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By Nanalee Nichols

I just wanted new wall paper!

Nothing can ever be simple. It's the refrain of most of our lives. We've all done it....begun a simple project that turned into a nightmare.

All I really wanted was some new wallpaper in my bathroom. The old wallpaper has a spot where a kitten decided to rip off a loose edge, and spots by the lavatory where water has damaged it.

After about six months of looking I found just the right paper and border, and decided to buy it.

I knew there wasn't any chance of getting paper hung during hay baling season, so I put it in my closet and prepared to wait for the right weekend.

The only shower we have had in our house is in the washroom out in the barn. That means no cooling, no heat and that's not always very pleasant. Sooo, I began to think it would be nice to add a shower to the bathroom off of our bedroom. That meant we began pricing fixtures, looking for just the right ones. Naturally, nothing matches the ones on the lavatory, so we have to have a new one of those too.

After settling on faucets we took a long, hard look at the tub surround....which has cracks in it. Now, of course, that means we need a new tub surround!

The project was delayed once more.

But, we were gearing up towards the thought of doing all of this when we discovered our fiberglass tub has a split in it!

Now it doesn't make much sense to do all of the other and then have the tub start to leak, does it?

Naturally, the new tub isn't the same length, so we have to do a little shelf building at the end of it to take up the rest of the space.

Over the past five months we have bought wall paper, faucets, tub surround and now, a new bathtub. What was supposed to be a very simple job of wall covering has turned into a major remodeling job! It costs about three or four times what I had intended (there went any new clothes I had anticipated) and the work isn't done yet!

All I wanted was some nice, bright, colorful new wall paper without water stains and torn spots! I repeat....nothing is ever simple!

Project Graduation to hold meeting

There will be a meeting of the Prairiland Project Graduation Committee on Monday evening, September 29 at 6:00 in the Prairiland school cafeteria.

Anyone interested in helping with this event is invited to attend.

Support group to meet October 13

Jayne Anderson and Irene Bryant will share their thoughts on grief as single mothers at the Bereaved Parent Support Group meeting on October 13 at 7 p.m. at the TU Electric Building in Paris.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meeting.



HOMECOMING ROYALTY-Miss Kortnie Barrentine of Pattonville was crowned as the 1997 Prariland Homecoming Queen on Friday night, September 19 during halftime activities at Patriot Stadium. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Authority to hold private sales

Tenants in Deport Housing Authority will be holding private sales at their units on Saturday, October 4 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of their items remains with the tenants.

Non-residents may rent open areas at both sites for a \$25.00 fee. This fee

will go to the Housing Authority to help defray the \$450.00 cost of flags placed by the Fire Department throughout the year.

Everyone is asked to support these efforts for this vital part of the community.

Time to share memories with us!

Veterans Day will be here soon, and we would like to share more memories from veterans. We had some really fascinating stories last year, and would be happy to print more of them this year.

Short stories that deal with veteran's personal experiences are what we are looking for. Memories from those who served in the armed forces when no conflict was going on are welcome as well as those from people who served in war time. Please, share take a few moments to jot down a story or two and send it to: Thunder Prairie Publishing, P.O. Box 98, Deport, Texas 75435-0098. We'll publish them in all five papers in our veterans edition.

"Banjomania" will perform October 16

Paris Community Concert Association will present its first performance of the 1997-98 season Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Paris High School Auditorium.

The program will feature Banjomania, a quartet of talented musicians, who have performed everywhere from the Grand Ole Opry to the International Hall of Tokyo. The group was founded in the late 1980's and blends the three major banjo types into their music, most delightful mix of bluegrass style of the great Earl Scruggs and the picking and strumming styles of jazz era guests.

The concert is being dedicated to

People
'n
Things

Don't forget the dance Friday at the Pattonville Community Center beginning at 8. Broadway Junction Band will play. They will play at Chicota on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

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No Problem, No Program?

Film on Wisconsin Prisoners in Red River County Jail Not Used on Program

Apparently if there are no problems there is no place on a program! The Red River County jail was targeted for a part in a documentary that aired on the "Today Show" Tuesday morning, September 23rd, but the portion filmed on Red River County did not appear.

A film crew from Dallas accompanied Mike Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Corrections in the State of Wisconsin, to the Red River County Jail in Clarksville last Thursday. The crew filmed the Wisconsin Secretary

visiting with some of the sixty Wisconsin inmates which are being held in the Red River County facility.

The crew filmed for thirty minutes to an hour in the jail, but none of the footage was used in the segment that was aired on Tuesday.

The documentary was dealing with how well out-of-state prisoners are being treated in Texas jails. This stems from a news report and video tape concerning prisoner being beaten in a jail elsewhere in Texas about a year ago, Red River County Sheriff

Bob Edrington stated.

All of the inmates interviewed last Thursday told reporters that they are being well cared for and treated well in the Red River County jail, Edrington says.

Red River County is one of eight counties holding Wisconsin inmates in Texas. The sixty in the Red River County facility generates \$850,000.00 for the county and Sheriff's Department annually, Edrington says.



GRASS FIRE-Dry weather has led to serious fire conditions. Deport Volunteer Firemen extinguished this roadside fire on FM 1503 south of Deport last Friday afternoon. Rain on Monday and Tuesday of this week have helped alleviate the fire danger. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

EDITOR'S QUOTES
Worldly fame is but a breath of wind that blows now this way, and not that, and changes name as it changes direction.
Dante.

Bethel to celebrate 121st anniversary

The Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate their 121st anniversary.

All former pastors and members and all friends are invited to attend

this fellowship. Lunch will be served and provided by the church at noon.



YARDAGE! Cole White of Blossom rushes with the ball in the 2-4th grade action of PeeWee Football which is played at the Prairiland Stadium each Saturday. The youngsters played Clarksville last Saturday. Children from Deport and Blossom participate in the program. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Country Cooking

If there is someone you'd like to see in the Country Cooking Column, call 982-5829 or 652-4205. Look for us on the Internet! <http://www.1starnet.com/tpp>

Mrs. Fennell of Kanawha recently wanted an Irish Potato Cake recipe. Reba Cecil sent not one, but two recipes. They are a little different, but both sound good. I had not heard of an Irish Potato Cake before, but they sound delicious, with a mixture of raisins, nuts, dates, coconut and cocoa in them!

Did you know that there are hundreds of ways to prepare potatoes? Besides boiling and mashing, they can be french fried, baked, roasted, sauteed, broiled, scalloped, julienne, German-fried, hashed browned, lyonnaise, creamed, au gratin, duchess, Dutch, Belgian, stuffed, whole and many, many more!

Potatoes are one of life's most important vegetables. They are one of the most important foods with high nutritional value and are grown in most countries. The United States produces about 400 million bags of potatoes yearly and of course everyone knows that Idaho is known for its potatoes, producing over 102,500,000 bags per year. The Soviet Union produces the world's largest crop with 1, 609,400,000 bags.

Several hundred kinds of potatoes are grown in the United States. Four varieties account for 70 percent of the nation's potato crop—*Russet Burbank, Norchip, Kennebec and Katahdin*, in that order. All four are good for baking, but the *Kennebec* is best for processing into potato chips. Other varieties include the *Chippewa, Cobbler, Red LaSoda, Red Pontiac, Superior and White Rose*. Food processors make potatoes into chips, instant mashed potato powders and other products. Food canners use potatoes in such foods as hash, soup and stew. Other products whose ingredients may include potatoes are alcoholic beverages, flour and certain starches used in industry.

A potato consists of 80 per cent water and 20 percent solid matter. Starch makes up about 85 percent of the solid material. Most of the rest is protein. They contain many vitamins, including niacin, riboflavin, thiamin and vitamin C. Potatoes also contain such minerals as calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium and sulphur.

The potato originated in South America, with the Spanish explorers being the first to introduce them to Europeans in the mid-1500's. They were then introduced in England and from there Ireland and Scotland. They became the principal crop in Ireland because they grew so well there. In fact, the potato became known as the *Irish Potato* because such a large part of the Irish population depended on them for their food.

Mrs. Fennell, I hope this is one of your recipes you needed and let me know how it turns out! We will see you in the kitchen!

Irish Potato Cake—uses nuts, dates, raisins and coconut. Sounds as much like a pound cake as anything and so delicious!

Potato Pancakes—uses grated potatoes shaped into pancakes.

Potato Puffs—this recipe called for potatoes to be riced. In case you don't know what that means, they are mashed or forced through a ricer.

Glazed Potato Donuts—This one is basic yeast dough with mashed potatoes.

Potato Chip Cookies Can't end a column with a little dessert. The recipe says they are so light, they melt in your mouth!

September 25, 1997
Potatoe Recipes

Irish Potato Cake
2 cups sugar
3/4 cups butter
1 cup unseasoned mashed potatoes
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cocoa
4 egg yolks
1 cup raisins
2 cups chopped nuts
1 cup coconut
2 cups chopped nuts
1 cup butter milk
4 egg whites—stiffly beaten

Cream sugar, butter and potatoes. Sift flour, cocoa, baking powder, salt and spices together, reserving 1 cup for dredging fruit and nuts. Add egg yolks; beat thoroughly. Mix, alternately, flour and buttermilk; ending with flour. Add raisins, nuts, coconut and mix thoroughly. Fold in beaten egg whites. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 x 2 baking pan. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Frosting
1/2 package dates—cut up
2 tablespoon flour
1-1/2 cup milk
2-1/4 cup sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup coconut

Combine sugar, flour, dates and milk in saucepan. Cook until thick—8 to 10 minutes. Cool and add nuts and coconut. Cool and spread on cake.

Irish Potato Cake
1/2 cup butter
2 cups sugar
1 cup w/sarm mashed potatoes
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon cocoa
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup sweet milk
1 cup nuts—chopped
3 egg whites—beaten

Beat egg whites light. Cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla, cocoa and mashed potatoes. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Fold in nuts and coconut and egg whites. Bake in 2 layer pans for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Icing:
1 cup sweet cream
1 cup sugar
3 beaten egg yolks
1 lump butter
1 cup chopped nuts
1 can Angel flake coconut

Cook cream, sugar and egg yolks (beaten) until thick. Stir in butter until melted. Stir in nuts and coconut. Spread on cooled layers.

Potato Pancakes
Serves 6
3 medium-size raw potatoes
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon cream
1 egg
1 teaspoon salt

Grate potatoes. Add other ingredients. Stir well. Cook by spoonfuls in heavy frying pan in hot fat.

Potato Puffs
Serves 5-6
1/2 cup fat
1/2 cup flour
2 eggs
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon peppers
3 boiled potatoes

Mix fat with 1/2 cup boiling water. Bring to a boil. Stir in flour and cook until well blended. Cool. Beat in eggs, one at a time and add other ingredients. Drop from spoon in deep hot fat and fry 10 minutes.

Glazed Potato Donuts
1 package dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1 cup scalded milk
1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 beaten eggs
3/4 cup mashed potatoes
5-6 cups flour

Glaze:
1 pound confectioner's sugar
6 teaspoons water
1 tablespoon vanilla

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Combine milk, sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Stir in yeast, potatoes and eggs. Gradually add enough flour to make a soft dough. Turn onto greased floured surface; knead until smooth and satiny. Place on lightly-greased bowl; turn to greased top. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 1-1/2-2 hours. Roll or pat to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with doughnut cutter. Place on greased cookie sheet and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes. Fry doughnuts in deep, hot oil and drain. Turn and dip in glaze mixture and place on wire rack to cool.

Potato Chip Cookies
1 pound butter
1 cup sugar
3 cups flour
2 teaspoon vanilla
7 ounces crushed potato chips

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour, vanilla and chips. Drop by spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Bake on top rack of oven. Cookies burn easily. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when done.

Regina Maureen Webb dies September 17

Regina Maureen Webb died early on September 17 at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas ending a long and courageous battle with heart and other health problems. She was the wife of Mac Webb and together they resided in Deport and south of town for 56 years.

Mrs. Webb was born March 29, 1920 to Roger F. and Edna Annie Norwood Bell. Sometime after graduation from Deport High School and after attending Paris Junior College, Mrs. Webb married her high school history teacher Mac Webb on June 17, 1941. During their long marriage, Mrs. Webb was active in supporting the career of her husband, the development of her children, Karen Walker of Grapevine and Mac Thompson Webb of Paris and in Christian work through the First United Methodist Church of Deport, and especially the United Methodist Women. For many years she was one of the youngest women in the organization. Through the years she had various responsibilities at the church and in the Women's Organizations. She was known as a hard worker in fund-raising dinners and projects. Mrs. Webb was a person of compassion and was always interested in the welfare of others. Typically, she once befriended migrant laborers, invited them to her home for meals and she and Mr. Webb took the men to Paris so that they could worship at their church. Likewise, her kindness and generosity was known to family and friends. At the time of her death, Mrs. Webb was serving on the Building Committee at First United Methodist Church of Deport.

She enjoyed several years of employment outside the home at First National Bank and the Deport Times. During World War II, she adventurously followed her husband to Missouri to live with him there during difficult, but exciting times. Mrs. Webb was a creative and artistic person, gifted in sewing and flower arranging. During retirement years, Mrs. Webb devoted herself to her traditional projects and especially to her grandchildren, Nathan Walker of Bedford, David Walker of Grapevine, Drew Chance and Andrew Webb of Paris and to her great-grandson, Christopher Walker of North Richland Hills.

She is survived by her husband, Mac Webb; her children and their spouses, Mac Thompson (Tom) and Brenda Webb of Paris and Karen and Dr. Tim Walker of Grapevine; two sisters, Bocky Norman of Deport and Tommie Cannon of Dallas; a sister-in-law, Ruth Haberle of Jacksonville; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday, September 19 at the First United Methodist Church of Deport. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women or to Highland Cemetery Association.

Mary Lessie Whitley dies August 24

Mary Lessie Whitley, 94, of Fontana, California, formerly of Red River County, died Sunday, August 24, 1997 of heart disease at Laurel Avenue Convalescent Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 30 at Green Acres Chapel. Private interment in Green Acres Memorial Park, Bloomington, California.

Whitley, a native of Russellville, Arkansas, lived in Fontana, California 44 years. She was a home maker.

Survivors include her son, Johnny of Fontana, her daughter, Wanda Jean O'Dell of Tampa, Florida, two sisters, Alice Byrd Temples of Dallas and Ila Bell (Bea) Young of Gorman, Texas, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Whitley.

Jim Childers dies September 20

Jim Childers, age 87 of Streetman, formerly of Johntown died Saturday, September 20 at his residence.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, September 22 in Johntown Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Young officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Childers was born January 17, 1910 in Hagansport, the son of Joe and Ozie Potter Childers. He married the former Gladys Golden on October 4, 1938 in Johntown. She died March 8, 1994.

He was also preceded in death by two grandsons, Richard Wielkens in 1986 and Jackie Childers in 1997. He is survived by two sons, Leon Childers of Fairfield and Pat Childers of Richland; five daughters, Sue Shreiber of Houston, JoAnn Mays of Ft. Worth, Linda Moring of Kirvin, Elderie Caballero of Streetman and Jimmie Ruth Childers of Corsicana; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Wayne Childers, Jams Wielkens, Anthony Moring, Shannon Moring, Jimmy Childers, Kenneth Allen Mayes and Don Barnard. Honorary bearers were David Bonner, Jeff Goehl, Clinton Smith and Brian Cantrell.

F.M. Allen dies September 21

F.M. Allen, age 69 of Blossom died Sunday, September 21 at his home.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 23 in Bright-Holland Funeral Home with the Rev. E.R. Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park Cemetery in Dallas.

He was born February 6, 1929 in Hugo, to Simon Chesley and Alice Pearl Allen. He married Ruby Anderson on June 12, 1950 in Texarkana, AR. He retired at age 62 from Tyson Foods as a meat buyer. He was a Christian and deacon at East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Bridget Allen of Carrollton; a son, Todd Allen of Blossom; one grandson, Dustin Allen; one brother, S.C. Allen of Lancaster and several nieces and nephews.

Bearers were Dustin Allen, Bernard Knight, Newman Low, Jimmy Alcorn, Steve Barbosa and Paul Johnston.

Memorials may be sent to Ella C. McFadden Hospice at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Della Nodden dies September 12

Della Margaret Nodden, 78, died Friday, September 12, in Missouri City, Texas. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church. Services were held on Monday, September 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with the burial following in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

Mrs. Nodden was born on July 18, 1919 in Paris, the daughter of Maude O'Quinn Hood. She is survived by her daughter, June Ryan; son, Forrest G. Robinson; sister, Helen Wilkinson; brother, Leonard Hood; grandchildren, Sheryl Margaret Keyworth and husband Kelly, Lori Kaye Ryan, and April Michelle Ryan; great grandchildren, Leah Kaye Keyworth, Casey Ryan Keyworth and Sarah Margaret Keyworth.

Charles Kennedy dies September 23

Charles "Charlie" Shelton Kennedy, age 69 of Detroit died Tuesday, September 23 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Paris.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with the Rev. Chad Barnes officiating. Interment will follow in Restland Cemetery in Cunningham with Masonic graveside rites under the direction of Blossom Masonic Lodge #303.

Mr. Kennedy was born April 22, 1928 in Cunningham, to Marlon and Mable Gladys Smith Kennedy. He was retired from the U.S. Post Office and was a retired barber. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Blossom. He was a 32nd degree mason and was a member of Blossom Masonic Lodge #303, and a former member of John C. Pelt Masonic Lodge #1321 in Duncanville.

He is survived by two sons, Chuck Kennedy of Duncanville and Tommy Kennedy of Santa Barbara, CA; one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Larry Burleson of Duncanville; two grandchildren, Blake E. Burleson of Duncanville and LaLanya Jane Kennedy of Albany, NY; one brother, Bobby Kennedy of Cunningham; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and Christine Clement Kennedy of Blossom. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bearers will be Larry Gray, Steve Thoms, Eddy Thoms, John Parker, Clark Frazier and Doug Armstrong. Graveside bearers will be members of Blossom Masonic Lodge #303.

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—Menander

Card of Thanks

The family of Regina Webb wishes to thank each of you for your expressions of love and concern during our recent loss.

Special thanks to Rev. Sam Campbell, Gary Lindley and Chief Warden for your words of comfort. We are very grateful to our church family and friends who called, visited, sent food, flowers, memorials and prayers.

Thank you Drs. Norvin Parr and Jeffery Gladden and the staff of McCuiston ICU department for your constant care. Dr. William Surber, a special thanks to you for your devoted care and friendship throughout the years.

Mac Webb
Dr. & Mrs. Tim Walker & Family
Mac T. & Brenda Webb & Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, plants, food and calls. Thanks to James Wood and to Backroom Floral Designs for being there in the time of our loss of a loved one.

The Cruise family
Laurance Plaster

Card of Thanks

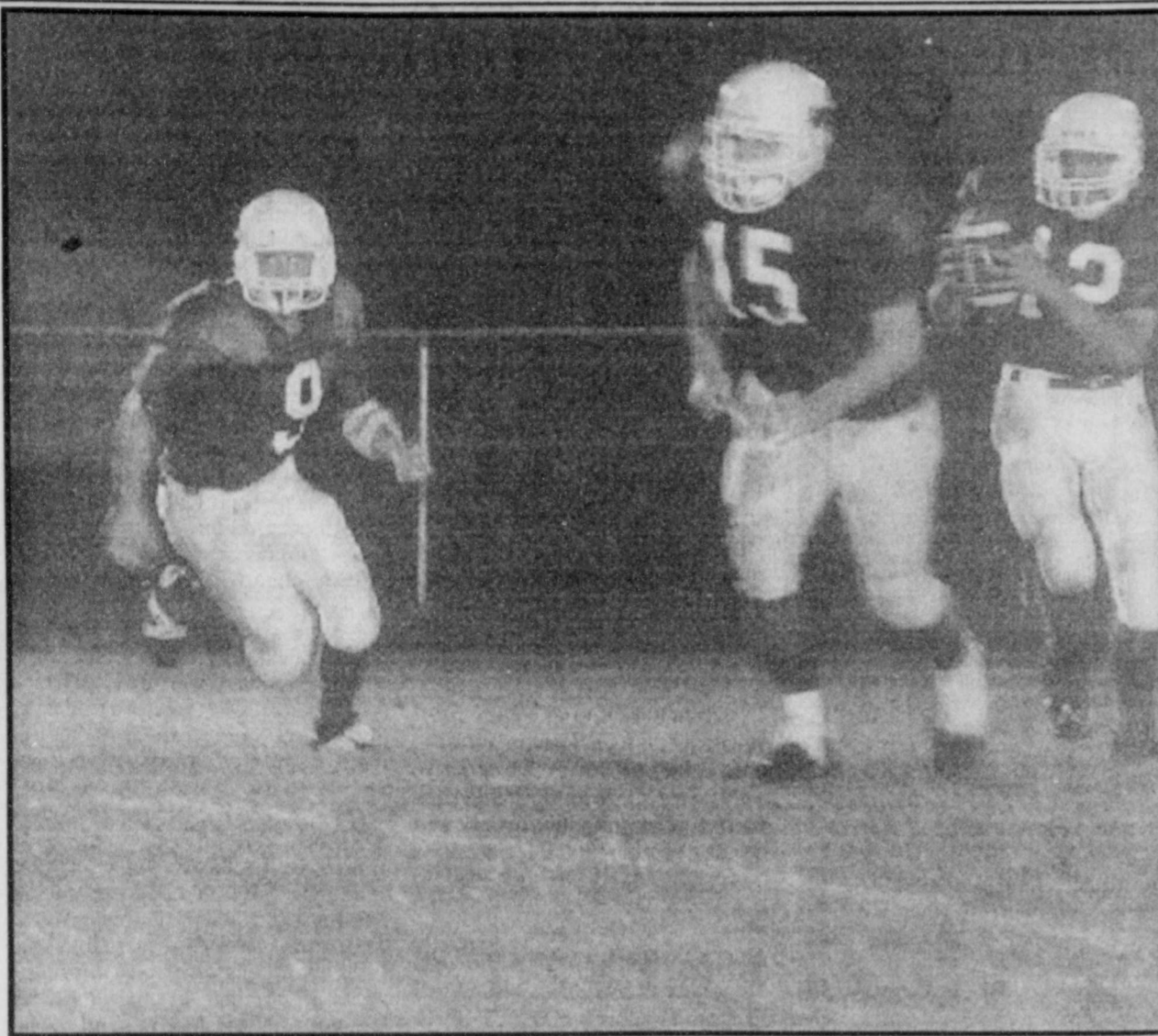
Thanks to each person who voiced a prayer on our behalf, telephoned, sent a card or demonstrated any act of kindness or concern during our most recent medical situation. Jim has completed all Radiation Treatments, continues to improve on a daily basis and has returned to work. Accolades to our fellow employees at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Paris) and Paris Regional Cancer Center for your support and care of a "family member". For always being there, special appreciation to Truman Baird, Rick Baird and Brad Branch.

Thanks again,
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A message from this newspaper and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety



HOMEcoming LOSS-The Patriots faced another defeat Friday night against Whitewright. The larger, more aggressive team scored within the first 6 seconds of the game, but the Patriots never let go and maintained their eagerness throughout the game, despite injuries.

Patriots fall to Whitewright in Homecoming disappointment

Homecoming 1997. The nominees were beautiful, the stands were full, but the opponent was a very talented, highly ranked team.

The Patriots worked hard all week long on the practice field, and never gave up Friday night, but were simply overpowered by the Whitewright team.

The Pats played hard, with tackles made by David Ford, Aaron Williams, Micah Jones and Kaleb Craig. They suffered injuries with Tony Love receiving a knee injury and Aaron Williams being injured but able to return to the game. Steven Flatt received a shoulder injury as well and Love and Flatt were both questionable for Friday's game with Alba-Golden. Roddy and Sullivan should both be back.

District play begins this week with

Alba-Golden.

The JV team traveled to Whitewright Thursday night and although they suffered their first loss of the season.

The final score was 7-0, Whitewright. Tackles for the Patriots were made by Leslie Mullins, Chris Berry, Brandon Gray, Matt Bratcher, Jason Elrod, Matt McEntyre, Drew Riddles, Heath Sessums, Stan Cox, Billy Springer, Larry Johnson and Michael Flatt.

The offense could not make it happen, with only one completed pass for the night. The game was very exciting until the last few seconds. The Pats were in control of the ball but in their haste to make a last minute score, an interception was thrown and the Tigers sewed up the game with only two seconds left.

Lady Patriots go 1-1

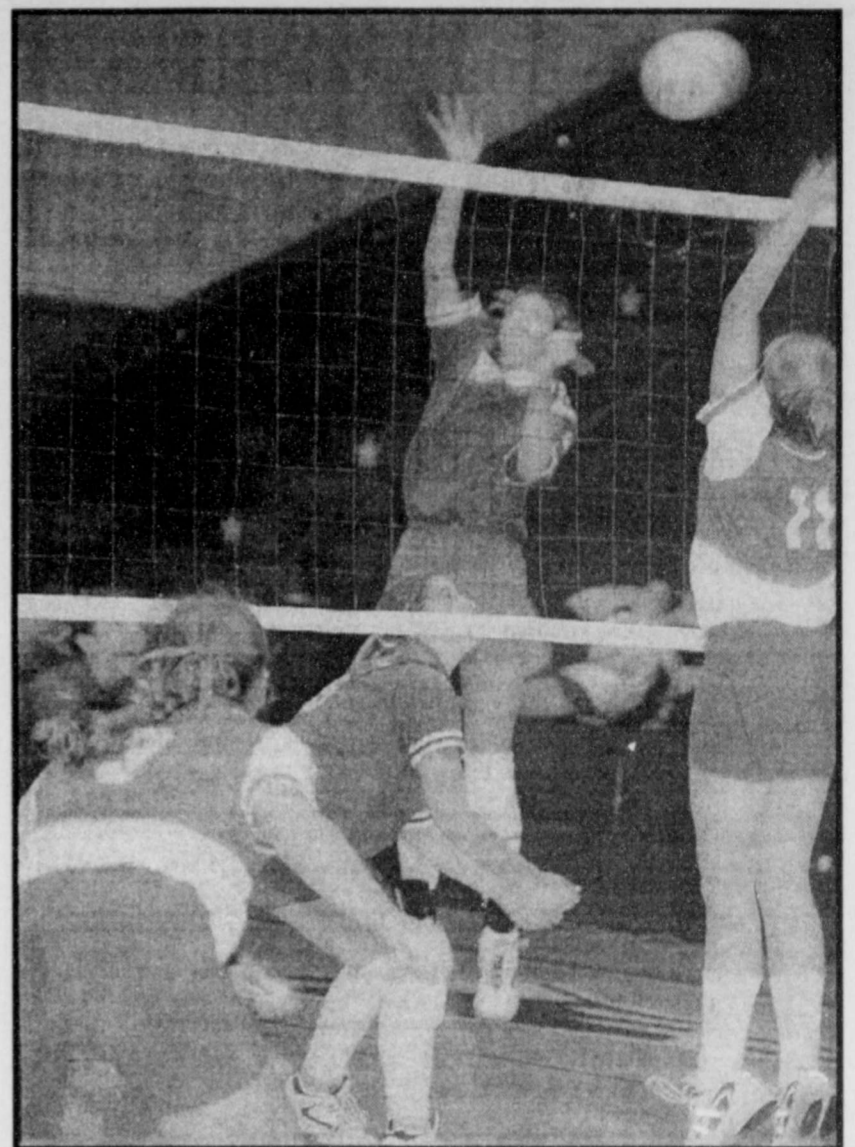
The Lady Patriots traveled to Pleasant Grove Tuesday afternoon for dual matches with Pleasant Grove and Rains.

Three hours and 15 minutes later, they walked away with one win and one loss after six straight, hard-fought games. The host team, in the first game, defeated Rains. Then in the second game of the evening, the Lady Pats came out strong behind six kills from Felicia Taylor, four kills and seven assists by Meagan Hatfield and six service points including one ace from Katha Crawford.

In the second game of the match, the Lady Patriots were up 7-1, but because of hitting errors, shanks and 11 missed serves, Prairiland quickly fell 13-15. Game three of the match once again found the Lady Pats struggling as they fell 12-15.

The final match of the night began with a 3-8 disadvantage, but the Lady Patriots went on to win 15-12. However, Pleasant Grove's Lady Hawks fought back for an 11-15 victory. Not to be thwarted, the Lady Pats dominated game three with Cari Irwin serving eight points and Taylor getting five kills to win easily 15-2.

The Lady Pats will be at Hooks Saturday with the freshman game beginning a 10:00 a.m.



'LADY PATRIOT VOLLEYBALL wins again as the ladies took Quitman and DeKalb this week in two games. They now hold a record of 14-4 for the season. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Lady Pats claim 14th victory

The Lady Patriots were in fine form Saturday morning as they easily dispensed with Quitman 15-6, 15-1, upping their win record to 14 victories.

Felicia Taylor had 6 kills and Susan Singleton had 12 service points. In JV action, the Pats fell 13-15,

13-8, 13-15. Leslie Spangler had a good day at the net with 13 kills and 6 blocks. Ann Thompson had 18 assists. The freshman won 15-7, 15-4 with Crystal Davis and Melissa Steinkamp having 2 kills each and Tammy Nichols having 8 service points.

Prairiland Jr. High loses to Tigers

By Sandy Flatt

The Prairiland Jr. High Patriots traveled to Whitewright on Thursday night, September 18.

With as Josh Dawson block and recovery by D.J. Loveless for 20 yards, Stoney Musgrove ran 51 yards for the first TD in the first 59 seconds of play. After good plays by Eric Berry, Colt Hatfield, Musgrove, Dawson, Josh Fendley, Brad Hunt and Charlie Lawrence, the Tigers ran 50 yards for a TD along with a good 2-point conversion.

Philip Elder carried the ball for 20 yards before he was stopped by a

Tiger. Lawrence again gains control of the ball 3 times for a gain of 18 yards and 1st down. Musgrove runs another 35 yards for another TD. Several more good plays were executed by the young Patriots, but to no avail, the Pats fall 20-36.

For the "B" action, the game ended with a score of 6-26, Tigers. Key players in this game were Danny Robinson, Joe Harrelson, Mark Carter, Nathan Burden, Justin Elrod, Jimmy Smith, Burke Burnet, Seth Bush, Jacob Bedford and John Wright.

Name	Assists	Serves	Serv. Ace	Kills	Blocks
Amber Norwood	11	5/6		1	
Susan Singleton	1	13/13		4	
Katie Mullins		0/2		1	1
Brandie Upchurch	2	1/2		6	23
Cari Irwin	2	13/14		6	
Katha Crawford	1	8/10	1	6	2
Meagan Hatfield	26	15/16		10	1
Kim Gibson		6/8			
Felicia Taylor		2/2		17	1

Name	Assists	Serves	Serv. Ace	Kills	Blocks
Amber Norwood	6	8/8			
Susan Singleton		11/11		9	1
Katie Mullins	1	2/2		2	1
Brandie Upchurch	1			3	1
Cari Irwin	1	19/19		1	
Katha Crawford		8/9		3	
Meagan Hatfield	22	11/12		5	
Kim Gibson		6/6			
Felicia Taylor				15	

Prairiland JV suffer 1st loss of season

The JV Patriots traveled to Whitewright on Thursday, September 18 and although they suffered their first loss of the season, they had every reason to be proud. The Tigers were able to score early in the game but were unable to score again after the first touchdown. Numerous times, the Tigers had the ball within the 20 yard line, only to be hied back by the Patriot defense. Tackles were made by Leslie Mullins, Chris Berry, Brandon Gray, Matt Bratcher, Jason Elrod, Matt McEntyre, Drew Riddles, Heath

Sessums, Stan Cox, Billy Springer, Larry Johnson and Michael Flatt. Berry also blocked a pass.

The offense just could not make much happen for the Patriots though with only one completed pass for the night. The game was very exciting until the last few seconds of the ballgame. The Pats were in control of the ball but in their haste to make a last minute score, an interception was thrown and the Tigers sewed up the game with only 2 seconds left. The final score was 0-7, Tigers.



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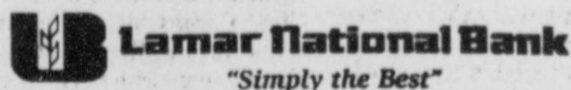
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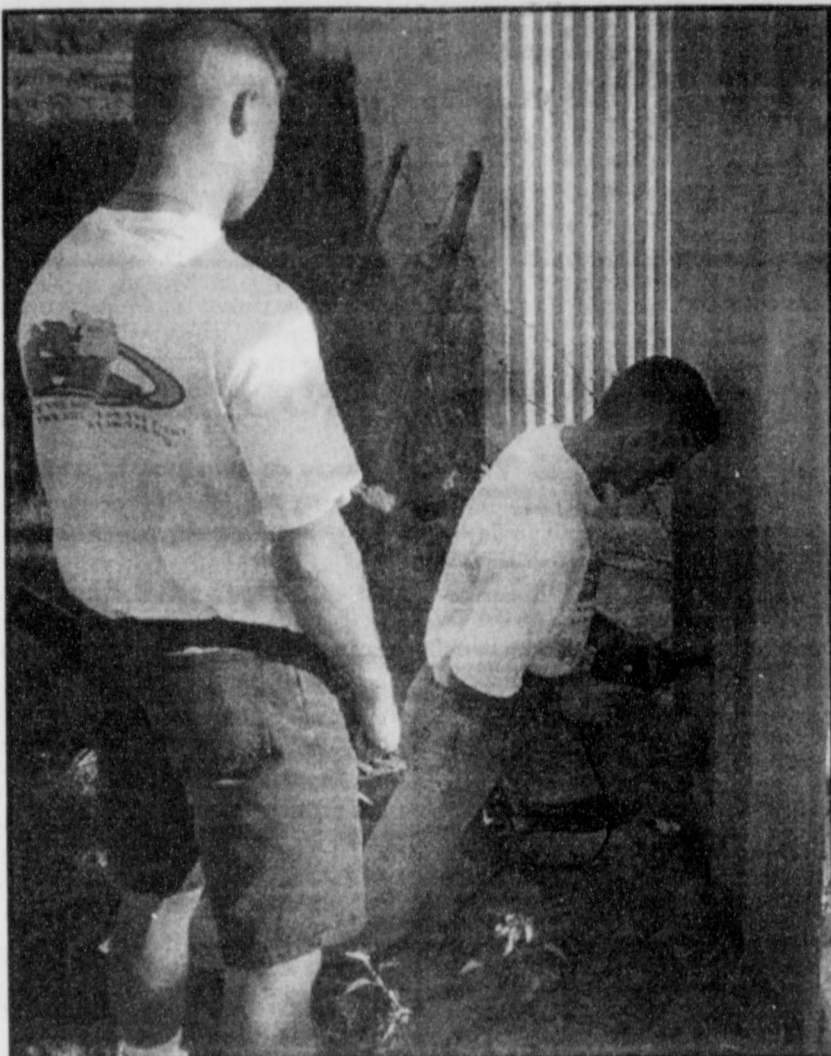
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BUILDING-the Prairiland Ag students have been busy constructing a metal building for storage behind the Prairiland Ag Shop. Micah Jones and Roy Arasmith are fastening sheet metal on the project. (Staff Photo)

Prairiland FFA students hard at work

Prairiland FFA students have spent the last two weeks building a 36' x 40' metal building behind the Agriculture shop. This building is being built to store the cattle trailers and animal scales. It will also be used for a show clinic to be given for all FFA members. The building has been constructed completely by the Prairiland students.

Web Tracks
by Dave Seber

For those that are interested in or want to know more about the internet

The digital world will never be the same after two announcements last week from Intel Corp. and IBM. The first development by Intel Corp. alters the basic physics of the chip design in a way previously thought impossible. The transistor is the basic unit of information storage on a computer chip, one digit for each transistor. It takes 8 bits of data to produce an alphabet character in computer text. This new chip can store not one, but two bits of data on each transistor, doubling the storage. Intel's engineers believe they have not reached the limits of this new technology and it may be possible to store and retrieve three, four or even more bits on each transistor.

The next big announcement came from IBM. IBM has developed a copper computer chip instead of aluminum and this breakthrough will speed up computers and make them more affordable. Switching to copper could speed a microprocessor 40% and reduce costs 30% while using less electricity. This new process enables IBM to make transistors more than 500 times thinner than human hair about 30% smaller than current chips.

To be continued.

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So come on out and see the fireworks, smoke, spotlights, hooves and horns and see who will be the Bull Riding Champion of Paris, Texas.

Have A Nice Weekend



Prostate Cancer screening is set for September 27

The seventh annual Prostate Cancer Screening, sponsored by McCuiston Regional Medical Center, is Saturday, September 27. The free screening, held in Pavilion I from 8 to 3 p.m. at the hospital, is intended for all men over the age of 50 or any man with a family history of prostate disease.

Lead physician in this year's screening is Dr. Donald Wikoff, and he stressed the importance of the PSA and digital exam in combination.

Included with the screening will be a prostate specific antigen blood assay test and a digital rectal examination to be performed by qualified physicians.

Individually, each of the tests are estimated at 65% accurate. Combined, the test yield a 95% efficiency rate.

Figures indicate over 80% of all patients with tumors which were diagnosed early survived the disease. Even in advanced cases, the disease can be treated more effectively than in years past.

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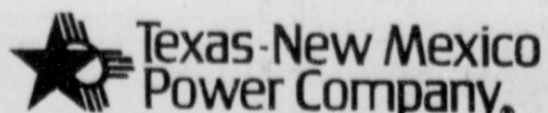
NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

On June 30, 1997, Texas-New Mexico Power Company ("TNMP"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 23.23(b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed a Petition with the Commission seeking final reconciliation of all eligible fuel costs incurred during the reconciliation period of October 1993 through December 1996.

As of December 1996, TNMP had under-recovered its fuel costs in the amount of \$5,340,230. TNMP is not proposing a surcharge in this filing, and proposes to continue under-recovering through its current fixed fuel factor. All classes of customers in Texas receiving service from TNMP are affected by the Petition.

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Prairiland High School Calendar of Events

Week of September 29

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30					
30	JV, V Vball at Detroit, 4:00 School Pic, Senior Retakes						
	Class rings order 10:45						
October 1	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library						
2	Lone Oak, here						
3	Lone Oak, here						
4	Royce City, Here, 10:00 a.m., 9, JV, V						

Prairiland ISD Programs

Prairiland School Offers a number of programs. This column is designed to help people understand more about their school and what it offers.



Prairiland ISD offers a reading program for students with dyslexic tendencies on the elementary campuses. The program is called STARR (Students At Risk in Reading.)

Prairiland implemented a reading program purchased from Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas that is a nationally accepted program and has proven to be successful. The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital Dyslexia Training Program is an instructional videotape series of lessons presenting a curriculum designed to meet the TEA Dyslexia Program descriptors. The total program consists of five orientation tapes, 336 one-hour instructional tapes (VHS) and 14 Progress Measurement tapes. It usually takes two years for the student to complete the sessions.

Students may be recommended for this instruction by their parents

or teachers and each then fills out a checklist. The student is administered the TONI and WRAT testing instruments. Grades, other test scores and vision and hearing screenings are some of the other factors considered when placing the student into the program. Some of the students receive volunteer evaluations from Scottish Rite Hospital, which is honored by the school system.

In 1968, the World Federation of Neurology defined dyslexia as "a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence and a sociocultural opportunity." More simply, this means a student has difficulty with the alphabet, reading, reading comprehension, writing and spelling in spite of good schools, good home environment and normal intelligence.



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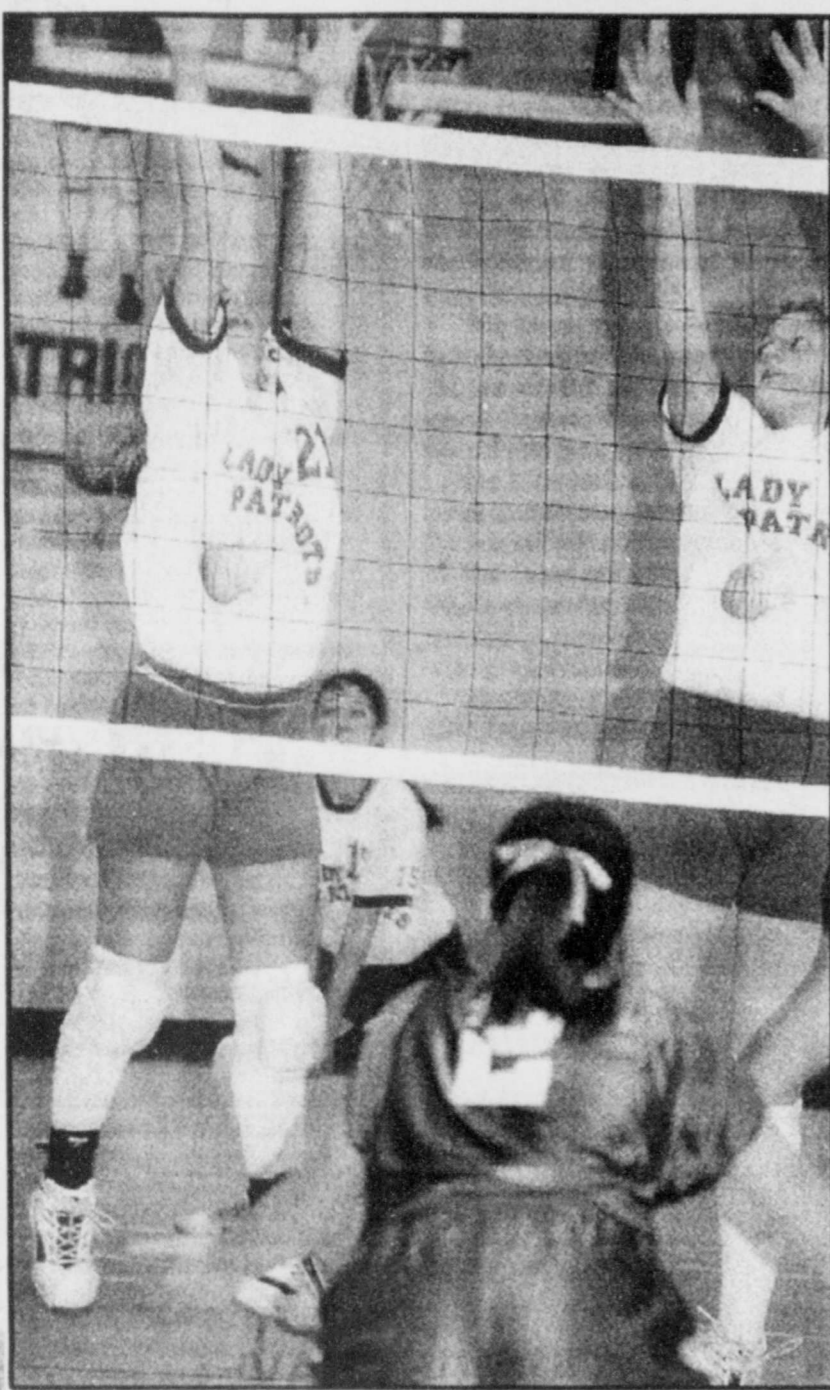
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JV VOLLEYBALL at Prairiland on Saturday saw the young ladies go up against Quitman. They lost in three games 13-15, 15-8 and 13-15. Leslie Spangler went home with 13 kills and 6 blocks. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Cunningham News By Carol Jean Williams & Lou Hatfield 652-6792

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Slusher, Taylor, Timothy, Tori and Trey of Wichita Falls visited Clyde and Bobbye Slusher Saturday. They brought lunch for everyone including a birthday cake for Bobbye in honor of her 70th birthday. Grandson Taylor made the birthday cake.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Bobbie Hall and Clyde and Bobbye Slusher met at Burger King for supper and a "42" party at the Taylor home afterwards. It was also a surprise occasion for Bobbye's birthday. Visiting later were George, Bonita, Sarah, Kate and Missy Annie Struve.

Clyde and Bobbye Slusher visited Mrs. F.E. McGahan in Paris Sunday. She is doing well and improving daily. Buddy Pynes of Paris and Lorette Pynes of Cunningham had lunch at Furr's on Monday and visited in his home that afternoon.

Lorette Pynes was honored with a birthday party Saturday by her family. Those present were Dean Ogden, Mike and Janie Hawkes of Longview, Charles B. and Virgie Pynes, Chelsie, Holley and Chelsie Anderson of Paris, Sue Pynes of Paris, James and Ali Bazhaw of Dallas, Andrew Bazhaw of Gilmer, Clifton, Tamie and Blade Bazhaw of Dallas, Regina Newman, Briana and Malcolm Moore of Dallas, Donna and Trey Gifford of Deport, Ray Fletcher of Texarkana, Melanie Moore of Texarkana and

Dimple Moore and Gay of Hooks.

Velma Cox spent the day Monday with Dora Hester in Paris.

Billy Ray and Brandon Oats ate lunch with Joe and Georgia Oats Sunday.

Dee Williams of Paris spent the weekend with his father, Charles Michael Williams.

Norman and Rachel Sain's Tuesday visitors were Betsy Randolph of Paris. Larry Bell visited Wednesday. Olie Ruth, Carl Bufford and June Guthrie ate lunch with them and visited Thursday and Larry and Virginia Bell visited Saturday.

Guests of Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove Sunday were Marie Watson, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Tim, Keven and Hunter Brashear, Larry and Pam O'Neal, Amber and Spur Norwood and daughter of Bennie Crawford, Marie Watson, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Larry and Pam O'Neal ate dinner and the others ate supper with Nelta and Johnnie.

Nelta Musgrove received a call Sunday from her brother in Hondo.

Edward Bullard who once lived here and attended Cunningham School and a friend recently visited in Musgrove Store, they visited the community center and were shown the pictures by Jean Williams and Lou Hatfield. They then visited with Taylor Ladds.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch



Spending Tuesday with Holland and Elizabeth Bell were Mabel Pearson, Sam and Mary Ann Pearson of Marshall, Jim and Cathi Pearson of Stevenson Ranch, CA and Beth Stutzman of Gulf Breeze, FL.

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

Aaron Upchurch of Durango, CO is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch.

Edna Talley is visiting relatives in

Amarillo this week. She will return home Thursday.

Rev. Chief and Betty Warden of Brookston visited Bill and Mattylu Upchurch Friday.

Kay Parks, and Tim of Faught visited James and Dorothy Holt Sunday. Kay bought the Tully Temple home and will be moving to Milton soon.

Allen and Stacy Huddlestone had dinner with her parents, Donny and Laura Wright of Deport on Friday evening.



SWINGING 50'S-Minda Corso models her 50's outfit for the Homecoming festivities last week on the Deport campus. Students had the opportunity to dress in a variety of ways to celebrate. (Staff Photo Liz Irwin)

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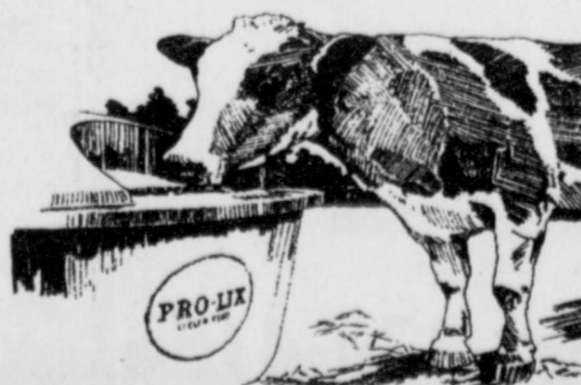
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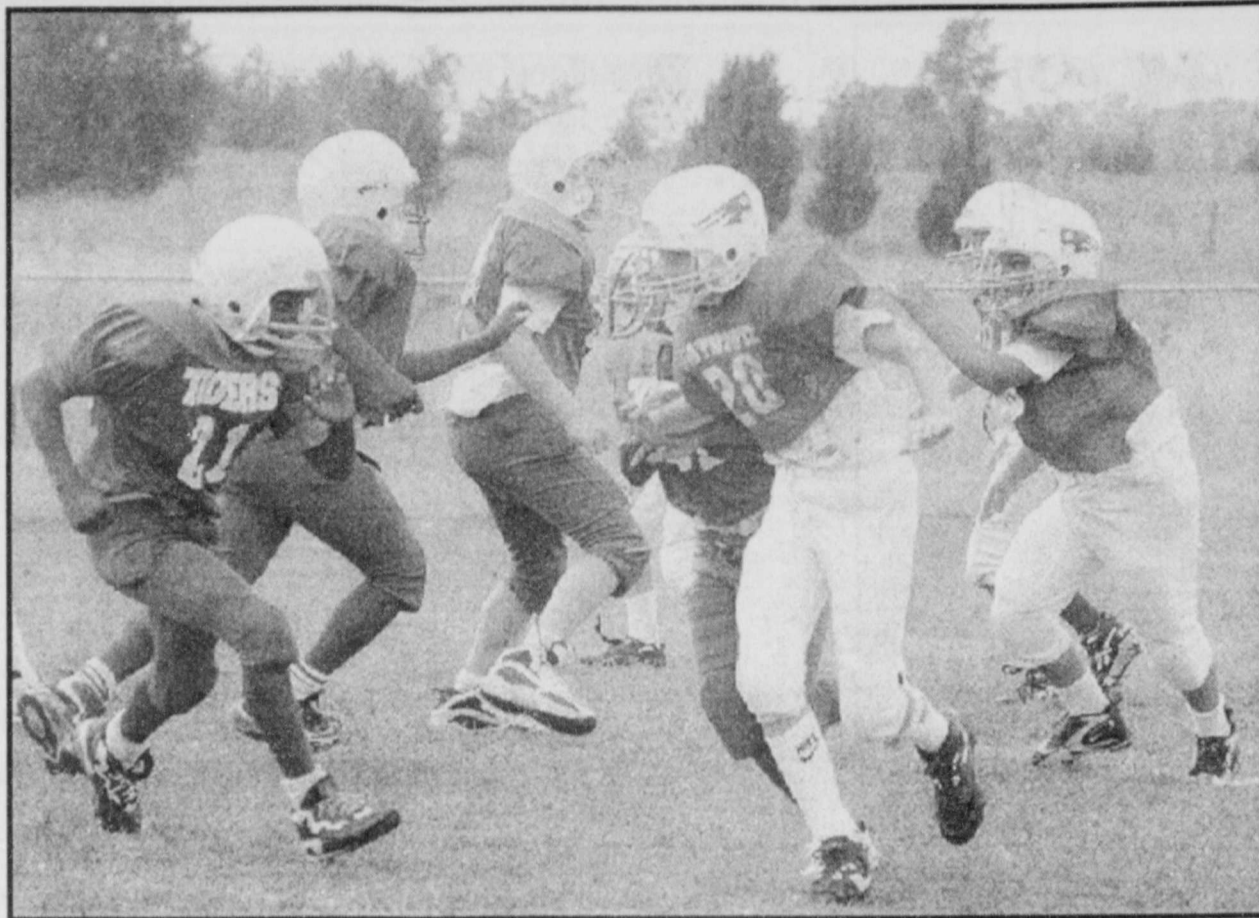
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L.C. Ballard is recovering from an injury to his shoulder from a fall last Monday.

Keith Yarbrough and wife visited L.C. Ballard.

Kathy Figueroa brought lunch to L.C. Ballard on Friday.

Jack, Glenda, Marlana and Jordan visited L.C. Ballard this weekend. They enjoyed supper at the Lonesome Dove Cafe Saturday. They attended the 20th anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church in Paris on Sunday.

Hobert and Minnie Ruth Loven had dinner with Dick Burden in Paris on Monday.

Sue and Tammy Sheppard, Tina and Ty Clinkenbeard attended a going away party for Michael Morrelli on Sunday.

Hattie Humphrey visited Obie Woods Friday.

Anthony Hagood and Ethan Wilson attended Michael Davis' birthday party Saturday.

Patti Robinson and Joan Langley had breakfast with Chris Dennis Thursday.

Denise Garr visited Tammy Currier last week.

Ethen Wilson spent the night with Anthony Hagood Friday.

Estelle Chesshire's daughter, Sue from Colorado is visiting this week.

Payton Chapman spent the weekend with Duane and Martha Glover.

Ray Ford and Lonnie Taylor of Deport have both been employed by East Texas Medical Center.

Chase Rider Dickson was honored on Friday night, September 19 with a family birthday party at the Lonesome Dove in Deport, attending were Chase, his parents Jason and Christy Dickson, his grandparents Hugh and Vicki Jeffus and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols. Cake and ice cream were served at Thomas and Nanalee's afterwards.

On Monday Chase had a party at kindergarten with cake and punch for the whole class.

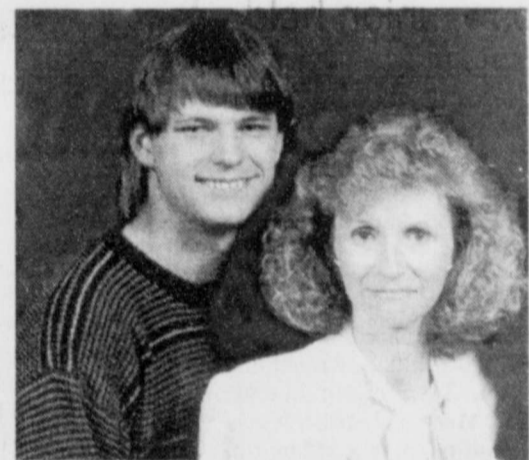
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Brooks-LaRue vows exchanged

Laura Denise LaRue and Jerry Dean Brooks were united in marriage Friday, September 19, 1997 at Faith Baptist Church in Deport. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Chief Warden.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Good of Deport and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. McCoy of Detroit and the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Good.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brooks of Detroit and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. McCoy of Detroit and the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brooks.

The bride was escorted to the altar

by her father and given in marriage by her family. Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Joan Langley. The groom's best man was Mark Francis.

Laura Frances LaRue, daughter of the bride, served as flower girl. T.J. Johnston was in charge of the music and performed "It Is Love" as the couple lit the unity candle. Serving as usher and candlelighter was Duane Good, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held following the wedding in the fellowship hall of the church.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Deport.

Phipps reunion held

The Phipps reunion was held Sunday, August 31 at the fire station in Taylortown.

Attending were John and Melba Stachowiak, Ore City; Pauline Plott, Taylortown; Gerald and Mary Williams, Paris; Ceta Roach, Ennis; Melvina Johns, Dallas; Stella Fowler, Red Oak; Virgie McElhane, Allen; Stanley Cooper, Dallas; Wallace and Clara James, Mabank; Lawrence and Rita Malone, Taylortown; Maeola Cluck, Paris; Misty and Jordan Jones, Frieda Mauldin, Blance Mauldin, Taylortown; Tanya Simmons, Biardstown; Jeanne and Arnold Jones and Keri Tubb, Dike; Nita, Jennifer and Steven Melvin, C.L. and Ora Lee Malone, Charles and Deborah Gilbert, Taylortown; Evelyn Manes, Dallas; Erma McKinney, Lake Creek; Edgar and Shirley Jones, Heather and Blake Seavens, Nashville, AR; Ruby and Larry Smith, Timmy and Charlie Smith, Nell Smith, Bobby and Peggy Phipps, Cooper; Brenda and Clifton Ward, Dierks, AR; Max D. and Patricia Phipps, Arma, KS; Murl and Juanita Phipps, Whitesboro; Jeff Gilbert, Paris.

"Life is a jigsaw puzzle with most of the pieces missing."
Anonymous

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Ms Terry R. Johnson, 2088 Ida Drive, Troy, Michigan 48083-2111. She is searching for information on the Srygley families of Red River County. Any information anyone might have would be greatly appreciated. If you can help Ms. Johnson, please write to her at the above address. If you have a query you would like placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

Borders baby born

Ethan Brian Borders was born Monday, September 8, at 4:29 p.m. at McCuistion Medical Center in Paris. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Daniel and Melanie Borders of Pattonville. Grandparents are Danny and Laurie Borders of Cuthand and Eddie and Phyllis Mazy of Pattonville. Great grandparents are James and Billie Mazy of Pattonville, Kathryn Little of Taylortown, Bell Borders of Bogata and Pat Watson of Post Oak. Great Great grandmother is Ruby Crouch of Hugo.



Charles Deveral & Elaine Kennedy
celebrating 50th anniversary

Kennedys to celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles Deveral and Elaine Kennedy of Sherman will be honored between 6 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 4 at the LaQuinta Inn in Sherman with a reception in celebration of their 50th anniversary. Hosts will be Karen Kelley, Sharen Arriazola and Ricky Kennedy, all of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were married October 4, 1947 in Minter with Albert Roach officiating.

Mrs. Kennedy is the former Elaine Songer. She was born in Swink, OK, the daughter of Mrs. Syble Songer and the late H.A. Songer. She graduated from high school in Cunningham, TX where she met her husband. She has always been a housewife and mother. Mr. Kennedy was born in Cunningham, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kennedy. He attended and graduated from Cunningham High School an Austin College in

Sherman. He was employed for many years with the United States Air Force Civil Service. In 1992, he retired from the Sherman ISD, 20 years of that time teaching electronics at Sherman High School and seven years as the Director of Maintenance for the Sherman School District.

The Kennedy's have one son and two daughters, Karen Kelley, Sharen Arriazola and Ricky Kennedy, all of Sherman. They have three granddaughters and one grandson, Kristin Kelley, Kari Kelley, Mandy Arndt and Clint Arndt, all of Sherman. The Kennedy's are members of the Western Heights Church of Christ in Sherman. They enjoy their grandchildren, visiting the Smokey Mountains and they have occupied the same seats for over 35 years on Friday nights watching their Sherman Bearcats.

PATTONVILLE NEWS
By Rita Cox 784-0283 or 652-4205

Buster and Louise Crossland's visitors were Cecil Allen of Lamar Point, Terry McDowra of Deport, E.C. Bogard visited Thursday, Ruby Ray of Blossom visited. Willie and Buster went to the hog sale.

Peggy and Don Gentry's visitors Friday were Randall and Rita Cox. Mason grandson spent Friday night. Saturday night Peggy and Don had a dinner for their family, Clayton, Madge Skidmore and Jim and Bernice Bell, Charles and Nancy Gentry,

Ricky Williams and Susan Oliver, Cody Oliver, Thelma Gentry, Donnie and LeAnn, Blake and Mason Gentry.

Josh and Rickey Green visited Randall and Rita Cox.

Don't forget the Pattonville dance Friday at 8. Broadway Junction Band will play. They will play at Chicota on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Volunteer Fire Department will meet Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

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and Evaleta Edwards. Nina Ham was visited by Nanie

Deport Nursing Home News

By Candy Larkin

Bell Ham, Candy Larkin, Carol

Watkins.
George Powell was visited by Sue, Corbin, Brittany, Janie, and Sue.
Norman Williams was visited by Ricky Williams.
Brodie Bell was visited by Reecie Kelsey, Peyton Chapman and Martha Glover.
Floy Sparks was visited by Peggy Parsons, Nina Sparks, Thelma, Cecil Allen.
Lena Powell was visited by Sue, Corbin, Brittany, Thelma and Janie Martin and Sue and Corbin.
Dorthea Elms was visited by aine Surber.
Peter Zak was visited by Dennis Zak.
Mamie Fletcher was visited by Lia Screws, Becky Proctor, Candy Larkin, Ruby Crawford, James Crawford, Bobbi Crawford, Candy Larkin.
George Dockins was visited by jo Dockins, Doris Dockins.
David Geer was visited by Cecil Allen and William Geer.
Edith Franklin was visited by Thelma.
Mary Matthews was visited by Hettie Thomas and Pam Humphrey.
Cletus Thomas was visited by Hettie Thomas.
Johnnie Warren's visitors were Joyce Wilson, Dorothy Holt, Evelyn Roach, Alice Bumgarner, Nanie Bell Ham, Sharon Hatchey, Linnie Bailey, Nell shull, Candy Larkin, Donnie Chad, Christy and Sonya Davis, Terry Frazier, Pam Humphrey, Phyllis Taylor, Thelma, Carol Watkins and Sandra.
James and Sara Wilson were visited by Larry and Jackie Wilson.
Katherine Luft was visited by Melanie Griffin, Katie Sims.
Jane Rhoades' guest was Sonya Moore.
Raymond Wright was visited by Margaret and Cecil Allen, Candy Larkin, Terry McDowra, Ronnie Wright and Lindsey Wright.



Terry Johnson was visited by Cecil Allen, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson. Betty Gardner's guests were Donnie, Chad, Candy Larkin, Pat Talley came several times.
On Sept. 16 we had Bible study with Bro. Freddy Burden. 25 residents attended.
On the 17th we had bucket ball with 2 1st place winners, Angie Smith and Johnnie Warren, and 3 2nd place winner, Nina Hale, Harold Norris and Raymond Wright.
Dewey Ward sang for 28 residents on the 18th.
On the 19th 25 attended Bible Study with Bro. Sam Campbell. Also that day we had a movie and popcorn with the Biggerstuffs.
We held a dance Sept 19 with msuic provided by Sam Campbell, several danced to country and rock n roll and had lots of fun. 36 attended.
On the 20th we had six residents attend the Red River County Fair.

NOTICE OF RATE DECREASE REQUEST

On July 31, 1997, Texas-New Mexico Power Company ("TNMP") filed the TNMP Transition Plan in accordance with the regulations of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The proposed effective date of such change is January 1, 1998. The period of the TNMP Transition Plan is five years (the "Transition Period"), beginning on the proposed effective date and ending on December 31, 2002. All classes of customers receiving service from TNMP will be affected by said proposed rates. TNMP serves approximately 170,000 customers in Texas. The proposed rates for all of TNMP's Texas operations over the transition period will decrease gross revenues to the Company with respect to current revenues. The reductions will occur January 1, 1998, January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2002 in the approximate amounts of \$4.5 million, \$3.6 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. The total expected decrease over the five-year Transition Period is approximately \$11.7 million.

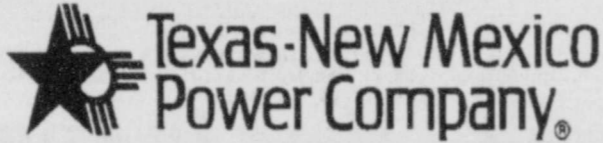
The purpose of this filing is to obtain approval for the TNMP Transition Plan which will achieve an orderly transition to competition in the electric utility industry. The TNMP Transition Plan has five primary components:

- (1) A five year Transition Period, beginning January 1, 1998.
- (2) Rate benefits to customers, including rate decreases for residential and commercial customer class, a rate freeze for industrial customers and the elimination of the Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF).
- (3) Recovery of Excess Costs Over Market (ECOM) through:
 - (a) accelerated depreciation and a lower rate of return on equity for TNP One ECOM;
 - (b) creating a regulatory asset by redirecting the recovery of depreciation on transmission and

- (4) Choice of electric energy suppliers, open access, and unbundled service prices by January 1, 2003.
 - (5) Quantification of actual ECOM at the end of the Transition Period with either a refund of any over-recovery of ECOM or the implementation of a Competitive Transition Charge (CTC) to recover any remaining ECOM over a five-year period (Post-Transition Period).
- During the Transition Period, TNMP will have a fair and reasonable opportunity to reduce expenses, mitigate its purchased power costs, and reduce the "stranded costs" associated with TNP One, TNMP's generating plant.

A complete copy of the requested rate filing package is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. You may inspect a copy of the filing during normal business hours at the business office of Texas-New Mexico Power Company in your area.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing-and speed-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission.



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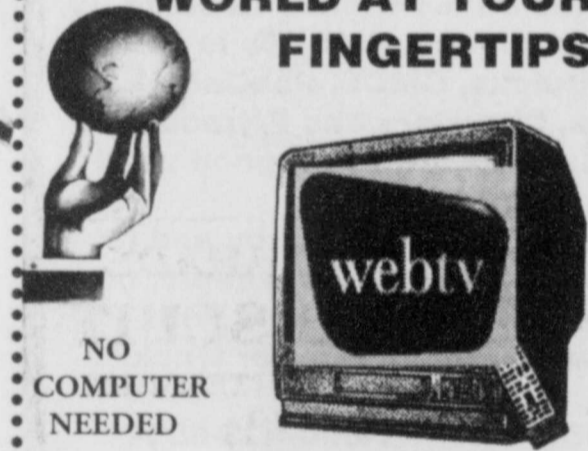
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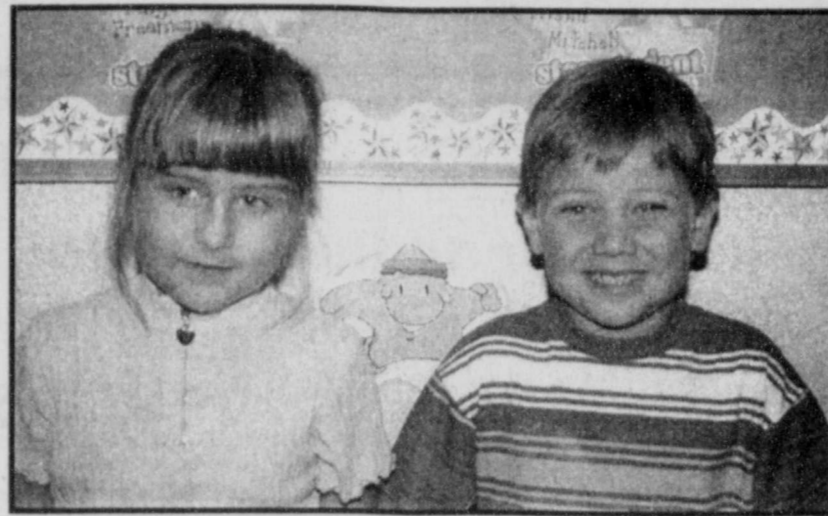
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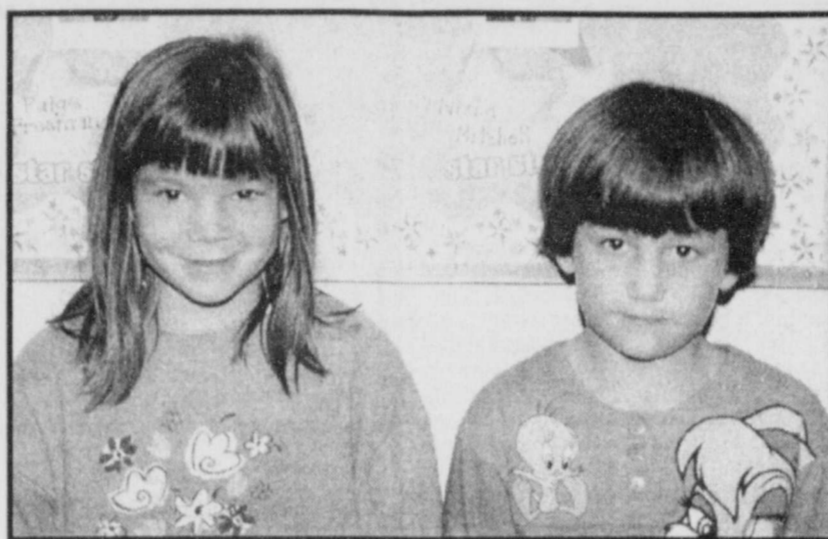
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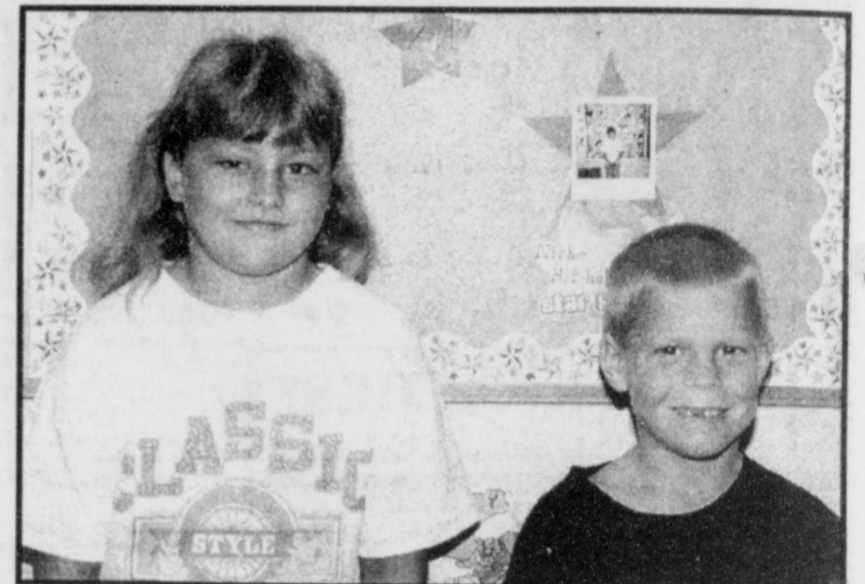
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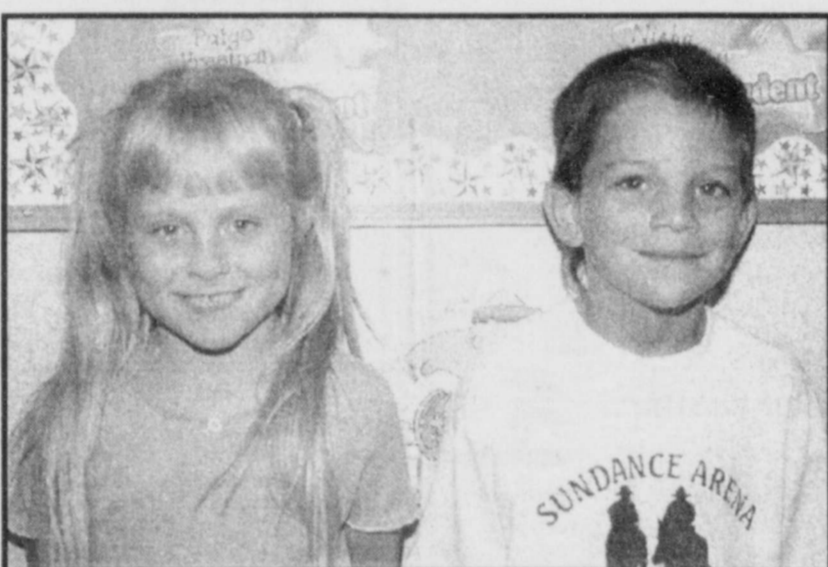
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 Monday

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 Toast, jelly
 Juice, milk
 Lunch:
 Fish
 French fries
 Cole slaw
 Hush puppies
 Rolls

Tuesday

Breakfast:
 Muffins, fruit
 Juice, milk
 Lunch:
 Chili, cheese
 Beans
 Mixed fruit
 Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
 Biscuit, sausage, gravy
 Juice, milk
 Lunch:
 Beef fingers
 Creamed potatoes
 Okra
 Rolls
 Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
 Pancakes, maple syrup
 Juice, milk
 Lunch:
 Beef nachos
 Salad, hot sauce
 Beans
 Chocolate cake
 Milk

Friday

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 Juice, milk
 Lunch:
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 Hot dog sauce
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