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By Nanalee Nichols

Remember the bears? Most of my regular readers recall that while Thomas and I have spent much time and effort trying to see bears in the wild, we have never succeeded. Our good friends went to the Smoky Mountains for the first time and saw five. And, they have Oh Soooo kindly never hesitated to rub it in.

After the column the rest of you started. (I expected no less of you). Morris Foster down at Bogata kindly sent a "Texas Parks and Wildlife" magazine to us with a lengthy article and photos of ...you guessed it...bears. He also told Thomas about seeing bears in the wild.

Margie Rice of Clarksville recalled when she came over Cumberland Gap in Tennessee and saw a sleepy spring bear by the side of the road.

Pam Fenner at Talco related in detail her bear sightings in the Smokies.

Bill Dorries at Blossom began a phone call with "Mrs. Nichols. I don't have any bears, but I do have a shredder like you were looking for".

The list goes on. Apparently there are a lot of people who have seen bears in the Smokies, up in Arkansas, and out in Wyoming at Yellowstone National Park.

I'm happy for you, I really am...if I believe you! I'm just about convinced there is some sort of mass hypnotism going on when visitors enter national parks, and apparently we aren't susceptible to it!

My doubts along this line have been re-enforced lately. The Dardens, (of five bear fame) gave Thomas an adorable little pair of miniature bears for his birthday last Friday. We asked to see the photographs of the bears. That's when they began waffling.

First it was some story about how the camera locked up and they only had one chance at getting a picture of the mama bear and her three babies.

Now their film is at the processors. It has been at the processors for two or three weeks now. They won't get it out. Supposedly they keep forgetting. I believe it's because they know just how much flak they are going to catch from us if that one picture doesn't come out. No photograph...no proof!

So, if all you beary, beary helpful people don't have photos, we'll just take your report with a grain of salt, or bear grease, or something! Until we see the bears, they just aren't going to exist!

Don't take offense, though, we have enjoyed all the bear tales...or tails, as it may be.

Dear Editor:

I would like to order the **Deport Times** again, we enjoy reading about the people we grew up with. My husband, J.R. Secret lived in Pattonville all his life. I, Kitty (Bishop) lived in Deport and Cunningham. We visit relatives every year around Deport and Paris. I enjoy reading all the news and trying to keep up with everyone. We have been in New Mexico for 40 years but still miss Texas and still think of that as home.

Thank you,  
Kitty Secret

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## July 4th could be last time for flags if new members don't join club

This Thursday, July 4th the Deport Community Service Club will be placing the American flag in the yards of over 120 residents of the city and immediate area.

It could be for the last time ever. Due to the lack of participation, the Deport Community Service Club no longer has enough able personnel to carry out the club's fund raising duties.

The flag placement program has been a great money making project, and this money has been used for a number of community projects. It also has given Deport a patriotic appearance on holidays that has been a joy to behold.

However, unless some more community minded citizens are willing to become members of the club and help with club projects, the service organization may soon be no more.

The club was organized in the early 1990's. The objective of the organization was to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all relationships. The club endeavored to provide a practical means of forming friendships, to render needed services and to build a better community.

In order for it to remain active, more members are needed. The annual dues are only \$24 for the year.

All monies from the membership dues remain in Deport, unlike dues paid to National Clubs.

All funds from dues and projects are deposited in the club's bank account right here in Deport. All funds are used for community projects. Some projects that have been achieved in the past include Welcome to Deport signs, moving and restoring the old calaboose, eye exams and glasses for needy school children, donated funds to help the Ball Association, the Deport Volunteer Fire Department and helping families of the community who have had their homes destroyed by fire or suffered other financial disasters.

Building the park on Main Street was one of the club's very first projects, putting flags on veteran's graves in the community cemeteries, helping fund and conduct the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Chili Cookoff have also been part of their duties and responsibilities.

The club has also funded an annual scholarship of \$500 for a student from Prairiland High School.

The latest project was to fund the new Christmas decorations for Main Street last year.

Funds have been provided by membership dues and by flag placement service and their annual dog dip.

Funding for community projects isn't the problem, but membership is the real concern.

Most members are retired and more and more are having health problems. Active members to carry on the club's projects are much needed.

It may take less time than you suppose and is not limited to men only, there are two female members at this time, and more would be welcome as well as more men. There is no age limit, either, it is not a club only for older people, and all ages will be welcome.

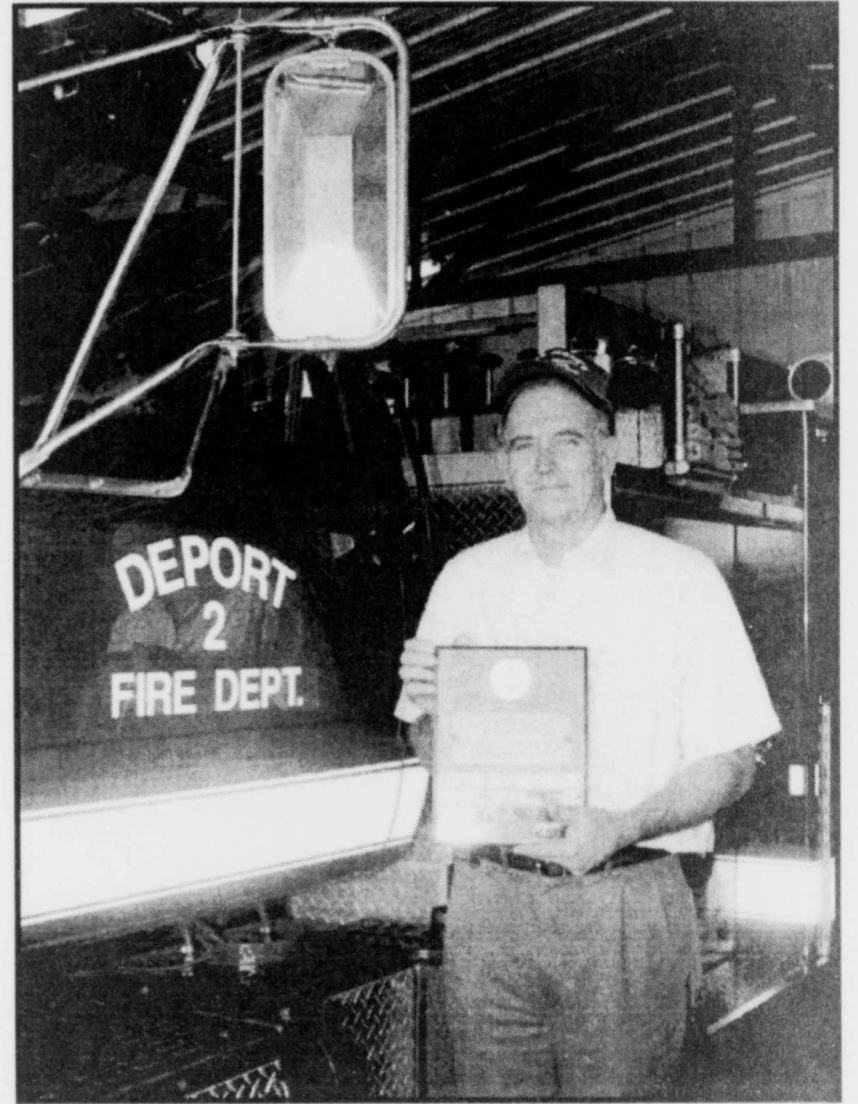
The club meets each Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Lonesome Dove Cafe.

If any male or female in this community is interested in becoming members and helping with this worthwhile organization, please come to a meeting and join! You are wanted and needed.

Only \$24 for a year's membership, and helping out five or six times a year isn't too much for one's community. The Deport Community Service Club is a worthwhile organization, and it has given much to the community.

All working together it can do even more to make Deport an even better place to live.

Don't put it off, please come and join before it's too late.



DEPORT VFD Fire Chief Jim Short has been added to a plaque which honors all of the department's fire chiefs. Chief Short was elected last year, following the resignation of Duane Glover, who had held the position for over two decades. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



GOOD TUNES-Wade White and the Plain Label Band played at the Pattonville picnic on Saturday and persevered the heat. The crowd enjoyed the music they provided. (Staff Photo)

## Prairiland TAAS scores advance

The Prairiland TAAS scores have advanced each year since 1993. Below is a table that will show the changes on the scores. The first column represents Prairiland's yearly TAAS scores, the second column is the State and Region average grade 10 TAAS scores yearly.

Spring 1993-High School		
Reading	78	70
Math	73	62
Writing	83	80
Spring 1994		
Reading	80	76
Math	62	57
Writing	73	81
Spring 1995		
Reading	84	76/79
Math	68	59/64
Writing	80	86/90
Spring 1996		
Reading	68	76
Math	62	57
Writing	77	81

Blossom Elementary-Spring 1994			
Grades 4th	6th	8th	
Reading 64	67	78	
Math 31	56	53	
Writing 89	71		
State and Region Averages			
Reading 75/78	73/78	76/82	
Math 59/63	56/65	53/61	
Writing 85/88	69/75		
Spring 1995			
Reading 60	86	89	

Math	57	81	75
Writing	60	85	
State and Region Averages			
Reading 79/81	78/81	74/81	
Math 70/71	63/68	74/83	
Writing 84/84	74/83		
Spring 1996			
Reading 90	89	85	
Math 87	92	78	
Writing 95	83		
State and Region averages not available			
Deport Elementary-Spring 1994			
Reading 62	81	82	
Math 58	83	83	
Writing 71	90		
State and Region Averages			
Reading 75/78	73/78	76/82	
Math 59/63	60/65	57/61	
Writing 84/88	69/75		
Spring 1995			
Reading 71	84	69	
Math 55	69	73	
Writing 61	79		
State and Region Averages			
Reading 79/81	78/81	74/81	
Math 70/71	63/68	56/64	
Writing 84/84	74/83		
Spring 1996			
Reading 80	88	91	
Math 95	88	88	
Writing 87	97		
State and Region Averages not available			

## Faith Baptist Church to hold revival

Faith Baptist Church, Deport, will be holding revival services Wednesday, July 10 through July 14.

Rev. James Barnes will be the preacher and Bobby Harrell and Judy Pomroy will be in charge of music. Service times are 7:00 p.m.

James Barnes has been pastor at the First Baptist Church of Deport.

Bogata, Cunningham and Pattonville. Currently he is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Petty.

Bobby Harrell is song leader at Bethel Baptist Church and Judy Pomroy is pianist there. There will be special singing every night.

Everyone is invited to these great services.

## Testing will be July 9 at Housing Authority

A blood pressure testing will be held at the Deport Housing Authority on July 9 at 10:00 a.m.

The testing is being sponsored by the Home Health Care program and is being given by Town and Country Health Care.

## Annual picnic is big success

The annual picnic held in Pattonville on Saturday, June 29 was a big success.

Keith Cooper of Bogata was the winner of the four-wheeler. Keith and his wife, Jamie and their two boys picked it up Saturday night after the drawing. They were very surprised and excited. We appreciate Tim Davis, volunteer fireman, who coordinated the raffle.

Paul Butler of Paris won one of the afghans being raffled. The other was won by Barbara McDowra. They were donated by Marilyn Hearnory of Shreveport and Peggy Gentry.

The door prizes were donated by the following: City Drug Store, Deport; Deport Florist; Lonesome Dove Cafe, Deport; Anderson Candy Company, Blossom; Glen's Food Mart,

Pattonville; Linda Caviness' House of Beauty; The Animal Store, Paris; Ragland Feed Store, Paris; Angie Riccardi; Sara Mazy, Nelda Harrell.

Wade White and the Plain Label Band played in the heat all afternoon and the crowd really enjoyed the music. They also enjoyed Cody Crossland, 20-month old son of Katy and Thomas Crossland, who danced most of the afternoon.

The cake walk was a big hit with Bill Blevins and Ashley Keener walking off with seven pies and cakes.

We thank everyone who attended our annual picnic for their support. Also a big thanks to those who offered their support by baking pies, cakes and making ice cream and to those who worked hard all day, some for 14 hours.

## Sessums appointed head basketball coach

The Prairiland ISD met in a called meeting Monday night, July first.

Their first order of business was to endorse Steve Neece to fill the position on the Texas Association of School Boards board of trustees. Neece is the Chisum board president.

Two waiver days for staff development were approved.

The board went into executive session at 8:00 p.m. and came out at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes were approved as read.

## Break made in arson cases

The Lamar County Sheriff's Department had two arrests pending Tuesday, July 2nd, in conjunction with ten to fourteen fires involving hay bales (both square and round bales), and barns burned in Lamar County during a period from December of 1995 through January 1996.

According to Lamar County Sheriff B.J. McCoy, two female suspects will face charges of arson and criminal mischief.

During the period Lamar County fire fighters from county fire departments responded to a rash of fires in various locations within the county.


Sheriff McCoy said the department's investigation was headed by Scott Cass and Joe Tuttle and Chief Deputy J.D. Clark worked with County Constables and Fire Departments in patrolling county roads and in stakeouts in order to break the case.

According to Sheriff McCoy one of the suspects was stopped as many as three times during the patrol efforts that took place during the rash of fires.

The two females arrested will be charged with burning over \$70,000 worth of hay and barns during the period of time.

According to Sheriff McCoy, a third suspect with an out of state address will also be arrested in conjunction with the fires.

Sheriff McCoy attributes the break to "excellent police work, patience and teamwork with his department, the county constables and all of the county's volunteer fire departments".




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**Country Cooking**

By Liz Irwin

As this Fourth of July approaches, we wish for everyone to have a safe and happy holiday. If going on a road trip, leave in plenty of time to get there and enjoy yourselves. Remember, the speed limit has been raised in most areas, so buckle your seat belts and take extra precautions. Lakes and other water areas will be jammed packed to capacity. Watch out for everyone, especially the little ones.

Our Cook's Corner this week contains recipes for a variety of vegetables and some easy make-ahead recipes that can be enjoyed over the

holiday.

With the rainfall so plentiful, the area farmers are making a bumper crop of a variety of vegetables. Take advantage of this and enjoy some great dishes and fill the freezer.

The recipes this week include a recipe for Barbecued Corn on the Cob, Fresh Tomato Vinaigrette, Liberty Slaw, Squash and Tomato Casserole and Peas Gourmet. Several folks have asked for the recipe for Fresh Salsa, so I have included that too.

Have a safe weekend and we will see you in the kitchen!

**July 4, 1996**  
*Fresh Vegetables for the Fourth*

**Barbecued Corn on the Cob**  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 envelope or 4 tablespoons tomato soup mixture  
1/2 cup water  
1 medium onion-sliced thinly  
4 medium ears fresh corn  
Melt butter in saucepan; remove from heat. Stir in tomato soup, blend in waater and stir to thicken soup. Place each ear of corn on a 10 x 12 inch piece of aluminum foil. Top with slices of onion. Spread sauce over corn; wrap foil around corn and seal. Bake at 425 degrees in oven for 12-15 minutes or roast over hot charcoal grill or gas grill for 10 minutes.

**Fresh Tomato Vinaigrette**  
12 ripe tomatoes-chopped  
4 fresh green onions-chopped  
1 large green bell pepper-chopped  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons sugar  
Combine tomatoes, onions and peppers. Mix vinegar, salt and sugar; stir in vegetables. Refrigerate until ready to serve. May be prepared the day before. Cucumbers and small, fresh squash are also good added to this.

**Liberty Slaw**  
2 cups shredded fresh cabbage  
1/4 cup minced green onion  
1/2 cup pineapple chunks  
1/8 cup chopped pimento  
1/4 cup sliced olives  
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
dash salt and pepper  
1/4 cup heavy cream-whipped  
Toss cabbage, onion, pineapple, pimento, olives and cheese. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper until smooth in large bowl. Fold cream into mayonnaise mixture. Pour over salad and toss well.

**Squash and Tomato Casserole**  
1 tablespoon fresh green chopped onion  
1 tablespoon melted butter  
1 fresh tomato quartered  
2 medium yellow squash-sliced  
salt to taste  
pinch of thyme  
1/4 cup cheddar cheese-grated  
paprika  
Saute onion in butter until golden. Add tomato and cook about 5 minutes. Add squash, salt and thyme. Cook, covered, until tender. Place in buttered casserole dish; sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

**Peas Gourmet**  
3 pounds fresh shelled peas  
4 small green onions-chopped  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
6 water chestnuts-sliced  
Combine fresh peas, onion, salt and sugar in medium saucepan; pour into water to depth of about 1 inch. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until peas are tender; drain. Melt in butter; spoon into heated covered serving bowl and garnish with sliced water chestnuts.

**Fresh Tomato Salsa**  
4 large tomatoes-peeled and chopped  
1 large onion-chopped  
1 large bell pepper-chopped  
1 large clove garlic-minced  
jalapeno peppers to taste  
1/4 cup vinegar  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon cilantro  
Mix all ingredients well and refrigerate until chilled. Excellent with chips or over foods.

**Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!**

**Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

Karen Baker attended the wedding of Darla Townens and Wil White at Circle C Ranch in Detroit Saturday night. Visitors of Worth Baker and Karen on Sunday were Mrs. Gene Hill, Mrs. Tony Douglas and Leah of White Oak.

Clovis Van Deaver had eye surgery in Clarksville Thursday and is doing fine.

Harold Epps of Mt. Vernon spent Tuesday evening with his mother, Ethel Epps.

Bety Rodgers and Karen Baker attended family visitation at Clarksville Funeral Home for Mrs. Stove.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmy King Tuesday.

Monte Rodgers of Tigerstown and Melissa Arriaga of Deport visited their mother, Betty Rodgers Sunday.

Rhea Epps and Dana Tabb of Rosalie visited Ethel Epps Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King of Paris were visitors Wednesday of Jimmy King and had lunch with her.

Ed Johnson and Eric Williams competed in the bull riding competition in the Bogata Rodeo Saturday night.

Jimmy King attended all three nights of the Bogata Rodeo. She went with Loyd Cavender and Mabel Austin on Friday night, with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and Travis Thursday night and with Dick King on Saturday night and they ate out in Clarksville.

Melissa Arriaga and Betty Rodgers visited longtime friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Thomas and Misty, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Thomas and daughter Saturday evening in Omaha.

Jeff King and friend of Paris visited Jimmy King Sunday afternoon.

Donal Lee Haire of Alvin, Tx. visited Preston and Marla Crump several morning last week.

J.D. KTina, Ty, Chey and Bailey visited with Preston and Marla Crump. Ty spent the night.

**RRGenealogical Society to meet**

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River County Genealogical Society, Monday evening, July 8, at 7:30 in the Red River County Library.

The program for this month will

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**Obituaries**

**Lola Eugenia Glover dies June 28**  
Lola Eugenia Glover, age 94 of Deport, died at her home Friday, June 28.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30 in Deport United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sam Campbell and the Rev. C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes of Deport.

Mrs. Glover was born December 3, 1901 in Red River County, a daughter of E.A. and Ada Lemens Hale. She married Curtis Glover on March 23, 1924.

Mrs. Glover was a member of the Deport United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Curtis Glover of Deport; a son, Dr. Hale Glover and her son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Martha Glover, all of Deport; her grandchildren, Marilyn Glover of Deport, Betsy Chapman of Paris and David Glover of Dallas; and her great-grandchildren, Ty Merritt and Peyton Chapman, both of Paris.

Bearers were Charles Foster, Luther Wright, Carlos Ladd, Jim Short, Scott Ward and Silas Taylor.

**Margaret Crawford dies June 25**  
Margaret Coplin Tow Crawford, age 81 of Blossom, died Tuesday, June 25 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Paris.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 28 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Jim Wilson and Steve Keen officiating. Burial was in Knights of Honor Cemetery.

Mrs. Crawford was born September 4, 1914 near Pattonville, a daughter of George W. and Julia Merritt Tow. She married Earl Loyd Crawford August 11, 1934 in Pattonville. She was a homemaker and mother. She attended the Blossom Church of Christ for over 50 years. She was a member of the Blossom Garden Club, the Kill Kare Klub and she quilted with the women at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She attended the Jolly Elders and enjoyed painting.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and John Henry Graves of Blossom, Judy and Paul Landers of Paris and Billie and Christy Hamman of DeSoto; one brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Betty Tow of Paris; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Juli Hamman Karlen.

Pallbearers were Harold Blackburn, Sunny Templeton, Buddy Freeman, James White, Tim Jester and Harold Morrison. Honorary bearers were Burgie Thompson and Mike Blackburn.

**Ruby Joplin dies June 22**  
Ruby Joplin, age 84 of Clarksville died Saturday, June 22 at her home.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 24 at Jolley's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. A.B. Kellam officiating. Burial followed in Lanes Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Joplin was born April 24, 1912 in Texas, a daughter of Frank Wiley and Emmie S. Crook.

Surviving are four sons, Joe Leon Joplin of Clarksville, Tommy S. Joplin of Haworth, OK, Ronnie Joplin of Clarksville and Frank Joplin of Bogata; a daughter, Ruby Jean Healey of McKinney; three sisters, Lela Crook of Clarksville, Jessie Crook of Quinlan; two brothers, Jack Crook of Clarksville and Blunt Crook of Negley; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Doris Ann Watkins dies June 28**  
Doris Ann Watkins, age 61 of the Jennings community, died Friday, June 28 at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Paris.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 1 in the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Dearing officiating. Burial was in McDonald Cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins was born March 25, 1935 in the Atlas community of Lamar County, a daughter of Charlie and Tollie Russell Brazeal. She attended Delmar schools and was the Salutatorian of her graduating class. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist faith.

She married John D. Watkins on August 8, 1957 in Hugo, OK.

Surviving are her husband of Jennings; a son, John David Watkins and his wife, Tammy of Jennings; two daughters, Karen Watkins and her husband Randy Johnson of Ben Franklin and Sharon Watkins of Jennings; a grandson; two granddaughters, a step-grandson; a sister, Billie McNeal of Paris; two brothers, Jerry Brazeal of Broadway and Jimmy Brazeal of Paris; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Bob Brazeal.

Bearers were Larry McNeal, Brit Phillips, Buddy Brazeal, Jerry Wayne Brazeal, Billy Brazeal and Jeff Brazeal.

**Mrs. Kitty Harden dies June 27**  
Mrs. Kitty Harden, age 75 of Jolintown, died at her residence Thursday, June 27.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 29 in Bogata United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Bush officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born April 8, 1921 in Worsdorf, Germany. She married John Harden on May 26, 1951 in Munich, Germany. She was a note department clerk at the First National Bank of New Boston for almost 18 years before moving to Bogata in 1971. She is survived by her husband, John Harden and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bearers were nephews and honorary bearers were her and her husband's fishing and hunting partners and associates through the years.

**Card of Thanks**

We would like to thank all our friends and relatives for your support during the time of our sorrow for my wife, Kitty and for remembering me during my recent surgery.

Thanks for your visits, calls, flowers, food, cards, donatins and prayers.

Special thanks to Rev. Bob Bush, Doctors: Miller, Tompkins, Saramiento and VanBuskirk and to James Wood.

**John and the Harden Family**

**Card of Thanks**

We would like to express our appreciation for Wood Funeral Home and to all who prepared food during our time of sorrow.

Thank you for your prayers.

**Elmer Earl Edwards  
Dean Edwards  
Jessie Bowers  
Dessie Dunlap**

**Card Of Thanks**

A special thanks goes out to the Bogata House of Flowers for the excellent job they did on our wedding and reception. We appreciate it very much.

**Thanks again,  
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Ward**

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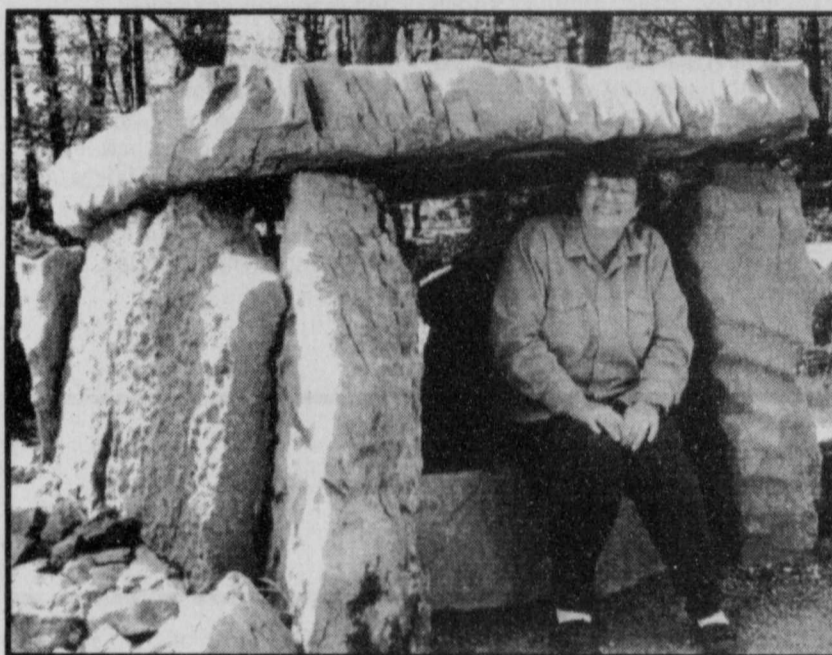
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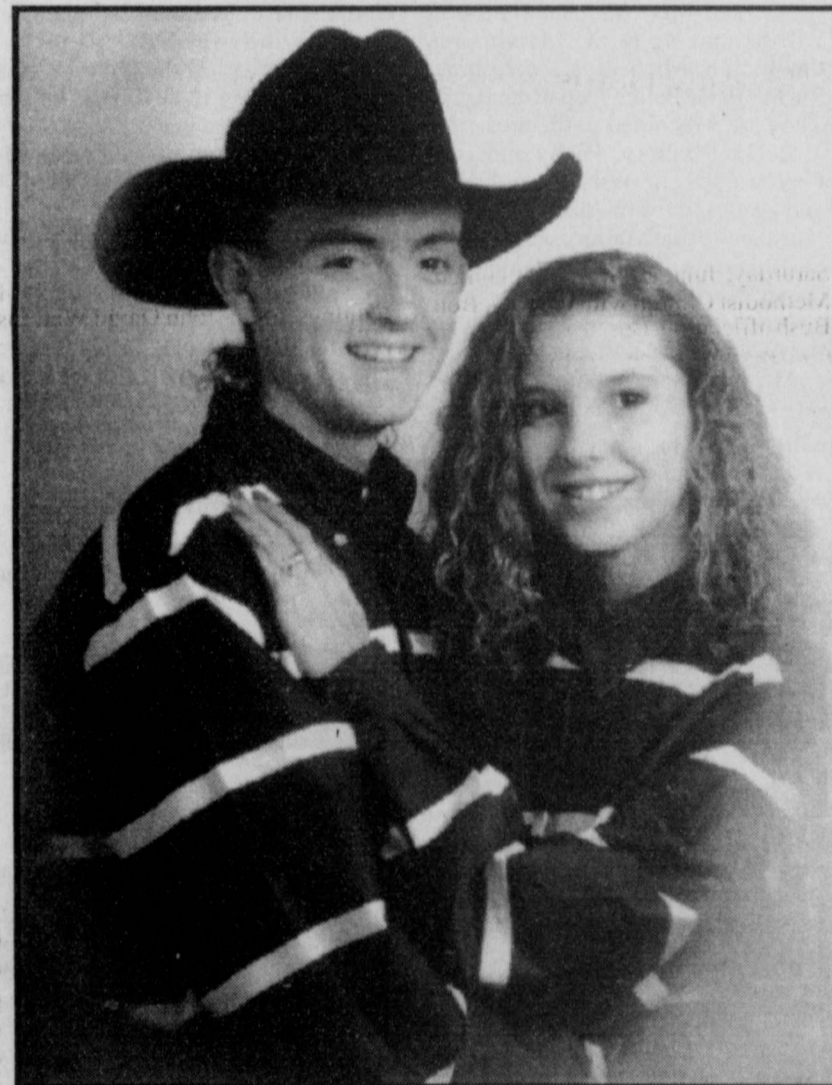




AN ARTIFICIAL island, with woven wattle fencing and a watch tower over the entrance, provided security to ancient Irish bog dwellers. This recreation is at Caerowen. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



SMALL DOOR-but no real desire to enter! Nanalee Nichols sits at the entrance to a portal tomb, used for burials thousands of years ago in Ireland. The body was left to be picked clean by carrion eaters, then the bones were placed with the stone edifice. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



Beth Ann Roach with fiancé Cory Spray

**Beth Ann Roach-Cory Spray to wed**

Beth Ann Roach and Cory Gene Spray will be married Saturday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Deport. The Rev. Tim Brown will officiate the semi-formal ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Philip and Susan Roach of Deport and the granddaughter of Murl and Evelyn Roach of Deport and the late Margie Roach and Payne and Nora Appleby of Eddy. She is a 1996 gradu-

ate of Prairiland High School and will attend Paris Junior College this fall.

Her fiancé is the son of Gene and Patricia Spray and the grandson of the late John and Velda Spray and the late A.D. and Viola Clarkson. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by the Paris Veterinary Clinic.

All friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony.

**A last good by to the Isle and it's 40 shades of green**

**Column Number 6, We must bid Ireland goodbye**  
After touring the folk park at Bunratty Castle we had some time left, that afternoon, with very little to do in Shannon.

Robert suggested we might like Caerowen, a recreated bog village, and he was quite right.

Not nearly as famous as the complex at Bunratty, it lies down a winding country lane.

There is a castle there, too, but it lacks the sophistication of the one at Bunratty.

Back in ancient times, villagers would sink logs and old canoes, in the water until they had created an artificial island. They would haul soil in (by basket) and keep packing it down until their island was complete.

It was enclosed in a wattle fence of saplings woven like a giant basket, and over the bridge was built a watchtower. This meant that the village could be safe from attack by rival tribes or wild animals, or marauding Vikings.

There is a lovely nature trail, and we saw a small herd of wild deer flee across our paths, vanishing in the dappled sunlight of the trees.

A portal tomb is also located on the premises. This is where they would enter the bones of the dead after carrion eaters had picked the skeleton clean. It consists of three large stones capped by an even larger stone, creating a three sided shelter.

Something of great interest to me was the ingenious method they used for cooking. They had no metal, no pottery at that stage in history. Therefore, they dug a rectangular pit, lined with logs near a spring. Water seeped in, as clear and clean as could be imagined. They would heat rocks and put them into the water until it was boiling, then lower food in leather bags for cooking.

Nearby, there was another pit, larger, that was believed to have been used for bathing.

Inside a huge glass building is a replica of the same leather-sided boat that St. Brinden the Navigator used.

Incredibly, St. Brinden and a small crew sailed this tiny craft from Ireland to the "new world", wintering in Greenland.

A sturdy pen contained wild boars, perfectly camouflaged against the boulders, snoozing away.

Examples of pollarding were to be found in the woods. This was a special trimming of elder trees, so that they would produce the wattles needed for construction. The process takes about seven years, so they were a patient people!

After checking into our last bed and breakfast we cleaned up and went back out towards Bunratty to Durty Nellie's Pub. This is world famous, and said to be the oldest pub in Ireland, having been founded in 1620.

The food was excellent and we ate until repletion, knowing that our days of fantastic breads and delicious potatoes.

As darkness slowly descended on the Irish coast, we stopped for one final visit to a pub that advertised itself as the "Last Pub On The Road to America", and listened to a very happy group of Irish football fans singing happily after a major victory.

Then, we went on back to our B&B for a good nights sleep before our 9:30 flight.

It was something of a shock the next morning to arise to find our hosts still sound asleep. The dining room was set for breakfast, juice and milk on the table, but no other food. Finally, we quietly went into the kitchen, found ourselves cereal, made toast, got jam and happily ate. About the time we left our sleepy host wandered in, somewhat embarrassed that he had overslept.

He has trophies, paintings and photos of his two sons, both of which were on the all-Ireland team and of which he is understandably proud.

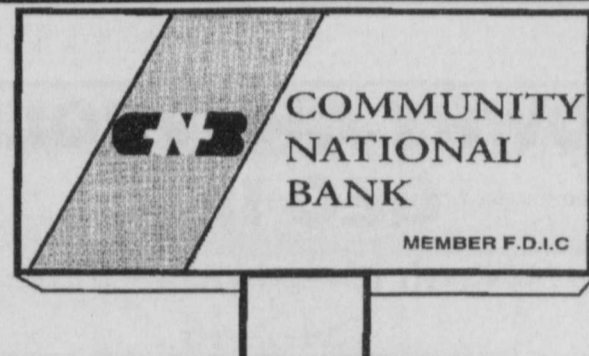
Our faithful Robert was right on time, and drove us to the airport, helped us check our bags and after handshakes and hugs we sadly watched him depart. He probably smiled all the way home, glad to be rid of the crazy Texans that had regaled him with such tall tales, asked

so many questions and pestered him in so many way.

For our part, we hated to leave, and I understand my aunt and uncle and my cousin's husband are sick of hearing Medora tell about our trip, and I suspect some folks around here are too.

So, we'll close it out as one of the very best trips we've ever had, and cherish our memories.

Of course, every time my cousin calls she says "How about going to Russia next year" or Turkey, or Greece, or Great Britain, or any of those places. I think the "bug" has bitten her, and how!



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**Second semester summer registration slated for Paris Junior College**

Registration for the second summer semester at Paris Junior College will be held on Monday, July 8, according to Admissions Director Sheila Reece.

Students can register for classes in the Mike Rheudasil Learning Center from 8 AM to 2 PM and again from 5 to 6:30 PM, Reece said.

Late registration will be held on Tuesday, July 9 from 8 AM to 6 PM. The first day of classes is also July 9.

A schedule of classes can be obtained from the Admissions Office or in the Learning Center on campus, or call (903) 784-9425 for class information and admission requirements.

**Smallfry Fishing Tourney slated**

A Smallfry Fishing Tournament is being held on Saturday, July 20, 1996 at Lindeman Lake in Clarksville. The event is to benefit the American Cancer Society and children from the ages 15 and under are eligible to participate. Time schedule is 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

For more information contact Jerry at 903-674-5965 or Robert at 903-427-4254.

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By Jane O'Neal 652-6062



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Life Tabernacle had a special service on Sunday morning to recognize the family of the late Johnny O'Neal, who was the first pastor of the church. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall following the service.

The Cunningham Baptist Church had their fifth Sunday singing on Sunday night. The Faith Baptist and the Pattonville Baptist Church joined them for the singing. Supper was served in the fellowship hall following the singing.

Silas and Juanita Taylor had friends, Ted and Joan Sharp of Okmulge, OK, visit them on Sunday.

John and Claudia Whitney babysat for their great-grandchildren on Thursday and Friday while their granddaughter and husband, Tonya and Travis Hunter vacationed in Ixtapa, Mexico. Their grandson, Courtney Currin, spent the night with them on Thursday.

Debbie Currin had Friday supper with John and Claudia Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones from Stewart, FL are spending two weeks with their son, Gene and Carol, Cody and Jeremy Jones.

Larry and Virginia Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Monday.

On Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain had supper in Jolntown with Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Thomas.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Case in Talco.

On Thursday night, Carol Buford, June and Ollie Ruth Guthrie of Talco had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain had supper with Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. George Green in Jolntown. Joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Nance of Ft Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Knowles of Kaufman and Delores Potter of Jolntown.

Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain visited Carl Guthrie in Mt. Pleasant Home Care Center.

Sunday afternoon Larry and Virginia Bell and Hannah and Jamie Ray visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ray and Tracie of Summerville, SC visited Mr. and

Mrs. Norman Sain Friday.

Marie Watson and Brenda Watson spent Sunday night with Jarvis and Rene Watson in Texarkana.

Jarvis Watson is recuperating at home following a tonsillectomy.

Velma Cox spent Tuesday night with Dora Hester in Paris.

Weldon Hume visited Clyde and Bobbie Slusher on Saturday.

Roy and Skeeter Davis hosted a Davis reunion at their home on Sunday. Those attending were Suzie and Talma Norwood, Wes and Edith Davis and Nicki, James and Pat Norwood, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood, Jay Ingram, Missy Lyles, Betty Jones, Josh and Tyler Jones, Lesley and Essie Yandell of Lubbock, Clint Davis, Belinda and Marli,

Webb, Steve and Sterling Davis of Amarillo, Vicki, Crystle, Lacy, Roy and Jesi Davis and Norma Davis of Lake Tawakoni.

Lesley and Essie Yandell of Lubbock and Webb, Steve and Sterling Davis of Amarillo spent Friday through Sunday with Roy and Skeeter Davis.

Wes Davis, Dwayne Drinnon and Webb, Steve and Sterling Davis had lunch Friday with Roy and Skeeter Davis.

Deverle Kennedy of Sherman visited Lucy Fowler on Saturday.

Carole and Jennifer Dorsey had Sunday lunch with Lucy Fowler.

Buddy Pynes and Lorette Pynes visited Joe, Lisa and Madison DeLis Slagle in Euless on Monday.

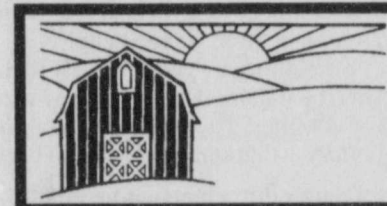
Regina Newman, Blake, Malcolm and Briana of Dallas spent the weekend with Sue Pynes and Lorette Pynes.

Shane Morton was surprised with a birthday cake and party at the Paris Drag Strip on Friday night.

Don Whitt of Hot Springs spent Wednesday through Sunday with Johnny and Nelta Musgrove.

Pat and Billie Lindsey were in Pasadena over the weekend, visiting her uncle and aunt, Travis and Ann Ferguson. While there they attended the golden wedding anniversary of Wiley and Wava Brown Mathenia.

Pat and Billie were attendants at the Mathenia's wedding 50 years ago on June 30.



**MJC News**

By Becky Owens  
784-7811

Amber and Kaylee Sugg of Clardy attended the trophy ceremonies in Detroit for girls softball on Tuesday night.

Becky, Mallory, Hielly, Jake and Betty Owens attended the trophy ceremonies and Mallory participated in the All Star Game and had pizza at Pizza Inn afterwards.

Rhonda and Sydney Gustin of Marvin spent the week at the Red River Valley Bible Camp with East Paris Baptist Church. Rhonda was arts and crafts director and Sydney was one of the campers.

Whitney Turner of Marvin also attended Red River Bible Camp.

Shane Wilson attended the birthday party for TK, Crossland at his home south of Paris.

Michelle and Shane Wilson, Tammy Klinkerman, Devon and

Dakota Harris had lunch at Ta Molly's and then went to Bonham to see the Hunchback of Notre Dame movie on Tuesday.

Ernie Ogden of Hopewell and Dortha Ransom of Harrison, Ark., visited Steve and Becky Owens and children on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bankston will be moving to the Marvin area this month. Michael is a patrolman for the Paris Police Department. They are welcomed to the area.

Becky, Mallory, Hielly and Jake Owens were in Winnsboro Friday and Saturday for the district softball tournament that Mallory was playing in. Rhonda and Sydney Gustin went down on Friday night and Betty Owens went on Saturday. Afterwards they shopped in Sulphur Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin and

swim. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson Sunday were Betty Sladen and Martha Porterfield. Last week's visitors were James and Dorothy Cunningham, S.C. Short, Henrietta Watts and Melba Moore.

Ina, Nina, Eloise and Floy Sparks, Barbara McDowra and Angie Byous met at the Lonesome Dove for supper Tuesday.

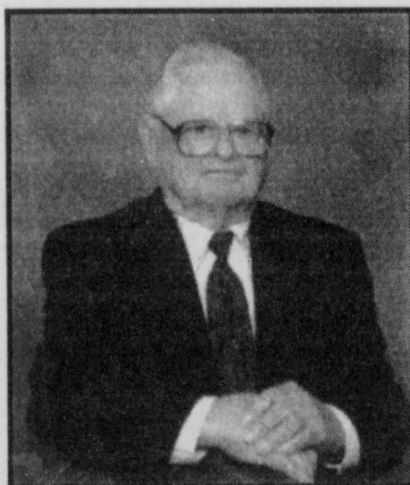
Pam McDowra spent Sunday with her grandmother, Barbara McDowra, Keith, Ammie, Brock and Justin McDowra spent part of last week in Oklahoma City.

Ty Parsons spent Friday night with his grandparents, Peggy and Keith Parsons.

The Broadway Junction Band will play at Chicota Saturday night at 8:00. Everyone is welcome.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Leroy Burke family.

Tammie Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gibson, competed in the Oklahoma Youth State Finals in Ardmore, OK recently, finishing third in the average in the barrel racing. The week before in Abilene at the High School State Finals, she competed with George Strait's son, Bubba. Congratulations, Tammie.



Carl Wood

Nintieth birthday celebration planned

Friends and family of Carl Wood are cordially invited to join him in celebrating his nintieth birthday at a come and go reception at the Bogata

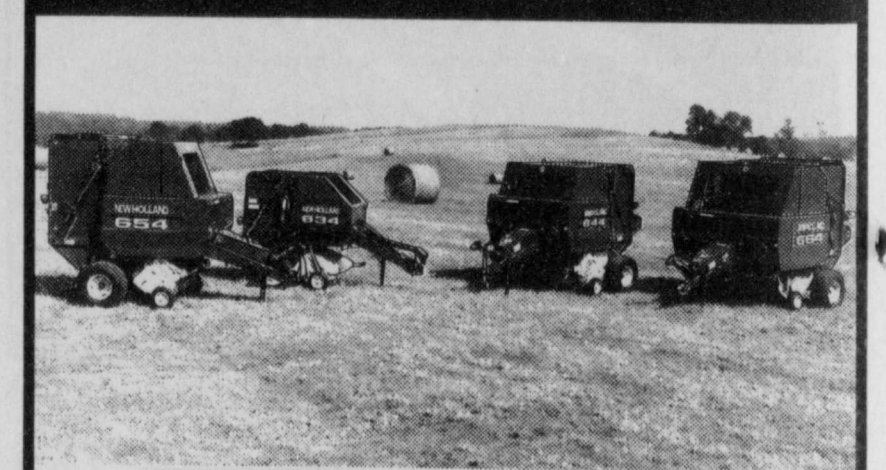
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RED RIVER VALLEY DIXIE DEBS ALL STAR TEAM-for the 1996 season are (left to right back row) Kerri Anderson, Ambrye Whitley, Amanda Widemon, Coach Connie Giles, Coach Michelle Giles, Coach DellAnn Widemon, Jamie Swarts, Crystal Bell and Jennifer Miller, (front row left to right) Wendy Hutchings, Renea Holt, Penny Whittle, Jana Weatherall, Stacy Bangs, Beth Roach and Stephanie Green, (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



ALL STARS-Selected to the Red River Valley Dixie Belles All Star team were: (front row left to right) Joanie Swarts, Candace Yaross, Lisa Courso and Coach Cindy Brown, (middle row left to right) Katie Hare, Tasha Brown, Missy Carroll, Courtney Jones, Valerie Morgan and Sandy Brown, (back row left to right) Coach Terry Jordan, Melissa Brown, Cara Morgan, Bobbie Ann Broomfield and Dee Barnett and not pictured is Coach Randy Hollis. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

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**Mammography van sets monthly schedule**

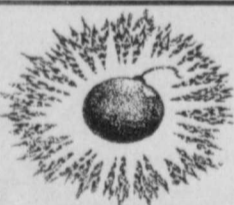
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For every credibility gap there is a gullibility fill.  
—Richard Clopton

**PCT to close season with "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"**

The Paris Community Theatre is pleased to announce the cast for The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, it's final production of the season. Written by John Bishop, the fast paced comedy centers around a production team whose last production involved a serial killer known as the "stage door slasher". Because the murders were never solved, the production eventually had to close. Due to new evidence, the investigation has been re-opened under the guise of a "backers audition" at the home of Elsa Von Grossenknueten. At the same time, Nazi spies are infiltrating the mansion and there is more than one murderer lurking about. A great case of "who dunn-it" all taking place in a house filled with secret passageways

and faulty wiring, complete with a whirling blizzard outside. The cast is full of faces familiar to the Paris area audiences. Playing the role of Hela Wenzel is Savannah Hubbard of Paris, Shannon Morely of Paris makes her second appearance on the PCT as Elsa Von Grossenknueten. Allan Hubbard plays a Gestapo Agent posing as an Irish Tenor, Patrick O'Reilly. Michael Tribble of Tiger Town is making his third appearance on the PCT as Roger Hopewell, the flamboyant composer.

From Hugo area comes Brenda Edward and Diane Mahaffey. Brenda is playing Nikki Crandall, the Navy Intelligence Officer posing as a chorus girl. Diane will play the role of Marjorie Baverstock, the producer.

Mike Pickering of Paris plays the incredibly struggling comedian, Eddie McCuen.

Charlie Thompson of Paris will perform the role of Ken De La Maize, the director, Hilda Mallory plays the overly neurotic and cognac-swilling librettist, Bernice Roth.

The production is directed by Tim J. Wood of Deport, stage manager is Amy Hubbard of Paris, Set Design and Technical Direction by Less Gilliland of Paris and Steve Marrs of Chicota; Sound Design by Rex Edwards of Powderly and K. Rex Multi-Media of Sherman. The show opens July 11 and runs through July 21. For more information contact the theatre box office from 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays at 784-0259.

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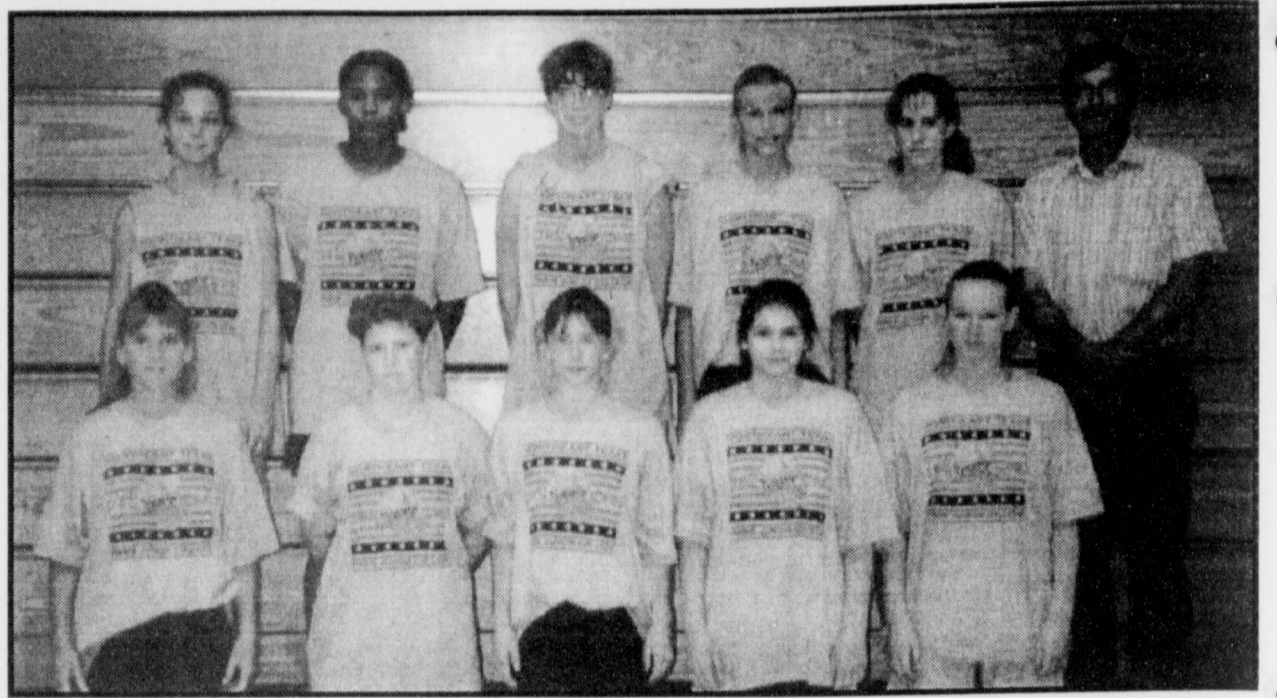
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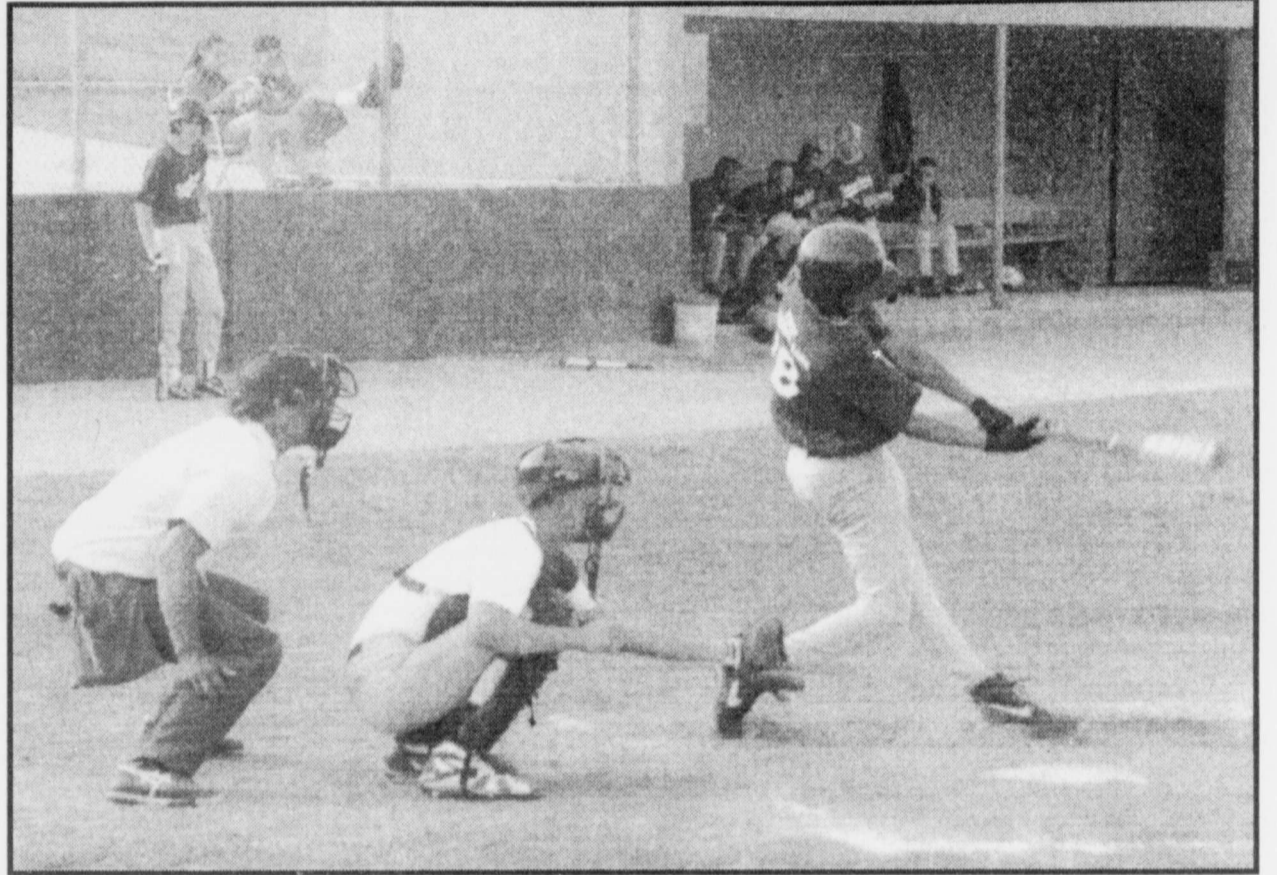
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GIRL'S PJC LEAGUE CHAMPS from Prairiland-with a perfect record for the season the Red team from Prairiland took second place in the tournament on Saturday, June 29 to Chisum. Pictured is (back row) Cari Irwin, Katha Crawford, Christy Patterson and coach Billy Sessums. Front row is Meagna Hatfield, Brandie Upchurch and Breah Sessums. Not pictured is Kim Gibson. (Staff Photo)



GIRL'S PJC LEAGUE Gray team from Prairiland are pictured in no order Melissa Barrett, Whitney Ratcliff, Felecia Taylor, Brandie Patterson, Susan Singleton, Amber Phelps, Rebecca McPeak, Ashley Athas and Amber Norwood. Coach is Tony Athas. (Staff Photo)



DAVID FORD OF PRAIRILAND nails the ball in a game for the Paris Teen League in Paris recently. Several team members from Prairiland are playing in the summer baseball league. (Staff Photo by Terri Shelby)



SCOOP RACE-Brodie Belcher, mounted, and Chance Belcher, in the scoop, won the Scoop Race one night at the Bogata Rodeo. (Staff Photo)

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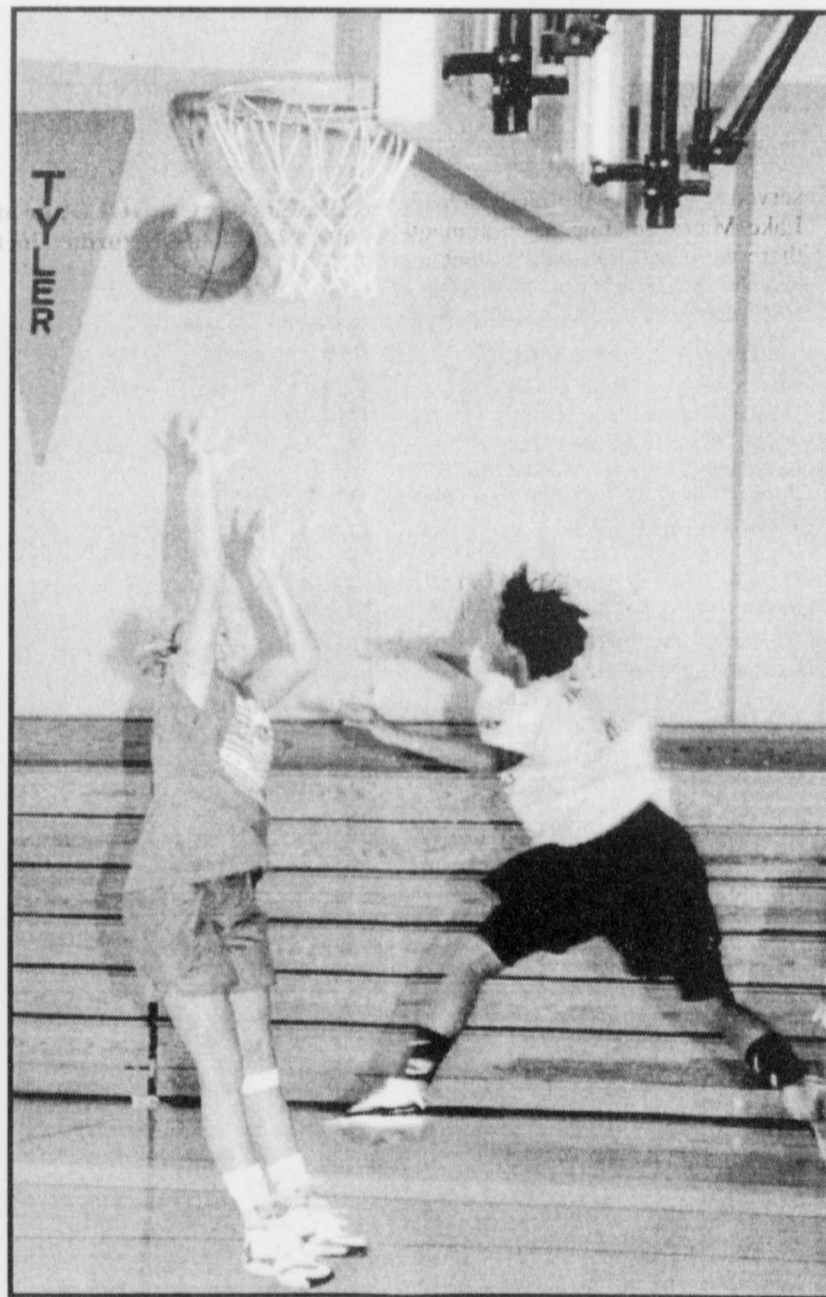
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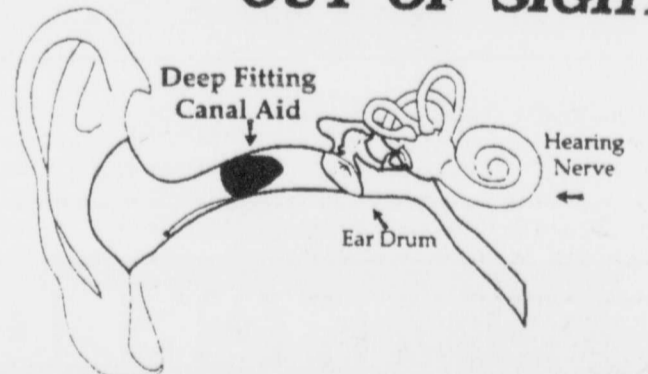


PRAIRILAND'S Red team, Brandie Upchurch goes in for the layup during the championship game on Saturday, June 29 at PJC. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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**HORSESHOE CHAMP!** Rickey Moore was the champion in the horseshoe competition held at the Pattonville annual picnic last Saturday. Moore won a trophy to commemorate the event. (Staff Photo)

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By Barbara Crawford  
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Mervin and Colleen Slaton took their grandson, Nicholas Blount of Temple home after a two week visit. They also visited their son David and Kay Slaton of Killeen over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett of Harrison, AR and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bird of Alpha Rattan, GA visited Reba Temple and friends and attended their class reunion.

Alice Bumgarner spent Monday and Tuesday in Reno with her daughter Alice Ruth Gravatt.

Pat and Debra Bailey of Reno had supper on Monday night with his mother Linnie Bailey.

Clarence Crawford of Grant, OK and Earl Crawford of Blossom visited Raymond and Edith Crawford Sunday afternoon.

Prentice and Jo Crawford and grandson Christopher of Benbrook spent Friday to Tuesday with Raymond and Edith Crawford.

Lucille Pickering, Eva Flenniken and her mother-in-law, Dora Flenniken went to Chicago last Saturday. Dora was met at the Chicago Airport by her daughter, Elizabeth Lakin and family of Gary, Indiana and remained with them until Wednesday. Eva attended workshops and sessions which provided up to date insights to assist in personal and professional development. The Society for Human Resources Management's 48th Annual World Conference and exposition theme was "Today's Decisions, Tomorrow's World." This was held at the McCormick Place Convention Center. Larry King Live was our opening speaker. All guests were provided torus with guides to the city. The John C. Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History and the Art Institute of Chicago. A buffet lunch was enjoyed on the tenth floor of the Washington Library.

On the second day, three Art Galleries and lunch in Chinatown were enjoyed.

Tuesday night a dinner consisting of five different cultural meals was served to guest at the navy Pier on Lake Michigan. For entertainment, there were two live bands, dancing and a spectacular view of fire works from a boat on the lake. 6,200 people attend the convention from all over the world.

Tammy Currier, Tanya, Monica, Maycee and Anthonie Hagoood spent Sunday at Lake Cooper with their uncle, Kerry Dennis.

Donny, Dawne and David Darden helped celebrate Thomas Nichols' birthday Friday night with an Irish meal prepared by Nanalee Nichols. Guinness beef stew, soda bread, garlic potatoes, cheese brought back from Ireland, Irish Coffee Merigues and Lemon/Apricot Scones were served.

Christy, Jason and Chase Dickson were in Texakrana over the weekend. They visited with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols, as did Jeff Jeffus Sunday.



**FACE PAINTING** was a favorite with many of the children at the annual Pattonville picnic held last Saturday. (Staff Photo)

**Milton News**  
By Mattylu Upchurch

Trey Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with his parents Sheldon and Ann Lee.

Kenda Blackburn of sylvan visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Allen Sunday.

George and Nell Wolf were in Dallas Thursday for George's check-up. All seems to be going well.

Susan Roach went to Waco this week for the funeral of her aunt and visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Payne Appleby.

John Manley Temple took his granddaughter, Amber Brennan home in Longview, Thursday. Another granddaughter, Alyssa Brennan returned home with him and stayed until Saturday, when John took her back to Longview and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pearce and family.

Barbara Maurishot of San Antonio visited her parents, James and Dorothy Holt Saturday through Wednesday.

Riley Chipman spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Bill and Ruth Chipman of Minter.

Stacie Huddleston and Paula Taylor went to Dallas shopping Sunday afternoon.

Edna Lee and Ruth Johnston spent Thursday through Saturday in Houston visiting Ruby Lee and helping

her move.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitney had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodson, Saturday night at their home in Minter.

Darrell Farris of Greenville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Talley this week.

Jeff Gibson and Caroline Strawn had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chipman and boys Sunday night.

Candace Yaross spent Saturday night with Jennifer Taylor.

Sheldon and Ann Lee went to Cooper Wednesday and on to Sulphur Springs shopping.

Conner Chipman spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Ed and Sandra Burnett of Cunningham.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Hole and having home made ice cream Sunday afternoon were; Dale, Cindy and Haley Williams of Paris, Kay Woodard and Tim Parks of Faught, Amy Grissom of Paris, Barbara Maurishot of San Antonio and Johnny, Kathy and Christopher Holt of Milton.

Ruth Ann Allen and Kenda Blackburn visited their mother and grandmother, Mamie Kennedy Sunday at the Bogata Nursing Home.

Frank and Edna Lee's guest Sunday were their children and grandchildren visiting for the day.

**Deport Housing Authority News**

By Mary Westbrook 652-3605

On Monday, June 24, a party was given at the community room #1 honoring Virginia Kirkland for her birthday. Following games of canasta, Skip-Bo and Chicken Foot, birthday cake and ice cream were served to the

honoree, Ruth Murrell, Sara Helleny, Eulene Nicholas, Frances Franklin, Myrtle Singleton, Reba Temple, Mavis Sowards and Thelma Warren. Special guests were her daughters,

Marijo Bono of Paris and Kay Gaze of Diboll.

The craft workers met June 27 in the gazebo II. Those present were Mae Storm, Maud Webb, Mildred Wright, Eunice Ervin, Juanita Primm, Lucille Morgan, Betty Andrews, Mary Johnson, Lisa Johnson and Thelma Shelby.

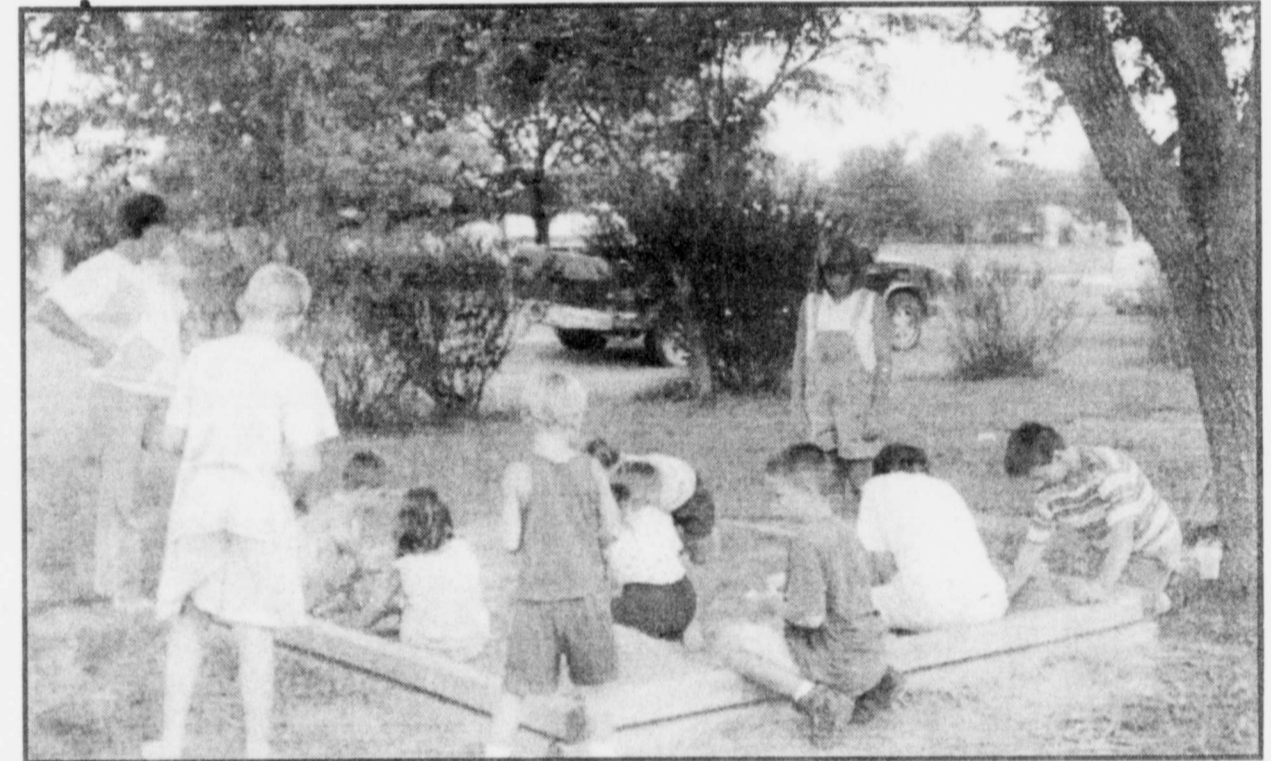
Craft workers again met on June 24. Those present were Ruth Cheatham, Thelma Shelby, Lisa Johnson, Maud Webb, Eunice Ervin, Mildred Wright, Mae Storm, Mary Westbrook and Juanita Primm.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Lola Glover on Sunday. All are in sympathy with her family.

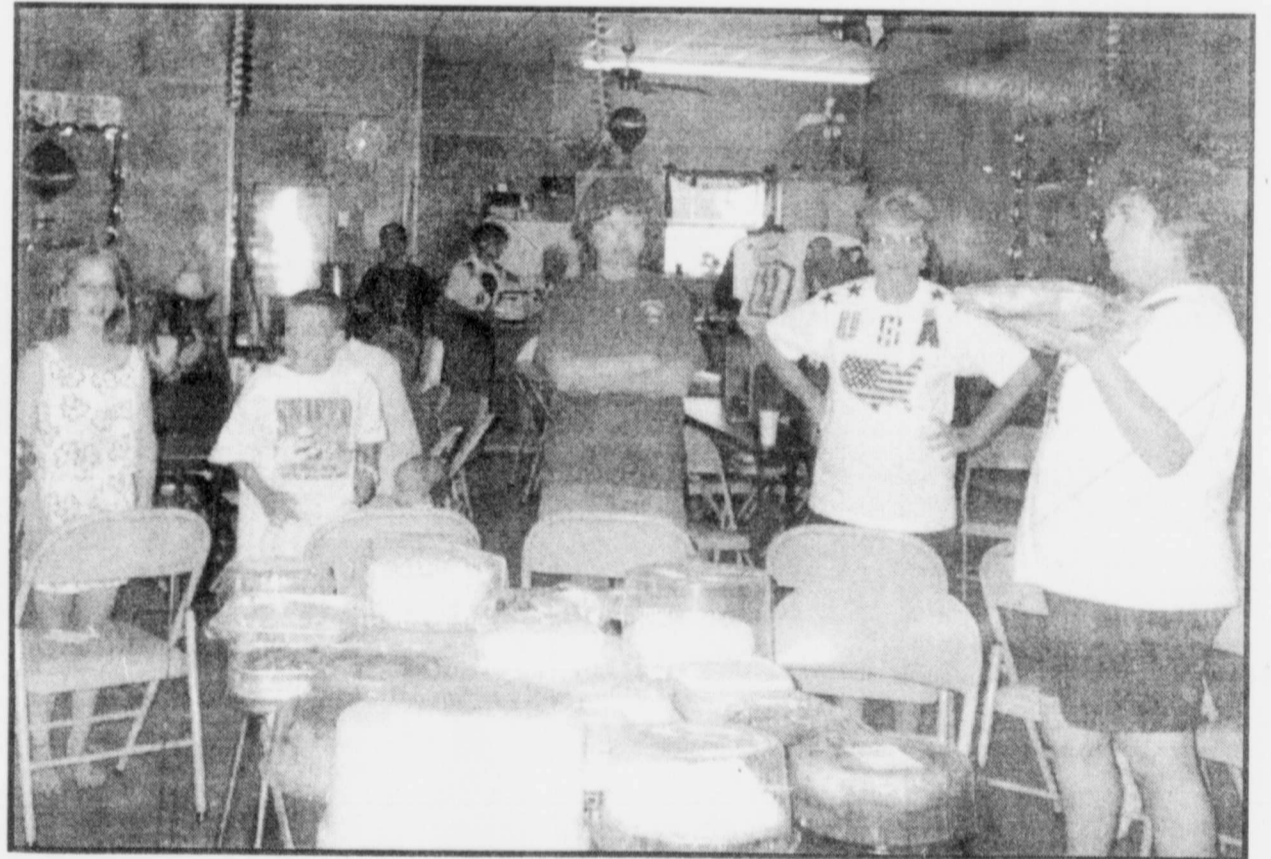
Alpha Barnard and Lucille Pickering and friends and relatives from Paris enjoyed their birthday with a luncheon Sunday at the Sirlain Stockade.

Billy Storm and his children from Grand Prairie visited Mae Storm over the July 4 holiday.

Mildred Wright visited Donnie and Laura Wright Friday night.



**DIGGING FOR GOLD?** or at least for some silver. There was something for everyone at Pattonville's all day "bash" last Saturday, including digging in the sand for money for the smaller children. (Staff PHOTO)



**CAKES-Pies,** and more were on hand for the cake walk and to eat during the annual Pattonville Community Center, VFD fund raiser last Saturday. (Staff Photo by Barbara McDowra)

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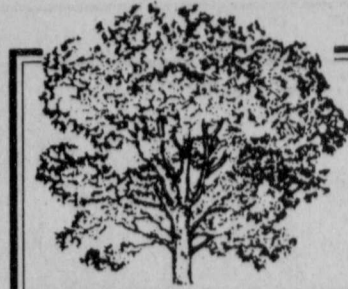
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**STEER WRESTLING**-The "big man's" event, steer wrestling, was a crowd pleaser at the annual Bogata Rodeo held last weekend. Jim Mudd of Morris, OK is pictured here trying to throw one down. (Staff Photo)



**BIG WINNER!!** Keith Cooper of Bogata as the big winner at the Pattonville picnic on Saturday, winning the four-wheeler. Peggy Gentry, president of the Pattonville Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department and Tim Davis, volunteer fireman, presented the keys to Cooper following the drawing. (Staff Photo)



**East Post Oak News**

By Geneva Lee  
Call 982-5309

Bro. and Mrs. E.R. Reynolds were in Dallas last week for an eye doctor appointment. He got a good report on all tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ingram and Johnie Lee went to Missionary Baptist Church Music Camp at Lancaster Thursday night to the closing Program and picked up Heather and Andrea Ingram. They attended camp all week.

Bruce Ramsey of Tyler visited his aunt Pearl Mills and Charlotte Tuesday afternoon. Also visited his sister Patti Risinger in Reno and his children while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Low made a trip to the coast from Thursday to Saturday afternoon and visited friends Paul and Rachel Reed in Beaumont while on their trip.

Johnie Lee went to Midway and had lunch Sunday with the Liberty Baptist Church at the community center.

Vernon Stevens returned to Paris at St. Joseph's hospital last Tuesday afternoon from St. Paul's in Dallas. He was released from St. Joseph's Saturday and returned home but is

still in serious condition. Alma Stevens was in the hospital last week for about three days for blood but is home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tuck, Patricia Freelan and son Jason and Wesley Roberts all of Bogata visited Rhoda Lee in Paris Nursing Home last Wednesday.

The Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, July 9 at the fire station at 7:00 p.m. Allinterested persons are urged to attend.

Kathy Brown of Carthage and son Keith and family of California were here over the weekend visiting Kathy's parents Bro. and Mrs. J. T. McNabb. They also attended church with them. Keith and family came from California because of the death of his father-in-law a few days ago.

Jerry and Glenda Goins of Houston wre here over the weekend visiting her sister Gail and Verlon Vaughn and attended church with them.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stevens Sunday afternoon.

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A fan club is a group of people who tell an actor he's not alone in the way he feels about himself.

—Jack Carson

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Roger Hunt, Tiffany Klein, Gina May Swaim, Candi Naylor, Joseph Stevens, Julia Boyd, Sheila Withers, Joel Crawford, Sonya Ridings, Vickie Pitcock, Steven Weddle, Matthew Lovelady, Jason Thornton, Ashley Mullins, Jimmy Crites, Gladys McClellan, Kenneth Fendley, Jill Owens, Penny Diaz, Mrs. W. O. Bonner, Kaleb Price, Steven Yarbrough, Candace Browning.

Happy Anniversary to P.L. and Shirley Smith and George and Pam Wood.

Ruby Crawford had lunch with Ralph and Nedra LeMire of Reno on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended the installation ceremony and dinner at the Blossom Mason Lodge 303 on Saturday night for Bro. E. R. Reynolds.

Attending and giving the message on Sunday night at Post Oak Baptist Church on Sunday night was past Rev. George Goodman of Lockhart.

On Monday night, area volunteer firemen attended a quarterly meeting at the Lamar County Fairgrounds.

Minnie Lee and Hershil Shands and Jr. and Pauline Weddle visited with Emma Booth and Charlie Booth of Hugo on Sunday afternoon.

Gage Booth spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hershil Shands.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bonner this week was Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Griffin of Austin. He and Mr. Bonner had served in the war together and had not seen each other in 51 years.

Make plans to attend the Homecoming this Saturday in Blossom. Enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Congratulations to Amy Scudder. She was married this weekend at the East Paris Baptist Church.

Patricia and Adam Northam of Little Elm were here to visit a few days with Bessie and Lindsey Allen. Lindsey and Adam celebrated their 20th and 19th birthday together with family and friends.

Jamie Irwin of Stephenville spent Friday to Sunday with her parents and friends.

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<p><b>EGGS</b> Grade A Large-Doz.  <b>89¢</b></p>		<p><b>PICKLES</b> Better Value 32oz. Hamburger Dill  <b>\$1 19</b></p>		<p><b>KETCHUP</b> Del Monte 40oz. Squeeze Bottle  <b>\$1 69</b></p>		<p><b>PORK&amp;BEANS</b> Showboat 15oz. Can  <b>3/\$1</b></p>		<p><b>BBQ SAUCE</b> Kraft 18oz. Bottle  <b>89¢</b></p>		<p><b>CORN FLAKES</b> Post Toasties 12oz. Box  <b>\$1 29</b></p>		<p><b>ICE CREAM</b> Oak Farms 1/2 Gal. All Flavors  <b>2/\$5</b></p>									
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<p><b>TOWELS</b> Bounty Large Roll  <b>\$1 39</b></p>		<p><b>CHEER</b> Laundry Detergent 42oz. Box  <b>\$2 99</b></p>		<p><b>CAT CHOW</b> Purina 7 Lb. Bag <b>\$4 49</b></p>		<p><b>BABY RUTH BUTTERFINGER</b> Candy Bars <b>3/\$1</b></p>		<p><b>SNACK CAKES</b> Gourmet Krispie <b>89¢</b></p>		<p><b>HAMBURGER BUNS</b> County Fair 8 Pk.  <b>79¢</b></p>		<p><b>BREAD</b> County Fair Lg. Loaf  <b>79¢</b></p>									
<p><b>BANANAS</b> <b>39¢ Lb.</b></p>		<p><b>POTATOES</b> <b>\$1 69</b> 10 Lb. Bag</p>		<p><b>TEA BAGS</b> Lipton Family Size Size 24Ct.  <b>\$1 79</b></p>		<p><b>DR. PEPPER</b> DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter  <b>99¢</b></p>		<p><b>DR. PEPPER</b> DIET DR. PEPPER 6 Pack Cans  <b>\$1 49</b></p>													
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# Deport Nursing Home News

By JaLynda Mitchell

Visitors of Sara Gilmer were Kathryn Verner, Marline Thomas, Suzann Shovan, Weldon and Joyce Smith, Sarena, Jill and Cory Owens.

Irene Walker and Paty Ward visited Edith Franklin, Gene Fields and Nannie Bell Ham visited Miriam Shannon.

Ola Gardner's visitors were Nell, Jim and Angie Gardner, Mabel Dean Haravey, Slater and Vicki Sawyer, Michael and Tiffany Webb, Makynzi and Kaitlyn Watson, B.J. Crawford, Noma and Gene Fields.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher were Lila, Bren, Kara, and Hali Screws, Becky Proctor, Denney Fletcher and Jimmy Fletcher.

Nancy Murphy visited Russell Grant.

Annie Mazy was visited by Sara, Paul and Billie Mazy.

Joyce Wilson, Lucy Fowler, Danbri Mitchell, Lila Screws, Bob Crocket, Dorothy Holt, Bill Page, Barbara Maurischat, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith, Evelyn Roach and Nannie Bell Ham.

Lena Powell's visitors were Sue Hart, Janie Martin and Corbin Hart.

Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff visited Don O'Dea.

Visitors of Johnnie and Virgie McLemore was Harrell and Lois McLemore, Gene Fields, Mack and Janice McLemore.

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

George Kelley's visitors were Mary Colson, Dale Kelley, and Ruby Carter of Tulsa, Ok.

Joe and ERic Teague visited Larry Teague.

Visiting Betty Middleton were Gene and Noma Fields, Nell Wolf, Cindy, Stephanie and Joseph Filkins, Lyn Wolf and Angie Wolf.

Terry Johnson's visitors were Cecil Allen, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson and Evelyn Roach.

Brodie Bell was visited by Connie Dodd, Reecie Kelsey, Sammy Kelsey, David Glover, Ty Merritt, Martha Glover, Katherine and George Martinez.

Pat Talley, Jace Short and Debbie Smith visited Betty Gardner.

Visitors of Jewel Smith were Gertie Marshall, Dale Smith, Shirley and Larry Haskell, Donald Ray and Dynetta Smith and Una Fay Walker.

Jessie Marie Woodard visited Fay Woodard.

Earl Barnett visited Earlene Barnett.

Bonnie Johnson was visited by GenenFields, Jim and Sharon Johnson and Robert Johnson.

Jeanne Hester visited ATHeL Hester.

Visiting Marietta Parsons were Paula and Amelia Pervis, Amanda Ingram and Tim Sah.

George Powell's visitors were Carl Allen, Janie Martin and Sue Hart.

Gene Fields visited, Melvina Dinwiddie and Elizabeth Barnett.

Frankie Archibald was visited by Rita Archibald.

Visitors of David Geer were Joanne Turner Powell, Patsy Turner Crady, Gene Fields, Cecil Allen, Irene Walker and William Geer.

Jane Rhoades visitors were Patti Amis and Kelley Green and children and Bren and Kara Screws.

Billie Sawyer was visited by Gene Fields, Slater and Vicki Sawyer and Nell Gardner.

Jessie Marie Woodard, Gene and Wilma Hulsey visited Lora Hulsey, Edna Glasgow's visitors were Bobby and Emma Lee.

Terry McDowra was visited by Cherry Walker.

Clarence Ham and Nina Halle's visitors were Harold and Nell Shull and granddaughter, Nannie Bell Ham and Wanda Bradley.

Visiting Jo Wrenn were Linda Spears, Pam Campbell, Jill and Cory Owens, Marline Thomas, Danbri Mitchell, Chance Crawford and Brent Burden.

## Transportation Commission approves FM speed limits

While some motorists are whizzing through the state courtesy of higher speed limits on some Texas roadways, that hasn't been the case if they have traveled on the state's 40,000 plus miles of farm-to-market roads. And with last week's action by the Texas Transportation Commission, that won't change, either for most of those roadways in Lamar County. In its monthly meeting, the Commission approved speed limits lower than the state maximum of 70 mph on about half of the state's FM system.

According to officials with the Paris District of the Texas Department of Transportation, most of the county's FM roadways will remain 55 mph, but some could see even lower limits.

In Lamar County, portions of FM 38, 79, 137, 196, 197, 906, 1497, 1503, 1509 and 2352 will be posted lower than 55 mph. Sections of FM 195 will be posted higher at 60 mph.

Statewide, speed limits on more than 21,000 FM miles will be the automatic state maximum of 70 mph. About 8,900 FM miles will be 60 or 65 mph, while another 10,000 FM miles will be 55 mph or lower.

Another words, about three-fourths of the FM system will have speed limits previously mandated by federal regulations.

With the Commission action, TxDOT has completed the fourth and final stage of work to determine appropriate speed limits on 77,000 miles of roadway on the state system as a result of the repeal on the national maximum speed limit last December. With the federal decision to lift the mandate, Texas reverted to a 1960's law by the Texas Legislature that set the maximum speed limits in the state at 79 mph during the day, and 65 mph at night. The law requires that state roadways outside city limits be set at the state maximum unless traffic and engineering studies show a need for a lower speed limit. The state system includes interstate, U.S. highways and farm-to-market roads.

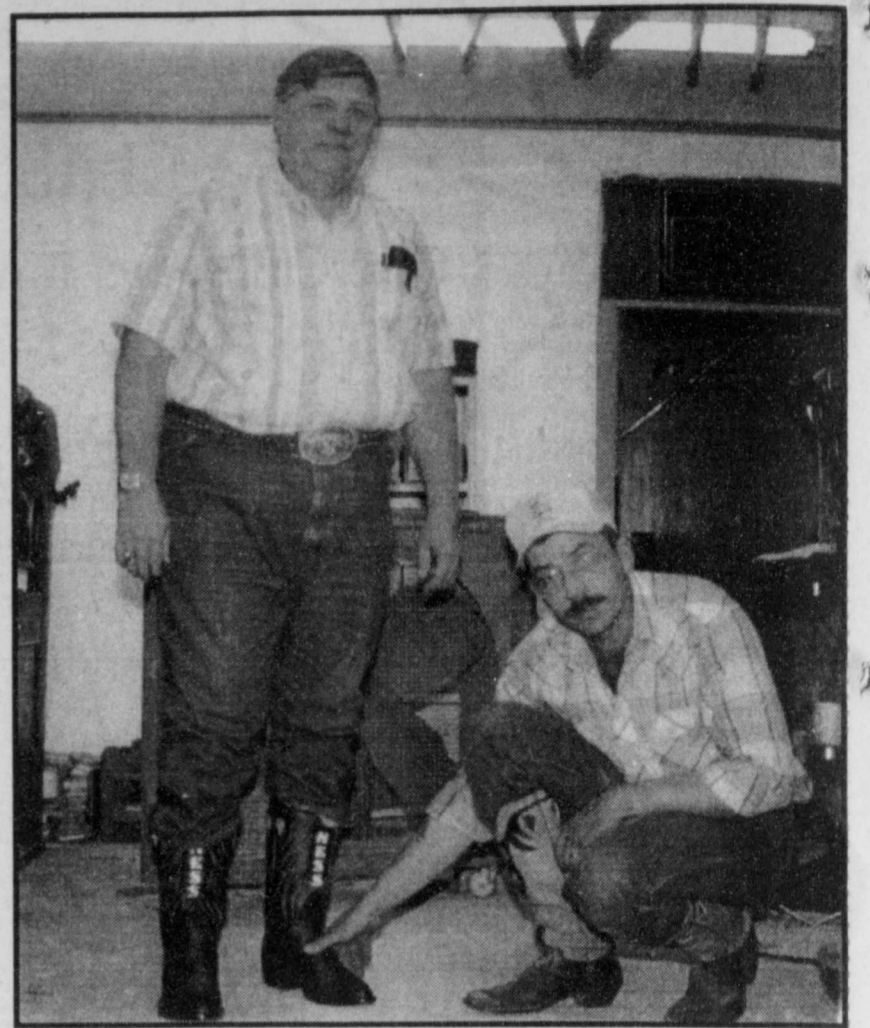
In 1974, the federal government tied federal transportation funding to a national maximum speed limit of 55 mph. The 1963 Texas speed limit law stayed on the books but was superseded by the federal requirements. In 1987, the national maximum speed limit was raised to 65 mph on rural portions of interstate highways. When the national maximum speed limit was repealed Dec. 8, 1995, the Texas speed limit law went back into effect, setting the maximum daylight speed limit at 70 mph outside cities unless traffic and engineering studies justified a lower limit. TxDOT began work on the traffic and engineering studies several months before the national speed limit was lifted.

The review was conducted with the existing TxDOT workforce. Since the statewide speed limit study began late last summer, TxDOT has spent more than 46 million in labor and materials to conduct the studies and install speed limit signs.

## Master Gardeners trained in Lamar County

Lamar County and five surrounding counties recently finished training almost 40 Master Gardeners. In Lamar County we now have 9 newly trained Master Gardeners in addition to Mr. Gerald Holmes who has been a Master Gardener for 8 years now. During the next 4 weeks, a Master

Gardener will be at the Extension Office on Monday mornings from 8 AM to noon to answer your gardening questions. Feel free to come by the Extension Office at 119 N. Main Ste. #105, Paris with plant samples or call (903) 737-2443.



STEVE ADKINS, owner-operator of S.C. Adkins Custom Boots, tests the fit of a pair of custom boots made for Dr. Richard Nash of Ness Energy International, Inc. The business is located at 107 Front Street in Blossom. Adkins moved his business from Clarksville to Blossom last week. He can make custom boots to fit any foot from a variety of leathers and skins with any design the customer might desire. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

## PJC summer league final results

The final week of the PJC girl's summer league has come to an end with the culmination coming Saturday, June 29, with a tournament.

The Gray team from Prairiland played Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and won a close game with the Teal team 30-27. Brandie Patterson scored 4 along with Susan Singleton's 4, Felecia Taylor had 3 and Amber Norwood 2.

At 11:00 a.m., the Prairiland Red team faced the Gray team and won 59-20. Cari Irwin scored 20 points, Christy Patterson 10 and Brandie Upchurch 10, Kim Gibson 7, Meagan Hatfield 6 and Breah Sessums 6. Patterson hit 6 for the Gray team, Singleton 2 and Taylor one.

The Red team went into the playoffs with a game at 3:00 p.m. against the Pink team and defeated them 46-19. Upchurch hit for 15, Sessums 9, Hatfield 8, Irwin 8, Gibson 4 and Patterson 2. This threw them into the championship game at 5:00 p.m. against Chisum. The girls lost this game 40-43. Upchurch again was high point with 15, Irwin 10, Sessums 7, Patterson 6 and Hatfield 2. They were named 2nd place winners of the tournament and 1st place overall in league play for the season.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, June 25 during regular league play, the Gray team went against the Green

team from North Lamar and lost 21-46. Taylor hit for 3.

The Red team won over the Gold team from Chisum 46-41. Sessums had 16, Irwin 12, Upchurch 11, Gibson 3, Crawford 2 and Hatfield 2.

On Thursday night, June 27, the Gray team met the Black team and lost 36-18. Patterson had 4 and Norwood 2.

The Red team won over the Blue team from Cooper 52-31. Crawford had 15, Sessums 13, Upchurch 12, Patterson 5, Hatfield 3, Gibson 2 and Irwin 2.

Both the Gray team and the Red team have worked hard this summer and given the spectators a lot of excitement and Prairiland is looking forward to a great year in basketball.

In boy's action on Monday night, June 24, the Prairiland JV team lost to Chisum JV 42-27. Lucas Roddy hit for 8.

The varsity boys went against Detroit and lost 57-51. Jeremy Day had 14 and Brandon Maroney 12.

In Wednesday night action, the JV boys lost to North Lamar 35-39 with Roddy going for 12.

The varsity boys won over Cooper 43-41 in a close overtime game. Todd James hit for 10 and Justin Taylor 10.

The boy's tournament play began on Monday, July 1st at PJC.

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