







Mrs. Richard Layne Lankford, Jr.,  
the former Elizabeth Lyn Field

### Field-Lankford exchange wedding vows

Elizabeth Lyn Field of Paris and Richard Layne Lankford, Jr. of Houston and Brian Ramsey of Brownwood, were married in a formal, double-ring ceremony on Saturday, March 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Paris. The Rev. Kyle Horton of Lockhart officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Shelley Storey Field of Paris and Steven and Martha Field of Amarillo. She is the granddaughter of Clara Nance and the late Richard Wayne of Paris and the late R.K. Storey and of Norman Field of Pottsboro and the late Anne Field.

The groom is the son of Richard Lankford, Sr. of Houston and Brian and Robbie Morehead of Tomball, formerly of Paris. He is the grandson of Mary Lankford of Houston and the late Wayne Lankford and Joe Gather of Antlers, OK and the late Helen Cather.

Wedding music was provided by Arvin Starrett, organist. Selections included "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach; "The Bridal Chorus" by Wagner; "Canon in D Major," by Pachelbel; and "Ode to Joy," by Beethoven.

The altar in the church's sanctuary was centered with a fifteen-branch oval candelabra and flanked on either side with a fifteen-branch spiral candelabra and a nine-branch oval candelabra. Each candelabra was accented with white taper candles, fresh mixed greenery, ferns and palms. The bride's unity candle was placed on the altar table with two accompanying candles for the mothers of the bride and groom to light in symbolism of each of their children. The foyer was decorated with a seven-branch candelabra and adorned with fresh greenery and white candles.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents. For the wedding, the bride chose a white silk gown designed by Demetrios. The long-sleeved bodice featured a square neckline and drop waist overlaid with beautiful re-embozzered Alencon lace. The box-pleated skirt was enhanced with a detachable semi-cathedral train. The skirt and train were adorned with seed pearls and iridescent sequins and cascading elarite motifs with a wide border of Schiffler at the hemline. To complete her ensemble, she wore white flowers delicately placed in her hair and a two-tiered silk illusion veil edged with satin. The bride carried a hand-tied colonial bouquet of fresh white roses, white gerbera daisies and variegated English ivy accented with purple limonium and sheer white ribbon with pearl edges.

For something old, the bride placed a penny given to her by Ralphanne Moffitt, a favorite teacher, in her shoe. The penny was dated the day of her teacher's wedding and

symbolized a happy marriage. For something new, she wore an illusion pearl necklace given to her by the groom's mother, Robbie Morehead. For something borrowed, she wore her mother's pearl earrings. For something blue, she wore a gold pin with a large gemstone given to her by her late great-grandmother, Sara Elizabeth Field. She also carried a lucky five-pence penny given to her by a friend, Jolyn Knight, and a lucky sixpence given to her by her mother.

Attending the maid of honor was Rebecca Field, sister of the bride, of Paris. Matron of honor was Amy Ramsey of Brownwood. Bridesmaids were Gina Guernsey, cousin of the groom of Tomball and Cheryl Wofford, childhood friend of the groom of Paris. Each wore a lilac-floor-length crepe satin gown designed by Zenette Fulbright. The gowns featured a round neckline, and the yolk was banded with lilac satin and self-fabric front bow. Each attendant carried a hand-tied colonial bouquet of fresh spring flowers, variegated English ivy accented with purple limonium and lilac ribbon.

Kimberly Nall, cousin of the bride, of Plano was flower girl. She wore a floor length gown of white silk accented with Alencon lace appliques embellished with seed pearls and iridescent sequins matching the bride's gown. She carried a lavender basket filled with rose petals.

Best men were Joe Lankford, brother of the groom of Paris and Joel Wofford, childhood friend of the groom of Paris. Groomsmen were Perry Neeley of Dallas and Brian Ramsey of Brownwood. Ushers were Gary Shelby, Jamie Sprools and Alan Grissom. The groom's attendants wore black tuxedos with cowstitch collared tuxedo shirts. Their attire was complemented with black vests accented with lilac. The groom wore a boutonniere of two white rose buds and his attendants wore matching boutonniere of a single rose bud.

Cade Storey, cousin of the bride of Dallas, was ringbearer. He wore a black tuxedo and carried a white silk pillow edged with satin piping and ribbon. Candlelighters were Daniel Dierks, cousin of the bride of McKinney and David Dierks, cousin of the bride of McKinney.

Elizabeth Lundy and Aleacia Goolsby, cousins of the bride, of Dallas, distributed programs.

Following the ceremony, the newlywed couple was driven from the church to Paris Golf and Country Club in a white limousine to the reception hosted by the bride's parents. Boston ferns on white wicker pedestals accented each arched window of the ballroom. White pillar candles in hurricane globes on mirrors framed each fern on the window ledges, setting the shimmering candlelight bridal garden scene.



Stephanie Simmons and Steven Davidson

### Fosters celebrate 50th anniversary

Gene and Norma Foster of Clyde celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary recently at the home of Lloyd and Eunice Ford of Rugby. They also celebrated Mrs. Ford's birthday.

Gary Ford of Wichita Falls also came in that weekend and they all went out to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford will be celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary in April.

### Spann is deployed from Ft. Hood

Army Spec. Curtis L. Spann is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood in Killeen.

The soldier is a member of the 49th Lone Star Armored Division headquartered in Austin.

The eight month mission of the 49th AD is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop combat to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia and provide safety and security for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans.

Spann, a radio telephone operator, is a 1984 graduate of Prairiland High School.

### Drug-free workplace program is April 6

"Developing a Drug-Free Workplace Program" will be presented Thursday, April 6 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Alford Center at PJC. Fee for the course is \$25.00.

The seminar will discuss options available to companies who want to institute a drug free workplace program, information on writing policies, employee assistance programs, continuing education for employees, supervisor training and drug testing will be provided.

### Simmons-Davidson to exchange vows

Stephanie Marie Simmons and Steven Ray Davidson will be married on May 27, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the Deport Pavilion behind the Deport American Legion Building.

Stephanie is the daughter of Kathy Simmons of Deport and John Simmons of Horn Lake, Ms. Steven

is the son of Charles and Linda Davidson of Deport.

Grandparents are Ruthe & Dick Chapman of Deport, Irene Nicholes of Deport and W.R. and Nancy Simmons of Southaven, Ms.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be sent.



Mrs. Jeffrey Gasaway, the former Kara McLemore

### McLemore-Gasaway exchange wedding vows

Miss Kara McLemore became the bride of Jeffrey Gasaway on Saturday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Plano with Dr. Michael Riley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Matthew McLemore of Plano. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gasaway of Bartlesville, OK.

Tricia McCord of Plano was maid of honor and Greg Gasaway of Levelland was best man. Ushers were Ken Shultz of Ernie, PA and Kirk McLemore of Carrollton. Flowergirls were Jessica Berceen and Cayenne Desol and the ringbearer was Joey Berceen. Heidi Schultz, sister of the groom, sang "From This Moment

On," and "Somewhere in the World". The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Plano Senior High School and East Texas State University. She is a teacher in Plano.

The groom is a graduate of Odessa Permian High School and Texas Tech University. He is a teacher/coach in Plano.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Johnnie McLemore of Deport and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Seay of Talco.

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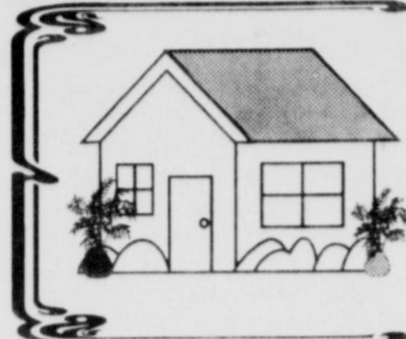
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**Post Oak News**  
 By Geneva Lee  
 982-5309

Muriel Crawford had surgery in Tyler last week and is improving. Her son Randal and Anna Crawford visited her over the weekend. His brother Arthur B. Crawford, 74m, of Hooks died last Wednesday after a long illness. He was buried in that area last week. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford. Newman and Betty Low attend the funeral of Kathryn McFadden at Maxey Saturday. She was their grand-

daughter-in-law's great grandmother. Pattie Ross Risinger is in St. Joseph Hospital in serious condition with her heart. Aaron and Leah Bates were visitors at East Post Oak MBC Sunday morning. Ben and LeAnn Decker and son Wil and Micj=kie Freelan attended church there Sunday night. Sue and Mike Ingram and family met her daughter Bro. and Mrs. Ray Miller at Bonham and had lunch with them Sunday.



**GIRL'S PIG WRESTLING CHAMPS**-Deann Presley, Leslie Davis and Susan Whittle were the winners in the ladies division of the Pig Wrestling at the Prairiland Livestock Division on Saturday. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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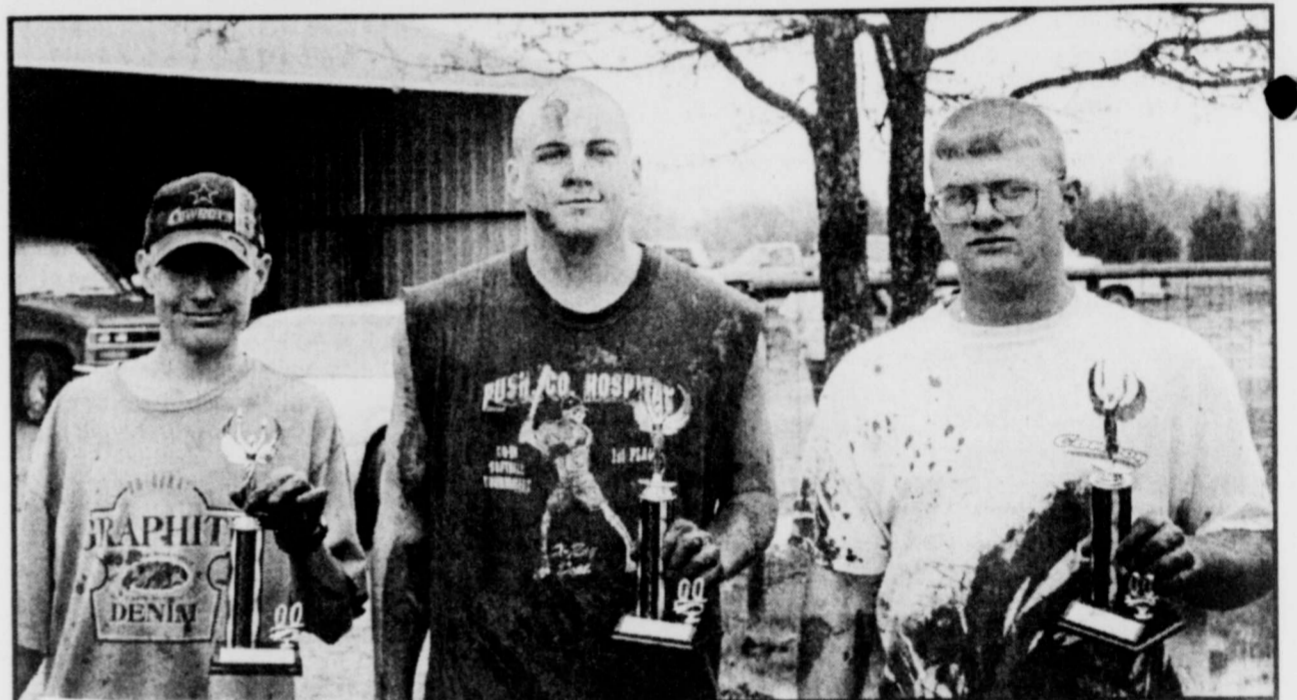
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**KASTLEY SHAYNE GREER**, daughter of Shane and Mandi Greer of Clardy celebrated her 6th birthday with a skating party at the Family Fun Center on March 11. Family and friends enjoyed the party, especially the skating.

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RedRiverGSociety to meet

Everyone is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Red River Genealogical Society meeting on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Red River County Library. The speaker will be Dr. William Hayden of Paris whose subject will be "The Civil War in East Texas". All persons interested in researching their family history are encouraged to come and enjoy the program.



Prairiland All Campus Menu  
 Week of April 10

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls<br>Juice, milk<br>Lunch: Pizza<br>Salad<br>Corn<br>Cake<br>Milk | Breakfast: Biscuits, ham, gravy<br>Juice, milk<br>Lunch: Ham and cheese on bun<br>Potato chips<br>Pickle spears<br>Banana pudding<br>Milk | Breakfast: Cereal, toast<br>Juice, milk<br>Lunch: Salisbury steak<br>Potatoes<br>Okra<br>Rolls<br>Milk | Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup<br>Juice, milk<br>Lunch: Spaghetti<br>Salad<br>Blackeyed peas<br>Crackers<br>Fruit<br>Milk | Breakfast: Cereal, toast<br>Juice, milk<br>Lunch: Hot dogs on bun<br>Chili and cheese<br>Chips<br>Pork and beans<br>Cookies<br>Milk |

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Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 5, 2000. 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 Protection at (512)936-7120 or (888)782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512)936-7136. In addition, information may be obtained by contacting Garry Johnson of TNMP at (800)435-2822.

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**Blossom Library Notes**

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Since January, the Blossom Library has received quite a few books, videos and audios. The library workers always appreciate these donations and so do the patrons that check these items out.

For a donation of \$10.00 or more, anyone can select a book or video to give "in memory of", or "in honor of" a friend or relative, or you may buy a book of your choice, and bring it to the library. A label will be put inside the book with the names of the honoree and the name of the donor will also be placed there too. This is the way the library has to put new books on the shelves for everyone to enjoy.

You may also, for a small donation of \$5.00 or more, get a small booklet entitled "Bits and Pieces". This booklet has newspaper articles of happenings in Blossom from as far back as the late 1800's. You'll enjoy reading this.

Books received in memory of Natalie Ray from Isabella Schlitt is "Turning Hurts Into Halos". "Thomas the Tank Engine" for Natlie and Herbie Ray from Peggy and Hubert Johnston.

Hunting Badger for Ruby Cady given by Gay Moore Barr and The 400 Best Garden Plants given by the Blossom Housing Authority residents.

Catherwood and Basic Wiring given for Thomas L. Garrett from Jerry and Patti Garrett. Puppies For Sale, a children's book, and Book of

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Vinegar Hill given by Randle and Sue Clarkson. The Postcard, given by Peggy and Hubert Johnston and Chad. The Crossroads and The Cat Who Saw Stars given by Billy and Opal Miears. Heidi, What You Know First, An Edible Alphabet and Swamp Angels from Leisa Jaynes Chapman and One Summer Day given by Blossom Superette.

Candy Cane given for Elaine Bratcher from the Blossom Superette. Books and videos given "in honor of" are Hello Kitty and Santa's Miss-

ing A Hat (videos) and Faith, Hope and Chicken Feathers, for Bessie Garrett given by Jerry and Patti Garrett. Also, A Century of Country given by Paul and Sue Garrett.

Monetary gifts given to the library are "in memory of" Carl D. Richardson, given by Geogia Watson. Bill Geer and Jerry Brewer, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blackburn. Dan Bolton given by Jerry Garrett.

Other people who have donated books to the library are: Jack Walker-6; Nadine Farmer-15; paperbacks; Arvana Goble-20 paperbacks; Hubert Johnston-5; Aileen Walker-"When You Can't Come Back"; Renea Filkins-12; Pat Carter-50 children's books; Blossom School Library-50; Johnson's Book Store-10 audio books on tape; Leslie White-1; Francis Dorries-5 Louis L. Amour books; L-McMurtry book; Sue Clarkson-4; Peggy Weisinger-14 western paperbacks; Jo Ann Campbell-books on tape, False Memory and The Brethren; Tom Buck-Their Tattered Flag; Clara Gardiner-12 Civil War books; and June Barber-9 books.

The library also was given a filing cabinet by Diane Moore. Diane has moved into this area from Denver, Colorado.

The museum has been given an antique watch, in memory of Dan Willis Bolton from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson. We are very proud of this addition to the museum.

**Pattonville News**

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to Roy Arrasmith, III, Randy Hoover, Haley Fessenmeyer, Micah Malone, Joel Hudson, Brandon Hudson, Lonna Layton.

Happy anniversary to Granvil and Helen Gibson.

Sympathy is extended to the family of JoNell Salter, who died March 30 in St. Joseph's Hospital. She and her family are formerly of our community where she owned and operated a bauby shop.

Drew Boren was honored on his 13th birthday with a pizza party in Paris Friday. Josh Osborne spent the weekend with him. Kandi Wright spent Saturday with Leah Boren.

Nina Sparks, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah were Sunday dinner guests of Keith and Peggy Parsons. They celebrated Drew's birthday.

Many from the community participated in or attended the Prairialnd FFA Show, Stew and Auction held at the school on Saturday.

Visiting Ed and Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather were Sandy's mom and dad from California. They

left Monday for their home in Missouri where they will spend several monte Malone spent several days in McCauston Hospital last week.

Nick McDowra's lamb had twins born on March 28.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Claudie Dudley, who died at his home in Deport on Sunday, April 2. He was the uncle of Raymond Hoover and brother of the late Virgie Hoover and Jenie Woodson.

Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins Thursday. Red and Inez Weaver of Paris and Sandy Ring were Monday visitors.

The Shady Grove Cemetery Association officers and board were all re-elected during their annual meeting Sunday. Future improvements were discussed and Bobby Clement was hired to keep the cemetery mowed this year. There were 17 members present.

Jamey, Dusty and Chelby Evans of Powderly spent Sunday and had lunch with their grandmother, Barbara Dawson.

Ammie McDowra was working in the Pattonville Post Office Monday.



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Area cemeteries are in receipt of the following donations from February 25 through March 27:

- Highland Cemetery:** From Alice Paul Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gresham, Lois M. and Frank Leslie, Hazel Shuman, Linda and Charles Davidson, Lorena H. King, Ruby Lee Adams, Evelyn Roach, Betty and Wesley Wright, Naomi Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John Starks, R.P. and Gloria Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. White, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Martin, H.G. Legate, Mrs. William Rozell, Carolyn and Marshall Thomas, Jin Oldham, Roslain H. Baker, Ruth M. Bell, Ida Lou Read, Helen Williams, James M. Wirta, Faye and Fred Hulett, Eugenia T. Gauntt, Mary Jo and Prentice Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Nobles, Fairlee and Jerry Westbrook, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Georgia and Charles Burton, Kay and Joe Hobbs, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Barnard, Larry McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Enox, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks, Clara T. Stalls, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenith Brown, Ruth Denison, Helen and Billy Kendrick, Dennis R. Lee, Jan Allen, Christine Gray, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McFtridge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Nobles, Mrs. N.A. Ford.
- In memory of Ken and Terry Hunt from Pamela Hunt.
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- In memory of Jinks Bennett, Jake L. Grinstead, Madge Smith and Pete Crinstead from Carrie Bennett.
- In memory of Raymond Crawford

- from Juavane and James Carpenter.
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- In memory of Sam and Essie Watkins from Louise Watkins Osborne and Smamy Watkins.
- In memory of Jim Gardner from Nell Gardner.
- In memory of Lillie Mae and Clarence Gardner.
- In memory of Shuman-McDivitt families from Juanita McDivitt.
- In memory of Stella Grant from Georgia and Thomas Watson.
- OldDeport Cemetery:** From Alice and Paul Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gresham, R.P. and Gloria Denison, Carolyn and Marshall Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Huddleston, Edna and Robert Hudgens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Nobles.
- In memory of C.M. Wright family from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowley.
- In memory of Shuman family from Juanita McDivitt.
- In memory of Dave, Eustace and Larry Gayle Taylor from C.G. Taylor.
- Mt. Pleasant Cemetery:** From Alice and Paul Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gresham, Linda and Charles Davidson, Dean W. Smolarz, R.P. and Gloria Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. White, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McFtridge.
- In memory of the Osborn and Hight families from Louise Watkins Osborne and Sammy R. Watkins, Edna and Robert Hudgens, Mr. and Mrs. Ulis Bailey.

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My father, Cotton McDowell, owned and operated the Loop 286 Truck Stop & Restaurant. He instilled in me an excellent work ethic. I worked on trucks, changed flat tires, pumped gas both night and day and dealt with people on a daily basis.

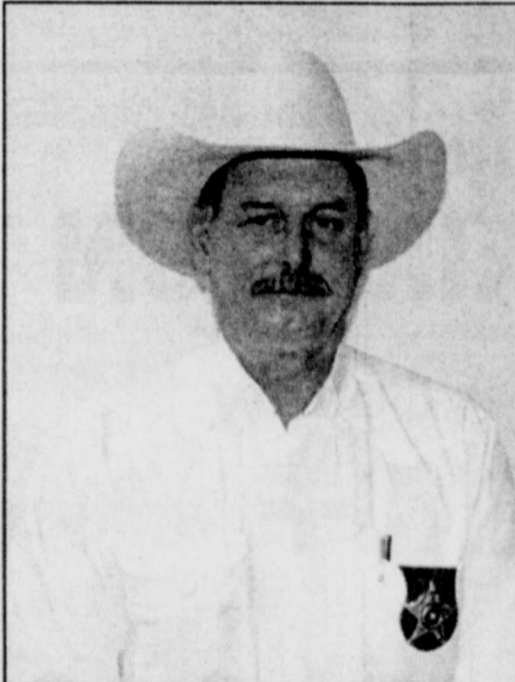
While raising three children, I coached football, basketball, baseball and soccer, and experienced, with my kids, heartaches and good times.

My experience in roles in the law practice, the business world, as the employer, as the prosecutor, the defense attorney, in the title business, as the landlord, the coach, and the parent all contribute to making me the most qualified to serve in the role as your 62nd District Judge.

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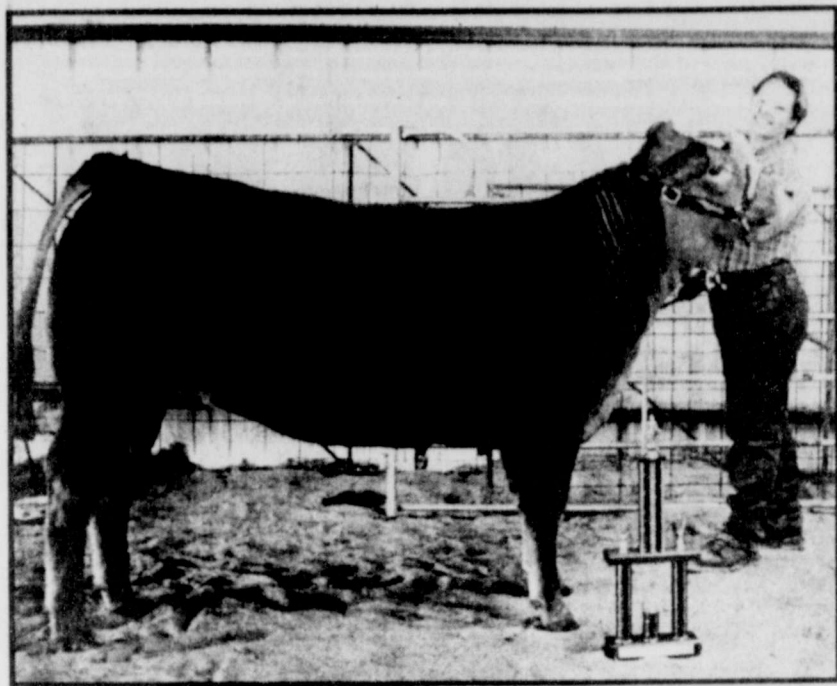
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**ON APRIL 11**

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**Beef Showmanship**  
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**Prairiland High School**  
Week of April 10

- 10 ..... Softball at PHS Sulphur Bluff, 4:30
- 11 ..... District Track
- 12 ..... District Track
- 13 ..... Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.
- 14 ..... Drill Team Try-outs
- 14 ..... Softball, Honey Grove at PHS, JV and V
- 15 ..... Tennis Pics
- 15 ..... Regional UIL
- ..... Oak Ridge Boys, Civic Center, PAT Foundation

**Law needs modification, says ICA**

The Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas today broke with all other agricultural trade associates in the state and urged the Legislature to modify the "Rule of Capture," to protect landowners from having their water sources depleted.

ICA President Chuck Kiker of Beaumont said that landowners face the certainty of losing the right to control the water under their land if the Legislature fails to act.

The "Rule of Capture" was declared to be the law in Texas by the Supreme Court in 1904. It affirms the right of landowners to use the water under their land. Landowners cannot compete with Texas cities in the demand for water. The cities simply have bigger pumps.

ICA is urging that a duty be imposed on all water users in Texas to consider the impact on the aquifer from which they are pumping and on adjoining landowners.

Kiker pointed out that the alternative, ultimately, was regulation of groundwater by the State of Texas.



**Dairy Showmanship**  
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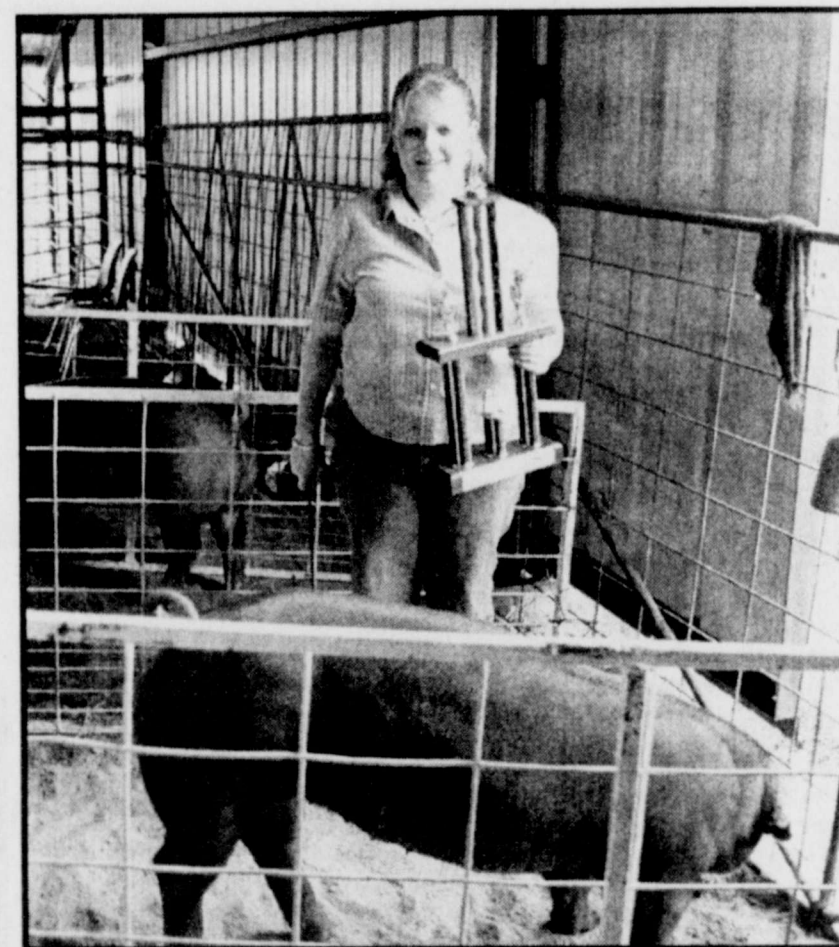


2000 PRAIRILAND TENNIS JV CHAMPS pictured left to right is Singles District Champ-Rainey Skidmore; Singles District Champion-Harley Skidmore, Singles District Runner-up-Josh Williams, Doubles District Champions Josh Benfer and David Crossland. (Staff Photo)


**Free inducted into Alpha Chi**

Deborah E. Free is among the spring inductees into Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society at Stephen F. Austin State University.

A junior nursing major, she is a graduate of Prairiland High School and the daughter of Ruth and John D. Thomas of Blossom.



**Swine Showmanship**  
Holley Allen  
sponsored by Sessum's Conoco



**Cunningham News**  
By Jane O'Neal

Nelta and Johnny Musgrove had Sunday night supper for Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant. Alice McPherson of McAlester and Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove. Alice spent Sunday night with them.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Brad Hunt had Sunday lunch with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove.

Nelta Musgrove and Marie Watson had supper on Saturday at Furr's.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Ray Martin and J. P. Mazy.

Jace Norwood won first place in his class for lambs and won Reserve at the Prairiland Livestock Show on Saturday.

Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Tracy, Brent and Rodney Norwood had Sunday lunch with James and Pat Norwood.

The Gospel Chimes ministered in music at the Cunningham Baptist Church on Sunday night.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood were in Denton on Monday to attend Shelia Norwood, who had minor surgery. She is reported doing well.

On Friday Darold and Ida Mae Norwood were in Canton.

J. P. Mazy spent Sunday with Spur

Norwood.

Shelby and Bobby Ray Kennedy had Sunday lunch for Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy, Jeff, Zack and Garrett Kennedy and Taylor Ladd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown and a friend from Jacksonville visited Billie Joe and Georgia Oats on Sunday.

Velma Cox's granddaughter, Shelly Cox who lives in Ft. Worth, was a victim of last week's tornado there. She lost the roof from her apartment.

Wednesday, Velma Cox spent the day with Walker and Willie Devlin.

On Thursday, Velma Cox spent the day with Dora Hester of Paris.

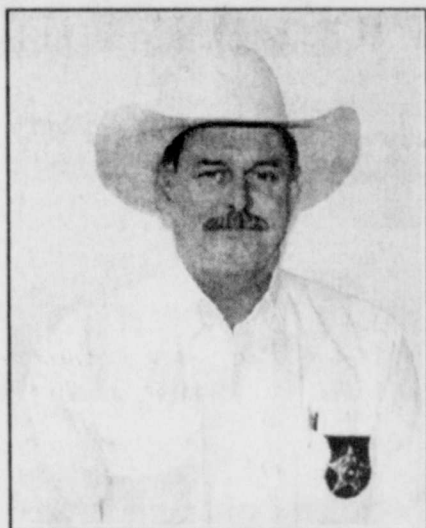
Charles Nichols returned home on Tuesday from Anchorage, Alaska where he and Coy Cole had been doing some plumbing on a church there.

Friday, Cindy and Charles Nichols went to their lake home on Bob Sandlin and on Saturday went on to Carthage where they visited with Jon, Tori, Chance and Erika White and Dameon and Courtney White.

Jane O'Neal, Sarah Smith and Mattie Blankenship of Paris attended the opening day of the Rangers in Arlington with a group from Commerce.

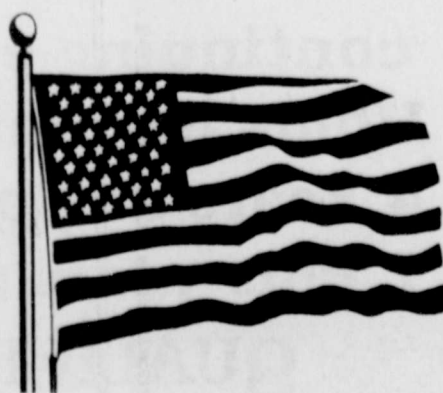
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Nothing is easier than being busy, and nothing is more difficult than being effective.  
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—author Alec Mackenzie

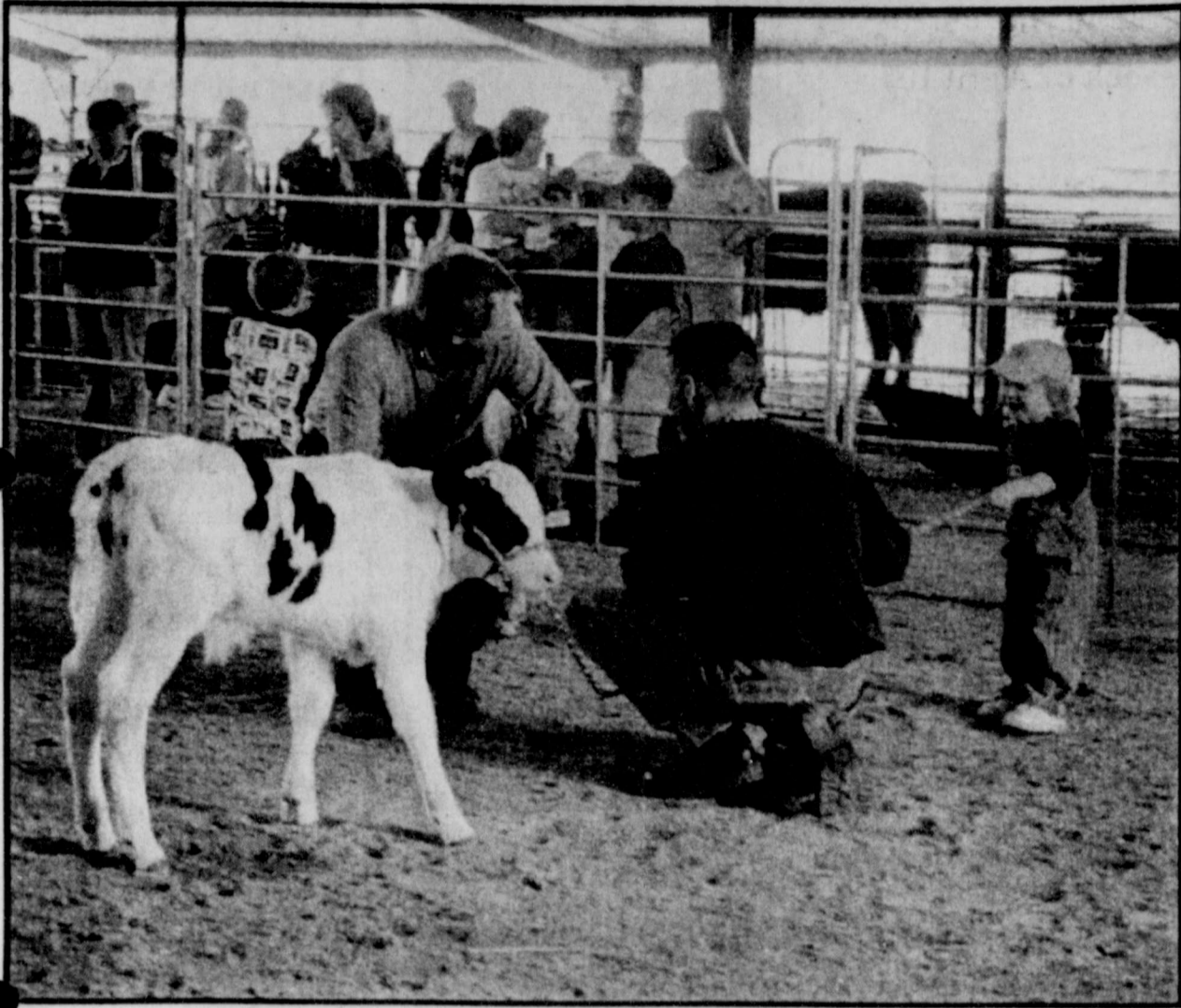


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Red River County  
**SHERIFF**

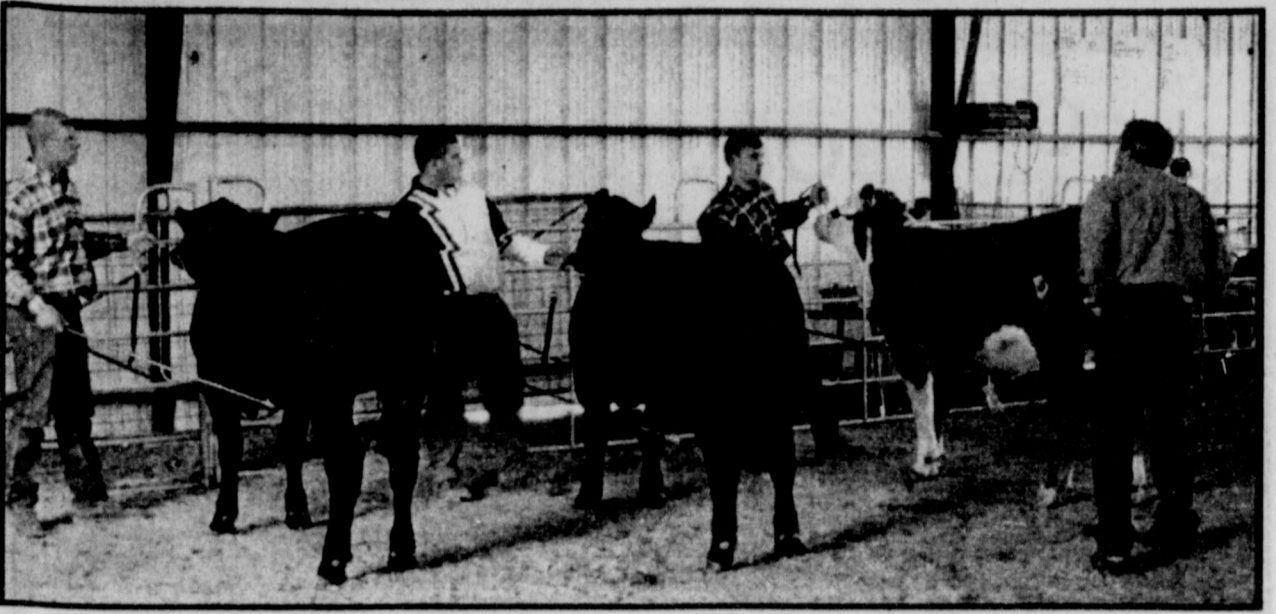
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**BOB EDRINGTON SHERIFF**



**WHOA CALF!** Livestock Judge Richard Watson of Miller Grove talks to Kiddie Class contestant Allie Reynolds at the Prairiland Livestock Show on Saturday. Each contestant was awarded a trophy for their efforts. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



**RICHARD WATSON** of the Miller Grove Ag. Department was the judge at Saturday's Prairiland Livestock Show. He is pictured here as he judges a set of market animals for placing. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



**Prairiland take two over CH/HG**

The Prairiland Patriot baseball team defeated Honey Grove 13-4 on Friday, March 31st behind the pitching of Matt Cavender and Charlie Lawrence. Cavender allowed one earned run in four innings for the win and Lawrence pitched the final three innings for the save. Lawrence, Chris Berry and Cavender were the leading hitters for the Patriots. Cavender knocked in four runs wioty two home runs. Left fielder Stan Cox made the play of the game in the first inning

with a diving catch for a double play. Kyle Malone and the Patriots shut-out Chapel Hill 9-0 on Tuesday, March 28. malone pitched a two-hitter and walked only two in getting the win. Berry hit a three-run homer and walked only two in getting the win. Berry hit a three-run homer and had two hits. Lawrence, Cox, Drew Riddles and Heath Sessums also had hits for Prairiland. The Patriots improved their district record to 5-2 and are in second place.

**Deport K-8 students participate in UIL events**

The following is a list of placing and events for the Deport campus for the UIL contest held recently at Chisum School. Grade 3-4-Kaylee Miller-5th-spelling; and Regan Harrell-5th-spelling. Ben Dickinson, Erika Ham, Meagan Counts, John Francis and Matt Nichols all placed 5th as a team in music memory. Grade 5-None. Grade 6-Curtis Wilson-5th in calculator; Caralyn Corso-1st in listening skills, 1st in oral reading and 2nd place on the listening skills team. Rebecca Murdock-5th music memory team and oral reading finalist. Hunter Hoffman-5th music memory team. Lance Ballard-3rd place in Maps, charts and graphs and 1st place in mathematics. Mallory Owens-2nd mathematics team; Shane Wilson-2nd-mathematics team and 5th place in maps, graphs and charts. Alicia Lang-2nd listening skills and Amber Sugg-2nd in listening skills. Grade 7-Johnna Patterson-5th-

spelling and 4th dictionary skills. Breanna Holley-5th dictionary skills and 3rd in dictionary skills team and Britney Martin-3rd on dictionary skills team. Sara Benfer-1st in ready writing. Grade 8-Joel Searls-3rd-calculator; Heather Barnes-3rd dictionary skill steam; Mandy Weddle-3rd in impromptu speaking and Aron Arrasmith-2nd listening skills and 2nd on listening skills team. Sarah Tubbs-6th in listening skills and 2nd on listening skills team; Kaleb Baker-2nd on listening skill steam and 3rd place on science team. Chance Crawford-3rd science team, Chris Brunson-3rd on science team and Amanda Nichols-oral reading finalist. Others participating were: 2nd grade-Lily Norwood, Molly Minter, Ashley Thomas, Wesley Murdock, Laura Brooks, Brittany Pettigrew and Katrina Malone. 3rd grade-Abby Ball, Kaylee Miller, Landry Packard, Abigail

Moss, Jenna Patterson, Layton Norwood, Jeffrey Steffenson and Lindsey Hoover. 4th grade-Sara Murdock, Paige Freeman, Erika Hamm, Meagan Counts, John Francis, Matt Nichols, Ashleigh McLean, Charity Huddleston, Lisa Barnes, Kelci Crawford and Landon Cyrus. 5th grade-Nikki English, Trista Harper, Morgan Carico, Amanda Mathews, Kaylee Graham, Hali Screws, Lacie Cole, Leah Cathey, Dambri Mitchell, Jessica Fox. 6th grade-Cassidy Nowell, Rebecca Murdock, Josh Allen, Morgan Searls and Hunter Hoffman. 7th grade-Timmothy Lemmen, Whitnie Brook, Angel Mantooth, Brandon Wright, Rachel Murdock, Whitney Turner, Kandi Wright, Jessica Winters, Laura Barnes, Brent Burden, Elizabeth Porter, Adam Ball, Chad Larkin and Rachell Yarbrough. 8th grade-Tracey Gilbert, Dakota Mitchell, Ericka Norwood, Sara Tubbs and Angella Hines

**4-H News**

The Lamar County Junior Livestock Show will be April 26-28 with the market sale on Friday evening, April 28. The buyer's breakfast will be Tuesday, April 4 at 7 a.m. at Grandy's in Paris. The District Livestock and Horse Judging Contests will be held in Stephenville on Saturday, April 8 beginning at 8 a.m. Members are Annie Clement, Jessica Stapleton, Dunn Clement, Dustin McFatrige, Ashley Ford and Justin Michael, Kyle Kinslow, Roan Clement, Stephen Wooldridge and Latona Long, Amanda Pursifull, Emily Fouse, Olivia Fouse and Brandi Allison.



Peggy Whitney returned home Tuesday after visiting her son and wife, Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville. Kaitlyn Spray of Reno spent Friday night with her grandparents, Susan and Philip Roach. James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Monday. Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Frank and Edna Lee. Our sympathy to Nell Wolf, who lost her sister, Juanita Stryker of Walden, NY recently. Nell Shull visited her daughter and family in Richardson over the weekend. Velma Temple and son, Tim Salter

of Paris went to Sulphur Springs shopping on Tuesday. Edna Talley and daughter Jeannie Lane enjoyed lunch in Paris Sunday. Susan Roach went to Tyler Saturday for the Apache Belle spring show. Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound visited his mother, Peggy Whitney on Sunday. Ruth Johnston, Jimmy and T.J. Chappell and Vickie Reeves visited Edna and Frank Lee on Sunday. Beth and Cory Spray and Kaitlyn and Gearl Keys of Reno had dinner with Phillip and Susan Roach on Sunday. Mary and Eran Yoder of Hopewell took Mary's mother, Edna Talley out to dinner Saturday to celebrate Edna's birthday.

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**3rd Annual Tri-County Home & Garden Show**

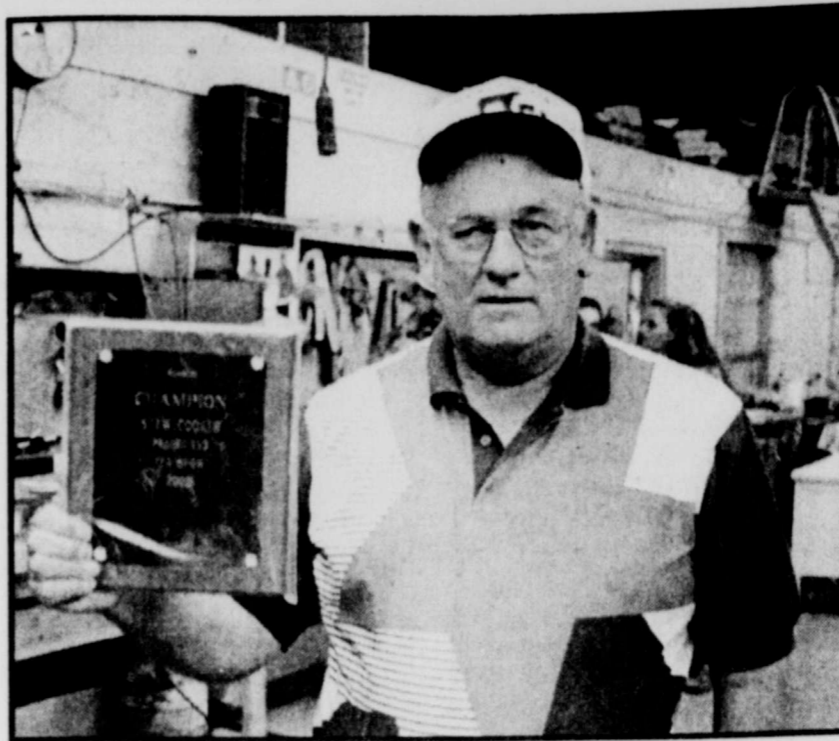
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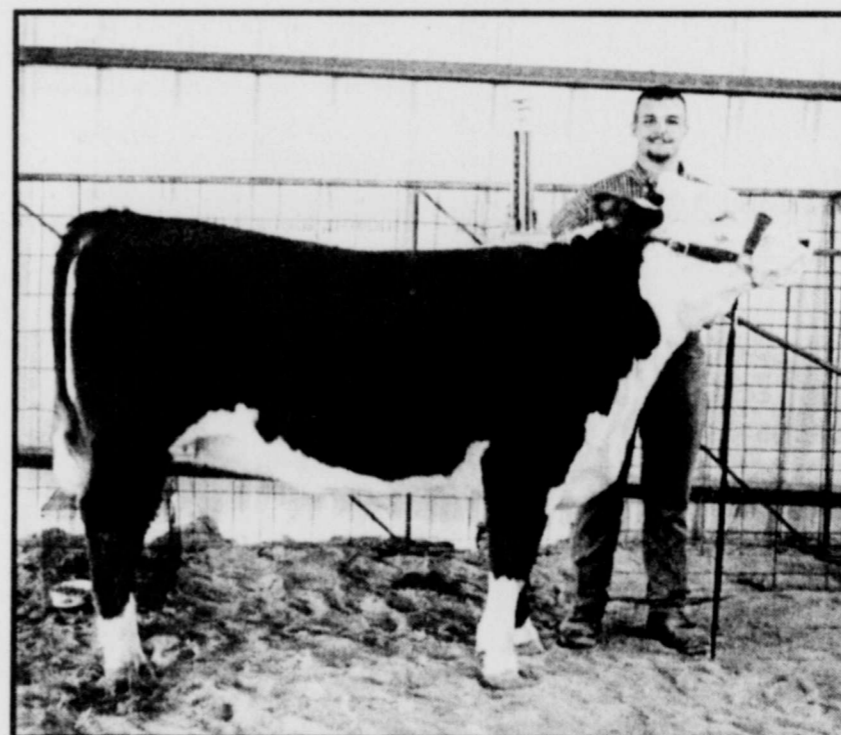
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- ◆ Free bucket truck rides
- ◆ Home related exhibits such as skylights, air filtration systems, satellites, security systems, etc.
- ◆ Hundreds of dollars in prizes to be given away



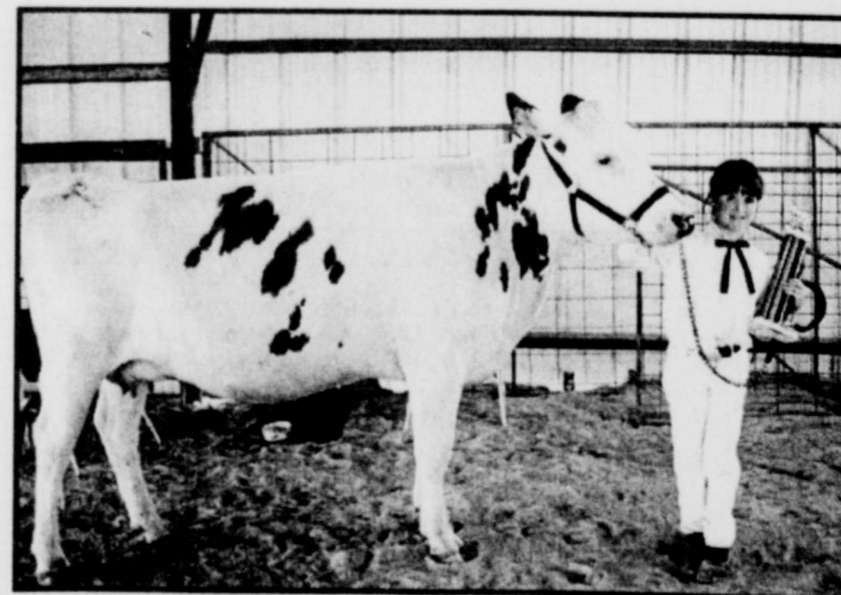
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**Coalition receives grant for Project SAVE**

A \$454,000 grant has been awarded the Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry to continue the work of Project SAVE. The grant will continue to project through August 31, 2001 and comes with an option to extend the program for an additional year beyond that date.

A program was first initiated in February, 1998. At that time, Lamar County was ranked #15 out of 254 counties in the State of Texas in teen pregnancy and STD rates. The latest data available from THD ranks Lamar County #79.

Plans for the new grant included many of these activities as well as

new directions in the area of targeting younger elementary age students for materials on good decision making, providing teenage boys with more specific programs and information, secondary virginity options, addressing the problem of younger girls pressured into sexual activity by older men and other relative activities.

The current project, supervised by Tech Coordinator Jennifer Bryant, is producing their own television commercials for airing on local cable access stations, and they have plans for really creative, on going shows dealing with abstinence and STD's.

**Lamar County District Grand Jury hands down indictments**

The Lamar County District Court Grand Jury handed down the following indictments March 22, 2000:

Kendrick Tyshawn Akins, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug free zone; Shonda Renee Aldridge, failure to appear; Shawn Wayne Austin, burglary of habitation; Steven Marquestha Black, possession of a controlled substance with one prior felony conviction; Haskell Gene Bradford, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Paula Faye Buckner, possession of a controlled substance; Warren Bumpus, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Demetria Cooper, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Lawrence Ray Coward, possession of a controlled substance; Haral Edward Easter, aggravated assault, count one and unlawful possession of firearm by a felon, count two; James Clifton Frazier, hindering secured creditors; Derrick Fuller, robbery; Randall Glenn Garner, possession of marijuana; Lesly Gene Goodman, driving while intoxicated, third or more with two prior convictions; Derwin Louis Hardison, delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance; Samuel Burnet Henderson, possession of a controlled substance; Christopher Honeywell, possession of a controlled substance; Rawickus Jackson, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Julina Paul Massey, theft, count one and count two; Vincent James Kindle, failure to appear; Rodney Mason, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Julian Paul Massey, aggravated sexual assault of a child; Tommy Deshone Perkins, possession of a controlled substance; Patrick St. John Record, driving while intoxicated, third or more with one prior conviction; Michael Scott Seat, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, count one, possession of a prohibited weapon, count two; Stacey Allen Sims, possession of a controlled substance; Natalie Smith, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance; Clifton Thomas, delivery controlled substance with one prior felony conviction, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance with one prior conviction; Juanita Frazier Thomas, hindering secured creditors; Benny Gail Titsworth, possession of a controlled substance; Paula Kay Upchurch, manufacture of a controlled substance, count one and possession of a controlled substance, count two; Ricky Lynn Welch, possession of a controlled substance.



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Nannie Lou McAlister, formerly of Deport, is in the Paris Nursing Home. She recently broke her shoulder. Her address is Room 6A, 3035 Clarksville St.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Franks of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gray went to DeKalb on Monday to see Vertie Betteton and Hinny Burns.

Birthday wishes to Frank Rhoades, Roy Arrasmith, III, Mandy Weddle, Alison Foster, Ashley Dalton, Chance Nelson, Raymond Gary Nixon, Charle sHarper, Anthony Ballard, Amanda Beard, Micah Malone, Haley Fessenmeyer, Dr. Joseph Xavier, Laura Leigh Farmer Allen, Chris Mantooth.

Happy anniversary to Laurie and Bill Cathey, Lynne and Burt Moses, Floy and Wayne Williams and Teresa and Danny Billy.

Sympathy is extended to the family of JoNell Salter, who died Thursday, March 30 in Paris St. Joseph's Hospital. She was the mother of Larry Salter.

Dr. Donovan and Mrs. Ridgeway of Dallas and Nina Sparks were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Isbell Saturday. Dr. Ridgeway was Nina's dentist when she lived in Dallas where she taught their children.

Larry and Pat Sparks of Longmont, CO arrived Monday afternoon to spend several days with Ina and Nina Sparks. Elois Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons and Leah Boren joined them for supper and visiting that night.

Tom and Midge Foley spent Thursday night with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols after visiting their daughter and son in law in Louisiana. They then returned to Hemet, California.

Mary Mantooth and Nanalee Nichols went to Sulphur Springs Friday.

Saturday Jayne and Dicky King and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Sherman on business.

J.E. and Mary Elba Brown of Jackson and Ralph Ribble of Clarksville, Velma Cox and daughter Ann Gaylord of Cunningham, Doris Ballard of Clardy, Johnye Whitney and Jaci of Minter, Mr. and Mrs. Nip Whitley of Blossom visited the Walker Devlins this week.

**Have A Spring Weekend**



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**Lady Patriots Track Team places 2nd**

The Lady Patriots placed 2nd in the Rivercrest Relays last Friday, March 31 with 95 points behind Alba-Golden's 123 points.

In the spring relay, Kami Hudson, Sheena Jones, Leslie Davis and Lacy Davis placed second. Jones and Hudson, along with Nicole Boehler

and Lacy Davis placed third in the 800 meter relay. The mile relay team of Shores, Sue Ellen Barnes, Leslie Davis and Lacy Beaty were also second.

In the 3200 run, Raynie Skidmore, Heather Anderson and Milissa Arnold, placed 4th, 5th and 6th respectively. Barnes grabbed 2nd in the 800 meter run while Skidmore ran for 4th.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Leslie Davis placed third and Boehler placed 5th. In the 400 meter run, Barnes, Shores and Amanda Ball were 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

In field events, Hudson jumped to a third place in the triple jump.

The Lady Patriots will be competing in the Bonham Warrior Relays on Thursday afternoon.

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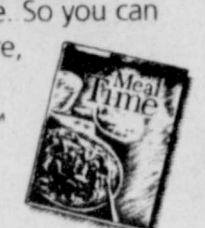


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- '99 Ford F150 - XL, 5 Speed, 8 Cyl., Low Miles, 2 To Choose From
- '99 Ford F150 - Ext. Cab, Automatic, 6 Cylinder
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Public Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The City of Bogata, Red River County, Texas, is currently in the planning stages of creating a Drought Contingency Plan for our customers in compliance with Senate Bill One passed by the Texas Legislature. Following guidelines provided by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, these plans will include triggering conditions during a drought based on the average amount of water normally provided by the City of Bogata. For each drought trigger condition there are specific goals outlined in the Plan for water conservation and guidelines for achieving those goals. In addition there may be penalties, in the form of surcharges and convictions, for abuses of the plan.

The City of Bogata interested in receiving comments from the public on the proposed Drought Contingency Plan. Public comment will be received in two ways, (1) by letter addressed to the Public Works Director, City of Bogata, P.O. Box 400, Bogata, Texas 75417, which must be received on or before April 10, 2000, or (2) during a Public Meeting held prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on April 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at Bogata City Hall at 128 North Main.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Temporary Directors of the proposed Crime Control and Prevention Board issued a decree to have an election creating a Crime Control and Prevention District. This election will be held on May 6, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata City Hall for the purpose of allowing voters to vote for or against the following proposal: The creation of the Crime Control and Prevention District dedicated to crime reduction programs and the adoption of a proposed local sales and use tax at a rate of 1/2 of 1%. This would go toward the maintaining of our community policing and crime prevention programs.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
 The City of Blossom has ordered an election to be held on May 6, 2000 for the purpose of:  
 (1) Electing Mayor, full two (2) year term  
 (2) Electing two (2) council positions, full two year terms

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City of Blossom, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000.  
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
 Sylvia Lewis, Acting City Secretary  
 City of Blossom  
 P.O. Box 297  
 Blossom, TX 75416  
 Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.  
 Sylvia Lewis, Acting City Secretary  
 4-6

**ORDER OF ELECTION**  
 An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2000 for the purpose of electing Prairiland School Board Trustees for places 4, 5 and 7.  
 Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Prairiland Administration Building between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 29, 1000 and ending on May 2, 2000.  
 Additional early voting will be held as follows:  
 None  
 Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
 LC Stout  
 Prairiland ISD  
 Rt. 1, Box 200  
 Pattonville, TX 75468  
 Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.  
 Issued this the 6th day of April, 2000.  
 L.C. Stout, Presiding Officer  
 4-6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ORDER OF VACATION/REMOVAL**  
 The City of Blossom, Texas hereby gives Public Notice to all owners and/or to all individuals, known or unknown, who hold or claim ownership or interest in any and all equipment, vehicles, supplies or improvements located on the property owned by the City of Blossom, Texas, located between Faucett, Park, Pine and Front Streets, currently being operated as JAK Fertilizer Distributing Company, to immediately vacate said property and to remove any and all equipment, vehicles, supplies or improvements from same.  
 Any of the above noted items remaining on above referenced City of Blossom, Texas property after 12:00 a.m. midnight DST, April 30, 2000, will be considered property of the City of Blossom and the City will take immediate action for removal of same. Any costs incurred by the City for subject removal will be charged to any and all owners holding interest in same.  
 By order of the City Council:  
 Tony Chance, City Administrator  
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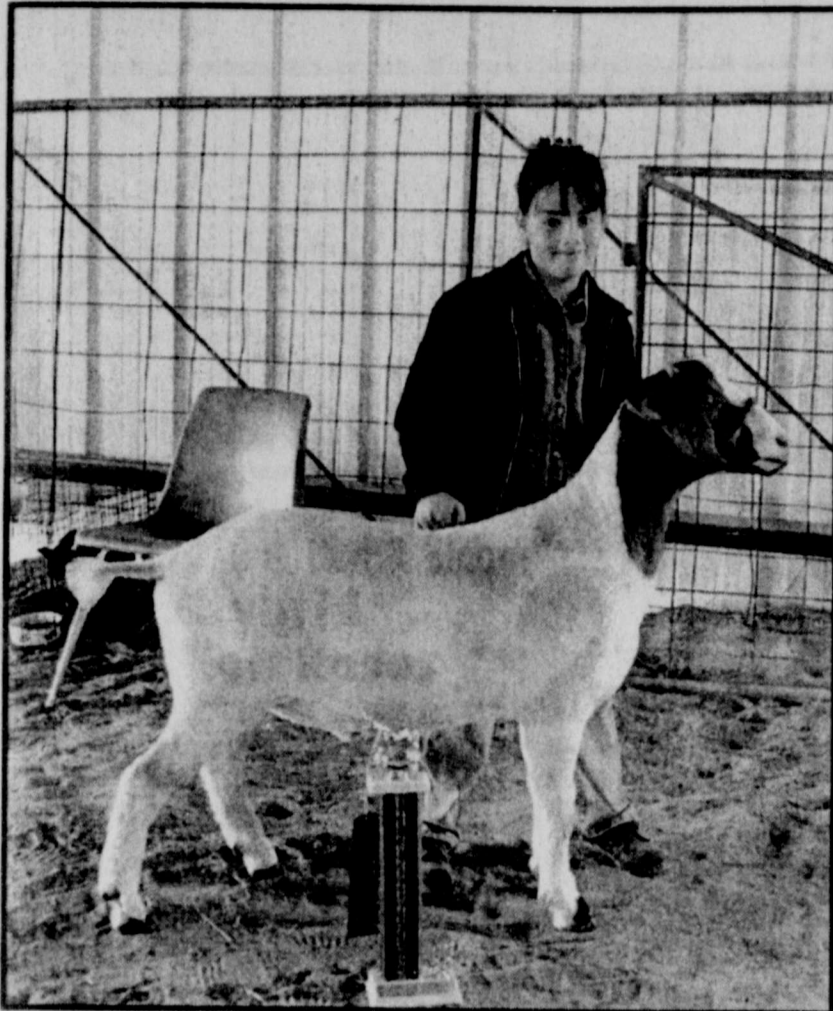
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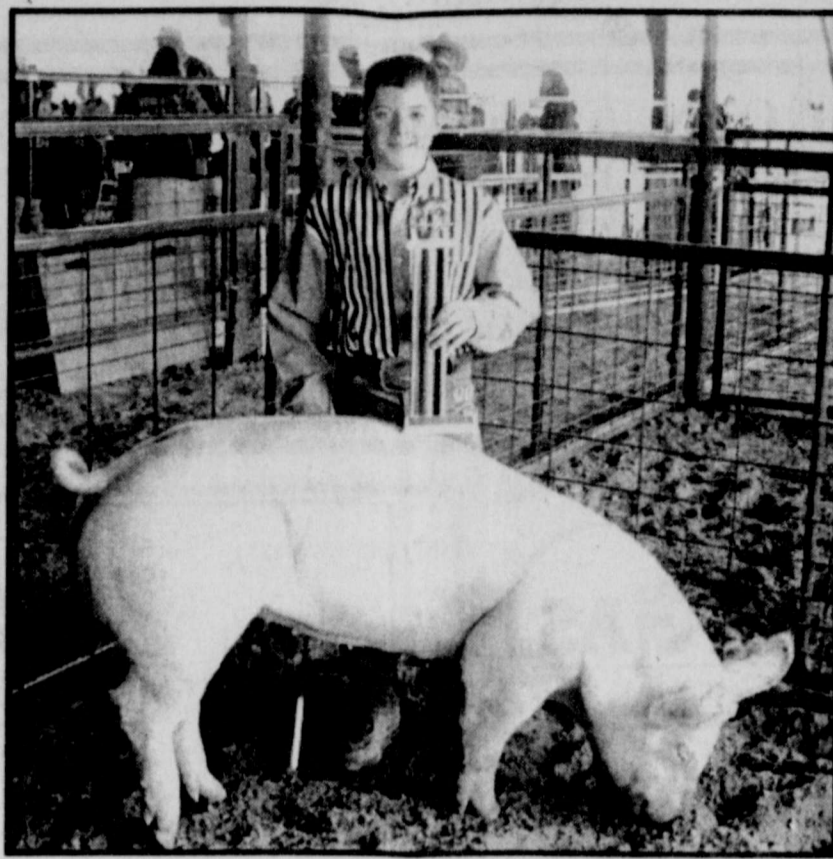
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| <b>HEINZ KETCHUP</b><br>24 Oz. \$1 <sup>19</sup>                            | <b>NABISCO PREMIUM CRACKERS</b><br>1 Lb. Box \$1 <sup>49</sup>    | <b>KRAFT SLICED CHEESE</b><br>12 Oz. pp \$1 <sup>99</sup>               |   |
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| <b>BLUE BELL ICE CREAM</b><br>1/2 Gal. ALL FLAVORS \$3 <sup>49</sup>        | <b>LAWRY'S SEASONING SALT</b><br>8 Oz. 99¢                        |   |   |
| <b>TOSTITOS CHIPS</b><br>Reg. \$3 <sup>29</sup> All Kinds \$2 <sup>49</sup> | <b>PRINGLES CHIPS</b><br>All Kinds 7 Oz. 99¢                      | <b>TIDE LAUNDRY DETERGENT WITH BLEACH</b><br>33 Loads \$6 <sup>29</sup> | <b>3 - RING CUT GREEN BEANS</b><br>14.5 Oz. 5/\$1               |
| <b>PAM COOKING SPRAY</b><br>6 Oz. \$2 <sup>39</sup>                         |   |   |   |
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| ORANGES 49¢ Lb.   |   |   | 2/\$1   |
|   |   | <b>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE</b>  |   |
|   |   | <b>DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</b>                                      |   |
|   |   | 2 Liter 99¢   |   |
|   |   | 12 Pk. \$3 <sup>49</sup>  |   |
|   |   | 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$2 <sup>49</sup>                                    |   |

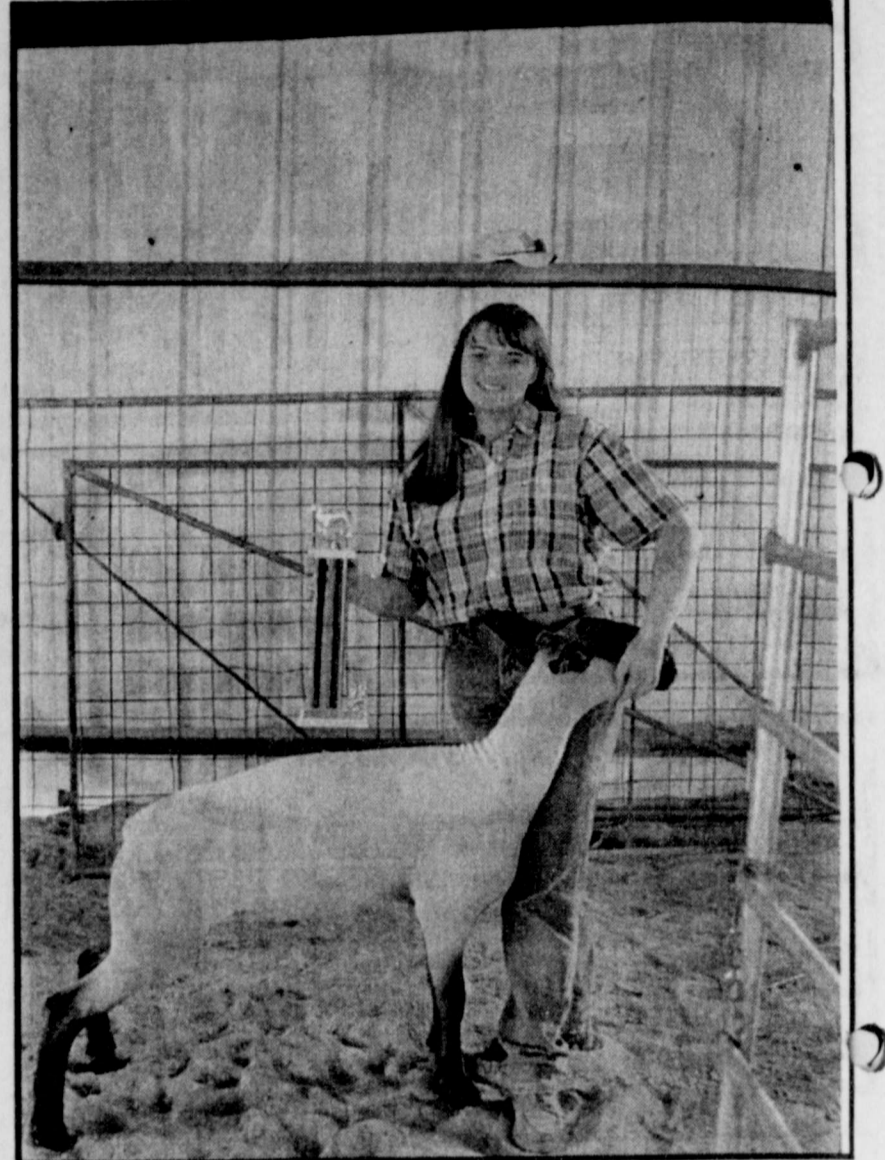




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**Volunteer Week to be observed**

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will join communities across the country in saluting the contributions of volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000. Volunteers are frequently identified as the backbone of any service-oriented organization. The Red River County Extension Service is no exception. Volunteers are a tremendous resource, especially if you look at them in the terms of hours they give and the value of that time. In 1996, 48.8% of our population volunteered according to a biannual study done by the Independent Sector. The average

volunteer offers four hours per week. The assigned hourly wage for volunteers is currently \$13.24. This makes the time volunteers give each year worth an estimated \$201 billion. The Red River County Extension Service appreciates the hard work of all the volunteers who assist through committee work in Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences and Community Development, special events, curriculum enrichment, the county fair and the 4-H program. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, please call (903) 427-3867.

**\$196.1 million delivered to Texas cities**

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$196.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 13.4% increase over the \$172.8 million allocated to cities and counties in March, 1999. Sales tax rebates for the first three months of 2000 are up 8.4%, compared to the first three months of last year. March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February.

In Lamar County, Blossom received \$4,068.15, a 73.99% increase over last year. Deport received \$1,390.87, marking a .47% decrease. Paris received \$413,297.04 for this period marking a .91% decrease. In Red River County, Bogata received \$3,135.34, marking a 73.34% increase over the same period last year. Clarksville received \$30,247.88 for a 17.71% increase and Detroit received \$2,006.82 for a 54.80% increase over the same period in 1999.

Prairiland High School  
Varsity Baseball 2000

|          |              |       |      |
|----------|--------------|-------|------|
| April 4  | Detroit      | Here  | 4:30 |
| April 7  | *Chisum      | Here  | 4:30 |
| April 14 | *Rivercrest  | There | 4:30 |
| April 18 | *Paul Hewitt | Here  | 4:30 |
| April 20 | *Cooper      | There | 4:30 |
| April 25 | *Chapel Hill | Here  | 4:30 |

\*Denotes district games  
Head Coach-Rick Connot  
Assistant Coach-Bill Tesch  
Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke  
Principal-Ronnie Baker  
Superintendent-Dr. L.C. Stout

**Blossom Locals**  
By Liz Irwin  
CALL YOUR NEWS TO  
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**Lady Patriot Softball 2000**

|          |                   |      |         |
|----------|-------------------|------|---------|
| April 7  | *Chisum           | 4:30 | Varsity |
| April 10 | @*Sulphur Springs | 4:30 | Varsity |
| April 14 | *Honey Grove      | 4:30 | JV/Var  |

\*denotes district games  
Head Coach-Mendy Cole  
Asst. Coach-Lance Rankin  
Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke  
Principal-Ronnie Baker  
Superintendent-Dr. L.C. Stout  
(903)652-5682  
Fax.#652-6400

**SPECIALS AT THE Lonesome Dove Cafe**

SPECIALS FROM 5:00 p.m. til Closing

Tues.- Old Fashioned Hamburger w Fries \$3.49

Wed.-Seafood Buffet all you can eat \$11.95

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Georgia Nell Watson, Kennah Cleveland Salas, Christana Adams, Jonathan Tallant, Lynn Crenshaw, Joel Hudson, Meagan Merritt, Jason Bramlett, Ryan Johnson, Lindsey Sugg, B.A. Sessums, Blake Smith, Jeremy Wilson, Viki Drake, Jonathan Fields, Kimberly Chumbley, Misty Ballard, David Keen. Jim Weddle of Paris spent Saturday with Jr. and Pauline Weddle. On Thursday Letha Ford of Powderly spent the day with them. Roy and Mary Helen Irwin of Euleus, Verna and Arby Irwin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma and Jim Irwin enjoyed breakfast and visiting with Jim and Judy Blankenship. Aurby and Verna Irwin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma spent Friday with June and Archie Irwin and Saturday night with the Jim Irwin family and also visited with Alan and Amy Dabbs. The Nazarene Church has a great turnout for their plant sale and wishes to thank everyone for their support! Marie Kennison of Paris spent Saturday night with Ruby Crawford. Georgia Nell Watson was honored with a birthday celebration at the home of her daughter and son-in-law of Summer Jan and Duane Hamil. There was four generations of the family that attended. These included

Jennifer and Scott Moore and great grandson Dillon of Sumner; Jeremy and Kim Hamil of Pecan Gap; Kay and Dan Jones and Jeff and Jason and Shannon Jones all of Trenton; Charlie Elliott of Paris along with Tom Watson. Gaye Barr has returned home from a 2-week visit with her daughter Patricia Gonzales and family of Longview. Get well wishes to Tracy Crawford and Ben Longoria. Bessie Garrett and Gertrude and Andy Hammett enjoyed lunch at Furr's this past week. Emma and Lloyd Willard along with Karen and Rodney Kraft of Dallas, Mib and Joe Mearns of Post Oak, Juanita Garrett of Woodland, Carol Davis of Paris and Mike and Sandy Long of Henderson attended the dedication of their grandson at the Christ Community Church in Paris on Sunday. He is the son of Steven and Renea Long of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. Mearns and Mr. and Mrs. Long along with Renea and Steven enjoyed dinner at the home of the Willard's after the service. The Detroit Volunteer Fire Department will be having an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Saturday evening, April 8, beginning at 4:00 at the fire station. Everyone is invited to attend.

**UMW meets at church**

The regular meeting of the United Methodist Women met in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on Monday night. President Juanita Sparks opened the meeting. Ruth Chipman reviewed an article entitled "We Are the Seeds" written by a young college coed about her search for a place to serve God and found the opportunity to serve Him through the people who came into his shop. Scripture came from Romans 13: 8-10. Ruth Chipman served refreshments to thirteen members and one guest, Joyce Gartman. Next meeting will be April 17th with Nell Shull as the hostess and Jauvanee Carpenter will be program leader.

**Crime Stoppers crime of the week**

Crime Stoppers is seeking your help to 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. Soemtime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd, unknown suspects forced entry into a home in the 1600 block of Belmont Street in Paris. Once inside the home, the suspects stole three cameras, some jewelry, cash and other items. This burglary resulted in over \$2,400 in lost and 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 April 10th 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).

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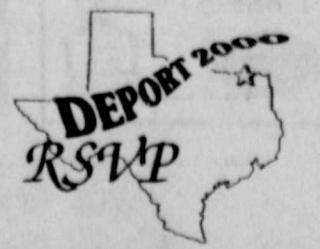
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**CITY OF DEPORT HOMECOMING**  
You are cordially invited to attend

The City of Deport Homecoming 2000  
June 2-3, 2000

Friday, June 2, 2000: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. Stay for visitation and coffee and donuts. There will be a dance Friday night beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Other activities will be held at the Legion Hall including a noon meal of catered barbeque on Saturday June 3rd. Seating will begin at 12 noon. For reservations for barbeque serving please send payment of \$8.00 per person to Juanita Sparks, P.O. Box 156, Deport, TX 75435 by May 15th 2000. For more information please call: 903 652-4211 or 903 652-4515

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**Deport Nursing Home News**  
By Cletta Mathis

Visiting with Harold Norris was Cecil Allen.  
Visiting with Loyd Cavender this week was Billy and Helen Cavender, Ike and Ann Jewett, Mable Austin, Ella Mae Trussell, Cecil Allen.  
Visiting with Jessie Lane was Pat Matlock, Nelia Davidson, Ryleigh Davidson.  
Visiting with Pat Hollje was E.J. Newberry.  
Visiting Iveteta Edwards was Wanda Roosen.  
Visiting Johnnie Warren was Lucy Fowler, Jo Ann Henson, Evelyn Raach, Phillip Roach, Kaitlyn Spray, Dick and Glenda Deaton, Phil and Joyce Lane, Nani Bell Ham, WaNell Calliway, Lila Screws.  
Visiting Geneva Frankline was Kathryn Hughes, Connie and Kathryn.  
Visiting with Ima Griffin was Patsy Curtis, Connie and Kathryn.  
Visiting with Lois Dudley was Velma Temple.  
Visiting with Angie Smith was Larry, Don & Dale Smith, Sue Goley, Shirley Haskell.  
Visiting with Alma Montgomery and Ada Chaddick was Margaret and Cecil Allen and Monda.  
Visiting with David Geer was Cecil Allen, Ann Geer, Joyce Love, Phil Love, Alfred and Clyde Fangio, John and Janyce Draper, Elsie Hughes, Leon Whitsell, Red and Inez Weaver. Cecil Allen.  
Visiting with Gus Bryant was Cecil and Margaret Allen.  
Visiting with Terry McDowra was Cecil and Margaret Allen, Barbara Fambro.  
Visiting with Purna Haydock was Cecil Allen.  
Visiting with Opal English was Connie Ross.  
Visiting Ina Hedrick was Florence Summer, Norma and Doris.  
Visiting with Roy Wells was Ken Wells, James Wells, Glenn Wells, visiting Billie Abbott was Pat Porter, Jean Goforth.  
Visiting Homer and Melva Siss was Pete and Betty Sisson, Harney Graham.  
Visiting with Mamie Fletcher this wee was Lila Screws and Jimmy Fletcher.  
Visiting Ann Austin was Charley and Debbie and Leland Austin.  
Visiting Viola Barham was granddaughter Laine (Lorene) Allen and Bubba Smith.  
Visiting Sara Gilmer was Sarena, Dewey and Marline and Don.  
Visiting Nora Barnett was Katy Ramsey, Cookie Hill, Ann Carter, Rita Thompson, Manady Gibson and Shelby and Maddison Watkins.  
Visiting Raymond Hightight was Mary Ray, Sue Carrell, Jimmie, Rose Marie and Flona Harris.