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**It's Easy Done This Way**  
First, may I say that NO, I don't have some special connection to make it rain. If I did, it would have rained a long time ago! I've had about four calls from people saying "Hey, you got your wish". And wasn't it nice, hearing all that weather while we were tucked away in our beds?

But, having said that I will go on to a subject that is irritating me. That subject is "20-20 hindsight".

Am I the only person getting a little weary of hearing the television reporters and programs telling us exactly HOW everything should be done...after the fact?

Okay, I'll grant you that the first Mars shot that fouled up was for a really, really stupid reason. But when the last flight didn't "call home" the media (notice I'm excluding US) started jumping up and down, wanting to scrap the whole process, and postulating exactly what NASA should have done. Should we simply stop all research because we sometimes get the wrong results?

Another example...how about those shows interviewing people involved in some type of tragedy who are raving and ranting about what the police, or fire departments, or doctors should have done to save mom, or dad, or children, or whomever. I'm sorry they suffered a tragedy, I really am.

But, having been around emergencies with people working hard doing the very best

they can, these stories are particularly irritating to me.

It is so easy to sit back at leisure, with no pressure, no time ticking away, no blood pouring or flames blazing or gasoline leaking from a wreck, and calmly spell out the exact steps that someone should have taken.

I'm not talking about senseless stupidity when someone has the wrong kidney removed during surgery. I'm talking about emergencies when people are doing their very best to help and there is no time to make these at-leisure decisions that someone makes after the fact. Yet night after night television is filled with horror stories that imply that if things had just been done "right" these things wouldn't happen. Sadly, losses occur. People die, they die tragically. And they cannot always be saved.

By the way, I've had experiences in my own family that could have resulted in a huge lawsuit. We chose not to do so, knowing that all in question had done the best they could.

I say it is time to quit making it look like all things could turn out right if we just did the exact right thing. It's not true, tragedies will always occur. Failures occur. That is the way the world is. Quit trying to find someone to blame! We must take responsibility for our own actions, something I fear we are being encouraged to forget.

**CORRECTION-**

It was inadvertently listed that the Pattonville Breakfast would benefit Barbara McDowra in last week's paper. It should have read that proceeds would benefit Barbara Dawson.

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## Missouri fugitives arrested after Deport burglaries

Two Missouri fugitives were arrested last Friday morning on the Christus St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center parking lot by the Lamar County Sheriff's Department in connection with two burglaries in Deport.

Arrested were twenty-five year old Eric Hickerson and a female accomplice, twenty-one year old Jessie Mahurin. Both had outstanding charges pending on them in the State of Missouri.

According to reports, Hickerson escaped from the Phelps County jail in Missouri in November.

The couple has been charged with the burglary of a habitation (1st degree felony) in the latter part of

November. The burglary took place on FM 1503 south of Deport at the Luther Wright residence.

Last Thursday morning, Dec. 16, the couple struck again, breaking into the home of the Charles and Peggy Watsons on FM 1501 south west of Deport.

According to reports the Watsons were home at the time and Watson chased the burglars away without anything being taken.

Following a tip, the Lamar County Sheriff's Department tracked down the couple in their vehicle, which fit the description received from the Watsons.

The couple were arrested Friday morning and held in the Lamar County Jail.



LAMAR COUNTY SHERIFF B.J. McCoy and Detectives Joe Tuttle and Robert Trapp investigate the attempted burglary of the Charles Watson residence on FM 1501 near Deport. The burglary was interrupted by Mr. Watson, after hearing the sounds of a break in. The perpetrator and a female accomplice was arrested the next day and are also being charged in connection with the burglary of the Luther Wright home on FM 1503. They are both wanted in Missouri on various charges. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## Flying the VP, First Lady just a day's work for Lt. Col. John E. Ball

By Nanalee Nichols

There are lots of hometown kids who make good in the world, but very few can say that they fly The First Lady or the Vice President around!

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Ball recently became Deputy Commander of the 89th Operations Group at Andrews AFB, Maryland. In this capacity, he assists the commander in overseeing the daily operations of the five-squadron, 800-person group, tasked with transporting the President, Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, members of Congress, foreign heads of state, senior-ranking Department of Defense and Department of State officials. Lt. Col. Ball's other duties include flying the C-32 aircraft, a specially modified Boeing 757. In this capacity, he is part of a select group of pilots responsible for transporting the Vice President, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State,

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff as well as the First Lady.

Recently he and the other 19 members of the crew spent two weeks in Israel while First Lady Hillary Clinton was there.

Lt. Col. Ball, the son of John David and Ruth Ball, formerly of the Minter Community near Deport, was the commander of two Air Force Squadrons before he assumed his new position. A graduate of Prairiland High School in 1974, he received his bachelors degree from Texas A&M University in 1978 and Masters degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1987. He is a command pilot with almost 5,000 hours of flying time in several Air Force aircraft.

He and his wife, Wyn, daughter of Donna Dunn and the late Bobby Dunn, formerly of the Clardy community, have two daughter, Jessie, age 16 and Karla, age 14.



**PILOT OF A BIG BIRD-Lt. Col. John E. Ball, Prairiland High School graduate, is shown here in the cockpit of the plane that transports the United States Vice President, The First Lady, the Secretary of State, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff and other dignitaries. Lt. Col. Ball is the Deputy Commander of the 89th Operations Group at Andrews AFB.**



**AIR FORCE TWO-Former Minter resident, Lt. Col. John E. Ball pilots this beautiful blue and white plane, emblazoned with the words "United States of American". It is sometimes referred to as "Air Force Two" and routinely transports dignitaries such as the Vice President of the United States and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.**

## Sheriff B.J. McCoy seeking re-election

Lamar County Sheriff B.J. McCoy has announced he will seek re-election.

If elected, McCoy will be serving his third term in the office.

He credits much of his success to surrounding himself with an excellent staff.

"I've just got an outstanding staff" McCoy said. "I can't overemphasize the hard work and dedication these people give us."

Having a good staff has also helped the community have confidence in Lamar County Sheriff's Department, he said.

"When people have confidence in your police agency, they are more involved," he said. "You've got to have community support and involvement."

Information from the public has been vital in solving several major crimes since McCoy has taken office.

"I'm not afraid to ask for help from the community," he said.

Another major duty of the Sheriff is the Lamar County Jail and McCoy said that the jail has been run very successfully while he has been in office.

"Since 1993, we've been inspected by the jail standards and they found us in compliance every year," he said.

McCoy also oversees the dispatch at the Sheriff's Department which works in conjunction, along with Paris Police Department dispatch, to dispatch 911 calls in the county.

He said working in law enforcement can sometimes be a very emotional experience, especially in the case of a missing child.

"Your imagination runs away with you just like you were the parent of that child," McCoy said.

"The gratification you have when you find them is overwhelming."

He said the thanks from parents, when the mother of a found child hugged, made all the hard work worthwhile.

"There is no feeling like being in this profession" he said.

Other accomplishments while in office include all the work done by the Lamar County Jail inmates, the cooperative accomplishments achieved with the 19 volunteer fire departments in the county, and increased cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and other county law enforcement agencies.

McCoy plans to seek grants to add staff positions as the Sheriff's Office grows and work to ensure the pay scale at the department is competitive in order to hire and retain officers.

Before becoming Sheriff, McCoy served with the Irving Police Department for 10 years, was a deputy here for six years and was an investigator with Lamar County Attorney's Office from 1988-92.

McCoy lives in Powderly with his wife, Virginia and has four daughters.



Sheriff B.J. McCoy, seeking re-election

## TNMP to work additional personnel during the rollover

Texas-New Mexico Power Company's Y2K contingency planning for December 31, 1999 is to have additional personnel working during the rollover to the year 2000. These employees have participated in two nationwide drills to test their administrative, operating, communications and contingency response readiness.

The contingency plan will continue throughout the hours leading up to and after the midnight rollover, additional TNMP personnel will be available through their 24-hour contact numbers for purposes of emergency communications.

TNMP's Y2K team has been working for more than two years to

ensure all its computer based systems and equipment run smoothly when the year 2000 arrives. The company posts its current readiness information on its web site at [www.tnpe.com](http://www.tnpe.com).

For additional information, contact Gary Petty, TNMP public information coordinator, at 903-632-5762 daytime number during regular business hours or at 903-782-5064 after hours on December 30. TNP offices are closed for the holiday on December 31, so please use the 24-hour number for questions on that day or night. You may also contact Valerie Smith i Ft. Worth at 817-737-1360 during the day or at 817-346-6889 after 5 p.m. on December 30.

Saturday, December 18, Pattonville Community Center and VFD breakfast, 7 until 10 a.m. Gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes, AYCE, \$4.00. A diamond cluster ring will be given away with proceeds going to Barbara Dawson, Pattonville Postmaster, to help with medical expenses.

Monday, December 20 is the Pattonville VFD meeting at 7 p.m.

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cooks this week comes to us from Prairiland High School. They are the winners of the recent Prairiland FHA Christmas Bazaar. This is an annual event that is held each year and the money raised is used to support the FHA program throughout the year. Along with the foods that were prepared, the students also prepared handmade crafts to enter into contest for judging. We hope you enjoy these delicious recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

**Fudge Swirl Pie**-Natalie Wilson placed 1st with this pie.

**Orange Pie**-Ashley Whitley won

1st with this recipe and tied with Natalie for 1st place.

**Jack-o-Lantern Cheese Ball**-might take a little time, but is well worth it in the end and this was submitted by Amy Hicks, placing 1st in the Appetizer division.

**Lemon Cookies**-this recipe uses a lemon cake mix and a few other ingredients and was 1st place in the Cookie division.

**Graham Cracker Cheese Cake**-Jessica Semple turned out this beautiful cheesecake.

**Dirt Pudding**-this is a favorite for all the youngsters from Tiffany Webb.

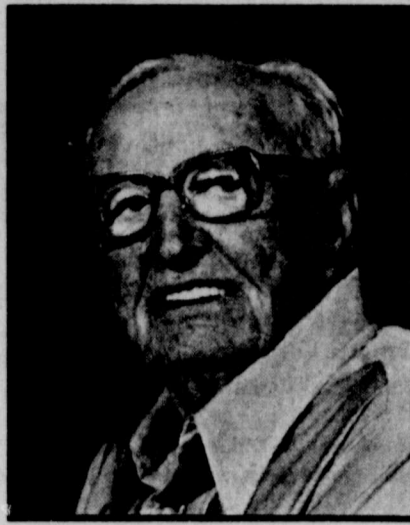
**Chicken Quesedillas**-this was our only male winner although there were other boys who prepared various dishes. It came from Eddy Hiser.

**Classic Lasagna**-an appetizing dish that everyone will love by Elizabeth Ramirez.

**Turtle Squares**-Candace Whitaker prepared these chocolate and caramel delights!

**Fudge Cookies**-everyone knows that anything with fudge in it is good and so does Amanda Barnes!

**Strawberry Pretzel Salad**-Kandace Denison won Best of Show with this recipe!



**Doug Alsbrook dies December 14**

Doug Alsbrook, age 95 of Deport died Tuesday, December 14 in Red River Health Care Center of Bogata. Services were held Thursday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Rev. Freddie Burden officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of arrangements.

He was born in Manchester, Texas on October 26, 1904, the eighth of 11 children of Ben and Cora Covington Alsbrook. On October 30, 1926 he married the former Goldie Elizabeth Roberts in Deport. She preceded him in death October 15, 1990. Mr. Alsbrook was a prominent farmer and rancher, and was active in the community.

He is survived by his two daughters, Patsy Norrell of Deport and Dr. Nancy Castilla of Irving; seven grandchildren, Ruth Ann Alsbrook of Paris, Susan Kennedy of Toronto, Ontario, Bruce Alsbrook of Sulphur Springs, Michael Jones of Allen, Mark Jones of Deport, Gerald Norrell of Paris and Joy Norrell of Paris; one sister, Zuma Hamm of Midland; eight great-grandchildren and his caregiver for 28 years, Maria Ramirez.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Alsbrook was also preceded in death by a son, Bob Alsbrook on April 15, 1995 and brothers Walter, Jess, Barney, Jack, Wayne and Polk Alsbrook.

Card of Thanks

IMBC wants to thank everyone responsible for helping us get the items we need to use for the Christmas program. We appreciate it. God bless you.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the doctors, nurses, technicians, friends and family for all their special care, prayers, flowers, cards, calls and visits.

A special thanks to my wonderful sister-in-law, Doris Strain, for sticking with me like glue in all the early tests and her daughter, Karen Whittaker, a nurse in Arlington for her clear explanations of tests and etc.

**Russell and Inez Gill and daughter, Collette**

Card of Thanks

The family of Lela M. Boulware would like to thank family and friends for all the cards, food, flowers and prayers at the time of loss of our Mother. Special thanks to Bro. Ryherd, who gave up prior engagements to be there for us, and Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home for all the kindness and understanding they showed the family.

**Ann Ebbs & Family**

**Cleo Jackson Hines dies December 8**

Cleo Jackson Hines, age 88 of Clarksville, formerly of Cunningham, died Wednesday, December 8 at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville. Services were held Saturday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in New Haven Cemetery.

Mr. Hines was born in Amity, Arkansas on May 28, 1911, a son of George Washington and Henryetta Waldrum Hines. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters and his wife, Hattie Hines, who died August 27, 1994.

Surviving are sons, George C. Hines of Paris, Roger Hines of Cunningham, Billy Hines of Paris and William Hines of Cove, Arkansas; daughters, Irene Hines of Nashville, Arkansas, Katherine Jones of Weatherford, TX, Evey Hinson of Bogata, Millie Wells of Clarksville, Mattie Baldazo of Mt. Pleasant and Redonia Hume of Bogata; a brother, Freddie Hines of Clarksville; 27 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Billy Green, Michael Hines, Geary Don Hines, James Hines, J.J. Wells, Eddie Black, Shane Crabtree and Bryan Hines.

**Delbert Harper dies December 1**

Delbert Harper, age 71 of Bogata, died Wednesday, December 1 in Red River Health Care Center in Bogata. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 4 in the chapel of Red River Health Care Center. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Bogata Cemetery.

Mr. Harper was born August 31, 1928 in Red River County, the son of Jack and Julia Smith Harper.

He is survived by one sister, Ila Mae Brown of Bogata.

**Mrs. Fannie Lee Eudy dies December 14**

Mrs. Fannie Lee Thomas Jones Eudy, age 93 of Bogata died Sunday morning in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Services were held Tuesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Daniels and the Rev. Darrel Martin officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Eudy was born November 13, 1906 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the daughter of William Zachery and Mary Dee Smith Thomas. She married Alvin Leo Jones, Sr. in 1926, he died in September, 1935. She married Hiram Troy Eudy in 1937, he died January 21, 1971.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren; a son, Alvin Leo Jones and his wife, Johnnie of Clarksville; three stepdaughters, Lillian White of Paris, Louise Dozier and her husband Russell of Bogata and Irene Lawson of Bogata; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Thomas of Denton and Mary Thomas of Rockwall; a special niece, Rose Mary Kennedy of Levelland and many other nieces and nephews and a host of friends. She was the last survivor of 10 children being preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Wylie Zachery Thomas, Jimmy Duke Thomas and George Washington Thomas; and six sisters, Maggie Victoria Crum, Liza Isabell Burrow, Rosie Idimi Cagle, Laucilla Jane Delese, Ellie Barton Livingston and Katie Marie Stevens. She was also preceded in death by three stepchildren, Bobbie Jeanee Eudy, Hiram Allen Eudy and Thomas Reed Eudy.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for all of the phone calls, food, cards and flowers that I received while in the hospital and since I have returned home. I especially appreciate your prayers which have made such a difference in my recovery.

I am truly grateful.  
**Monte W. Smith**

December 16, 1999  
Prairiland FHA Christmas Bazaar winners!

**Fudge Swirl Pie**  
Natalie Wilson

1/2 cup chocolate chips  
2 tablespoons milk  
8 ounces cream cheese-softened  
7 ounces marshmallow creme  
1/2 cup sugar  
8 ounces Cool Whip  
1 chocolate wafer crumb crust  
1 Melt chips with milk over low heat. Cool. Combine cream cheese, marshmallow creme and sugar until well blended. Fold in 2-1/2 cups Cool Whip. Combine chocolate mixture with rest of Cool Whip. Spread 1/2 of marshmallow mixture into crust, spread on chocolate topping mixture and then the rest of the marshmallow and freeze. Serves 8.

**Orange Pie**  
Ashley Whitley

2 cups orange juice  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
5 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 cup water  
3 egg yolks-slightly beaten  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon butter  
3 orange rinds-grated  
3 egg whites-beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup water  
Boil together until sugar is dissolved. Dissolve cornstarch in water and add to above. Add the mixture just before removing from fire. Whip together until stiff. Put filling in flaky baked pie shell which is the same temperature as the filling. Then put egg whites on top and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

**Jack-O-Lantern Cheese Ball**  
Amy Hicks

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
4 ounces cream cheese-softened  
1/4 cup solid packed pumpkin  
1/4 cup pineapple preserves  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 pretzel rod broken in half  
Beat cheeses, pumpkin, preserves and spices in medium bowl until smooth. Cover, refrigerate 2-3 hours or until cheese is firm enough to shape. Shape mixture into round pumpkin, place on serving plate. Using knife, score vertical lines down pumpkin (like a real pumpkin). Place pretzel rod in top for stem. Cut bread triangle for eyes. Decorate pumpkin using olives for mouth, pepper for nose and ears and place parsley around cheese ball for color. Cover loosely; refrigerate until serving time. Serve with crackers.

**Lemon Cookies**  
Candace Yaross

1 large egg  
8 ounces Cool Whip  
1 lemon cake mix  
Mix together. Roll into powdered sugar and bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

**Graham Cracker Cheese Cake**  
Jessica Semple

8 ounces graham crackers  
13 tablespoons sweet butter-melted  
1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons cream cheese  
1-1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons ricotta cheese  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 cups sour cream  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind  
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grind crackers in food processor to fine crumbs. Place in mixing bowl. Pour melted butter over crumbs; stir to combine. Press into 8-inch springform pan; lining base and sides. Place cream cheese, ricotta and sugar in food processor and process until smooth. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Transfer to bowl and fold in the flour, sour cream, lemon juice and lemon rind. Pour into crust lined pan. Bake one hour or until cheesecake is set in the middle. Turn off heat and leave in the oven for another 15 minutes, with door ajar. Remove and set aside to cool completely. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving.

**Dirt Pudding**  
Tiffany Webb

1 package chocolate pudding  
1 container Cool Whip  
1 package Oreo cookies  
Prepare pudding. Mix chocolate pudding and the whipped topping together. Break up cookies and put crumbled cookies on top. Chill if desired.

**Chicken Quesedillas**  
Eddy Hiser

1 whole chicken  
1 package flour tortillas  
1 package shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese  
1 medium onion  
salt and pepper Boil chicken, with onion quartered, salt and pepper for 30-5 minutes until done. Drain and debone. Cut up chicken. Warm a tortilla in skillet on low heat. Cover with chicken and cheese and then place another warmed tortilla on top. Cut into fourths. Repeat until all ingredients are used.

**Classic Lasagna**  
Elizabeth Ramirez

1 pound ground beef  
3 cups spaghetti sauce  
16 ounces uncooked lasagna  
4 cups ricotta cheese  
2 cups shredded mozzarella-divided  
1/4 cup grated parmesan  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
In large skillet, brown meat; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and simmer 10 minutes. Cook pasta according to directions; drain. Lay flat on foil to cool. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, stir in ricotta, 1-1/2 cup Mozzarella, parmesan, eggs, parsley, salt and pepper. Spread about 1/3 cup meat sauce on bottom of

13x9x2 baking dish. Arrange 4 pasta pieces lengthwise over sauce, overlapping edges. Spread 1/3 cheese mixture over pasta; spread about 1/3 meat sauce. Repeat layers twice, beginning and ending with pasta. Top with remaining meat sauce; sprinkle with remaining cheeses if desired. Cover with foil and bake 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Remove foil; bake about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting. Makes 8-12 servings.

**Turtle Squares**  
Candace Whitaker

14 ounces caramels  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup butter  
1 box German chocolate cake mix  
1 cup pecans-finely chopped  
12 ounces chocolate chips  
Combine caramels and 1/4 cup milk in heavy saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until caramels are melted. Set aside. Combine melted butter, dry cake mix, nuts, remaining 1/4 cup milk and mix. Press half of dough into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 325 degrees for six minutes. Take out of oven and sprinkle chocolate chips on top. Spread caramel mixture over chocolate chips. Press remaining cake mixture over caramel. Return to oven and bake 15-18 minutes at 325 degrees. Cool and cut into squares.

**Fudge Cookies**  
Amanda Barnes

2 cups all purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 stick butter or margarine softened  
2 cups chocolate chips  
2 cups quick oats  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
2 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs  
Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and oats. Drip by rounded tablepoons onto greased baking sheets. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 8-11 completely. Makes 5 dozen cookies

**Strawberry Pretzel Salad**  
Kandace Denison

2 cups crushed pretzels-not too fine  
3/4 cup melted oleo  
3 tablespoons sugar  
Mix together and spread in bottom of a 10x13 cake pan. Bake 8-10 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool 8 ounces cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and 9 ounces Cool Whip. Blend cheese and sugar. Fold in cool whip. Spread on cooled crust 6 ounces jello(raspberry) dissolved in 2 cup boiling water. Stir in 2-10 ounces packages frozen strawberries. Place in refrigerator until thickened but not set, then your second layer and refrigerate until set.



COOKS OF THE WEEK are students from Prairiland FHA. They are the winners of the 1999 Prairiland Christmas Bazaar that is held each year and used as a fund raiser. Pictured back row is Amanda Barnes, Candace Whitaker, Emilee Bolton, Jessica Semple and Eddy Hiser. Front row is Elizabeth Ramirez, Tiffany Webb, Ashley Whitley, Candace Yaross, Natalie Wilson and Kandace Denison. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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## Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

The community was saddened by the death of Haskell King, who was a former resident. He was the son of Lillian King of Deport and Billie Ford of Cunningham. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Roger Hines' father died last week. He was a former resident of Cunningham. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Having Sunday lunch with Geneva Norwood were Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Georgeanna and Brad Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Ray Martin.

Frankie and Julie had a Christmas party on Saturday for several of the young couples.

Kerry and Mildred Wright of Mansfield, LA spent Sunday through Wednesday with Juanita and Silas Taylor and Elvis Wright.

Sue and Murray Jackson, Jane and Kenzie Jackson, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon had Sunday lunch with Jane O'Neal.

Geneva's family and Life Tabernacle were at the Sterling House on Wednesday night for the family Christmas party.

A large crowd attended the annual Christmas party for the children of the community on Sunday night at the Baptist Church.

Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson had Sunday lunch with L'Wanda and Pete McKnight.

The Baptist Church held their holiday lunch after the Sunday services. Velma Cox spent Friday in Paris with Dora Hester.

Velma Cox attended the Christmas program on Sunday morning at the Deport Methodist Church.

Makynzi Watson was honored with a seventh birthday at the home of her mother, DeeDee Watson. Attending were Kaitlynd Borden, Burl Dean and Glenda Watson, Susie and Kendra Hicks, Glenna and Laney Jackson, Shelly, Breanna, Brittney Black, Sean Dodson, Suzanne, Sarah and Katie Golden, Amanda Rick, Katie Evans, Ashley and Carlie Thomas and Kimberly Elrod.

Jeff, Cindy, Taylor and Asa Kennedy visited Sunday with Bobby Ray and Shelby and attended church at the Baptist Church.

Alice McPherson and Jean Batterton of McAlester spent the night with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove.

On Monday, Alice McPherson, Jean Batterton of McAlester, Linda and Nelta Musgrove met Betty Holman of Durant in Sherman for a day of shopping.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton and Gennie Brown had Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove.

Ray Martin visited Nelta and Johnny Musgrove on Sunday afternoon.



### New Arrivals

Clint and Sharon Greer welcome their new arrival, Hollie Marie, born December 3, 1999 at McCuistian Hospital in Paris. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Justin and Jane Strawn of Bogata and L.B. and Peggy Bryant of Pattonville. Great grandparents are Chris and Maudine Beaton of Mellwood, Arkansas and Gus Bryant of Rugby. Great Great Grandmother is Mrs. Cleatus Thomas of Detroit.



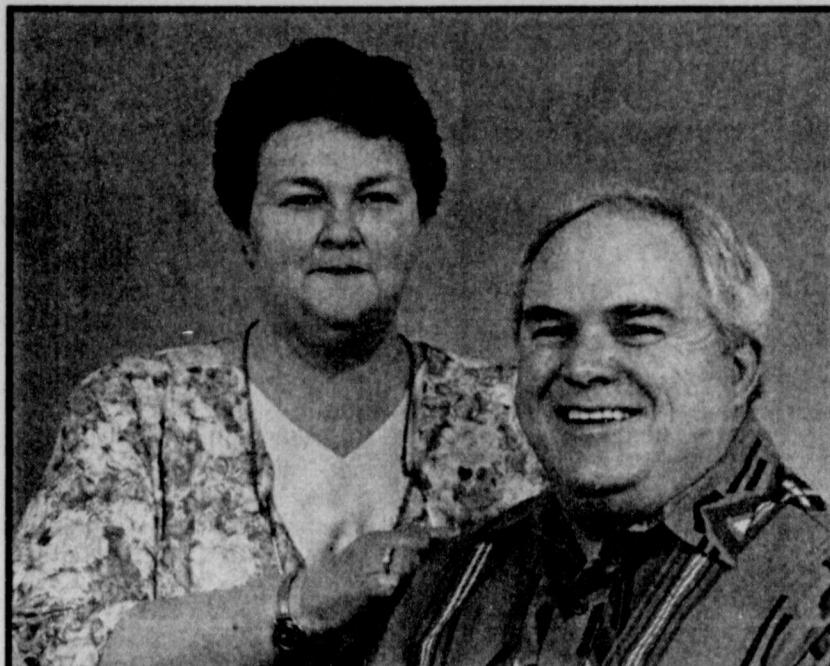
\*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.  
\*Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.  
\*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 playing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

\*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.

\*Bogata VFW Auxiliary members are selling chances on a Ty Big Paw Beanie Bear for \$1.00 per chance. A drawing for the winner will be held on December 20, 1999. All proceeds will go toward Auxiliary charity work.

\*Country Hallmark Band will play for a New Year's Eve dance and party at the VFW Post 8187 in Bogata December 31, 1999 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served at midnight to insure a prosperous new year. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to attend and are wished a safe and happy holiday.

\*Remember the post is open on Sunday for Dallas Cowboy football games. Come out and enjoy them with your friends.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws

### Donald and Judy Screws celebrate 40 years December 8, 1999

Donald Screws and Judy Roach were united in marriage December 8, 1959 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Judy is the daughter of the late Murl and Margie Allen Roach of Bogata. Donald is the son of Mildred Mauldin and the late Thad Screws of Bogata.

The couple had four children: Michael Don, Kevin Mark (deceased), Tana Leigh and Chris Anna;

six grandchildren; Bren, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport, Christopher, Yolanda (deceased) and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

The occasion was celebrated with a family dinner at sirloin Stockade in Paris. Attending were; the honorees and Tana Screws of Bogata, Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws of Deport and Jerry, Chris Anna, Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris.

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By Cletta Mathis

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Visiting Loveta McMurray was Jennifer Glasgow, Sandra Brown, Monica Crawford.

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Visiting Virginia Carrell was Larry Carrell, Fern and Monk.

Visiting Purna Haydock was Dick Haydock of Deer Park, Joyce Love of

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Visiting Raymond Hignight was Anita Roden, Mary, Roy and Purna Haydock.

Visiting Viola Barham was Barbara Allen, Jeffery Allen.

Visiting Roy Wells was Linda Inmon, Mary Miller.

Visiting Ann Austin was Charles Austin, Nina and Gary.

Visiting Homer and Melva Sisson was Betty Sisson, Pete Sisson, Scott and Sue King.

Visiting Lillie Dunham was Lila Screws.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher was Lila Screws.



NEW GENERATOR, Y2K Planners-Christus St. Joseph's Health System has been making plans for the arrival of the new millennium for more than a year, carefully checking computers and computer-driven equipment. And the hospital has also installed a new, larger emergency power generator, shown in the background, during the year. Looking over Christus St. Joseph's Y2K contingency plans, from left are Tom Brunette, director of facilities; Lance Brooks, director of management information systems; Tom Nester, chief operating officer; and Charlotte Wheeler, risk manager. (CSJHS photo by George Kimbrought)

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**Patriots take 3rd at Sulphur Bluff**

The Prairiland Patriots stayed busy last week with a game plus tournament action. The Pats came back home with the 3rd place trophy while the girls brought home the 4th place slot. Matt Cavender and Lucas Roddy were named to the All-Tournament team along with Kami Hudson being named for the girls.

Tuesday night JV action saw the boys fall to Avery 35-37. Charlie Lawrence was high for the night with 11 points. D.J. Loveless followed with 9 and Brad Hunt 7. Stoney Musgrove and Jason Elrod hit for 3 each along with 2 from Aaron Murdock.

The varsity lost to Avery 50-59. Roddy had an outstanding night with 16 points shooting 6-8 at the free throw line. Cavender had 9, Joel Cody Boehler 7, Hudson 6 and Jonathan Martin 5. Brad Barrentine 4 and Kyle Malone one.

In the first round of the Sulphur

Bluff Tournament, the boys took on Saltillo with a big win of 68-28. Roddy and Malone each had a heavy-hitting night with 16 and 15 respectively. Barrentine 10, Boehler 8, Heath Sessums 6 and Martin 5. Hudson 4, Brandon Gray 2 and Cavender 2.

Second round saw the Pats fall to Sulphur Bluff in a heartbreaker 51-59. Cavender was outstanding with 20 points. Hudson 7 and Sessums 6. Barrentine, Boehler and Roddy hit for four each, while Berry and Hudson would go for 3 each.

In the game for the 3rd place, the team took a big win over Comopickton 60-44. Roddy was big hitter for the night with 16 followed by Boehler with 11. Malone hit 7, Cavender 6, Sessums and Berry both tied with 5 each along with Barrentine and Hudson tying with 4 each. Martin had 2.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

I want to congratulate the Prairiland Lady Patriot Volleyball team for another great year and a job well done. I have enjoyed watching you all play these four years. Year after year, you continue to work hard and believe in each other and it always pays off. You have shown great sportsmanship both on and off the court and I am so proud of all of you. To Frankye, thanks for inspiring the girls to not settle for anything less than their best. You are a fantastic coach. Thanks Vickie, for assisting so well and encouraging the girls. Matt, thanks for your hard work and for always cheering the girls on. Billy, thanks for working with the girls so much and for always encouraging them in every way.

Lady Pats, in your last game, you went out fighting hard and never gave up and I think you were still winners.  
Bonnie Taylor  
Paris, Texas

**Christmas from the Heart to be held Christmas Day**

The Christmas From the Heart meal, for the fourth year will be served at the Lonesome Dove Cafe in Deport on Christmas Day beginning at 11:00 p.m.

This meal is free to anyone wishing to share the season with others. For more information contact Gilbert Arriaga at 652-9255.

**FOOT NOTES**



Dr. Austin Reeves

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**LEC members vote for  
Cap Rock combination**

After much anticipation over a proposed merger with Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, members of Lamar Electric Cooperative voted Tuesday to merge with the Midland-based company by an overwhelming majority.

Darrell Coats, Chairman of Lamar's Board of Directors, gave the gathered membership information concerning events leading to the board's decision to bring a resolution for combination with Cap Rock before the membership.

There were 127 votes cast by members at the meeting. Of those votes, 33 members voted in support of the merger and 94 voted against.

These votes were added to a total of 3,227 valid proxies that were submitted to LEC prior to the meeting.

The final count for the merger with Cap Rock was 3,260 for and 94 against, thus giving LEC officials the authority to proceed with the merger.

"I think this was a very positive meeting that had lots of good questions," said Coats. "The members responded with a tremendously positive vote."

The merger between the two companies will commence as soon as attorneys for the two entities complete a long list of required procedures.

The address Coats presented at the meeting gave a detailed explanation of the processes the board has followed through the phases leading up to the vote for the merger.

Citing various reasons centered around the deregulation of the electric power industry as their main concern, Coats informed the audience of the situation LEC faces in the coming years. He told the crowd the LEC board spent numerous months studying the pros and cons of merging with

Cap Rock. "A merger with Cap Rock will help us remain strong and competitive and help ensure our survival over the short and long term," said Coats. "We are concerned about our ability to provide competitively priced wires services following deregulation."

"The bottom line is that we don't have the economics of scale in number of meters, kilowatt sales per mile of line, higher load factors and a diverse customer base that others already enjoy. We learned that we were not very well positioned to compete with the many larger and more sophisticated power-marketing groups that are preparing to enter the Texas market."

Coats also addressed the matter of Cap Rock's becoming a public stock company in the near future. "This gives our membership an opportunity to collect capital credits, an opportunity they have not before experienced," he said. "Shortly after our combination, the Lamar membership will be able to receive those credits either in the form of an electric bill credit, cash or stock in the new Cap Rock community-owned stock company."

A question and answer session was conducted prior to the voting of the membership. Following the collection and tallying of ballots, the announcement was made with the official total of the vote count.

A single door prize, a year's worth of free electricity (not to exceed \$300 per month or \$3,600 for the year) was awarded. Drawing of the lucky winner was from all those who had submitted proxies an all those who were present at the meeting. Winner of the prize was Mildred Taylor of Clarksville.



ASHLEY DOYLE of Prairiland FFA accepts a basket from Thomas Nichols for the needy elderly from the Deport and Blossom Times. The Prairiland FFA has been helping get the baskets filled in time for Christmas for those who may need a little extra help. (Staff Photo by Cindy Allen)

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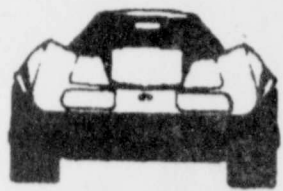
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HERE WE COME a-carolling! the Prairiland Junior High Cheerleaders sang happily after capturing third place in the Deport Christmas Parade's truck division. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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TERRY TURNER and Sabrina Ramsey sold their crafts at the Christmas Bazaar in Blossom last Saturday. The Blossom Fire Department Auxiliary sponsored the event. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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THIRD PLACE in the miscellaneous division went to the Deport American Legion entry at the Deport Christmas Parade last Friday. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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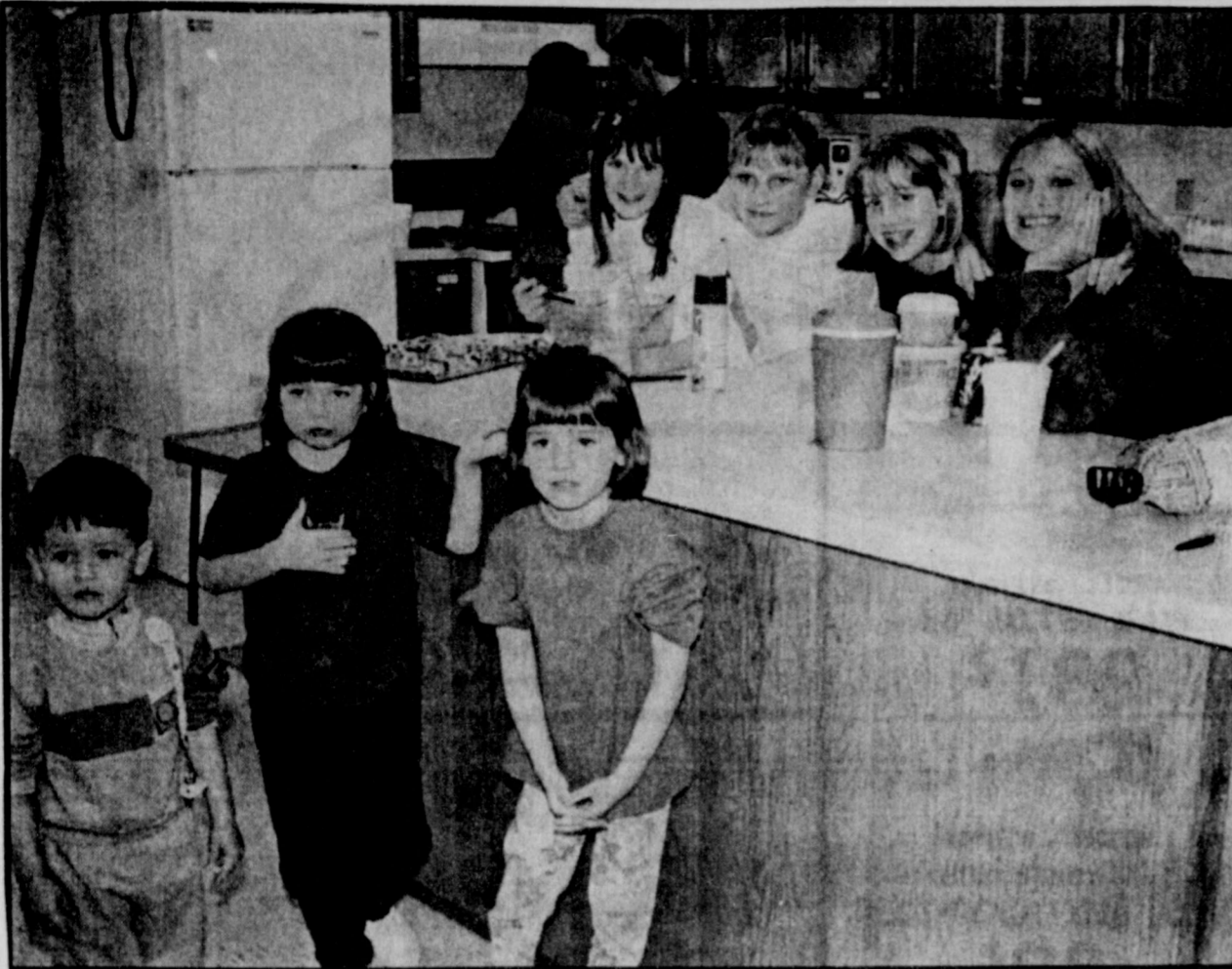
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**COOKIE COOKS**-these youngsters of the Deport First United Methodist of Deport have been busy baking cookies. The cookies will go to the Mississippi Department of Corrections for inmates. (Staff Photo)

**Burglary is Crime of the Week**

Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crimes.

Sometime during the weekend of Friday, September 17, unknown suspects entered a residence in the 1200 block of East Sherman in Paris. Once inside the home, the suspects stole a complete bedroom set including mattress, headboard and cedar chest. This burglary resulted in over \$1,500 in lost property.

If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 20, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-Tips! (785-8477)

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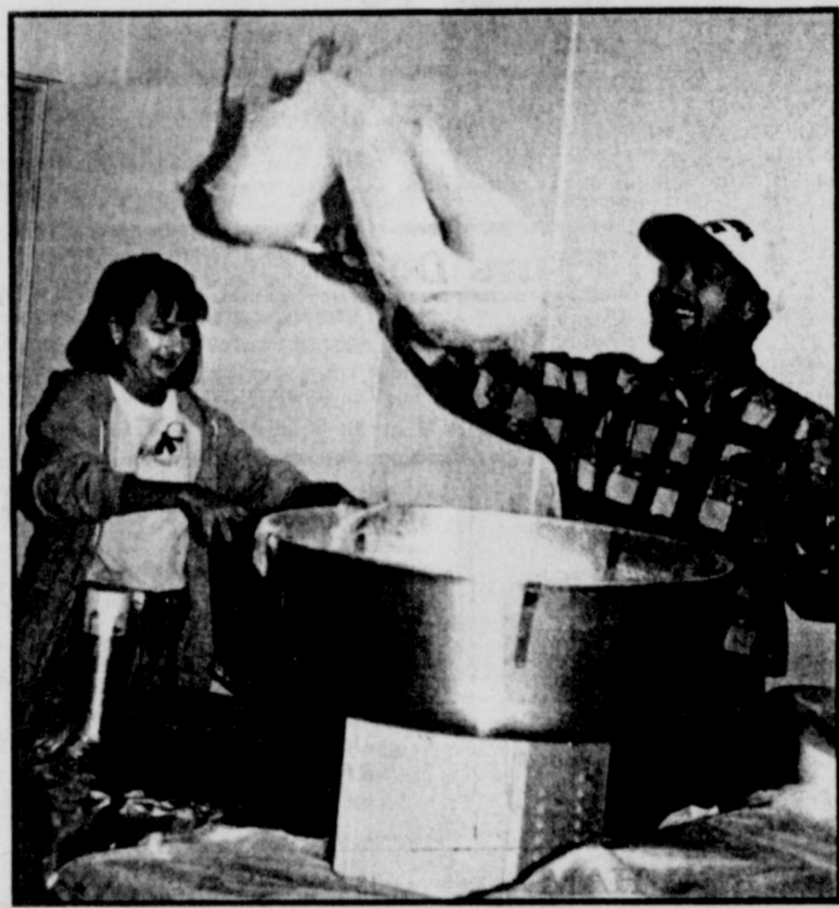
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**COTTON CANDY GALORE!** Joe Barrentine and Betsy Yaross prepared Cotton Candy at the Christmas Bazaar on the Deport campus recently to raise money for Prairiland Project Graduation. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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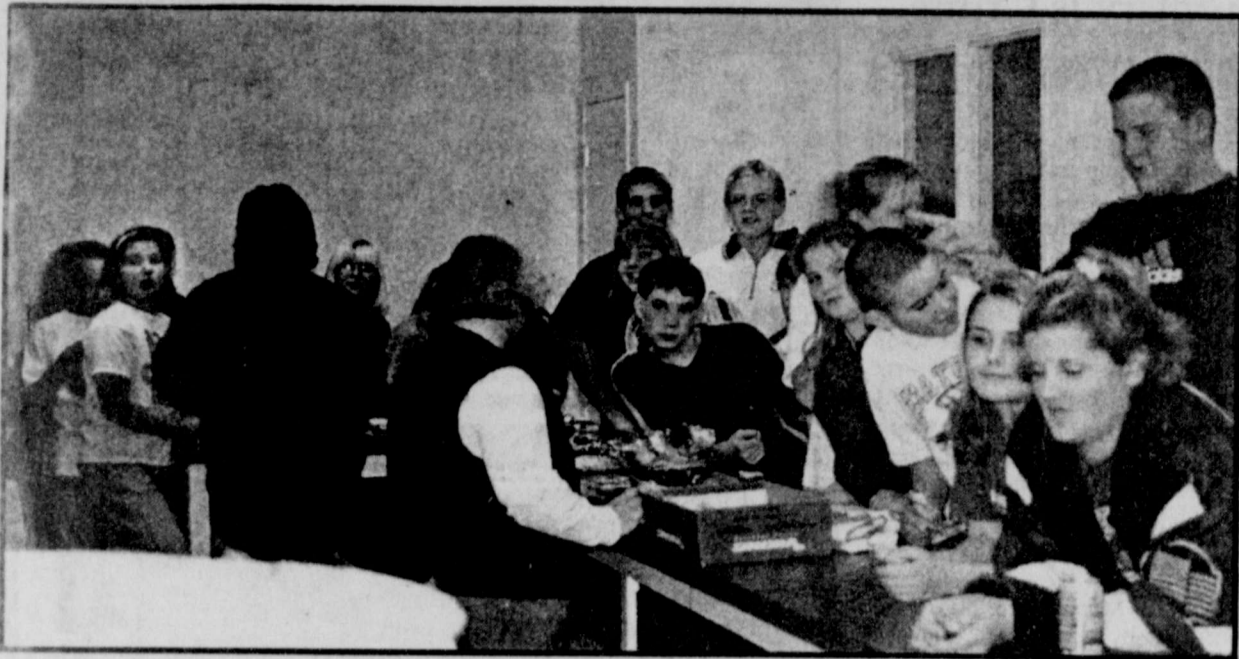
**Office will be open Fridays during Christmas Sale**  
The Deport Times, Main office for Thunder Prairie Publishing, will be open on Friday mornings beginning on Friday, December 3 in order to better serve those customers wishing to renew their subscriptions during the December paper sale.  
Renewals for any of the five papers in the Thunder Prairie group may be done at the main office, at the Bogata News office or by mail.  
Don't miss your chance to save money, give a great gift and renew your subscription to a year of truly local news.  
The Bogata News office, located behind Masterpieces Hair Salon on Main Street in Bogata will also be open until noon on Thursdays and Fridays during the Christmas season sale.

**Wood earns CTA**  
Julian Wood, Leisure Consultant at World Travel Partners, Dallas, recently earned the professional designation of CTA (Certified Travel Associate) from the Institute of Certified Travel Agents in Wellesley, Massachusetts. The CTA designation is the first level of professional recognition in ICTA's two-level certification process. It exists for travel professionals who have made a personal commitment to enhance their level of professional practice.  
To earn the CTA designation, Julian completed a challenging educational program featuring courses in sales and service, geography, communications and technology and travel industry issues. In addition, she has acquired at least 18 months of travel industry experience before earning the right to use the CTA designation.

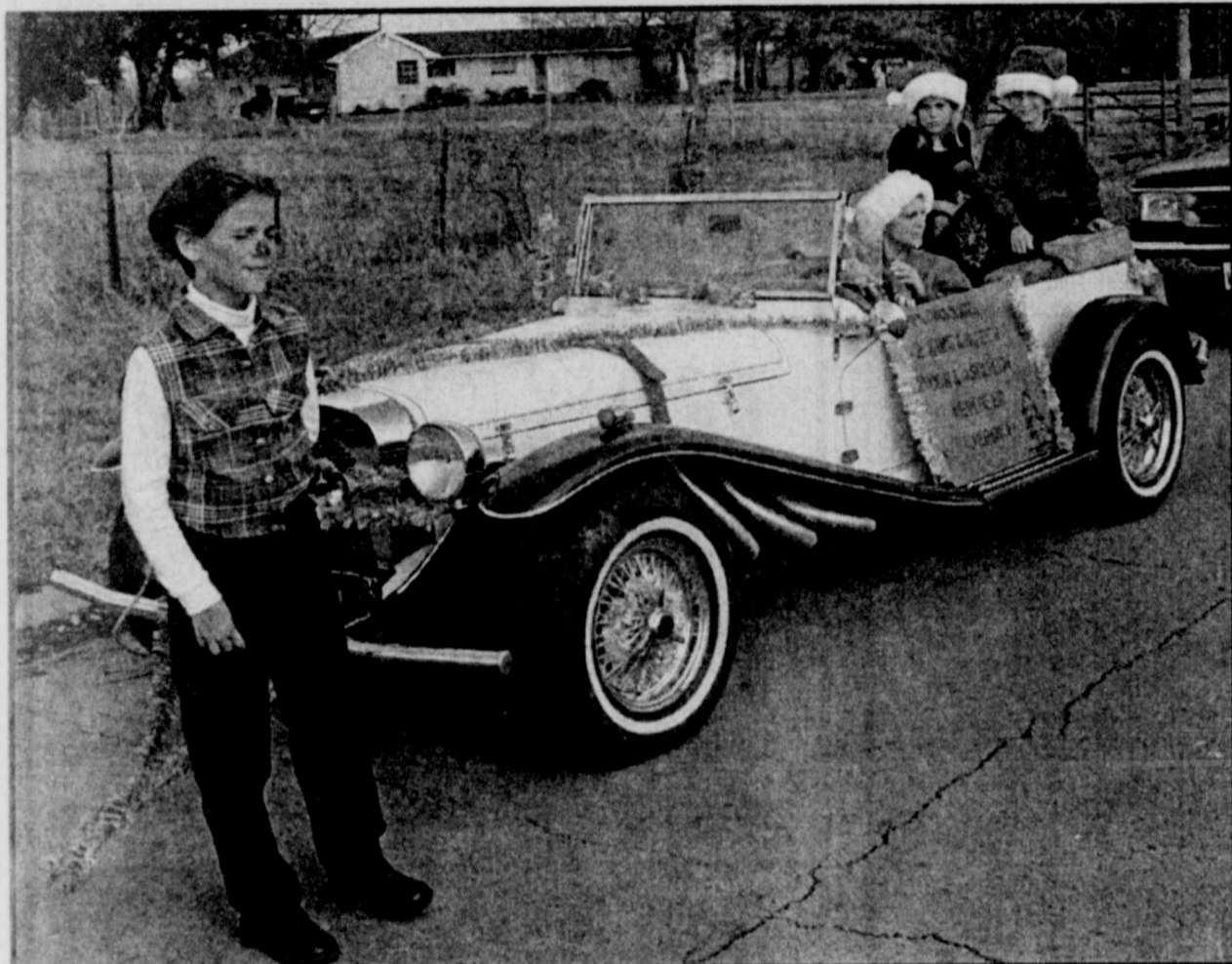
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DEPORT STUDENTS bought until their hearts content at the recent Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Prairiland Project Graduation. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



THIRD PLACE in the Deport Christmas parade car division went to Mrs. Allen's fourth grade class with this low slung antique car. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**Pattonville News**

By Peggy Parsons  
Call Your News to 652-5022

Happy birthday to Debbie Ingram, John Nash, Nettie Lois Powers, Hattie Hobbs, Connie Hobbs, Helen Temple, Matthew Thompson, Jeff Floyd and Stefany Cope.

Peggy Parsons visited Jan and Harld Tomblin in McCuiston Regional Medical Center Wednesday. He had been a patient for 10 days with a blood clot in his lung.

Mickey Keener of Longview, James Bell and Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh were visitors of Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins.

Sunday, Ruby Dee Blevins, Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh visited Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Newsome and Alice Bumgarner in Paris.

Keith and Peggy Parsons spent the weekend with Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty in Rowlett.

Randy and Kristi Boren attended a fish fry and Christmas party hosted by Alleh Dale Huddleston Saturday night.

Peggy Parsons visited briefly with JoNell Salter and her sisters, Wanda Allen of Mansfield and Margaret of Maude in Paris on Thursday and Friday as they were Christmas shopping.

Don Denison and Peggy Parsons were Wednesday visitors of Ruth Denison in Paris.

Former resident Glenn David Keener of Nashville, TN has come out of retirement to produce and record two CD's of his favorite guitar numbers. Featured in Volume 1 is a song written by his father.

Buster and Louise Crossland, Ruby Ray of Blossom and Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris visited and had lunch with Bonnie Clark in Bonham Saturday. Buster and John went to the flea market after lunch.

Buster Crossland visited Ruby Ray in Blossom Monday and took her some turnips and greens from his garden.

Remember to attend the breakfast at the community center this Saturday morning, 7 to 10 a.m. The diamond cluster ring will be given away with the proceeds going to help the medical expenses of our Postmaster Barbara Dawson.

Please call your news into me each week. Seasons greetings and best wishes for a happy new year.



CHASTITI WEEKS and Rachel Birch had a booth for M&M Food Mart at the First Annual Christmas Bazaar at Blossom last Saturday. The booth was packed with candles, purses and they also took donations for Barbara Dawson. Making a donation entitled the donor to a chance to win a beautiful diamond ring donated by M&M Food Mart. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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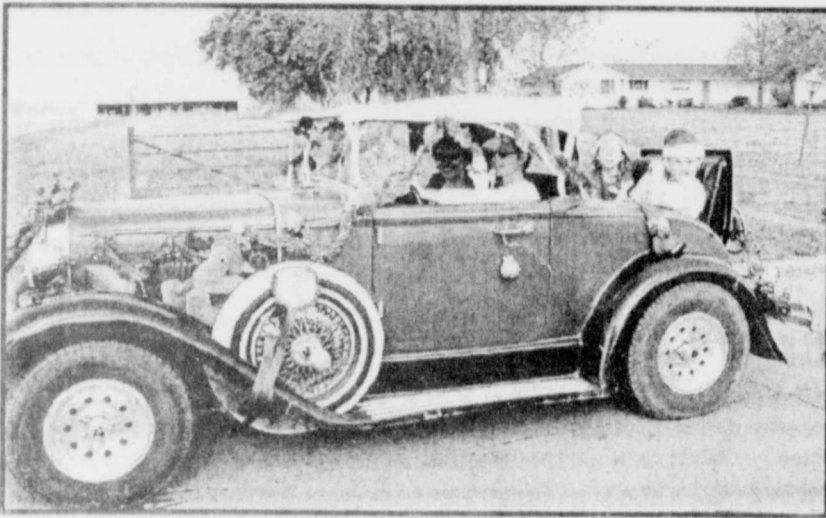
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SECOND PLACE in the car division of the Deport Christmas Parade went to this antique car decorated with lots of toys and tinsel. The Deport Fifth Grade had the entry. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Happy birthday to Paul Nixon, Jared Miller, Willie LaRue, Don Odea, Gail Rhoades, George Wolf, Mandy George, Melissa Phillips, Chris Chipman, Lawrence Woods, Wayne Williams, Jane Griffis, Joey Francis, Tres Andrews, Nettie Powers, Delisa Speed, Ruth Denison, Trista Nailling, Alvis Dennis, Andrea Elmore, Jordon O'Neal, Thelma Shelby, Terry Frazier, Brad Hunt.

Happy anniversary to Corene and John Roach, Maxine and Charles Foster, Charla and John Guyon.

Ruth Cheatham, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed and Peggy Parsons celebrated Ruth's birthday with lunch at TaMolly's Wednesday. Thursday they enjoyed the annual Christmas meal provided at McCuiston Regional Medical Center for all employees and volunteers.

Saturday night supper guests of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols were Ed and Dot Dodson.

Mic Fuller called from London, England Saturday to visit with Thomas and Nalee Nichols and to wish everyone she met on her visits here a Merry Christmas.

**Family of Opal and Myrtle Foster Meet**

The Family of the late Opal and Myrtle Foster met at the Deport American Legion for Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 12.

Attending were: Darold and Ida Mae Norwood of Cunningham, Del Walker, James, Virginia, Daniel, Joseph Foster of Paris, Cristie Potter, of Paris, Anne Sisk of Daingerfield, Morris, Ginger, Jill and Alison Foster of Bogata, Audra (Sissy) Meredith and Krystal Valenzuela, guests of Jill and Alison Foster; Marlin Foster and Charles and Maxine Foster of Deport; Ann Foster and Kenda of Paris and Frisco; Wilt and Carolyn Brown of Mangum, Oklahoma.

Geraldine Patterson, daughter Phyllis, Robyn, Lisa, son-in-laws; Jim, Stacy, Great-granddaughter Kinsey, Daughter Darlyne, Richard-son in law, children Melissa Boyd, Derek and Greg, all from the Dallas area.



**NEW OFFICERS-** The Deport Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for the coming year Monday night. From left, back row are: Ronald Nichols-Training Officer; Donny Darden, Fire Chief; Thomas Nichols, Fire Marshal; Johnny Dawson, President. Front row: Kevin Perry, Assistant Training Officer, Marilyn Glover, Assistant Fire Marshal and Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Francies, Vice President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Chaplain, Doug Phillips. (Staff Photo)

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**THE DEPORT GIRL SCOUTS** won second place with their angel, elf and cookie decorated entry in the Deport Christmas Parade. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

**Milton News**

By Mattylu Upchurch

Peggy Whitney attended the wedding of her grandson, Kayle Allen in Van last Saturday.

Grace and Richard Wolf of Talco visited George and Nell Wolf recently.

Billie Goheen of Arlington spent Friday night with her mother, Mattylu Upchurch.

Kay Woodard of Paris visited her parents Saturday afternoon.

James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Tuesday afternoon.

Emogene Lee and daughters of Ft. Worth visited Frank and Edna Lee on Friday.

Allen, Stacy and Ally Huddleston and Randy and Charity Huddleston of Bogata had dinner with Martha and Jerry Cross on Saturday.

Bob and Buena Marshall spent Thursday through Saturday with her

son, John Pettit of DeSoto.

Ruth Johnson and Ollie Ruth Lee of Paris spent Sunday with their parents, Frank and Edna Lee.

Stacy and Allen Huddleston attended their Sunday School party at the First Baptist Church in Deport Saturday evening.

Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents, Dorothy and James Holt Sunday.

Mattylu Upchurch returned home Monday after spending the weekend with her daughter and family. Leah and Russell Schroeder and Jeff of Grapevine.



**FUTURE HOME MAKERS** of American from Prairiland placed second in the pickup division of the Deport Christmas Parade last Friday. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas presents sometime a year in advance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and sometimes it catches us unprepared. To save your family the financial stress of paying for your final expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guarantees that your expenses are taken care of; that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death; and that your funeral service can be handled according to your wishes. The James Wood Family will be happy to answer any questions that you might have so start preparing today.

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**NITA SULLIVAN** and Cody captured second place in the miscellaneous division of the Deport Christmas Parade. Nita rode a unicycle while Cody stuck with a two wheeler. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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