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NICHOLS' WORTH

By: Nanalee Nichols

There's an old song about "These are a few of my favorite things". Here are a few favorite Christmas sights, sounds and smells.

The smell of pecan pies baking in a steamy kitchen.

The sight of a frost so heavy it looks like a huge snowfall, with our glorious winter sun striking jewels of fire from it.

Christmas lights...all kinds, large, small, indoor, outdoor, clear or multi-colored. Especially are they lovely when a window is clouded over, and they have halos.

Christmas Carols, on the radio, the stereo, or, at their best, sung in church...or from a roving band of carolers.

A plate full of moist turkey and dressing, accompanied by the clatter of family gathered round the table.

Kids...any age, any size, wound up tight as a clock for Santa's visit.

Stores crowded with shoppers carefully selecting the best for their friends and family.

The lace-work of bare limbec trees, accenting the distant horizon as the sun sets or rises.

The popping and crackling of a wood fire in stove or fireplace, especially when it can be listened to and watched from a comfortable spot just next to it.

A cat curled up in that circle of warmth by the fire, sleepy and totally relaxed.

Christmas trees, decorated with ornaments special to every individual family.

But most of all, the best thing of all...to stand outside in the cold on Christmas Eve...billions of stars above, in the dark, and nothing, no sound at all, below.

Merry Christmas to all, to all a good night.

I wrote the beginning of this column early this week. Would like to add that people who share their Christmas baking treasures are also among favorite things!

Went to take a picture, and was greeted with a plate of still-warm cookies!

Also...at the Fireman's Christmas Party last Monday, a roll of film was lost. Apologies to those children whose pictures were not in the paper...we've searched EVERYWHERE for the film, with no success....

PEOPLE AND THINGS

There will be a SINGING at the HOUSE OF PRAYER, Deport at 8:30 on Tuesday, December 31...Linda Hines will be featured....

There will be a New Year's Eve singing at LIFE TABERNACLE Church in Cunningham from 8 p.m. until ? Refreshments will be served at intermission and EVERYONE is welcome.....

AREA CHURCHES held their annual birthday and Christmas party on Thursday, December 19 for the residents of the Deport Nursing Home. Each resident was given fruit and candy and punch and home made cake was served to 50 residents and 12 guests. (Staff Photo)

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DEADLINE

For News and Advertising, Tuesday At Noon.

Prairiland Boys Open District

By James VanDeaver

The Prairiland Patriots opened up their district season with a bang Tuesday night as they defeated the Mt. Vernon Tigers 53-47 on the road.

Halfway through the first quarter, it appeared that the Patriots would be in for an easy victory. With Joel Ballard scoring six early points, the Patriots quickly jumped out into a lead of 10-2. However, Mt. Vernon chose not to give up and clawed back to only trail at the end of the first quarter 15-12.

The second quarter was much like the last for the first quarter. Neither team could break away from the

other, and both teams used stubborn full court presses. Four different Patriots combined for 10 points in the quarter and Prairiland led at the half 25-20.

The Patriots also got balanced scoring in the third quarter as six Patriots combined for 14 points. Ballard was the lone Patriot to make as many as four points in the quarter. Heath Kennedy made a pair of freeshots near the end of the third quarter and

Prairiland led 39-31. However, Mt. Vernon got a basket at the buzzer and only trailed 39-33 at the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter was a long one with Mt. Vernon continually fouling Prairiland to try to catch up. Fortunately, the Patriots are always sharp from the charity stripe and let Mt. Vernon dig their own grave. Because Mt. Vernon had a sparkling

offense near the end of the game, the Patriots only won by six at 53-47.

The leading scorer for the Patriots

was Joel Ballard with 14 points and Craig Burns followed with eleven.



CRAIG BURNS lofts the ball over the head of a Mt. Vernon Tiger when the Prairiland Patriots opened their district play with a victory

over Mt. Vernon on the Tiger's home territory. (Staff Photo by James VanDeaver)

Notice

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday coming on Wednesday, the papers have had to publish early this week, and will do so next week, also.

News items and advertising for next week must be in to the office by Thursday or Friday, December 26 and 27.

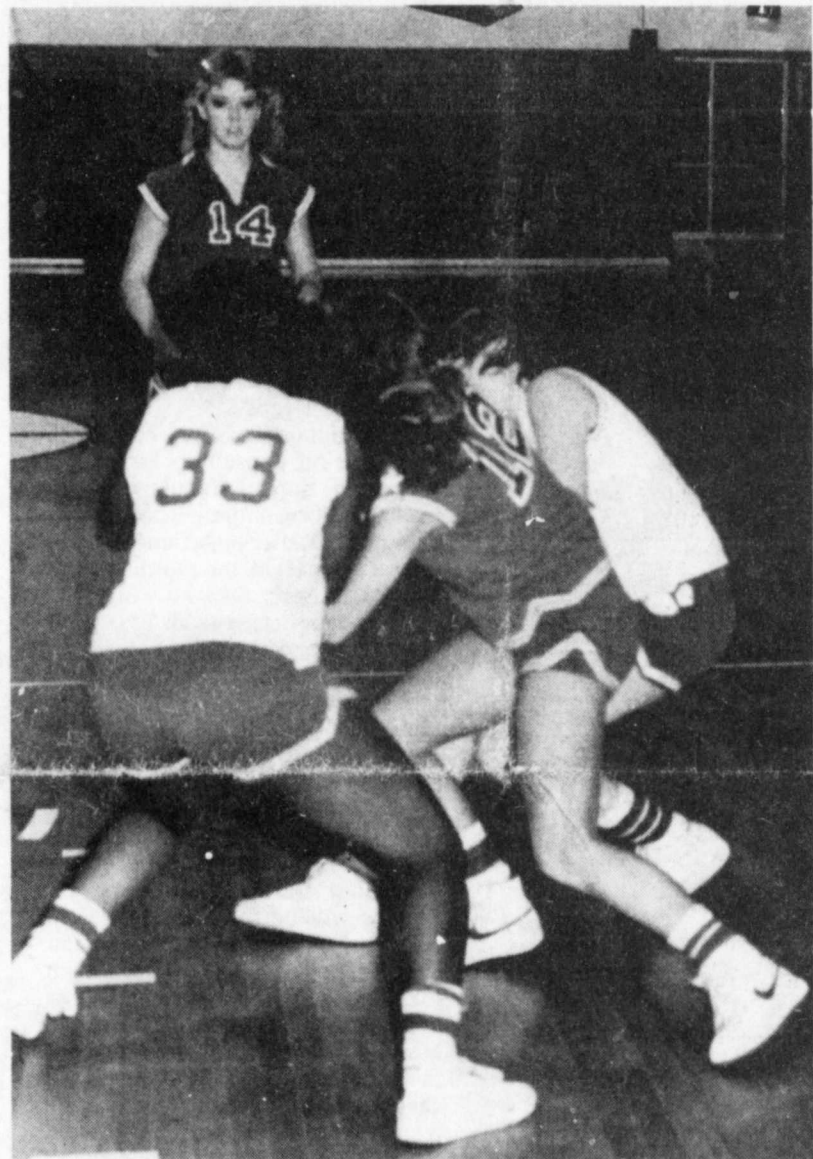
Any news that does not arrive in time will be published in the next edition.

Locals Named To Who's Who

Thirty-eight Paris Junior College students have been selected for inclusion in the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges," according to Troy Williamson, chairman of the scholarship and awards committee at PJC.

Selection for the annual directory was based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra curricular activities and potential for continued success. Students were selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Local residents chosen include Christopher Todd Davis of Pattonville, Paul Douglas Janeway of Blossom and Dusty Denise Damron of Bogata.



TIED UP-Karen Burdine struggles with two Mt. Vernon Lady Tigers while Kristi Bankhead is ready to receive the ball if it comes

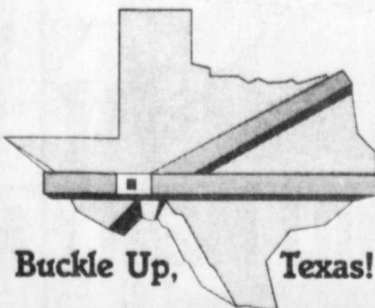
her way. The Lady Patriots defeated the Tigers on Mt. Vernon's home ground. (Staff Photo by James VanDeaver)

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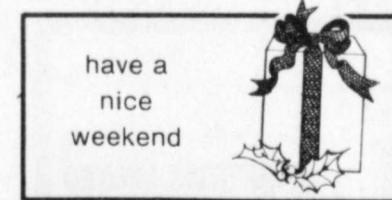
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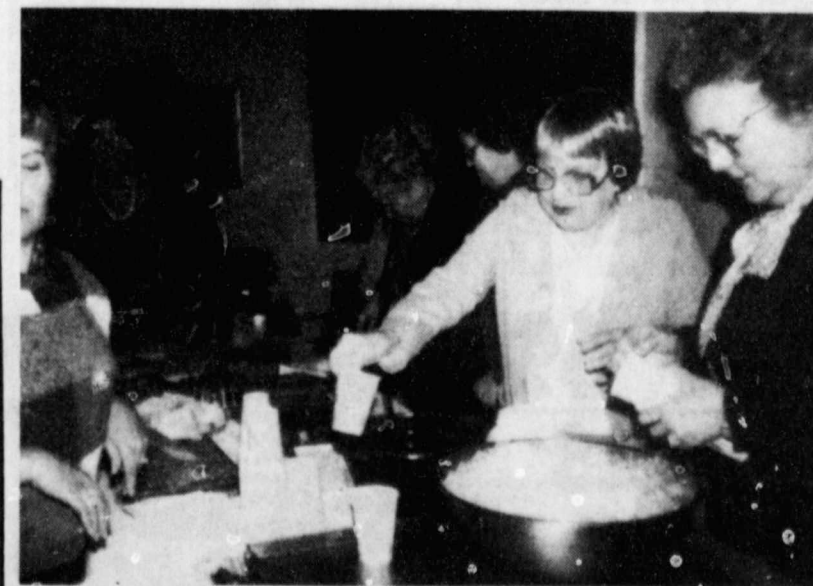


have a nice weekend



SALVATION ARMY from Paris visited the Deport Nursing Home on Tuesday evening and

distributed gifts to each resident. They also sang carols. (Staff Photo)



CAROLERS-The Deport Daisies and two Deport Brownie Troops banded together to sing Christmas

Girls Take Second District Win

By James VanDeaver

The Prairiland Lady Patriots upped their district record to 2-1 in Mt. Vernon Tuesday night as they defeated the Lady Tigers 51-37.

The first quarter was a slow one for the Patriots as they were cold from the field and especially the charity stripe. Mt. Vernon led early in the game but Deana Watson canned a freeshot in the last minute to give Prairiland a lead of 9-8. The lead was short lived however, because of a Lady Tiger basket at the buzzer and Mt. Vernon led at the end of the first quarter 9-8.

In the second quarter the Lady Patriots found their shooting eye. Jana Pomroy sank three longshots in the quarter and Deana Watson kept up her sensational game on both ends of the court. By playing inspired

basketball, the Lady Patriots led at the half 25-16.

In the second half the Lady Patriots were never even mildly challenged although they did not blow Mt. Vernon off the court. The Patriots got scoring from everyone as evidenced by the fact that their ten fourth quarter points were scored by six different players as they went on to win 51-37.

Deana Watson was the leading scorer for the Patriots with 18 points and Jana Pomroy followed with eight. Coach Rick Johnson said that Mt. Vernon was aided by their home court advantage and that the Patriots played a good last three quarters. Johnson also stated, "Deana Watson had one of her better games, getting eight rebounds and 10 steals."



Carolers at the Housing Authorities Tuesday night. They also handed

out bags of "goodies" to the people there. (Staff Photo)

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PJC Schedules January Service Programs

Several community services programs will begin in January at Paris Junior College, according to June Jones, director of community services.

Courses scheduled include driver's education, defensive driving, presiding at meetings, stress management, computer, rifle stock customizing, quilting, art appreciation, income tax, investment, test taking and cabinet making. In addition, a physical fitness program and training for the Widowed Persons Service are planned during the month.

Reservations for the courses or programs should be made by calling the PJC Community Services Office, 784-9445 or 784-9447. Payment of the fee is required in advance when a fee is charged. Checks may be mailed or taken to the office in the Alford Center.

Driver Education: Classes in driver's education will begin Monday, January 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Rheudasil Learning Center. James E. Jones will be instructor for the course

which includes required classroom hours, observation and driving hours needed to obtain a Texas driver's license. It is open to those 15 or older and the fee is \$145.

Presiding Officers: A seminar for presiding officers of organizations is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Alford Center. Ray Karrer will teach the seminar entitled "Making and Managing Motions in Your Organization's Business Meeting." No fee will be charged.

Rifle Stock: Bill Arnold will teach a 40-hour course in rifle stock customizing from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Alford Center. The course will be held for 10 weeks, and the fee will be \$110 plus the stock blanks.

Physical Fitness: Jim Davis will present an introductory physical fitness program at 3 p.m. Monday, January 13 for persons interested in using PJC's gamefield for exercise benefits. The class will begin in the Alford Center and no fee will be charged.

Advanced Lotus: A class in advanced Lotus 1-2-3 will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, January 17 in the Applied Sciences Center. The six hour course, taught by Betty Swasko and Barry Russell, is for persons who have previous experience with the program. Fee is \$75.

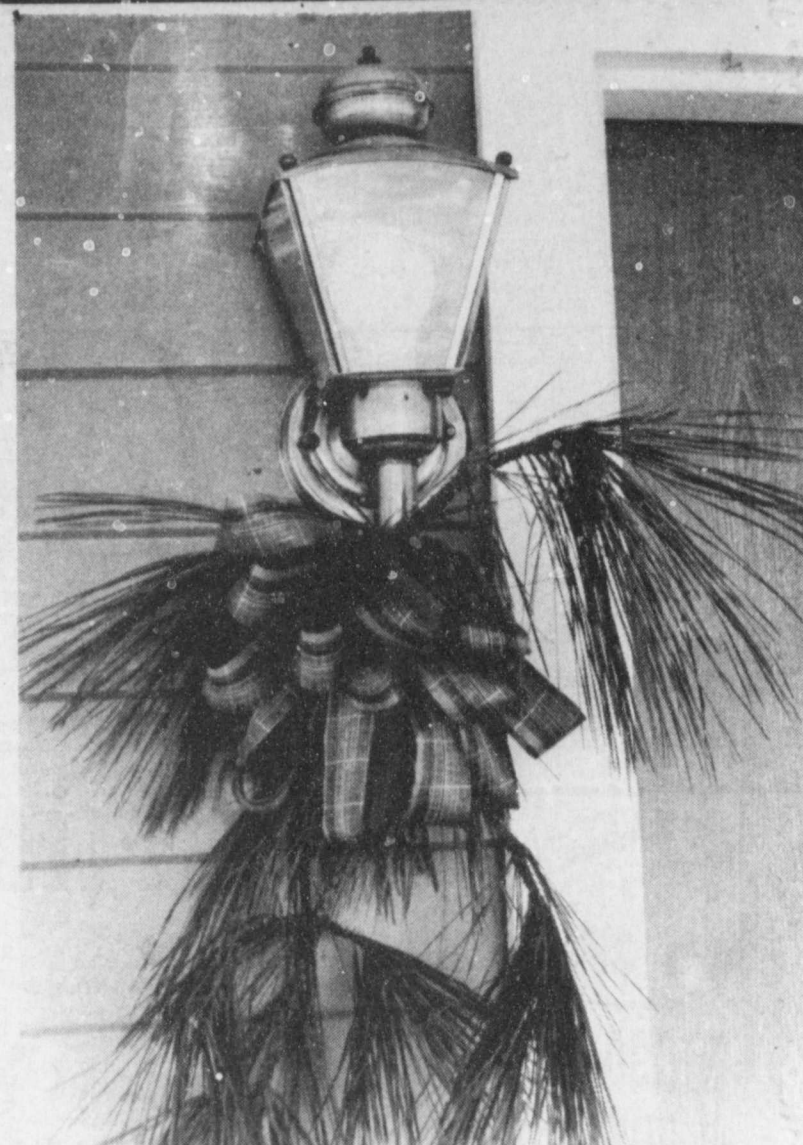
Stress Management: A stress management program, designed to help reduce stress and anxiety, will be offering beginning Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Rheudasil Learning Center. Lyn Rhodes will be instructor and five other sessions will be scheduled on an individual basis using biofeedback equipment. Fee is \$25.

Quilting: A beginners quilting class will be taught by Kristina Campbell starting Monday, January 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. and continuing for eight weeks. The course is a continuation of the fall classes, but new students may enroll. Students will learn to draft quilt patterns and to hand piece a quilt top. Fee is \$25.

Microcomputers: Two classes in Computer for Consumers Level I are scheduled during January to introduce microcomputers to persons with no computer experience and to give information on purchasing a computer. Betty Swasko will teach the four hour course from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, January 21 and 23 and again on January 28 and 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Rheudasil Learning Center. No fee will be charged but reservations are necessary.

Art Appreciation: A course to present an overview of the Reeves Collection in the Dallas Museum of Art is scheduled to begin January 22. Classes will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon for six Wednesdays. Kristina Campbell will teach the course, which is designed to prepare persons for a trip to the Dallas museum on Friday, March 7. No fee will be charged for the course but a fee of \$7.50 will be charged for the museum trip to cover transportation.

Test Taking: Classes to develop study and test taking skills are planned Thurs., Jan. 23 and Thurs., Jan. 30 from 8 to 8:30 p.m. in the Alford Center. Mary Hanson will teach the



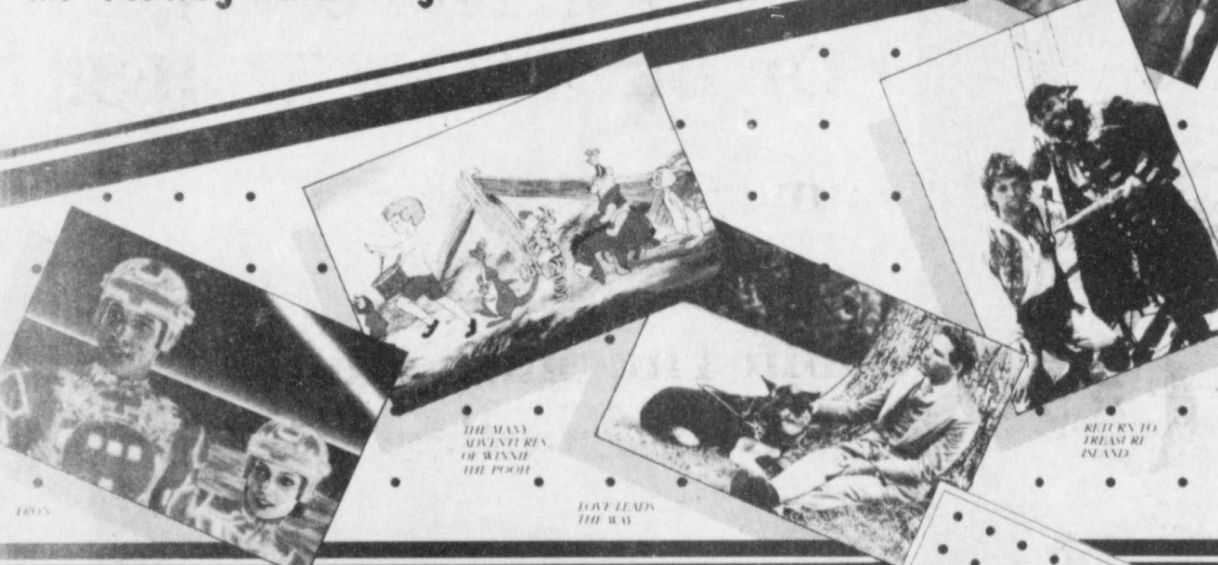
CHRISTMAS Decor-Ribbons and lights, evergreens and lots of color mark the Christmas season

here, and throughout most of the United States as people "spruce up" for the Holidays. (Staff Photo)

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Card of Thanks

We want to express our deep appreciation to all of you who expressed love and sympathy at the death of our mother and grandmother, Ruth Childers.

We appreciated your calls at the funeral home and all the beautiful flowers and plants and the memorials to the Cemetery Association in her honor, to Gertie and Joe Choate who opened their home to serve the delicious lunch that so many of you helped to prepare, the Red River Haven Staff and Dr. Brooks.

Your thoughtfulness will be long remembered.

John H., Cris Childers
John Childers
Joan Childers

PJC Spring Registration Jan. 7-10

Registration for the spring semester at Paris Junior College will be held Tuesday, January 7 through noon Friday, January 10 in the Rheudasil Learning Center.

Placement testing for new students is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, January 6 in the Student Center Ballroom. The testing for English and math placement is required before new students will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Sophomores will register on Tuesday according to the following alphabetical schedule: A-E, 8 to 10 a.m.; F-K, 10 a.m. to noon; L-R, noon to 2 p.m.; S-Z, 2 to 4 p.m.

Any student registering for night or Saturday classes may enroll on Tuesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Freshmen will register on Wednesday and Thursday, January 8 and 9, according to the following alphabetical schedule. Wednesday: C-J, 8 to 9 a.m.; K-P, 9 to 10 a.m.; Q-T, 10 to 11 a.m.; U-V, 11 a.m. to noon; W-X, noon to 1 p.m.; Y-M, 1 to 2 p.m.; Aa-Ba, 2 to 3 p.m.; Bb-Br, 3 to 4 p.m.

All students may register from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, January 10. The alphabetical system is planned to eliminate long lines during the registration process, and the schedule is changed each semester to place different letters first and last. To effectively manage the registration, students must register only during their scheduled time on Friday.

Classes for the semester will begin January 13, and late registration and schedule changes will be January 13-17. Complete schedules of day and evening courses or other information, may be obtained by calling the college at 784-9425.

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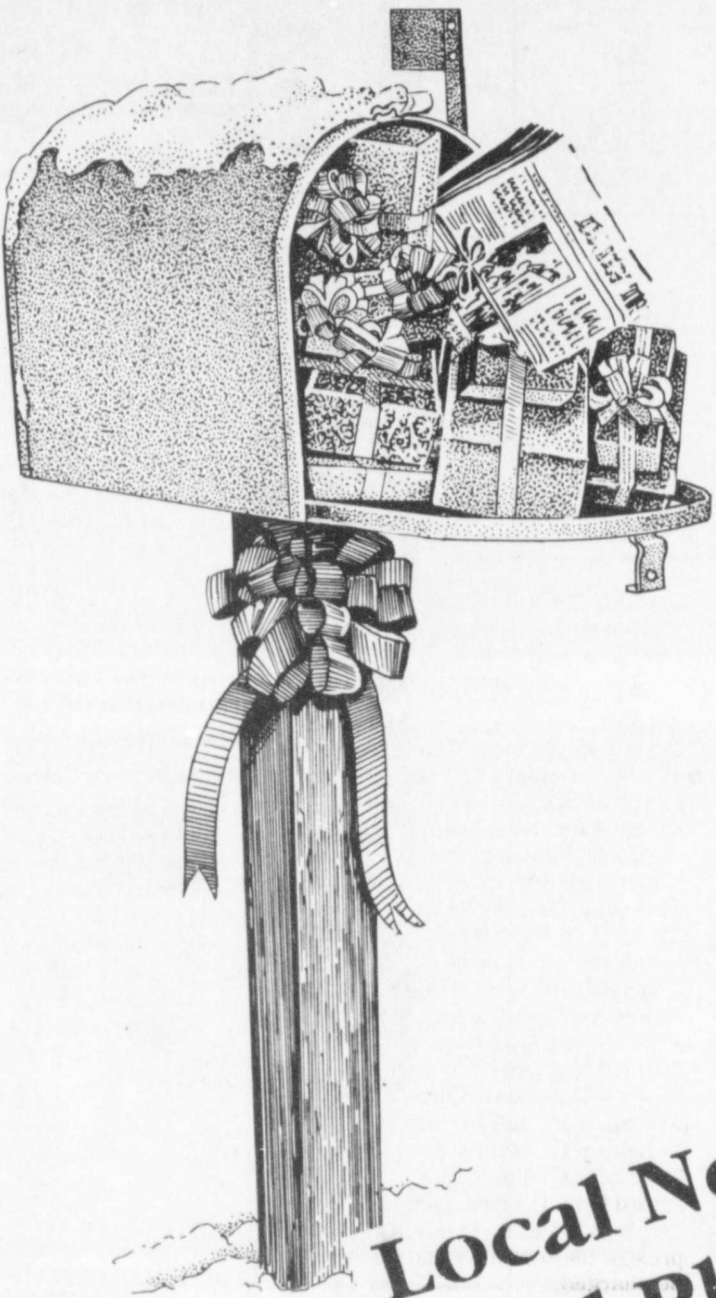
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HIGH SCHOOL BAND-The Prairiland high school band, dressed in their concert uniforms, performed a variety of music for the annual Prairiland band concert. (Staff Photo)



STAGE BAND-The Prairiland Stage Band performed several selections at the band concert held Thursday night. (Staff Photo)



JUNIOR HIGH-The Prairiland 7th and 8th graders performed a number of selections, some seasonal for an audience Thursday night at the band concert. (Staff Photo)

Elmore Family Has Christmas Party

The Elmore family enjoyed a Christmas party Sunday in Deport. Those attending were Jack Elmore of Cooper; Hooker and Vicki Bryant of Mt. Pleasant; Joyce and Bill Smith of Dallas; Bill and Donna Robinson and Chad of Lamar Point; Billy Robinson of Dallas; Becky Holiday of Paris; William and Jeannie Denton and Royce, Amy, Bryan and Jamie and Lisa of Arlington; Mike and Carla Smith, Kendra and Dylan of Garland; Gary and Terry Smith, Jeremy and Josh of Mesquite; Ronny Smith of

Garland; Donny and Traci Smith and Chris and Christy of Bedford, Johnny and Bobbie Henderson of Dallas; Carl and Vicki Henderson and Mike of Dallas; Danny and Linda Henderson and Melissa and Deann of Mesquite; Mike and Sandra Smith of Bogata; Jay Durdan of Mesquite; Sis Randolph of Sulphur Bluff; Ronny and Becky Gastly and Amathyst of Garland; Faye Elmore; Jo Bryant and Jake; Ruth, Larry, Jeff and Carla Whittle; Kathy Guess; Gilbert and Edith Arriaga; Doris Elmore and

Bobby; Jimmy and Pam McKee and Jemilyn; Jackie and Melba Elmore and Shane; Bettye Woodall; and Earl and Nancy Gresham, all of Deport.

Pattonville News

By Ann Crossland

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bryant and Ruby and Maurine Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hefflin and Lola Hatchell, all of Kaufman County on Tuesday.

The women of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party and luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Craig. Fifteen attended.

Katie Winters visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Craig last week.

Several members of the Pattonville Church of Christ went Christmas carolling at the Deport Nursing Home Monday night.

Several from here were in Deport Monday for the Christmas parade.

Kyle Dickson of Reno visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Crossland and Annette.

Clardy News

By Mrs. Virgie Ballard

The program and tree at the church Sunday night was attended by a large crowd and Santa made an appearance. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The Deport Christmas Parade last Monday was very beautiful. Everyone enjoyed it.

David Lyn Vickers made a business trip to Nacogdoches one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Westbrook of Glory were visitors in the community one evening last week.

Michael Emmons has been in a Sulphur Springs hospital for several days and will probably be transferred to the Children's Hospital in Dallas this week. Mike has been in poor health for most of his life. He has been running a terrible high temperature for two weeks. We all hope he will be better soon.

Mrs. Alpha Russell of Jennings was a visitor in Clardy last Monday evening.

Mrs. Nadine Price of Paris spent part of last week with her son, Charles and Judy.

Mrs. Eugene Skidmore who had eye surgery recently got a check up last Monday in Paris. She got a good check up.

Virgie Ballard was a visitor in the Shady Grove area last Monday.

Ruby Hudson and Freda Newmon of Jennings and Mrs. Virgie Ballard of Clardy spent last Tuesday in Paris shopping.

L.C. Stout fell at his home one day last week hurting himself quite painfully.

Mrs. Ruby Ray of Blossm spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Virgie Ballard.

Mrs. Ruby Hudson of Jennings has been suffering with a head cold.

Mrs. Jerry Nell Stout of Pattonville visited Mrs. Virgie Ballard last Monday evening and took her to the Christmas party at the church.

Several from here were in Deport last Wednesday for their commodities.

Mrs. Louise Clement visited with Claudia Bowman of Paris last Wednesday. She is not doing very well.

L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stout of Gilmer Thursday night and made Christmas candy.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. McMellon of Longview were Clardy visitors last week. He is the son of Mrs. Mamie McMellon.

Dave and Sue McCalman were visitors in Longview last week.

All the deacons and wives enjoyed being in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Clement Thursday. They sacked nuts and fruit for the church people Sunday night.

Mike Emmons is back in Children's Hospital in Dallas. He is not doing very well.

Sam Skidmore of Deport has not been very well recently.

There was a grass fire in the Shady Grove area last Wednesday. No damage was done to any property.

The Singles Sunday School class of Bethel at Clardy enjoyed their Christmas party at the church Thursday night.

Lorene and Lewis Clement were Paris business visitors two days last week.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday at Bethel. Everyone is urged to be present.

Mrs. Melanie Lollar of Marvin has moved to Paris.

Mrs. Darlene Hughes and Sandra Burrow of Paris visited in Clardy Thursday.

Dawson Ballard spent last weekend in Abilene on guard business.

The members of the Shady Grove church enjoyed their annual Christmas supper and program Thursday night. Everyone had a very good time.

Season's Greetings

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DEPORT

Rev. Tim Walker Releases Book

The Stained Glass Gospel, a book of inspirational messages, has just been released by Dr. Tim Walker, pastor of the First United Methodist Church

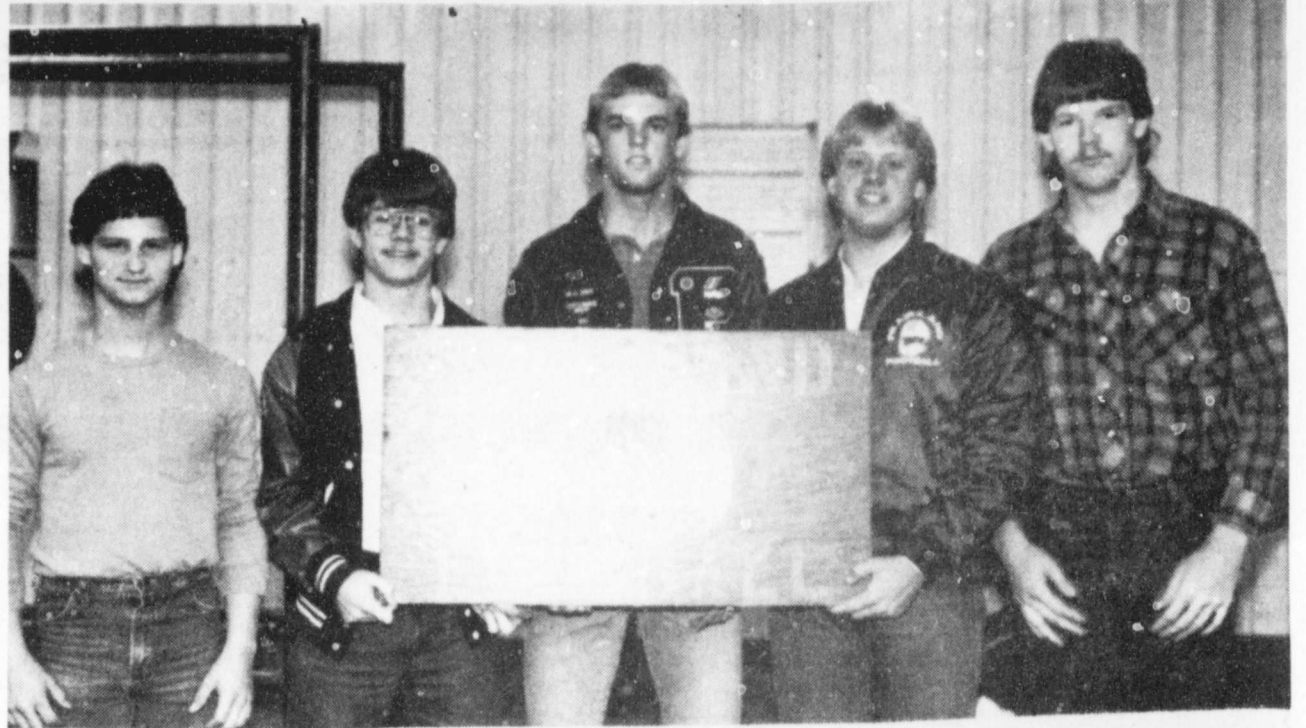
of Graham. The inspiration for the message series came from the displayed stained glass windows hung throughout the halls of the church's

educational building. Originally they were located in the previous sanctuary building of First United Methodist Church. Each stained glass window is pictured at the beginning of the book and there follows a message based on the scriptures which inspired the original windows. The book, some 52 pages in length, contains 15 motivational and inspirational messages and features "Stained Glass Secrets" one-line capsule motivational statements.

The book which features an attractive color cover and the colored pictures of the stained glass windows is available at a cost of \$6.95 from First United Methodist Church, Box 88, Graham, TX 76046 or at Dallas and Fort Worth Cokesbury Book Stores.

Dr. Walker, the author, was born and raised in Blossom, and is a graduate of Paris Junior College. Dr. Walker received his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas State University, his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Graham, Dr. Walker held a pastorate at New World United Methodist Church, Garland and First United Methodist Church, Bedford. Dr. Walker, his wife Karen and their two sons Nathan and David have been with the First United Methodist Church Graham since November 1, 1984. In the area of missionary work, Dr. Walker has had the opportunity of working with the Motilone Indians of Colombia, South America as well as with groups in Kenya, Mexico and Peru.

Dr. Walker is a member of the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Board of Ministry of the Annual Conference and is a church consultant.



ALL RED RIVER VALLEY Football team members from Prairiland are, left to right: Shawn Philpot, No. 9, kicker; Jeff Morrison, No. 21, corner back; Scott Scudder, No. 8, safety; Mike Davidson, No. 63, defensive tackle; George Shirley, No. 81, defensive end; and Mike Connot (not pictured), No. 41, safety. (Staff Photo)



The world's tallest known cut Christmas tree was a 221-foot Douglas fir erected at a shopping center in Seattle in 1950.

Deport Locals

By Phebe Allen
and
Lelia Westbrook

Lila, Bren, Kara Screws visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fletcher of Roxton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tanna had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Screws and girls Friday night. Jimmy Fletcher of Paris had supper with the Mike Screws family Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Wright attended the Disciple Sunday School Christmas party Wednesday night at Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Clements' home.

Sharon, Melody and Jody Sullivan of Pattonville went caroling with

Brownie Troop 54 Monday night to the Housing Projects and passed out fruit.

John, Zachary, Dustin and Hollie Allen and Mrs. Kenneth Allen, Rodger, Anna Beth and Andra Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huddleston and boys went to Reno Thursday night to have Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Don Driggers and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dockray and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Allen and children.

Richard and Helen Nance and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Mt. Pleasant Sunday night for a supper celebrating the Nance's anniversary and to see the Christmas lights.

Daisies And Brownies Go Caroling

The Daisy Troop 81 went caroling with the Brownies this past Tuesday at 6 p.m. The girls passed out fruit sacks to the housing projects. They enjoyed meeting the senior citizens of Deport. Afterwards, the girls had a Christmas party and exchanged gifts.

The Daisies attended were Tonya Brown, Kimberly Gibson, Amanda

LaRue, Chasitie and Christie Moody, Sunday Sawyer and Becky Talley. The mothers attended were Cindy Brown, Brenda Gibson, Pat LaRue, Terri Sawyer, Cindy Talley and Amy. Also the Daisies had a pickup entry in the Deport Christmas Parade and won second place. The troop wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe one.

Ruthart-Bolton Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Ruthart of Paris announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Brad Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Bolton of Paris.

The couple will exchange vows at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 at the New Hope Baptist Church. The Rev.

James (Buddy) Greer will officiate. The bride-elect is a student at Delmar-West Lamar High School.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed at Bolton's Paint Contractors.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception to follow in fellowship hall of the church.

Arnold-Brown Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Arnold of Sumner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Evelyn, to David Ray Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown.

The couple will be married at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 28 at the Westwood Church of Christ. Elmer L'Roy will officiate.

Miss Arnold is a 1984 graduate of North Lamar High School and is attending Paris Junior College. She is employed at Williams Sporting Goods.

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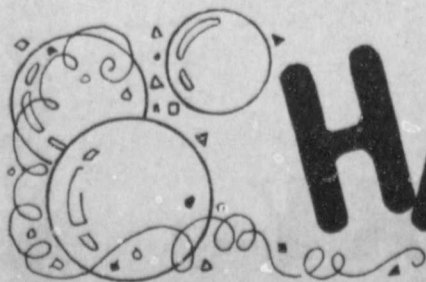
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p.m. The Baroque Oratorio was conducted by Lewis R. Worthington, Director of Music at the church and also a senior music education major at East Texas State University in

Commerce.

Special guests for the occasion were Miss Roberta Harney, soprano, also of Commerce. Miss Harney has performed extensively not only throughout Texas and the U.S., but in Mexico and Europe as well. Admission is free and the public will be warmly welcomed.

For more information, please contact the church at 982-6221.

Elaine Ballard To Make Presentation

A presentation outlining the Paris Independent School District's program for gifted and talented students was made before the Texas Legislative Education Board in Austin last week by Elaine Ballard, Paris ISD superintendent.

Mrs. Ballard was invited to speak to the board by Dr. W.N. Kirby, commissioner of education for the state of Texas. The meeting was held December 18 at the State Capitol in Austin.

Paris is one of only two districts in the state asked to outline its gifted education program, officials said, with selection being based upon its curriculum, design and evaluation procedures. Paris was one of the first districts in the state to implement a gifted program.

The LEB is composed of the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairman of the House Public Education Committee, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, two state representatives ap-

pointed by the speaker and two senators appointed by the lieutenant governor.

The meeting was open to the public with approximately 12-15 board members present. Accompanying Mrs. Ballard was Ann Trull, director of Elementary education; Suzanne Patty, director of secondary education and David Ingram, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Mrs. Trull is the coordinator of the district's gifted program for grades 3-8, Socrates, and Mrs. Patty is the director of the gifted program for grades 9-10, SSMA. The PISD officials fielded questions during the meeting.

Socrates/SSMA, Paris ISD's district wide program for academically gifted students, has been in operation for the past nine years. It was originally implemented in grades four and five in July, 1976, and has been expanded to currently encompass grades three through ten on all campuses serving these grade levels.

Blossom Kill Kare Klub Meets

Mrs. Clif Martin was the hostess when the Blossom Kill Kare Club met Friday, December 13 for its regular meeting and Christmas party. Mrs. Elie Gullion, vice-president, presided at the business meeting.

The minutes were read and a treasurer's report was given. Three tables were arranged for 42 and Mrs. Thomas Isom made high score.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and gifts were exchanged at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Joe Monk on January 10.

Jim Gifford Attends School

Jim Gifford, vice-president and commercial loan officer at InterFirst Bank Paris, was recently graduated from the American Bankers Association's National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma.

Included in the curriculum of the 10-day session, were the how's and why's of commercial lending. Emphasis was on the practical application of financial analysis, cash flow, loan review and profitability.

The ABA training, sponsored by the national trade association, is designed to improve the skills of member bank employees. More than 90 percent of the country's 14,500 commercial banks are members.

Gifford joined InterFirst Bank in 1982. He is a graduate of East Texas State University and Oklahoma State University.

Before joining InterFirst Bank, he was a teacher in Clarksville, worked in public relations with Southwestern Electric Power Company and was loan representative in the Farm and Ranch Mortgage department of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Gifford sold real estate prior to coming to the bank.



JUSTIN BOUNDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. John David Bounds of Blossom and Nikalus Clarkson,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clarkson of Blossom sit among the many items displayed at the

children's Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday, December 17 in Blossom. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SHANNA GRIFFIN, daughter of Jody Griffin and Mike Spray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Spray, tell

Santa what they would like for Christmas and received a "Goodie Bag" from the cafeteria.

Everyone eating in the cafeteria Wednesday, December 18 received a bag filled with all kinds of goodies. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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Visiting with Mrs. Tommie Denison was Mr. and Mrs. Paul Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Denison, Lana Graham of Paris and Dr. and Mrs. Bob Denison of Ada, OK.

Mrs. John Porter of Blossom visited with Mrs. Maudie Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Calvin of Sawyer, OK visited with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Guest.

Kim Evans of Pattonville visited Julia Wadley.

Visiting with Mrs. Onetta Ray was Mrs. Pauline Roberts of Reno, J.R. Ray and Natalie Ray of Blossom and Susan McDowra and son.

Annie Mazy of Deport and Jane Lewis and son of Bogata visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mazy.

Mrs. Ham visited with her brother, Herbert Tuck.

Mrs. Helen Giboney visited with Mrs. Inez Frieze.

Visiting with Mrs. Margaret Bolton was Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sawyer and Robert and Mrs. Dixie Walker of Pattonville, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Crawford of Blossom and Mrs. Buster Walker of Deport.

Mrs. Kathleen Williams of Paris visited her husband, Clarence Williams.

Terri Sawyer and Sunday and Trecie Mitchell and Casey visited with John Sawyer.

Mrs. Sandra Graves visited with Homer White.

Mrs. Lucille Nash of Paris visited Mary Mathews.

Mrs. Margie King of Ft. Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockrell, daughter and granddaughter visited her mother, Mrs. Vera Maud Grant and aunt, Mattie E. Dickson.

Mrs. Agnes Moore of Paris visited her aunt, Margaret Jackson.

Mrs. David Daughtery visited Mrs. Alene Barham.

Hugh Johnson of Paris visited Mrs. Leola McGaskie.

Visiting with Johnnie Warren was Lucy Fowler and Marie Watson of Cunningham and from Deport, Ruth Cheatham, Edna Earl Wright, Rev. Eddie Clement, Margie Roach and Irene and Elizabeth Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Denison visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Storey.

Our residents were honored with a birthday on Thursday, December 19. Birthdays for December were Cecil Oats, Leola McGaskie, Mary Lewis, Mildred Young, Sam Skidmore, W.E. Smith, John Sawyer, Omie Henderson, Maudie Baxter, Joetta Savage and Laura Clark. We also celebrated four wedding anniversaries, Jewel and Lois Gage, 58 years; Earl and May Mazy, 57 years; Pete and Ruth Storey, 63 years and Marvin and Jim Nobles, 75 years.

In our hospital report is Pauline Bell and Gertrude Tidwell.

Wednesday morning, December 18, the kindergarten class at Deport school sang Christmas carols for the residents of the Deport Nursing Home and Wednesday afternoon the fourth grade sang. Mrs. Rhonda Robbins.

Pattonville Extension Homemakers Meet

The Pattonville Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell for their annual Christmas luncheon and Christmas tree.

Lunch was served at 12 noon. Mrs. Russell asked the blessing. She also handed out the gifts. Secret pals were revealed and each member drew for secret pals for 1986.

The day was enjoyed by all.

Those attending were Lewis and Margaret Smyers of Powderly, Austin and Carmen Eudy of Pattonville, Robert and Juanita Russell, Brenda Currin of Paris and Virgie Hoover of Pattonville.

The next meeting will be January 8 at the home of Carmen Eudy at Pattonville at 1:30 p.m. Program will be the yearbook.

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