

I Love Small Towns Living in a small town, or in a neighborhood in the city that is like a small town is truly a great thing.

Last Thursday morning I was at the office when the fire department beeper Mike wears went off. Larry and Judy Whittle's house was on fire.

Cindy, the office manager, was out sick. Thomas and Mike are on the fire department and I need to do my reporter duties. That meant no one to keep

e office open. No one, that is, xcept for Mrs. Lee from Blosfom. She was upstairs researching genealogy in the old volumes.

So, I called upstairs for her to please tell anyone who came through the door we would be back in a minute and drove away.

At the fire scene volunteers from Cunningham, Deport, Pattonville and Blossom were pouring in.

Frankie Norwood, a long time friend of the Whittles, and an ag teacher at Prairiland, had been going by with some students when he noticed smoke coming from the turbine on the Whittle house. He knew this wasn't right. He also knew that there were two beloved dogs inside. Of course, one of the dogs doesn't like Frankie. He got the door open, and his students had to stand in the yard and call the dogs out, the one that doesn't like him wouldn't come to him! He had already used his cell phone

to call for fire departments. After putting the dogs and

his students in a safe place he joined in with fire fighting.

Judy works at Prairiland school and her friend co-worker Susan Roach immediately loaned her a vehicle to rush home in. Susan, the Whittle's daughter, was brought by a teacher to the scene, along with a few friends to lend comfort to an upset youngster. The teacher even brought her workbooks and school books.



Deport council proposes strict animal control laws in response to petition

is under consideration by the Deport City Council. The ordinance sets limits to the number of dogs and/or cats a resident may own, as well as requiring each animal to have a valid certificate of vaccination.

The ordinance defines "animal" as any mammal or marsupial, domestic or wild, other than humans, which may be affected by rabies.

The ordinance also regulates the keeping of rabbits and poultry.

The ordinance proclaims it unlawful for an animal or animals to run at large (not on a leash) and the animals are subject to impoundment by a city official for a period of at least 72 hours. At the expiration of the 72 hours, if the animal has not been claimed by it's owner it will be considered abandoned by it's owner and the animal will be disposed of (put to death) by a qualified shelter at the city's expense. According to councilman Francies, the cost per animal is estimated to be around \$20 per animal.

If the animal is claimed by it's owner before the 72 hours have expired the owner will incur all ex-

A strict Animal Control Ordinance penses for vaccination of the animal or animals.

> Section 11 of the proposed ordinance states that any one owner or family harboring more that three (3) dogs or (3) cats over six months of age shall be declared a nuisance. The only exceptions are for veterinary clinics or kennels located within the city limits.

> The proposed ordinance is published completely in the public notice section of the Deport Times this week.

Any resident of the city of Deport is invited to read the ordinance in publication, and will be available for review at the Deport City Hall during regular business hours.

Anyone with opinions for, or against the proposed ordinance is invited to attend the next city council meeting Monday, May 8th at 6:45 p.m. at Deport City Hall to voice their opinions

Residents can also call City Hall at 652-3875 to voice their opinions.

Regular business such as the financial report, approval of the minutes and payment of bills was taken care of.



READING THE ORDINANCE-Rebecca and Rusty Crawford look over a copy of the proposed ordinance the City of Deport is looking at passing. Behind them are Michelle Ford and Debbie Pearson. The ordinance deals with variousforms of animal control within the city limits. The entire ordinance is available to be read in this week's paper.(Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Letters To Editor

eration by the Deport City Council are aggressive. will regulate the number of dogs and cats residents of the city will be allowed to harbor and care for.

The ordinance specifies "animals" as any mammal or marsupial, domestic or wild, other than humans, which may be affected by rabies.

A city ordinance under consid- animals roaming, some of which

I believe this ordinance unfairly discriminates against responsible dog and cat owners. The city limits of Deport encase pastures for cattle, horses, llamas, pens of poultry, rabbits, sheep and even occasionally, swine. The ordinance doesn't regulate the number of other animals to



Friends were on hand to comfort Larry, Judy and Susan. Help and offers of future help poured in.

Firefighters worked hard to control the blaze, and consequently save a portion of the home, in spite of it's distance from a fire station.

Knowing the office was still manned by poor Mrs. Lee I returned to Deport and found she had accepted money, answered the phone and generally "held down the fort".

After a while Mike and Thomas were able to return.

That is the way it is in any of the communities we serve.

If there is trouble, people are there to help. If someone's business needs minding for a while, a volunteer will do it. If a family is off work for a while, people assist them.

t's the way we all should be. it the way things frequently are, because there are so many good people in the world. And, most of all, it's beautiful.



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The truth is that one section of the ordinance will limit the number of pets (cats or dogs) any one person or family may own.

I believe that this ordinance as it is currently written is unfair to cat and dog owners who are responsible, keep their animals vaccinated and well cared for. Section 11 of the ordinance states that no owner or family can lawfully harbor more than 3 cats and 3 dogs over six months of age. Exceptions are veterinarians offices or a person with a kennel license.

Why would citizens of Deport allow an ordinance to be voted into law that discriminates against those who love, protect and truly care for pets?

Yes, a petition was signed by 100 people saying that animals needed to be vaccinated and better controlled, as there are many stray

only three, nor should it.

Only dogs and cat owners are singled out to be told they may only love and cherish three dogs and three cats or their animals will be considered a nuisance. If a neighbor complains that someone is 'over their limit" the animals are subject to impoundment.

Please, let's not pass section 11 of this ordinance as it is currently proposed.

I am NOT against an animal ordinance, just the limitation of the number of dogs and cats a **RESPONSIBLE** pet owner can have.

The council will discuss and vote on this ordinance at the next city council meeting May 8th at 6:45 p.m. Let city hall know how you feel. They will listen, but you must speak up.

Sincerely, Thomas Nichols

Kindergarten Roundup will be April 26

Deport Elementary School will hold its Kindergarten Roundup and registration in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26 for the visit the classrooms. children who will be five years old on or before September 1.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, current shot record and social security card to register.

During registration, children and parents will have the opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers and

There are several fun activities planned for the children, including a short bus ride.

The event will conclude at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata set at Deport First Methodist Church

A selection of Easter music will be which will include 12 arrangements performed at the Deport First United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 16.

The Cantata is entitled "The Gospel Song of Easter" and is comprised of familiar hymns that people will recognize such as "Jesus Saves!" "He Arose", "He Lives" and "Th eOld Rugged Cross" to name a few. Dr. T.H. Glover will conduct the Cantata,

from traditional selections performed by the community choir.

The Cantata will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the performance. Everyone is invited to enjoy an hour of sacred and devotional music

McDowell takes judge candidacy position and Storey takes Sheriff

In runoff elections locally the runoff for 62nd District judge Democratic Candidate saw Scott McDowell defeating Jesse Nickerson, McDowell received 1637 votes and Nickerson received 948 McDowell will face Jeff Starnes in

the fall election.

favorites

In Red River County incumbent Sheriff Bob Edrington was defeated by Bob Storey, who has served as Red River County Sheriff several years ago. The vote totals were : Storey 1457 and Edrington 1029.

AWARDS-Nanalee Nichols, Liz Irwin and Cindy Allen display some of the awards Thunder Prairie Publishing garnered at North and East Texas Press Association last week. The newspapers earned First Place in Column Writing, First Place in Advertising (Plaque has not yet arrived) Second Place in Sweepstakes, Second Place in Photography, Second Place in Feature Writing, Second Place in Sports coverage. Mrs. Nichols won the column writing award, she and Ms. Allen shared the Feature Story award with one article on Street Rodders and the other on Sammy Andrews and the famous bucking bull Bodacious; Mrs. Irwin took many of the sports photographs and wrote many of the sports stories. Thomas Nichols, Liz Irwin and Nanalee Nichols took the photographs that won the second place awards. In addition, Mike Francies worked on several of the ads that contributed to the First place win. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Thunder Prairie wins

seven major awards at NETPA

at North and East Texas Press coverage Association's Annual Convention. held in Waco last week.

Nanalee Nichols took First Place in Division 6 Column Writing for the fifth time in North and East Texas Press Association. She has won First Place in Texas Press Association's innual contest, also.

Yet another First Place Plaque was carned in Advertising.

In addition the newspaper won Second Place in the prestigious Sweepstakes Award Contest, which is based on the points awarded the accumulated entries. They also won Third Place in the General Excellence Category; Second Place in Fea-



Friday, April 14-Pattonville Community Center Dance, 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Saturday, April 15-Pattonville VFD breakfast, 7-10 a.m., \$4, AYCE. Monday, April 17-Pattonville VFD meeting, 7 p.m., Community Center.

Friday, April 21, 2000 Prairiland ISD will be out of school on the above date in

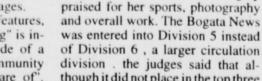
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A few of the judge's comments were: General Excellence, Newsy, Good use of photos. Headlines too

Column writing: Entertaining, well written, creative, good messages.

Feature Writing: Good features, well written: "Street Rodding" is interesting insight into the side of a local couple that perhaps community members might not be aware of'. "Bodacious...Good story. Good use of photos, well written"

Photography: Great photos, some photos could have been larger. Good representations of disasters, good



together.

angle and good close ups"

use of elements in lay-out.

Advertising: Good Composition,

Sports: Stories a little short, would

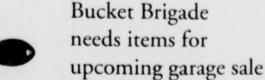
Nancy Brown, editor of the Bogata

be nice to put all sports coverage

News and Talco Times was highly

though it did not place in the top three the papers were "excellent papers with true community coverage". Judging was done by journalists

ranging from smaller weeklies to managing editor of a daily and a journalism school instructor.



The Deport Bucket Brigade needs items for the Garage Sale which is set for May 6th.

All funds go to aid the Deport Volunteer Fire Department.

Anyone with items to donate may bring them to Darden-Sparks Department Store or the Deport Times.

If you need the items picked up call 652-4205 (Deport Times) or 652 4515 (Darden-Sparks are City Drug at 652-3456.

Help the fire department and get those closets clean!

observance of Good Friday. All students will return to regular classes on Monday, April 24.

Rev. Jim Becton of Louisiana will

preach at Life Tabernacle Church in

Cunningham on Sunday, April 16 at

10:00 a.m. and again at the evening

service at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is in-

vited to attend.



With Easter coming up on Sunday, April 23rd, everyone can use a few new recipes. This week, thanks to Doris Jenkins of Faught, she has sent us some very interesting ones. Some are for a crowd and some are for just two.

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Whether you want to go the fullmeal-deal with cornbread stuffing, roast chicken or turkey or whatever you wish to prepare. . . . we wish everyone a great holiday and stay safe and we will see you in the kitchen!

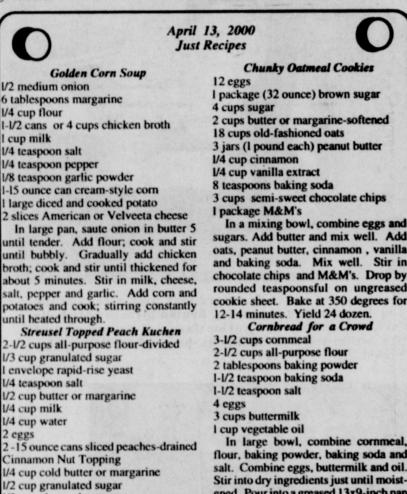
Golden Corn Soup-you can't go wrong with this recipe. It contains cream-style corn, potatoes and cheese along with other ingredients to make a rich and steamy bowl of goodness!

Streusel-Topped Peach Keuchen-this recipe uses canned peaches in heavy syrup atop a yeastbased dough and topped with a cinnamon nut crumble topping! Outstanding!

Chunk Oatmeal Cookies-this recipe will make 24 dozen cookies and uses no flour!

Cornbread for a Crowd-here is the recipe you need is you are going to make dressing for a large group of people!

Pounds-Off Stuffing-this recipe makes 12 servings at 100 calories per serving; contains 4 grams protein; 2 grams fat; 13 mg. cholesterol; 17 grams carbohydrates; and 392 mg. sodium.



1/3 cup chopped pecans 1/4 cup all-purpose flour /2 teaspoon cinnamon In large mixing bowl, combine I cup

flour, sugar, yeast and salt. Heat butter, milk and water until very warm(120-130 degrees). Gradually add to dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes at medium beed, scraping bowl occasionally. Add

In a mixing bowl, combine eggs and sugars. Add butter and mix well. Add

flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Combine eggs, buttermilk and oil Stir into dry ingredients just until moist ened. Pour into a greased 13x9-inch pan and a 9x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Pounds-off Cornbread Stuffing box corn muffin mix 1/3 cup skim milk 2 egg whites I can corn kernels-drained



News

*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Mon-

day night at 7:00 p.m. *Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m.

*Thursday at 7:00 p.m. is 42 play-ing time and Pool and shuffleboard are open all the time.

* The VFW will be starting a pool tournament on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out for competition and fellowship.

* On April 20 a bar-b-que meal will be served at the post with all proceeds going to the Ladies Auxil-iary. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal at 7:00 p.m 42 will begin. This is also a birthday party for those with April birthdays. Please make plans to attend for good food and fellowship.

*April is election of officers for the next year. All members are urged to attend the April meetings. Every member will be needed to have a strong VFW and Auxiliary. Please contribute your support and help keep Bogata's VFW strong.

Happy Birthday to Eunice Miller, Rabbit Wisinger, Lucille Moore, Betty Mullen and Burl Moore.

*Sympathy is extended to the families of Ennis Moore and Josh Belcher. SpringFest 2000

in Clarksville

The Spring Fest - Around the Square will be held on April 15, 2000 in Clarksville.

Entertainment will be the Clarksville High School Jazz Band from 9:00 a.m. The Pam King Company of Singers from 10:30-11:30 a.m. featuring Tyrell Duckett, Kristi Patterson, Sarah Stewart and others. Gospel singer Carolyn Freeman will perform at 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. with much, much, more.

For more information contact 903-427-2645.

Stockholders to

meet in Tyler

AgriLand, Farm Credit Services will hold its 66th annual stockholders meeting Saturday, April 15 at Harvey Convention Center in Tyler. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 450 stockholders and guests are expected to attend. This will be the first annual meeting of AgriLand, FCS since the merger



Ennis Moore dies April 7

Ennis Moore, age 82 of Bogata, died Friday, April 7 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Billy Daniels and the Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. **Burial followed in Bogata Cemetery** under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes. Nephews served as pallbear-

Mr. Moore was born in Red River County on October 11, 1917, the son of Jessie Monroe and Eva Bankston Moore. On October 7, 1939, he married the former Nettie McConnell in the Turner Lake Community of Red River County. He was a retired rancher.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie Moore of Bogata; three daughters and sons-in-laws, Kay and Boyd Griffin of Bogata, Margie and James Walker of Cuthand and Jessie and Bob Carmichael of Brooklyn, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Medreth Clements, Donna Ward, Kim Fields, Nikki Matlock, Drew Carmichael, Misti Fair, Haley Griffin and Josh Griffin; eight great-grandchildren, Koni, Jennifer and Paul Clements, Brooke, Kati and Matthew Ward and Mackenzie and Garrett Fields.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Pinkston on April 16, 1980; a granddaughter, Kathy Walker Ewing on August 8, 1999; three brothers, Harvey Moore, Rufus Moore, Emmit "Red" Moore; and two sisters, Ola May O'Donnell and Willie Maud Blissard.

Claudie Dudley nob !! V noo dies April 2

Claudie Dudley, age 91 of Deport died Sunday, April 2 at his home.

Serviceds were held at 3:00 p.m.

Obituaries

Irene M. Johnson dies March 25

Irene M. Johnson, age 79, a resident of Dallas died March 25.

Services were held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Grove Hill Funeral Home Chapel in Dallas.

She was born in September, 1920, to Bob and Lucy McClung. She retired from the Richardson I.S.D. and was a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and Texas State Teachers Association.

Surviving are a son, Joe Bob Johnson and his wife Suzanne of Mabank; a grandson, Mike Johnson of Flatrock, North Carolina; granddaughter, Shara Patton of Mabank; great-granddaughters, Brady Johnson of Flatrock, North Carolina and Brielle Patton of Mabank; a sister, Nadine Caldwell of Talco; a niece, Gayla Dodd of Garland; great-niece, Shana Dodd of Garland; and a greatnephew, Chad Dodd of California.

Arlene H. Burks

dies April 5

Arlene H. Burks, age 90, died April 5 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Knights of Honor Cemetery in Blossom with the Rev. Mark Gossett officiating. Services were conducted under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burks was born September 3, 1909 in Minter, a daughter of Frank and Ella Montgomery Hart. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clarksville and the retired Blossom Postmaster.

Her husband, Gordon Dale Burks, preceded her in death; along with a grandson, Michael Dale Parker.

Surviving are a daughter and sonin-law, Wanda and Buddy Parker of Clarksville; two grandchildren, Bobby Parker and wife Carol of Clarksville and Cheri Doyle and husband Curtis of Clarksville; and three great-grandchildren, Beau, Cole and Chet.

Card of Thanks

The family of Kelley Boyd would like to thank everyone who helped extinguish their recent house fire. Special thanks to the Bogata Fire Department.

Kelley, Deana & Paige Boyd

Card of Thanks I would like to thank all my family

and friends who came and helped me celebrate my 80th birthday and those who called. May God bless each of you as he

has me **Chrystine Baker**

Joshua Lance Belcher dies April 7

Joshua Lance Belcher, age 21 of Bogata died Friday, April 7 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Services were held Monday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with the Rev. Don Shovan and the Rev. Ronny Ross officiating. Burial followed in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home. Josh was born July 3, 1978 in M.

Pleasant, a son of Randy and Julie Littrell Belcher. He was a graduate of Rivercrest High School and a member of the Four States High School Rodeo Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata and was a construction worker.

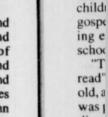
Surviving are his parents, Julie and Tommy Childres of Bogata and Randy and Sandra Belcher of Cuthand; grandparents, Pete and Peggy Belcher of Cuthand, Billy and Fran Littrell of Bogata, Carl Childres of Bogata and Robert and Patsy Guinn of Clarksville; sisters, Mary Childres of Houston, Hannah Belcher of Como-Pickton and Alicia Sturnacle of Cuthand; and two brothers, Dere Belcher of Bogata and Matt Childres of Milam.

Bearers were Tye Mankins, Jerad Guest, Erric Martin, Chad Martin, A.D. Martin, Cortney Huddleston, Jim Purviance and Amos Meredith.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the many friends who participated in my recovery of pneumonia, especially Dr. McLemore and the hospital staff that took care of me while I was in Christus St. Josepoh's Hospital. For all those who offered prayers in my behalf, telephone calls from family and friends, for neighbors who helped with livestock feeding, cards, flowers and food, I especially thank you.

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eggs and 1/2 cup flour, beat 2 minutes at high speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in remaining flour to make a stiff batter. Transfer to a greased 13x9-inch pan. Arrange peaches in rows on top of batter. To prepare topping. In a medium bowl, cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Add granulated sugar, pecans, flour and cinnamon. Stir until well blended. Sprinkle evenly over peaches. Cover; let rise in a warm draft-free place until doubled in size or about one hour. Bake at 375 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until done

Easter

1/3 teaspoons cayenne pepper I tablespoon olive oil 2 ribs celery-chopped l onion-chopped 2 cloves garlic-minced carrot grated I box frozen chopped collard greens I teaspoon rubbed sage I teaspoon marjoram l teaspoon salt 1/2 cup fat-free chicken broth

Bake muffin mix using skim milk and egg whites. Add corn and pepper to batter. Heat oil, add celery, onion and garlic, cook til tender. Add carrot and greens. Cook 2 minutes. Remove from heat and crumble combread into skillet; add sage and marjoram, salt and broth. Spoon into 8x12-inch baking dish and cover with foil. Bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees.



Announces The Opening of the **DEMENTIA (MEMORY LOSS) & ALZHEIMERS CLINIC** DEVABRATA GANGULY, M.D.

INTERNAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICINE DEPARTMENT HEAD Dementia Clinic, 2nd Floor, ETMC-Clarksville 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND SCHEDULING Please Call (903) 632-5632

of the North Texas and Agricultural PCAs.

Stockholders will elect directors for five positions on the board. Nominees for Region 1, Place 2 are Bob Christopherson of Bogata and Ricky Brackman of Clarksville; Region 1, place 11 nominees include Michael Blackburn from Blossom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Dear Residents of Texas,

I am a 5th grade student of Alaska and I am doing a report on the State of Texas. I.m trying to gather information about your state. I would apprciate any information that you could send me. I'm looking forward to learning about your state! Thank you very much!

Sincerely, Hannah Wallace

Locals make

up chorale

Several local Paris Junior College students are members of the PJC Chorale.

From Bagwell is Bryce Gatlin; Blossom, Shane Chennault; and from Bogata, Jason Dyess and John White.

People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas pre-sents sometime a year in ad-vance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and someaced with death, and somenes it catches us unpre To save your family the finan-cial stress of paying for your fi-nal expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guar-antees that your expenses are taken care of; that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death; and that your funeral service can be handled according to your

The James Wood Family will be happy to answer any ques-tions that you might have, so start preparing today.



Tuesday, April 4 at Bright-Holland Funeral Home with the Rev. Freddy Burden officiating. Burial followed in Shady Grove Cemetery.

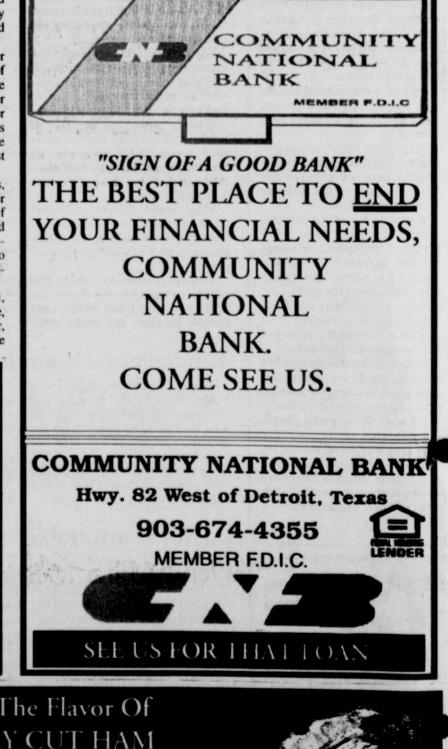
Mr. Dudley was born September 18, 1908 in Lamar County, a son of Rufus and Ella Talley Dudley. He married Lois Stansell on September 23, 1929 in Hugo, OK. He worked for the W.P.A. in Lamar County and was a caterpillar operator for 30 years. He was a deacon and member of the First Baptist Church of Deport.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Jerry Dudley of Deport and Rodger Dudley and his wife Linda of Duncanville; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; three brothers; and a grand-

Bearers were Gordon Isbell, Donald Bob Merritt, Charles Malone, Johnnie Dawson, Raymond Hoover, Doc Enox, Kyle Wright and Eddie McLaughlin.

Wanted, Cooks!

Liz Irwin, our cooking columnist, needs cooks to interview anywhere in this area. Please call her at 903-982-5829, or the Bogata News at 632-5322 or Deport Times at 652-4205 or Talco Times at 379-4445 and tell us about a good or unusual cook of any age that you would like to see featured.





Duane Allen recalls first two songs he ever performed

Oak Ridge Boys looking forward to concerts this weekend

Ridge Boys, and most people know that lead singer Duane Allen is a native of this area. But, in a phone interview Tuesday, Duane confessed to a story that "I don't believe I've er told the press before"

When asked if he could remember the very first song he ever sang for the public he laughed and said "Clearly"

Back when Duane was a youngster there were two week gospel singing schools. An outside teacher would come in during the summer and the children would learn "shaped note gospel singing". His first public singing experience was at one of those schools, in Cunningham.

That's how we kids learned to read" Duane says. "I was four years old, and at the end of the week a child was picked to stand up and sing and direct a song. I was chosen, and I proudly sang "Hand in Hand With

Duane received such a big round applause that he says "I really thought I was cool"

Two weeks later his older brother, Fred, and his cousin, Loy took Duane to the community of Minter to a gospel singing. He was given the opportunity to sing once again.

'Well, I had had my big premier two weeks before. My brother and cousin had taught me a little song called 'Show Me The Way To Go Home' and I stood right up and sang it. It was pretty quiet after I finished up with the verses about 'I had a little drink about an hour ago and it went right to my head' but I was only four and they were pretty forgiving. Fred

Everyone has heard of the Oak and Loy kinda got into trouble for teaching me that song, though" he laughs.

From that beginning was launched a career in music that has spanned generations and continents.

The Oak Ridge Boys, consisting of duane, William Goldman, Richard Sterban and Joe Bonsall went from their firmly rooted gospel beginnings to country music that has netted them hits such as "Your The One " "Heart of Mine" "Bobbie Sue" and Elvira".

They have toured Europe, Soviet Union, West German, Canada and of course the entire United States.

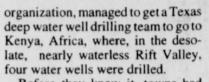
Their gospel roots stand the Oaks in good stead when it comes to helping others, too.

We're coming to Paris for this concert at the lowest price we can charge, basically for expenses, because we want to do something to help kids go to college" Allen explains.

Duane says he is also looking forward to seeing his sisters, aunts, cousins and other relatives which populate his native stomping grounds this weekend

A tradition of sharing is part of the group. Duane tells about several years ago when the city of Nice, France held a three months music celebration. Each day a different country performed at their newly opened acropolis. The Oak Ridge Boys were chosen to represent the U.S. They were paid extremely well and performed for heads of state from all over

Afterwards, the group donated the proceeds to Feed The Children Organizations. Larry Jones, head of the



Before they knew it, towns had sprung up around these water wells. To the Oak Ridge Boys' surprise, each town was named after a member of the group. This next year Duane hopes he and his son can go to Africa and see Duane Allen, William Goldman, Richard Sterban and Joe Bonsall! He had hoped to go before his brother, Fred retired from Zambia where he served as a missionary for 28 years, but Fred retired in 1999.

Duane says "If you close your ears to the people around you, you can become very boring. If, on the other hand, you keep your ears open you can continue to grow and learn". It is apparent that the group keeps their ears open to the needs of those around them, and love performing with all their hearts.

This Saturday, April 15, people in this area will have the opportunity to have an evening of quality entertainment as well as help students go to college

The Oak Ridge Boys will perform in two concerts, one a 6 p.m and the other at 9 p.m. at the Love Civic Center in Paris. Cost of the tickets is \$40, and they may be purchased in advance by calling 652-6476, by going by the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and at the Civic Center Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 . All ticket prices are \$40 . Remember, this isn't only quality entertainment, it is a tax deductible charity donation as well.

Cemetery donations received

Cunningham Restland Cemetery is in receipt of the following donations from January 10

Walker and Willie Devlin, Jane O'Neal, Larry and Virginia Bell, King Sain, Billie Joe Oats, Josephine Berryman, Greg Devlin, Shirley Tidwell.

In memory of Dave and Lillie Kennedy from Dave and Lillie Kennedy family.

All donations are appreciated. Anyoen wishing to make a donation for the upkeep may do so by mailing it to Billie Joe Oats, P.O. Box 52, Cunningham, TX 75434.



Jill Foster

Jill Foster named

National Beta Scholar The National Beta Club announced recently that Jill Foster has been named a Beta Scholar which entitles her to a scholarship award of \$1,000. Jill, a senior at Rivercrest High School, competed against more than

962 candidates nationwide for this honor. Two hndred nine scholarship recipients were chosen. She plans to attend Texas A & M University in College Station, Tx.

Beta Scholars are selected based on their grade point average, SAT/ ACT scores and especially, their active participation in Beta Club activities. She was recommended for this award by the local Beta Club sponsor, Tammy Kuhlengel and high school principal, Keith Brown.

"This outstanding young person represents the true spirit of National Beta, having excelled not only academically, but in leadership and service to school and community as well, ecutive director of the National Beta Club. Headquartered in Spartanbury, SC, the National Beta Club is an academic, leadership service club for high school students.

Ginger Foster of Bogata and the granddaughter of Sam and Sammie



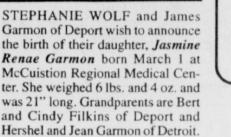
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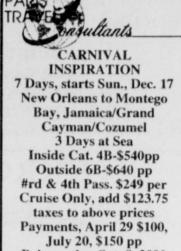
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Jill is the daughter of Morris and

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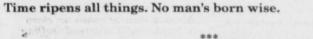




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-Cervantes









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DISTRICT TENNIS MEET-Amber Norwood(2nd in Singles) and Eddie Hizer(lst in Singles) took first and second place at the District Tennis Meet 1st week. They will both advance to the Regional Meet on April 14. (Staff Photo)

Fun Run and Walk is upcoming

A fun run and two mile walk will be Saturday, May 6 as a feature of the Paris Arts Festival.

Registration will be held from 6:45 until 7:30 a.m. on May 6 at the Dragon Park Walking Track at 24th and Jefferson.

Warm-up will begin at 8 a.m. with runs beginning at 7:45 and 7:50 a.m. The walk begins at 8 a.m.

An awards ceremony will be held 9:30.All participants will receive irts and goodie bags. Each competitor age 10 or under will receive a commemorative medallion. Trophies will be awarded to the first three male and the first three female overall winners for each race. Medallions will be awarded to the first three male and first three female finishers in each age category.

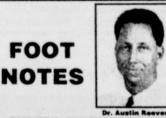
Pre-registration fees are \$8.00 for ages 10 and under; \$10.00 for ages 11 and over; and \$5.00 for person for groups of five or more runners registering together.



Post Oak VFD elects officers

The Post Oak Volunteer Fire Department held their annual meeting on Tuesday night at the fire station. They elected new officers for the coming year. The same oficers were re-eleted with Johnie Lee being elected as assistant treasurer. Mel Emily went out as one of the directors and Bro. Henry Blackmon was elected to replace him. Bro. Blackmon has become a new member and he was also elected chaplain.

The ir recently purchased fire truck has been painted and ready to have equipment installed.



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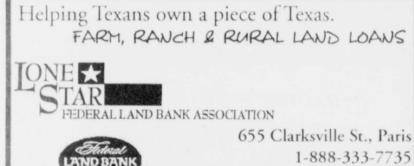
A recent study, sponsored by the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society, reveals a need for better diabetic foot care. The study was designed to measure the current level of preventive foot care given to diabetics in the United States. Diabetes is the leading cause of foot amputations in this country. Due to loss of sensation in the foot, a common diabetic symptom, many patients develop foot ulcers, infections and other potentially dangerous problems. Earlier studies have shown that a combination of patient education, protective shoes and inserts, and regular foot exams can reduce the risk for diabetes, relates foot problems. This study showed that only 12% of patients wore protective shoes and 15% used custom foot orthoses

If you have diabetes, you probably already know that you face special health challenges as the result of the disease. Slow healing due to poor circulation in the feet may increase the risk of infection, and damaged nerves can impair the sensations that make it possible to feel the pain that signals an injury. Don't take chances with your health. Protect your feet and your health by seeking professional help for treatment as well as prevention. New patients are always welcome here at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC. Call 784-5585 for an appointment. OFFICE LOCATED AT 3605 N.E. LOOP 286 STE 1800

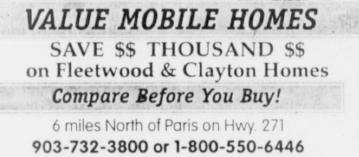
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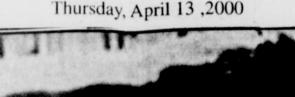
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BLACKIE the Oldddd cow!. Local vet, Dr. Sam B. Kelsey has an cow he raised from an orphaned calf that has reached the venerable age of 26, almost unheard of in the bovine world. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Deport vet has 26 year old cow!

Deport's local veterinarian, Sam B. Kelsey, has always taken good care of his livestock, but he takes particular care of one of his cows. Her name is Blackie. She has been around for so long that she is considered one of the family.

Sometime in 1974, Dr. Kelsey was making calls to Red River County to see an orphaned calf and nurse it back to health for a client. After several trips to the farm, the baby calf was on the road to recovery. The owner became unable to continue caring for the calf and suggested that the Vet bill be traded for the calf. Dr. Kelsey tied the calf up and put it in the back of his truck and came to Deport with it.

Little did he know that the heifer calf would grow up to be one of his

Pattonville

News

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Lori Tubbs,

Betsy Skeen, Clay Ashby, Chad

Ashby, John Hoover, Heath

Fesenmeyer, Heidi Fesenmeyer, Irene

Happy anniversary to Shanna and

Supper guests Wednesday of Keith

and Peggy Parsons were Larry and

Pat Sparks of Longmont, Colorado,

Elois Sparks, Ina Sparks and Nina

Sparks of Deport. Thursday night

they hosted a family cookout with

Parsons and Linda Copeland.

Dale Witkerson.

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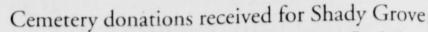
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his herd. Most cows don't live much past 12 to 15 years in the best of conditions and care and yet this cow is still up and grazing today. Blackie has produced well over 20 calves in her career, with all of her calves being consistently the best in the pasture. Some of her descendents are still in the herd. Dr. Kelsey always kept all of Blackie's heifer calves, in fact, she has out lived many of her daughters!

live a few more years.

best and most productive females in youth.

She has now stopped having calves and is enjoying semi-retirement. Dr. Kelsey has her in a pasture by herself so she can relax and enjoy her last months of her life. Who knows, it may be more than months, she may



Shady Grove Cemetery memorials, contributions and donations for the past year are as follows:

In memory of Barney and Earlene Wilson by Betty and Jimmy Slayden. In memory of Virgie Hoover by

Betty and Jimmy Slayden. In memory of Kathryn Chappell from Cecil Chappell.

In memory of Charlene Holmes from Robert and Mary McDowell.

In memory of Gene Martin from Sam and Reva Bolton, Bobby and Judy Pomroy, Cody and Jana Sanders and Colton, Kristi Berry, Denny and Peggy Head.

In memory of Viola Uupchurch from Linda Ison.

Contributions and donations: Howard Higdon, Ruth O'Brien, Mack Woodson, Ray and Nina Woodson, Carl Hatcher, Jim and Yvonne Wilkins, Mary Jo Hughes, Olivia Short, James Cunningham, Frank Weaver, Jack and Carla Patton, Col. Maida E. Lambeth, William E. Fullingim, Charles and Sarah Boren, Derwood and Dorothy Berry, Bobby Harrell, Charles and Verna Gibson, Fred Skidmore, S.C. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Getz, Mrs. Katy Allred, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ballard, Travis Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ballard, Mrs. Sandra Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hatcher, Mrs. Maurene McDowell, Mrs. H.D. Pomroy, Floy Gibson, James an Martha Gibson, Marlin and Nora McDowra, Jerry and Dorothy Richey, Mrs. Elois Sparks.

The Shady Grove Cemetery appreciates the concern and support that has been shown through these contributions and donations.

"Explosion 2000" is coming April 30

On April 30, Love Civic Center will be alive with contemporary Christian music with five bands taking the stage to share with all area

The concert is being sponsored by the BSM of PJC along with Campus Crusade for Christ and UCM/Wesley

Foundation of PJC Doors will open at 4 p.m. and the concert will begin at 4:30. There will

be a \$2.00 admission charge at the door

For information, call 782-6603, Dan Edwardds.



Pictured with him is Malynda Thonpson who sold him the ticket and was the high seller for the Prairiland Ag department. She sold 398 tickets and won a pair of Justin Chukka Boots. Robert only purchased two tickets. (Staff Photo)

Fish Fry visiting and a concert at Paris High, Ray and Keith were Army buddies in the 1950's.

Keith and Peggy Parsons visited Irene Parsons and Marcy Campbell in Paris on Friday.

Judy Ellington of Huntsville has returned to work after being off for almost four weks because of illness.

Christian and Jeremy Hunter, Linda and Bill Dickey of Sulphur Springs were visitors of John and

Claudia Whitney.

PRAIRILAND SMOKER WINNER was Robert Bailey of Paris.





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This filing, which has been assigned Tariff Control No. 22256, was made in compliance with Substantive Rule 25.211 and provides for interconnection and parallel operation of distributed generation. Upon approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") this rate will be available system-wide and will remain in effect until January 1, 2002.

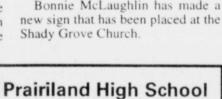
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 5, 2000. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, 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.



Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah joining them.

Ray and Myrna Pendley of Lone Oak met Keith and Peggy Parsons in Paris Friday night for dinner at the

Shane Currin called his mother, Debbie Currin, from South Carolina. Bonnie McLaughlin has made a



Week of April 10

Softball at PHS Sulphur Bluff, 4:30

Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.

Softball, Honey Grove at PHS, JV and V

Oak Ridge Boys, Civic Center, PAT Foundation

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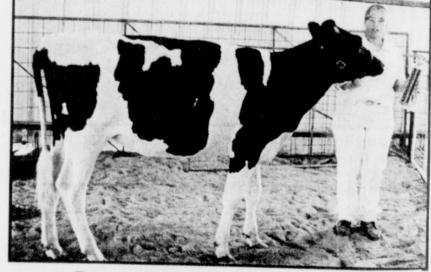
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Reserve Champion Dairy Hiefer Ashley Moffitt sponsored by Blossom Citgo

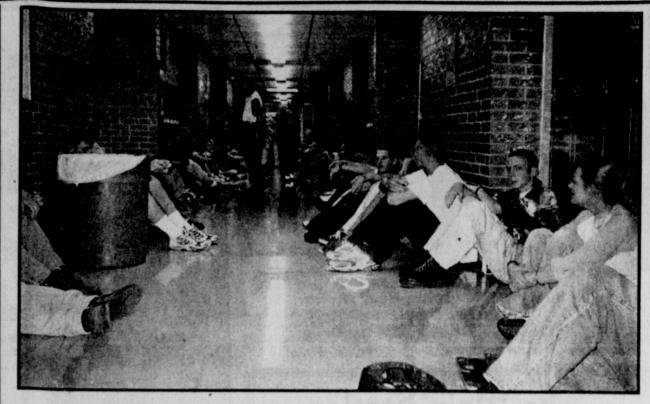


2000 PRAIRILAND TENNIS JV CHAMPS-pictured left to right are singles district champs Harley Skidmore, Raynie Skidmore and runner-up Josh Williams. Standing in back is doubles district champs David Crossland and Josh Benfer. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Josh Williams vs Prairiland John Merrill 9-7 vs Paul Pewitt 8-1; vs Prairiland Harley Skidmore 2-6, 3-6. John Merrill vs Prairiland Josh

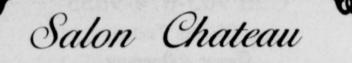
Ben Lemmen vs Rivercrest 3-8. Boys Doubles-Josh Benfer and





TORNADO DRILL-On Friday, April 7, Prairiland High School held a tornado drill. Students along with teachers and faculty participated in a tornado drill to prepare them for the tornado season. (Staff Photo)



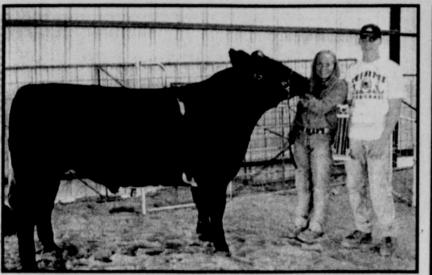


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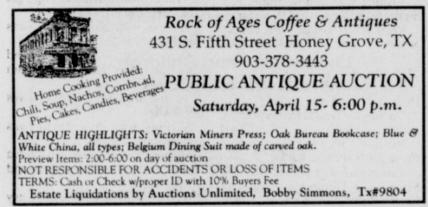
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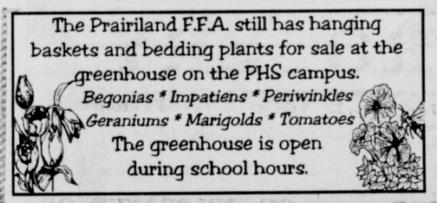
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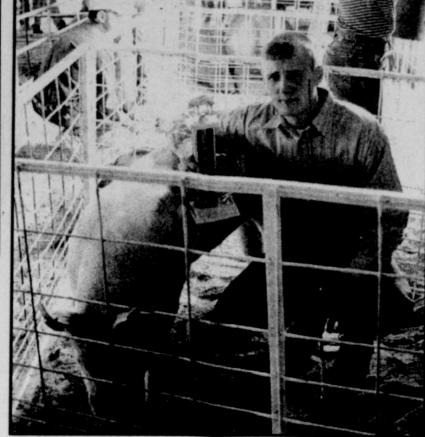


Reserve Champion Beef Hiefer Jessica Stapleton sponsored by Deport City Drug









Reserve Champion Market Swine Daniel Hancock sponsored by Crossland Garage

Lady Pats track team qualifies for Regional

The Lady Patriots added up 85 points and earned fourth place in the District track meet Tuesday at Paul Pewitt.

Pewitt won the girls meet with 175, Chisum was second with 113 and Cooper placed third with 97.

Sue Ellen Barnes, Kara Shore, Lacy Beaty, Amanda Ball and Leslie Davis qualified for regional competition.

Kami Hudson placed sixth in the discus and third in the 220m dash. Lacy Beaty was fourth in the 3200m run and Raynie Skidmore was fifth. Sue Ellen Barnes and Kara Shores

were second and fourth respectively in the 400m dash. Barnes placed first in the 800m run, while Raynie Skidmore placed sixth. Leslie Davis was second in the 300m hurdles and Amber Dawson placed sixth in the 1600m run.

The mile relay team of Barnes, Shores, Ball and Beaty won first. The 800m relay team of Sheena Jones, Hudson, Dawson and Lacy Davis was third. The 400m relay team of Jones, Hudson, Ashley Athas and

The regional meet will be in Stephenville on April 28-29.



Biscuits, ham, gravy Juice, milk Lunch: Burritos Pinto beans Spanish Rice

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Salad

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Tuesday

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, salsa Juice, milk Lunch:

	Prairiland High School
A	Week of April 17
17	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
1/	IV and V Baseballl, There, Cooper, 4:30
18	Baseball Here, 4:30, Paul Pewitt
	UII. Banquet, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
19	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
20	Baseball at Cooper, 4:30
21	Good Friday Holiday

Norwood/Hizer head for Regionals The results of the Prairiland Var- Casey Johnson-6-0, 6-2 defeating

The results of the Prairiland Varsity district tennis meet played at Culbertson Park and PJC in Paris on April 4 and 5th are as follows:

Boys Singles-Matt Moffitt-6-0, 6-0-defeating Chisum; 6-1, 2-6, 6-6 with 6-8 tiebreaker loss to Paul Pewitt

Eddy Hiser-6-1,6-1 defeating Rivercrest; 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 defeating Chapel Hill; 7-6 with 7-4 tiebreaker, 7-5 defeating Paul Pewitt. Eddy placed 1st for district championship and will advance to Regionals on April 24th.

Girls Singles-Jennifer McClain-6-3, 6-4 defeating Chapel Hill; 0-6, 1-6, loss to Honey Grove.

Amber Norwood-first round bye-6-0,6-1 defeating Rivercrest; 6-0, 6-1 defeating Chapel Hill; 3-6, 0-6 loss to Honey Grove. Amber placed 2nd for district runner-up and will advance to Regionals on April 26.

Boys Doubles-D.J. Loveless and

Patriots compete in track meet

week's track meet and the following are JV results of that meet

1600 meter run-Jon Huff 3rd; Bryan Murdock 5th.

1600 relay team of Drew Riddles, D.J. Loveless, Joey Briggle and Philip Elder placing 5th.

200 meter relay-Colt Hatfield 5th; Joey Briggle 6th.

100 meter relay-Riddles, Elder, Loveless and Musgrove-5th.

3200 meter relay Josh Benfer 3rd; John Merrill 5th; Murdock 6th.

400 meter relay- Riddles, Elder,

Rivercrest; 0-6, 5-7 loss to Honey Grove.

Michael Flatt and Lucas Miller-6-1, 6-3 defeating Honey Grove; 6-3, 3-6, 4-6 loss to Chapel Hill; 4-6, 3-6 loss to Paul Pewitt. Michael and Lucas placed 4th in district.

Girls Doubles-Emily Burchinal and Jennifer Glascow-6-4, 6-0 defeating Rivercrest; 1-5 game ended in default to Chisum due to injury of Prairiland player.

Megan Filkins and Jessica Spencer-6-6 (5-7 tiebreaker), 4-6 loss to Paul Pewitt.

The Regionals will be held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville on April 24-27. THe tennis program is "going and grow ing" with much enthusiasm and talent on the team. Both JV and Varsity have completed a successful season. Great job!

ThePatriots participated in 1st Loveless and Musgrove-5th. Shot Put-Stan Cox-lst. Discus- Cox 4th. Long jump-Elder-3rd.

High jump-Loveless-5th.

Triple jump-Elder-3rd.

Varsity results: Shot put-Lucas Roddy-46'3" for 1st place.

Discus-Roddy-II4'3" for 5th place. 3200 meter relay-Michael Flatt 11:20 for 2nd and 1600 meter relay for a time of 5:09 for 4th place.

The district meet will be on Tuesday, April II at Paul Pewitt.

Prairiland Baseball wins two

The Prairiland Patriots rallied for six runs in the fifth inning in a comefrom-behind 11-8 victory over Chisum on Friday, April 17. With the win, Prairiland stands all alone in second place in district.

Heath Sessums led the way for the Patriots with three hits, four runs scored, two RBI's and three stolen bases. Matt Cavender chipped in with two hits and four RBI's, while Kyle Malone also had two hits.

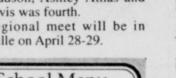
sixth inning to defeat the Detroit Eagles 12-8. Malone and Lawrence were the leading hitters for Prairiland with three hits each.

Cavender homered and tripled while Chris Berry and Stan Cox each had two hits. Berry pitched the first three innings, allowing four runs on three hits, while striking out six. Jonathan Martin pitched two solid innings of relief with four strike-outs. Jason Elrod was credited with the win as he pitched the final two nings, allowing three runs.



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Leslie Davis was fourth.



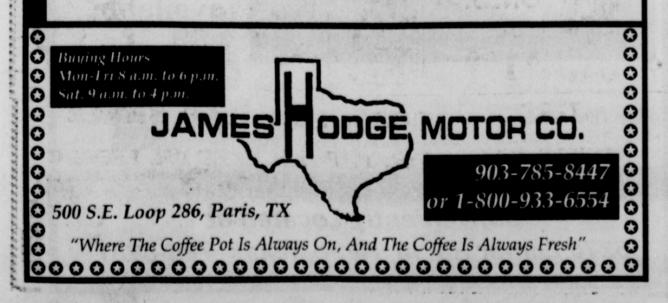
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Chicken fajitas Mexican beans Friday Holiday

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 & 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.



Malone pitched five innings for the win. Charlie Lawrence pitched the final two innings to get the save.

Earlier in the week, the Patriots scored five runs in the bottom of the

Lady Patriots lose to Cooper 7-4

Rebels.

On Thursday, April 6, 2000, the Lady Patriots lost to Cooper 7-4. Kara Screws took the loss going seven innings, striking out four. Trysta Reves went 2 for 4, Melissa Steinkamp was 2 for 4 and Megan Graham was 2 for 4 with two doubles.

The Lady Patriots defeated Chisum on Friday 8-0. They scored four runs in the first inning as Candace Yaross

got the win on the mound, going seven innings, striking out six and allowing five hits. Yaross also went 2 for 4 with two doubles at the plat with Amy Hicks going 2 for 3 with a double.

The Pats next game will be on

Friday, April 14 against the Rivercrest

The girls have improved 8-5 in district and 12-7 overall. They play Honey Grove at Prairiland on Friday at 4:30 April 7th.

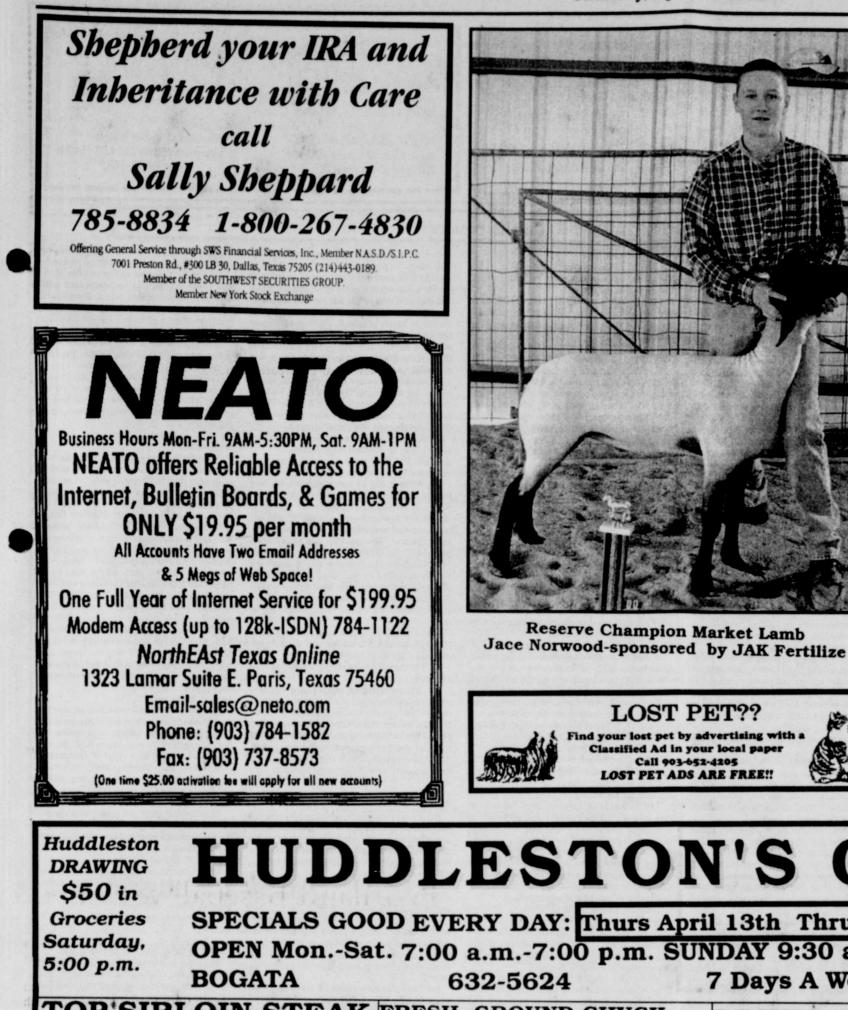
The members of the Prairiland FFA would like to thank the following people and businesses who helped make our livestock show, stew supper and auction a success this year

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We would also like to thank those who came and enjoyed the stew supper and those who participated in the fund raising auction.

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minister Sunday morning at Life Tabernacle. De Anna Merrill was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Fellowship Hall of Life Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, James and Pat Norwood had lunch for Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Bill Page. Ida Mae and Darold Norwood had Sunday lunch for Marlin Foster. On Sunday L'Wanda and Pete

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On Sunday L'Wanda and Pete McKnight had lunch for Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDon and Raenna Barnett, Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson and Ray Martin.

DeAnna Merrill was honored with

personal shower at the home of

Julie Norwood on Saturday night.

DeAnna is the daughter of the former

Rev. Joe Merrill was the visiting

pastor of Life Tabernacle.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Neva Oats, Georjeana Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Joe, Rhonda,

DeAnna, Landon, Stephen and Nathaniel Merrill and Noel Glass of Carrolton.

Cunningham News

By Jane ONeal

Bobbye and Clyde Slusher visited Jackie Taylor in Paris on Saturday.

Joe and Georgia had Sunday lunch for Billy Ray and Brandon Oats and Brad Nutt.

Brenton Norwood spent Saturday night with O'neal Drinnon.

Justin Wright spent Friday night with Weston Drinnon.

On Friday, a group met at Geneva Norwood's to organize the Country Singers. Those present for the practice was Geneva Norwood, Jane O'Neal, L'wanda and Pete McKnight, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood, James and Pat Norwood, Bill Page, Nelta Musgrove and Buddy Taylor.

Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Karla, Kara, Andrea and Aaron Palmer, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal, Weston Drinnon and Brenton Norwood.

Deport Nursing Home News

By Cletta Mathis

Visiting with Milow Hume was his brothers Weldon and Paul Hume. Cecil Allen visited with Harold

Norris on Friday. Visiting with Nedra Dixon was Clifford and Betsy Franklin.

E.J. Newberry visited with Pat

Hollja on Monday. On Sunday Wanda Rosson visited

with Ivaleta Edwards. Visiting with Opal English was

Frank and Pat Habern. Visiting Johnnie Warren was Lila

Screws and D'Ann Hutchings and Evelyn Roach, JoAn Henson, Wynell Callaway. Visitng with Raymond Hignight was Mary Ray and Cecil Allen. visiting with Sara Gilmer was

Dewey and Marline. On Saturday Katy, Miranda and Varner and Mary Barentt visited with

Nora Barnett. Visitng with Viola Barham was Cecil Allen.

Visiting with Ann Austin was granddaughter Amber Smith.

Visiting with Homer and Melva Sisson was Pete and Betty Sisson and Scott and Sue King.

Visiting with Ina Griffin was Patsy Curtis and Flona Harris.



Deport Locals Call Your News To Cindy Jalley 652-2954



Happy birthday to MarcWolf, B.A. Sessums, Martha KateWoods, Brittany Filkins, Chandler Paige Gifford, Cindy Houston, Iva Frances B. Ridens, Tyler McMikel, Vickey Nailling, Jennifer Drinnon, Nancy Bratteli, Shelby George, Stephanie Wesley, Cindy Talley, Heath Fesenmeyer, Logan Bo Nichols, Sue Cross, Jacob Paxton, Jeanne Womack, Josh Plott, Justin Flenniken, Karen Moses, Rickie Robbins, Shirl LaRue, Diane Plummer Farmer, Heidi Fesenmeyer, Aaron Driggers, Coralea Zant, Devin Peek.

Happy anniversary to Doris and Paul Jackson, Sue and John Cross, Alicia and Jayson Benson, Chami and Shannon Baker, Shanna and Dale Wilkerson.

Ina and Nina Sparks took these family members to the Fish Fry Tuesday night, Larry and Pat Sparks of Longmont, Colorado, Elois Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons, Kristi and Leah Boren

Larry and Pat Sparks were visitors of Elois and Mike Sparks Tuesday.

Bobby Winters of Clardy visited Ina and Nina Sparks and Pat and Larry Sparks in Deport Thursday morning

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duffee of Longview visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gray on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Franks of Paris visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gray on Sunday.

O.U. and Irene Slayden and Mary Jo Hoover visited Myrtle Singleton Friday

Virginia Kirkland, Ruth Murrell, Mary Jo and Shelby Bono were in Diboll over the weekend visiting Joe and Kay Gage. Philip Gage, home on furlough from Korea, was there with his family along with Joe Grant Gage and his family from Hope, AR. Ruth visited Rachael Holland in Lufkin while there.

Bobby and Kay Wright and daughters Lindsey and Ashely of Reno were visitors of his parents, Luther and Edna Earl on Sunday and accompa-



nied them to church where they were presented a plaque in honor and appreciation for their many years of service to the church.

Durwood and Peggy Wims were in Deport over the weekend visiting her mother, Ruth Cheatham.

Ruth O'Brien recently visited her brother, Hamond and Betty Day in Parker and they met Jerry and Mary Day in McKinney for lunch and enjoying the antique mall.

Hammond Day visited his cousin, Gene Day of Powderly recently, he had just celebrated his 80th birthday.

Stanley O'Brien was honored with a surprise birthday dinner hosted by Ruth O'Brien at Steak and Ale. Attending were his children and grandchildren, Dr. Stephen O'Brien, Rachael, Stephanie and Julie of Euless, Dr. Randy O'Brien, Ethan Stanton of Mesquite, Bradley and Cynthia O'Brien of Austin, he talked to his sister, Murray Dubaldo in Manchester, CT.

Ruth O'Brien enjoyed visiting with Fay Hankins of Edmond, OK and Hilda Hankins of Dickson, TN via telephone.

Courtney O'Brien enjoyed a baseball tournament in Waco. She will play in Phoenix, AZ later on this year. She is the daughter of Randy and Charlotte O'Brien of Mesquite and takes pitching lessons there.

Stanley and Stephen O'Brien have been in Chicota lately working cows on the O'Brien Ranch and visiting in the Shady Grove Area.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols held a "celebrate spring" party Saturday night, but the un-springlike weather forced the group off of the deck and into the house. Attending for a hamburger supper were: Donny and Dawne Darden, Cindy Allen and Lynn, Mike Francies, Dave Seber, James and Sunny Whitney and Sunny's sister Pat from North Carolina, Jake and Barbara Maurischat, Dicky and Jayne King and Mary Mantooth



Thursday, April 13, 2000

Prairiland High School Varsity Baseball 2000 April 14' April 18. *Paul PewittHere April 20. *Cooper .There ... April 25 *Chapel Hill .Here *Denotes district games Head Coach-Rick Connot Principal-Ronn Assistant Coach-Bill Tesch Superintendent-Dr Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke

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tie Baker r. L.C. Stout	Head Coach-Mendy Cole Asst. Coach-Lance Rankin Athletic Director-Glen Schuelke		Principal-Ronnie Baker Superintendent-Dr. L.C (903)652-5682		

Public Notices

CITY OF DEPORT **ORDINANCE NO. 0001**

An ordinance regulating the keeping of dogs and cats in the City of Deport; providing for definitions; requiring the vaccination of all dogs and cats kept in the City; providing for the impounding of certain dogs and cats found running at large; providing for the redemption of dogs and cats not so redeemed by the owner; providing for the impoundment and the quarantining of animals; providing for animal care and restraint; providing for reports of human and animal exposure to rabies; providing for submission of specimens for laboratory; providing for an effective date of May 8, 2000; providing for a penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 for violations of this ordinance, and not more than \$100.00 for any person or persons who assist in the violation of any provisions of this ordinance; providing for repeal, and providing for a severance

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Deport: Article I. In General

Section 1. Definitions: As used in this ordi-

nance, the following terms mean: Animal: Any mammal, or marsupial, domestic or wild, other than man, which may be affected by rabies Animal Control Officer: That person or agent responsible for the care, seizure, cus-

tody, disposal and impoundment of dogs, cats, rabbits and poultry. Animal Shelter: A licensed facility, public

or private, used to confine and impound dogs, cats, rabbits and poultry seized, lost, abandoned or given over by owners. Animal Wound: Animal bite or scratch that has inflicted a break or abrasion to the skin of a humar

Cat: Any member of the animal species felis

Dog: Any member of the animal species canis familiars

Harboring: The act of keeping or caring for an animal including, but not limited to, the providing of food, shelter or medical attention for the animal

Livestock: Includes any cows, horses, mules, jacks, jennets, goats, sheep, swine or any other livestock. Owner: Any person having right to property in an animal; who has an animal in his care

or custody; or who knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him. Poultry: All domesticated fowl and all game birds, which are kept in captivity.

Running at large: Dog, cat or fowl not under the control of the owner or agent. Section 2. Livestock Not To Run At Large:

It shall be declared a nuisance for any person to allow and permit any cows, horses, nules, jacks, jennets, goats, sheep, swine or any other livestock of any character to run at large upon the streets, alleys, public highways, public parks, public lands, or upon any vacant lot or lots within the City. Section 3. Disposal of Dead Animal

The carcass of any animal dead of disease or any other cause shall be removed and/or not known, the owner of the premises where such animal is found, at his own expense within twenty-four (24) hours after such death. Failure to comply with this section shall be declared a nuisance. Section 4. Keeping of Livestock Restricted. It shall be declared a nuisance for any person or persons within the City Limits to keep or pen any cattle, horses, mules, jacks, jennets, goats, sheep, or any other livestock in an enclosure less than two (2) acres in area and within one hundred (100) feet of any building or structure used for sleeping, dining, living and/or business, except such a building or structure belonging to the owner of such livestock; provided however that the keeping of horses and cattle in such an enclosure is restricted to no more than one (1) such animal per one-half acre of land contained within said enclosure, with the exception of temporary keeping of up to one (1) animal per one-fourth (1/4) acre up to ninety (90) days maximum

(4) Date vaccinated; (5) Rabies tag number; (6) Veterinarian's signature or signature stamp and license number

(d) Any dog or cat found in the City without a current vaccination tag will be declared a nuisance and shall be impounded as provided herein Section 7. Unlawful To Allow Dogs Or Cats To

Run At Large; Impoundment. It shall be declared a nuisance for the owner

of any dog or cat to permit or allow such dog or cat to run at large upon any public street, highway, alley, court, square, park, sidewalk, other public ground or public property or any unfenced land within the corporate limits of the City.

Section 8. Female Dogs/Cats in Estrus (heat) To Be Kept Under Control.

It shall be declared a nuisance for the owner or person in control of any unspayed female dog or cat, while such dog or cats is in estrus (heat), to allow the same to be upon, in or about any public house, public place, street, or alley in the City

Section 9. Dangerous Dogs. Subchapter D to Chapter 822 of the Health

and Safety Code, Vernon's Annotated State Statutes, as hereinafter amended, styled Dangerous Dogs, including the requirements for registration, restraint, liability insurance, penalties, and all other requirements set out therein, shall apply to all dogs located within the City Limits of the City of Deport, Texas. Section 10. Noises.

It shall be declared a nuisance for any person to harbor or keep on his premises, or any pre mises under his control, any animal which shall cause the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or the occupants of the adjoining premises to be disturbed, at anytime or the day or night.

Section 11. Number of Dogs and Cats Limited The harboring and maintaining of more than three (3) dogs and/or three (3) cats over six (6) months of age by one owner or family shall be declared a nuisance. This subsection shall not apply to veterinary clinics.

Section 12. Harboring. The harboring or maintaining of any dogs or cats in any enclosure unless said enclosure is kept clean and sanitary and free of offensive

odors shall be declared a nuisance. Section 13. Killing Animals. The members of the Deport City Hall or duly authorized agent are authorized to kill any animal of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

Section 14. Enforcement Officers. (a) Those persons designated by the City shall enforce the civil and criminal provisions of this chapter. It shall be a violation of this capture to interfere with an officer in the perfor-

mance of such officer's duties (D) Animai control officer. The mayor an Councilmen shall appoint an animal officer and such other assistants as may be required. The animal control officer and assistants shall be under the supervision and control of the Mayor and Councilmen. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer and assistants to take up and impound all animals running at large, to keep and properly care for all animals impounded, to dispose of animals that have not ned or sold as hereir issue citations or warnings to violators, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Mayor and Councilmen under the terms of this chapter

pounded for a period of at least seventy-two (72) hours. At the expiration of said period, it shall be presumed that the owner of said dog or cat has no further title or ownership of the same, and that said dog or cat has become an abandoned animal which may be disposed of by the shelter, as herein provided. The dog or cat may be delivered to any person who will pay the adoption fee and any charges for vaccination shots, if the dog or cat does not have a current and valid vaccination, as provided in Section 21. If neither the owner nor some other person claims the dog or cat, the dog or cat shall be destroyed. Any dog or cat, which appears to be ill, suffering from rabies, mange or any other infectious disease, shall be destroyed.

(b) A record shall be kept of the disposition made of the impounded dogs or cats. Section 20. Procedure When a Person Is Wounded by An Animal

(a) When a dog or cat, which has bitten a human, has been identified, the owner or custodian will be required to place the animal in quarantine. Unvaccinated animals should not be vaccinated against rabies during the observation period. The ten (10) day observation period will begin on the day of the bite incident. The animal must be placed in a TDH-approved facility specified by the local rabies control. However, the owner of the animal may request permission from the local rabies control for home quarantine if the following criteria can be

(1) Secure facilities must be available at the home of the animal's owner, and must be approved by the local health authority.

(2) The animal is currently vaccinated against

(3) The local rabies control or a licensed veterinarian must observe the animal at least on the first and last days of the quarantine period. If the animal becomes ill during the observation period, the local rabies control must be notified by the person having possession of the animal. At the end of the observation period, the release from quarantine must be accomplished in writ-

(4) The animal was not a stray at the time of the bite

(b) A dog or cat which has bitten a human and has been designated by the local rabies control as unclaimed may be humanely killed in such a manner that the brain is not mutilated. The brain shall be submitted to a TDH-certified laboratory for rabies diagnosis

(c) If the biting animal is a high-risk animal, it shall be humanely killed and the brain submitted for rabies testing.

(d) If the biting animal is a low risk animal, neither quarantine nor rahies test will be required unless the local rabies control has cause to believe the biting animal is rabid, in which case it should be humanely killed and tested for rables

(e) The local rabies control may require an animal, which has inflicted multiple bite. wounds, punctures or lacerations to the face, head or neck or a person to be humanely killed and the brain tested for rabies.

(f) If the biting animal is not included in (a). (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this section, the biting animal will be humanely killed and the brain tested for rabies or the local rabies control may fined for a thirty (30) day observation period as an alternate method to killing and testing, otherwise conforming to the requirements delineated in (a). (g) Any animal required to be guarantined under this section which cannot be maintained in a secure quarantine shall be humanely killed and the brain tested for rabies. Section 21. Disposition of Domestic Animals Exposed to Rabies. (a) Unvaccinated animals which have been bitten or directly exposed by physical contact with a rabid animal or its fresh tissues shall be: (1) Humanely killed: or (2) If sufficient justification for preserving the animal exists, the exposed animal shall be immediately vaccinated against rabies, placed in strict isolation for ninety (90) days and given booster vaccinations during the third and eight weeks of isolation. If the animal is under three months of age at the time of the second vaccination, an additional booster shall be given when the animal reaches three (3) months of

section that the person was engaged in bona fide experimentation for scientific research. (c) For the purposes of this section "Ani-mal" does not include an uncaptured wild

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creature whose capture was accomplished by conduct at issue under the section. (d) An offense under this section is a Class

misdemeanor

(e) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a) (5) of this section that the animal was discovered on the person's property in the act of or immediately after injuring or killing the person's goats, sheep, cattle, horses, swine or poultry and that the person killed or injured the animal at the time of this discovery

Article IV. Penalty. Section 26.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision or provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and any person who said aid, abet or assist in the violat any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Section 27. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.

That all ordinances, orders of resolutions heretofore passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Deport, Texas, are hereby repealed to the extend that said ordinances, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, are in conflict herewith.

Section 28. Severance Clause.

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, subsections, clause, phrase or provision of the ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any valid provision of this or any other ordinance of the City of Deport, Texas. Section 29. Contracts

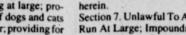
The City may enter into contracts or agreements with public or private entities to carry out the activities required or authorized under this chapter. Section 30. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on the eighth day of May, 2000, after the passage, approval and publication. Charles Foster, Mayor Sharon Francis, Attest 4-13

FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW This year marks the thirty-second Anniersary of the National Fair nousing Law. To promote fair housing practices, the City of Talco encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap. familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in





Happy Birthdays this week too: Durwin Wilkins, Donna Wilkins, Bebo Cantrell, Mary Lou Wall, Randy Crawford, John Bratcher, Lynn Day, Ashley Clark, James Cline, Joel Smith, Erick Whitaker, Cody Flatt, Karen Tallant, Whitney Rodgers, Dale Wilkerson, Debra Lester, Michael Hood, Judy Blankenship, Wes Winters, Lacey Hines, Jack Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland talked to Davy Cleveland and family and Ronnie Cleveland and family over the weekend by phone. They enjoyed the breakfast on Saturday morning by the Lady Fire Belles

volunteer auxiliary group. Dr. Ed Work was presented the

Humanitarian award by the Masons Lodge 303 of Blossom on Saturday evening.

Renea and Caleb Long visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard on Satur-

Juanita Harrison spent Friday with Minnie Lee Shands.

Pauline Weddle and Lori Deverell visited with Steven and Stacy Weddle and children on Thursday.

Sandra Adams of Garland spent the weekend with Mrs. Hollis Mathena

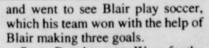


Frank and Edna Lee were in Winnsboro Thursday to see the doctor

The family of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Sunday for a hamburger and hot dog party celebrating Marcus Wolf's eighth birthday.

Don Upchurch of Albuquerque, NM came Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mattylu Upchurch.

John Temple went to Carrollton Saturday to visit his daughter, Rachelle and Phil Casey and Blair



Susan Roach went to Waco for the weekend to visit their mother, Nora Appleby and they attended a family reunion in Eddy.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound, Josh Allen of Cunningham and Greg Burrell of Allen visited Peggy Whitney over the weekend.

Kay and Paul Price and children spent the weekend in Graham.



Section 5. Regulations Relating To Keep-

ing Of Rabbits and Poultry. The following regulations shall govern the keeping of rabbits, poultry and certain birds in the City:

(a) It shall be the duty of any person owning or having within their management or control, any rabbits, chickens, turkeys, geese or other poultry, to keep same in an enclosure upon their own premises at all times. Enclosure shall mean a house or building, or in case of a fence or structure or pen, it must have secure sides, top and a secure bottom. The structure or pen shall provide protection from the weather

(b) No rabbits, chickens, turkeys, geese or other poultry shall be kept in any enclosure within the City, any part of which enclosure is within one hundred (100) feet of any occupied building or dwelling within the City other than the building or dwelling occupied by the owner of the animals.

(c) This section is not to be construed to prevent owners from keeping pet animals inside their residence.

(d) It shall be the duty of every person raising or harboring any rabbit or poultry to keep the enclosure required therefore in a sanitary condition, so that the same shall not at any time become foul or offensive to adjacent neighbors or to the public (e) Failure to comply with this section

shall be deemed a nuisance. Section 6. Vaccination Against Rabies.

(a) Required. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of each and every dog or cat kept in the City to have such dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a practicing veterinarian by the time the animal is three (3) months of age and within every subsequent twelve (12) month period.

(b) Vaccination and tags. A licensed veterinarian shall do all vaccinations of dogs and cats for rabies. Upon vaccinations, the veterinarian shall give to the owner a suitable tag to be placed on a collar around the dog's or cat's neck, and on such tag there shall be stamped that the dog or cat has been vaccinated for rabies, the date of vaccination, the clinic number, and the name and serial identification number.

(c) Certificate. The veterinarian shall issue to the owner of each dog and cat a rabies vaccination certificate. The certificate shall include the following information: (1) Owner's name, address and telephone

 (2) Animal identification. Species, sex, age, size, predominant breed and colors;
(3) Vaccine used, producer, expiration ate and serial number;

Section 15. Duties of Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer or his agent's duties are:

(a) Enter upon private premises to investigate complaints or irresponsibility or inhumane animal care.

(b) Enter upon private premises to apprehend a stray dog or cat, a vicious dog or cat, or a wild creature suspected of being infected with ra-

(c) Apprehend and impound any dog, cat, rabbit or poultry in violation of any provision of this chapter with the City.

(d) Report in writing once each month to the M and Councilmen the total number of dogs and cats impounded, redeemed, adopted or disposed

(e) Watch for, investigate and enforce the provisions of this ordinance

(f) Shall not be responsible for the apprehension or disposal of animals (except for dogs, and cats, rabbits or poultry), rodents, reptiles or insects.

Article 11. Animal Shelter

Section 16. Animal Shelter Established Super-

There shall be provided and/or designated a suitable place for the impounding of all dogs, cats, rabbits or poultry picked up under the provisions of this ordinance, and such animal shelter shall be supervised by the Animal Shelter Manager. When authorized by the City Council, the Mayor or his designee may contract with one or more veterinary clinics or one or more private individuals in Clarksville to keep the impound dogs, cats, rabbits or poultry in lieu of the City. The City shall establish policies and procedu

Section 17. Impoundment of Dogs and Cats In Violation Of Ordinance; Treatment and Care of

mpounded Dogs and Cats. (a) It shall be the duty of the Animal Manager or his agents to impound all dogs, cats, rabbits or poultry, the owners or which, have or are violating the terms and provisions of this ordinance

(b) All dogs, cats, rabbits or poultry picked up and impounded in accordance with and under the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be dealt with in a humane manner and disposed of in accordance with the terms and provisions of the applicable section of this ordinance. Section 18. Redemption by Owner.

The owner of any impounded dog, cat, rabbit or poultry may redeem such dog, cat, rabbit or poultry at a reasonable time prior to sale or destruction by paying the fees required by the Animal Shelter, and by having on their person and producing a vaccination certificate showing the dog or cat to have been vaccinated within a twelve month period. In the event the dog or cat was not properly vaccinated prior to redemption, the owner shall pay to the operator of the animal shelter an amount equal to the cost of vaccination of said animal, and shall receive from the operator of the animal shelter a receipt certifying that the vaccination fee has been paid. However, any dog or cat suffering from rabies or suspected of having rabies or any dog or cat suspected of having bitten someone shall be kept under observation until such dog or cat has been inspected by a licensed veterinarian and such disease or condition diagnosed by such veterinarian, in accordance with Section

Section 19. Disposition of Unclaimed Impound Dogs or Cats; Record.

(a) Any dog, cat, rabbit or poultry placed in the animal shelter in accordance with the provi-sions of this article shall be kept and so im-

(b) Currently vaccinated animals which have been bitten or otherwise significantly exposed to a rabid animal shall be:

(1) Humanely killed: or

(2) If sufficient justification for preserving the animal exists, the exposed vaccinated animal shall be given a booster rabies vaccination immediately and placed in strict isolation for forty-five (45) days.

(c) These provisions apply only to domestic animals for which an approved rabies vaccine is available

Section 22. Liability of Owners of Impour Animals

The payment of pound fees shall not exempt the owner, or person in control of any animals impound from prosecution under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 23. Authority of Individuals to Impound.

If any dog, cat, rabbit or poultry shall be found running at large upon the premises of any person other than the owner's, the owner of occupant of such premises shall have the right to confine such a dog, cat, rabbit or poultry. Until he can notify the Animal Control Officer to come and impound the same. Provided, however, that the same shall be done within a onable time. When so notified, it shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to cause such dog, cat, rabbit or poultry to be impounded at once

Section 24. Disclaimed Animals

If, for any reason, the owner of harborer of a dog, cat, rabbit or poultry chooses to disclaim ownership of same of same or voluntarily delivers the dog, cat, rabbit or poultry to the animal shelter, this action shall be constituted as a formal acknowledgment of consignment of same to the animal shelter. The owner or harborers shall pay a consignment fee to the animal

Article 111. Cruelty to Animals

Section 25. Certain Actions Unlawful (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to tentionally or knowingly:

(1) Torture or seriously overwork an animal; (2) Fail unreasonably to provide necessary food, care or shelter for an animal in his cus-

tody; (3) Abandon unreasonable an animal in his istod

(4) Transport or confine an animal in a cruel

(5) Kill, injure or administer poison to an imal belonging to another without legal authority or the owner's effective consent:

(6) Cause one animal to fight with another; (7) Use a live animal as a lure in dog race aining or in dog coursing on a racetrack. (b) It is a defense to prosecution under this

report possible fair housing discrimination. call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777. 4-13

REQUEST FOR BID

The Commissioners' Court of Red River County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2000 for the purchase of the following road materials. These bids will run from May 8, 2000 to December 31, 2000. If the vendor will agree, this bid may be extended for an additional period of time at the same price. It can run until April 12, 2001.

> Hot Mix Cold Mix Oil Sand Road Oil

These materials are to be priced by the ton. Bids should include cost of material at the plant site. It should also include separately, the cost of materials delivered to each precinct.

Precinct #1 is located in Bogata, Texas Precinct #2 is located in Bagwell, Texas Precinct #3 is located in English, Texas Precinct #4 is located in Boxelder, Texas

Bids must be delivered to the office of the County Auditor by the date and time indicated above. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked "bid". At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Actinon the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners' Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County. The Commissioners' Court will act on these bids Monday, May 8, 2000. 4-20

ORDINANCE #00-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

ORDINANCE #98-09 TO REDEFINE A JUNKED VEHICLE IN SECTION 1.A. AS STATED IN THE TEXAS TRANS-PORTATION CODE.

WHEREAS, the "Junked Vehicle" Ordinance #98-09 contains a definition of a junked vehicle which is not in compliance with the Texas Transportation Code; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF BOGATA:

That Section 1.A. of "Junked Vehicle" Ordinance #98-09 be changed to read as follows and as defined in Subchapter E. Section 683.071 of the Texas Transportation Code

"Junked Vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and;

(1) does not have lawfully attached to it (a) an unexpired license plate; or

(b) a valid motor vehicle inspection cerificate:

(2) is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or (3) is inoperable and has remained inoper-

able for more than:

(A) 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or

(B) 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on

private property. (Added by L 1995, chap. 165(1); chgd. by L.1999, chap. 746(1), eff. 9-1-99) APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED

ON first reading this the 10th day of April,

Michael R. Garretson, Mayor Anita Couch, Attest 4-13



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Thursday, April 13, 2000



ON THE ROOF-Mike Francies and Thomas Nichols of the Deport Volunteer Fire Department pour water into the attic of Larry and Judy Whittle's home last Thursday. A close look will show the portions of the room where the heat ha curled the shingles. The Whittle home suffered severe damage in the blaze. Fire departments from Cunningham, Deport, Pattonville and Blossom brought the blaze under control. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



APRIL SHOWERS-Julia Grossman, age three, wasn't deterred by the rain in Deport Tuesday afternoon. She was decked out in her bright yellow duck raincoat and little rubber boots like yellow ducks, and the more the rain fell the more she giggled. She is the daughter of Karen Grossman of Deport. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Egg Hunt set for April 22

The annual Deport Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Deport American Legion and Deport Merchants, is set for Saturday, April 22, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

It is the 18th year for this event and will be held at Foster Park, located behind the Deport American Legion

Post at the North end of Main Street. There are four age groups: 1-infants to 2 years old; 2.3 to 4 year olds; 3-5 to 7 years old; 4-8 to 10 year olds.

There will be lots of prizes and lots of fun. The Easter Bunny will be on hand and everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

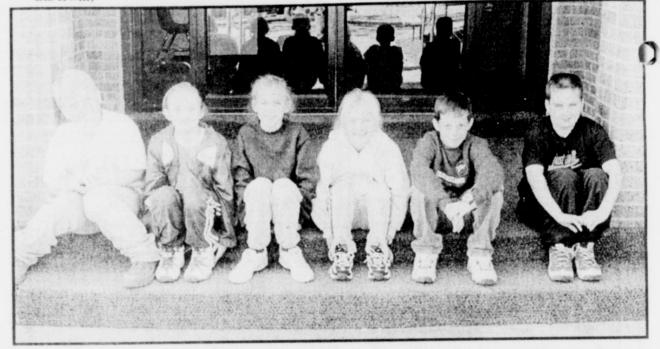
Presbyterian Women meet with Reba Temple

Reba Temple was hostess for the monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Women on Monday, April 10 in her home in Deport.

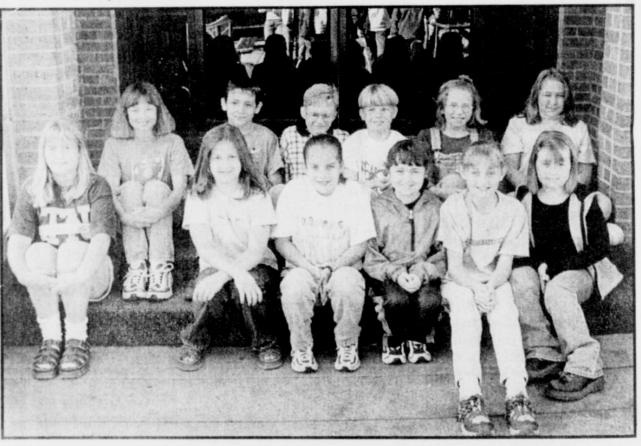
The meeting was opened with prayer. Mrs. Temple read a devotion written by Rev. Billy Graham's



DEPORT 2nd grade UIL participants-Pictured left to right is Laura Brooks, Katrina Malone, Lily Norwood, Molly Minter, Brittany Pettigrew, Ashley Thomas and Wesley Murdock. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 3rd grade UIL participants-Pictured left to right Landry Packard, Abigail Moss, Kaylee-Miller, Jenna Patterson, Layton Norwood and Jeffrey Steffenson. Not pictured is Lindsey Hoover. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)





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daughter, Gigi Graham Tchividjian. The Least Coin devotion, "One Thing is Needful," a voice from Europe, was given by Frances Franklin. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

In the study of Psalms, Eulene Nicholas led the discussion of the seventh lesson, "How Long, O God; Psalms of Communal Lament." Key idea; In times of community and national disaster, people turn to God for reassurance and comfort.

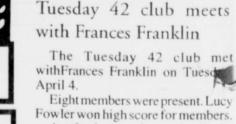
The meting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

> Texas agriculture is big. Visualize 8 million pairs of boots, 1.3 billion pairs of jeans and 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches. Texas produces each year enough leather for the 8 million pairs of boots enough catton for 13 billion pairs of jeans, and billion peanut butter sandwiches!

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DEPORT 4th grade UIL participants-Back row left to right is Regan Harell, Landon Syrus, John Francis, Ben Dickinson, Erick a Ham and Meghan Counts. Front row is Kelcie Crawford, Lisa Barnes, Ashleigh McLean, Paige Freeman, Sara Murdock and Charity Huddleston. (staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



A refreshment plate was served. They will meet again with Ethel Epps on April 18.



