

Nichols Worth



Join me in a rice cake?

I swore I would never do it again. Do what? Go on a diet. But, sometimes circumstances combine to force one to take another look (ugh) at oneself.

We went to Port Isabel last week to visit my cousin, and, as always, went to Progresso, Mexico. While there we were entertained by a caricature artist that was doing portraits of people. Our friends (?) all chipped in and had our caricatures done. As Thomas says, sometimes its good for us to see ourselves as others see us, because we swore that we were going to exercise and lose weight. If only the guy hadn't put us in bathing suits instead of copying real life and doing us fully clad, perhaps the reality wouldn't have been quite so harsh.

So, here we are, reading labels for calories, figuring out how to cut back and generally suffering as all of us do when we work at losing weight.

The age old question remainswhy is it that the morning we begin our diet someone walks in with an entire box of hot, fresh, doughnuts?

Why is it that we have leftover cookies and cakes that were looking pretty stale until now...and they look absolutely stunning now?

Why, oh why, is it that every single, solitary ad on television becomes an ad for pizza, cheesecake or some other delectable food. Then, sandwiched (another food metaphor) in between about twelve food ads will be an ad for some weight loss program, shake or exercise club! What a charming mix. Not only do the food ads make you hungry, the weight loss ads make you feel guilty for feeling hungry!

And finally, why is it that if it tastes good, it's loaded in calories and if it tastes yucky it's automatically dietary?

So, here we are, on day five of our new regime, ignoring boxes of doughnuts, diligently exercising and wondering just how long it's going to take us before this determination wears off.

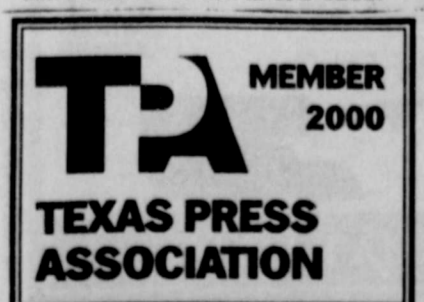
Anyone else out there doing the same thing? Stupid question, isn't it, of course there are!



First Baptist of Deport to present workshop

Do you feel like a slave to food? Do you fight the diet battle, only to regain the weight soon after? If so, the First Baptist Church of Deport for a free orientation and learn about the Weigh Down Workshop's Exodus Out of Egypt seminar—a Christ centered program that teaches us to replace our devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God. Through this 12-week seminar you will learn how you can be delivered from the slavery of overeating and of dieting. God can change your heart so that you truly have no desire to eat if you are not physically hungry.

The free orientation will be held on January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Deport. This program is for both men and women, so please make plans to attend. A video lesson is presented each week in class and each participant receives a student guide and set of 12 audio tapes. Come discover the program that is changing peoples' lives as well as their weight. For more information, please call Marsha Burden at 652-6282.



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Glenn Keener's life tied to roots, music

Pattonville native Glenn Keener has gone back to his roots with two new CDs, *In The Beginning and Early Years*. The CDs from the veteran music maker, who has made his living in the music industry all his life, is dedicated to his grandchildren, Shawn, Christie, Skyler, Brenna and Gavin.

"I did these for my grandkids, so they would have something from their grandpa to keep" Glenn says.

The album contains a song, "Tree-top Waltz", written by Clinton Keener, Glenn's dad, who died in 1967.

There has long been a creative and musical talent in the family, as Clinton, who came from Arkansas to this area when he was 12, played in a band called the "Milton Melody Makers". The band featured Clinton, his brother, Velmer Ladd, J.D. Kahler and Dixie Walker. They even were played on the radio station in Paris.

Glenn's mother, Edna, wrote a church play at the age of 12 and wrote a book at the age of 16. The book is a treasured family heirloom.

There were three children, Mickey, Glenn and Yvonne. Glenn seems to have been the most involved with music.

His long career includes Antique Music, which co-published Dave Loggins "Please Come To Boston", Three Dog Night's "Pieces of April" and "Til The World Ends"; Tanya Tucker's "You've Got Me To Hold On To" and "Coming Home Alone";

La Costa-Lov'in Somebody on a Rainy Night". Antique Music was sold to Lawrence Welk Publishing.

He has had songs recorded by Andy Williams, Tammy Wynette, Joan Baez, Paul Anka, B.W. Stevenson and Floyd Camer.

He has also recorded with Johnny Cash, the Oak Ridge Boys, Jimmy Dean, Carter Family, Merle Haggard, Johnny Paycheck, Ann Margaret, Dale Robertson, Lynn Anderson, Sonny James, Jerry Wallace, Farron Young, Jimmie Dickens, Jody Miller, Charlie McCoy, Shelby Wooley, and many, many more.

In fact, he has just returned this week from working at Willie's place (Willie Nelson, that is) with Merle Haggard.

He received 18 Super Picker Awards in 1974, 75, 76, 77. He has played guitar on more number one records than can be listed, but a few include: Charlie Rich "Most Beautiful Girl"; Ronnie Milsap "Pure Love"; "What Goes On When The Sun Goes Down," "I'm A Stand By My Woman Man"; "Just In Case"; "That Girl Who Waits On Tables"; and "I Hate You"; Marty Robbins, "El Paso City"; Barbara Mandrell's "Hold Me"; Glenn is a record producer, who has signed and produced such notables as Reba McEntire and Dave Loggins and has even been in several

movies as an extra with John Wayne, Elvis, Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Barbara Streisand.

Glenn says that he moved back to Texas to be close to his grandchildren, whom he obviously adores. His son, is a jeweler with Jared's Jewelers in Plano, so Glenn decided that he would leave Nashville, although he retains strong ties there.

He is going to Belgium on February 9th. His Albums are currently number 3 in that country right now and he will be promoting them as well as performing as a group from Oklahoma.

Music began for the Keeners practically from birth, but his dad taught him a few chords on the mandolin when he was 10 and at 12 he switched to guitar. He has never looked back since then, career wise, but never fails to look back to his upbringing at Pattonville and the friends and family that are so special to him.

The new albums contain special thanks to area people, such as Ruby and Billy Blevins, Peggy and Don Gentry, Susie and Glenn Evans, Granny Capps, Scarlett and Charley Harvey, Glen Watson and others, including his sister Yvonne and her husband, Jim and brother Mickey, and of course, his parents.

Copies of his CDs can be purchased for \$12 each, which includes postage and handling. Orders can be mailed to his sister, Yvonne Wilkins, at P.O. Box 536, Pittsburg, Texas 75686-0536.



The cover to Glenn Keener's new album, *In The Beginning* features a young Glenn with a small musical instrument.



The inside cover of Glenn Keener's CD features his grandchildren, to whom the album is dedicated.

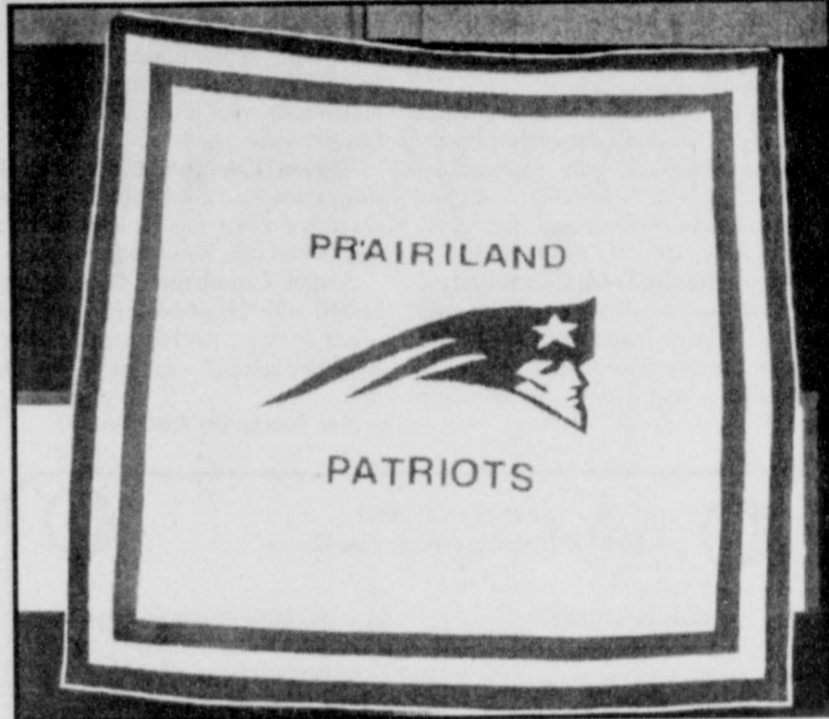


Mark Burtner, candidate for County attorney

People 'n Things

Pattonville Community Center dance is at 8 p.m. Friday, January 14. Concessions available. Proceeds benefit the fire department. Broadway Junction Band will play.

Monday, January 17 is Pattonville VFD meeting at 7:00 p.m.



PATRIOT QUILT-This handmade quilt will be given away by the Prairiland Band Booster Club at the final home basketball game of the year. The quilt was made by Betsy's Quilts in Antlers, OK. Chances on the quilt may be purchased at any ballgame.

Band Boosters are holding fundraiser

The Prairiland Band Boosters are holding a fundraiser.

A Patriot quilt will be given away at the last home basketball game of the season. Price of the donations are \$1.00 each and may be purchased at

ballgames.

The fundraiser will benefit the Prairiland, Blossom and Deport bands for their spring contest trips.

The quilt was made by Betsy's Quilts in Antlers, OK.

Burtner announces for Lamar County Attorney

At a news conference held January 11, Mark S. Burtner, a Paris attorney, announced he will run for the position of County Attorney of Lamar County.

Burtner said, "It's become clear that the voters of Lamar County want a professionally run office, one where the citizens feel they will be treated with courtesy. One of my main goals, if elected, will be to return respect to the office and re-establish a good working relationship with all law enforcement agencies in the county. A second goal will be to create a good working atmosphere within the office in an effort to stop the rapid change over of personnel that has taken place in the past several years."

Burtner is the son of Nancy Womack Burtner of Clarksville and the late Parrish Burtner of Roxton. The 49-year old native of Clarksville has practiced in Paris for the past six years, including spending a year at McLaughlin, Hutchison and Hunt and a year at the Nickerson Law Office.

Prior to coming to Paris, he served three and one-half years as an Assistant District Attorney with the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque, NM and six years with the Harris County D.A.'s office in Houston.

Experience in Albuquerque included three years as Assistant Supervisor of the Violent Crimes Division. As a senior trial prosecutor in

Albuquerque, his duties included being a member of the Homicide Prosecution Team, Capital Murder Prosecution, Trial Supervisor for Violent Crime Prosecution (division contained nine attorneys), training of new prosecutors, on call attorney-responding to homicide crime scenes and advising investigating police agencies, gang prosecution, board member of the Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center, board member Prosecutor's Section of the State Bar.

During his service with the District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque, he tried the most lengthy murder trial in New Mexico state history. The successful prosecution of an Albuquerque police officer for a string of five bank robberies and a capital murder lasted two and one-half months. He also tried the first case involving the admission of DNA evidence in New Mexico in 1991. The case, an aggravated rape by a serial rapist, involved extensive work with the Central FBI Lab in Virginia. He was the first prosecutor to qualify a police officer as a gang expert in State Court. The expert was used in a murder prosecution of a Crip gang member in 1992.

He is a board member of Family Haven, a member of the Paris Founders Lions Club and a member of the Paris Masonic Lodge #27. He serves as vice-president of the Red River Shrine Club.



BLAZE-Fire Chief Donny Darden gestures instructions as this building was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The fire was called in when the building was totally engulfed in flames. The structure was not being occupied, but was being used for storage. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

People 'n Things

Monday, January 17, 2000
Prairiland ISD will dismiss classes on Monday, January 17, 2000 in observance of Martin Luther King Day and resume their regular schedule on Tuesday, January 18, 2000.

Abstinence.

It works every time.

When it comes to teen sex, guess who's making news as a way to prevent pregnancy? None other than Mom and Dad.

New research indicates that parents have far greater influence on their children's sexual decision-making than previously thought. 1 Apparently, what parents say **does** matter when it comes to preventing teen pregnancy.

Over two decades of study confirm, that families—particularly parents—are important influencers of whether their teenagers become sexually active. Studies reveal that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. 2 The closer teens are to their parents, the more likely they are to remain sexually abstinent. 3

So if you're thinking about handing your teens a condom, **don't**. You'd be better off giving them **yourself**... your views, your expectations, your values, your unconditional love.

"But wait a minute," some of you are saying. "I'd be embarrassed to talk about that stuff and besides, my kid thinks he knows everything already." Maybe not—if he's anything like the youth surveyed by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Those teens said they want their parents to talk with them about sexuality issues. 4

If parents don't, there are others who are all too happy to fill young minds with their own thoughts on teen sexuality. ("Don't have sex until you're ready. And when you do, use a condom.") And chances are, they won't be the views you—or most of mainstream America—hold. Only 14 percent of Americans say it's okay for teens to be sexually active as long as they have access to birth control. 5

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Why the family factor makes a difference.

The connection between parental involvement and reduced teen pregnancies is not just a random blip on the cultural radar. A recent study of adolescent health published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* concluded that teens who felt "connected" to their parents were far less likely to initiate sex at a young age. 7 The teen you nurture today very well may be the young adult who can resist peer and hormonal pressure tomorrow.

A parent's belief system also plays a major role in teens' sexual behavior. Findings are rolling in to support the notion that when parents hold strong opinions on the value of abstinence and the risks of teen sexual involvement, their children are at less risk for teen pregnancy. 8 Good grief, you mean underneath those baggy clothes and earrings is a teen who listens to Mom and Dad? Apparently so.

In a recent *New York Times*/CBS News poll, nearly half of all teenagers say sex before marriage is "always wrong." 9 At the same time the *Times*/CBS poll was released, a new National Center for Health Statistics study concluded that teen birth rates fell 12 percent between 1991 and 1996 10—about the same time that there was a surge in abstinence programs across the country.

But what about teens who've decided not to wait? Shouldn't they be taught proper condom usage? That sounds great in theory, but the highest reported rate of consistent condom usage is about 50 percent—and that's among *adult* couples with one HIV-positive individual. 11

Studies show that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. 2

Don't miss the significance of this. Who should be more motivated to use condoms than couples with one partner infected by HIV? Yet, half of these couples did not use condoms every time. What are the chances that teens will do better? In national surveys and other large-scale studies among the general population, only five to 17 percent report that they use condoms consistently. 12

Protected sex really isn't.

Real-life statistics show that the use of condoms isn't a guarantee against becoming pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease. And latex offers very unreliable protection against genital herpes, chlamydia and, worst of all, human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV causes

genital warts and most cervical cancers which kill nearly as many women each year as AIDS. 13,14

The young teenager who is told that this little latex device is safe and reliable may not know she is risking illness, infertility and even death. Why are we settling for risk reduction when we can have risk elimination?

And no condom on earth can protect a teen from the pain of a broken heart.

They claim protection. We guarantee it.

Focus on the Family believes our kids deserve better. By abstaining from intercourse until marriage, and then staying faithful to an uninfected partner, one can enjoy sex without negative health consequences. This is the only true "safe sex."

Though once vilified as culturally irrelevant and unworkable for teens, abstinence does work.

A study of the Washington, D.C., Best Friends program is a good example. Only one percent of this program's participants became pregnant, and 90 percent remained sexually abstinent. 15 In a 1996 study on adolescent sexuality, researchers noted a 54 percent decrease in recent sexual activity one year after teenagers were taught an abstinence curriculum. 16 The data seem clear that when you give teens an unambiguous message and raise the bar for their behavior, they respond by saying "no" to premarital sex.

True love can wait.

In fact, since 1994, more than 2.4 million teens between 15 and 19 have pledged to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. 17 When adolescents report that they've made a pledge to save sex until marriage, they are more likely to delay intercourse. 18

Most sex ed ignores the most important sex organ: the brain.

The idea behind abstinence education is somewhat radical: kids are given credit for using their minds—not their bodies. And what *are* handed out in these programs are respect and relationship-building skills. How do teens respond? Enthusiastically. They themselves tell us they want help resisting sexual pressure.

In an Emory University survey of 1,000 sexually experienced girls 16 and younger, nearly 85 percent said they would like to learn, "How to say no without hurting the other person's feelings." 20 With findings like these, it comes as no surprise that 62 percent of high school girls who've already tried sex indicated they "should have waited," according to a 1994 Roper-Starch study. 21

After two decades of being taught that "yes" was the expected answer, it seems apparent that today's teens want to be empowered to say "no." Parents, are we hearing them?

Our kids deserve a guarantee—the truth that abstinence until marriage is the only 100 percent successful way to avoid unwanted pregnancy and STDs.

The only sex that isn't hazardous to your health.

What many spouses have suspected, researchers now have verified: married couples have the best and most satisfying sex. 27 Not only is physical intimacy more rewarding in marriage, but enjoyment is greater if sexual expression is shared with only one partner in a lifetime. 28

So, Mom and Dad, take heart. Stay involved with your teens. Don't write them off as lost, hard-headed or unapproachable. They want to talk with you about love, sex and values. And they're far more open to the abstinence message than you might think.

Ten percent of all 15- to 19-year-old females become pregnant each year.

More than 80 percent of pregnant girls under age 17 who give birth and keep their babies end up on welfare, costing society a staggering \$21 billion a year.

Three million new cases of STDs among teens are reported each year.

Up to 29 percent of sexually active adolescent girls have been found to be infected with chlamydia.

A study of sexually active college women showed that 43 percent acquired HPV infection within a three-year period.

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This information is brought to you by Project SAVE (Sexual Abstinence/Values Education), a project of the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry. If you would like more information regarding Project SAVE, or would like to become involved, please contact:

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The world of funeral service is constantly changing. Many of family owned funeral homes have given way to corporations that for whatever reason fail to give the individual service that has long since been the trademark of the funeral industry. Casket stores and burial societies have tried to place the emphasis on ways of saving you money with no thoughts to service and the personnel that provide them. Long after a funeral is ended it won't be the type of casket or how nice the funeral home was decorated that will be remembered by the family. What will be remembered is the caring service offered by a compassionate staff that allowed the family to express their grief in a way that was healing for them. That is something that you can't put a price on—something that cannot be discounted. The James Wood Family prides itself on service and individuality. We believe that a funeral service is a testimony to the life of the deceased. There is no price that can be put on such a gift. The memory of the loved one should be one of fondness and cherished memories, not hindered by financial stress and worries. We will be most happy to talk with you anytime about the services that we provide for our families. Let us know how we can help.

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Students participate at North Lamar

Twenty-eight Prairiland High School students participated in the North Lamar Math/Science meet on Saturday, January 8 at North Lamar. Participating in Science were Amanda Denman, Clay Vaughn, Cassie Arrasmith, Kandace Denison, Josh Benfer, Melanie Taylor, Megan Filkins, Amanda Hyde, Tista Reves, Kelly Kincaid, Josh Dawson, Nikalus Clarkson and Robert Robertson. Entering Calculator were Robert Robertson, Lance Westbrook, Lindsey Peel, Michael Flatt and Nikalus Clarkson. In Number Sense, Nikalus Clarkson, Chance Bankhead, Kelly Kincaid and Robert Robertson. Nikalus Clarkson, Michael Flatt, Lindsey Peel, Lance Westbrook and Robert Robertson participated in Calculator. Robert Robertson won 1st place in Mathematics and Science and 4th place in Number Sense. Nikalus Clarkson took 8th place in Science. Math sponsors are Nancy Breedlove and Sheldon Davis. David Tyler and Randy Clarkson were Science sponsors.



FIRST PLACE WINNER in Mathematics and 4th place winner in Number Sense in the North Lamar Math and Science Meet held on January 8 was sophomore Robert Robertson from Prairiland. Also pictured with him are sponsors Randy Clarkson and David Tyler.



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NORTH LAMAR MATH/SCIENCE MEET held on January was attended by several Prairiland students. Pictured back row left to right is Robert Robertson, Lance Westbrook, Nikalus Clarkson, Michael Flatt and Josh Dawson. Middle row is Chance Bankhead, Melanie Taylor, Tista Reves, Kandace Denison, Amanda Hyde and Megan Filkins. Seated is Amanda Denman, Clay Vaughn and Melanie Taylor. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

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Scholarships available for area seniors

Students and/or parents that are interested in receiving free information about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid may telephone toll-free 1-800-347-3475 on Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling will sponsor the 15th annual college information hotline for any Texas resident who is interested in learning more about the college admission and financial aid processes. In addition to having questions answered, four scholarships in the amount of \$500 and three savings bonds in the amount of \$100 will be drawn from the pool of callers.

The 2000 National FFA College and Vocational/Technical School Scholarship Program guidebook and application is in the counselor's office and is available to any eligible student. The postmark deadline is

February 15, 2000.

The Burger King/McLamore North American Scholarship Program will select a minimum of 269 students to receive scholarships of \$1000.00 each for the upcoming academic year. Area schools may nominate two qualified seniors (one male and one female) as potential recipients. Requirements include: maintain a GPA of 2.5 to 3.5, work part-time an average of 15 hours per week, maintain good conduct and attitude in school and on the job, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities, receive written recommendation of employer and demonstrate financial need. The application requires a student essay of approximately 250 words. This deadline is January 31, 2000. Contact the counselor if you are qualified and interested.

Sam Houston State University is offering a \$500 scholarship each se-

mester for seniors that have maintained an outstanding academic record with test scores of 1010 SAT OR 21 ACT

Texas A&M University-Kingsville is offering scholarships for incoming freshmen with high GPA, SAT and ACT. The deadline is February 15th. The 2000-2001 Rachel Lafferty Scholarship from Texas A&M-Commerce, an award of \$1500 toward tuition and fees plus \$1000 in housing scholarship, is open to an incoming Freshman expecting to major in math. Deadline is February 1, 2000.

The Hatton W. Sumners Editorship Contest on the principle of America self-government is open to any high school students (grade 10-12). The editorials of 500-600 words in length are due February 25, 2000.

See your school counselor for more information if you are interested.

Sponsors for summer food service feeding program needed

The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations this summer.

State and federal funds are budgeted to operate the program. These funds are appropriated through TDHS and the United States Department of Agriculture. The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation. The program is to be offered without discrimination due to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.

Organizations eligible to sponsor the program include public or non-profit private schools, private nonprofit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Community

organizations are encouraged to form partnerships to combine educational and recreational activities with the provision of meals.

Interested organizations should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 15, 2000.

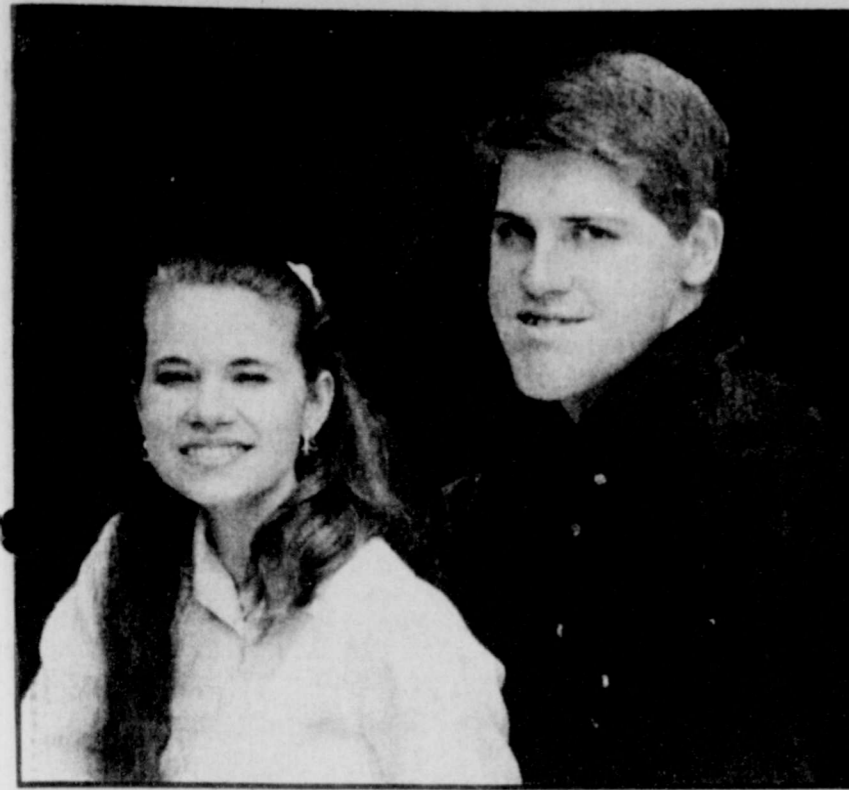
Organizations may subcontract with food service management companies to provide meals.

Communities and schools that have the highest percentage of low income children will be targeted for participation in the SFSP.

Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer feeding program should call (512) 467-5874 or 1-800-252-9330 or write to: Texas Department of Human Services Special Nutrition Programs, Y-906, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Tx. 78714-9030 Attn: David X. Chavez



SAMANTHA SIERRA HENRY born to Marvin and Candi Henry of Amarillo on December 8, 1999. She is the granddaughter of Billie Jean Henry of Blossom. (Staff Photo)



Amanda Michele Holley and Michael Paul Buffo

Amanda Holley-Michael Buffo to wed

Amanda Michele Holley of Richardson and Michael Paul Buffo of Plano plan a February 19, 2000 wedding at the First United Methodist Church of Richardson. Parents are Bob and Belinda Holley of Richardson and Dominic and Dereca Buffo of Plano.

The bride-elect is a graduate of

The Winston School and attended Richland College in Dallas.

The future groom graduated from The Winston School and graduated from the Universal Technical Institute in Houston. He is currently associated with Network Dynamics Cabling, Inc. in Dallas.

Drake-Martinez exchange vows

Alexandra and E.J. Drake along with Sabrina, Whitney and Christine Martinez are proud to announce the marriage of their parents, Britanni Drake and Adrian Martinez.

Ms. Drake is the daughter of Bruce Drake of Mississippi and Linda and Jim Ferguson of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Maurine Womack of Reno. She is the niece of Barbara Smith of Bogata and Claudia Whitney of Deport. Adrian is the son of Paul and Marcy Martinez of Ft. Worth.

The couple were married on January 1, 2000 at Lifeline Worship Center in Reno, Texas with the Rev. David Norwood, cousin of the bride, officiating. Lana Pritchard played the wedding music and David Lawrence videoed the event. The church was decorated in the couples chosen colors of peach and forest green. Attending the bride were

Raimie Martin, Maid of Honor, Johanna Bean and Yolanda Jackson as bridesmaids. Flower girl was Alexandra Drake.

Attending the Groom was Daniel Martinez, Best Man, Robert Trinidad and Bruce Drake as groomsmen. Ring bearer was Zachery Drake and ushers were Brian and Aaron Martinez.

The reception followed at the church's fellowship hall. It was catered by Tommy's Barbecue of Reno.

Serving at the reception was Kazan Lynch, Tammie and Kristi Lawrence. Kristi also presided at the registry table prior to the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martinez hosted a rehearsal dinner in Bogata at the home of Chas and Barbara Smith.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous shower on December 26, 1999 at the 909 Diner in Bogata. The event was hosted by Teresa Smith and Debbie Currin.

Crystal Bell-John Davidson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Regan Bell of Bogata proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Crystal NiCole Bell to John Wesley Davidson.

The couple will be married at six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, February 5, 2000 at the Frist Baptist Church in Bogata, Tx. Bro. Ronny Ross will perform the ceremony. All family and friends are invited to attend.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Slaton of Quitman, Tx. and Mr. and Mrs.

Lawrence Bell of Clarksville, Tx. She is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently attending Texas A & M Commerce.

Her fiance' is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson of Bogata, Tx. He is the grandson of Meddie Taylor of Clarksville, Tx. and Jesse and Faye Stringer also of Clarksville. He is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and a 1999 graduate of Northeast Texas Police Academy. He is currently employed by the Bogata Police Department.

"Tough Enough To Care" campaign to begin

The Area Agency on Aging of Ark-Tex will help kick off a statewide volunteer recruitment campaign to be conducted by the Texas Department on Aging.

The campaign theme is Tough Enough To Care-Be There" and is sponsored by the TDOA Ombudsman Program, which is launching a statewide campaign to recruit volunteers

to advocate for nursing home residents.

A meeting will be held Thursday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Titus County Memorial Hospital in Mt. Pleasant in the second floor board room.

For more information, call Patrice Carpenter at 832-8636.

Girl Scouts are ready to sell cookies

The Red River Valley Girl Scout Council Cookie Sale will be held beginning January 27, taking orders through January 23.

Delivery of the cookies will be February 21 through March 12.

Eight kinds of cookies will be on sale for \$2.50 a box including Samoas, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Lemon Drops, Do-si-dos, Striped Chocolate Chips, Apple Cinnamons and Tag-alongs.

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C/W dance lessons at YWCA

Country western dance lessons will begin Thursday, January 13 at the YWCA in Paris.

The series of dance lessons will be three consecutive Thursdays, January 13, 20 and 27 from 7 until 9 p.m. each evening. Lessons will be held at the YWCA building. Participants must pre-register. For information and to register, call 785-5221.



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RRC Genealogical Society meets

The Red River County Genealogical Society met January 10, 2000 at the Clarksville Library at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mac Varley gave an informative talk about the courthouse. Money is needed to restore this beautiful structure as it is badly in need of repair. Letters of support for this effort were signed by the group.

Each member brought a family heirloom or treasure for a show and tell program. Twenty were in attendance for this fun and interesting program. Visitors and guests are welcome to attend the society regular monthly meetings which are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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PRAIRILAND PATRIOTS took on Rivercrest Tuesday night and will face Paul Pewitt there on Friday, January 14. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

DVFD selling cookbooks

The Detroit Fire Department Auxiliary have received their cookbooks and they are on sale for \$8.00 each. Anyone wishing to purchase a cookbook may contact Crissy at 674-9040 or Betty at 674-6342 or any auxiliary person or you may also contact a volunteer fireman. These would make great Christmas gifts! All profit from the books go to the DVFD.



Prairiland All Campus Menu Week of January 17 Monday

Holiday **Tuesday**

Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Beef nachos
Pinto beans
Salad
Cake
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Cereals, toast, jelly
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Fried chicken
Mashed potatoes
Green peas
Rolls
Gravy
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Biscuit w/ham and cheese
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chicken or beef fajitas
Spanish rice
Salad
Beans
Fruit
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes
Chips
Apple cobbler
Milk

Crime Stoppers crime of the week

Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometimes during the night of Wednesday, December 29th, unknown suspects broke into the Paris Food Mart at 2003 Lamar Avenue in Paris. Once inside the store, the suspects stole cigarettes, phone cards, shirts and many other items. This burglary resulted in over \$2000.000 in lost or damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **January 17th**, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at **785-TIPS! (785-8477)**.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Graveside services were held at Milton Cemetery on Monday for Mary Helen Terry, former resident of Milton. She was the wife of the late Manton Terry.

Happy birthday to Sherri Lynn Wolf on her 20th birthday. She is the granddaughter of Nell and George Wolf.

Bob and Buena Marshall and Peggy Whitney went to Sherman shopping on Monday.

Ollie and Ruth Lee visited his parents, Edna and Frank Lee on Thursday.

Stacy Huddleston and Ally visited grandmother, Vivian Enloe of Paris on Saturday.

Billie Goheen of Arlington visited her mother, Mattylu Upchurch Friday through Monday.

Ruth Johnston, T.J. and Jimmy Chappell and Kay Price and Casey visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee on

Sunday.
Allen, Stacy and Ally Huddleston had dinner with Martha and Jerry Cross of Deport on Sunday.

Bob and Buena Marshall visited Bobby and Carlee Dodson and family of Lewisville at their home in Minter over the weekend.

Laura and Bobby Wright of Deport visited Stacy, Allen and Ally Huddleston Thursday.

The family of George and Nell Wolf visited them over the weekend. Stacy and Ally Huddleston visited grandmother Mildred Wright of Deport on Sunday.

Tim Parks of Faught spent Sunday with his grandparents, Dorothy and James Holt, their daughter Barbara Maurischat visited in the afternoon.

Johnny Holt and family had dinner with Dorothy and James Holt Tuesday evening. They celebrated Dorothy and Johnny's birthdays.

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.
—Oscar Wilde

Food store burglary is Crime of the Week

Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crimes.

Sometimes during the night of Wednesday, December 29, unknown suspects broke into the Paris Food Mart and stole cigarettes, phone cards, shirts and other items. This burglary

resulted in over \$2,000 in lost and damaged property.

If Crime Stoppers receives that information by January 17, an arrest and indictment is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at **785-Tips! (785-8477)**

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Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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UNDEFEATED VOLLEYBALL District Champs from Blossom Jr. High with a record of 12-0. Pictured left to right is Nikkie Bybee, Amber Trammel, Tiffany Bishop, Mandy Woodall, Jennifer Martin, Sara Bolton, Brittney Ballard, Amber Philpot, Brittney Hart, Cody Kohler, Kayleigh Connot and Jodie Bybee. (Staff Photo)

Insurance hotline is open

State Representative Mark Homer (D) District 3, reports that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has established a toll free hotline to accept inquiries about the Children's Health Insurance Program and other insurance options for children.

By calling the hotline, families of uninsured children can access information about health coverage through Medicaid and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation. The number for the toll free hotline is 800-647-6558. Families are encouraged to call the hotline with any questions.

Patriots lose to Chisum

Prairiland Patriot and Lady Patriots basketball teams were idle on Tuesday night, January 4, but traveled to play the Chisum Mustangs on Friday night, January 7. They came home with losses for both teams. The following is a breakdown of points scored by team members.

Lady Patriots	34
Lady Mustangs	72
Jordan Hunold	8
Crystal Davis	4
Ashley Athas	4
Lacy Beatty	4
Amanda Wood	4
Melissa Steinkamp	3
Tammy Nichols	3
Megan Graham	2
Kami Hudson	2

Patriots	54
Chisum	75
Matt Cavender	15
Lucas Roddy	12
Brad Barrentine	10
Joel Hudson	10
Kyle Malone	2
Jonathan Martin	2
Cody Boehler	2
Heath Sessums	1

Hudson and Barrentine shared at the 3-point line, hitting four for the night. The boys shot 6-11 at the free throw line.

The Patriots played Rivercrest on Tuesday, January 11 at Priariland and will travel to Chapel Hill on Friday, January 14 for four games there.

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Prairiland High School
January 17

17	Martin Luther King Holiday
18	Basketball, here, vs. Cooper, 4:30, 4 games
19	Deport PIP Performance
20	Cancer Assembly, 9:30
21	Deport PIP Practice, Prairiland, 6:30
22	Basketball at Chapel Hill, 4:30, 4 games

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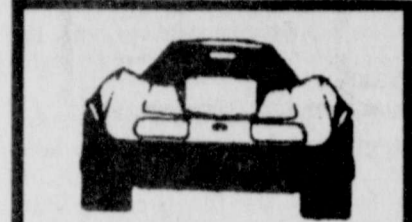
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Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons Call Your News to 652-5022



Happy birthday to Greg Parsons, Roland Ballard, Bryan Gifford, Paul Payne, Ashley Fry, Elizabeth Fry, Chad Graves, Kelli Mitchell, Calvin Day, Travis Crossland and Larry Sparks.

Having Christmas dinner with Buster and Louise Crossland were Willie and Donna Crossland and David, Michael and Kristina Crossland and Ty, Travis Crossland, T.K. and Ashley of Paris, Kent and Mary Ann Crossland, Brandon and Blaine of Deport.

Buster and Louise Crossland visited Charlie and Ruth Smith, Tommie Killingsworth and Inell Stamper, John Cleaver in Paris and Ruby Ray in Blossom. Ann Geer, Terry McDowra and Brandon Wright and Travis Crossland were visitors of the Crosslands.

Visiting Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins were Red and Inez Weaver of Paris, Pam Sulsar of Fulbright, Mickey Keener of Longview, Ashley Keener of Garland, Glen David Keener now of Dallas, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather.

Bill and Ruby Dee Blevins, Alice Bumgarner of Paris and Gary Parks of Deport ate Christmas dinner with Alice Ruth Gravett in Reno.

Ed and Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Hether's holiday visitors included Sandy's stepdaughter Nita and husband of Ada, OK, her brother and her parents from Missouri.

Buster Newsom has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for over a week with pneumonia. Elois Sparks visited Nettie Chappell in Crescent Care Nursing Home in Paris on Sunday.

Raymond and Frances Hoover had Christmas with their daughter, Linda Campbell and her family in Paris. Raymond and Frances have both had the flu since Christmas.

Calvin Day was honored with a birthday dinner on Sunday by his wife, Judy Day. Guests included his immediate family, cake and ice cream was served and brothers Jerry Day of Pottsboro and Hammond Day of Parker called to wish him a happy birthday.

Calvin and Judy Day visited Jerry and Mary Day in Pottsboro January 2. They had lunch in Denison. Jerry is recovering from recent knee surgery.

Ruby Dee Blevins had a cyst removed from her hand Thursday in Paris.

Randall and Rita Cox ate Christmas dinner with her mother, Mary Head in Paris. Rick and Kathy Green, Josh and Jeremy and Keri Bailey joined them.

Peggy Parsons visited Ruth Denison and Mildred Hostetter in McCuiston Regional Medical Center Wednesday.

Christmas day dinner guests of D.B. and Patsy Merritt were J.P. and Edna Lois Jaynes and Claudell of Queen City, Jim Jaynes of Sumner, Glenda Woodall, Glen and Susie Evans, Marty and Tawana Merritt, Matt and Meagan.

Glen and Susie Evans spent the weekend in Tyler.

Linda Short of Frisco spent the weekend with her mother, Alice Evans. Linda's daughters, Tammie Smith and son and Jennifer Cody and daughters of Frisco were Sunday visitors.

Alice Evans spent the Christmas holidays in Winnsboro with daughter Ada and Ed Brook.

Congratulations to Rod and Lisa Sims on the arrival of daughter Madilyn Sims on January 1 at McCuiston Hospital in Paris. She was welcomed by sister Katelyn, Fern and Pat Rees are grandparents.

Don Denison's mother, Ruth Denison, is in ICU at McCuiston in Paris after cardiac arrest last week while in the hospital.

Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah attended the Boren family Christmas tree in Paris at the home of Lonnie and Laura Layton, Eric and Lonna on Christmas Eve. Others included Dee and Betty Boren of Paris, Royce and Shari Stogner, KaDee and Megan of Allen's Chapel, Steve and Beverly Cope, Ryan and Stefani of Slabtown, Roger and Brenda Boren and Randa of Reno. They ate Christmas dinner with Dee and Betty Boren.

Betty White, Buddy and Sue Malone, Betty Wilson Slayden and others have been home sick with the flu. Jerry and Dorothy Richey helped move Susan Richey to Georgetown from Gilmer where she works for the county extension service.

Prairiland "A-B" Honor Roll 3rd six weeks

Lonnie Baker-Principa Dr. L.C. Stout-Superintendent

Hollie Allen, Heather Anderson, Tera Anderson, Heather Anthony, Tammie Anthony and Cassie Arrasmith.

Ashley Ball, Tera Barnett, Brad Barrentine, Chris Basinger, Thomas Bishop, Eric Berry, Nicole Boehler, Cody Boehler, Sandra Brown and Nathan Burden.

Matt Cavender, Stan Cox and David Crossland.

Lacy Davis, Leslie Davis, Joshua Dawson, Catherine DeLaFuentes, Amanda Denman, Lori Deverell, Jennifer Drinnon and Elizabeth Dunn.

Justin Ebbs, Jason Elrod, Josh Fendley and Jennifer Glasgow.

Jenny Harper, Bobbie Jo Harrison, Amy Hicks, Shanna Hicks, Julie Himes, Joel Hudson, Kami Hudson, Brad Hunt and Amanda Hyde.

Casey Johnson, Holly Jones,

Jeremiah Jones, Michael Kincaid and Kelly Kincaid.

Charlie Lawrence, Daniel Lee, Jerry Lee, Ben Lemmen, Jessica Lewis, Jonathan Martin, Jennifer Matthews, Michael Mazy, Jennifer McClain, Brock McDowra, Jemilyn McKee, John Merrill, Leslie Mullins, Aaron Murdock, Bryan Murdock and Amber Norwood.

Kristye Oates, Lindsey Peel, Lori Pitcock, Shane Posey, DeAnn Pressley, Elizabeth Ramirez, Ashley Rhodes, Lucas Roddy, Kara Screws, Jessica Semple, Heath Sessums, Sabrina Sexton, Kara Shores, Abbie Smith, Catherine Smith, Lacy Vinci, D. J. Watkins, Shawn Steinkamp, Michael Tallant, Melanie Taylor, Candice Whitaker, Chance Whitney, Josh Whitney, Natalie Wilson, Stephanie Wolf and Amanda Wood.

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The skunks are coming! The skunks are coming! This was the cry Sunday afternoon as we set at the dinner table finishing up our lunch.

Let me start at the beginning. This past year has been an unusual time for skunks. I guess not so unusual.

...just that we have seen an unusual number of skunks this year. Our road seems to have turned into "Skunk Lane". Hardly a day went by that we did not come across a skunk coming down the road.

They would not run into the pasture or into the ditch, they continued their stroll down the road, regardless of traffic. I guess word was out that this was "their road".

Anyway, back to the story. As attention was called to the skunk, he made his way into Jim's shop. Bad move! As we got up to take action, here comes another one on his way into the barn. Now that was strange with two of them in broad daylight, this close to the house. As we made our way onto the carport, a third skunk crossed over and ran under the tin siding of my shop where I store all of my "junk"!

night with their barking and we are still hunting for skunks!

Our neighbor that lives about a quarter of a mile before you get to our house spotted at least seven skunks in one afternoon. They got to where they would come up on his back porch and eat all of the dog food they left out. It seems that he has a corner on the "skunk market"!

My friend and I usually walk in the summer months when the weather is nice and one afternoon we came across and a "very friendly skunk". So fiendly that we thought he might want to visit with us. He would not move out of the road. We tried side-stepping him... he moved toward us. We tried running... (and this is by no means a small feat for us) he ran with us. We would slow down... guess what?... he slowed down too! We finally came to a stretch in the road with open pasture. Ah ha, we thought, he will cross over now! Not so, he went into another neighbor's yard and tried visting with the dogs!

The dogs decided they had had enough visitors for the day and the three of them ganged up on the skunk. He still wanted to play! The funny thing was, he never did spray the dogs and finally tired of them and ambled on across the pasture. We went along our merry way... much relieved.

Another time, when we were walking, it was right after the time change and the darkness caught my friend

and I before we could make our way back to the house. That dusky-dark time of the evening when everything is a little blurry (but then that could be because I didn't have my glasses on). That time when you swear you know what you are looking at... right! Anyway, down the road ahead of us came this little "kitty cat"... you are right, you guessed it. This was not our cat! I told Ann that we would just walk right by it, ever so slowly and not bother it. The first two steps were slow and there I was running leaving Ann behind with the "kitty cat"! Some friend I am!

My husband Jim is a very brave man and is not afraid of man or beast, if he thinks harm is coming to his family. Note, I said man or beast... I said nothing about SKUNKS! Skunks will literally make him fall to his knees, if he gets close to one and pour out his insides... if you know what I mean.

When I was about 8 months pregnant with our first child, we were out feeding the calves in the lot. This small, furry, black and white creature slipped up on us! He was trying to open the gate to get back out of the lot. As he tried unlocking the gate, I jumped on the bottom slat of the gate, and I am left swinging on the gate, as my big brave husband clears the gate and is headed toward the house!

Needless to say... we had a "skunk convention" at our house on Sunday and everyone was invited!

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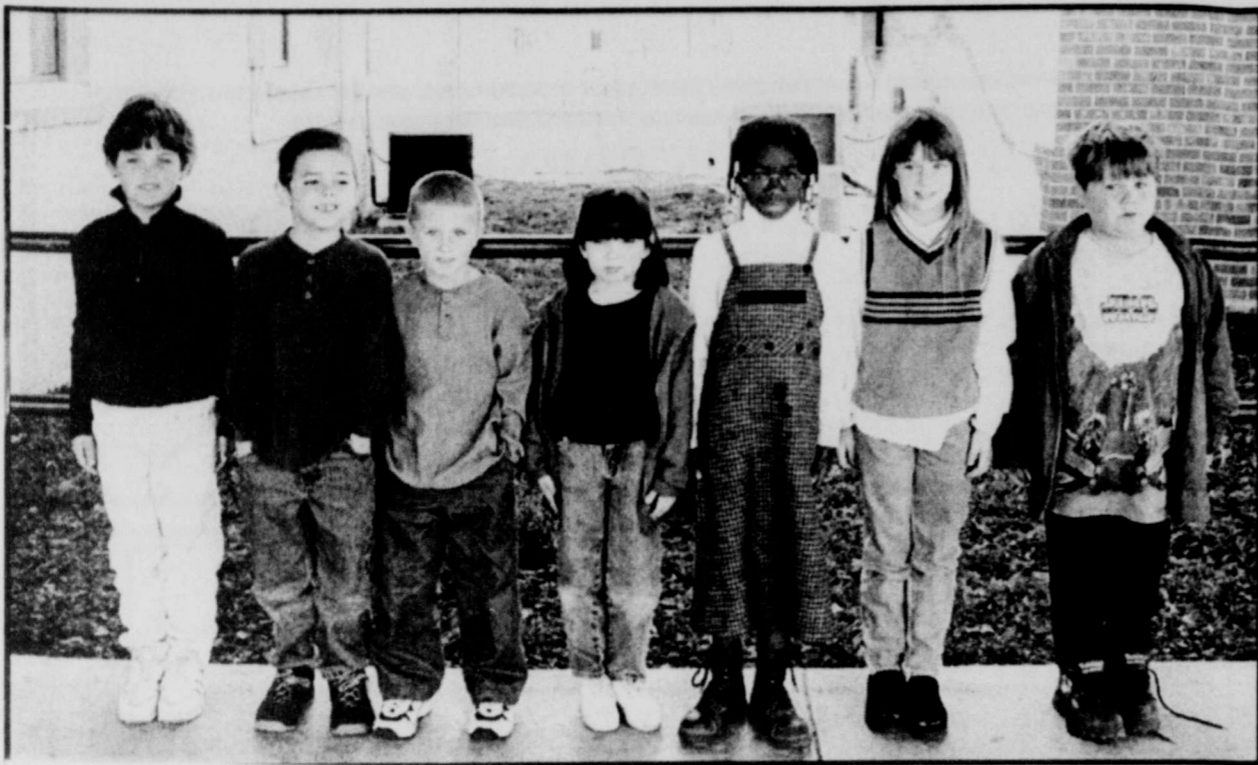
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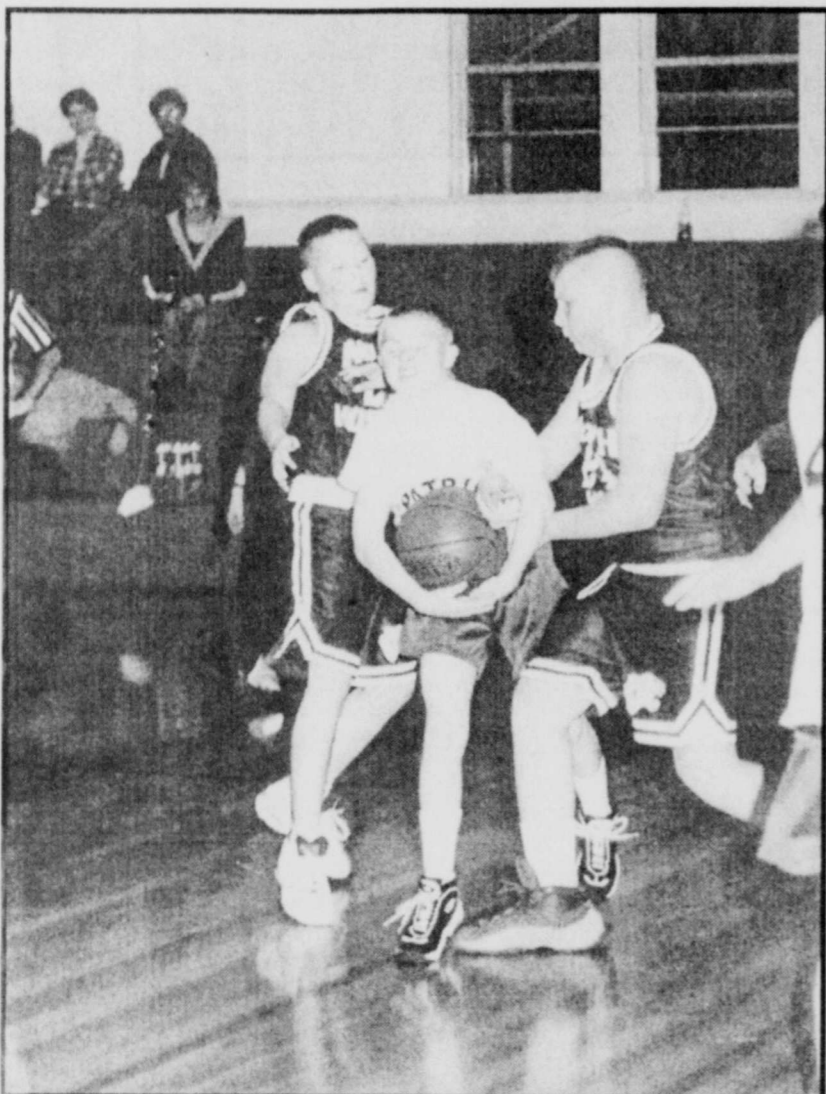
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DEPORT STAR STUDENTS in Group II are Janet Smoot (K-1), Jacob Lawings (K-2), Blaze Burns (1-1), Allison Wolf (1-2), Candra' Hepburn (2-1), Ashley Thomas (2-2) and Steven Melvin (K-1). (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT STAR STUDENTS in Group I are Dakota Davidson (K-1), Sarah Golden (K-2), Jessica Nichols (1-1), Kimberly Elrod (1-2), Kelti Mowery (2-1) and Lily Norwood (2-2). (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT JR. HIGH PATRIOT Dakota Mitchell fights for the ball with a North Hopkin player for possession during last week's game. (Staff Photo)

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Happy birthday to Walker Devlin, Bill Pierce, Danny Rowland, Sherrie Lynn Wolf, Shirley Ballard, Buena Marshall, Dawn Nailling, Vanessa Nolan, Charlie Waggoner, Larry Sparks, Greg Parsons, Nancy Murphy, Roy Wells, Earl Gresham, Mark Dennis, Bryan Gifford, Olivia LaVonne Couch, Johnny Farmer, Mark Gibbs.

Happy anniversary to Juanita and J.A. Sparks

Ruth Cheatham, Ina and Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed and Peggy Parsons ate lunch at Ta Molly's in Paris on Wednesday.

Glenda Ballard visited L.C. Ballard on Saturday.

L.C. Ballard spoke with Sam Upchurch and Curt Upchurch of Amarillo this week.

Glenda Ballard of Texarkana spent Friday night with Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom.

Ruth Murrell returned home Sunday after a two week stay with her son, Grant and her granddaughter, Laura Kay DeFrance in Houston.

Buddy and Jane Berry of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with Ruth Cheatham.

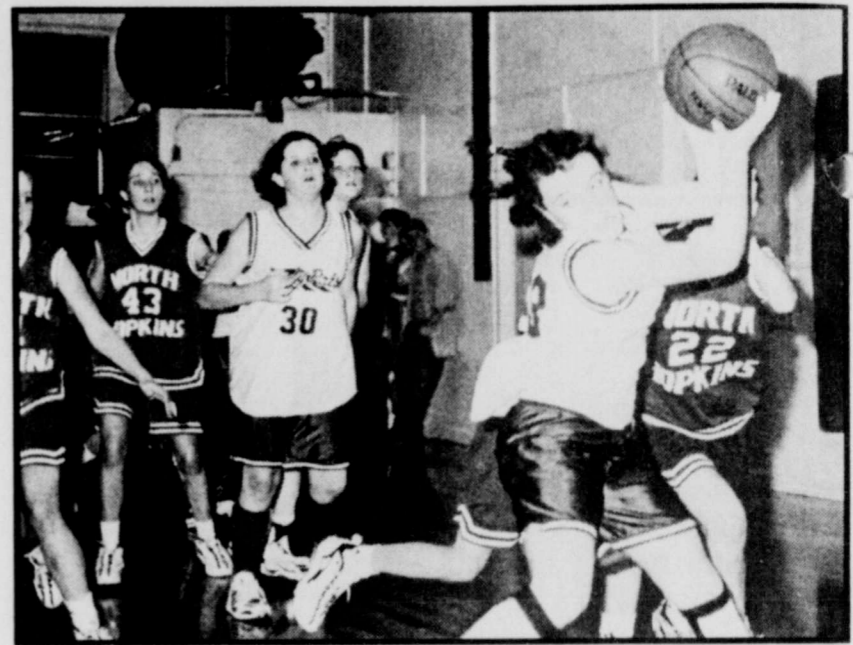
Hugh and Vicki Jeffus of Deport and Wayne and Sally Reed of Clarksville went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Branson, Mo. over a long weekend. While there they attended shows.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols visited with their cousin, Bob and Medora Williams at Pt. Isabel. While there they had dinner with Paul and Liz Young. They went with a large group of friends to Progreso, Mexico. They also picked fruit at Dagma Martin's home to bring back with them.

First Methodist have luncheon and games for seniors

Twenty-three people attended the Deport First Methodist Church's Senior covered dish lunch and games Tuesday, January 11th.

They will meet again on February 8th at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Everyone is invited to attend.



DEPORT JR. HIGH LADY PATRIOT Whitney Turner struggles during last week's North Hopkins game to gain possession of the ball. (Staff Photo)

**Deport "A" Honor Roll
3rd six weeks**

Larry Salter-Principal Dr. L.C. Stout-Superintendent

- 1/1-Ryan Harrell, Jessica Nichols, Katrinda Sunday and Makynzi Watson.
- 1/2-Sean Dodson, Kimberly Erod, John English, Kati Evans and Katelyn Golden.
- 2/1-Brittany Bolin, Candra' Hepburn, Katrina Malone, Molly Minter and Payne Schuelke.
- 2/2-Lily Norwood.
- 3/1-Kaylee Miller, Hanah Norwood, Jenna Patterson, Jeffrey Steffenson, Jr. and Trey Towers.
- 3/2-Lindsey Hoover and Derek Tesch.
- 4/1-Reagan Harrell.
- 4/2-Lisa Barnes, Ben Dickinson, Kaylee Freeman, Ericka Ham and Landon Syrus.
- 5/1-Lacie Cole, Kaylee Graham and Charity Musgrove.
- 5/2-Leah Cathey, Amanda Matthews, Hali Screws and Cole Smallwood.
- 6/1-Lance Ballard.
- 7/1-Rachel Murdock and Johnna Patterson.
- 7/2-Sarah Benfer, Whitney Brook, Trevor Norwood, Joshua Osborn, Matthew Swint and Brandon Wright.
- 8/1-Miranda Weddle.

Baby Shower set for Rachael Dawson Hernandez

There will be a baby shower for the baby girl Rachael Dawson Hernandez is expecting this Saturday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall in Deport.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Deport Jr. High loses games to NH

The Deport Jr. High teams played North Hopkins on Monday, January 6, 2000 and lost to them in all three games.

B Boys lost 26-21. A girls lost 32-21 and A Boys lost 32-21 as well.



DEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS- worked hard and kept the structures on each side of this storage house from going up in flames. The buildings were extremely close and it took massive efforts to keep them from catching on fire also. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Deport Little Dribblers begin season

Deport Little Dribblers began their season on Saturday, January 7 with a game against Detroit. Below are stats for those games.

4th grade girls 16-0
Sara Murdock 8
Megan Spann 4
Lisa Barnes 4

4th grade boys 25-12
Syrus 15
Burriss 2
Nichols 2
Dickinson 2
Tesch 4

6th grade girls 20-8
Morgan Searls 2
Mallory Owens 2
Ashley Ebarb 8
Rebecca Murdock 6
Keley Howington 2

6th grade boys 47-5
Wright 18
Ballard 9
Baker 2
Drinnon 6
Norwood 2
Allen 10

5th grade boys scrimmage
Watson 2
Spear 4
A.J. Syrus 10



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Larry Salter-Principal Dr. L.C. Stout-Superintendent

- 1/1-Brittany Black, Laney Jackson and Marsch Wolf.
- 1/2-Justin Arnold, Keturah Counts, Courtney Crews, Amanda Gilbert, Casey Haskell and Allison Wolf.
- 2/1-Laura Brooks, Dylan Cathey, Kaylie Hines, Kelti Mowery, Wesley Murdock, Garret Newman and Jayci Chaney.
- 2/2-David Barnes, Lizzie Brunson, Broc Crawford, Christian Hunter, Jessica Malone, Chase Stogsdill and Ashley Thomas.
- 3/1-Josey Francies, Antonie Hagood, Courtney Hargroves, Corey Haskell, Joshua Juneau, K.C. Kelsey, Layton Norwood, Hielly Owens, Danci Smith, Hailey Spann, Jessica Whitt and John Winters.
- 3/2-Monica Hagood, Kolton Edwards, Ryan Kindel, Ethan Ham, Jeremiah Howington, Jacob Malone and Brett Watson.
- 4/1-Kayshia Ballard, Kelci Crawford, Sarah Murdock and Megan Spann.
- 4/2-Tanya Cave, Meghan Counts, John Francis, Chaity Huddleston, Paige Martin, Jerrika McKee and Ashleigh McLean.
- 5/1-Angel Deandra, Trista Harper, Hailey Norwood and Cody Sullivan.
- 5/2-Jessica Fox, Josh Helms and Danbri Mitchell.
- 6/1-Kenton Baker, Leah Boren, Weston Drinnon, Ashley Ebarb, Jaleah Fox, Mallory Owens and Justin Wright.
- 6/2-Joshua Allen, Caralyn Corso, Keley Howington, Jeffrey Kinslow, Alicia Lang, Michael Middleton, Rebecca Murdock and Amber Sugg.
- 7/1-Marty Anderson, Brent Burden, Matt Dickinson, Breanna Holley, Kacey Rodgers and Whitney Turner.
- 7/2-Adam Ball, Laura Barnes, Drew Boren and Angel Mantooth.
- 8/1-Aron Arrasmith, Kaleb Baker, Heather Barnes, Chris Brunson, Timothy Cox and Erika Norwood.

Council meets in regular session

The Deport City Council met in regular session Monday afternoon with all members present. The November minutes were discussed and approved. Financial reports for November and December 1999 were approved and bills were paid.

First item of new business on the January agenda was a grant application from the Water Development Board. The council declined submitting this new grant application.

McClanahan & Holmes was selected to do the audit for the fiscal year 1999.

Replacing missing and damaged street signs was approved at an approximate cost of \$400.00.

The council approved a new 2 inch water line for the fire station. All business attended to, the meeting was adjourned.



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