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By Nanalee Nichols

As humans we sometimes become a little too arrogant. We tend to think that we pretty much have our environment under control, that we are untouchable by the forces of nature.

Every now and again, Mother Nature lets us know that she can do just about anything she takes a mind to and there isn't anything we can do about it.

Last week there was a hail storm which did incredible damage to fields, cars and homes. There is a two story house near Meadowbrook Cemetery outside of Paris that bears looking at. The roof is shredded, the windows are smashed, the siding is ruined, and even the expanded metal satellite receiver has huge holes knocked in it! This devastating path swept on across to Hwy. 82 and completely demolished windshields, ruining paint, ruining roofs and generally creating havoc.

Tornados sweep through areas reducing homes and businesses to matchstick rubble and frequently taking lives. Again, nothing we can do about it.

From there our helplessness in the face of nature is highlighted by massive floods that dams and dikes can't restrain, blizzards that paralyze whole cities whether they are used to dealing with heavy snow or not, storms with winds that rip things apart, hurricanes and that most destructive force...earthquakes.

It is somewhat intimidating to thing of nature in this awesome capacity. Perhaps it is more so because of the utter randomness of these forces.

But, for all their danger, for all their fearsomeness, there is a mitigating factor.

For every storm that comes through there are care free days of beautiful weather. For every flood there are days with welcome, life-giving rain.

No matter how rare they are, the bad times are always unwelcome. But the are rare.

It can be sobering to ponder just how uncontrollable things can be. But, in the overall scheme of things Mother Nature is much more benevolent than destructive, and we should enjoy her at every opportunity, especially now in these beautiful spring days.



DONNY MCHAM of Blossom is the newest employee on the Deport campus. He will be working as a custodian. He and his wife, Shelia, have three daughters Kelley, Hailey and Leslie. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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OPEN HOUSE-officials and residents of the Deport Housing Authority, 232 Third St. in Deport welcomed guests with punch, homemade cookies, crafts for sale and big smiles at the Open House Sunday afternoon. Over 100 attended. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



THE GLOVER Addition of the Deport Housing Authority held Open house Sunday and residents were on hand to ply visitors with cookies, punch and craft items for sale at their new community meeting room. Over 100 attended the event. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



John Newman presents long time Mason Lawrence Wood with the Golden Trowel Award

Lawrence Wood receives special Golden Trowel award

John David Newman presented Lawrence Wood with the Golden Trowel Award Saturday, April 27th in a called meeting of the Deport Masonic Lodge #381.

According to Worshipful Master Randy Gresham, Wood has been a member of the Deport Lodge for 38 years and has held an office very year except for four of those years. In the four years that he did not hold an office, Wood served on various committees.

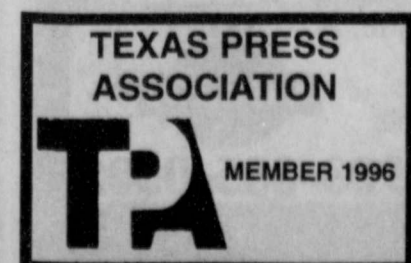
The Golden Trowel Award has only been presented twice in the history of the Deport Lodge. The award is presented to members for their outstanding participation and dedication to the organization.

After the award ceremony, a meal was served to members, their families and guests.

Pattonville Community Center to begin volleyball

Tuesday, May 7th will begin the Pattonville Community Volleyball. Games start about 7 p.m. Cost for each game is just \$1. Everyone is invited to attend and play.

Proceeds go to benefit the Community Center and Fire Department.



Only a 60 day window to sign up for farm program for the next seven years!

Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman has warned that agriculturalists need to remember to sign up for the farm program between May 20 and July 12. This is a narrow window of only sixty days to sign up to receive ag transition payments during the next seven years.

Glickman said it will be especially important for producers who jump in and out of farm programs not to miss the spring sign-up period. Not signing up will effectively lock farmers out of the farm program though 2002!

Glickman says that "farmers don't give up a lot by signing up in the program, and if they don't sign-up, they'll be out of the program with no exceptions, except for CRP contracts".

In an address to the International Bankers Association of America Spring Leadership Meeting, Glickman told more than 220 community bankers at the conference that more than \$8 billion in government payments will flow to farmers by early next year. He noted that rural

banks will need to help small and moderate-size farms to be "exceedingly prudent" in managing and investing the new farm bill's front-loaded payments. The Secretary said he expects significantly greater price volatility to inevitably occur as producers respond to market signals and change crop plantings. He noted that this will pose a greater risk-management challenge for smaller and less capitalized producers and their lenders.

The Secretary outlined the payment schedule as making 50 percent of the 1996 transition payment within 30 days after a producer's contract is approved. If producers sign up by May 20, they should expect to receive a 50 percent payment by mid-June. The remainder of the 1996 transition payment will be made by Sept. 30 and producers will be eligible to receive 50 percent of the 1997 transition payment by either Dec. 15 or Jan. 15, depending on their tax-planning needs.

Class ring returned to owner after 45 years

We received a letter from Wes Joplin recently, with a very interesting tale to relate.

Back in 1950 William Henry Johnson graduated from Deport High School. About a month after getting his high school class ring, he lost it. His dad accused him of giving it to some girl, but William Henry knew he had truly lost it.

His parents were killed in an automobile accident after that, and my parents, Charley and Ella Joplin, bought the house the Johnsons had lived in.

A number of years later, my Dad found the ring in his garden. There is no telling how many times he ploughed over it. After he found it, he showed the ring to me. It still looked new, and I saw the initials WHJ inside and knew who it belonged to.

I asked around and tried my best to locate William Henry, but he had moved away and I had no success. I finally gave up and my Dad gave the ring to my brother, Billy Joplin, who had it sized to fit his little finger. Billy wore the ring for many years.

Larry McGill is a friend of mine, and we talk often on the telephone.

Recently, while talking to him, he mentioned that he had talked to William Henry Johnson. I told Larry the story about the ring and

that I thought my brother still had it. I asked him to call William Henry and tell him. A few minutes later I received a call back from the long-missing (to me at least) William Henry Johnson! He was very excited about the possibility of getting his ring back. I called my brother and he said he thought he still had the ring. He did not wear it anymore and he thought it was in a drawer with lots of other items. It took him several weeks to find time to sort through all the items, but he located the ring after several calls from me.

My brother works in Dallas. He found the ring and brought it by to me. I called William and told him that I had his ring and we made arrangements to meet. As I told him over the phone, the ring did not look the same as when he lost it since it had been worn and sized, but he didn't care what it looked like, he was just excited to get it back after 45 years.

I felt excited about returning the ring to William as he was in getting it back because I know how much it meant to him. I graduated from Deport High in 1958, and I still have my own class ring. I never wear it, but I take it out every now and then to look at it and it brings back good memories.

Thunder Prairie wins 1st, 2nd, 3rds in NETPA contest

Nanalee Nichols' "Nichols Worth" column captured First Place in North and East Texas Press Association's 1995 annual newspaper contest, Division Six held in April.

Judges comments said that the column entered had "great questions, funny column, good play on words, very entertaining".

The Deport Times won second place in the Photography Division, judges reporting that "this is good working photojournalism, good pictures of Christmas Parade throughout the paper".

The Bogata News captured Third place in Photography. The judges commented that "photos carry a message back to the people of how important a BBQ can be to a town and

the area. Pictures of youngsters...paper can never go wrong with local pictures and stories".

The Bogata News also won Third place in Advertising. Judges commented that "general appearance is good, with good layouts of ads in relations to stories originality is good with local advertisers and their layouts".

Fourth place awards were not presented this year, for the first time.

Publisher Nichols said that "we are pleased with these awards. It seems to us that the judges this year seemed to really appreciate the local aspects of news, not just dramatic stories such as bigger papers frequently have".

Reminder...Don't forget to vote


On Saturday, May 4, 1996, the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be three locations for selecting your school board candidate. They will be located in Blossom at the Blossom Methodist Church, in Pattonville at the Pattonville Fire Station, in Cunningham at the Cunningham Baptist Church and in Deport at the First Baptist Church of Deport.



There are three candidates running for th eposition vacated by Ronald Roddy of Blossom. They

are Lowell Gillie, Lenita Unruh and Michael Sessums. Johnny Patterson of Cunningham is running again and will face Charles Gilbert. Ken Hunt is running unopposed in Deport.

There will be two candidates running for the City of Blossom mayor position. Doug Pettit and Ronnie Westbrook. Kenneth Proctor and Ricky Thomas are running unopposed for council positions. Voting for city offices is the City Hall with polls opening at 7:00 a.m. and closing at 7:00 p.m.

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Country Cooking
 By Liz Irwin



Our subject this week is strawberries. Always, about this time of year I begin to think of sweet, juicy strawberries and how good they are. I enjoy mine with a little salt on them to bring out the sweetness. A lot of folks enjoy them with sugar, dipped in chocolate, baked in a pie or cake or strawberry preserves, and the list just goes on and on.

One of nature's truest fruits. They are at their peak around mid-May and are grown in abundance around this area. Along with being used in a variety of recipes, they are easily frozen and will keep for a long period of time this way.

Several years ago, in the Detroit area, there were two very large patches to pick from. One was located on FM 410 North and belonged to the late Mr. and Mrs. Hutch Jones right outside of Detroit on the way to Woodland. The other was located on the other side of FM 410 going south toward Rugby and was farmed by the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conine.

To get the best berries, you really had to be on your toes and you really had to want fresh strawberries. . . . bad! I mean, we are talking, being up

at the crack of dawn, well really before! You would think that there would be no one else around, but at around 4:30 in the morning, cars would be lined up and down FM 410. Just waiting to get enough daylight to start picking berries. People would come from all around the area and have their buckets already placed at the beginning of the rows of berries that they thought would be the best. If there were any left over, you were lucky. If you waited a day or two, too long. . . they were all gone!

Both patches contained some of the sweetest, tastiest berries around as folks from all around this area can testify to. I have no idea how many gallons of berries were picked during a season, but can just imagine that it would be enough to make several pies and cakes, not to mention strawberry preserves.

We are sharing a variety of recipes containing strawberries this week. They include a Fresh Strawberry Pie, Strawberry Pie Alaska, Strawberries, Strawberry Delight, Strawberry-Cranberry Sauce and Strawberry Cake.

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

Tommie Eldaroy Burks dies April 24

Tommie Eldaroy Burks, age 63 of Detroit died Wednesday, April 24 at the family residence.

Services were conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, April 26 in Martin Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Bridges and the Rev. Willie Johnson officiating. Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home made burial in Detroit Cemetery.

Mr. Burks was born November 12, 1932 in Detroit, a son of Tommie Ellis and Winnie Skaggs Burks. He served in the Navy and was a member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church. He was retired from Texas-New Mexico Power Company and was a rancher. He married Shirley Carter on September 4, 1954.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and their spouses, Terry and Mike Whitley and Tammy and Charlie Bailey, all of Blossom; five grandchildren, Shane Whitley, Ambrye Whitley, Ashley Whitley, Brooks Bailey and Brittany Bailey; and a sister, Martha Nicholas of Rockwall.

Pallbearers were Charles Fendley, Lowell Gillie, Dale Miller, Paul Coleman, Don Nicholas, Harold Blackburn, W.C. "Sonny" Covington and Dan Simmons.

Memorials may be made to the Detroit Cemetery in care of Joyce Covington, Detroit, TX 75436.

William Kyle Read dies at age 70

William Kyle Read, Jr., age 70, born in Deport, Texas April 22, 1926, died in Houston, Texas April 22, 1996. Retired from Gulf Oil in 1985 after thirty-three years. He is survived by his wife, Adele Alcorn Read; daughter Jane Kathryn Sihvonen and husband Douglas Keith Sihvonen; sons, William Kyle Read, III and Thomas Alcorn Read; grandchildren Keith and Jessica Sihvonen; sisters Jessie Marie Woodard and Lee Anderson; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, April 25 at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church with Reverend Mac Turnage officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Houston Area Parkinson Society, 1475 West Gray, Houston, Texas 77019 or the charity of choice.

Lois Ray Jones dies in Shreveport

A memorial graveside service for Lois Ray Carpenter Jones, age 92, formerly of Fulbright, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at Bogata Cemetery with Wood Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born November 13, 1903 in Fulbright, a daughter of William James and Susan Mary Stubblefield Carpenter. She was a retired musician and piano teacher, retiring from Centenary College in Shreveport.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Booker McGee dies April 24

Booker McGee, age 67 of Blossom died Wednesday, April 24 in St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27 in Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jack Elliott officiating. Masonic graveside services were conducted by Blossom Lodge #303 followed by burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. McGee was born January 23, 1929 in Lamar County, a son of Booker McGee, Sr. and Elizabeth Miller McGee. He was a graduate of Paris High School and retired from the Air Force as Tech. Sgt. after 20 years. He joined Campbell Soup Co. where he was employed for 20 years before retiring in 1987. On June 17, 1960 he married Dorcas LaWanda Davis in Wichita Falls. He was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

He was a member of Blossom Masonic Lodge #303 as well as eight other area lodges. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite Mason, York Rite Mason, member of the Eastern Star and past patron of Paris Chapter #5, a past Grand Tyler of the Most Worshipful Lodge of Texas and past District Deputy of District #2 of the Most Worshipful Lodge of Texas. He was a member of York Rite College, Knight York Crown of Honor of the York Rite and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife; a brother, Gerald David McGee of Garland; a sister, Leerece Shepperd of Temecula, CA; a sister-in-law, Alma McGee of Mathis and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Monard McGee on April 30, 1985.

Bearers were Jack Wood, Todd Dishman, Gordon Cunningham, Robert Lewis, Danny Pitcock, Lee Skinner, Herman LaRue and James Parsons.

Maria Teresa Galvan dies

Maria Teresa Galvan died Friday, April 19 in Arlington. She was born August 27, 1937 in Mexico.

A funeral Mass was said for her at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington Wednesday, April 24 with burial in Moore Gardens Cemetery.

Survivors include five sons: Gerardo (Jerry) Guerra of Paris, Aurelio Guerra, Roberto Guerra and Rafael Guerra all of Arlington and Juan Guerra of Mansfield, two daughters; Laura and Guadalupe Guerra both of Arlington and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Pedro Guerra, one granddaughter, Yolanda Guerra and one grandson, Riccardo Guerra.

Attending the funeral from Bogata were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and from Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Guerra, Christopher and Jerred.

Fulbright Turner Cemetery Association schedules annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Fulbright Turner Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, May 4, 1996. Weather permitting, the meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. on the cemetery grounds. After clean up of the grounds, a potluck dinner will be served and a business meeting will be held at the Fulbright Community Center. Those attending are asked to bring food of their choice.

Contributions and memorials are to be sent to:

Fulbright Turner Cemetery Association
 P.O. Box 93
 Bogata, Texas 75417

Fulbright News
 By Betty Rodgers
 652-6051

Marlane Bolin of Shady Grove came for a visit with Betty Rodgers Friday evening.

Stanley Pilgrim of Austin was a visitor Wednesday of Ruby Chandler and James Latimer.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmy King Friday.

Monte Rodgers of Tigertown and Melissa Arriaga visited their mother, Betty Rodgers, Saturday evening.

Robin Weddle, Wendy, Cain and Devin Peek attended the Clay Walker

concert in Sulphur Springs recently. Betty Rodgers and Marlane Bolin attended the musical at PJC Sunday afternoon. It was great.

Dick King of Reno was a visitor Saturday of Jimmy King.

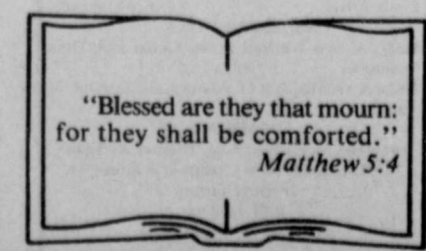
Kay Osbourn visited her mother, Jimmy King Sunday and attended church services and had lunch.

Jodie Newberry, Marlane Bolin went shopping in Sulphur Springs and enjoyed going to the Southwest

Dair Center Monday.

Card of Thanks

The family of Tommie Burks would like to express thanks to the many friends and family members for their visits, cards, flowers, memorials and most especially their prayers at our time of sorrow.



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Leslie Dee Whitley
with fiance Don Patrick Travis

Whitley-Travis to exchange wedding vows

Mr. and Mrs. Muri L. (Corky) Whitley are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leslie Dee, to Don Patrick Travis.

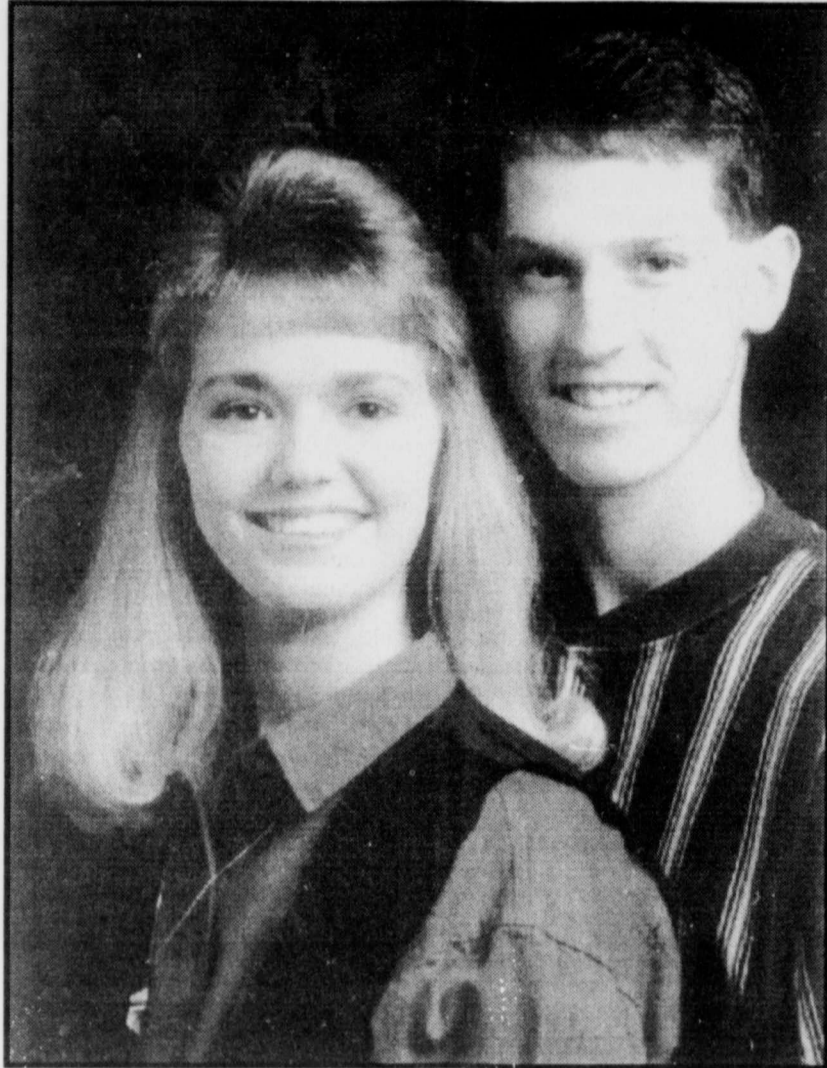
The ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 at the First Baptist Church in Detroit.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Stanley and Gladys Cox and the late Press and Ola Whitley, all of Detroit. She is a 1988 graduate of Detroit High School and a graduate of Paris Junior College and East Texas State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in printing and journalism in 1992 and is employed as a

typesetter at The Printing Center in Paris.

Her fiance is the son of Don and Linda Travis of Fruitvale and the grandson of Raymond and Ozella Travis and Sam and Ethel Sherwood, all of Wills Point. He is a 1984 graduate of Fruitvale High School and holds a bachelor's degree in English and Kinesiology from ETSU. He is currently employed at Detroit High School as a coach and English instructor.

All friends and family are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be sent.



Jamie Primm & Todd Ward

Primm-Ward engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvio Primm, Jr. of Bogata are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamie Lee Primm, to Warren Todd Ward. The couple will be married Saturday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bogata.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Juanita Primm of Deport, the late Sylvio Primm of Powderly and Bill and Ruby Baggett of Cuthand. She graduated from Rivercrest High School and is now attending Paris Junior College. She is working on her basics to become a

Registered Nurse.

Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Barbara Ward of Bogata and the late Dean Ward of Bogata. He is the grandson of Maud Webb of Deport, the late Ben Webb of Deport and the late Mel and Rufus Senior Ward of Bogata. He graduated from Rivercrest High School. He is employed at the Mt. Pleasant Wal-Mart Super Center as Assistant Market Manager.

There will be a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the wedding. No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Mrs. Texas contestants sought for 1996 pageant

Applications are being accepted for the 1996 Mrs. Texas Pageant, the official preliminary to the nationally televised Mrs. America and Mrs. World Pageants. The contest will take place in San Antonio June 21 through 22. The reigning Mrs. Texas, Shawne Fielding-Williams of Dallas, was second runner up to the current Mrs. America at the pageant in Palm Springs last fall.

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Cunningham News
By Jane O'Neal Call 652-6062

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack Devlin of Alhambra, California who passed away this week. His funeral was held at the Methodist Church. He was the brother of Velma Cox of Cunningham and Walker Devlin of Minter. He was a former resident of the community.

Nettie Lois Powers received word of the death of her cousin Roy Chappel of Lufkin. He was born and raised in Minter.

On Saturday Dean Ogden and Janie Hawkes of Longview, Sue Pynes and Lorette Pynes attended a baby shower in Bogata for Lisa Pynes Slagle.

Buddy Pynes visited with Lorette and Sue Pynes on Sunday they went for lunch in Paris at teh Sirlain Stockade.

Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood had Sunday lunch with Laura Miller of Blossom.

Stacy and Linda Musgrove have returned after a trip to Maryland with Rev. Scott Stimson.

Stoney and Charity Musgrove spent several days with Johnny and Nelta Musgrove.

Clyde and Bobbye Slusher visited Lena Powell, Milow Hume and Faye Woodard at the Deport Nursing Home.

Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch with

Dwayne and Lisa Drinnon.

O'Neal Drinnon spent Saturday night in Frogville, Ok. with William and Nina Drinnon.

Dwayne and Weston Drinnon visited William and Nina Drinnon on Sunday afternoon and brought O'Neal home.

Dwayne, Lisa and Weston Drinnon had dinner on Saturday night with Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood.

Larry and Patsy Smith of Paris honored their daughter, Penny Burnett with a birthday dinner on her 20th birthday. Those present were: Billy Burnett of Sumner; Larry Smith, Jr., Uvalda and Myrtle Landrum of Paris; Teresa Landrum of Detroit and freind Heather of Clarksville; Gene, Carol, Jeremiah and Cody Jones of Cunningham; Terry, Jeannie, Eric and Janay Simmons of Biardstown; Darrell, Jeannie and Sherrill Simpson of Paris and Lonnie Michael of Novice.

John, Dana, Ericka, Tori and Chance White of Carthage spent the weekend with Cindy and Charles Nichols. Almer and Alma Norwood joined them on Sunday for lunch.

Tracie, Chris, Rylie and Connor Chipman had Sunday lunch with Sandra, Edd and Burke Burnett.

Larry and Virginia Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Sunday afternoon.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain were in Johntown to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Thomas.

Mary Briscoe of Reno visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Wednesday afternoon.

Having Sunday lunch with Marie Watson were Johnie, Nelta, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Brenda Watson, Deana and Brooklyn Legate, Dillon Gibson and Brad Watson.

On Saturday Marie Watson, Brenda Watson, Jane Polk, Dillon Gibson and Brooklyn Legate attended a wedding shower in Texarkana for Jarvis and Renee Watson.

We are proud to announce the birth of a 7 lb., 7 oz. son to Tracy and Ruth Norwood. He was named Tristen Kyler.

Todd and Mendy Norwood sold their home to Jerrod and Susan Bankhead. Todd, Mendy, Laci and Kelby are living with James and Pat Norwood while their new home is being built south of Clardy.

The Cunningham Baptist Church enjoyed a hamburger dinner on Sunday between their services.

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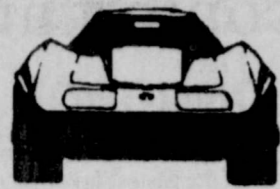
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Roxton plans garage sale

Roxton's Annual City Wide Garage sale will be held Saturday, May 11. The Community Development Group sponsors this event each May, in which individual homes throughout the area have a garage sale on the same day.

Also, customers can sign up at each registered sale for a drawing to be held at 4 P.M. at the Pavillion to win a \$50.00 Savings Bond. You do not have to be present to win.

Maps will be available showing the location of each sale.

For more information please call Helen Martin at 903-346-3311, Lou Weems at 903-346-3989 or Nell Hesson at 903-346-3363.



PRAIRILAND'S JEREMY DAY takes a lead-off to run in the game against Como-Pickton recently. Both district games over Como-Pickton gave them big upsets and the Pats now stand at 6-0-1 and 12-4-1 overall. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Prairiland 3 3 4 1 5--15
Como Pickton 0 2 0 0 0--2

Patriots run over Como 16-2

Senior Zach Allen went 3 for 4 with a 2-run homerun in the second to lead the Pats to a 16-2 rout of the Como-Pickton Eagles.

The Patriots would get 13 hits off two Eagle pitchers through five innings. Led by Allen with Jeremy Day going 3 for 3 and Rhett Fendley 2 for 2. Mike Yaross and Chris Malone

also went 2 for 2. Jason Draper came in to pinch-hit and ripped a 2 RBI single.

Day would go the distance on the mound striking out 4 and walking 3. But only giving up 2 Eagle hits. The Pat's district record stands at 6-0-1 with 12-4-1 overall.

Lady Pats golf take Regionals

The Lady Patriot's golf team of Prairiland won the 1996 regional three golf tournament at the Cross-

Creek Country Club in Tyler Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23.

The tournament was shortened to 27 holes because of the weather. The Prairiland girls had a two-day total of 543. Arp and Edgewood

finished second place and Arp won in a one-hole playoff.

Low scores for Prairiland was Breah Sessums 129, Kenlea Jones 130, Brandi Upchurch 139, Katha Crawford 145 and Paige Lyon 158.

The Lady Pats will be playing in Austin on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7 at the Lion's Municipal Course in Austin.

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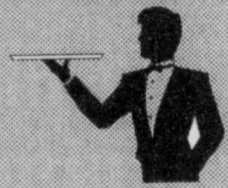
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May 6-10

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Salad
Bread
Dessert
Milk

Tuesday

Pita pockets
Meat and cheese
Salad and bread
Mexican beans
Dessert
Milk

Wednesday

Smothered steak
Creamed potatoes
Okra
Rolls
Milk

Thursday

Chicken nuggets
French fries
Corn
Bread
Dessert
Milk

Friday

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Prairiland, Rivercrest players named to All-district positions

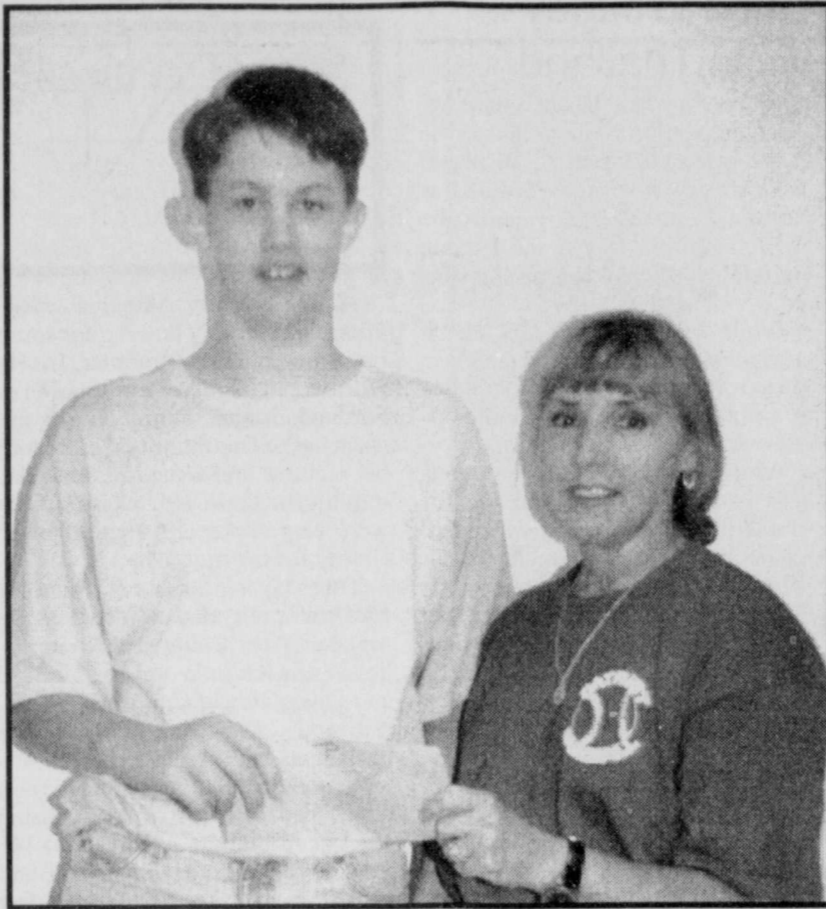
District 18AA Softball All-district selections for 1996 have been made. Co-coaches of the Year are Keith Brown-Rivercrest and Joey Florence-Cooper. MVP honors went to senior Leslee Zachry of Cooper and the Newcomer was named to Rivercrest's Katie Hare-freshman.

Local first team honors went to Catcher-Prairiland junior Fair Shae Gifford; First Base-Rivercrest senior Crystal Bell; Outfield-Rivercrest junior Jana Weatherall; Utility Infielder-Rivercrest senior Jamie Swarts and Rivercrest freshman Candias Nickerson.

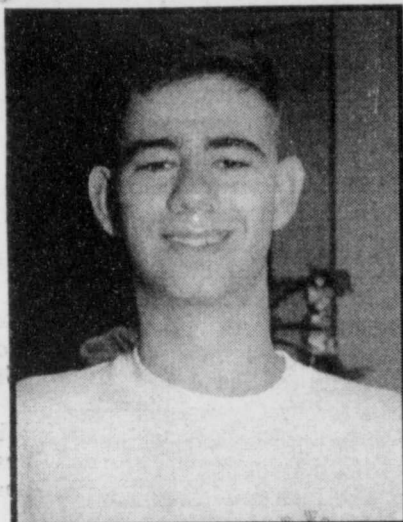
Named to second team was Pitcher-

Prairiland sophomore Stacy Bangs; Catcher-Rivercrest sophomore Joanie Swarts; Third base-Rivercrest freshman Courtney Jones; Outfield Rivercrest senior Norma Jasso; Designated Hitter-Prairiland senior Kerri Anderson and Utility Infielder-Prairiland senior Ambrye Whitley.

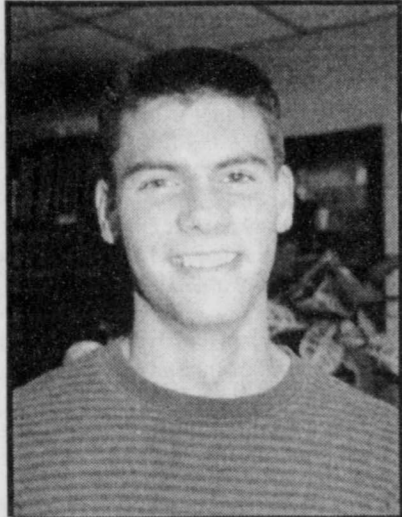
Receiving Honorable Mention was Second base-Rivercrest sophomore Tasha Brown; Designated Hitter-Prairiland freshman Christy Patterson; Second base-Prairiland junior Wendy Hutchings; Right field-Prairiland sophomore Cari Irwin; Centerfield-Prairiland senior Beth Roach



FRANKYE SESSUMS, English teacher from Prairiland High School presents Josh Smith a \$150 savings bond from the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3990. Josh was the 1st place winner with his essay "My American Hero". He competed with other Lamar County students to win first place. His essay will now go to regional competition. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



PRAIRILAND STUDENT OF THE MONTH for May is Jimmy Crites. Jimmy is 18 and lives in Blossom with his parents Mary and Jimmy Crites. He likes to play basketball and will be attending college to work toward an Electronic Engineering degree. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND STUDENT OF THE MONTH for April is Jeremy Newberry. Jeremy is the son of George and Carol Newberry and is 18 years old and lives in Paris. He enjoys basketball, art, drums and percussion. He is planning on getting his master's, and major in Business Management. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



The state of Kansas is named from the Kanze Indians who once lived there.

People 'n Things

Plainview Community Center in Clardy will host a volleyball tournament to be held on Saturday, May 4. For information, contact David Skidmore, 785-1058.

John Ragsdill will be presenting a community program on crime prevention at the Fulbright Community Center on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.. This will be a very interesting presentation and citizens will learn vital information on neighborhood crime prevention in our communities. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Please come out and show your support.

Roxton will hold a city wide garage sale Saturday, May 11. Customers can sign up at each registered sale for a drawing to be held at 4 p.m. at the pavilion for a \$50.00 savings bond.



PRAIRILAND STUDENT OF THE MONTH for March is Gina Moreland. Gina is 18 and the daughter of Doug and Mary Ann Moreland of Taylortown. She enjoys spending time with friends and being an FFA officer. Gina plans to enroll at ETSU in the fall and be an Agribusiness major. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



Blossom Native Jeff Morrison with Stormy Shepherd of Leave Home Booking, photo taken from a recent issue of PERFORMANCE, magazine, where Morrison has been promoted to Managing Editor.

Morrison promoted to Managing Editor

Jeff Morrison has been promoted to Managing Editor of the magazine "PERFORMANCE", according to publisher Don Waitt.

Morrison has been with "Performance" for two years now, previously serving as assistant editor and assistant managing editor. Prior to joining "PERFORMANCE", Morrison worked as new editor at the Lewisville News. He also covers high school football for the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram. He began his sports report career in high school by contributing sports stories to the Blossom Times and Deport Times.

"PERFORMANCE" magazine is based in Fort Worth, and is a music

entertainment magazine covering performers from country to rock and just about any type of music in between.

Some recent articles Morrison has done include a full three page article on Tracy Lawrence, an article on "golf with an attitude" about Fear & Loathing Sporting Goods, manufacturer of "Death Stick" clubs, who

furnished prizes for the "PERFORMANCE" Summit '96 Golf Tournament. The strange name, the article reports, does not mean the equipment is a joke...it's certainly not.

Another interview with big name stars is one Morrison wrote about Boyz II Men entitled "One Sweet Day".

Morrison's job places him within the sphere of interviewing an interesting and challenging variety of music artists, and his style of writing makes the reader feel as if they are learning something truly original and worth knowing about these celebrities.

Since his days in high school Jeff Morrison has had his sights set on a career in journalism. As he climbs steadily upward on that ladder, it seems certain he is destined for even more success, yet he also always remembers his beginnings by "checking in" with his hometown papers.

He is a 1986 graduate of Prairiland High School, and a 1990 graduate of the University of North Texas.

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Chris Whitney visits Thailand

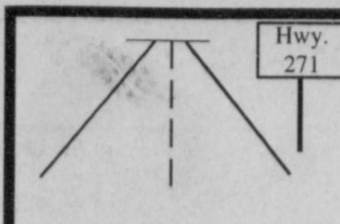
Navy Fireman Christopher W. Whitney, son of William and Joyce E. Whitney of 610 Ash St., Blossom, Texas, recently visited Thailand as part of a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile frigate USS Thach.

While in Thailand, USS Thach crew members volunteered their free time to deliver humanitarian supplies to a nursing home and school supplies to an elementary school.

Whitney is one of 230 crew members who also recently won an anti-submarine warfare excellence award. Home based in Yokosuka, Japan. Whitney's ship has been helping enforce the international embargo against Iraq in the Persian Gulf by stopping ships from smuggling prohibited items to and from Iraq.

Whitney's ship also recently received an excellence award for combat readiness, anti-submarine warfare and logistics known as the "Battle E" award. During the deployment, Whitney and fellow sailors have participated in exercises with naval forces from Japan, Korea and Australia.

Whitney is scheduled to return to Yokosuka in August. The 1994 graduate of Prairiland High School joined the Navy in January 1994.



Pattonville News

By Peggy GENTRY 652-2244
 and Barbara McDOWRA
 Or Call The DEPORT TIMES at 652-4205

A family from Alabama was in Pattonville Friday looking for someone who knew their mother, Lucille Horton and to gather information on her background. Jimmy Young met them at the Community Center with his pictures and writeups about Pattonville in the early 1900's. They were very appreciative and thanked Jimmy for his time.

Thursday of last week Barbara McDowra attended a Woodson get together at the County steakhouse in honor of Melvin Woodson, Howard and Patsy Olds of California.

Brandi "Hall and Eddie Evan's birthdays were celebrated with a barbeque at Susie and Glen Evan's home Wednesday night. All of Susie and Glenn's family attended.

The Wade White Plain Label Band played in McAlister, Oklahoma last week. Two of the band members, Glenn EVans and Mike Merritt, live in Pattonville.

Louise and Buster Crossland will celebrate their 40th Anniversary May 6th. Congratulations to them! Louise and Buster visited with Ruby Ray of Blossom Wednesday.

Jimmy Day's birthday was celebrated at Mr. and Mrs. James Day's Sunday. Attending were Brandon and Brandi Ely, Jamie Day, Brad and Velma Burnsed, Robert, Roxie and Tori and Kathleen Denhee of Sulphur Springs.

Katy Crossland's parents, Bill and Marilyn Hearron of Shreveport, visited with Katy, Thomas and Cody

over the weekend.

Rita and Randall Cox, Rita's mother, Mary Head and their nephew, Jeremy, went to Cedar Creek Lake at Gun Barrell for the weekend.

Blake Gentry spent Saturday with his grandparents, Peggy and Don Gentry.

Jake Merritt spent Friday night with his grandparents, Joyce and James Merritt.

Bernice and James Bell and their grandson, Josh Williams, spent Saturday in Dallas at their son and daughter-in-law's home, Debra and Terry Williams. Debra and Terry prepared a birthday dinner for the three of them. Also, attending was Ricky Williams, Josh's father.

Thomas and Eric McDowra visited with Barbara McDowra Sunday. Mickey Keener of Longview visited with Ruby and Bill Blevins Sunday.

Saturday, April 27th was Ruby and Bill Blevin's 56th anniversary. Congratulations!

Joyce Merritt and Barbara Young went shopping in Sulphur Springs Saturday.

Peggy Parsons attended a retired teachers' leadership luncheon and meeting in Texarkana Wednesday.

Dick and Yvonne Grey had dinner with Dorothy and Jerry Richey Friday night. Dorothy and Jerry attended the Junio-Senior Prom at the Paris Junior College Ballroom as sponsors.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson Saturday was S.C. Short. Sun-

day visitors were Betty Slayden and Summer, and Dustin, Jennifer and Chase of Paris.

T.J. Fowler's mother, Lucy Fowler, had angioplasty Thursday at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. She is reported doing fairly well. We wish her a speedy recovery and back home soon.

Wilma Crossland's sister, Ima Nell and her husband Buck Spelce, visited with Wilma, Raymond and Keith Saturday. They are from Arlington.

Margaret Fowler hosted a jewelry party Saturday at her home. Attending were Melanie Moore, Dorothy Richey, Carol Dorsey, Peggy Gentry, Barbara McDowra, Linda Weddle and Wendy Weddle.

The Pattonville Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department held their business meeting Monday night.

Madge and Clayton Skidmore and Laura and David Skidmore and their family of Clardy were at Lake Texoma for the weekend visiting Madge and Clayton's daughter and son-in-law Nita and Dennis Johnson at their lake house.

The Plainview Community Center at Clardy will host a Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, May 4th. To enter a team, call David Skidmore at 903-785-1058. All benefits will go to the center.

Kathy Grant of San Diego, California visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blevins last Tuesday.

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Automated crime victim notification starts

Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice today announced Texas will initiate an automated crime victim notification program to provide crime victims with up-to-the-minute information about the location and status of their assailants. The automated system will also help Texas authorities warn victims of domestic violence and stalking when the abusers post bail or are released.

The TDCJ will seek bids for a state of the art notification system which will make the Texas inmate data base accessible to citizens 24 hours a day through a toll free number. The program will also automatically notify victims of domestic violence or stalking by telephone when the perpetrator is released. Start up costs will be

funded through a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will operate the program.

The TDCJ currently maintains a "1-800" number for those victims seeking to learn the status of their offenders. In addition, victims are notified by mail when the status of their offender changes. The new system should increase the number of crime victims served by the program and provide unsolicited telephone notification of status changes. The Governor's Criminal Justice Division has budgeted approximately \$30,000 in State Criminal Justice Planning grant funds to help start the automated notification program.

Upcoming events added at Maxey House

John C. Waugh will be available to sign his book, "Sam Bell Maxey and the Confederate Indians", in the sun room of the Maxey House at 812 S. Church St. in Paris on Saturday, May 4 from 3-4 p.m. Books will be available for purchase.

A basket weaving workshop will be held May 18 and June 22 from 10:00 to noon on the grounds of the

Maxey House State Park. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Registration is \$12.00 per person. Call 785-5716 for information.

Additional events and programs are being added to the Maxey House schedule for the summer months. Call for new programs available during the summer.

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Deport Nursing Home News

By JaLynda Mitchell

We had a busy week. Tuesday Harold Norris did our Bible Study. We had an appreciation party for our volunteers, later with cookies, cake, chips and dips. Wednesday we did the ring toss with Frankie Archibald, and Johnnie Warrent tied for 1st, Edna Glasgow winning 2nd and Jewel Smith in 3rd. We had practice for the Senior Olympics all week and competed there on Friday. Terry McDowra won 2 First Place Trophies in the Ambulatory Category of the Shot Put and the 50 ft. walk; Harold Norris won First in the Men's Egg Race; Jo Wrenn won First in the Painting Department; Jimmy Middleton won First Place in the wheel chair shot put and 50 ft. wheel chair race; Carl Gilbert won First place in the 50 Ft. Accessory Race and 2nd in the Ambulatory Discus; Jane Rhoades won Third in the 50 ft. Wheelchair Race; Johnnie Warren won Second in the Wheel Chair Shot Put, Marshall Dunigan won 3rd in the 50th wheel chair race and Lloyd Moore won 3rd in the 42 tournament. We had a fun, but tiring day. Sunday Tony Corso taught Sunday School while Rab and Tim Skidmore provided the music. Ledlir Chapel Church of Tigertown sang for us that afternoon. Monday we played Bingo with Sara and Billie Mazy, Nancy Murphy and Nannie Bell Ham helping with the game.

We are glad to have Miriam Shannon back from the hospital.

We would like to welcome Raymond Wright and George Powell to Deport Nursing Home.

Carl Gilbert was visited by Ethel Pomroy and Don Rodgers.

Audie Reed's visitors were Dewey and Peggy Watson of Houston, Susie Hicks and Glenda Watson.

Visitors of Johnnie and Virgie McLemore were Frankie D. Parks, Mack McLemore and Harrell and Lois McLemore.

Mary and Edgar Tippit and Esther Cunningham visited Lizzie Wright.

Ola Gardner's visitors were Ethel Pomroy, Frankie D. Parks, Jim, Nell and Angie Gardner, Slater, Vicki and Mary Sawyer, Mabel Harvey, Tiffany Webb, Sue Farris, Jennie Torres, Misty Fields and Harold Norris.

Milow Hume was visited by James Paul and Weldon Hume, Weldon and Joyce Smith and Ina Ward.

Visiting Grace Griffin were Wynell Gilbreath, Linnie Bailey, Alice Bumgarner, Freddy Burden, Pete

and Marie Horn, and Frankie D. Parks. Angie and Ashley Burns, Patsy and Bobby Slagle, Glenna Fendley, and Eddie Vincent visited Luddie Hill and Naomi Vincent.

Edna Glasgow's visitors were Ronald Glasgow and boys, Bobbie and Emma Lee Foshee, Betty Glasgow, Flora Rigsby and Edward Glasgow.

Robert Weikel was visited by Jim and Dottie Womack and Ella Clanton.

Visitors of Johnnie Waren were Mr. and Mrs. Carlys Denison, Joyce Wilson, Evelyn Roach, Nannie Bell Ham, Barbara Dunlap, Linnie Bailey, Alice Bumgarner, Nell Gardner, Lila Screws, Danbri Mitchell, Bocky Norman, Frankie D. Parks, Ethel Pomroy, Dorothy Holt, Bob Carrell, Hali Screws, Leah Cathey and Freddy Burden.

Cathy Grant of San Diego, CA., Paul Hume, and Nancy Murphy visited Russell Grant.

Jewel Smith's visitors were Carl, Clista, Felicia, Heather, and Earl Jr. Filkins, Dale Smith, Stephen Merchant, Larry and Shirley Haskell, Askmo and Annie Laura Smith and Donald Ray and Dynetta Smith.

Noma Fields visited Teeny Thompson.

Betty Gardner was visited by Pat Talley, Debbie Smith, Robert Johnson, and Noma Fields.

Visiting Faye Woodard were Betty and Carlys Denison, Brook Woodard, Alice & Dewey Woodard, Pat & Paul Woodard, Patti Wate, Jessie Marie Woodard, Mike, Teresa and Michael Woodard.

Jo Berryman, Dora Hester, Velma Cox, Wayne and Floy Williams visited Lloyd Williams.

Earlene Barnett's visitors were Tommy, Peggy and Micah Malone and Earl Barnett.

Lloyd Moore was visited by Bobby and Patsy Slagle, Ashley and Angie Burns, C.L. Prewett, Betty Lewis, Joy Wyatt and Chad Slagle.

Johnnie and Betty Beals and Bud Haskell and Judy Booth visited John Edwards.

Visitors of Marlin and Sara Gilmer were Charles Owens, Nita burnidge, Marline and Dewey Thomas, Bob Bush, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Ted Phillips, Serena and Jill Owens, Pam Hays, and Don and Suzann Shovan.

Angie and Ashley Burns, Leslie Chapel Church, Paula and Amelia Pervis visited Marietta Parsons.

Edith Franklin's visitors were

LaNelle and Shannon Franklin, Doris E. Roach and Patsy Ward.

Don O'Dea was visited by Edith Pomroy, Frankie D. Parks, Gene Thielman, Fred and Barbara O'Dea and Curley Dickerson.

Cecil Allen visited Marshall Dunigan.

Visiting Miriam Shannon were Evelyn Roach, Minda Corso, Kara Screws, Bocky Norman and Nelda Harrell.

Jim and Marie Wright and Joe W. Teague visited Larry Teague.

David Geer's visitors were Ethel Pomroy, Frankie D. Parks, Dorothy Foster, Nannie Bell Ham, Dalty Bell, Cecil Allen and William Geer.

Mervin Slaton and Ronnie Wright, Jr. visited Raymond Wright. MClarence Ham and Nina Hale were visited by Nannie Bell Ham and Wanda Bradley.

Kathryn Maddux visited Carl Maddux.

Cecil Allen visited George Powell.

Visitors of Terry McDowra were Bill and Barbara Fambno, Cherry Walker and Sue Salter.

Jane Rhoades was visited by her daughters, Becky Hayes and Patti Amis.

bonnie Johnson's visitors were Robert Johnson, Kristi Johnson, Daniel, Deanda, Jim and Sharon Johnson.

Keith and Juanita Tryker, Nell and George Wolf, Angie, David, Marcus and Allison Wolf, Cindy, Bert, Stephanie and Joseph Filkins, and Lyn Wolf visited Betty and Jimmy Middleton.

Mamie Fletcher's visitors were Lila, Bren, Kara, and Hali Screws and Becky Proctor.

Visiting Billie Sawyer were Slater, Vicki and Mary Sawyer, and Nell Gardner.

Dorothy Hlt and Joyce Wilson visited their father, Terry Johnson.

Sara, Paul and Billie Mazy visited Annie Mazy.

Frankie Archibald was visited by Robin Mitchell and Donna Vaughn. Visitors of Brodie Bell were Frankie D. Parks, Ethel Pomroy, Reece Kelsey and Martha Glover.

Jo Wrenn was visited by Chance Crawford, Joyce Wilson, Danbri Mitchell, Jill Owens, Dorothy Holt, Bocky Norman and Linda Spears.

Lena Powell's visitors were Cecil Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Powell, Sue Hart and Janie Martin.



GEORGIA WATSON, instrumental in gathering and listing memorabilia for the Blossom Museum is pictured here explaining about the two story gazebo that was the first around the Blossom area. The replica is actual down to the smallest detail. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Crime stoppers Lamar County Sheriff's Report...

Crime of the week

You can earn up to \$1000 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the day of Friday, September 8, 1995, unknown suspects entered into an apartment at the Regency Apartment Complex at 2526 Lamar Avenue in Paris. Once inside the apartment, over \$36,000 in jewelry and cash were stolen.

If you have information on this, or any other felony crime please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by May 6th, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So let's all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS!(785-8477) or call toll free at 1-800-252-TIPS!

Friday, April 26, 1996-1 harrassment, 1-1050 major, 1 assault, 1 animal complaint, 5 arrest, 1 delivery emergency medication, 2 OPC, 1-911 hang up, 1 telephone harrassment, 1 property damage, 21 assist, 1 theft, 2 criminal trespass, 1 cruelty to animals, 1 civil matter, 1 reckless damage, 1 child custody, 3 suspicious activity, 1 grassfire, 1 noise disturbance with 176 inmates.

Sunday, April 28, 1996-1 theft, 1 welfare concern, 1 house fire, 1 family disturbance, 1 consent to search, 3 suspicious vehicles, 1 alarm, 1-911 hang up, 2 telephone harrassment, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 juvenile disturbance, 1 civil matter, 1 arrest, 1 security check, 2 noise disturbance, 1-1050 major, 1 intoxicated driver, 1 suspended license, 1 prowler with 174 inmates.

Monday, April 29, 1996-3 cruelty to animals, 1 major accident, 2 animal complaints, 3 arrests, 1 runaway, 1 disturbance, 1 4-wheeler disturbance, 1 assist, 1 suspicious person, 1 motorist assist, 1 intoxicated driver with 173 inmates.

Prairiland Calendar of Events

Week of May 6, 1996

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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6..... Teacher Appreciation Week
 7..... Board Meeting
 National Teacher's Day
 School Nurse Day
 End District Baseball
 V Bball, Here, Chisum, 4:00
 Biology End of Course Test
 8..... Youth for Christ, 7:50- a.m., Library
 Algebra I, End of Year Test
 9..... FHA Banquet
 10..... 8th Grade Graduation

Second Vietnam Veterans Reunion open to all in area

The Second Annual Vietnam Reunion will be held this weekend, May 3rd and 4th at the Lamar County Fairgrounds. Sign in and decorating will be Friday at 5 p.m. The doors will open early on Saturday with a program starting at 1:00 p.m. according to organizer Morgan Dudley. All Vietnam Veterans in this area are encouraged to come out and visit with other "In Country" comrades.

The program will include several speakers, a POW/MIA program and a reading of names of those KIA from Lamar County. Anyone having memorabilia, books, magazines, clothing, pictures, etc. are invited to bring them and put them on display.

Last year was a first...it was a first time many of the Vietnam Veterans had come together and visited with oehr vets since coming home. There

will be Fish Fry about 5:00 p.m. Saturday. There is no entry fee but those attending may pay \$10 at the door or make a donation. There will be tee shirts and hats for sale.

Morgan, who served in Vietnam from 1967-68, has attended Vietnam Veteran reunions throughout Texas, California and even Washington, D.C. He stated that last year there were over 100 veterans, that was good for a first time event. He is hoping for abigger group this year.

Morgan is a member of VFW 3990, and stated "the members of the VFW here have given me a lot of support in this event. I really appreciate what they have done. The ladies auxiliary have also been very helpful".

Dudley invites all veterans, not just Vietnam veterans to come out for a time of remembering. A special invitation goes out to the families of those veterans and to those who lost loved ones in Vietnam.

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Blossom Kill Kare Klub Meets with Mrs. Morton

The Blossom Kill Kare Klub met April 26th in the home of Essie Morton, Mary Adams brought the meeting to order. The minutes were read by Bea Porterfield.

Two new members were installed, Ruby Ray and Opal Hensley.

Refreshments were served to 9 members and 2 guests, Flarnce Porter and Imogene Clark.

High score was won by Bea Porterfield for members and Flarnce Porter for guest.

The last meeting of the season will be May 17 at the Old Country Steakhouse



East Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
Call 982-5309

The revival was well attended last week at the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church. There was visitors from Johntown MBC on Wednesday night. They dismissed their church and 29 from there attended. There were also visitors from Liberty BC at Midway. There was 1 rededication, 1 profession of faith and baptism and 1 came to join by baptism. They baptised Toney Ellis and Roger Bonds Sunday night.

Mildred (Speegle) Conine 87, of Clarksville passed away April 17 at Clarksville Nursing Center. She was born in Post Oak on October 31, 1908 to Charlie and Gracie Speegle. She married Charlie Conine April 6, 1937. She taught primary grades at Post Oak school from 1928-1930. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Clarksville where she was a member. Officiating was Bro. A.B. Kellam and Bro. Jerry Gibson. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Clarksville.

The East Post Oak Fire Department was called to a structure fire at

the home of Gene Landreth north of Post Oak Monday of last week where a trailer house used for storage burned.

Leslie McHam of Blossom visited Trista Reves over the weekend and attended church with her Sunday morning and the two girls sang a special.

J.N.Lee is out of ICU at St. Joseph but is still not doing very well.

Several from here attended the funeral of Booker McGee Saturday afternoon who lived south of Walnut Ridge. He passed away Wednesday at St. Joseph following by-pass heart surgery. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Cagle of Burnett came Friday and spent the weekend with his mother Louise Cagle and returned home Sunday. They did some work for her while here. Kathy Wood, her daughter of Paris also visited her.

Elwood Cleveland who has been in McCuiston has returned home and is feeling much better.



NUMBER ONE JR. HIGH BAND-The members of the Prairiland Jr. High Band recently participated in the Sandy Lake 1996 Fun Fest at the Sany Lake Amusement Park in Dallas. The youngsters walked off with first place at the event. Pictured left to right top row is Billy Taylor, John Dunn, Jennifer Carter, Philip Elder, Derrick Loveless, Mitch Whitaker and David Keen. Middle row is Band instructor Joe Watson, Josh Fendley, Holly Love, Ashley Moffitt, Brandon Bettis, Katherine Smith, Jimmy Smith and Blossom Principal Sandra Burnett. Bottom row is Megan Filkins, Sheena Jones, Mallory Woodall, Chastiti Nation, Eric Loveless, Jonathan Smith and Maegan Waters. Staff Photo by Liz Irwin

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LaRues attend New Holland dealer meeting in Florida

Bill and Betty LaRue, owners of LaRue Ford Tractor, kicked off 1996 in a big way. Bill and Betty participated in the largest New Holland dealer meeting and conference ever held.

The meeting took place in Orlando, Florida and it involved over 7,000 New Holland dealers, suppliers and company personnel from 140 countries throughout the world. Bill and Betty LaRue said the meeting had four primary objectives: to solidify the New Holland name change; to demonstrate the global aspect of the company; to introduce a host of new products (35 series and Gemini 60 series tractors); and to stress the company's dedication to satisfying its customers.

At the North American regional meeting, Tom Kennedy, Chief Executive Officer, New Holland North America, announced to dealers that New Holland is now "first in the world in the sale of tractors and hay

and forage equipment".

The LaRues, along with other dealers, participated in a special product training sessions, in the classroom and in the field; took part in regional and international business sessions; and, of course, sampled the entertainment side of Orlando.

The dealers were bused to the Daytona Beach Ocean Center for the international business session, then visited the Daytona International Speedway for the unveiling of the New Holland NASCAR entry, car #94, part of the Elliott-Hardy Motorsport Team. It took 189 buses, stretched out in a seven-mile caravan, to carry all the attendees from Orlando to Daytona.

During the evenings in Orlando, conference participants were invited to private parties at Church Street Station, Universal Studios and the Walt Disney World Resort' properties of EPCOT' Center and Pleasure Island.

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- '94 CHEVY RS CAVALIER Blue
- '93 CHEVY LUMINA EURO Blue
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- '91 CHEVY CORSICA-White
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- '88 CHEVY CORSICA-Blue
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NUTS & BOLTS

By Judy Screws

Since some folks are super sensitive and really don't want to hear about other folks kids and grandkids constantly, I am careful not to bore people with stories about my favorite little people very often. I only get out the photographs when asked, and I don't get out every photo I own even then. But every grandmother should have the option of talking about her grandchildren occasionally just to keep in practice. Hope you don't mind too much.

We had the grandkids a couple of days last week. We had all five of them. It was wonderful. They range in age from 4 years to 14 years. They are as busy as bees. The four year old is the busiest. He loves cereal. He would be happy if he could have cereal three meals a day. He decided recently that the name of his cereal was "Jerred Flakes".

The seven year old, Hali, already had two older sisters when she was born. When she was very small it was too much trouble to say Bren and Kara so it was suggested that when she spoke to either of them she should just call them Sissy. This didn't work either since the letter S was a problem for her so when she dropped the essses from Sissies it became i-ies. You pronounce it Sissies but leave off the essses. She is old enough to pronounce their names now, but they are still the i-ies.

Bren, the fourteen year old spends all of her time trying to think of some excuse to drive a car. Just wait until she gets her license, her parents will not even be able to get her to run an errand. Driving seems to lose some of its glamour as soon as it becomes legal.

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles almost drove Christopher, the oldest boy, crazy. He lived and breathed Turtles. He had Turtle Clothes, Turtle

Toys, Turtle Candy and anything else he could get with Turtles on them. But as much as he loved Turtles, he would always say his best friends were Chuck Norris and Daniel Boone. He is ten now and is reading the Goosebumps adventure books. Every time you look at him he has a book in his hand. Of course, in my opinion this is wonderful, but I absolutely refuse to let him read at the table while eating. The girls are also avid readers. Kara, who is eleven loves to read the Babysitter's Club series and anything else she can get her hands on. Jerred is not old enough to read yet but he thinks he can. Fortunately though, as much as they like to read, they like to be out in the fresh air and sunshine. They really keep their Pops and Granny busy when they all come to visit. If they were with us all the time, we would be forced to apply for food stamps. Their stomachs are bottomless pits.

Recently my husband and I and all the grandkids were having an in depth theological discussion. After we had gone through with who created the animals and who made man and who made the earth and all the things at the front of the Bible. Kara, the thinker, said, "Who made God?" I sat there a minute without answering. She continued, "Someone told me one time, I think it was the preacher, but I can't remember what he said." I think my husband and I both answered at the same time, "Ask him again." We wouldn't want to intrude on the preacher's territory.

The kids are growing up too fast to suit me, but of course it has to happen. I just hope they never get too old to come in the back door saying, "Granny, I'm starving. Do you have anything to eat?" Those are beautiful words to this old lady.

TOM LANDRY

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Dead men don't always wear good suits

By Jack Dodd

The year was 1955. Ann and I had heard of the state of Wyoming for some time, but we had never lived in or visited this western area. Our company gave us a new Ford station wagon and Ann had given us a new baby girl just 5 weeks before we left for Big Piney, Wyoming.

I was to help on a gas compressor construction operation. This natural gas was found and dug and capped in the 30s and was waiting for us to put it in pipelines and send it to Salt Lake City and other large cities for use. Thus the reason for arriving in Big Piney, Wyoming in October of 1955. You get a lot of togetherness on a 5 day cross country trip, especially with a 2 year old and a 5 week old, but all went well and Denise gained weight on the trip.

Big Piney was a path for pioneers going to Oregon or further north in Wyoming and Yellowstone area. Piney, as it is called by natives, is on the Green River which is full of Green brown, cutthroat, native and rainbow trout. Piney is known as the "Icebox of the Nation," with regular winter temperatures down in the -30 degree -42 degree F, and always -20 degrees F. The tow years we were there it didn't freeze for 36 days in 1955 and 41 days in 1956 All of this plus an elevation of 6,800 feet. It's fine for a young man who enjoys hunting and fishing, but not so well with a wife and 2 young girls and a coal cook stove.

When we arrived we had a house already rented. A 1 bedroom log cabin across from the High School. The log cabin used to be a cattle winter station until the Millers moved it to town. Town-yes 146 people lived in Piney before the Texas and Oklahoma delegation moved in. We nearly moved out before we moved in. We voted Piney Democratic for the first time in its existence. The locals lost face with the big boys in Casper. Remember-the whole state only had about 800,000 people.

The log cabin was comfortable. A large living room with an oil stove fed by a 55 gallon drum outside. Dining table at one end with 4 small fluorescent light bulbs overhead. By the way, our electricity came from 2 portable generators in a 40' covered trailer on the edge of town. Bedroom was large, one double bed, Kristy's

single bed and the baby bed all together. Kitchen was large, big storage cabinets. I mean a sack of flour and a sack of sugar wouldn't fill the pull outs. A big black talking cookstove. We used coal to fire the stove and circulate the water for hot water in the bathroom. No fire in the stove, no hot water. Bath was nice old time 4 legged tub, wash basin and commode and the talking stove discussing events with the hot water heater in the bathroom.

Piney is cattle country. The large local ranches like the Millers ran 8000 head, and the Judd family around 6000 head. Piney's closest neighbor town is Daniel "Home of the Rendezvous" and Pinedale, the town farthest from a railroad in the U.S. Both a little larger than Piney but everyone went to Jackson Hole about a 2 hour drive north of Piney to have a few days off. At this time Jackson Hole had 1 hotel, right downtown by the door of deer antlers. To tell you how update Jackson Hole was then, there was 1 ski lift and Iskabibble was entertaining at the 1 hotel Iskabibble used to play trumpet with Kay Kaiser.

An old timer once told me Big Piney sorta leans off the north and a mite to the west of Wyoming. Now your know.

Piney had a 7 man football team. They played their last game the last week we arrived. I noticed about an 18" dirt curb around the entire field. After the last game a water line was put in the field, filled to the top of the levee and the next day the kids had a skating rink for the next 8 months.

Back at this time California people had not found Piney for hunting as they now have. There were mule deer, antelope, moose, etc. All that your heart could hold. Hunting and fishing were excellent, but's that's a whole new story.

Speaking of story, I'd better get to the story but you need to know the surroundings before you can appreciate the story. Helen and Frank Tanner owned the local mercantile store and Tanner was also the undertaker. With a population of 146 people you can see why an undertaker needs a second job. The Tanners were real pioneer stock and loved their Wyoming living. Helen was sweet, but Tanner could be a bit mischievous, to

say the least.

Well, one day Tanner called the deputy in Piney and said he needed the deputy, Red Wilkerson (Also the town freight man) to go with him up in the Green River range of mountains to check on a family death. Now, this family consisted of 1 bearded old man, his quiet wife and two sons. Tanner had heard one of the sons had died and it was Tanner's job to see that the boy was buried immediately or be embalmed. This was about mid November and snow was already getting deep in the mountains and the rabbits were changing colors. Those big old jack rabbits or snow shoes as they call them are funny looking with some white and some brown. They change colors to solid white in the winter to brown in the short summer.

The two, Tanner and Red set out early one morning since the pioneer family lived way up in the mountains. I only saw the old man one time in 2 years when he came down for groceries. The rest of the time he and the boys were trapping and selling hides. They had their pickup and horse trailer with horses They drove for miles up in the mountains until the snow got too deep to continue by pickup. Out came the horses and Tanner and Red rode for another long time to the cabin. Sure enough, in the back of the cabin lay the younger son dead. Been dead for 5 days, but it seems Maw wouldn't let Paw and the other brother bury him. He had on a long gown and his boots.

Tanner explained he had to take the boy back with him and embalm his and return him for burial. State law. Tanner and Red tied the boy across Tanner's horse, since Tanner was about 50 pounds lighter then Red and down they went to the pickup and town just as dark set in. It was really starting to get cold about this time. I remember seeing 2 small rabbits pushing a large horseshoe rabbit trying to get him started.

Tanner completed the boy and he and Red took the boy back home with instructions to bury this boy in 3 days. As in most states if the family couldn't afford a suit, tie and shirt the state will. The young man looked nice in the new suit and old boots that Tanner had put back on him. Maw agreed to bury the boy within the prescribed time and off the mountains came Tanner and Red.

I asked an old timer what they did in Piney during the summer and he told me, "Last year it came on August 2, and we went on a picnic. The

colors are beautiful in the fall. Ann, the girls and I went to Salt Lake City in October of 1956 and everything was so pretty in colors, without thinking I took about a half a dozen pictures in black and white. Now that's pretty. One of the families in Piney had to send their father to a nursing home in Kenner, Wyoming. We visited him one day and this is about as close as I can remember what he told me, "They treats me fine, but they just don't understand that you can't separate a cowpoke, young or old from his boots and saddle without making him feel kinda lonesome like and scairt".

Tanner got Red one more time to go with him to see that the boy was buried. Red objected but Tanner insisted. He didn't trust maw. So they loaded up and away they went to the cabin in the mountains. It took a very long time because the snow was deep. Sure enough there lay the younger brother in his pine box casket in the back of the cabin. Tanner says we are burying the boy right now.. Well, the old man and the son had already dug the hole. They just couldn't get the body past Maw. Maw says in one hour. So in one hour everything was ready. Maw and Paw came out dressed as good as they could and Tanner and Red carried the casket. Marching behind everyone was the other brother in a new suit, shirt and tie. Tanner



JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS from Blossom sponsored a Garage Sale on Saturday, April 27 at Blossom School. The girls are raising funds to go o cheerleading camp this summer at P.J.C. Several of the parents assisted in setting up and stayed the day to sell along with the girls. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

VFW members attend loyalty day festivities

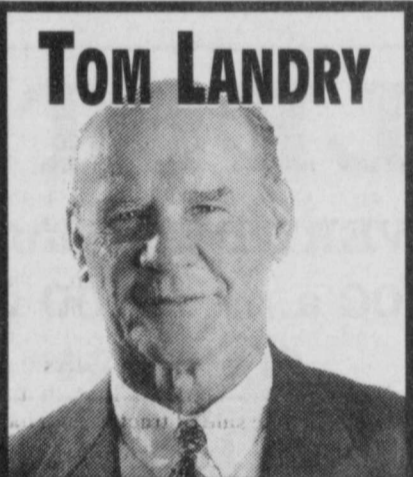
Members from VFW 3990 and it's Ladies Auxiliary attended Loyalty Day festivities at VFW 8780 in Winnsboro. The feeling of patriotism and love of country that each person exhibited and came away with demonstrated that patriotism is still alive in America. From the opening statements of Dewayne Gilbreath to the closing statements of District Commander Box Cox, it was a day that led one to be proud of American and renewed our desire to "Do anything for this country" to keep it free and protect the beliefs our forefathers and present day veterans fought for. marci Smith, a high school student, provided music by singing a triotic medley including "God Bless the USA", "Stars and Stripe Forever" and

"There's a Star-Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere". She had a beautiful voice and was an excellent example of our youth.

The guest speaker gave a very thought provoking and soul searching talk, "What We Can Do To Keep America Great". Gerald White, himself a Vietnam Veteran said he wasn't going to talk about loyalty because he was surrounded by veterans and their families that had proven their loyalty to their country on the battlefield and on the homefront. Rather, he wanted to talk about the state of our union and call us to arms once again.

He concluded by saying that it is time for our veterans to come to their

country's aid once again. He called on the WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veteran to once again get involved "Go to the streets, go vote, stand up and be counted, be a Veteran 365 days a year!" He concluded by saying that someone has got to fight for the little man on the street. Gerald, a Vietnam Veteran has a wife and 2 sons. He has his own business and asks for nothing from his country. Gearld was in Vietnam in 1966 when in a small village he was hit and left a double above the knee amputee. Gearld received a standing ovation. Those attending from Post 3990 and it's ladies auxiliary were Vernon Friday, Pat Friday, Joan Ross and Paula Gaston.




TOM LANDRY



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was restrained by Red and finally they laid the brother to rest in his white flannel gown and boots. Paw said he needs the clothing more than the other do-Tanner and Red had a lot to talk about on the way back to Piney. Such is life on the Green at Big Piney, Wyoming. The Icebox of the nation over 40 years ago.



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Happy Anniversaries Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland.
Our condolences go out to the family of Booker McGee.

Linda and David Hicks have returned home from a vacation in Missouri and Arkansas.

The Blossom Church of God visited the Deport Nursing Home on Monday night and treated them to a singing.

Marlena Bryant of Commerce, Michelle Bryant of Bogata, Irene Bryant of Blossom and Travis Bryant of Paris carried a birthday dinner to Gus Bryant of Fulbright last Sunday. June Barber and Shanna Chumbley of Reno visited with Marlene

Burris of Powderly last week.

Pat Otteson's sister Jeanine and son of Arlington spent the weekend and they held a cookout. Also attending was Steven Pilip, Patti Sue McLeroy, Tommy and Crystal Pilip, Kevin Pilip, Irene Bryant, Marlena Bryant of Commerce and Michelle Bryant of Bogata.

Visiting with Margaret Parks this week was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks and Bob Parks of Lewisville.

Gene and Ailene Walker and Ruby Crawford visited with Mrs. Ralph

Crawford of Mt. Pleasant on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett visited with Edith Crawford several times last week. She is recovering from gall bladder surgery at McCuiston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended the funeral of Booker McGee last week and also visited with Jenny Barber of the Paris Nursing Home.

Buford Cleveland received several phone calls for this birthday on Saturday from Mr. and Mrs. David Cleveland of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Cleveland of Moore, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cleveland of Tarpley and Kenneh Cleveland of Islip, New York.

Rhonda and Sandra Rasberry of Dallas have returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Willard from Wednesday to Monday. The Fellowship Baptist Church hosted a bridal shower for Karen Willard of Dallas and Rhonda and Sandra Rasberry and Emma Willard attended on Sunday afternoon.

Jim Weddle of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Miriam Taylor of Garland and Emma Booth of Hugo were among

the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Weddle last week. Jane Lowry and Wanda Burns of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ballard and Ryan this past week on their way to Lafayette, Louisiana. There they visited with Wanda's son

and family Eric Burns. They also enjoyed the sights and attended a Cajun Festival. On the return trip they stopped in to see Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ballard, Marlena and Jordan in Bossier City, Louisiana.

PJC To hold GED graduation ceremony

Paris Junior College Adult Education Consortium will recognize its General Education Development (GED) recipients at a graduation ceremony and reception at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.

The event will be held in the Student Center Ballroom. Friends and family members are invited to attend.

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In Pursuit Of Happiness
One who suffers a serious loss of some type and does not accept that loss and deal with it through a grief process is a good candidate for depression. In their book, *Happiness Is A Choice*, Minirth and Meir list five five stages of grief: 1) Denial; 2) Anger turned outward; 3) Anger turned inward; 4) Genuine grief; 5) Resolution. Other researchers have defined the grief process in a similar fashion. How one allows himself or herself to go through the process is often the determining factor as to his or her depression or happiness following the loss.
The thesis of the book is that a person can choose to be happy. If we choose to be happy, then we can overcome grief due to loss of various kinds. If one's concept of life and values is based upon Biblical principles, then choosing to be happy becomes easier and can eliminate a lot of additional hurt and frustration.
Jesus offered help to people who are hurting. If one will come to Jesus on His terms, then that person can learn from Jesus what life is all about and how to deal with it. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of (from) me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).
Doing things the Lord's way and seeing things the Lord's way surely does change one's outlook on life! **Happiness becomes a choice, not chance!**
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LOCAL SAND HAULING within the Deport, Bogata and Talco, TX areas. Call Neil Rozell, (903)632-5752. MA t/c

TWO SALES!! YARD SALE Sat., May 4, 320 Noble St., Deport, Kathy Figueroa & Billy Francis. CARPORT SALE: Sat., May 4, 336 Noble St., Deport, Cokie Roach. 5-2

VEHICLES & SUPPLIES
MOORE'S CAMPER SALES: New & used travel trailers, fifth wheels. Buy & sell. Service & parts, all brands. Fifth wheel tailgates available. Hwy. 271, 4 miles S. of Talco. (903)572-0842. MA t/c

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GARAGE SALE: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 250 S.E. First St., Deport. 5-2

FOR SALE: 1977 Chevrolet 2 1/2 ton truck, 20' flat bed, V8 engine. (903)652-5945 after 6 p.m., Glover Farms. MA t/c

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3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 115 Circle Drive, Bogata, Friday, May 3, 8-5; Saturday, May 4, 8-1. Lots of items. 5-2

FOR SALE: 1986 Ford 3/4 ton pickup. Clean. Call David Anderson, (903)632-5728. MA 5-2

WILLIAMS PLUMBING-All types plumbing, electrical and home repairs. Call (903)632-4646. MA t/c

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: All day Sat. May 4. Cancel if raining at Molee Huddleston's on Hwy. 37, north of Bogata. 5-2

FOR SALE: 1992 Lumina 4-door, loaded, new tires. 59,000 miles, reasonably priced. (903)632-5017. MA 5-2

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GARAGE SALE: Fri. and Sat., 5 miles on Hwy. 37N from Bogata, turn left to FM411 to Fulbright, go 1 2/10's mile, on left. 5-2

LOST & FOUND
FOUND: Medium sized white dog, long hair. Found in Bogata. Call 632-5908. nc

TRYING TO LOCATE owner of strayed cattle. If not claimed within one week, action will be taken. Call (903)632-4803 to identify. 5-2nc

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Puppy, needs a good home. Call Marilyn Glover, (903)652-3456. nc

FOUND: Male crossbred adult male dog, approximately 5 lbs. Found near Cunningham. Call (903)632-5445 to claim. nc

NOTICE:
I WILL NOT BE responsible for any debts other than my own. David Sullivan. MA 5-23

Filkins honored with party

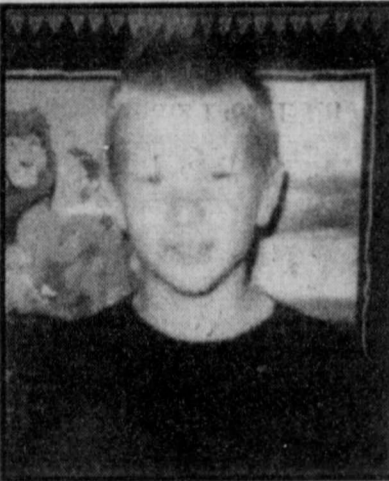
On Sunday, April 28, 1996, Joseph Galey Filkins was honored with his 8th birthday party at his home. His actual birthday was April 23. Those attending were Kief and Juanita Stryker of Walde, New York, George and Nell Wolf, Lyn and Sherrie Wolf, David, Angie, Marcus and Allison Wolf, Betty and Jimmy Middleton, Steve, Dina, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton, Randy, Cindy, Becky and Amy Talley, Danbri Mitchell, Carla, Brittany and Courtney Filkins, Clista, Heather, Felecia and Earl Filkins Jr., Derrick Benedict and Jace Short, Bradley Frazier and Dustin

Hood all of Deport.

Also attending was Dale, Cindy, Tonya, Sandy, Bradley and Tensa Brown, Bradlee and Brent Watson, Linda and Michel Spears, Amanda and Chelsey Spears all of Pattonville. Carla Caldwell and Savannah Matthews of Clarksville. Blake Hibberd of Ogden, Arkansas.

His parents Bert and Cindy Filkins along with Cindy Talley and his sister Stephanie were hosts for the event.

A big cookout including hamburgers and hot dogs along with a big patio party for Joseph was enjoyed by all.



Joseph Galey Filkins honored

Roddy descendents meet for get-together

Descendants of John and Hattie Roddy met at the American Legion Hall Sunday for a reunion. Those attending were: Lydia Williams, Mary Turner and Mike Williams of Vidor, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Crow of Winnsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clement of Clardy, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney of Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nix of Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Abernathy of Glendale, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond King of Pattonville, Bettie Pace of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Sparks of Deport.



Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Keif and Juanita Stryker of Walden, New York visited her sister and husband Nell and George Wolf Wednesday to Monday.

Ronnie and Ellene Pettit and granddaughter Whitney spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall.

Riley and Connor Chipman spent Saturday night with their grandparents Bill and Ruth Chipman of Minter.

Sheldon and Ann Lee enjoyed an evening out Friday night going to the PJC Show Choir.

Bill and Edna Talley gave a birthday dinner party Sunday for her son Lloyd Farris of Paris. Others attending were wife Becky, Darrell Farris of Greenville and Erant and Mary Yoder and Shasta, a brother Eddie Farris of Tulsa, Oklahoma called to wish him a happy birthday.

Charlie Turner and Helen Temple spent Monday in Sulphur Springs.

George and Nell Wolf attended a birthday party for their grandson Joseph Filkins on his 8th birthday Sunday at his parents home Bert and Cindy Filkins in Deport. 53 friends and relatives attended.

Sheldon and Ann Lee spent Saturday in Plano visiting her brother and family Jerry and Pam Harvey and daughters. They had lunch with their son Trey Lee and friends of Dallas.

Tracie Chipman and Connor and her mother Sandra Burnett spent Sunday in Honey Grove and attended a basketball game.

Nell and George Wolf, Betty and Jimmy Middleton and Keif and Juanita Stryker went out to eat several times this week. The three sisters enjoyed the week visiting together.

John Paul Woodard of Ft. Worth visited Buena and Bob Marshall Friday afternoon.

Deport Locals

By Barbara Crawford
CALL 652-4205

JoAnn Haney of Wake Village spent the weekend with her mother, Estelle Cheshire. Mack and JoAnn Jeffus of Hooks visited Saturday.

Sue Carrell of Norman, OK is visiting her parents, Raymond and Aubrey Hignight.

Bro. and Mrs. Buddy Greer of Paris visited Grady and Kathryn Wright on Tuesday night.

Grady Wright attended the monthly dinner meeting of the Board of Directors Region VIII Education Service Center at the Hot Biscuit Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday night.

Grady and Kathryn Wright, Claud Burks, Cindy Burks, Merle Burks and Kenneth and Janette Burks attended the funeral for Tommie E. Burks on Friday at Martin Memorial Methodist in Detroit.

Darrin and Monica Gifford, Chandler and Trent of The Colony visited John and Shirley Gifford over the weekend.

Lori Parvin and Ashley of Keller visited her parents, Russell and Pat Crawford.

Edith Crawford returned Monday from having surgery in McCuiston Hospital last week.

Wayne and Floy Williams attended the memorial service for Jack Devlin on Sunday in Cunningham.

Nannie Bell Ham and Nell Shull attended the housing authority open house on Sunday.

Prentice Crawford of Benbrook has been visiting Raymond and Edith Crawford.

Sharon Francis, City Secretary and Nancy Gresham were in Tyler on Friday attending a Workforce Commission seminar on legislative update, payday law, employing children and hiring and firing.

Earl and Nancy Gresham had as guests over the weekend from Selmer, TN, George Hockaday, daughter Leigh Ann Keen and granddaughter Christina Kilburn, Charles Reaves, Wendy Cave and daughters Tonya and Tanya were in and out during the weekend. They attended the Golden Trowel awards banquet at the Masonic Lodge Saturday night.

Gordon, Clois Alsobrook and Nancy Gresham have been checking on his uncle, Wayne Alsobrook, who has been in the Clarksville hospital for several days. He is improving and is to be released today.

Lawrence and Reba Bell of Clarksville have been in Tyler for several months. Lawrence has been in Northeast Texas State University Medical Center since a fall from a hay barn, which paralyzed him from the neck down. He is undergoing therapy and has been moved to the VA Hospital in Houston for more therapy.

Janey and Ralph Westbrook visited Gordon and Clois Alsobrook this week.

Robbie Slaton has been confined to her home the past week due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Jim and Chris Nix of Hoks spent Saturday night with J.A. and Juanita Sparks. Joining them for dinner Saturday night were J.C. and Hattie Abernathy of Glendale, Raymond and Hiawatha King of Pattonville and Bettie Pace of Clarksville.

Donny, Dawne and David Darden were in Terrell Saturday for a craft festival.

Hettie Thomas and Loyce Brodie had as their guests Saturday and Sunday Loyce's daughters and families, Marsha and Terry Rimpler of Dayton, Texas and D'Ann and Wayne Miller and children Jennifer and Daniel of Sheridan, Ark. While here D'Ann put her craft display in the Rustic Nook.

Deport Housing Authority News

By Mary Westbrook 652-3605

April 23rd was the meeting for crafts at the gazebo.

Those attending were: Lisa Johnson, Maud Webb, Mary Johnson, Mae Storm, Mildred Wright, Floy Sparks, Billy Andrews, Lucille Morgan, Eunice Irving, Mary Westbrook, Allen Johnson, Thelma Shelby.

Mavis Sowards and several of her friends returned last week from several days trip and vacation in Beaver Bend, Ok. All enjoyed the trip.

The Open House Sunday, April 28 was enjoyed by lots of people. As many as 100 people registered at both units. Guests enjoyed purchasing

crafts, cookies and punch, and visiting with residents on hand to greet them.

Everyone is enjoying the revival at the First Baptist Church in Deport. The singing is beautiful and the message great.

Cary Langston visited his grandmother, Mae Storm on Sunday.

Stacy Huddleston visited her grandmother last week.

Visitors over the weekend of Thelma Shelby were her daughter, Ramona Anderson of Garland and her sister in law Ruby Tucker of Detroit.



Have A Nice Weekend

Please Vote CHARLES GILBERT

Prairiland School Board

May 4th, 1996

Pol. Ad Paid for by Charles Gilbert, Rt. 1, Box 107B
Pattonville, TX 75468

Minter Cemetery Donations

Recent donations to the Minter Cemetery have been received from Mrs. Thelma Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ladd in memory of Mary Smart.

A donation from Col. and Mrs. Frank E. Ball, McLean Virginia was made in memory of Loved Ones.

Martha Sunday School Class has luncheon

The Martha Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Wednesday April 24th in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly luncheon.

Those present were the pastor, Bro. Freddy Burden and wife, Marsha, the teacher, Charles Malone and wife Sue, other visitors were Dorothy Anderson of Paris, Alma Scaff and Dorothy Holt. Members present were Alice Bumgarner, Linnie Bailey, Rosina Martin, Purna Haydock, Alta Hester, Juanita Primm, Mavis Sowards, Willie Mae Speir, Mary Westbrook and Thelma Shelby.



Brad Williams

Williams continues to climb corporate ladder

Brad Williams, son of C. Michael and Dianne Williams of Bogata, has made a prominent name for himself in the corporate world.

Williams has recently accepted a promotion with E-Z Serve Convenience Stores, Inc., Houston, to the position of district Manager.

Prior to this promotion, Williams was Senior Buyer and Marketing Manager for over 200 stores in the state of Florida. In his new position he will have total responsibility for all operation and marketing decisions for the state of Mississippi.

Williams' recent success comes as no surprise to those who know him. His hard work, determination, and education have motivated him to

quickly excel up the corporate ladder at E-Z Serve. Williams is the youngest executive to ever hold the position of District Manager in the company's twenty two year history.

Williams graduated from Rivercrest High School in 1988, and earned a BBA in Management from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth in 1992.

Brad Williams and his wife, April, will be relocating to the Biloxi, Mississippi area from their current home in Panama City Beach, Florida. Brad is the grandson of Flint and Bobbie Hendricks of Talco and Carl and Maggie Williams of Bogata and the brother of Brandon Williams of Bogata.

Donations Received For Area Cemeteries

Donations received for area cemeteries from April 24 through April 29, 1996 are:

Highland Cemetery: From Jewel Barnard, Millie Walsh, Bill Baker, Jr., Joella Moncrief Sparks, Anita W. Perkins, Dona Boatright estate, Nettie D. Chappell, Grace Fendley, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Westbrook, Ray and Phoebe Rhodes, Joyce Harris, Raymond and Frances Hoover, Overton B. Perry, Mrs. Bob Isbell, Nona F. Overby, Imogene Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Campbell, Pat Talley, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Holder, Mrs. Bobby C. Schell, Madeline Norma, Sara and Ed Helleny, C.W. Cotton family, Sarah Dennie, Margaret McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Philley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Huddleston, Charles E. Ball.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Whitney from Georgia and Frank Ball.

In memory of Murray Keys, Evada Speir and family from Willie Mae Speir.

In memory of Black, Webb and Thompson families from Jan M. Edwards.

In memory of Arthur Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith from Nannie Smith.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Watson and Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Davidson from Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Watson.

In memory of Mary Bell Igo from Frank and Gail Rhoades.

In memory of Philip H. Hobbs, Jr., and Mama and Dad Fennell from Helen Williams.

In memory of the Murray family from Mrs. James J. Benhoff.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: From Ulis and Joann Bailey, Charles R. Jones, III, Juanita Bush, Helen Jones, Weldon Turner, Mrs. Robert K. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Westbrook.

In memory of loved ones from Georgia and Frank Ball.

In memory of my loved one from Essie Mae Kerbow.

Old Deport Cemetery: From Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Westbrook, Morris Dalby and Mr. and Mrs. Roy White.

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BBQ SAUCE Heinz 18oz. Bottle Reg. & Smoke Flavor  99¢	FLOUR Pioneer 5 Lb. Bag All Purpose  99¢	TOWEL Bounty Big Roll  \$1.49
COCA COLA & DIETS 3 Liter - Each  \$1.69	SUGAR COOKIE DOUGH Pillsbury 20oz. \$2.29 BISCUITS Parade 7oz. 5/\$1 Armour VIENNA SAUSAGE 5oz. Can 69¢ Kraft MUSTARD 8oz. Jar \$1.49 Del Monte PICANTE SAUCE 20oz. \$1.99 Parade SWEET RELISH 16oz. \$1.59 Soft & Gentle Bathroom TISSUE 4 Roll Pk. 89¢	
PEPSI 2 Liter  99¢	KODAK FILM 200-35MM 24 Exposure (SAVE \$3.00) \$2.99	PRODUCE  BANANAS 39¢/Lb  LETTUCE Head 69¢  POTATOES Russet 8 Lb. Bag \$1.59



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