening on the grounds. Some life-long residents and former residents are expected to join in the celebration Saturday evening by sharing special memories from their past experiences at the church.

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Welcoming Roger Phu Le, M.D.

Roger Phu Le, M.D., has announced his affiliation with the Tijerina-Dunnington Urology Clinic in the practice of urology. Dr. Le received his B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Houston Baptist University, and his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1994. He then completed his internship and residency in general surgery at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and his residency in urology, also at the New Mexico Center.

A native of Vietnam, Dr. Le came to the United States in 1978 and grew up in the Texas Gulf Coast area. His wife, My-Linh Nguyen, M.D., is a family practice physician.

He is a member of the American Urological Association, the American Medical Association and the Association of Residents and Physicians

Dr. Le enjoys golf, saltwater fishing, and cooking.

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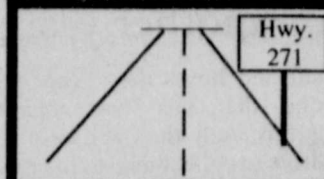
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Prairiland Patriots 14-8 over Hawkins

By Glen Scheulke

The Prairiland Patriots played Hawkins in their last scrimmage game on Thursday, August 26, 1999 and defeated them 14-8 in a live quarter. The Pats caused 5 fumbles on the night. In the live quarter, the Patriots drove 70 yards in 12 plays with Heath Sessums scoring on a quarterback sneak with Joel Hudson making the PAT.

Hudson recovered and drove 30 yards in 6 plays with Soney Musgrove score from 6 yards out with 10 seconds left. Hudson added another PAT. The offensive line of Matt Bratcher, Billy Springer, Tom Bramlett, Kevin Farrow, Josh Dawson and Jesse Crawford dominated the line of scrimmage. The Patriots will open their regular season on Friday, September 3 at Caddo Mills beginning at 7:30.



Pattonville

News

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Frances Anderson, Alice Evans and Pat Nation.

Happy anniversary to Klarissa and Kevin Perry.

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department helped with parking and gates at the Red River Valley Fair again this year.

Leah Boren performed with the Paris School of Gymnastics Saturday night at the Red River Valley Fair.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Power, who died Thursday, August 26 at Deport Nursing Home. He and his late wife, Jessie, lived most of their 70 years together in the Byrdtown and Pattonville communities.

Reggie McDowra, Pam and Nick ate supper and visited Barbara McDowra last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hood and Mary Ann Miday of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hood and children of Shady Grove were supper visitors of Gerald Hood and Barbara on Thursday night.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Janice Winfrey Berry, who died at her home in Rowlett Friday, August 27. She was a former resident of Pattonville and attended school at East Lamar.

Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett visited Keith and Peggy Parsons Sunday afternoon.

Dick Nabors with his wife and son and sister, Mrs. Brown visited Mike Sparks Sunday. Dick and Mike were roommates while attending ETSU.

Lady Patriots take 1st at Chisum and split games with Tyler

By Frankye Sessums

The Lady Patriots once again took the championship at the Chisum Volleyball 16-team Tournament on Saturday by defeating host Chisum in the final game Saturday night 15-10, 15-3. The victory was especially sweet for Prairiland after having fallen to the Lady Mustangs 8-15, 10-15 in the first game of the season.

The Lady Patriots were fearless at the net, pounding the ball into Chisum's court. Also extremely aggressive at the service line and defensively, never allowing any momentum to go Chisum's way.

Freshmen Megan Graham and Emilee Bolton aided the cause with strong serving, having 8 service points and 2 aces and 6 service points and 2 aces respectively.

Melissa Steinkamp and Ashley Athas' defensive prowess and target passing provide the onset of offensive attacks by Felicia Taylor (10 kills), Susan Singleton (6 kills) and Amber Norwood (15 assists). TOGETHER was the reason for the success of the Lady Patriots.

In first round play Prairiland defeated Sulphur Bluff 15-8, 15-5 and then downed Redwater 15-1, 15-12. In Friday's Pool Play, the Lady Patriots were undefeated against Wolfe City 11-1, 11-3; Mt. Vernon 11-0,

11-3; and Cumby 11-1, 11-6. Singleton and Norwood were named to the All-Tournament team while Taylor was named MVP.

On Tuesday, August 24, in Tyler, the Lady Patriots fell to Robert E. Lee 15-8, 9-15, 7-15. The squad was out of sync for the entire match never getting focused for the win. Susan Singleton and Felicia Taylor boeht ended the game with 11 kills each. Amber Norwood gave out 13 assists and Melissa Steinkamp had 10 assists.

Singleton led service points with 9, perfect from the line.

In the second match with Whitehouse, the ladies went away with the win 15-1, 15-4. Singleton was once again perfect from the line going 15 for 15 with three aces. Taylor led kills with 6, while Norwood had 4 and 5 assists.

In JV action, the girls fell to Robert E. Lee 10-15, 8-15. Kami Hudson had 7 kills while Chasiti Weeks dished out 8 assists and Ashley Moffitt had 5 service points.

However, in the second game, the girls defeated Whitehouse 15-13, 15-12. Brittany Bailey had 8 service points and 7 assists. Minda Corso, Jordan Hunold, Weeks and Hudson each had 3 kills.

Overall Stats for Chisum Volleyball Tournament August 26-27

	Assist	Serves	Aces	Blocks	Kills	Okill	Pass
Norwood	83	48/51	3	-	7	1	10
Singleton	5	48/51	2	3	24	-	45
Taylor	1	17/18	2	4	54	4	23
Steinkamp	6	21/21	-	1	5	1	31
Athas	1	17/18	1	1	5	1	12
Graham	2	21/24	3	1	10	2	23
Bolton	2	31/33	2	3	8	2	6
Clarkson	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bailey	2	2/3	-	-	2	-	2
Hunold	1	1/2	-	-	1	-	2

Nazarene Church to host concert

The award winning Daybreak Quartet of Atlanta, Georgia will be appearing at two area churches over the Labor Day weekend. On Friday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m., they will be in concert at the First Church of the Nazarene. The church is located at 110 North Cedar in Blossom and the Pastor Andy Cox may be located at 903-982-5599 for more information.

They will also be in concert at the First Church of Nazarene in Paris on Saturday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Gentry welcomes everyone out at 20th Street Northeast

and he may be contacted at 903-784-1654.

This quartet have made numerous appearances on the Gospel Greats program with Paul Heil. They won first place at the Gold City Homecoming Talent Contest as well as first place winners at the Nelson's Homecoming Talent Contest.

They will also be hosting an auto-graph party at Living Water Christian Bookstore at 2995 Lamar Avenue from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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COTTON INSPECTOR Julia Grossman stands in Kenneth H. Allen's cottonfield. Last year, she asked Kenneth if he could please grow taller cotton for more good pictures and it appears he took her advice. Julia is the two year old daughter of Karen Grossmann of Deport and the late Andy Grossman, who was a cotton buyer.

Hudson, House installed on council

At a special meeting of the Blossom City Council on Tuesday, August 24, 1999, newly-elected mayor Ed Hudson and council member Tom House were installed as members of the council.

Both members, elected in a recent special election, will serve unexpired terms through April 2000. Other members of the council include: Doris Moore-serving through April 2000; Mayor Pro-Tem Ann Eddins; Joe Rodgers and Gary Petty, elected in May to serve through April 2001.

With the installation of the two additional members, the council now has all positions filled and eager to address the challenges of budget adoption for fiscal year 1999/2000 and to provide increased service to local citizens.

The council and the administration has committed to expand communications with tax payers and to encourage their participation in decisions affecting the local quality of life.

New nursing director named at McCuiston

McCuiston Regional Medical Center Executive Director Michael McBride, announced recently the selection of Cathy Dyke, RN, BSN, as the new Director of Nursing. Ms. Dyke comes to Paris from Bakersfield, CA where she had served as the Nursing Executive for Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Prior to that, she worked 15 years at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, in a variety of leadership positions including unit manager for the surgery and Trauma Emergency Department in the Level I Trauma Center and head nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit where she began her career as a staff nurse.



(Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

TREVOR UPCHURCH is the new football coach on the Blossom Jr. High campus. He is a graduate of ERSU majoring in Kinesiology and History. He is married to Jan and they have a 2 year old son.



Dr. Massar completed undergraduate training at the University of North Texas, Denton.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston where she also completed her residency and internship training.

McCuiston Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce the appointment of

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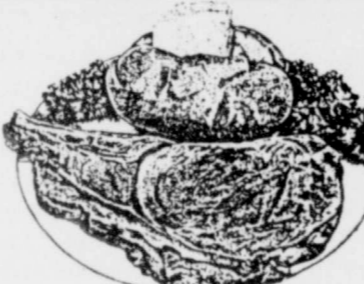
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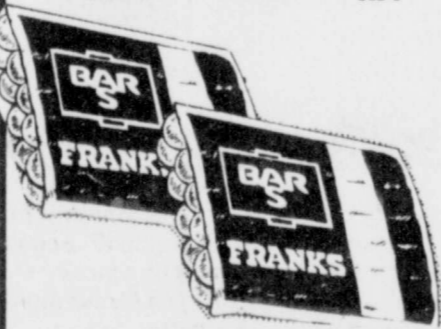
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Patriot Football T-shirts are now on sale from any booster member or at football games. The first season game is this Friday night at Caddo Mills with kickoff at 7:30.

Lenora Parks of Lewisville was here Tuesday and Wednesday to visit with Margaret Parks.

The Blossom Kiwanis placed new playground equipment at the park Saturday. Work is not yet completed on the project, but will be soon. They will also be placing flags over the Labor Day holiday. If you would like one contact a member.

Ryan Ballard of Johntown spent Friday with Mary Jane Lowry. He and wife Marla joined Mary Jane for supper on Saturday night and also enjoyed visiting with Janie and Mike Ballard of Gilmer.

Renea Long of Paris had lunch with her parents Emma and Lloyd Willard on Monday. Visiting with

them on Sunday afternoon was Jo and Milburn Mears of Post Oak.

Jo and Milburn Mears of Post Oak have returned home from visiting their daughter Pam Miers of Lockhart.

Pauline and Jr. Weddle are the great grand parents of a new great granddaughter, Melanie Faith born to Angela and Scott Shannon on Monday morning, August 30. She weighed 5 pounds and 9 ounces. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Sharyl Shannon of Blossom and Pat and Ray Evers of Paris.

Lori Deverell spent Sunday with Letha Ford of Powderly.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland enjoyed the lunch and singing at the Post Oak MBC on Sunday. They also visited by phone with their son and grandson from Shawnee, Oklahoma, Paul and Davy Cleveland.

Juanita Harrison and Minnie Lee Shands visited with Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home.

Minnie Lee and Hurshal Shand visited with Emma Booth of Hugo recently.

Bessie Garrett and Gertrude Hammett visited with Raymond and Edith Crawford of the Depot Nursing Home. It has been reported that Mrs. Crawford is a patient at McCuiston Hospital in ICU. We wish her the best.

Don't forget the Bake and Barbecue Sale on Front Street on Saturday for the Oak Hill Baptist Church to raise money for their building fund.

American Viewpoints

Hain't we got all the fools in town on our side? And ain't that a big enough majority in any town?

Mark Twain

FOOT NOTES

FOOTWEAR FOR DIABETICS

For many people, buying shoes is a matter of fashion. If you like the way they look, never mind if they pinch a little here or rub a bit there. For people with diabetes, that kind of attitude can be deadly, as minor irritations can lead to life threatening infections. Diabetics should shop where sales staffs are knowledgeable about proper fit. Shoes should feel good in the store, no one should fall into the trap of thinking that a tight, slightly uncomfortable shoe will stretch to fit after wearing. Look for shoes with soft and flexible uppers, smooth linings, comfortable arch cushions, snug but not pinching heels, soles that flex at the ball, and a roomy toe box.

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Deport church to observe 125th anniversary

The First Presbyterian Church of Deport will observe its 125th anniversary with a special celebration on Sunday, September 26.

Everyone is invited to join the congregation on this momentous occasion.

Registration, coffee and visiting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Sam Rice delivering the sermon

A catered meal of barbecue beef or chicken will be served at noon at the American Legion Hall in Deport at a cost of \$6.50 per plate, payable at the luncheon.

Following the meal, afternoon sharing and reminiscing will be at the church.

If you wish to make a reservation for lunch, please notify Martha Wood by September 15 at Rt. 1, Box 188, Deport, TX 75435, 903-632-5575.

Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

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Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

John and Velma Temple visited his sister Helen Temple of Paris Wednesday night.

Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents Frank and Edna Lee.

Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville spent the weekend of the 24th with his mother Peggy Whitney.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Luther and Edna Earl Wright of Deport Wednesday.

Mattylu Upchurch returned home this week after visiting her son and daughter-in-law Don and Eva Upchurch and Sam and Emily Bone of Albuquerque, NM and son and wife Jim and Cynthia Upchurch and Benjamin of Durango, Colorado. While in Durango enjoying the cool weather and rain, they went on several sight-seeing tours including the Durango-Silverton Train ride.

Tim Salter of Paris visited his mother Velma and John Temple Tuesday night.

Dorothy and James Holt had dinner Sunday with their daughter and husband Barbara and Jake Mauruschat of Lone Oak.

Ronney and Elleen Pettit visited

Bob and Buena Marshall over the weekend.

Peggy Whitney recently spent a few days with her son and wife Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville and they celebrated Nelda's birthday on the 22nd.

Edna Lee and Ruth Johnson spent the 23rd and 24th in Trinidad attending meeting and workshops.

Buena and Bob Marshall visited their grandson Grady Pettit of Ft. Worth Friday.

Dorothy Holt and Juanvance Carpenter of Deport went to Sulphur Springs Thursday to the Genealogy Library.

Billie Goheen of Arlington spent the weekend with her mother Mattylu Upchurch.

Charlie Harvey of Pattonville visited John Temple Saturday afternoon.

Aubrey and Shannon Allen of Flower Mound, Josh Allen of Cunningham and Danci Smith visited Peggy Whitney over the weekend.

Ann and Sheldon Lee were in Sherman Monday on business and lunch.

Blossom Lady Patriot defeat Avery

The Lady Patriot Jr. High volleyball team from Blossom defeated the Avery Lady Bulldogs 15-0 last Thursday, August 26, 1999.

8th grader, Jodie Bybee served 15 consecutive during the first round game. Other team players were Sara Bolton, Brittany Ballard, Jennifer Martin, Nikki Bybee and Mandy Woodall.

In the second game, 8th graders Brittney Hart, Amber Trammell, Tiffany Bishop, Keyleigh Connot, Codie Kohler, Amber Philpot and Julie Smith won their game.

Trammell was high serve with 7

points. Connot served 3 and Hart and Bishop each served 2 with Philpot going across with one.

7th grade team members won both of their games with Mallory Price and Rose Bishop wach serving 5 each. Courtney Nichols served 2 and Kristal Smith, Jessica Smith and Katy Hall each serving one.

In the second 7th grade game Nickie Lang served 10 across the net. Ashley Flynn and Angela Noblitt had 2 serves each and Jill Self had one. Other team members were Ali Burress, Emily Fendley and Gina Doyal.

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Disaster seminar to be held in Clarksville

The Lennox Health Resource Center and American Legion Auxiliary Unit #45 invites everyone to attend a seminar on Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post Home on Hwy. 82 east in Clarksville on disaster readiness.

The seminar will include organization guest speakers and what to expect from government and local agencies.


Basketweaving will be taught

A short course in basic twining techniques will be used to make garlic baskets at the Maxey House State Historical Park on September 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Round reeds will be used to demonstrate basic weaving techniques to make a garlic basket. Each basket will be shaped differently as the participants experiment with their weaving skills. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a sack lunch, tea and sodas will be furnished.

Reservations are required and a \$15.00 fee will be collected at the beginning of the workshop to cover material costs and instruction. Call the Maxey House at 785-5716 for reservations or information. Registration is limited.

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WHEELS FOR LIFE-These Deport students rode in the St. Jude Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon, raising over \$1,100.00 for the Children's Research Hospital. Pictured are Ashley Dalton, John Mark Francis, Paige Freeman, Leah Boren, Caleb Norwood, Brittany Filkins, Courtney Filkins, Drew Boren, Brandon Wright, Chris Farmer, Rustin Beaty, Megan Hargroves, Landon Syrus, Matthew Golightly, Mallory Owens, Hielly Owens, Joel Searls, Morgan Searls, Hunter Burris and Curtis Wilson. Not pictured are Hunter Hoffman and Ashlee Waggoner. (Staff Photo)

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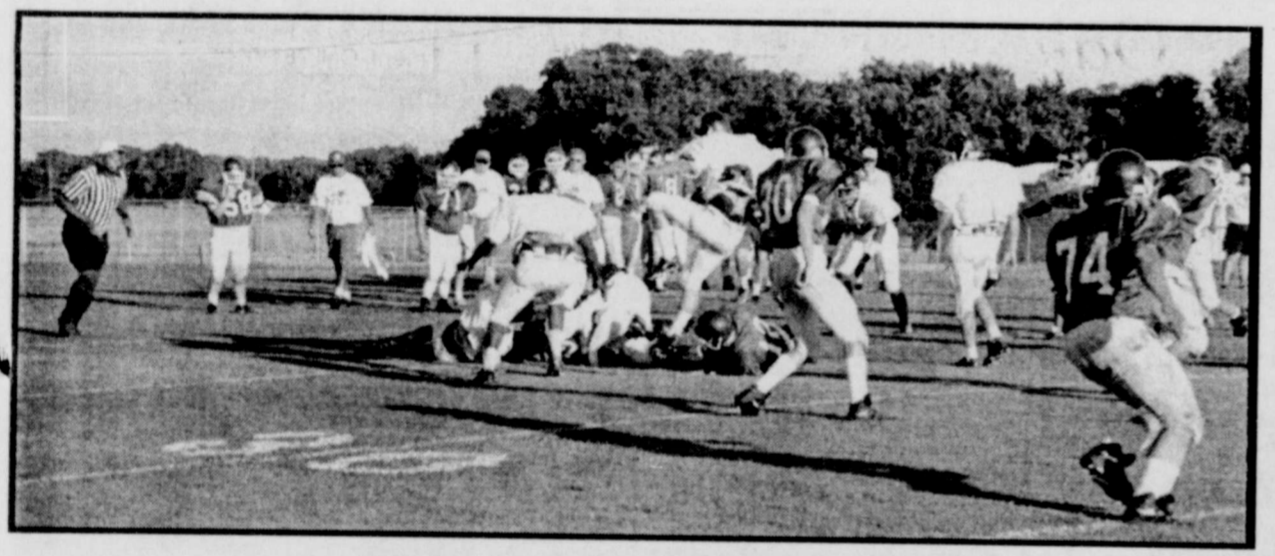
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PATRIOT SCRIMMAGE against Hawkins on Thursday, August 26 and come home the winner 14-8. This was their last scrimmage game before opening season on Friday as they travel to Caddo Mills with kick off at 7:30.

Blossom students selected for Duke's TIP

Several students from the Blossom seventh grade class have qualified to take the ACT or SAT test through the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). According to Blossom Counselor Edna DePriest, students selected were Rose Bishop, Emily Fendley, Billy Naylor, Cesar Tinajero and Lance Connot.

In order to participate, a student in the seventh grade must have scored at the 95 percentile or above on the national norms of a test battery. These students met the criteria through their

high scores on their sixth grade TAAS test. They had to score 98 or above on their Texas Learning Index reading score or 90 or above on their math score.

They will be eligible to take the ACT or the SAT with the college bound students. Along with the benefits gained from this early testing experience, they will also receive a certificate and several guides, magazines and newsletters concerning their future education and suggestions for using one's ability more effectively.

Have A Nice Weekend

Blossom City Council reviews proposed budget for fiscal year 1999-2000

At a special meeting of the Blossom City Council on August 24, 1999, they were presented a proposed budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

Tony Chances, City Administrator, also serving as Deputy Budget Officer, presented the council with proposed budget recommendations filed with the City Clerk (City Secretary) on August 23, 1999.

The City's General Fund Budget was proposed at \$242,180, based upon the assumption of maintaining the existing tax levy of \$.5204 per \$100 valuation. The city's total taxable value is stated at \$16,637,855 based upon the certification of 1999 appraisal roll. The City Administrator recommended no change in water, sewer, trash or tax rates in the proposed budget.


The City's water budget was pro-

posed at \$228,460 and sewer budget at \$130,410 for a grand total revenue/expenditure budget of \$601,050, not counting current year unallocated balances or grant projects and loans for capital improvements.

"It was extremely difficult to address all service needs and requirements of a community beginning to grow with limited revenues and no increase in rates or tax levy", Chance stated in the budget presentation. However, I believe the citizens expect us to provide increased services by efficiency rather than by revenue increases."

The city council has scheduled a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., September 16, 1999, to consider adoption of the new budget and to consider the proposed continuation of the existing tax levy.

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Cunningham News

By *Zarinska Morton*
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Dean, Ada, Ray Martin, Neva Jean, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb and Nelta were visitors of Marie Watson last week.

Last week Janie Hawkes and Dean Ogden of Longview visited Lorette Pynes. They arrived Saturday and left Tuesday. Mrs. Pynes said they had a wonderful time together.

Clyde and Bobby Slusher visited Charles and Jackie Taylor at their home this week.

L'Wanda, Pete and Geneva went to a volleyball game at Chsiom on Saturday to watch Amber Norwood play.

The Miracles sang at Life Tabernacle on Sunday morning. Ray Martin was guest speaker.

Geneva Norwood celebrated her 69th birthday on Sunday.

Neva Jean cooked lunch and had everyone over for Geneva's birthday. Jeff, Cindy, Taylor, Asa, Heath,

Missy and Laytner all had lunch with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy on Sunday.

Jane O'Neal cooked lunch Sunday for Karla, Andrea, Kara, Aaron, Sue, Murray, Janee, Kenzie, Lisa, Dewayne, Weston and O'Neal.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity had lunch with Johnie and Nelta on Sunday. Lynn and Betty Holman from Durant, OK and George and Stacy McVay from Mt. Vernon joined them for supper that night.

Shane and Zarinska Morton went to a Dallas Cowboys game on Sunday at Texas Stadium with seven other people.

Sheila Norwood from Denton spent Thursday through Sunday with Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood.

Dale and Zachary Walker from Blossom and Marlin Foster from Deport ate lunch with Darrell and Ida Mae Norwood on Sunday.

Blossom City Council affirms city administrator position

The recent special election to consider the city manager form of government left several citizens confused about the future operation of City Hall after the city voted down this amendment on the ballot.

To provide clarification of future administration of the City of Blossom, the full city council, including the newly-elected mayor Ed Hudson, gave a vote of confidence to City Administrator Tony Chance and the continuity of the newly-authorized City Administrator position.

At a special meeting on August 14, 1999, the council voted unanimously to confirm the ordinance to establish the city administrator position and the existing resolution stating the powers and duties of the position

filled by Tony Chance. The council indicated that the "City Manager Form of Government", to be authorized by the referendum, is an entirely different form of government than that with a city administrator appointed by the city council to a position authorized by ordinance.

The council stated that the City of Blossom could not be adequately served without an experienced, professional administrator organizing the city resources and personnel and directing them through policies established by the council.

According to council member Joe Rodgers, "The City is now moving ahead in concert with the City Council and we want to continue current successful operations."



THE AWARD WINNING Daybreak Quartet of Atlanta Georgia will appear in concert at the First Church of Nazarene in Blossom on Friday night, September 3, 1999. Everyone is invited to attend.

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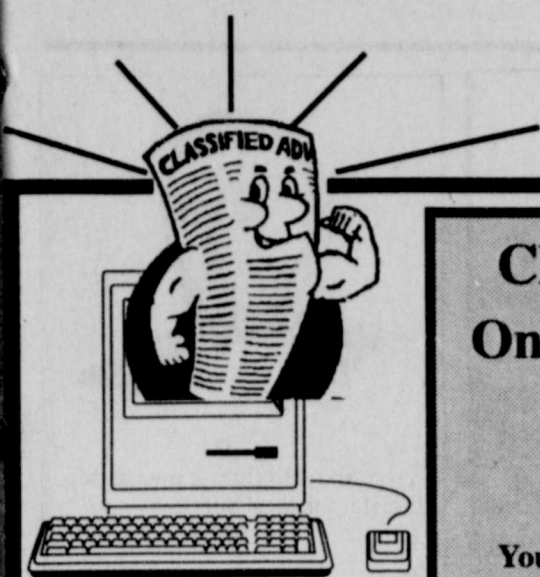
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NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING OF THE PRAIRIAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of September, 1999, the Board of Trustees of Prairiland ISD will hold a CALLED meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building in Pattonville, Texas 75468. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is part of this notice.

1. Invocation
 2. Call to order
 3. Determination of quorum
 4. Approval of minutes
 - Old Business
 - New Business
- Notice of public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate.
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 Z. C. Stout, Superintendent
 9-2

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Purposes of public hearing:

- A. To take comments from the public and to consider 1999 tax levy of \$5.204 per \$100 valuation.
- B. To take comments from the public and to consider adoption of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 1999/2000.
- C. To take comments from the public and to consider necessary amendments to FY 1998-99 budget.

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 Tony Chance, City Administrator
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(If less than 2 years at present address)					Yrs.		
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Spending the day with Luther and Edna Earl Wright Sunday and attending church with them were Bob, Kay and Ashley Wright and Michael Pressley of Paris.

Ryan and Kim Randall and daughter Azden Beth of Euleess spent the weekend in Deport with Ryan's grandmother Reba Temple.

Visiting Ruth Cheatham Thursday was her cousin Dale Miller from Detroit.

Sandra Gifford of Paris spent Sunday with her mother Margaret Parks and attended morning church service with her.

Elois and Mike Sparks of Pattonville have purchased the former Maribelle Igo house in Deport and are now residents here.

Joe and Marianne Ladd were in Nacogdoches Sunday to visit.

Marianne's mother Katharyn Scroggins and to attend church with her.

Alpha Barnard's children Elnora and Jim Bill of Paris, Don and Mary of Deport and Britt and Amanda of Blossom have dropped by several times during the week to check on their mother who has been ill with an abscessed tooth.

Harold and Margaret Benfer of Crockett, Arkansas came Saturday to visit Jim and Cindy Benfer and children.

Ina and Nina Sparks and Freeman Soffard made a business trip to Daingerfield Monday.

LaVeda Young from Tuscaloosa, Alabama was in Deport over the weekend with her parents Virginia and Robert Farris and her son Tyler who is attending school in Deport.

Happy birthday this week to Lee Weddle, Geneva Norwood, Monica Hagood, Tonya McGonagill Taylor, Alpha Barnard, Tammy Sheppard, Marianne Ladd, Suzy Kelsey, Chris Whitley, Meron McEntyre, Michael Lee Blackburn, Ima Griffin, Mame Cutshall, Dennis Horman, Blake Flenniken, Charles Slayden, Karen Francis, Freeman Gunn Safford, Tamara Nixon, Katie Mullins Williams, Terry Williams, Frances Anderson.

Happy anniversaries to Amy and Christopher Holt and Klarissa and Kevin Perry.

Claudia Dudley is back at home and Jerry is living with him.

Evelyn Barnes of Deport, Helen Northam of Paris and Cora Jo Tirado of Caracas, Venezuela visited JoNell Salter on Monday.

W.D. and Joyce Williams send a *Deport Times* subscription to Nelle Poteet for her birthday.

Visitors of Nanalee Nichls during her hospital stay and since her return home have included: Dicky and Jayne King, Dawne Darden, Mary Mantooh and Angel, Chris and Melissa, Marlene Pendleton, Hugh Jeffus, Jeff Jeffus, Phebe Allen, Carlys and Betty Denison, Margie Rice.

Kenneth and Janette Burks, Kathryn Wright and Cindy Burks attended the funeral for Ressie Burks in Arlington on August 21. While there they visited James and Eileen Counts in North Richland Hills.

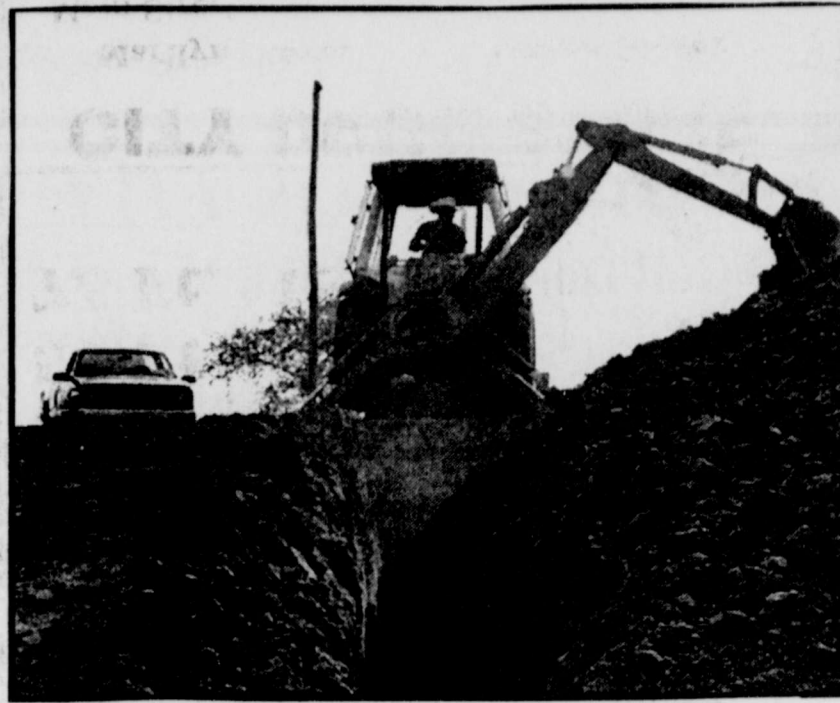
James Counts died on August 23. Kenneth, Janette and Cindy Burks attended the funeral at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Ft. Worth last Wednesday.

Brady Wright attended the Region VIII Education Service Center board meeting last Thursday in Mt. Pleasant.

Blossom FB to host annual fish fry

The First Baptist Church of Blossom will be holding their annual Labor Day Fish Fry on Monday, September 6, 1999, at the Family Life Center behind the church from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

There will be no carry out orders, but everyone is invited to come and bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship. Area shut-ins will be provided for.



NEW DRY FIRE HYDRANT-County employee Tommy Bove worked on digging a trench for the pipe to a dry fire hydrant for the Deport Volunteer fire Department. The hydrant is one of two the Deport Volunteers have in their fire district. County Commissioner Mike Blackburn is helping the Volunteer Fire Departments in his precinct install the hydrants furnished by a grant. The hydrants help provide ample water supply for fighting fires outside the city limits, and in some instances home owners located near the hydrants receive a reduction in insurance premiums. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



CHERI BEDFORD of Blossom has been commissioned by the Primary Care Associates Clinic in Paris to paint their waiting rooms. Subjects to be depicted in the murals include the Paris square, the depot and the Maxey House. (Staff Photo)

Murals to highlight PCA rooms

Cheri Bedford of Blossom has been commissioned to paint murals on the walls of the waiting rooms in the new PCA (Primary Care Associates Clinic) in Paris.

The clinic opened at 3150 Clarksville Street on Monday of this week.

The theme for each waiting room will be different. Cheri has been working on the mural in the pediatric waiting room for the past two weeks and it will feature the Paris city square and businesses located around the fountain.

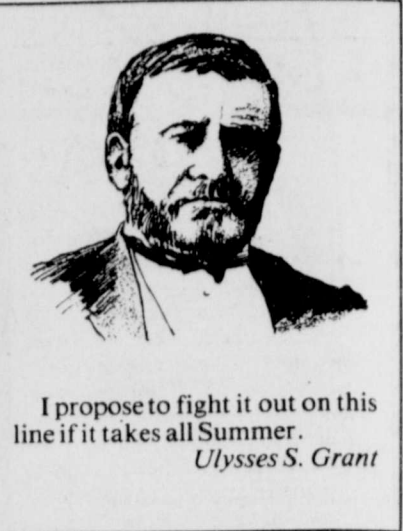
Upon completion of the pediatric room mural, the next picture will depict a western theme, featuring the old railroad depot and the Maxey House.

For the past nine years, Cheri has operated a business part-time, specializing in window painting for various holidays, signs and special occasions.

Cheri lives in Blossom with her husband, Kenneth, and their three sons, Brad, Jacob and Micah. Cheri stated that she has had no formal training in art, except for one art class in the eighth grade. To date, this project is the largest Cheri has undertaken. She has painted windows at Christmas and on special holidays while working at a local restaurant. Now that her sign business and special painting jobs have increased in demand to the point she can no longer do both, Cheri states that although she is excited about just doing the painting jobs, she will miss the many friends and acquaintances she has made over the years working at TaMolly's Restaurant.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Prairiland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 13, 1999 in The Administration Building Pattonville, Tx 75468. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.2100	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.2100	\$ 1,036	\$ 3,885
Less State-Funded	\$.0341	\$ 0.00	\$.0341	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Tax Relief					
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$ 1.1759	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.1759	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$ 1.1800	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.1800	\$ 1,079	\$ 4,431
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.2100	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.2100	\$ 1,106	\$ 4,431

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is 420,495.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,006	\$ 37,331
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,897	\$ 23,089
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.21
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 252.85	\$ 279.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$ 26.53	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.21. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.21.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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