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By Nanalee Nichols

My husband has always said I'm too plain spoken. I tend to dislike euphemisms, and I tend to tell it like I see it and I don't attempt to hide behind a facade of sophistication.

As it's impossible not to know, this is an election year. On a local basis we have had lots of people who are running for various positions drop by our office in order to place ads, campaign releases and just to visit. We've enjoyed visiting with candidates, and we've learned a lot about them.

Most of them spend a little time with our office dog, Lacy the spoiled cocker spaniel. None of them are unable to ignore her.

But, for the past few weeks, she has exhibited some behavior which has caused all visitors to look askance at her, and us.

We have a mouse. He (or she) has a swift and crafty fellow, and has eluded traps for some time now. We no longer use poison after the incident with Lacy's predecessor.

We first noticed the mouse when Lacy pointed it. Yes, that's what I said, she pointed! She froze into a perfect point, intent upon the mouse, which had apparently been scuttling along the wall. We all noticed her, and when the rodent broke and ran the dog was right behind!

We have had several mad scrambles, and I swear the mouse is playing games with the dog. The dog loves it.

We gave it very little thought, until the political candidates began to come by.

I was visiting with a gentleman when Lacy pointedly pointed. I tried to ignore her, but he said "what's the dog pointing?"

I casually replied "She is pointing at a mouse we can't seem to catch".

This incident repeated virtually every time someone came in and sat down. I always told them what the dog was pointing.

Finally, my husband told me to quit it!

"How embarrassing" he proclaimed, "You're telling everyone we are infested with MICE. Do you have to tell everything you know?"

Well, yes, I guess I do. I figure most people have had a mouse problem a few times, and what in the world can I tell them the dog is pointing...quail?

I'll hope future visitors don't ask...but if they do I'll probably tell them the truth...that we don't have a cocker spaniel...we have a red-haired mouse pointer!



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## "National FFA Week" Is February 19-24 At Prairiland

National FFA Week is February 20-24 this year and the celebration is being carried out through the Detroit FFA Chapter with special functions and activities recognizing the special week.

The celebration of National FFA Week offers a unique opportunity for chapters to "tell the world" their story. Specifically, this week is focused on activities related to public relations, recruitment, agricultural literacy, community service and chapter excitement.

The Chapter tries to attend all FFA functions and at the present time are preparing themselves and their projects for spring county shows that are quickly approaching.

The Prairiland Chapter has 154 members and three instructors, Bobby Winters, Frankie Norwood and Jeff Ballard.

Officers are: Gina Moreland, president; David Ford, vice-president; Kortney Barrentine, secretary; Cari Irwin, treasurer; Lea Bland, reporter; Christy Campsey, sentinel; and Kelley Clement, student advisor.

Courses include Ag Co-Op 101

and 102; Horticulture Classes, I and II; Ag Mechanics; Equine Science; General Ag Mechanics; Landscape Design; Floral Design; Ag Structures; Ag Power; Introduction to Ag Mechanics; Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables; Home Maintenance; and Wildlife.

This year, the FFA Talent Team won Area honors and will attend the State Competition in July.

Thirty-seven students form eight leadership teams and won the Sweepstakes in the FFA Leadership Contest.

The FFA officers attended the National Convention in Kansas City, along with instructors Bobby Winters and Jeff Ballard. The Horse Judging Team is in Houston at this time. The broilers will leave February 24 and the steers will leave February 27 for Houston.

The annual Prairiland Livestock Show will be April 13 with further details to follow.

During the week, FFA members in 7,545 local chapters will conduct activities to educate the public on the

importance of the agricultural industry to the nation and to the world.

Students will be involved in activities to promote and publicize the activities and the value of their experiences through the agricultural education program to their communities.

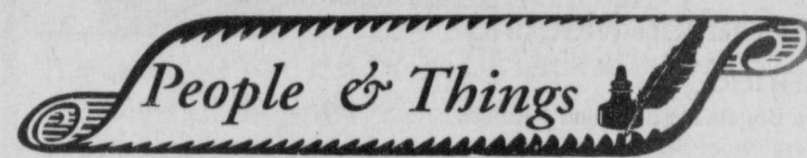
National FFA Week is conducted each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

The National FFA Center is located on part of Washington's original Mount Vernon estate near Alexandria, VA.

FFA is a national organization of 401,000 members in 7,800 local chapters preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired through their agricultural education.

FFA members strive to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship.



There will be a special called meeting of the Lamar County Commissioners Court, according to Co. Judge Chuck Superville, this Friday, Feb. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Superville reports that a continuation of the burning ban is to be considered at that time due to continuing dry conditions.

"Meet the Candidate's Night" is Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 3990 in Reno. The event is sponsored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a dance on Friday night, Feb. 23rd at Pattonville Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Broadway Junction band will play. Concessions will be available.

Proceeds will go to benefit the Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department and the community center.

Jo Ann Howard, candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be at Deport City Drug Store on Main St. in Deport Thursday, Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m. for people to speak with.

Wade White and the Plain Lable band will perform Saturday night, Feb. 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Love Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door. Proceeds go to benefit Lamar County Student Crime Stoppers.

The American Beauty Glamour Studios, Inc. will be doing glamour shots in Paris soon. For more information please call 785-5412.

Fulbright Community Stew Supper on March 9 beginning at 5:00. This event is to raise funds for the improvement of the community center.

## Brady Fisher announces for Lamar County Judge

Brady Fisher, local attorney and former Lamar County Judge, has filed to be a candidate for County Judge.

Fisher is an attorney in private practice in Paris, and is the attorney and moderator for the Lamar County Electric Co-operative. He previously worked in the Aikin and Townsend law office and served as County Judge for eight years, during which time he served as President of the North and East Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association and as a member of the Texas Association of Counties Board. He worked for the Attorney General's office and for the Child Support Collection legal staff of the Texas Welfare Department.

He is a member of the Texas, Northeast Texas and Lamar County Bar Association. He has served on the State Bar Public Affairs and Public Education Committee and helped plan the State Bar's "Hate Crimes" Conference.

Prior to becoming an attorney, he worked for the late Congressman Wright Patman, the U.S. House-Senate Joint Economic Committee, the Texas Senate (five sessions), the Texas House of Representatives, the Constitutional Revision Convention and the Governor's office. After finishing college, he worked for the Parks and Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and Stone Title Company. He has taught government classes for Paris Junior College.

Fisher is the son of George and Mary Fisher. George Fisher is a retired postman, and Mary Fisher is a retired Social Security Office service representative.

He graduated with honors from Paris public schools, graduated first in his class from Paris Junior College, graduated from the honors program at the University of Texas at Austin, and graduated from the University of Texas Law School. He has attended many legal seminars, including Probate Law, Criminal Law, DWI Cases, Evidence, Juvenile Law and Mental Health Law.

Fisher is a life-long member of Calvary United Methodist Church. He is an advanced certified Methodist Lay Speaker, a member of the Paris-Sulphur Springs District Methodist Nominating Committee and a member of the Calvary Methodist Latchkey Committee. He is a Gideon. He has previously served as Assistant District Lay Leader, on the District Council on Ministries, on the District Board of Trustees, and as a delegate to the North Texas Methodist Annual Conference. At Calvary United Methodist Church, he has been chair of the Administrative Council, chair of the Council on Ministries, Lay Leader and a member of the Board of Trustees and the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the Civic

Center Governing Board, the Visitor-Convention Council, Ambassadors, Transportation Committee and Public Affairs Committee. He participated in the Lamar County Day in Austin. He has previously served on the Chamber Board of Directors, the Rural Urban Committee and the Agriculture Committee. He won the First Place award for Membership Recruitment in 1984.

He is involved in many civic and charitable activities, including: American Red Cross, President; Friends of Sam Rayburn, President; Paris Founders Lions Club, 3rd Vice-president; United Way Board; Habitat for Humanity Board; Northeast Texas Resource Conservation and Development Board; Ark-Tex Council of Governments board; Reno Township Kiwanis; East Texas Gulf Highway Association; Highway 19/24 Association; Paris Independent School District Curriculum Committee; Human Resources council; Audobon Society; Community Concert; and Community Theatre.

Previous civic and charitable activities have included: Paris Jaycees, President; Paris Junior College Ex-Students and Friends, President; University of Texas Exes, President; Paris Independent School Redistricting Committee, Chair; McCuiston Hospital Board; St. Joseph Hospital Community Care Coalition, Project Crossroads; American Cancer Society, President, Business Campaign Chair, Service Co-Chair; March of Dimes,

Campaign Co-Chair, State Cabinet; Cystic Fibrosis, Business Campaign Chair; American Heart Association; United Way, Government Employees Chair; Council of Community Services, Vice-Chair; Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Big Brother; Northeast Texas Economic Development District; Historical Commission; Historical Society; Paris Junior College Con-

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Brady Fisher, candidate for Lamar County Judge



GROWING GREAT! Prairiland students tend to their plants in the greenhouse. Hanging baskets, bedding plants and more are for sale at the proper times of the year through the school. From left to right are Tommy Spray, Johnny Milam, Qalyon Battle, Sam Money and Shane Yarbrough. (Staff Photo)

## Burning Is Banned In Lamar County

Due to the unusually dry weather and tinder-dry grass, outdoor burning in Lamar County has been temporarily banned.

Lamar County Judge Chuck Superville signed a seven-day ban on all outdoor fires Friday, February 16.

This action was taken during an emergency meeting with representatives of the county's volunteer fire departments Friday afternoon.

Volunteer firefighters have continuously fighting grass fires all over the county. Windy conditions have also been a factor in the huge grass fires becoming all too common.

Eighteen of the 19 representatives with the volunteer fire departments signed a letter asking the county judge to issue a temporary ban on outdoor burning in an effort to curb the number of fires.

According to Judge Superville the law only allows the county judge to issue a seven-day ban. If it is to be extended, based on weather condi-

tions, the commissioners court will have to meet in a special session to approve another ban which could be 30 or 60 days in length.

Many people don't realize how quickly an open fire, a burning barrel or a cigarette or any small spark can ignite grass after the months of dry, arid weather.

In the event of a fire in the county, Superville said the appropriate volunteer fire department should respond to the scene, extinguish the fire and a peace officer will investigate the fire. The responsible party will receive a warning. If a second fire is found to be started by the same person, the individual may be prosecuted.

The ban gives volunteer fire departments the authority to go onto private property and put out a fire, whether it has started an out of control fire or not.

All citizens are called upon to exercise extreme care and refrain from burning anything outside.

## ISD calls election

Prairiland ISD met in regular session Thursday, February 15. Members present were Downs, Roddy, Bankhead, Patterson, Jones, Fendley and Hunt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were paid for January, tax reports were accepted for December and January and the financial statement for January was approved.

The budget amendments were approved.

An election for the school board was called for places 2,3 and 6 on Saturday, May 4, 1996. Judges for the election were named.

The Deport polling place for the selection was moved to the Deport First Baptist Church.

The Board heard the administrative report from Dr. Stout.

At 8:15 p.m., the board went into executive session and came out at 10:20 p.m.

The contracts of Buddy Freeman, Gary Ballard, Larry Salter and Sandra Burnett were extended through June 30, 1998. Marla Evans' leave of absence was granted, starting March 18, 1996.

## Prairiland High School To Host Blood Drive February 26

Prairiland High School in Pattonville and Stewart Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive Monday, February 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The blood drive will be held at the high school on FM 196 at Pattonville. Any healthy person 17 or older may donate blood.

Each donor will receive a free tee shirt. The drive is open to the community.

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**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank everyone who came to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary and for all the cards and to those that gave. Also to those that helped in any way. We love all of you.

*Wilbourne, Geneva and Johnie Lee*

**Card of Thanks**

We would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many acts of kindness shown to us in the death of our loved one, Roy Wright. For the many phone calls, food, flower arrangements and your sympathy. May God bless each of you.

*Luther and Edna Earle Wright  
Mary Helen Seamon  
Judy Wilder  
Walter Wright*

**Baseball and Softball Association Meeting planned**

The Bogata Baseball and Softball Association will have a meeting Monday night, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bogata Community Center.

This meeting is to organize teams and to elect officers for the year. All coaches, officers and interested parents are urged to attend.

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of W.N. Dodd would like to express our gratitude for the expressions of love shown from the people of Bogata and surrounding communities. Thanks to the staff of Red River Healthcare Center, to the Churches of the communities for the food and to the ladies who served it. Thanks to Reverend Don Sheerill and Wood Funeral Home for all the kindness they showed our father and the emotional support provided to the family

**Thanks again,  
The Children of W.N. Dodd**

**Card of Thanks**

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, visits and messages of encouragement from everyone during my recent lengthy hospital stay. The concern and prayers from all of my friends truly helped during this time. Thanks again.

*Arthur Gibson*

**Card Of Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make things easier for us after our home burned.

**Thanks again,  
Mark & Sherry Eudy  
& Family**



**Country Cooking**

*By Liz Irwin*

We are dedicating this week's column to the "Father of our Country", George Washington. Since everyone had the opportunity to celebrate his birthday on February 19 (his real birthday is on the 22nd). There are a great many differences in the country at the time of George's reign and our country now. The new nation was small and weak, stretching only from the Mississippi River and had fewer than 4,000,000 people. Most livings were made by farming and look at the vast employment market now. Few children went to school and now our children have every type of school imaginable. Very few men and women could read or write and transportation and our communication system was almost non-existent. It took Washington three days to travel about 90 miles. Now it is nothing to travel 90 miles just to go shopping! There were only eleven states in the Union when Washington became President and sixteen when he left.

Everyone knows of the infamous story of "Little George" chopping down the cherry tree. Rumor has it that he did not really chop down the tree, but we all know that "Little George" could not tell a lie! But these stories show that most people are willing to believe that the "Father of our Country" was honest to a fault and was one of the greatest leaders of our nation.

Now on to the really good stuff... FOOD! If it was true about the cherry tree bit, everyone needs to keep up with some new recipes using cherries. There are fresh cherries, frozen cherries, candied cherries, canned cherries, etc, etc! Although, not too many fresh cherries are grown around here, some folks do try their hands at raising the wild cherries. They are small, delicious red and have a very tangy flavor.

We are sharing recipes for Cherry Banana Cake, Cherry Crunch, Cherry Mash Candy, Cherry Peach Flambe, Cherry Punch and Cherry Salad.

February 22, 1996  
George Washington-Cherry Recipes

**Cherry Banana Cake**

- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 beaten eggs
- 1-1/2 cup Crisco oil
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 2 cups chopped banana
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl; add eggs and oil. Stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Add vanilla, pie filling, bananas and nuts. Spoon batter into three well-greased and floured 8 or 9 inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until cake is done. Cool in pans for 10 minutes and remove and cool completely. Frost with Banana Cream Cheese Frosting.

**Cherry Crunch**

- 2 cups flour
- 2 sticks margarine
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 box Dream Whip
- 1 cup milk
- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 1-8 ounce package cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1/2 cup pecans

Mix together the flour, margarine and brown sugar. Brown and stir while browning. This is the crust. Place in casserole dish. Mix together the Dream Whip and milk. In another bowl, mix the powdered sugar with the cream cheese and vanilla. Add sugar mixture to Dream Whip mixture. Add to dish, alternating with pie filling and pecans.

**Cherry Mash Candy**

- 12 big marshmallows
- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 stick margarine

- 1-8 ounce package cherry chips
- 6 ounces semi-sweet chips
- 6 ounces milk chocolate chips
- 3.4 creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups ground peanuts

Combine the marshmallow, sugar, milk and margarine in a saucepan. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes and remove from heat. Mix in cherry chips and stir until dissolved. Pour into 9x12 pan sprayed with Pam. This will firm in a few minutes in the icebox. Melt chocolate chips and peanut butter together in a saucepan over low heat. The, add peanuts and mix well. Spread chocolate mixture on top of cherry mixture. Let set in icebox. Take out and let soften before you cut.

**Cherry Peach Flambe'**

- 3/4 cup currant jelly
- 3-1/2 cup peach halves
- 4 cups Bing cherries
- 1/2 cup brandy
- 1 quart coffee or vanilla ice cream

In skillet or chafing dish, melt currant jelly. Heat peach halves and cherries in jelly. Turn peaches cut-side up. Pour brandy into skillet and carefully heat until warm; do not stir. Light with a match. Spoon over ice cream. Makes 6 servings.

**Cherry Punch**

- 3 packages Kool-Aid
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup white Karo syrup
- 1 large can pineapple juice
- 1 large can apple juice

Mix all ingredients together and stir well and chill and serve.

**Cherry Salad**

- 1 large can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 3/4 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1-10 ounce Cool Whip

Mix ingredients together and chill and serve.

**Obituaries**

**Wayne N. Dodd Dies February 13**

Wayne N. Dodd, age 101 of Bogata, died Tuesday, February 13 in Red River Healthcare Center, Bogata.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 16 in Bogata Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Donnie Sherrill officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Dodd was born May 28, 1894 in Alabama, the son of James Taylor and Mahaley Strickland Dodd. His wife, the former Irene Darnell, preceded him in death May 21, 1952. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ethel Allison in December, 1994 and five grandchildren.

He is survived by four daughters, Faye Horn, Neva Ford Whitten, Novell King and Ruth Whitten; and five sons, Jerry T. Dodd, M.J. Dodd, Grady Dodd, S.E. Dodd and W.T. (Bill) Dodd, all of Bogata; 33 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren and 34 great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were grandsons.

**Malcolm Burl Morrison Dies February 13**

Malcolm Burl Morrison, age 78 of Valley View, formerly of Cunningham, died Tuesday, February 13 in Gainesville.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 17 in Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham with the Rev. Larry Huffman and the Rev. Joe Merrill officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Cemetery.

Mr. Morrison was born March 3, 1917 in Cunningham, the son of John and Ola Taylor Morrison. He married Maxine Ewanna Geren in Norman, OK on February 24, 1944. He was a jet airplane engine mechanic, was a World War II veteran and a member of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Sharon Kay Prague of Euleus; one son, Gary Morrison of Valley View; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Clovis Morrison of Paris and Boyce Morrison of Columbia, LA; and a sister, Eula Holcomb of Bogalusa, LA. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen and a son, Burl, two brothers and two sisters.

**Mrs. Jessie Blankenship Dies February 19**

Mrs. Jessie Leon (Wilson) Blankenship, age 91 of Houston, died Monday, February 19 in Houston.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21 at Bates-Cooper-Weems-Robinson Chapel with the Rev. Jim Parker officiating. Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery.

Mrs. Blankenship was born June 5, 1904 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of Sidney Francis and Willie Cooper Wilson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Blankenship; a son, Merkel Dean Blankenship; a daughter, Maxine Blankenship Rogers; one great-granddaughter, Amanda Roach. She was a former resident of Mt. Pleasant and a member of Channel View Church of Christ in Houston. She was a retired seamstress at Lil Abner's Cleaners.

Survivors include daughters, June and Bud Roach of Mt. Pleasant and Jean and Bill Holmes of Houston; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

**Jack N. Bell Dies February 19**

Jack N. Bell, age 92 of Deport died in Deport Nursing Home on Monday, February 19, 1996. Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Highland Cemetery at Deport with the Rev. Sam Campbell officiating.

Mr. Bell was born February 1, 1904 in Deport, the son of J. Frank and Minnie Grant Bell. He was a farmer and worked at the Deport Cotton Gin for several years. Mr. Bell was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army as a Corporal in the 1030th Basic Flying Training Squadron AAF. He was the past of a pioneer family being preceded in death by his parents and these brothers and sisters: John D. Bell, Norma Bell, Corry Bell, Stanley Bell, Roger Bell, Wilma Bell Anderson, Russie Grant Bell and Rankin Bell.

Survivors include nieces Regina Webb and Madeline Norman, who have been his caregivers for a number of years; several nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Bell of Garland.

**Anna Mae Holt Dies February 18**

Anna Mae Holt, age 84 of Roxton died Sunday, February 18 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Paris.

She was born May 12, 1911 in Lamar County, a daughter of Charles and Laura Edella Rogers Coker. She married Willie Jones on June 2, 1933. He preceded her in death. She then married H. Byron Holt on January 7, 1967. He preceded her in death February 25, 1987.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Roxton and was a retired salesperson for the Baptist Sunday School Book Store.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Roxton First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Bearers were Charles Walker, Don Nelson, Pat Coplin, Keith Perry, Kevin Perry and Randy Pendleton.

Survivors include a daughter, Lou Ann and Neal Perry of Roxton; two stepsons, Dr. B.B. (Spikie) and Shirley Holt of Houston and Dale and Roxann Holt of Colleyville; three grandchildren, Keith and Cynthia Perry, Karen and Randy Pendleton, all of Roxton and Kevin and Klarisa of Deport; six great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild; a brother, Howard Coker of Roxton; two sisters, Faye and Louise Arnold, both of Paris; two sisters-in-law, Vana Coker of Paris and Allene Coker of California and one brother-in-law, James Holt of Milton.

**Births**

Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Montoya are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Stephen Zachary Montoya (Zach)**, born February 5, 1996. Zach was born at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Grandparents are Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. A.D. Stephenson and the late Maria A. Lozano, and the late Gregory Montoya, former State Representative. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Mabel Brown of Banning, CA. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Purviance of Bogata.

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**February 22, 1996**  
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2 cups chopped banana  
1 cup chopped nuts  
Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl; add eggs and oil. Stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Add vanilla, pie filling, bananas and nuts. Spoon batter into three well-greased and floured 8 or 9 inch cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until cake is done. Cool in pans for 10 minutes and remove and cool completely. Frost with Banana Cream Cheese Frosting.

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4 cups Bing cherries  
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1 can cherry pie filling  
1/2 cup pecans  
3/4 cup miniature marshmallows  
1-10 ounce Cool Whip  
Mix ingredients together and chill and serve.

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**Fulbright News**  
By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Worth and Karen Baker visited Mrs. Fannie Guillion, Mrs. Connie Little, Mrs. Alta Murray, Mrs. Lucy Leidy and Sonja Andrews in Dallas over the weekend.

Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Epps.

Ethel Epps, Jimmie King and Loyd Cavender were visitors Friday night of Mable Austin of Clarksville.

Melissas Arriaga, Betty Rodgers, Monte and Shelley Rodgers and Marlae Bolin attended the PTO sponsored musical at Prairiland school Saturday night.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmie King Friday. Dick King of Reno was a visitor Saturday. Kay Osburn of Paris spent Saturday night with her mother and they went to the musical at the Old Clarksville Theatre and ate out. Kay went home Sunday after church.



**Cunningham News**  
By Jane O'Neal 652-6062

Mac Morrison died in Gainesville recently and was buried here on Saturday. He was born and raised in Cunningham. Sympathy is extended to the family.

A Valentine banquet was held at Life Tabernacle on Wednesday. A program and games were presented by various members present. All reported a good time.

A Valentine banquet was held at Cunningham Baptist Church on Friday. The FFA Talent Team presented some of the program. All reported a good time.

Kendra Hicks and Deanna Merrill, along with Jonathan Newman of Minter and Dustin May of Blossom make up the Prairiland FFA Talent Team. They won District competition and went on to win Area competition also. They will compete for the state title in July in Houston. We wish them good luck.

Jerrod Bankhead and Susan McDade were honored with a wedding shower at Abundant Life Church in Minter on Sunday.

Chad and Deanna Legate presented their baby, Brooklyn Cashae, for dedication on Sunday at Life Tabernacle. His parents, Gaylon and Kay Legate of Bogata and his grandparents, also from Bogata, attended. Her mother, Brenda Watson, and her grandmother,

Marie Watson were present, along with other members of their family and friends.

Dennis Temple of Clearlake City and Vleta Swiam of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with Clyde and Bobby Slusher.

Boyce and Mary Helen Morrison of Columbus, LA spent the weekend with Clovis and Donnie Morrison.

Silas and Juanita Taylor and Elvis Wright went to Mansfield, LA for a visit with Kerry and Mildred Wright on Wednesday.

On Friday, Silas and Juanita Taylor went to Tulsa, OK to visit Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor and help their grandson celebrate his first birthday.

Talma Norwood visited Almer and Alma Norwood on Monday.

Having Sunday dinner with Marie Watson were Jarvis Watson and Rene Hindrix of Texarkana, Bruce Watson, Vicki Davis, Brad, Bradlee and Brett Watson.

Dennis Temple of Houston and Vleta Swiam of Grand Prairie were here to attend the funeral of Mac Morrison of Valley View. They also visited Bobbye and Clyde Slusher.

Boyce and Mary Helen Morrison of Columbus, LA visited Clyde and Bobbye Slusher while here over the weekend attending the funeral of Mac Morrison.



John and Mary Allen, married 40 years

*John & Mary Allen married 40 years*

John and Mary Allen were married February 25, 1956 at the home of his parents, B.F. and Annie Allen of Blossom by the Rev. Bryon Allen, Jr., John's brother.

John, formerly of Blossom, graduated from Blossom High School in 1953 and Mary Kennemore graduated from Deport in 1954. John and Mary have one son, Johnny Lynn and daughter-in-law, Lynda. They have one granddaughter, Amanda, who is

14. John and Mary are both retired, he from the City of Arlington and she from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

John and Mary lived in Ft. Worth the first five years they were married and moved to Arlington in 1961 which they call home. They still visit the Paris/Blossom area often. Her mother lives in Paris and they both have family living in the area.

**Local VFW looking for outstanding artist**

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3990 is looking for an outstanding local artist to sponsor in the National Young Creative Patriotic Art Award Program. Developed in 1978, the program encourages high school students to express their artistic talents, demonstrate their patriotism and at the same time become eligible for funds to further their art education. Any student, in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 is eligible to enter.

All students who compete will be recognized locally. The local winner will be sent to Department for State Competition. National awards are given to the top five winners. Awards range from \$500 for fifth place to \$3,000 for the first place winner. First place national winner also includes an all expense paid weekend to the American Academy of Achievement in 1997 honoring youth champions in many fields of endeavor, plus an expense paid trip to be honored at the 1996 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Louisville, KY in August.

The first place art work will be featured on the cover of the National VFW Auxiliary magazine in November.

Artwork must be on paper or canvas, may use watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempora, crayon, acrylic, pen and ink or oil. If the American flag is in the entry, it must conform to the flag code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code. The entry must have been done during the 1995-96 school year, and must have your teacher's signature. Each entry will be judged on originality of concept and patriotism expressed; the content and clarity of ideas; the design, use of color and technique; and the total impact of execution and impact.

Any teacher, parent or student interested in information can contact Glenda Owens, Ladies Chairman at 1-903-982-5492 or Auxiliary President Shirley Smith at 1-903-982-5583. Deadline for entries is March 10, 1996.

**Yearly Crawford dinner held**

The family of the late Jack Crawford held their yearly dinner Sunday, February 18 in the American Legion Hall in Deport.

Attending were Frank Crawford, Raymond and Edith Crawford, Marvin and Lois Crawford, Clarence Crawford, Ethel Jackson, Winnie and Emmet Steele, Murl and Helen Crawford, Arthur B. Crawford, Joe Crawford, Iris Crawford, Bonnie Crawford, Gertrude and Andy Hammett.

Also Dorothy Crawford, James Crawford, Buddy and Jean Crawford, Rita Cason, Kathleen Williams, Paula Mortensen, Ken and Valarie Crawford and Rachael, Randall and Anna Crawford, Sammy and Jane Crawford, Michael and Martin, Ann

and Milton Gaddy.

Also Prentice, Jo, Kent and Christopher Crawford, Russell and Pat Crawford, Lori and Ashley Parvin, Christie and Greg Noone, Patrick and Christopher McLendon, Virginia and Dwayne, Mark and April, Mike and Jordan Rhodes, Shirley and John, Cliff and Dee Dee, Cegie and Callie, Darrin and Monica, Chandler and Trent Gifford, Larry Crawford, Donald and Phyllis Crawford, Stephanie, Bailey and Blake Morris, Teena and Chris and Courtney Sparks, Deane and R.L. Miner, Craig, Kaci, Kara and Barbara Crawford, Eunice Ervin, Betty Andrews, Kay and Dan Zackary and Terry Smith. Claud Burks visited after dinner. There were a total of 82 attending.

*Prairiland Calendar of Events*  
Week of February 19, 1996

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25	26	27	28	29		

19..... Holiday  
20..... Fifth Six Weeks Begins  
21..... V Baseball vs. North Hopkins, Here, 4:00  
22..... Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.  
23..... JV Baseball at Mt. Vernon, 4:00  
24..... V Baseball vs. North Lamar, Here, 4:00  
24..... Driver's Ed., Cafeteria

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for Red River County  
**COMMISSIONER**  
**PRECINCT 1**



You will be in good hands if you elect W. T. Dodd as your Commissioner on March 12, 1996. If elected, brush will be cut and hauled off the side of the roads, the ditches will be maintained, culverts will be cleaned out so water will not run over the roads and the pothole truck will run whenever possible. With my experience and knowledge of heavy equipment, I believe I can save enough money on repairs to pay my salary. This will help the tax payers. With this type operation the tax payer can save on school bus, county and personal vehicle expenses. Quite a number of years ago the Commissioner of Precinct 1 worked and maintained our roads and was manager enough to get by on the money allocated to him instead of borrowing. He and his men did their own maintenance. He was a working Commissioner, as I intend to be. (We still have the same amount of roads we had then). I believe in running a tight ship in the county barn and at the Court House. I have attended Commissioners Court and I will stand up for Precinct 1 and not be intimidated by anyone. We need this kind of leadership in Government. We can not barrow our way out of debt but we can work our way out. You have a voice in your Government so be heard.

**VOTE for**  
**W. T. (TaterBill) Dodd**  
**on March 12, 1996**  
**For Red River County**  
**COMMISSIONER**  
**PRECINCT #1**

Pol Adv. Pd. By W. T. Dodd, Rt. 1, Box 240-A, Bogata, Tx. 75417



**BLOSSOM #2 THIRD PLACE** winners at the Chisum Little Dribbler's Tournament over the weekend was the team coached by Joe Smith. Pictured left to right is Jeremy Wilson, Robert Stanphill, Josh Nation, Josh Lewis, Blake Smith and Coach Joe Smith. Front row is Seth Barnard, Cody Lamb and Josh Antley. (Staff Photo)

Letters  
To  
The  
Editor



Dear Editor,

We would appreciate your inclusion of the following text announcing this special satellite broadcast with other religious events prior to February 25, 1996.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is having a special Open House on Sunday, February 25, 1996 at 5:50 p.m. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. This will be a United States wide event including: A special Message by a Church Leader; Elder Ballard, a member of the Council of the Twelve. The message will be via satellite from church headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Ward meetinghouse, in Paris is located at 3060 Pine Mill Road, just off N.E. Loop 286. Church members living in Paris, Clarksville, Honey Grove, Cooper, Blossom, Bogata, Detroit, Powderly, Idabel, Hugo, Antlers, Soper and Boswell attend the Paris Ward.

Please direct any questions to me.

Warmest Regards,  
Paul Petersen  
Paris Media Representative  
903-784-1767 (H)  
903-737-5154 (W)

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The purpose of psychology is to give us a completely different idea of the things we know best.

—Paul Valéry



*Patricia Durock and Wayne Williams*

**Durock-Williams wedding scheduled**

Amanda Durock, Wesley and Wayne Williams, Jr., would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their parents, Patricia Durock and Wayne Williams, Sr.

The wedding will take place February 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bogata. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony. The couple would be honored to have everyone share this time with them.

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I'm opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.

—Mark Twain

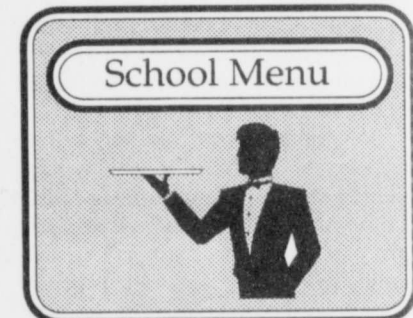
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tinuing Education Advisory Council; Red River Valley Exposition; Human Resources Council; Area Agency on Aging; Alcohol-Drug Council; Red River Regional Council on Alcoholism; Project Self-Sufficiency; Association for Retarded Citizens; Early Childhood Development; and the Department of Human Services state-wide Advisory Committee of the Aged and Disabled; Rotary Exchange to Brazil; Child Welfare Board; North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners; President; Girl Scouts Nomination Committee; ATCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Council, Chair; and Friends of Maxey Museum Board.

During the time following the 1981 tornado, he served on the Emberson Tornado Finance Committee. During the time following the 1982 tornado, he incorporated the Interfaith Disaster Services and served on the Board and Management Team.

Fisher is currently president of Lamar County Democrats. He has served as precinct convention chair, county convention delegate, and state convention delegate each time since being old enough to vote. He served as Lamar County delegation chair in 1984, and was elected to be a National Convention delegate in 1988.

He has received several recognitions, including: Outstanding Young Men in America, 1980, 1982, and 1984; Business and Professional Women's Club's Boss of the Year, 1980-81; Paris Jaycees' Outstanding Young Public Servant, 1981; Lamar soil and Water Conservation District's Outstanding Business and Professional Award (co-honoree), 1984; Paris Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award, 1987; and Texas Lions Camp, Life Member, 1993.



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All Campus  
School Lunch Menu  
February 26-March 1  
**Monday**

- Pizza
- Salad
- Corn
- Cake
- Milk
- Tuesday**
- Chicken nuggets
- French fries
- Corn
- Bread
- Dessert
- Milk
- Wednesday**
- Baked ham
- Sweet potatoes
- Green beans
- Rolls
- Milk
- Thursday**
- Sloppy Joes on bun
- Baked beans
- Potato salad
- Dessert
- Milk
- Friday**
- Hot dog on bun
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VFW COMMANDER Bud Mackey presented Blossom Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Buford Cleveland, with a check for \$200 for the fire department. (Staff Photo)



THIS FIVE GENERATION Picture was taken February 11. Shown are Kay Woodard, grandmother, Dorothy Holt, Great-grandmother, Terry L. Johnson, Great-great grandfather, Dale Williams, father and Haley Renee Williams, who is 3 weeks old.

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**Deport Housing  
 Authority News**



By Mary Westbrook 652-3605

A meeting was held with the craft workers in the gazebo on February 15. Attending were Mae Storm, Maud Webb, Lisa Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Westbrook, Floy Sparks. Refreshments consisted of cake, punch and chips.

A valentine party was held in the gazebo with a covered dish meal and bingo. Those present were Artie Westbrook, Alma Scaff, Alpha Barnard, Willie Mae Spears, Claud Burks, Mary Johnson, Mae Storm, Francis Franklin, Lucille Morgan, Juanita Primm, Betty Andrews, Euncie Ervin, Ruth Murrell, Nell Shull, Mavis Sowards, Floy Sparks, Thelma Shelby, Katherine Campbell, Lisa Johnson, Mayd Webb. Everyone had a good time.

Joyce Smith of Paris visited her mother, Mrs. Bernice Elmore last

week. Elnora Ratliff visited her mother, Alpha Barnard Sunday.

Betty Jackson and Nicole Clifton of Paris visited Carrie Bennett Saturday.

Mildred Wright visited Mr. and Mrs. Donny Wright and family Thursday.

Ruth Murrell's birthday party was enjoyed in the gazebo on February 16. Those enjoying the party were Virginia Kirkland, Reba Temple, Nina Sparks, Ina Sparks, Thelma Warren, Myrtle Singleton, Eulene Nicholas, Ruth Murrell and Mavis Sowards. Delicious food was enjoyed by all.

Ruth Ann Allen of Milton visited her mother, Mrs. Mamie Kennedy on Sunday.

**Crime Stoppers update**

It has been quite some time since a report has been issued on some of the latest information on the success of the student crime stoppers program. As you will recall, the student crime stoppers program works on the same principles as the adult program does. The only difference is that the crime occurs on campus. Students that provide information about other students than not only violate state law while on campus, but those that also violate school policy, will remain anonymous and will receive a cash reward of up to \$300. Since the student crime stoppers program in four independent school districts in Lamar County in September 1992, over 300 students have received some type of disciplinary action. Over 300 cases have been solved and over \$5000 in stolen property and seized drugs have been recovered. To do this, over \$9000 in cash has been paid to students. The student crime stoppers program is a very successful program.

It is time for the students to have another fund raiser. On Saturday night, February 24, at the Love Civic Center in Paris, Wade White and the Plain Label Band will be doing a benefit concert. All tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds from this con-

cert will go to the Lamar County Crime Stoppers program. All of the money raised stays right here in Lamar County. The students currently have less than \$800 in their bank account. Therefore, it is very important that the students have a successful fund raiser.

Tickets can be purchased from the Paris Police Department or from any area high school. Please promote this event as much as possible during the next few weeks.



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**Patriot Softball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
February 22	Clarksville	Here	4:00
26	Saltillo	Here	4:00
March 4	*Sulphur Bluff	Here	4:00
18	*North Hopkins	There	4:00
25	*Rivercrest (DH)	There	4:00
29	*Sulphur Bluff	Here	4:00
April 1	*Cooper (DH)	There	4:00
4	*North Hopkins	Here	4:00
9	*Saltillo (DH)	There	4:00

\*District games  
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| William Hodge    | Dale Wood         | Thomas Moore           |
| Bob Hundley      | Scott McClain     | Mike Middleton         |
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| Danny Huff       | Larry D. Hogan    | Scott Roebuck          |
| Haskell Maroney  | Marc Ritchie      | Jason Speir            |
| Jeff Springer    | Jason Weber       | Bobby Hundley Sr.      |
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| Terry Bull       | Michael Bankston  | Rusty Basinger         |
| Tim Moree        | David Stevens     | Archie Crittenden      |
| Shane Boatwright | Greg Vickers      | Shane Saffell          |
| Michael Gustin   | Charles Desmarais | Dale Maberry           |
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| Aaron Cunningham | Shane Stone       |                        |
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**Kerye Ashmore**  
 Lamar County Attorney



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 B. J. McCoy  
 SHERIFF  
 Lamar County**



**Lamar County  
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It's been an honor to serve you as Sheriff for the past three years. I have worked hard and diligently to improve and provide good law enforcement for our county. I will continue my efforts to provide the quality of law enforcement you deserve. Better trained officers, policies and procedures, dedicated personnel and good working relationships with other local law enforcement agencies are key factors in having good law enforcement and we have had this for the last three years, since I became your Sheriff. All murders are solved, all but one robbery has been solved and burglaries, thefts, assaults and other crimes are solved daily with over a half million dollars of stolen property recovered in the last 3 years. As your Sheriff it is my duty to provide good quality law enforcement and I will continue to do so.

I appreciate your vote for Good Law Enforcement and Public Safety.

B.J. McCoy

Pol. Adv. Pd. For By Friends of B.J. McCoy, Don Huff, Treasurer, Rt. 5, Box 100, Paris, TX 75460



**GTE files request to recover expenses**

GTE applied with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on February 7 to recover from customers \$16.6 million for revenue losses resulting from the mandated expansion of toll-

free calling areas to over 250 smaller communities across the state. The expanded calling areas were required by Senate Bill 632 passed by the 1993 Texas Legislature.

The legislation allowed the PUC to set rules for communities with less than 10,000 telephone lines, and outside of metropolitan areas, to expand local calling areas where there is a community of interest, such as county government, churches, a school district, hospitals and doctors. The service is called expanded local calling (ELC).

The law, passed in 1993, allows the additional costs and investment, as well as lost long-distance revenues

associated with ELC, to be recovered by assessing customers in the requesting community a monthly charge of no more than \$3.50 for each residential line and \$7 for each business line. Revision of the law in 1995 limited the number of distant calling areas that can be added to the local calling area for the \$3.50 and \$7 minimum charges to five. Additional calling areas over the five limit will include an additional \$1.50 a month for both residential and business lines for each additional calling area.

When approved by the PUC, customers in areas with ELC service who are not paying the maximum \$3.50 residential or \$7 business rate will see charges for ELC increased to the maximum. Customers not paying an ELC charge will receive a \$1.06 monthly surcharge per line.

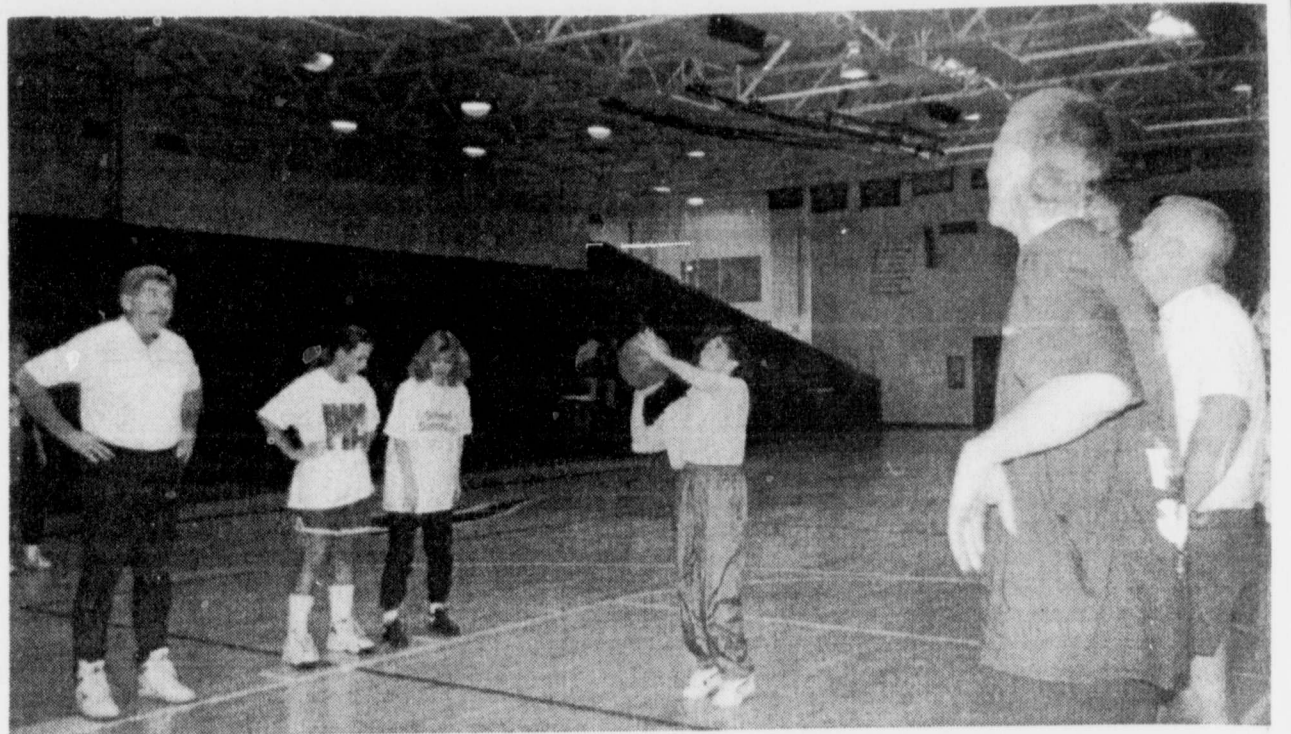
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**THE PRAIRILAND FFA** sponsored a student/faculty basketball game last Friday. Coaching the team of FFA members were Spencer Eppler and Gina Moreland. The faculty, coached by David Tyler, won the game 58-48. (Staff Photo by Mrs. Tyson)



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**Letter To The Editor**

**To the Editor:**  
The Blossom Garden Club wishes to thank the Blossom Times and the Blossom Prairie Kiwanis Club for all of their assistance with our Stew Supper Saturday, February 17th.

We also want to give a big "Thank You" to all the folks who attended our stew event, their support of our fund raiser is appreciated.

All funds raised will be spent on the Blossom Homecoming on July 6th.

Sincerely,  
Clara Gardiner, Reporter



**PHS STUDENT COUNCIL** members made and sold Valentines, candy and roses last week to students and faculty. The money raised goes into the Student Scholarship Fund. (Staff Photo by Mrs. Tyson)

**Deport Nursing Home News**

By Jalynda Mitchell

Our condolences to Carl and Jalynda Mitchell on the death of his father. Also to the families of Jack L Bell and Louise McFrazier. Jack had been with us since 1974 and Mrs. McFrazier since 1982, they will be greatly missed.

Our week started as usual with dominoes and bingo on Monday. Tuesday Mr. Geer led our Bible study and Jalynda Mitchell was in Mt. Pleasant for an activity director's meeting. Wednesday we enjoyed kickball and Valentine Party. Acteens visited that evening to do nails for our ladies. On Thursday we had our monthly birthday party honoring Jack Bell, Marietta Parsons, Miriam Shanon, Lloyd Williams, Joe Parks and Sara Gilmer.

Friday morning Bro. Sam Campbell led our Bible study. Saturday morning our residents were served donuts and coffee. Sunday morning Jack Elliott conducted Sunday School, Sunday afternoon the Gospel Lights entertained.

Visiting with Ola Gardner were Raymond and Aubrey Hignight, Jim,

Nell and Angie Gardner, Vicki Sawyer, Michael Webb, Jamie Beaty, Laura Sawyer and Harold Norris. Bocky Norman visited everyone this week. Glad to have her back in circulation. Miriam Shannon was visited by Nelda Harrell and Lucy Fowler. Visiting Johnnie Warren was SLusan and Shyanne and Ruth Ann.

Burks Docker was visited by Hettie Bailey, Edd and Sandra Burnett, Dana Jean, Randy Anders and Taylor Ladd.

Mrs. Edna Glasgow's visitors were Emma Lee and Bobby Fashee and Edward Glasgow. John Rodgers visitors were Mozelle Madden and Katie Rodgers.

Rev. Cecil Allen visited friends on Thursday.

Barbara and Fred Biggerstaff, Gene and Curley visited Don O'Dea.

Irene Walker visited with Edith Franklin and other friends. Lloyd Williams' visitors were Velma Cox, Dora Hester and Wayne Williams.

Visiting with Doris Norwood and

Brodie Bell were Debbie Campbell and Aubrey Hignight.

Visiting Jewel Smith were Larry Sr. and Shirley Haskell, Clista and Heather Filkins, C.D., Tonya Corey and Joshua Haskell, Larry Smith, Stephanie Merchant, and Darrell Smith.

Dora Hester and Velma Cox visited Fieldon Golden.

Earl and Diana Parks and Frances Provence visited Joe Parks.

Wynell Gilbreath visited her aunt, Grace Griffin.

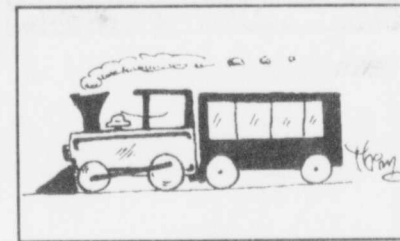
Joy Chapel visited her mother, Essie Nash.

Sandra Jeffus visited her aunt, Nina Hale and Grace Griffin.


Patti Amis visited her mother, Jane Rhoades.

Regina Webb and Cecil Allen visited Jack Bell and Marshall IDunigan.

Visitors of Marlin and Sara Gilmer were Marline Thomas, Sarena, Jill and Cory Owens, Katrina Johnson, Don Shoven, Mark Beers, Weldon and Joyce Smith and Suzanne Shoven.



London's first subway line was operated by steam locomotives and opened in 1863.

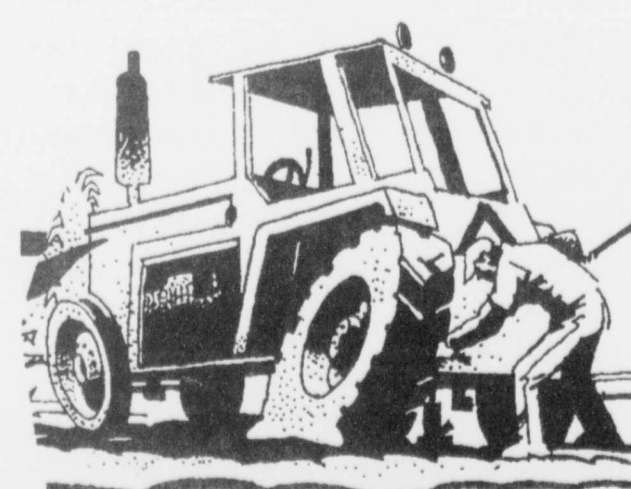


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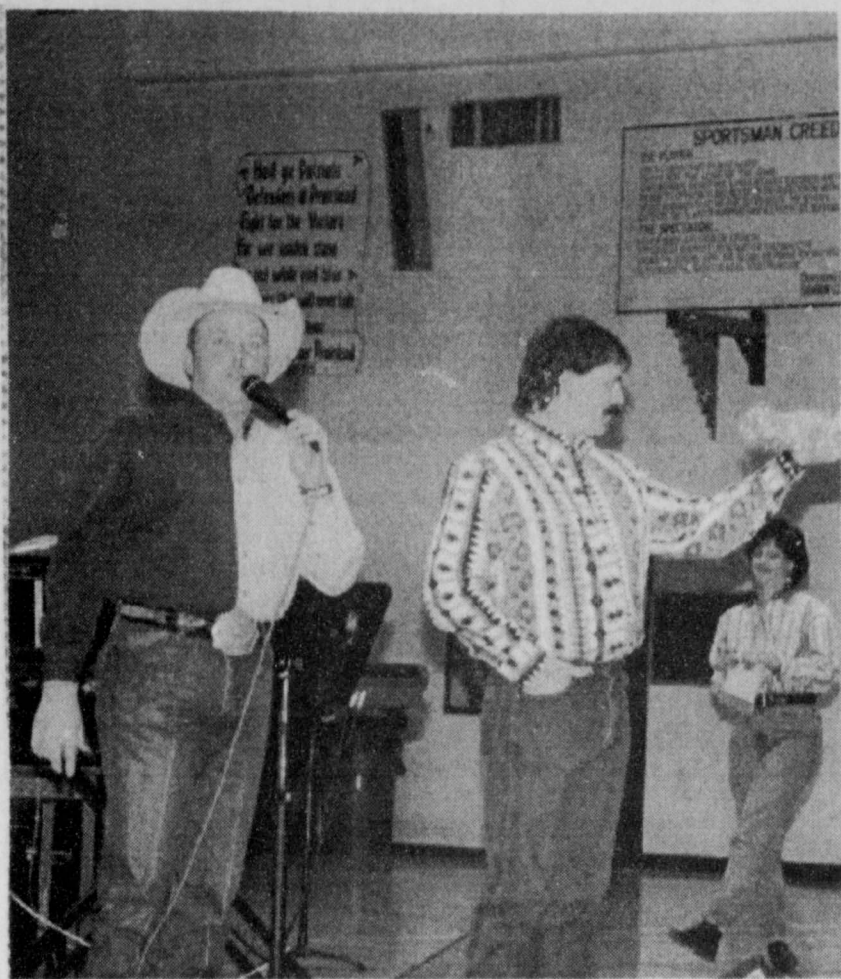
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**WHAT AM I BID**-Frankie Norwood served as auctioneer as Scotty Norwood and James Norwood showed off the pies and cakes auctioned at the Deport PTO Variety Show Saturday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

### Pats finish year with nailbiter

The Prairiland Patriots completed their 1996 year under the direction of Coach Charlie Martin on Tuesday night, February 13 against the Rivercrest Rebels. Under his direction, the boys have had a 4-6 and 17-12 season with several of the key players returning next year.

The Pats jumped out to a 17-7 lead in the first quarter and held the Rebels to 27-24 at halftime, giving the Rebs a lot to talk about in the locker room. This game meant a co-championship for them along with Chisum.

Playing a game of Russian Roulette for the last 2 quarters, the Pats gave up a 41-43 lead to the Rebs in the third and kept up the action until the last minutes of play in the fourth, only to lose by one, 59-60.

Corey May was high with 17, Jeremy Day 13, Todd James 12, Jeremy Newberry 6, David Ford 5, Justin Taylor 3 and Brandon Maroney 3.

The boys and Coach Martin are to be commended for a job well done!

### Basketball. . . .25 years ago!

The Prairiland Patriots under Coach Bill Scudder ran their record to 23-6 and 3rd place in district 15-AA in their first year of competition.

The first game saw PHS travel to Mt. Vernon to take a 80-70 victory. Jack Whitley led all scorers in the game with 32 points while Jackie Ballard 13, Ronnie Langley 10 and

Wayne Clarkson 10 also hit in the double figures.

The final game of the year saw the Patriots defeat Winnsboro by a 91-85 score. Whitley led with 31 while teammate Clarkson had 16, Billy Sessums 15 and Langley 10 also had a good night. Sessums pulled in 18 rebounds while Whitley had 13 in the contest.



**THANK YOU**-Prairiland FFA Officers presented School Board members with caps in appreciation during School Board Appreciation Week last week. Johnny Patterson is shown here accepting his gift. (Staff Photo)



**RENEA HOLT** is pictured here in the Prairiland greenhouse. She is a member of the Prairiland FFA and the Horticulture class. Prairiland FFA is joining chapters across the nation in celebrating National FFA Week, February 19-24. (Staff Photo)



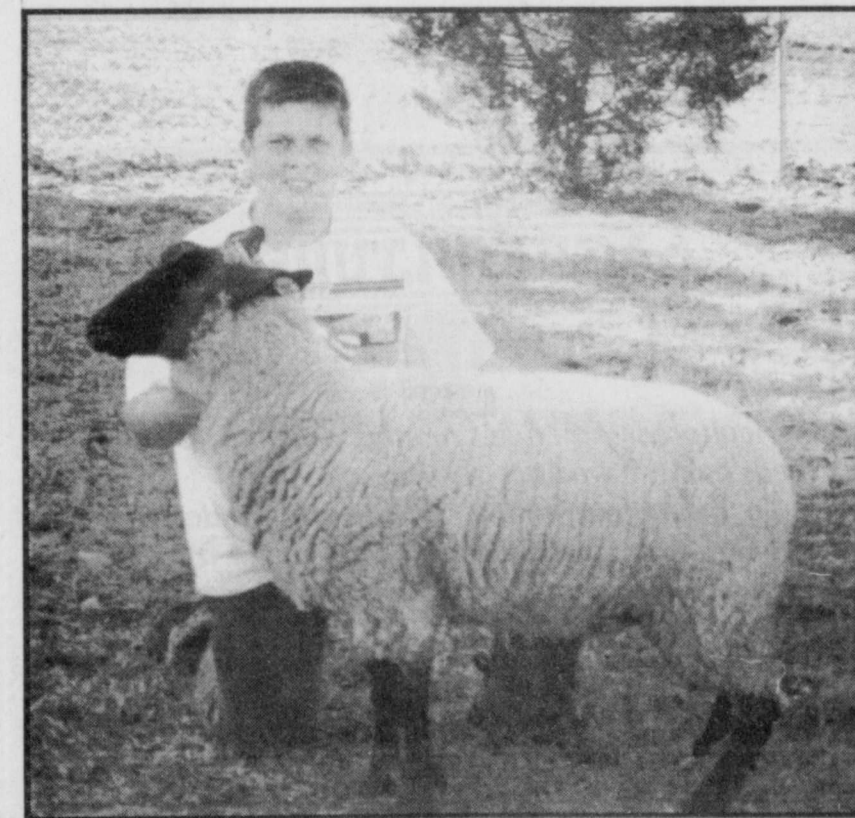
**Blossom Kill Kare Klub meets with Mrs. Porterfield**

The Blossom Kill Kare Klub met February 16th with Bea Porterfield.

After a short business meeting games of 42 were played by eight members and four guests.

The guests were Lelia Bryan, Flarance Porter, Evelyn Scott and Ruby Ray. High score for members was won by Willie Wilson and Geneva Guisti. High score for guests was Evelyn Scott.

The next meeting will be on March 1st with Willie Wilson.



**COUNTY SHOW LAMB**-Allen Blanton is a member of Prairiland FFA and will show his lamb at the Lamar County Show. (Staff Photo)

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**If you ain't "On Line", you ain't cool..... and other assorted facts of life**

By David Teague

I've often said, I get my "Nichols Worth" every time I read Nanalee's column by that name.

If I were there and ran into you, I would definitely confirm that you look thinner. Your New Year's resolution is working. I think it's obvious even in your writing. One can't help but notice how the words just seem to flow. You can tell!

What bothers me, in my life is that I feel like the guy left standing at the station when the train pulled out. I'm not high-tech! I was just getting the Big Chief tablet-cedar pencil bit down good, when out they come with all this hi-tech stuff. Just yesterday they put a new law into effect that will revolutionize it even further. If I'm not mistaken, under the law, you will be able to talk over your TV, as if it were a telephone, while getting stock market reports from far away places like Hong Kong over your microwave, or something like that.

I can't begin to describe the negative feelings I already have about it all. Each morning as I begin to wake, it hits me. It comes in loud and clear, "You're not ON LINE." What makes

it even worse, I'm not real sure what that means. All I know is everybody who is anybody is "ON LINE".

Even the language is changing and I just don't get it. I can put a real good story on our little granddaughters, and they respond with "Cool". Their word cool rhymes with wool and sounds about three octaves higher than their normal voice. When I try to say it like they do, my eyes bug out and my glasses slide down on my nose.

This morning as I began to wake up and get around, I "flipped" on the news. They were reporting the fact that "Hootie and the Blowfish" had won the awards last night. It isn't their fault, but I don't even know who or what they may be. I guess we didn't have that species in Sulphur River when I was growing up.

With these things happening all around me that I don't understand, but seem to be the way of the future, I sometimes feel left behind.

Oh well, I'll just stand here looking at the back of the train as it rolls on out of sight.

Hey, that's COOL!!

**Justin Pricer completes basic**

Navy Seaman Recruit Justin S. Pricer, son of Ina L. Beasley of Blossom, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight week program, Pricer completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Pricer learned naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety

and survival and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Pricer and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values, honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Pricer joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

**Deport Locals**

By Barbara Crawford  
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Robert and Geraldine Bryson and Kenneth and Betty Bryson of Shreveport visited Ed Bryson and Venice Bryson over the weekend.

Jimmie and Yuba Sparks and Ernie and Rita Sparks returned Monday from spending the weekend in Lubbock. They visited his sister, Lotella Murchison, daughters Kathleen Foreman of Dell City and Mary Ann Ericsson of Littlefield and granddaughter Crystal and Dexter Baker and great-grandson, Dexter III.

Morris and Ginger Foster, Jill and Alison of Bogata had supper Monday night with his parents, Marlin and Billie Foster.

Visiting Terry and Frankie Hunt were their daughters, Nancy Eason of Terrell, Fran Miller and granddaughter Stephanie Berry of Denton.

Lori Parvin and Ashley of Keller, Chris and Greg Noone, Patrick and Christopher of Saginaw spent the weekend with Russell and Pat Crawford.

Mark and April Rhodes of Lewisville visited her parents, Dwayne and Virginia Rhodes.

Darrin and Monica Gifford, Trent and Chandler spent the weekend with John and Shirley Gifford.

Prentice and Jo Crawford, Kent and Christopher Crawford of Benbrook visited Raymond and Edith Crawford.

Jason and Christy Dickson have returned from a short vacation to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico.

Robert and Gerrie Parks of Irving spent the weekend with Mary Parks.

Marlin, Billie and Alison visited Ida Mae and Daryl Norwood on Sunday.

**T-Bird dinner, 50's banquet planned**

The First Baptist Church of Deport will be hosting a 50's Sweetheart Banquet and T-Bird dinner for the youth, grades 6-12 on Saturday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Live entertainment will be featured,



**TALENTED GROUP**-the Prairiland FFA Chapter has something to brag about as their talent team captured area honors and will compete for state in July. From left to right are: Jonathon Newman, Deanna Merrell, Kendra Hicks and Dustin May with their award and advisor Frankie norwood. (Staff Photo)



**DISCUSSING PLANS**-Prairiland FFA Officers discuss plans recently with their advisor. From left to right are Jonathon Newman, Kortney Barrentine, Gina Moreland, Kelley Clement, Bobby Winters, Cari Irwin and Deanna Merrell. (Staff Photo)



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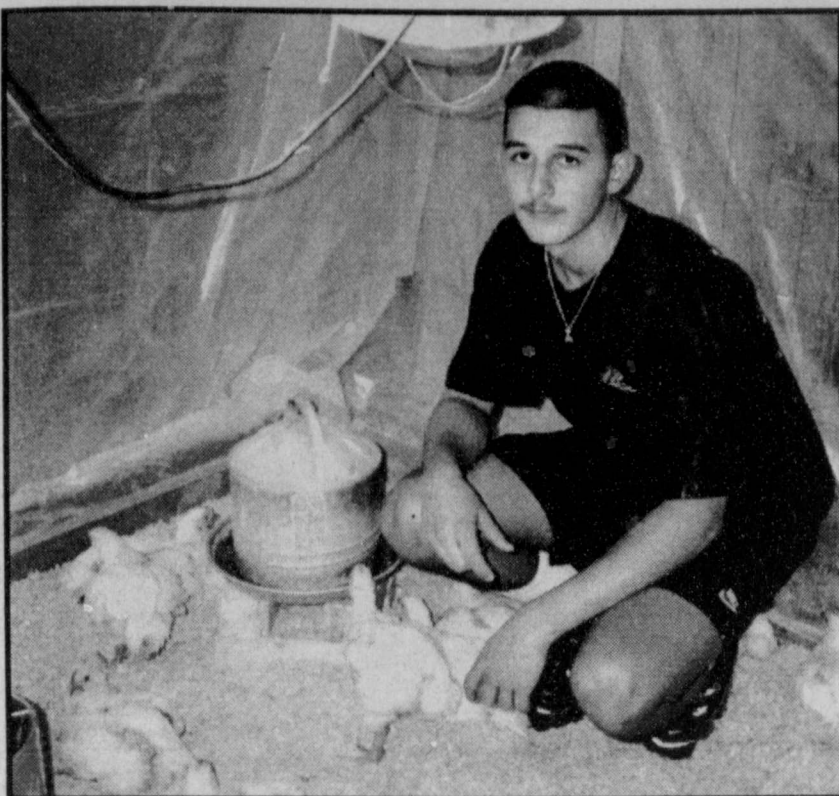
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MIKE YAROSS has broilers that will go to the Houston Livestock Show this weekend. He is a member of Prairiland FFA and they are celebrated National FFA Week. (Staff Photo)



CHAD JOHNSON of Prairiland FFA shows off his Houston Livestock Show Broilers. (Staff Photo)



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**Prairiland  
Calendar of Events**  
Week of February 26, 1996

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29		

26 ..... JV Baseball vs. Mt. Vernon, Here, 4:00  
Cheerleading parents meeting, Library, 6:30 p.m.

27 ..... V Baseball at Paris, 6:00  
Spring Photos

28 ..... Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.

29 ..... V Baseball at Redwater Tournament, TBA

March 1 ..... V Baseball at Redwater Tournament, TBA

2 ..... Driver's Ed, Cafeteria  
JV Baseball, North Lamar, 11:00 a.m.

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'92 Olds Achieve 4 Dr. Tilt, Cruise, P/Locks, Cass., Red/Gray Cloth	'93 Olds Achieve 4 Dr. Tilt, Cruise, P/Locks, Cass., White/Red Cloth
'95 Olds Ciera Tilt, Cruise, P/Windows, P/Locks, Cass., White/Blue Cloth	'93 Pontiac Grand Am 2 Dr. Tilt, Cruise, P/Locks, Cass., Teal Green/Gray Cloth
'95 Geo Prizm Nice Car Lt. Blue/Blue Cloth	'90 Jeep Wrangler 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, A/C, Black/Gray Vinyl
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Congratulations to the members of the junior and senior Horse Judging teams that have been competing with the Blossom Prairie 4-H Club. You are doing a fine job.

The Prairiland cheerleaders and the Prairiland PIPS performed at the PJC basketball game last Wednesday night and did a fine job!

Visitors in the home of Jr. and Pauline Weddle over the weekend were Jim Weddle of Denton, Joe Boyd Weddle of Noble, OK, Paula and Kristen Shelby, Sheila Thompson, Lace, Lesa and Lori of Clarksville, Scott and Angie Shannon, who have just moved back here from Florida and Steve and Shirley Shannon.

Pauline Weddle attended church in Paris on Sunday night and visited with Pat, Ray and Samuel Evers.

Girl Scout cookies are here! If you haven't gotten any, you are missing out.

The Blossom Garden Club held their Stew Supper on Saturday night to raise funds for the 1996 Homecoming in July. It was a great success!

Robert Parks of Lewisville spent Saturday through Monday with Margaret Parks.

Baseball season is coming up for all ages. Be sure to support your team!

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended Eastern Star in Paris on Thursday at the Paris Masonic Lodge. They then attended a benefit chili supper for the Direct Volunteer Fire Department and Masonic Lodge on Saturday night at Direct. They visited with their son Ronnie and Linda Cleveland of Tarpley on Sunday night by phone.

Don't forget the fundraiser for Logan Baird on Sunday at the Blossom School Cafeteria. It is a Spaghetti Dinner to begin at noon sponsored by the Lamar County 4-H'ers.

**College scholarships available**

Over \$16,000 in 10 college scholarships are available to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors through a nationwide essay competition sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Now in its third year, MSAA's "Project: Learn MS '96" encourages students to write a 500-1000 word essay on MS, its effects of the family and how society can improve life for the physically challenged. All essays must include an official registration form, \$7.50 in prepaid sponsorship, and must be postmarked by May 27, 1996. Information on the essay competition is available through local high school guidance offices or by calling MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS.

Known as the most common neurological disorder of young adults, multiple sclerosis affects as many as 500,000 Americans. Its crippling effects on the central nervous system can produce symptoms ranging from blindness to partial or complete paralysis. According to MSAA officials, "Project Learn MS '96" serves to educate students about MS, helps raise funds to support MSAA services and highlights the organization's national "May is MS Awareness Month." Other MSAA programs include peer counseling, toll free hotline, support groups, free loan of therapeutic equipment, newsletter, barrier free housing, microclimate cooling and social and group activities.

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It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.  
—La Rochefoucauld

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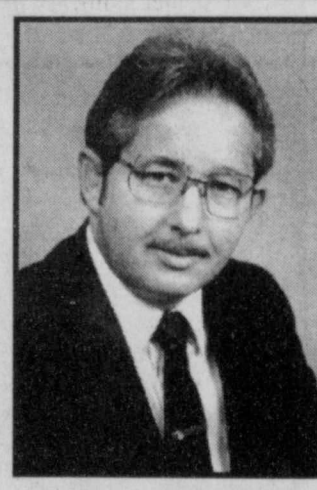
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## Life in the slow lane (Retirement)

By Jack Dodd

Perhaps the title would be better stated as "What's going to happen to

you when you get old. How old is old? A few years ago, Christian Bernard, the treat pioneer heart surgeon served on an international committee to study aging. An excerpt from his report stated, "Any old person that says they enjoy being old is either lying or demented." Dr. Bernard didn't know a thing about growing old in Rosalie.

The latter years of my life have been the most pleasant ever. Gone are most of the tensions and struggles of life. The children are grown and the grandchildren are already spoiled. Isn't it amazing how such average children can have such beautiful, intelligent grandchildren? Gone are the peak hour freeway traffic tie ups. In Houston there was an old lady whose car had stalled at a red light. A middle aged man behind her was honking his horn for all it was worth. She tried and tried to start her car and the man behind honked and honked. Finally the old lady got out of her car. Went back to the man and said, "If you will please go up and start my car, I will stay back here and honk your horn for you." Gone are work deadlines and progress reports. Since retirement, life has been one long three day week end, in fact, I wouldn't mark them on a calendar in my workshop. I now have the freedom to establish my own agenda and schedule in the pursuit of happiness. If you don't feel good, eyes watering, down in the dumps, grouchy, feel sorry for yourself, get up and go out and do something for someone else. This will take away your problems immediately, works every time.

There are some limitations that come with age. We seniors learn to adjust to compensate. We can't run as fast or kick as high, so we play different games. We can't hear as well or see as well, so we sit closer to the front. (My children say there is nothing wrong with my hearing- I just don't pay attention.) Guilty. We can't drive as well so we help each other. The help I get I don't know how I got to and from work each day for 38 years.

I grew up in a time when good manners dictated, "No gentleman sits while a lady stands." Gentlemen gave their seats to standing ladies. Now young ladies offer their seats to me. This is not necessary but nice. When we do something dumb, the younger people overlook it and say "He's old."

Merchants sometimes offer us a "Senior Discount". Most of the time though you have to ask for them. Ann and I ate at a Dallas restaurant recently, and I asked if they gave a Senior Discount. The waitress said, "Yes, we give a 10% discount. Hoping for a greater discount I said to her, "But I'm real old," to which she replied, "You're real ugly too but 10% is all you're gonna get."

The Bogata First Methodist Church is a great place for seniors. We are a lot more concerned about living than we are about dying. We have occasional fellowship and refreshments, usually oat bran muffins and prune juice. The church honors us by allowing us to serve as Sunday School teachers and workers. We are honored and grateful that we have not been put out to pasture. Worship seems to be more enjoyable and meaningful as we get older. I never was allowed to sing in any choir, high school, etc. Upon retirement the nice choir at church allowed me to join. That was 6 years ago. The leader of the choir now tells me if I keep improving they will allow me to sing out loud next year.

By reputation old men offer unsolicited and unheeded advice at every opportunity. Living up to reputation and perhaps expectations, I say "If you want to look younger and prettier, run around with people who are older and uglier."

As a Senior and Seasoned Citizen I appreciate my wife more, enjoy my children more and plan to move in with all the grandkids as soon as they enter High School. Love! Love is extremely important for all Seniors. Some seniors are nearly impossible to love, but "to love the unlovable is the greatest achievement of all".

Ask yourself each morning, "What kind of world would this world be if everyone in it were just like me?"

This is written by a local Senior and Seasoned Citizen who is proud to be here.

## How far will we go for our children?...my limit is approaching!

By Nancy Brown

Several times in my life I've wondered if I'm missing some important brain cells. I wonder this because of the bad ideas about various things that I have undertaken. But, the winner of all times came this past week.

My son, Jack, has always been unique in his choice of pets. He helped me to see that I am most definitely missing a few of those all-important brain cells!

As a child Jack caught everything that crawls, slithers or oozes. Mostly he caught them in order to play pranks at the expense of others.

But now he owns a ball python named Ziggy. Ziggy has, incredibly, become a family pet!

Ziggy sits in Jack's lap while he watches TV. Ziggy doesn't seem to care much about the television programs (unless it's a documentary on snakes) but he does love to straighten up and watch the overhead ceiling fan, most of his six feet in length swaying gently to the fan's movement.

Although my son is less than neat with most things, Ziggy is taken care of very well. Ziggy must have a clean cage, fresh water, live mice to eat at least once a week (yuck) vitamin sprays and special heating, all of which Jack sees to most carefully.

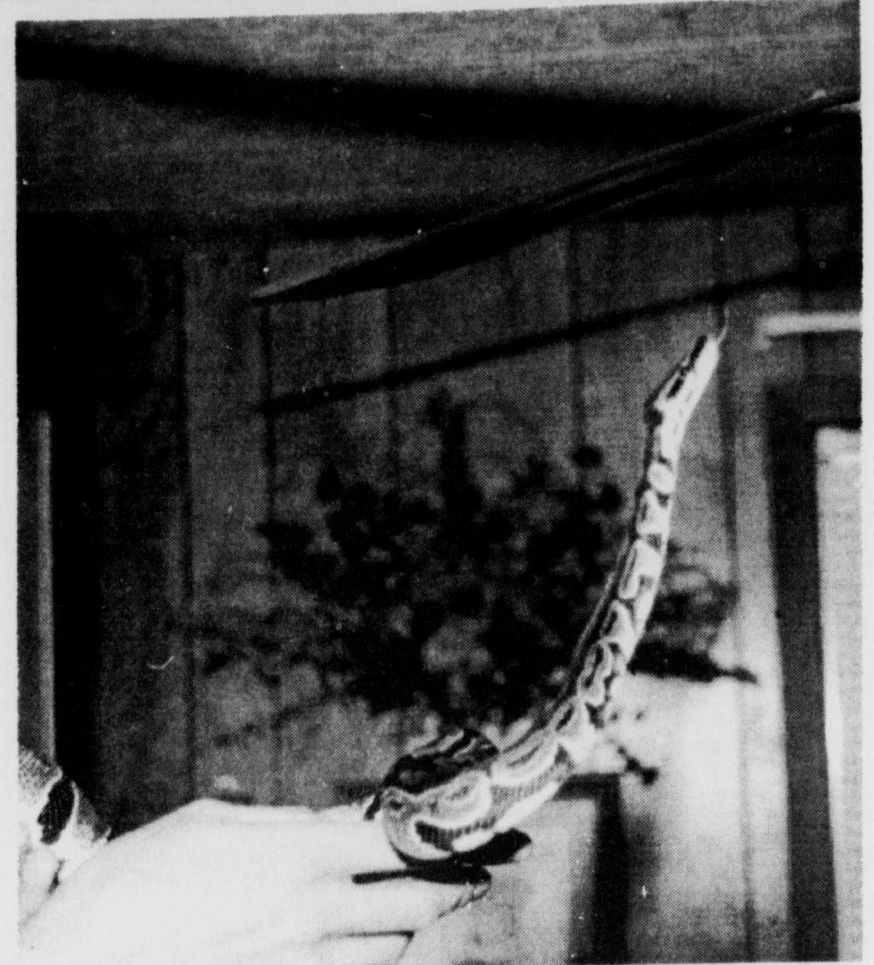
While cleaning his "beloved snakes" cage last week, my son no-

ticed that he was wheezing...the snake, not Jack. Of course, he checked his book on Pythons and looked over reasons Ziggy might be wheezing. He carefully pressed on Ziggy's throat to see if foam came out of the nose (a sign of respiratory disorder). Other symptoms of respiratory disorder include a deep groove on their underside, holding the mouth open to breathe or holding the head up to take in air. Everything pointed to the fact that Ziggy had a cold. The pet store owner was called and Jack took Ziggy in to see him. If the cold is not bad a drink of water with antibiotics will get him well, we found out. Anything that doesn't fix requires a veterinarian's care and attention. If the water doesn't work then the snake has to have a shot.

That set me to wondering...exactly how do they GIVE a snake a shot? Where do they inject a snake?

All of this sounds simple, but it turned into a major emergency at our house.

As I lay awake that night I discovered something really disturbing about myself. I'm worried about a SNAKE! How far will be go in sympathy and concern for our children? Pretty far, apparently. I think I may be reaching my limit though, when I lie awake worrying about a snake.



FASCINATED-Ziggy the ball python is totally fascinated by the ceiling fan. He will sometimes stand the length of his

over six foot long body straight up in order to watch the fans motion. (staff photo Nancy Brown)

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## Rudy, a shortlegged dog with lots of ground to cover!

By Terri Shelby

His name is Rudy (short for Rudolph) because he was born at Christmas time. He has claimed me as his person, even though my brother is really his owner (if owner is the right word). Wherever my pickup is, there is Rudy. The kids at school here in Detroit know Rudy because he goes to ball games and greets people happily at the door. During baseball, he can be found in or around the pressbox, and during the football season he guards the concession door while I work inside. Rudy is faithful, friendly and well thought of.

He goes to church every Sunday, and apparently knows the First Baptist Church of Detroit's schedule, for one Sunday night he went even though we were out of town!

He enjoyed Christmas caroling with our church group this past Christmas.

On Halloween he happily helped a group of teens "paper" our house...not just once, but twice. Some watchdog Rudy turned out to be!

Rudy goes to the Post Office when I carry the mail and stays until I leave for the route. Nine times out of ten he will be back at the Post Office when I come in.

When Rudy was a puppy he stayed up on current events by reading my

Dallas Morning News. He didn't actually chew the paper up, just took it out of the plastic bag and "read" it all over the yard. We were told if he had a paper tied around his neck for a while that would break him of his reading habit. Well, we tried that, but all it did was teach him to carry the whole paper attached to him in his mouth instead of dragging it around.

A friend and I walk/run six days a week and our canine companion doesn't miss a trip when we leave from my house. He is my protector when I have to go alone. As long as Sarena (my friend) is with me, he feels free to go off doing dog things, but if I am alone he stays right on my heels, ready to defend me if necessary.

There are probably little puppy Rudys all over Detroit, because he is quite a lady's man. He may have been raised in the Baptist faith, but seems to have taken on some Mormon traits!

Some folks say he isn't smart...I just think he is really independent.

One thing I do know, and that is how much it is possible to become attached to an animal.

Next time you are in Detroit, keep an eye out for Rudy, a short legged, man-about-town with lots of friends, including me!



Terri Shelby of Detroit gives her faithful friend "Rudy" a little attention. Rudy is a true "dog about town" and is involved in many community events. (Staff Photo)

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PLANTING-Matt Wright and Keith Wilson plant with seeders in the garden at Prairiland. Prairiland's FFA Chapter is celebrating FFA Week. (Staff Photo)



HEAVENLY PURPOSE-a gospel group from the Deport House of Prayer sang songs of praise during the Variety Show held at Prairiland Saturday night after a cornbread and beans supper. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Topliff is included on undergrad honor roll

Marcus Daniel Topliff, a first-year student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester. Marcus has a 3.74 GPA and is a 1995 graduate of Prairiland High School.

percent of all SMU undergraduate degrees students.

SMU's Fall 1995 enrollment included 5,164 undergraduate students pursuing degrees in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Meadows School of the Arts, Edwin L. Cox School of Business and the School of Engineering and applied Science.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 18

Genetic defect responsible for disease

A genetic defect responsible for a common form of heart muscle disease has been discovered on chromosome 1, say heart specialists at Baylor College of Medicine and the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

"We have achieved the first major step -- isolating the gene," said co investigator, Dr. Robert Roberts, a professor of medicine and cell biology and chief of the cardiology section at The DeBakey Heart Center of Baylor and Methodist. "Now, we want to identify what is responsible for the defect. No gene defect has ever been identified for this disease."

Familial dilated cardiomyopathy (FDCM) runs in families and usually leads to heart failure. The ventricles enlarge, resulting in loss of pumping strength.

While several genes are suspect on chromosome 1 and the culprit has not been pinpointed, the research team say their findings pave the way to screening to look for genetic markers on and around the chromosome among family members with the disorder.

The scientists detected the chromosomal defect after analyzing the genetic make up of 46 living members spanning four generations of an afflicted family living in California and Utah. Eighteen cases of FDCM, eight of them fatal, have occurred in the family.

Campaign signs, highway right of way don't mix

The recent filing date for candidates for statewide public office brought the start of the campaign season. To avoid a deluge of illegally placed campaign signs, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding candidates of the laws on signs along highways.

\$1000 per sign. Within city limits, the placement of signs along roadways may also be regulated by local ordinances so candidates are encouraged to check with local municipalities for election sign laws.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on highway right of way without a license and permit. The fine for violating this law can be as much as \$500 per sign.

"These laws are designed to keep roadsides clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public," said Keith Hollje, right of way agent for the Paris District of TxDOT.

It is also illegal to place a sign, even off of state right of way, along most major highways in the state without a license and permit. Violation of this class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of as much as

TxDOT is mailing information about the placement of illegal signs to statewide candidates. Local candidates may also obtain this information by writing to Mr. Hollje at the department's Paris District office at 1365 North Main, Paris, Texas 75460.

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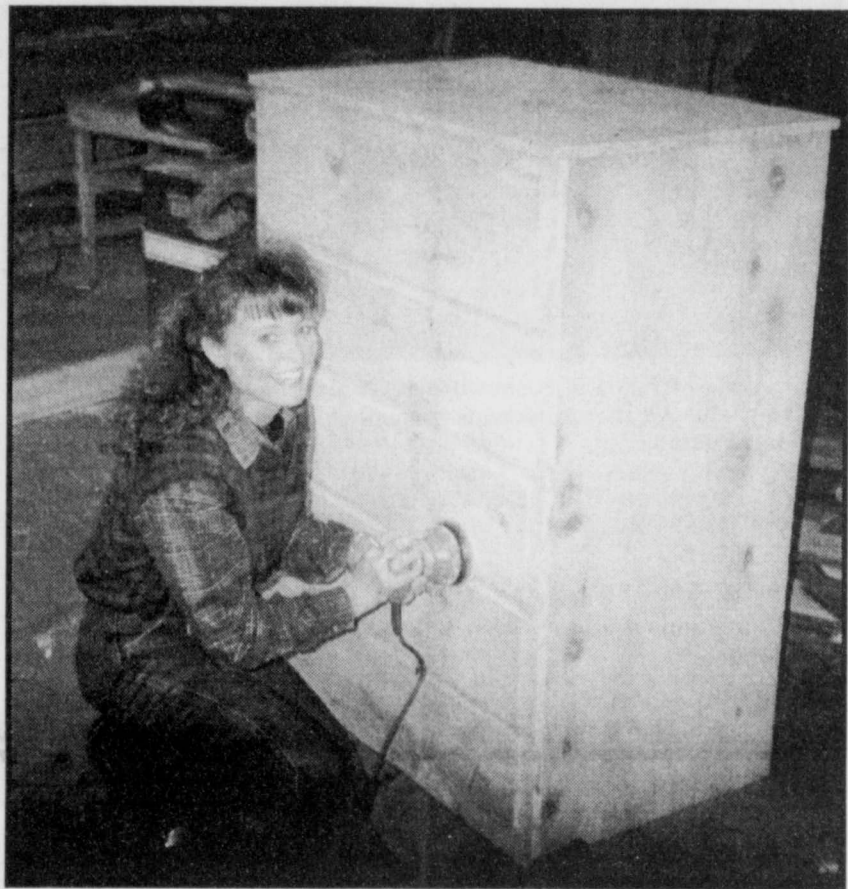
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**PLANTING ONIONS**-these Prairiland FFAers are putting out onion plants and learning more about vegetables. They are also celebrating National FFA week. From left to right are Kim Patterson, Angie Johnson, Matt Wright, Keith Wilson, Shane Yarbrough. (Staff Photo)



**SANDING** - Kelly Clement sands down a chest built in Prairiland Ag Shop. Prairiland FFA is celebrating National FFA week and the valuable skills learned through "Hands On" learning. (Staff Photo)



The tallest woman basketball player was Juliana Semenova who played on the 1976 Russian Olympic team and stands seven feet two inches tall.

**New Ground In The Bottom**

*By Harley Scoggins  
(Continued from last week)*

I walk a short distance and now I stand at the foot of my grandmother and grandfather Scoggins graves, which I have done many times before. I see myself as a young child, running as fast as I can away from the old box house that was almost always too hot or too cold. I run toward mama's house that was the same. I loved to watch mama sit in a straight-back, cane bottom chair. Taking her braided hair from her head, I marveled as she unbraided her long hair, almost to the floor when she stood up, and pulled it into her lap, where she combed and brushed it many, many times.

I remembered when she died, I told my dad, crying, I did not want to go to the funeral. He hugged me with tears in his eyes. It was the first time I had seen my dad cry, and the first time I can remember him hugging me. He said, "Son, you don't have to go if you don't want to. We can't help mama anymore now." I did not go, however, now I wish I had. Dad and I visited her grave almost every week for many months as his grief remained strong. Several years later dad and I were working on her grave, to remove every sprig of grass that came up every time it rained. I looked at my dad and tears were running down his cheeks. I looked down quickly so he would not see my tears too. We completed the task, loaded the tools in the old pickup truck and drove several miles before either of us exchanged words. I now look north, a hundred yards or more, toward where my great-grandfather was laid to rest many years before my birth. I wondered if his life had been any different than my father or his father. I wish I could talk to him. I wish that I could ask questions of a man who must have had a hard time starting a new life in a land called Texas, a man I regret I never got to see.


Scoggins a name that originated 400 A.D. descended originally from the Boernicians. The ancient race from the north were a mixture of Scottish Pecks and Anglos. Last year as I had several times before, I visited Europe. In the border country between Scotland and

England, I wondered how my ancestors had lived in this beautiful countryside of rolling hills. An old Scotsman told me in a language I could hardly understand "Son" he said "Sheep were more important than people in the 16th and 17th centuries. The bloody English kings banished your ancestors to the colonies." From this area of the motherland came the Armstrongs, Grahams, Scots, Kerrs, Bells, Nixons, Dicksons, Rutherford and most names ending in "son". In 1246 A.D., six chiefs from the Scottish side of the border and six chiefs from the English side met at Carlisle and produced a set of laws for the border territories. These were unlike any laws in Scotland or England. For example, it was a great offense to refuse to help a neighbor recover his wife, sheep, cattle or horses. Refusal could get you hanged instantly without a trial. I think my dad could have fit into these clans, just as his ancestors had. I hope God in his infinite wisdom will cut out 50 acres of good bottomland in heaven, give four good mules to my dad and say "Homer, you can share crop this land for me if you want to."

Although I think more like my mother there are streaks of Scoggins in me. There is only one way to do a job. It's my way, bear with me a few years so my dad can work for a landlord he has loved the last 57 years. I am sure he will, with God's help, build a golf course on the hill next to that fifty acre strip of bottomland. Dad can drive his mules up under the big tree between the bottomland and the golf course. I'll drive the golf cart over and mom will join us with a big box lunch as she used to do when I was very young. We can talk about the good days, not about the good old days, as we have many times before, where the weather never gets too old or too hot, the ground never gets too wet or too dry, where man or beast never gets tired, working the new ground in the bottom, of a new land.

This tribute is from a son that loves his father very, very much.

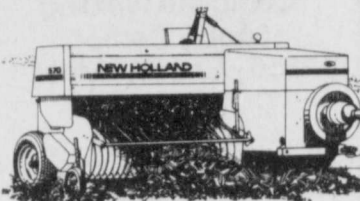
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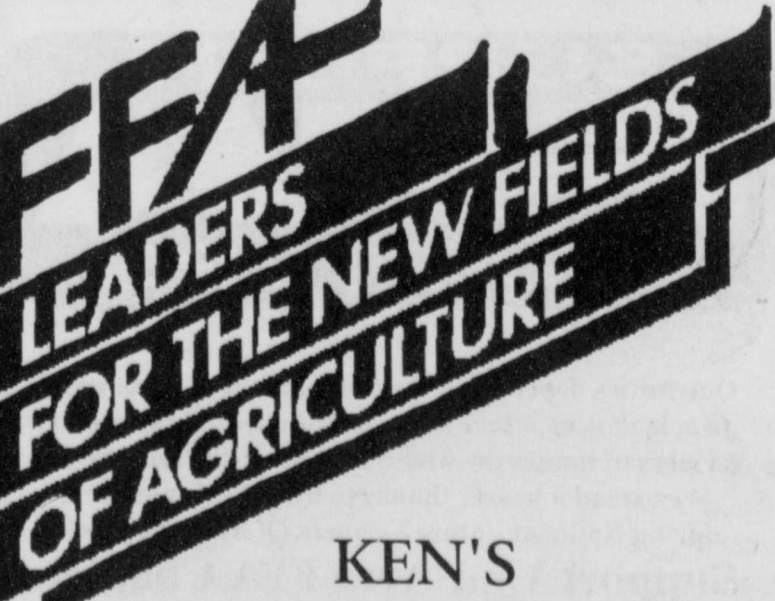


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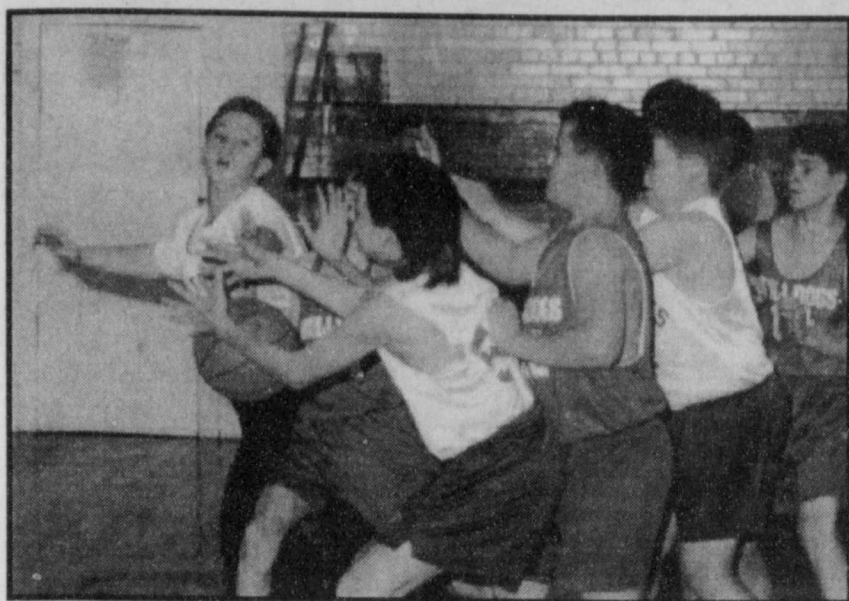
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## Deport JH Pats close season with consolation at tourney



THE DEPORT B Boys JH Pats played Avery recently, losing 35-27 in their final game. (Staff Photo)



THE JUNIOR HIGH Lady Pats won 26-22 against Aver recently. Shown is Amber Norwood with the ball. (Staff Photo)

The Deport Jr. High Patriots opened the N.E. T. Tournament play against Blossom.

Blossom handed them a defeat and placed them in the consolation bracket of the tourney.

Blossom outscored Deport 10 to 6 in the first quarter. Deport would hold Blossom to zero points in the second while scoring 4 of their own, making the half time score a tie of 10-10.

In the third Blossom again would outscore Deport, 11-5. Making the third quarter score 21-15.

During the 4th quarter Deport had a chance to catch up, but could only hit the basket for 2 points. They allowed Blossom only 4, closing the game with 25-17.

High point honors for the night were shared by Brad Barrentine and Matt Cavender with 6 points each. Daniel Hancock had 3 points and Cody Boehler had 2.

In their second game of the tourney, Deport faced Sulphur Bluff. The Pats had a better night in the gym as they defeated Sulphur Bluff.

The first quarter again saw the Patriots fall behind on the score board 9-11, but they would fight in the second quarter to gain the lead, but ending it in a tie ball game at the half with 23 all. The Pats scored 14 to Sulphur Bluff's 12.

Sulphur Bluff tried to come back in the third, scoring 7 and the Pats 6.

In the fourth the Pats pulled away from Sulphur Bluff scoring 10 points to Sulphur Bluff's 2. The final score was 39-32.

Again high point honors were shared as Brad Barrentine put 12 points on the board and so did Cody Boehler. Matt Cavender added 11 to the score, Kyle Malone put in 4.

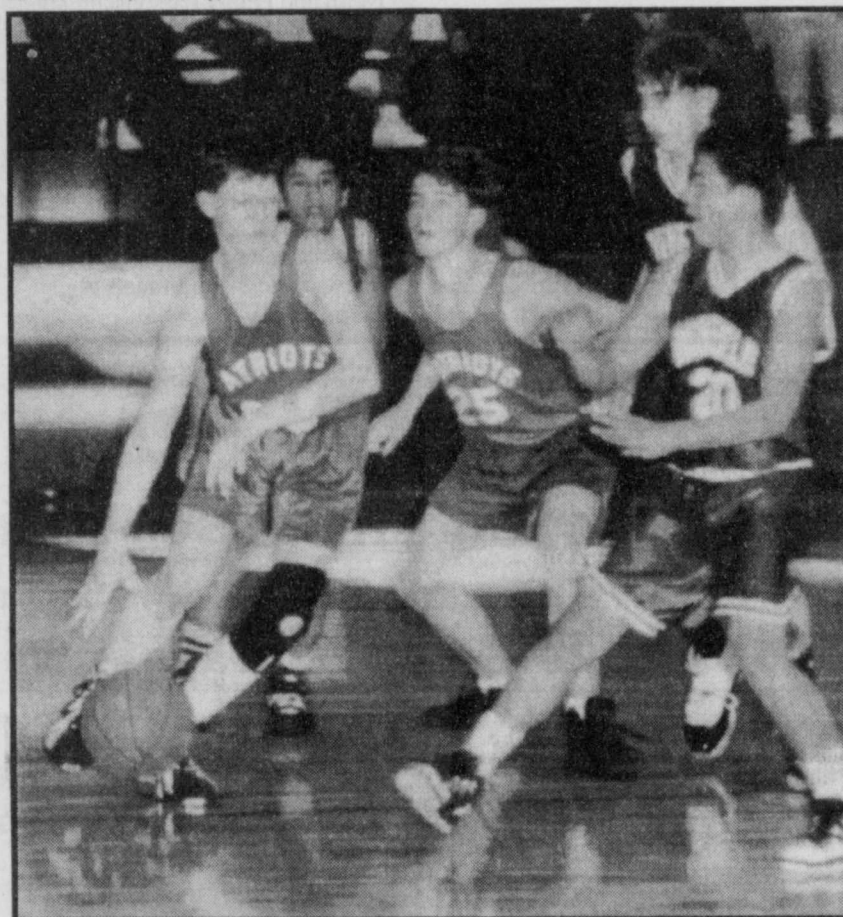
Deport went on to face Winfield in the Consolation Game of the tourney beating them 62-38.

In the first quarter the Pats put 16 points on the board to Winfield's 10. The second quarter scoring was much like the first. The Pats tossed in another 16 points while allowing Winfield only 8. Making the half-time score 32-18.

The Pats were still hot handed in the third scoring 17 points, but Winfield tried to come back and made 16 of their own. But the Pats would hold Winfield to 4 points in the fourth while scoring 13 of their own.

High point honors went to Cody Boehler with 21 points. Kyle Malone added 12, Matt Cavender tossed in 10 and Brad Barrentine 7. Daniel Hancock had 7, Matthew Basinger had 2 as did Nathan Byrd and Michael Mazy had 1.

Congratulations to the Deport Jr. High Patriots on a job well done, we are proud of you!



CODY Boehler and Kyle Malone are shown here as the Deport JH Patriots won 62-38 over Winfield in tournament play last week. (Staff Photo)

## Deport Little Dribbler Report

Fourth Grade Boys		Saturday	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Blossom 1 25</b>	<b>Deport 33</b>	<b>Detroit 23</b>
Bradley Brown	5	Chance Bankhead	11
Dakota Mitchell	6	Brad Hunt	8
Chance Crawford	2	Lucas Miller	6
Kevin Gilbert	1	Charlie Lawrence	3
		D.J. Watkins	3
		Harley Skidmore	2
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Chisum Gray 28</b>	<b>Fourth grade Girls</b>	
Aaron Arrasmith	5	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Detroit 14</b>
Dakota Mitchell	5	<b>Deport 24</b>	
Bradley Brown	3	Amanda Nichols	16
Chance Crawford	1	Mandy Weddle	4
Kevin Gilbert	1	Sarah Tubbs	4
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Chisum 22</b>	<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Powderly 25</b>
Chris Basinger	4	Amanda Nichols	13
Cody Cavender	2	Erika Norwod	3
Casey Elliott	11	Jennifer Betenbough	2
Jeremiah Jones	2	Carlena Fox	1
Jace Norwood	4	Heather Barnes	1
		Sarah Tubbs	1
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Chisum 22</b>	<b>Fifth Grade Girls</b>	
Chris Basinger	4	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Chisum Red 6</b>
Cody Cavender	4	<b>Deport 23</b>	
Casey Elliott	4	Megan Graham	10
Jeremiah Jones	2	Susan Whittle	2
Jace Norwood	1	Lacy Davis	2
Bryan Murdock	2	Nikki Wilson	2
		Nicole Boehler	2
		Leslie Davis	5
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Blossom 9</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Powderly 22</b>
Scotty Nichols	6	<b>Deport 21</b>	
Chance Bankhead	4	Megan Graham	7
Brad Hunt	4	Susan Whittle	4
Harley Skidmore	5	Lacy Davis	5
Lucas Miller	5	Brittany Harris	1
Stoney Musgrove	4	Leslie Davis	4
D.J. Watkins	4	<b>Sixth grade Girls</b>	
Landon Merrill	4	<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Blossom 18</b>
Justin Armstrong	4	<b>Deport 28</b>	
Justin McDowra	2	Minda Corso	4
Josh Williams	2	Hollie Allen	4
		Lacy Vincil	3
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Powderly 22</b>	Melissa Barnes	3
Brad Hunt	12	Kayle Suggs	2
Lucas Miller	8	Jennifer Glasgow	2
Chance Bankhead	6	Sandy Brown	2
Harley Skidmore	4	Kami Hudson	8
Justin McDowra	2		
Charlie Lawrence	1	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Chisum 26</b>
Devin Peek	1	<b>Deport 25</b>	
		Kelli Clarkson	8
		Kami Hudson	8
		Hollie Allen	4
		Lacy Vincil	3
		Jennifer Glasgow	2

## Presbyterian Women meet with Mrs. Franklin

Presbyterian Women of the Deport Presbyterian Church met Monday, February 12 in the home of Mrs. Francis Franklin.

Mrs. Reba Temple, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional "God Knew Our Greatest Need." She announced that the spring workshop of Presbyterian Women will be held in Greenville on Friday, April 19 at the Grace Presbyterian Church.

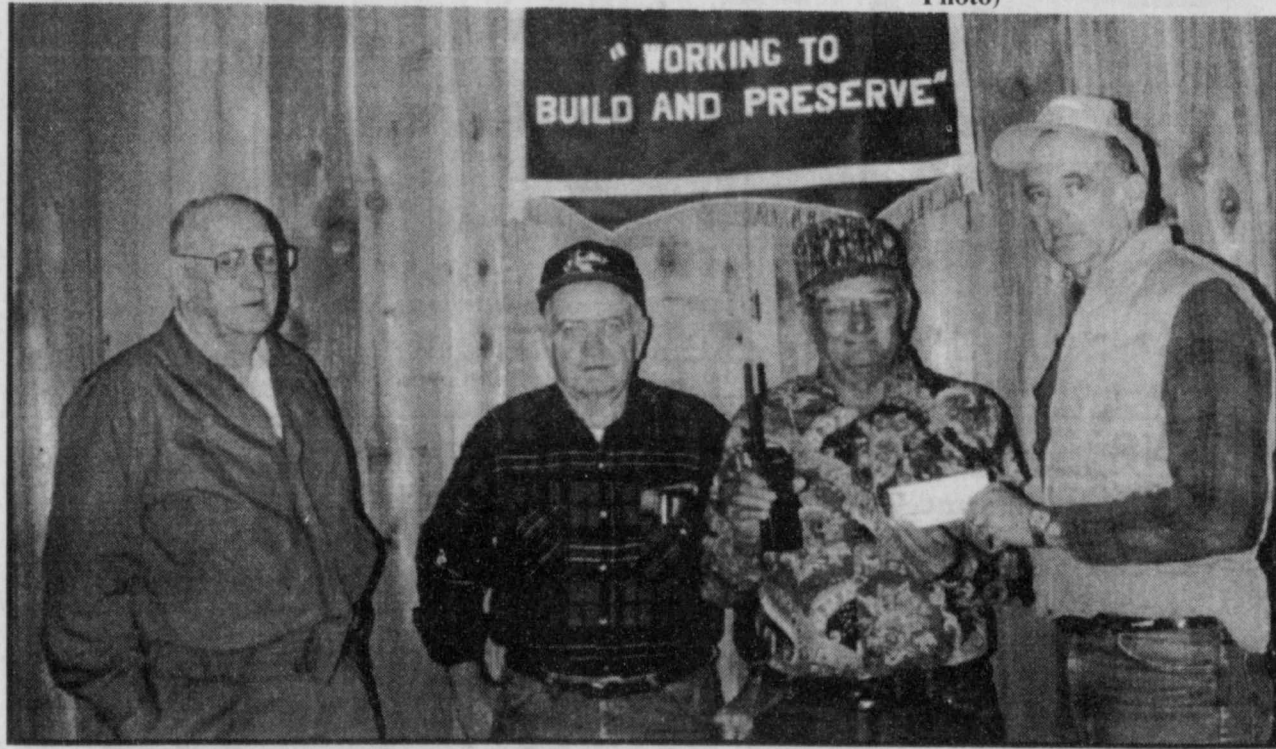
Mrs. Francis Franklin gave the Least Coin devotional, "Partnership In Prayer". Scripture readings were taken from the book of Philippians. The offering was dedicated with prayer.

Myrtle Singleton concluded the

lesson continuing with the study of "God Speaks to Women Today". She related the story of Hannah and her deep grief over being childless. Each year when they made the pilgrimage to the temple in Shiloh, she prayed for a son, whom she would dedicate wholly to the Lord. Samuel was born and at the age of three, he was taken to the Lord's house as she had promised and remained the rest of his life. Hannah had passed on her truly believing faith to him and he became an authentic man of God.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction.

A delicious dessert plate was served by the hostess to eight members.



DONATION-the Deport Community Service Club donated \$500 to the Deport Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a radio. From left to right are Carlos Ladd, Marlin Foster, Club president Dan Barnard and Deport Fire Chief Jim Short. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## Tuesday 42 Club Meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Floy Sparks February 20.

Two guests, Mrs. Eunice Irving and Thelma Warren were present as well as members.

Jimmie King and Thelma Shelby tied for high score for members and Eunice Irving won high score for guests.

A refreshment plate was served. The next meeting will be March 5th with Mae Storm.



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## United Methodist Women meet

The United Methodist Women met February 19 for its regular meeting in the home of Juavance Carpenter.

The President Lucille Pickering called the meeting to order. Twelve members answered roll call, including two new members, Lillian Kincaid and Nellie Schull. Melba Ladd gave the devotional taken from a book "Perfect Peace" written by Dr. Charles Allen. The selected article was "The Church Bids You Look Up."

Lucille Pickering gave the second lesson of the study of Ecclesiastes. The study consisted of letters written between the authors with their interpretation of the meaning of Vanity. A round table discussion was meaningful. The authors are Hea Sun Kim and Mary Lou Blakeman.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah. The hostess served a salad plate. The next meeting will be held March 4 with Martha Glover as hostess and Juavance Carpenter as leader.

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**Milton News**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

Leslie and Paula Taylor had dinner with Allen Dale and Stacie Huddleston Sunday evening.

Paul Dodson of Coppell and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodson of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall Friday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lawler Tuesday to Thursday were their neices, Lora Beth Conts of Raleigh, NC, Mary Evelyn McCoy of Eastland and Ann Thompson of Vernon.

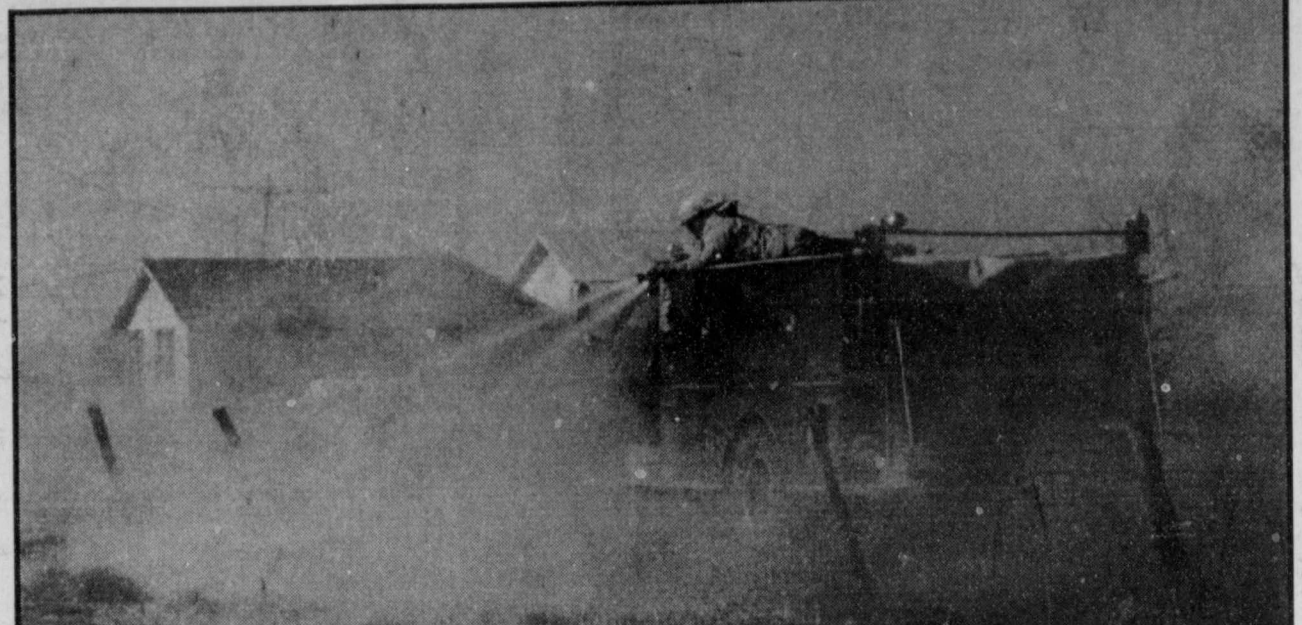
Nita Bowling is on a business trip to Victoria this week.

Billy and Kay Woodard visited Mr. and Mrs. James Holt Saturday.

Trey Lee of Dallas spent the week-end at his parents home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holt have recieved word of the death of Ann Holt of Roxton. Mrs. Holt was the widow of the late Rev. Bynon Holt, brother of James.

Phillip and Susie Roach spent the week-end in Hot Springs, AR and also enjoyed driving the scenic roads



**ONE MORE**-the Deport and Bogata Volunteer Fire Departments responded Saturday afternoon to a grass fire at Shadowland that threatened two houses and a barn. The fire began when a family that had just moved into one of the houses were barbecuing on an outdoor grill. The grill leg broke, scattering coals into the tinder-dry grass. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pettit and grand daughter Whitney of Irving spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall.

Matthew Wright and Michael Kincaid of Deport visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dale Huddleston Sunday.

Sheldon and Ann Lee Returned home Monday after visiting Dr. and Mrs. Noel McCoy, Matt and Amy of San Antonio.

Vickie Reeves, Ruth and T.J. Johnston and Kay Bowling spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch spent the week-end with their daughter and her husband, Bobbie and Ed Hill of Camden, AR. Their son Andrew was

also home for the week-end. He is attending college in Memphis TN.

Visiting Bill and Edna Talley over the week-end were Eddie Farris of Tulsa, OK, Darrel Farris of Greenville,

Lloyd and Beckie Farris of Shabecca Hisow, Brandon and Melody and Shawn Farris all of Paris and Mary and Eran Yoder and Shasta.

**Pattonville - Shady Grove News**  
by Je Newberry

Keith and Peggy Parsons attended a birthday luncheon for Ina and Nina Sparks at Georgia Gerrit's in Paris Saturday.

Keith and Peggy Parsons attended a concert at the old church theater in Clarksville Saturday night.

Guests of Orval and Netty Himes Sunday were Christine and Ray Freeman.

Ruby Blevens visited her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Buster Newson at the Parkview nursing home Sunday.

Guests of Jess and Francis Ander-

son Sunday were Lucille Nash and Helen Norrison of Paris and Patsy Moore of Sulpher Springs.

Marlana Boling and Betty Rodgers attended the Talent Show at Prairieland Saturday night.

Judy Day attended the birthday party of her granddaughter, Ashley Waggoner at Skateland in Paris Saturday.

A dance will be held in Pattonville Friday night at the Fire Station.

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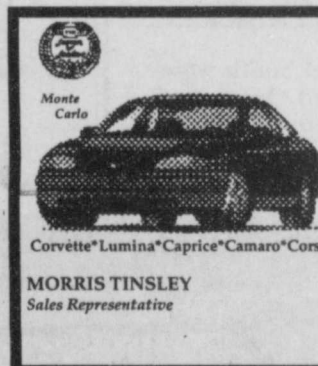
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#### Interested candidates must file for candidacy at the Detroit ISD business office between the dates of February 19, 1996 and March 20, 1996.

Issued this 16th day of February, 1996.  
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EATING-beans and cornbread were part of the evening at Prairiland High School last Saturday night when a big crowd turned out to eat and then enjoy a variety show sponsored by the Deport PTO. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



GATHERED for appreciation! Members of the Prairiland School Board and their families gathered at the Deport School Cafeteria last Thursday to eat a meal and hear various people and organizations express their thanks during School Board Appreciation Week. Fruit baskets were provided by the Deport PTO, and the building was decorated with a valentine theme. After the meal the new kindergarten rooms were toured and a school board meeting was held. (Staff Photo)

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Entries in watercolor, oil, pen and ink, mixed media and photography will be accepted through Friday, March 15, 1996 at the YWCA, 308 S. Main, Paris. Since the Art Fair will move back to the downtown Paris area this year, poster ideas which incorporate a theme of celebrating our heritage will be given preference.

The 1996 Paris Art Fair poster will be printed during April. For more information or to receive a current brochure, call the YWCA at 903-785-5221 or send inquiries to: YWCA, 308 S. Main, Paris, Texas, 75460.



VALENTINE ROYALTY- Burks Dochery and Jewel Smith were crowned Deport Nursing Home's Valentine King and Queen last week. Activity Director Jalynda Mitchell presented them with candy and crowns.

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