

## Nichols Worth



By Nanalee Nichols  
Tallest of All

Every student has one—that special teacher who inspires them, who tries to equip them with the skills needed to make a good living, and live a good life.

Every person has them—those older people who are so filled with wisdom and spirit that they are a beacon in the lives of others, a true friend.

Every town has them—those special people who are always there, working tirelessly for the betterment of their community.

They are at every worthwhile fund raiser, working, boosting spirits, sharing their joy in their town.

But it is seldom that all of these exemplary qualities are combined within one person. It is even rarer for that one person to mean all of the above things to three generations. It is perhaps rarest of all for an individual to be this special in spite of being severely handicapped by polio.

Deport lost one of its finest citizens Sunday, when Miss Ina Sparks died. Her twin sister, Nina was by her side, as were others of her family.

The gap she leaves in the lives of those she taught, worked with, or knew will be great. However, she leaves a lasting legacy much larger than the gap.

"Miss Ina" was crippled as a child with the dread disease of polio. It never stopped her from getting her teaching degree, although the halls were long for a girl in braces who had to walk slowly with canes.

For forty-six years she taught English and Literature and Spanish. It is inconceivable that any student ever felt her unfair.

If she disciplined a student it was a matter of "I've been caught". She was respected. More than that, however, was the love of words and the English language that shone through and inspired so many of her students. She guided her students onto paths that suited their abilities, challenging those she knew could do more, steering those with limitations in directions that enabled them to be productive citizens. The number of students she led onto successful paths cannot be counted. The love she inspired cannot be counted.

After retiring she still devoted hours to volunteer work. She had thousands of hours of volunteer work at McCuiston Hospital. Taking money at fund-raisers for the fire department she turned her blazing smile on one and all from her "scooter" that took the place of canes as age further weakened her legs. Her handicap was not pain-free, yet she never complained.

A joke made her silvery laugh peel out. Sports fascinated her, even though her short and twisted body never was able to play. She had more friends than she could begin to count. She touched more lives than she ever knew.

Miss Ina cannot be replaced. Short in body, she was, truly, a towering figure in the lives of many.

Every town has these special people. It hurts so bad to lose them. What hurts worse is when we don't make it clear to them how special they are until it's too late.

So I must say it now, and hope she hears me anyway. "Miss Ina, we love you".

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# Deport Times

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## Clarkson named as Prairiland valedictorian

Nikalus Clarkson has been named the 2000 Valedictorian for Prairiland High School. He has attended PISD his entire school career and is the son of Randy and Lesa Clarkson of the Blossom area.

His grandparents are Mary Ann and the late E.L. Williams of Bogata and Randle and Sue Clarkson of Blossom.

Nikalus has maintained a grade point average of 4.0 and has been involved in the marching band, concert band, jazz band, National Honor Society, Academic UIL and is a Texas Scholar.

Nikalus will attend Southern Arkansas University in the fall in Magnolia, Arkansas and major in Computer Science.

Prairiland's 2000 Salutatorian is Lisa Adriana Corso and carries a grade point average of 3.90. She is the daughter of Tony and Kathy Corso of Minter and the granddaughter of David and Brenda Scheatzle of Tempe, Arizona and Billy and Jody Corso of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Lisa will be attending the Univer-

sity of North Texas in Denton to major in Marketing and minor in Journalism.

She has been involved in volleyball, softball, is yearbook staff and editor, Keywanettes, FHA, FFA Talent team, National Honor Society, senior class president, Student Council representative, Student of the Month, Paris Business and Professional Women's Association Representative, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen, Texas Scholar, UIL, Elected Most Studious and elected as Most Likely to Succeed.

Lisa is employed at Living Water Bookstore and is an active member of the Abundant Life Church in Minter.

Ranking as the top students with a 5.5 or higher grade average is Susan Singleton Jones, Candace Yaross, Lucas Roddy and Ashley Rhodes.

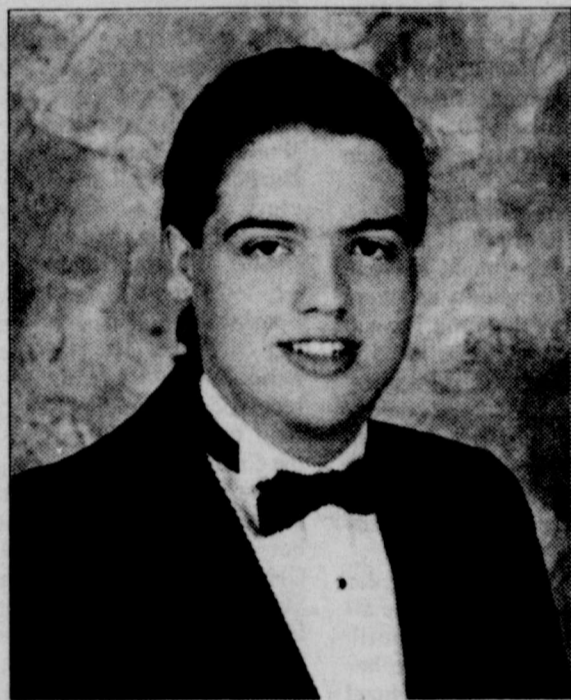
Other 2000 graduates are: Tera Anderson, Heather Anthony, Brooks Bailey, Ashley Ball, Tera Barnett, Brad Barrentine, Matt Basinger,

Emily Burchinal, Cody Boehler, Tom Bramlett, Matt Bratcher, Justin Brewer, Melissa Burden, Irsi Burress and Nathan Byrd.

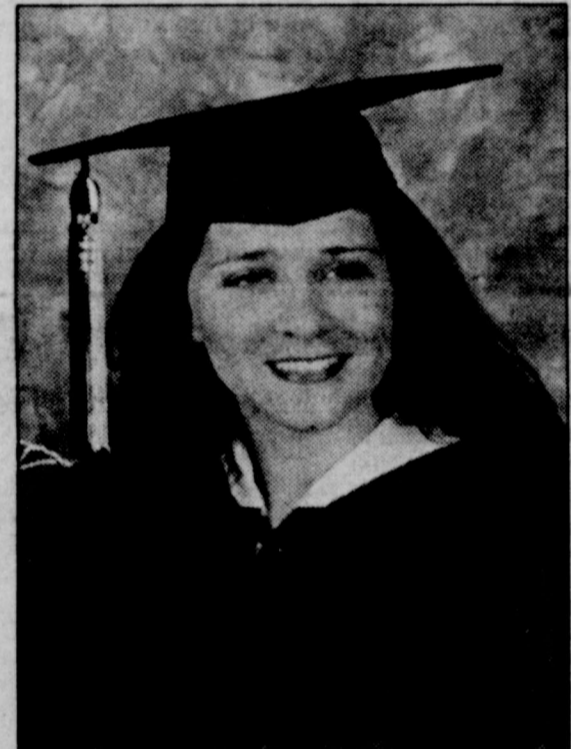
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Chris Unruh, Kydie Walker, Tracy Watkins, Tiffany Webb, Colby Wherley, Candice Whitaker, Ashley Whitley, Chance Whitney, Matt Wilson, Amanda Wood and Candace Yaross.



2000 Prairiland High School Valedictorian  
Nikalus Clarkson



2000 Prairiland High School Salutatorian  
Lisa Corso

## Animal pickups to begin in Deport next week

According to Herman LaRue, Animal Control Officer, pickups of animals running loose in Deport will begin starting Monday, May 29 within the city limits of Deport.

He says all animals will be treated humanely and will be taken to the veterinarian who will be keeping them on the same day they are caught.

Pet owners need to make sure their animals have a current rabies vaccination tag and are not running loose before pickups begin.

Animals that are on their owner's property will not be touched although they should not be loose so that they can leave their owner's property.

Animals that are impounded will be taken to Hardy Stewardson, Veterinarian, on Hwy. 82 west of Clarksville. Pet owners will have at least 72 hours before the animals will be subject to being destroyed. The number to call first if seeking a missing animal will be Deport City Hall, which is 652-3875. The number for Hardy Stewardson, DVM is 903-427-3294. Animals that have been impounded will be subject to a per day fee plus the cost of vaccination before they can be released. Animals that have been determined to be abandoned can be adopted by paying these fees, also.

## Basketball camp to be held at Prairiland

The Prairiland Boys Basketball Camp is scheduled to be held on June 19-22 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at a cost of \$40 in the gym.

The camp will be conducted by Coach Glen Schuelke and staff. Incoming grades 1-9 are allowed.

Each camper will need to bring sport shoes, T-shirts and shorts. Each camper will receive a "camp" T-

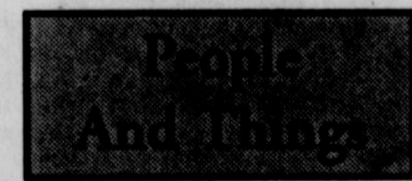
shirt. Drinks and candy will be sold. The camp is designed to introduce young players to the basics of basketball. Campers will learn the fundamental techniques that apply to all levels of play.

For more information to reserve your spot, contact 783-9107 or 652-5681.

## May 26 deadline for rodeo princess sign-up

The Bogata Rodeo is just around the corner and young ladies interested in running for Rodeo Princess have until May 26, 2000 to sign up.

To enter the contest call Robbi Marshall at (work) 632-4968 or (home) 632-0105.



Friday, May 26, Pattonville Community Center dance, 8 p.m., proceeds benefit VFD.

Monday, May 29-Pattonville community center business meeting, 7 p.m.

## Letter To The Editor

Nanalee,

I would like to take the time to say thank you to the area residents and businesses that have supported Prairiland Project Graduation. Thanks goes to Thunder Prairie Publishing for their support in advertising our fund raisers and getting the word out to the public.

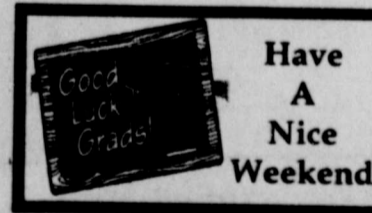
Project Graduation is a way to keep our seniors safe during their time of celebration. It is one of the most dangerous times of the year for our youngsters when they mix alcohol, driving and drugs to celebrate one of the biggest events of their lives.

Keep us in mind on Friday night as we entertain Prairiland seniors to give them a safe and happy graduation! Thanks again, Liz Irwin, Chairwoman

## Mobile Library is coming to Deport

The mobile library will be bringing stories, songs, games, crafts, puppet shows and free books to the Deport Elementary School Music Room at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday this summer.

Cool off with books!



Volunteers are needed to place flags on the Veteran's Graves at Highland Cemetery this Saturday, May 27th in honor of Memorial Day. Anyone interested should come to the cemetery on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

## UIL awards presented to Prairiland students

The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award was presented to Prairiland High School seniors who will graduate in the top 10% of their class and who have participated in at least one UIL academic, music or athletic contest.

The awards were presented to

Nikalus Clarkson, Lisa Corso, Susan Singleton Jones, Candace Yaross, Lucas Roddy, Ashley Rhodes, Emily Burchinal, Bradley Barrentine, Kara Shores and Tera Barnett at an assembly held in the high school gymnasium on May 19 at 9:50 a.m.

Truth is one forever absolute, but opinion is truth filtered through the moods, the blood, the disposition of the spectator  
—Wendell Phillips

## Fulbright School reunion to be held

All former students of Fulbright School, their families and friends are invited to attend the Fulbright School Reunion.

The meeting will be held June 10, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Rocking W Bar-B-Que located at 3820 Lamar Avenue in Paris, Texas. Dutch lunch will be served from the menu.

Fulbright Community Homecoming will be on June 11, 2000.

## PJC announces spring honors

Paris Junior College has announced students named to the president's and dean's list for each semester.

Students named to the president's list include: Katherine R. Hare from Bogata; Jamie Leann Bryant and Bonnie S. Phillips from Clarksville.



PRAIRILAND HONOR STUDENTS to graduate on Friday night are Nikalus Clarkson, Lisa Corso, Susan Singleton Jones, Lucas Roddy and Ashley Rhodes. Not pictured is Candace Yaross. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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# Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Our cook this week comes to us from Bogata and she is Wootie Harville. She is a 13-year resident of Bogata and lives in the Bogata Housing Authority Thedford Homes, coming to Bogata from Cuthand. She and her late husband Vernon, moved to Cuthand in 1953.

Wootie loves to play 42 and 84 and she belongs to the monthly 84 Club. They meet once a month at a member's home and they really enjoy the dominoes and fellowship. She also has wild bird feeders along with squirrel feeders and enjoys watching the birds and squirrels. Her many hanging baskets and flowers are to be envied during the spring time.

Wootie states that she did not know how to cook when she married, but vowed to learn. After collecting recipes and listening to friends and relatives, she succeeded. She has given us several good recipes this week and we certainly appreciate it!

She has three sons. The late Bo

Harville, Morris Harville of Kilgore, who is a principal at Henderson High School, and Larry Harville of Flower and he has worked for Texas-New Mexico since he got out of high school.

She retired after several years at Hollywood Vassar and the Bogata Phone Company and attends the Methodist Church at Cuthand.

We hope you enjoy her recipes and we will see you in the kitchen!

**Fried Cabbage**-I have always heard of Fried Cabbage, but never knew how to prepare it! Now I do!

**Baked Corn**-for a little different twist to your corn recipe...try this!

**Chocolate Pie**-this one is the old-fashioned one, made on the stove!

**Meringue**-top your pie with this and you have a sure winner!

**Christmas Salad**-never too early to begin your Christmas recipe gathering! This sounds like a good one!

**Squash Dressing**-if your garden is going to be abundant with fresh squash...try this!

May 25, 2000  
Wootie Harville-Bogata

### Fried Cabbage

1 large head cabbage  
1 cup oil  
3/4 cup water  
1 tablespoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Cut cabbage in cubes. In a large steamer, put in oil and water; then add cabbage, salt and sugar. Cook on medium heat for 20-25 minutes.

### Baked Corn

1 can whole-kernel corn-drained  
1 can cream-style corn  
2 beaten eggs  
2 tablespoons flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 tablespoon oil  
Beat eggs slightly, add corn and oil in bowl and mix together flour, sugar, salt and pepper; add to corn mixture and place oven-proof bowl and cook about 350 degrees until set for about 20 minutes.

### Chocolate Pie

2 cups half and half milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
3 egg yolks-beaten  
3/4 cups sugar  
1/3 cup cocoa  
1/3 cup flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Heat milk and butter to boiling point, set off burner and add 1 tablespoon water to beaten egg yolks. Stir in milk. Sift together flour, sugar, cocoa and salt twice, then gradually stir into the liquid. Set on burner the time. Cook until thick and pour into baked pie shell.

### Meringue

3 egg whites-beaten  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
6 tablespoons sugar  
Combine egg whites with cream of tartar and beat until thick. Add sugar and vanilla and continue to beat until peaks form. Place on pie and brown.

### Christmas Salad

1 large package lemon jello-may use any flavor  
1 large can crushed pineapple  
8 ounces cream cheese  
1 pint whipping cream  
1 cup nuts  
3/4 cups celery-chopped fine  
small amount of pimento for color  
Mix together jello and pineapple and cook until jello dissolves. Take from fire and put in ice to cool. Fold cream cheese at room temperature with whipping cream. Do not whip. Add to cool jello mixture and add celery, nuts and pimento. Place in jello mold and place in icebox to gel. This will keep for several days.

### Squash Dressing

2 cups boiled squash-drained  
1-2/3 cups cracker crumbs  
1 cup sweet milk  
1 large onion  
1 stick oleo  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2-1/4 teaspoon sage  
2/3 cup grated cheese  
4 eggs  
Chop onion and cook with oleo and set aside. In large bowl mix together cracker crumbs, salt, pepper, sugar and sage and add cooked onions, milk and beaten eggs, cooked squash and cheese. Bake until brown at 400 degrees.

# Obituaries



Susie Oleta Presswood dies May 23

Susie Oleta Presswood died May 23 at her home in Greenville.

Mrs. Presswood was born in the Pine Branch community of Red River County on October 30, 1917 to Hiplan J. Oliver and Maggie Whitten Oliver.

She married Gathan Alvin Presswood on February 8, 1935 in Clarksville. They continued to live in the Pine Branch community and were the proprietors of the Pine Branch Grocery until moving to Dallas. She worked as a seamstress for Pageboy Co., Lorch-Westway Co. and Nialouf Mfg. She and her husband moved to Greenville in 1982 where she spent her remaining years as a devoted daughter, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until she became ill.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; one sister, Hazel Giddens; one brother, Wilburn J. Oliver and a son-in-law, Dudley Hayes.

She is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Barbara and Johnny Evans and Jeanette Hayes, all of Greenville; grandchildren, Vickie Miller of Point, Debbie Henry of Grand Prairie, Kathy Cook of Mesquite, Sandra Sampler of Fountain Hills, AZ, Laura Snead and John Evans, Jr. of Greenville; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Lillian Presswood of Dallas, Lucy Mae Presswood of New Caney, Dorothy Presswood of Victorville, CA, Irene Hall of LaPuenta, CA, Katy Lynton of Long Beach, Ca and Swan Cunliff of Medford, OR; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on May 25 in the chapel of Coker-Mattews Funeral Home in Greenville with graveside services and burial in Bogata Cemetery in Bogata at 4:00 p.m. with Dr. Glenn Cook, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist and Rev. James Nance, former pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist officiating.

Bearers were Glen Welch, Jim Finney, Robert Self, Michael Morgan, Allen Miler, Russell Miller. Honorary bearers were her great-granddaughters, Lisa Rojas, Susan Davidson, Kimberly Davidson, Lindy Morgan, Mary Ellen Morgan, Shonnda Miller and Lauryn Sampler.

Evelyn H. Cuper dies May 15  
Evelyn H. Cuper, age 85 of Talco died Monday, May 15 at Titus Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18 at Bates-Cooper Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Pleasant. Anton Ciomperlik officiated. Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 22 at Fort Bliss, VA Cemetery in El Paso.

Mrs. Cuper was born May 2, 1915 in Waxahachie, the daughter of William Austin Haynes and Effie Lee Erwin Haynes. She had worked as a cashier for a grocery store and restaurant.

Surviving are her husband, James Cuper of Talco; a daughter, Claudette Adams of Royce City; brothers, Charles Haynes of Longview, J.W. Haynes of Talco, Joel Haynes of California; sisters, Kathryn Morgan of Longview and Vera Sue Schultz of South Carolina; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Card of Thanks  
We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown us during the loss of our loved one, Robert A. Westbrook.

Again, thank you all, His Family

Card of Thanks  
Words cannot express my thanks for your prayers, thoughts, visits and the other kind deeds you have done for me during the illness and death of my son, Joe Al. May God bless you all.

Myrtle Singleton

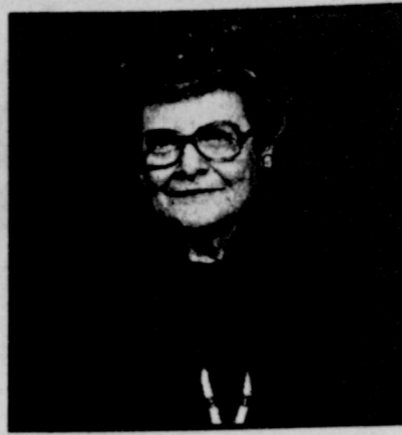
Card of Thanks  
We would like to thank all who helped make our fundraiser a success. Thanks to the people who brought their animals for vaccinations and the Paris News, Deport Times, KBUS, KPLT, KOYN, K-95 and the Dollar Saver for helping spread the word. Thanks to the parents who came and helped with the animals.

Extra special thanks to Dr. James Love and his family for their donation and time. Without all of these people we could not have been successful. Thanks again for the support of our team of 9 and 10 year old boys.

The Deport Astros

Card of Thanks  
We would like to thank all of our family and friends for the food, flowers and support during the time of our loss. Your sympathy is greatly appreciated. We would like to say a special Thank You to the nurses on 3 East at McCuiston Hospital. They took wonderful care of him and the family and to Ann Foster for all of her love and support. To Mike Francies and the rest of the EMT's that were there every time we called. To Dr. Sandeep Singh and the staff at the Paris Cancer Center for all of the care that you gave him. He loved you all as we do. And a very special Thank You to Wood Funeral Home for being so kind, caring and supportive. You are very wonderful people and will be in our prayers always.

The Family of Billy Ray Walters  
Donna & Hattie Walters and  
Buffy and Bobby Milligan



Ina Sparks dies May 21

Ms. Ina Sparks, age 79 of Deport, died in the McCuiston Regional Medical Center on Sunday, May 21, 2000.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Deport, with the Reverends Jim Benfer and Chief Warden officiating. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of the arrangements.

She was born in Paris on January 31, 1921 to W.G. and Ella Essary Sparks. She began her 46-year teaching career in 1943 in the Deport School System, retiring in 1989. She received Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Lamar County in 1965 by the Chamber of Commerce of Lamar County, serving as yearbook sponsor and Senior Sponsor. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport, teaching Sunday School for 25 years. She kept a diary for the last 54 years; loved game shows, crossword puzzles, and all sports, even though she was unable to actively participate.

She was a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers Association, and the McCuiston Auxiliary where she was serving as telephone chairperson.

Her twin sister, Nina Sparks of Deport; a sister-in-law, Elois Sparks, also of Deport; several nieces and nephews and many friends survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and four brothers, Lundy Sparks, Austin Sparks, Elmer Sparks, and Jim Sparks.

The family requests donations be made to the Scottish-Rite Children's Hospital, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219 or the charity of their choice.

Rev. John Poe Hensley dies May 9

Rev. John Poe Hensley died May 9, just short of his 89th birthday. A memorial service was held in White Rock United Methodist Church in Dallas on May 16.

He began his ministry in Deport at the Methodist Church in November of 1946 through June, 1947. He received a B.A. in Bible in 1941 and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1954 from John Brown University where he was named Trustee Emeritus in 1985.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Harriet Ezelle Thomas Hensley. He is survived by his second wife, Marjorie; his son and daughter-in-law, John Thomas and Virginia Hensley and grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Michael Thomas and Carol Hensley.

Sara Gilmer dies May 21

Sara Gilmer, age 82, of Detroit, died Sunday, May 21 in Deport Nursing Home.

Services were held Tuesday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lone Star Congregational Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Shovan officiating. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. at Rose Mound Cemetery in Commerce, Texas under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

She was born in Commerce on February 3, 1918, a daughter of Jodie and Nonnie Elizabeth Russell. Her husband of 61 years, Marlin "Tex" Gilmer, preceded her in death May 2, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Lone Star Congregational Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marline and Dewey Thomas of Detroit; several nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Suzann and Don Shovan of Detroit and Sarena and David Owens of Detroit; great-grandchildren, Jill and Cory Owens of Detroit and Kyle Shovan of Detroit.

Bearers were Weldon Smith, Harold Verner, Charles Owens, W.L. Beers, Glen Coleman and Charles Carothers.



Suzie Norwood dies May 18

Suzie Norwood, age 52 of Cunningham, died in the McCuiston Regional Medical Center, Thursday, May 18.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. in the Life Tabernacle Church, Cunningham, with the Rev. Joe Merrell officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery. The family had visitation Saturday night beginning at 7:00 at the church. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of the arrangements.

She was born on July 21, 1947 in Knox City, Texas, the daughter Melvin and Dorothy Maddux Stephens. On May 13, 1989, she married Talma Norwood. Mrs. Norwood was a member of the Life Tabernacle Church in Cunningham.

She is survived by her husband, Talma Norwood of Cunningham; her parents, Mel and Dot Stephens of Deport; a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Missy Ingram of Cunningham; a daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Wayne Creamer of Paris; sister and her husband, Laurie and Danny Christian of Georgetown; one brother and his wife, Alan and Debbie Stephens of Lynton Springs; grandchildren, Casey and Colton Ingram, Jarid and Justin Lyles, all of Cunningham and Tyler and Cameron Creamer of Paris; four brothers-in-law and their wives, Darold Dean and Ida Mae Norwood, Carnard and Delores Norwood, James Doyle and Pat Norwood, all of Cunningham and Danny and Sharon Norwood of Rockford Community; two sisters-in-law Cindi Nichols and her husband, Charles, and Geneva Norwood all of Cunningham; many nieces and nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Johnny Syrus, Heath Kennedy, Tracy Norwood, Joe Smith, Kevin Wood, Ricky Norwood, Gerald Norrell, and Jerrod Bankhead.

Angie J. Smith dies May 20

Angie J. Smith, age 84 of Deport, died in the St. Joseph Hospital on Saturday, May 20.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the Life Tabernacle Church with the Rev. Bob Freeman officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery of Cunningham. Wood Funeral Homes had charge of the arrangements. The family had visitation on Sunday from 7-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born on September 19, 1915, the daughter of Jim and Ivy Lee Sanders Taylor. On July 2, 1932, she married Alfonso Smith in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1995. She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Opal Juanita Smith in March 1937; her parents; two brothers; two sisters; a grandson; and several great-grandchildren.

She is survived by 12 children and their spouses; Darrell Wayne Smith and wife, Evelyn of English, Donald Ray Smith and wife, Donnetta of Deport, James Paul Smith and his wife, Nancy of Seagoville, Charles D. Smith and his wife, Carol of Blossom, Sue Goley of Paris, Grand Smith and his wife, Betty of Grand Prairie, Ruth Ann Coleman and husband, William of South Haven, MS, Shirley J. Haskell and husband, Larry of Detroit, Karen Cherry and husband, Darrell of Irving, Barbara Merchant and husband, Ronnie of Bogata, Larry Smith and wife, Sheila of Cunningham, Lester and wife, Louise Henderson of Seagoville; 36 grandchildren; 76 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four sisters, Theo Armstrong of Wills Point, Cleo Nabors of Mississippi; Lorene and Goldie Marshall of Paris.

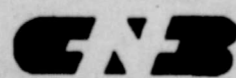
Active pallbearers were Mike Cherry, Doug McCloure, Randy Smith, Jeff Smith, William Coleman, and Tracey Cherry. Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Smith, Billy Smith, Eddie Haskell, C.D. Haskell, Roy Goley, Robert Goley, Keith Farron.



COOK OF THE WEEK is Wootie Harville of Bogata. She enjoys cooking, 42 and 84 games. When she married she knew nothing about cooking and gathered information from friends and relatives. Now she is one of the better cooks in the area. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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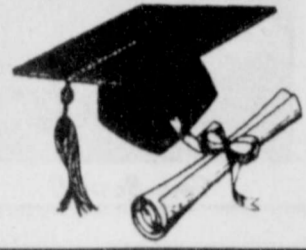
**Red River County Roots**

This week's query is from Karen Johnson Trouvat, 12 rue G. Seailles, 77630 Barbizon, France. She is researching the family of Peter E. McCain, born 1830 Roane County, TN, who lived with his family in Red River County in 1870. His wife was the former Tranquilla King and their children were Rufus A., Jacob A., Thomas C., Mazie Addie, Sarah Ann, Mary Tranquilla and James. The 1870 census shows them living in the area of Maple Springs and the children's births range from 1852 until 1869. If you would like to write Mrs. Trouvat, please write her at the above address.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



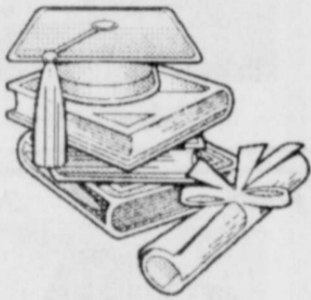
ROBERT LEWIS of the Masonic Lodge presented the Outstanding Female Student at Prairiland to Susan Singleton Jones. Also pictured is her mother Bonni Singleton and principal Ronnie Baker. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



The World Awaits Our Graduates



**Congratulation Class of 2000 Your Looking Good!**



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We Wish Our Area Graduating Seniors the Best of Luck in the Future!!



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**THANK YOU**

We want to thank everyone who has given monetary gifts, book donations and office equipment to help make the Bogata Public Library/Museum a success.

We have had great cooperation from past Mayor Mike Garretson and our present mayor Jack Crane. A special thanks to the City employees for their help. The following volunteers have worked long hours to prepare for our

**OPEN HOUSE May 27th from 2-4 p.m.**

Judy Marshall, Naomi Goodman, Mary Vaughan, Frances R. Rozell, Frances M. Rozell, Eleanor McCleur, Miriam Stephenson, John Howison, Gale Hervey, Betty Ramsey, Dorothy Gills, Margie Myers, Helen Williams, Dovie Garretson, Pat Spencer, Denise Wood, Gaston Puckett, Jimmy Puckett, Neil Rozell, A.D. Stephenson, Edward Spencer, Carlton Stanley, James Gaddis, Duane Bryson, W.T. Harbison and Art Spencer.

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And the Following Libraries: Red River Co. Library  
Blossom Public Library Mt. Pleasant Library Winnsboro Library  
Sulphur Springs Library Paris Public Library

**Pattonville News**

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Josh Green, Ricky Williams, Kolbi Carlow, Tanner Blake Waggoner and Kenneth Short.

Happy anniversary to Fern and Pat Rees, Don and Peggy Gentry, Mark and Tonya Parsons.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ina Sparks, who died Sunday, May 21 in Paris at McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Pauline Floyd Secrest, who died in Whitehouse on Monday, May 22.

Mickey Keener has been vacationing in Peru for two weeks.

Edythe McIntosh has been a patient in McCuiston Hospital with complications from her recent heart surgery.

Dorothy Richey is recuperating at home from surgery performed last Friday in McCuiston Regional Medical Center.

Susan Richey of Georgetown and Kent Richey of Corsicana, Jency Richey, T.J. and Margaret Fowler have been attending Dorothy's needs.

Keith and Peggy Parson and Leah Boren spent Friday and Saturday nights with Haley and Ty Parsons in Rowlett we in Houston.

Greg and Connie Parsons of Whitehouse spent Monday night with Keith and Peggy Parsons.

**Nursing students graduate from PJC**

Forty-one Paris Junior College Associate Degree nursing students celebrated graduation recently at a pinning ceremony held in the Paris First United Methodist Church.

Receiving pins were:  
From Clarksville: Tonya Earley, Andrea Killian and Jennifer Porterfield.

From Blossom: Regena D. Heibert and Ambrye Whitley.

From Batgwell: Kara Neathery.  
From Pattonville: Diane Woodall.  
From Bogata: Teresa White.



**Fulbright News**

By Betty Rodgers  
652-6051

The Leroy and Mary Smith family enjoyed a barbeque meal in the home of their daughter, Fred Jarrett, in Detroit on Sunday. Others attending were Becky and Jody Holmes of Bogata, Christian and Allan of Annona, Susie and Tracy Barnes and kids, Vincent, Patti and daughter Lilly, Connie and To Phosay and children.

Betty Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga, Monte Rodgers enjoyed a visit with Bernice Thomas of Boyd Sunday and Monday. They visited Roy and Imogene Rodgers in Bowie.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie (Essie Mae) Kerbow were held Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Bro. Larry Solice officiating and interoreon was provided by friends in the fellowship hall of the church.

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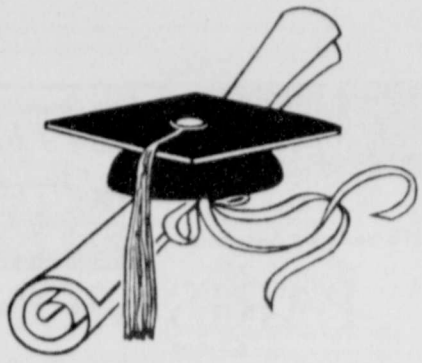
**BIG TIME BINGO**  
The Deport American Legion Bingo has moved to Big Time Bingo at the Paris-Lamar Co. Fairground, Fitzhugh at Clement Rd. in Paris.  
Wednesday Open 5:30- Play 6:45pm  
Friday  
1st. session open 5:30 Play 6:45pm  
2nd. session Play 9:15pm  
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Deport American Legion Post # 199 Lic. # 17560510517  
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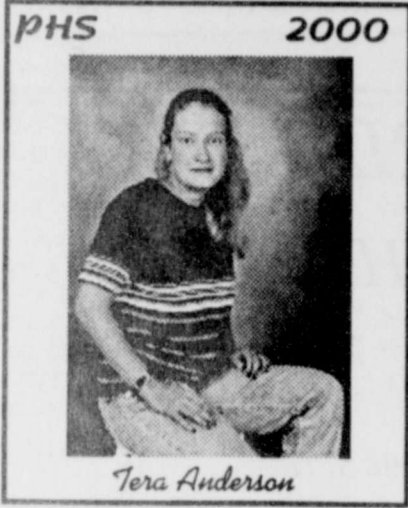
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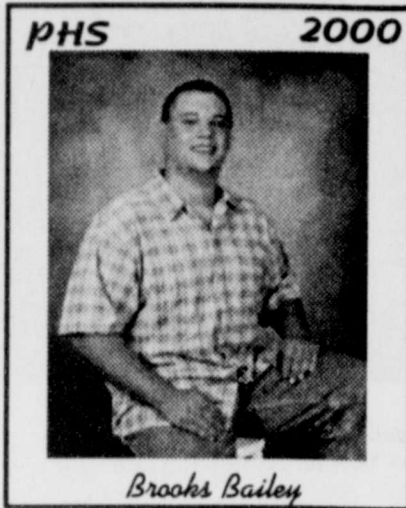
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Heather Anthony



Brooks Bailey



Lennon Bailey



Ashley Ball

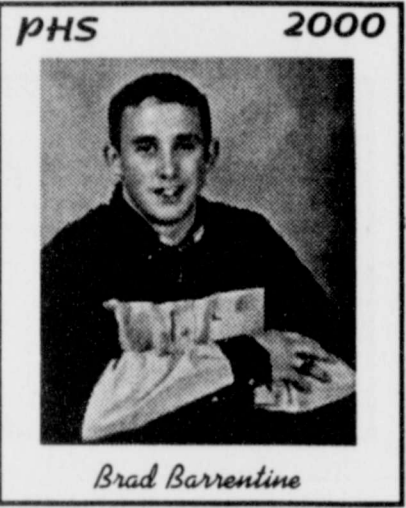


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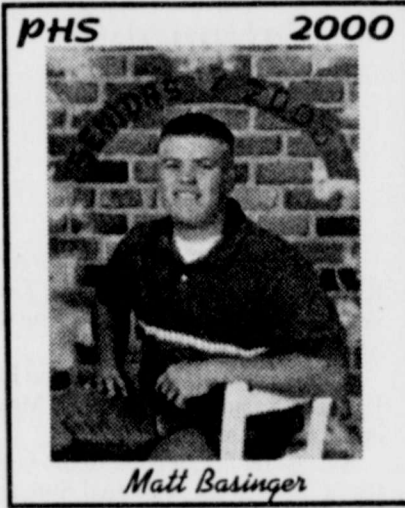
*Congratulations to the Seniors of 2000*

*May You Achieve Your Goals and Have The Best In Life!*

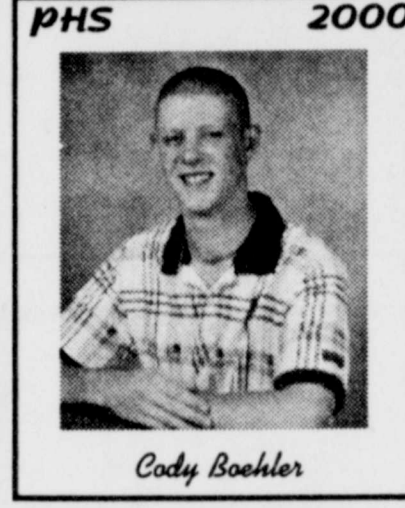
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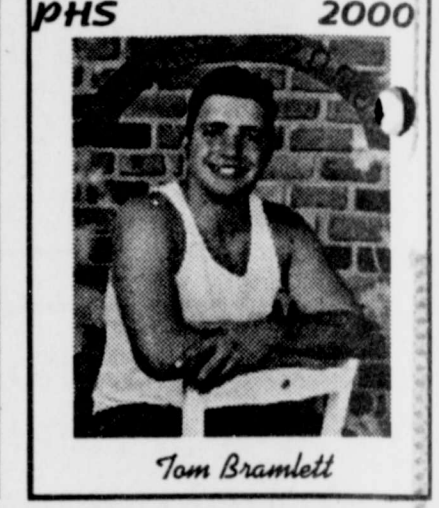
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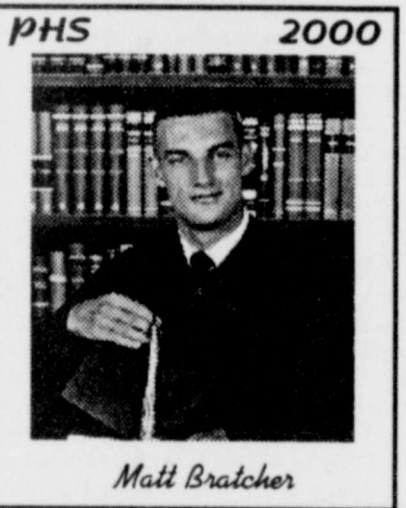
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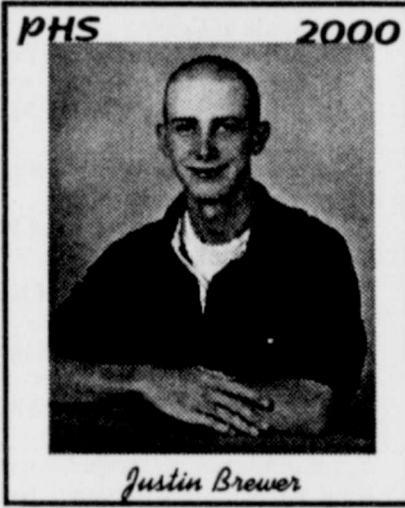
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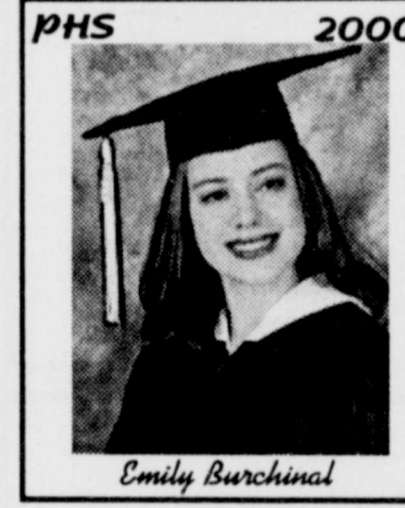
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Justin Brewer



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Melissa Burden

**Graduates We Salute You!**

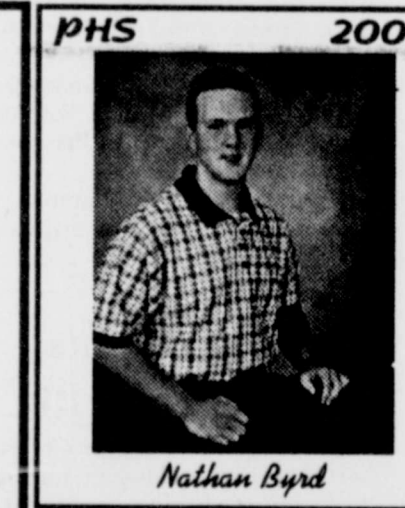
**May Your Future Be Bright ...**

**THIS IS THE RELATIONSHIP KEY-KEY-SHIP**

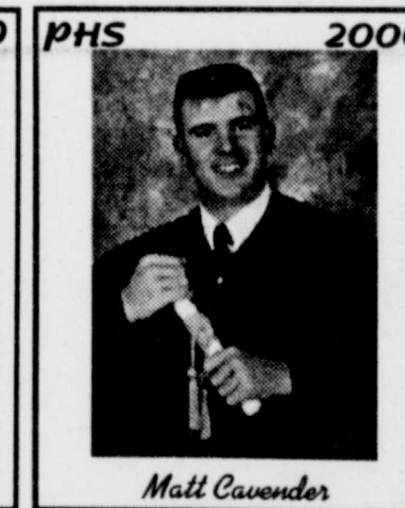
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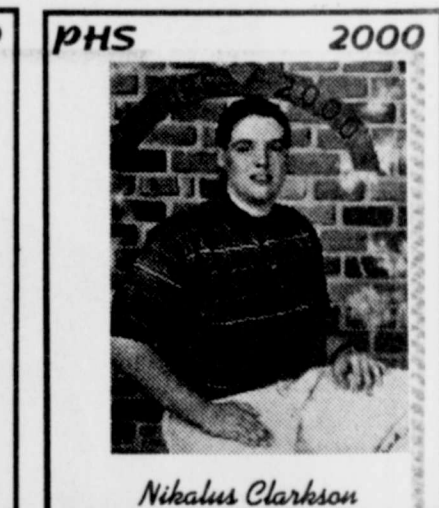
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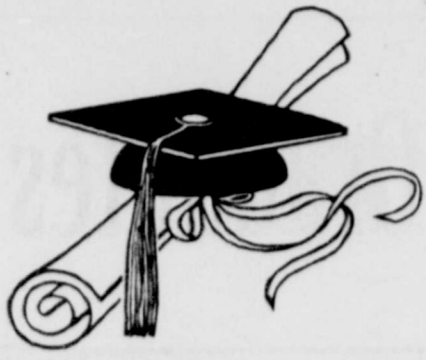


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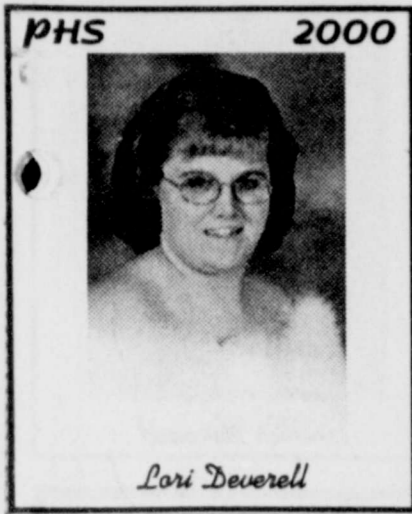
Best Of Luck, Graduates, The Future Is Bright

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Paris, Texas 75460

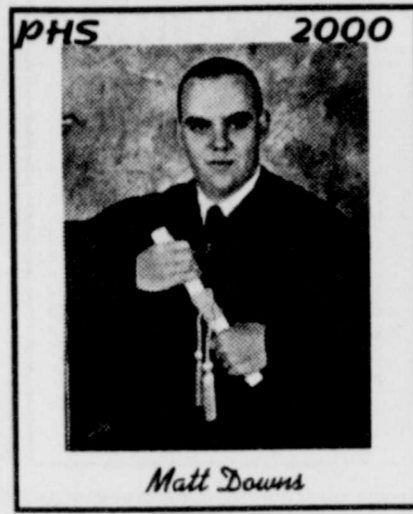




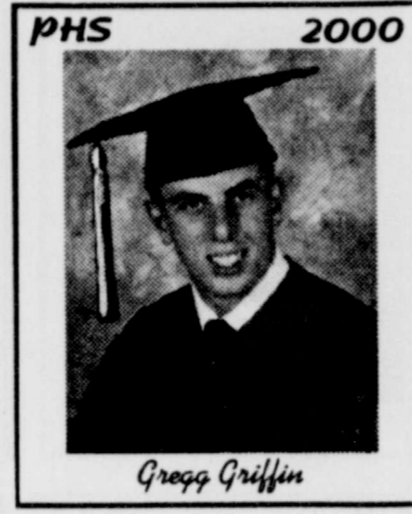
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Lori Deverell



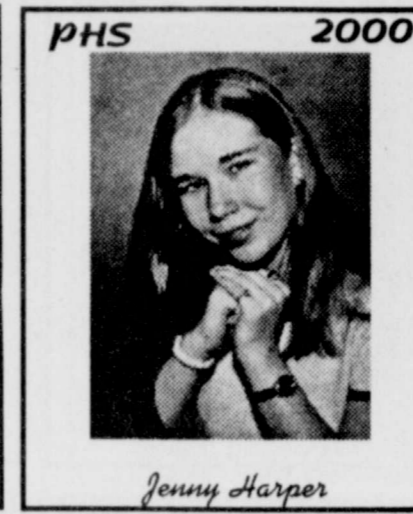
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Daniel Hancock



Jenny Harper

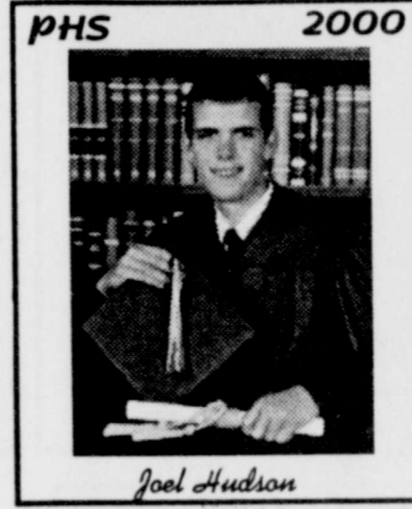


Bobbie Harriman

**Celebrate Safely...  
Don't Drink & Drive!**



Julie Himes



Joel Hudson



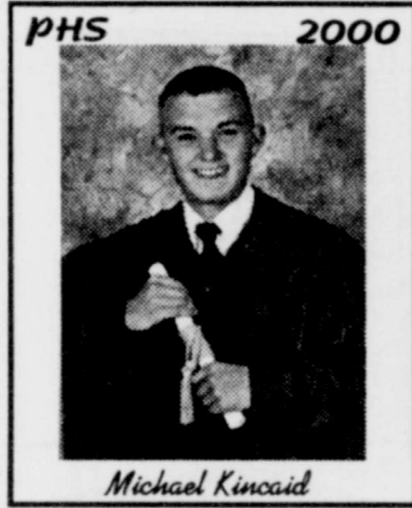
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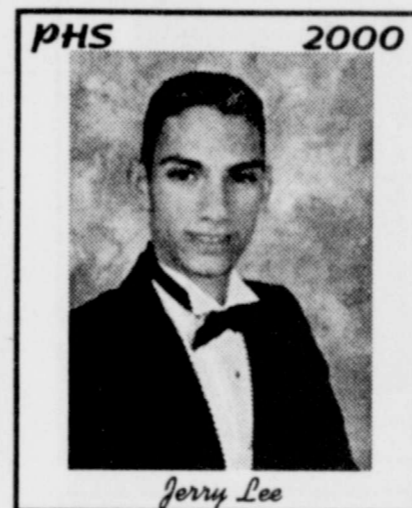
Susan Jones

**Congratulations  
Seniors!**  
May You Continue  
With Success In  
All You Do In Life

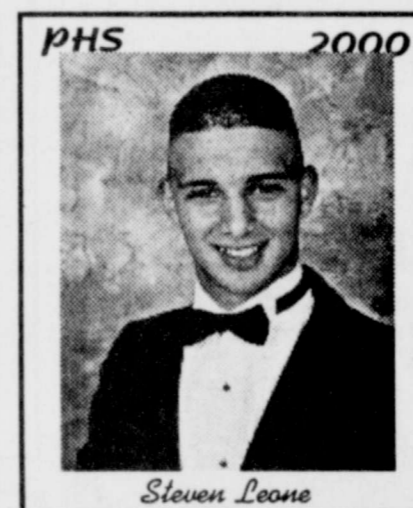
**ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
OF PARIS**  
Keith House, DVM  
2950 N.E. Loop 286, Paris  
785-7606



Michael Kincaid

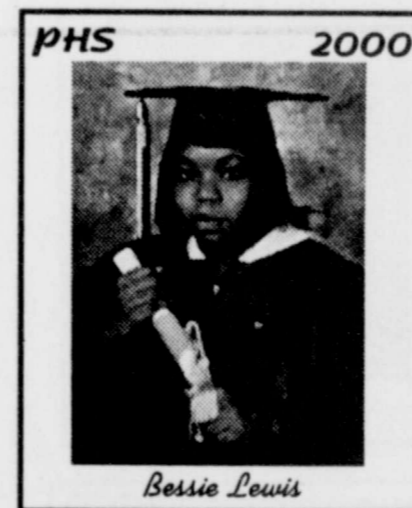


Jerry Lee



Steven Leone

**WAY TO GO  
SENIORS  
2000!**  
You Are Looking  
GOOD  
**Tony's Tuxes**  
Clothiers For Men  
Chisum Square, Paris  
Next To Nutri/System  
784-0015



Bessie Lewis



Jessica Lewis



Michael Magy

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Executive Director  
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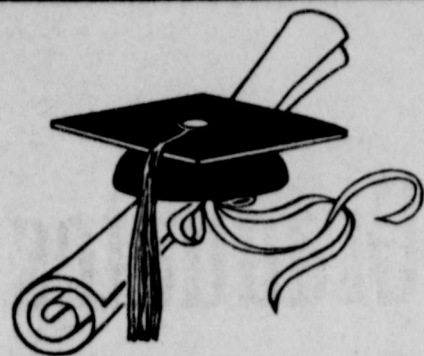
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For Their  
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All Area  
Graduates  
Of  
The Class of  
2000





# Prairiland Class of 2000 Graduates

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Marion McCulley

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Brock McDowra

PHS 2000

Leslie Mullins

PHS 2000

Dustin Nations

PHS 2000

Robbie Nichols

PHS 2000

Amber Norwood

PHS 2000

Kristy Oates

PHS 2000

Laura Oliver

PHS 2000

Dustin Pegg

PHS 2000

Elizabeth Ramirez

Hope things keep looking up!

With Highest Regards

To all our area graduates, go our sincere best wishes for a happy and successful future.

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**All The Best TO OUR GRADUATES**

Our sincere best wishes to all our local graduates for a happy and bright future.

Congratulations on making the grade!

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PHS 2000

Ashley Rhodes



PHS 2000

Lucas Roddy

**Congratulations Grads!**

You Have Made The First Step, Now You Will Step Out Into The World For A Bigger Task In Life. We Wish You Success.

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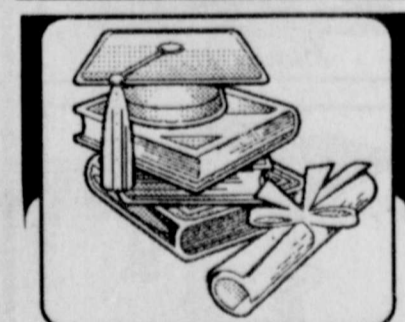
**LOVE SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC**

6485 Lamar (Hwy. 82 E.), Paris  
784-2900

Wishes To Congratulate All Area Graduates On Their Achievements

PHS 2000

Bren Screws



**Congratulations To All Our Area Graduates Class of 2000!**

Every year young graduates start on that personal road to success - financial as well as personal. The road to success is quite a climb. We Wish You The Very Best.

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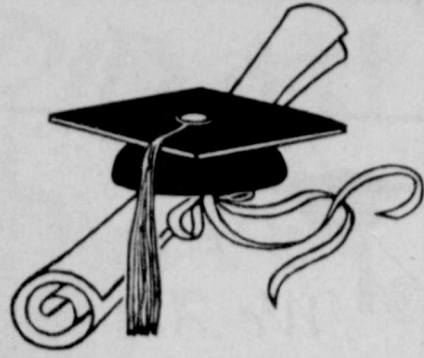
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May You Achieve All Your Dreams and Goals

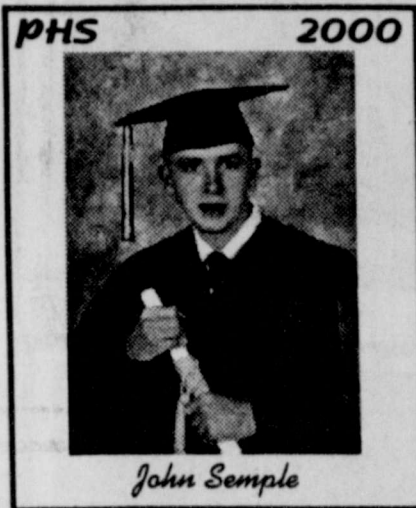
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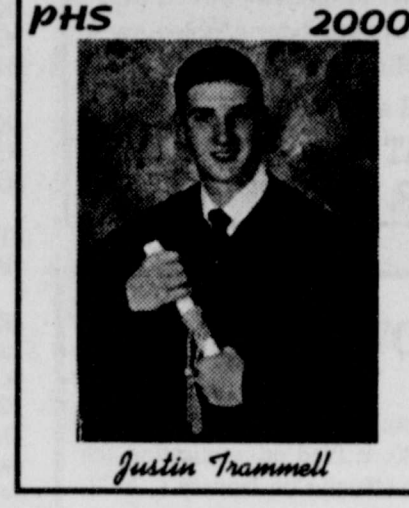
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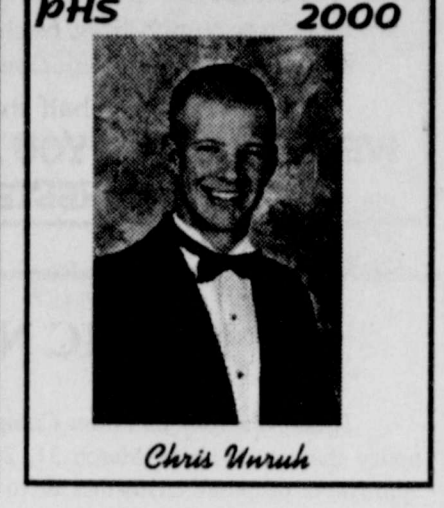
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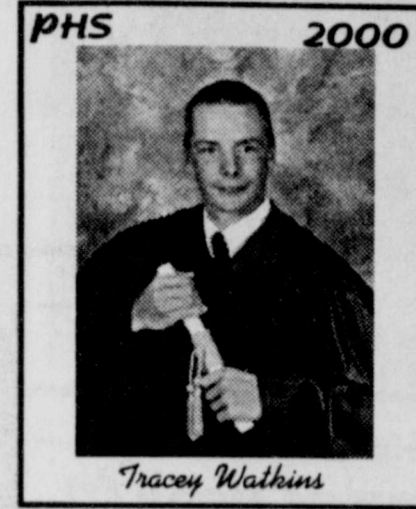
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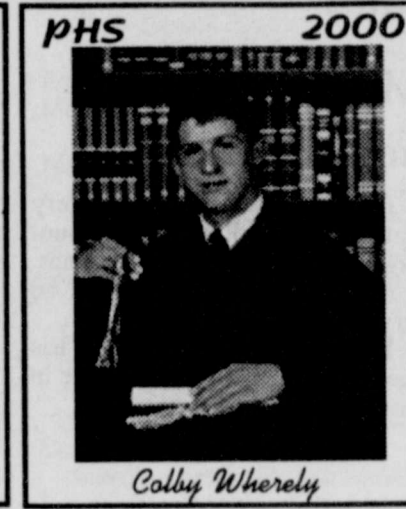
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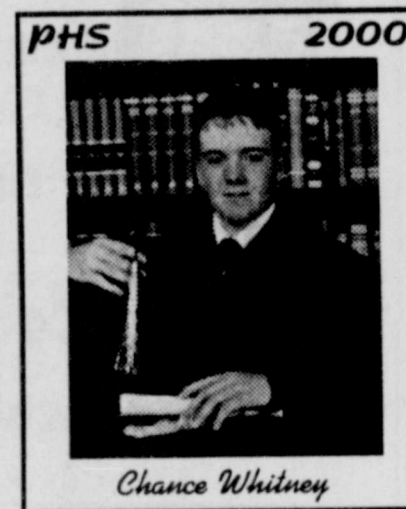
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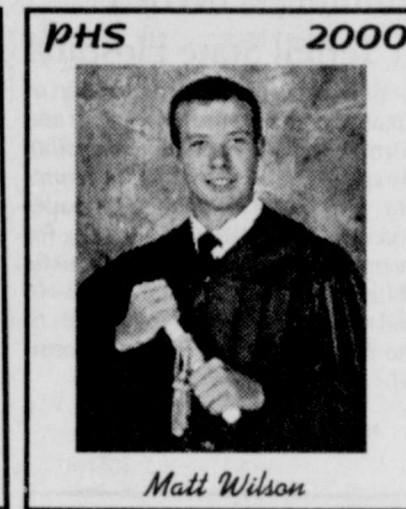
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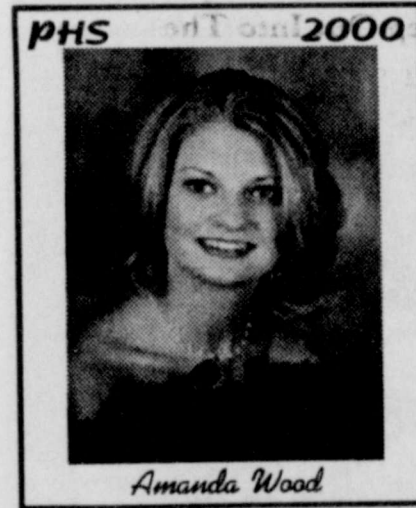
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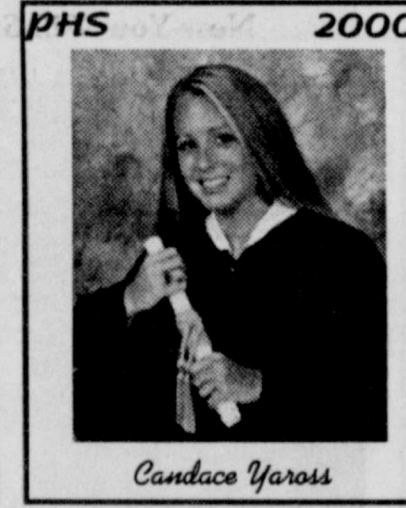
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*With Top Honors  
On Graduation*

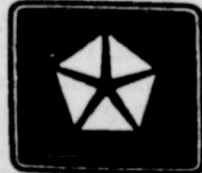
You worked hard to make the grade and your time has finally come. Hope every second is a very joyous one!

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Real peace comes from struggle that involves such things as effort, discipline, enthusiasm. This is also the way to strength.  
—explorer Richard E. Byrd  
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**Congratulations Graduates!**


You have now completed your formal education and are now ready to face the world. We wish you success in whatever field you have chosen. However, there is more for you to learn in the world of knowledge.

**elliott** 

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With Our Highest Regard  
Congratulations on making an educated choice.  
May it serve you well in the years ahead.

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**Congratulations Graduates**

*We Are So Proud Of All You Have Achieved  
Keep On Striving To Be The Best!*



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) hereby publishes notice that on or about March 31, 2000, it filed an application for approval of proposed tariffs that are to be effective on January 1, 2002, for its proposed transmission and distribution utility pursuant to Chapter 39, Subchapter E of the Texas Utilities Code with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (P.U.C.).

The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer. The rates currently paid by the majority of customers will not change as a result of this proceeding prior to January 1, 2002. This proceeding may also establish other nonbypassable fees.

In addition to its application for approval of the above-referenced tariffs, TNMP has requested recovery of estimated stranded costs (\$194.4 million), recovery of expenses incurred in implementing energy efficiency programs in 2000 and 2001, and recovery of expenses incurred in connection with regulatory proceedings involving business separation and transmission and distribution utility tariffs. TNMP has also requested consolidation of the remaining portions of its proposed business separation plan (Docket No. 21955) and such other recovery and approvals as TNMP may show itself to be entitled during the course of this proceeding. As indicated in TNMP's Application, TNMP's requests are subject to possible modification to reflect impacts of various other ongoing regulatory proceedings and supplementation for corrections and to include specific details on performance-based rates.

Affected persons potentially include all customers and classes of customers of TNMP.

On September 1, 1999, amendments to the Texas Utilities Code went into effect which are designed to open the electric industry to competition. To facilitate this transition to competition, the Texas Utilities Code requires that traditional integrated electric utility companies separate their business activities into various component parts. After January 1, 2002, TNMP's current customers will generally receive electricity and bills for electricity from a retail electric provider instead of TNMP.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this matter may contact TNMP through Larry P. Gunderson, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Overton Centre, 4100 International Plaza, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 Phone (817) 731-0099 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the non-confidential portions of TNMP's filing may be viewed at Overton Centre, 4100 International Plaza, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

Persons who wish to participate formally in this proceeding, or wish to express their comments concerning this proceeding, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this proceeding is July 10, 2000. A request to intervene or a request 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 Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) (800) 735-2989.



Sympathy is extended to the families of Susie Norwood, Ina Sparks and Angie Smith.

Happy birthday to Renea Wims, Tina Davis, Weston Blaze Burns, Kenda Blackburn, Athel V. Hester, Chad Farris, Hugh Benfer, Patricia Hollje, Dan Gose, Betty Warden, Charlene Borders, Glenda Ballard, Kim Good, Ricky Williams, Cordell Grizzle, Marlin Foster, Bob Johnson, Becky Talley.

Happy anniversary to Kim and Tommy Good and Tonya and Mark Parsons.

Mary Alice Enox, Sue Malone, Ruth Cheatham, Ina Sparks, Nina Sparks, Lucille Pickering, Peggy Parsons, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed, Weldon and Joyce Smith, James Cunningham, Sam Whitney and Jane O'Neal were among those attending the annual McCuiston Regional Medical Center Awards Luncheon for auxiliary members at the Paris Golf and Country Club on Thursday.

Here to attend their uncle, Robert Westbrook's, funeral services were his nieces and nephews, Charles and Christine Westbrook Lytal of Shallowater, Sonny and Jan Hurst of Carrollton, Sam and Sharon Speir, Mike, Greg and Chad of the Greenville area, Felton and Mary Mantooth, Debbie, Carol and Pam, Charles and Pat Speir, Doug and Judy, Jim and Matt Speir and Andy and Paula Speir, Teri and Andy, Jr.

Elbert Veteto, Jr. from Marshall stopped on his way to Paris on business on last week for a visit with Melba Ladd.

On May 21, Jim Benfer, pastor at the First United Methodist Church, with Melba and Carlos Ladd attended a meeting of the Paris Sulphur Springs District held at the Westway Methodist Church in Greenville. The meeting addressed items to be considered

at annual conference for the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held in Plano on June 4.

Jeff Jeffus has been awarded Paris Junior College's Drafting Scholarship for 2000.

He is the son of Hugh & Vicki Jeffus, Jr. of Deport and Tom & Sherry Kirwin of North Carrollton.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Sam and Maragie Rice visited Mt. Vernon and Mt. Pleasant Saturday. They had lunch and visited Tankersly Gardens.

Martha Steeres of Valle Verde, Arkansas and granddaughter, Alyssa Rose of Houston, Johnny and Russell Whitney of Milton and Betty Denison of Deport, Ledford Kelly to Georgetown were all visitors of the Walker Devlins of Minter over the weekend.

**Milton to hold homecoming**

The annual Milton Cemetery Homecoming will be held on Sunday, June 4 on the cemetery grounds. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

The Deport School cafeteria has been reserved as an alternate site in case of rain.

**Volunteers needed at Terrell State Hospital**


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\*Happy Birthday to Rick Gilliam, Jewell Harper and Danny Martin.


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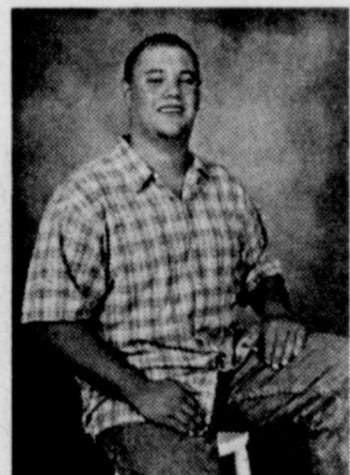
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**Prairiland ISD names outstanding students**

Prairiland ISD announced their award winners at their annual assembly last week. The are listed below.

Outstanding Girl went to Susan Singleton and Outstanding Boy went to Nikalus Clarkson.

Spanish I-Amanda Denman, Kelly Kincaid, Lance Westbrook, Jason Elrod and Bruno Mares.

Spanish II- Megan Filkins and Mallory Woodall.

Horticulture-Joel Hudson, Brad Hunt, Matt Cavender, Heath Sessums and Kara Shores.

Ag. Coop-Justin Brewer, Daniel Hancock, Bryan Hatanville and Tracy Watkins.

Plant and Animal Production-Heather Anthony.

Landscape and Design-Renee Moreland and Holley Allen.

Personal Family Development-Deborah Guthrie, Raynie Skidmore and Megan Graham.

Home Economic Career Preparation-Aimee Crites and Lacy Spray.

Choir-Rachel Hunt.

Algebra II-Lacy Beatty, Robert Robertson, Mitchell Whitaker and Megan Filkins.

Pre-Calculus-Kyle Malone and Michael Flatt.

Calculus-Nikalus Clarkson.

English II-Charlie Lawrence, James Osterbuhr, Robert Robertson, Mitchell Whitaker, April Boradway.

Biology-Melanie Taylor, Jaci Chaney, Lance Westbrook, Bryan Murdock, Josh Benfer and Jennifer Drinnon.

Geology, Meterology and Oceanography-Nikalus Clarkson.

Speech-Amie Love, Les Mullins, Lance Westbrook, Cy Guthrie, Tabitha Baxter, Catherine Dawson, Michael Flatt, Angela Harbuck and Andi Gillie.

Theatre Arts-Jennifer Dorsey, Jenny Harper, Amanda Hyde, Candice Whitaker, Tara Simmons and Ashley Doyal.

Computer Programming-Brittany Bailey and Nikalus Clarkson. Math Models-Jennifer Glasgow.

Algebra I-Amanda Barnes.

World Geography-Josh Benfer, Michael Flatt and Lance Westbrook.

Algebra I-Jennifer Thomas, Kydie Walker, Lance Westbrook, Cassie Arrasmith, Becky Hamm and D.J. Watkins.

Art-Matt Cavender, Catherine Dawson and Kara Shores.

Family and Career-Melissa Burden.

Interior Design-Susan Singleton

Jones, Jennifer Matthews and Becky Hamm.

Personal Family Development-Chesley Loveless and Megan Merritt.

Apparel-Sue Ellen Barnes and Bessie Lewis.

Individual and Family Life-Catherine Dawson.

Preparation for Parenting-Susan Singleton Jones and Catherine Dawson.

Nutrition and Food Science-Sue Ellen Barnes and Bessie Lewis.

Geometry-Josh Williams, Chris Mantooth, Mitch Whitaker and Deann Presley.

Animal Science-John Merrill and Johnny Farmer.

Diversified Ag.-David Smith.

Ag. 101-Chris Basinger and Susan Whittle.

Ag. 102-Miles Bradford, Josh Dawson and Ben Lemmon.

Introduction to Ag Mechanics-Larry Smith and Nathan Byrd.

Metal Fabrication-Jimmy Smith.

Ag. Power-Ryan Gordon.

Ag. 381-Wildlife-Harley Skidmore.

Ag. Mechanics-Chance Whitney and Amber Adams.

Ag. 222-Home Maintenance-Ashley Doyal.

Ag. 364-Ashley Doyal.

Ag. 262-Renee Moreland.

Ag. 102-Jessica Stapleton.

Ag. 241-Cy Guthrie.

Journalism and Newspaper-Jennifer Dorsey.

Journalism-Lisa Corso.

English III-Malynda Thompson, Michael Flatt, Jonathan Martin and Trysta Reves.

English IV-Nikalus Clarkson.

English II-Stoney Musgrove, Brad Hunt and Deann Presley.

BCIS-Ashley Whitley, Tara Simmons, Mallory Woodall, Heather Anthony, Amber Dawson, Tera Barnett and Catherine Dawson.

Economics-Dustin Pegg, Lucas Roddy, Nikalus Clarkson, Candice Whitaker and Catherine Dawson.

World History-Ashley Doyal, Jason Elrod, Heath Sessums and Lucas Miller and Rehannon Jackson.

Government-Nikalus Clarkson and Kara Shores.

World Geography-Nathan Burden.

English I-Casey Johnson, Tiffanie Osborn, Amanda Ball and Lindsey Peel.

World History-Robert Robertson, Lisa Corso, Cody Boehler and Leslie Gordon.

Integ. Physics and Chemistry-Josh

Dawson, Robert Robertson, Mitch Whitaker and Mallory Woodall.

Chemistry-Jason Elrod and Michael Flatt.

English III-Rachel Hunt, Bessie Lewis, Candice Whitaker and Kara Shores.

TAAS-Harley Skidmore, David Smith and Sheena Jones.

Best Boy Marchers-David Crossland and Lance Westbrook.

Best Girl Marchers-Jessica Spencer and Holley Jones.

Most Improved Musician-Jonathan Smith.

Most Outstanding High School Musician and Patriot Award in Band-Nikalus Clarkson.

Health-Nikalus Clarkson and Robert Robertson.

Physical Education-David Newman and Kenneth Thornton.

UIL Awards-Aaron Murdock, Josh Dawson, Lance Westbrook, Kandace Denison, Trysta Reves, Bryan Murdock, Clay Vaughn, Susan Singleton Jones and Michael Flatt.

National Honor Society-Nikalus Clarkson, Lisa Corso, Ashley Rhodes, Lucas Roddy, Susan Singleton Jones and Candace Yaross. Michael Flatt, Amanda Hyde, Renee Moreland, Trista Reves, Drew Riddles and Lacy Spray.

Students of the Month-Nikalus Clarkson, Felicia Taylor, Susan Singleton Jones, Amber Norwood, Matt Cavender, Joel Hudson, Lisa Corso, Amanda Wood, Ashley Ball and Candice Whitaker.

UIL Awards-Nikalus Clarkson, Lisa Corso, Susan Singleton Jones, Candace Yaross, Lucas Roddy, Ashley Rhodes, Brad Barrentine, Emily Burchinal, Kara Shores and Tera Barnett.

Perfect Attendance Award-Kaylie Sugg, Jonathan Smith, Deborah Smith, Robert Robertson, Scotty Nichols, Aaron Murdock, Cheslei Loveless, Ryan Gordon, Elizabeth Dunn, Chris Basinger, Matt Basinger, Nikalus Clarkson and Chance Whitney.

Most Improved Girl and Boy-Felicia Taylor and Michael Kincaid.

Sportsmanship-Matt cavender.

School Spirit-Amber Norwood.

Leadership-Lisa Corso.

Citizenship and Highest Average-Social Studies, English, Science and Math-Nikalus Clarkson.

Best All-Around Girl and Boy-Susan Singleton Jones and Lucas Roddy.

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**Cunningham News**  
 By Jane O'Neal

The community was saddened this past week with the death of Suzie Norwood. She is survived by her husband Talma Norwood, a son and wife, Jay and Missy Ingram, all of Cunningham and her mother and dad, Dot and Melvin Stephens of Deport. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Angie Smith of Deport died this past week. She was a former resident of Cunningham. Her son and wife, Larry and Shelia Smith, live in the community. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Wilburn (Webb) Davis died in Amarillo on April 29. He was born in Cunningham on 3-3-27. He lived here in his early years but had spent most of his adult life in Amarillo. His brother and wife, Roy and Skeeter Davis, live here now. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Cunningham Homecoming will be held on Saturday, July 1 at the Cunningham Community Center. A barbecue meal will be served at 6:00 pm. The meal ticket will be \$6.00. You may make reservations by sending your money to Jane O'Neal at Rt 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, Tx 75435 of calling 903-652-6062 or call Pat Norwood at 903-652-2672. You may also e-mail for reservations at davyusa@netscape.net or joneal@neto.com.

Davy Williams has prepared a web page for the Cunningham community on the computer. You may log on at www.neto.com/dwilliam.

Linda Anderson, Pat West and Fred Cole visited their aunt in Denison on Tuesday.

L'wanda McKnight and Fran and

Jenna Patterson spent the weekend in Houston with Ethelyn Davis. While there Jenna participated in a beauty pageant. She won a trophy in her talent and placed in her class.

Betty Jane Roddy of Blossom visited Joe and Georgia Oats Sunday afternoon.

Velma Cox and Jan Cox of Alvarado attended a baby shower in College Station for Velma's granddaughter Lecel Baxter.

Velma spent a few days with Gordon and Jan Cox of Alvarado. On Saturday night they were joined for dinner by Morris and Kyle Cox of Dallas, Mary Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Meredith and Dusty Cox of College Station, Shelly Cox of Ft. Worth, Julie Mark, Ken and Jason Wardel of Hurst.

Juanita Taylor is recuperating at home following gall bladder surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Juanita and Silas Taylor had the following visitors this past week, Sheldon and Ann Lee of Milton, Kerry and Mildred Wright of Mansfield, Louisiana, Elvis Wright of Paris, Jay and Juanita Sparks and Dawn Darden of Deport.

Buddy and Melba Holbert were here this past weekend for the funeral of Suzie Norwood and spent the time here with Clyde Elmer and Gerrie Bankhead.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Zarinska and Shane Morton and Marie Watson had Sunday Lunch with Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove. They were joined for supper by Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant, OK.

**Christus St. Joseph employees recognized**

Some 70 associates of Christus St. Joseph's Health System were honored recently for their years of service.

The dinner and presentation was held at the PJC Student Center Ballroom.

Jane Benefield and Oleta Dickson had 30 years of service and 20 year employees are Pat Killingsworth, Cathy Blount, Linda Dudley, Leslie Gilliland, Delores Jennings and Gerry D. Lay.

Other honorees include: Five years: Diane Nation, Micah Chance, Joseph Hutchings, Shirley Barnes, Paula Johnson, Maria Vic Palu Ay, Sharon Harrelson, Dorothy Chennault, Nancy Jackson, Jeannie Grant, Brandy Preston, Elizabeth Woods, Terri Merritt, Phillip Lemaster, Lisa Walker, Tammie

Skeen, Diane Young, Olin Red, Angela Sawyer, Scott Scholz, Jerry Scofield, Patricia Heird, Becky Neilson, Cindy Yant, Tania Jaeger, Shelia Minor, John Loftin, Robert Wilson, Delana McFadden, Joy Norrell, Shelley Denman, Johnny Johnson, Ron Vrba, Mary Glover, Rita Conder, Juli Smith.

Ten years: Alice Mathis, Nancy Melton, Jackie Parker, Connie George, Anthony West, Ehtel Hill, Karen Hudson, Angela Bedford, Julie Jennings, Brenda Dees, Lisa House, Bettye Price, Stephen Pilip, Kathie Chambers, Lisa Martin, Reta Ruthart, Sydney King.

Fifteen years: Tambarla Reed, Gal O'Brien, Galen W. Taylor, Stephanie P. Mitchell, Willie Stacy Nation, Debra Coan and Valentina Gorley.

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Everyone is urged to bring their music instruments and come have a good time.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m until??

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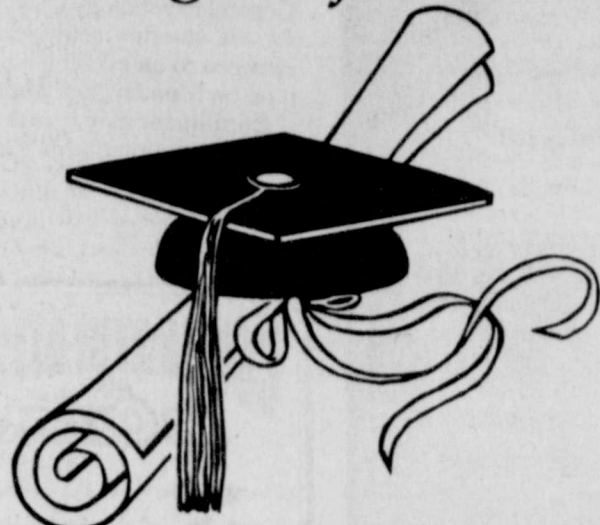
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World Famous "Bodacious" dies

Bodacious, known throughout the world and the sport of rodeo as "the world's most dangerous bull" died May 16 at his retirement home at the Andrews Rodeo Company ranch headquarters in Addielou.

According to owners Sammy and Carolyn Andrews, "Bo" died at age 12 as the result of kidney failure and was buried on the ranch.

Bodacious began his trajectory into the spotlight as just another "yellow calf" on the Merrick Ranch in Oklahoma, owned by Bill McCann. Actually, he was a cull of McCann's, who was purchased in a group of calves from McCann by Jess Kephart of Okeene, OK at a nearby sale barn.

At the Kephart ranch, the unknown future superstar of the rodeo world got his brand, "J31". The "J" stood for Jess; the "3" for March; and the "1" for 1991. The J31 brand remained prominently on Bo's right side from that time on, and became a revered "firebrand" number in the world of bull riding experts.

At age two, and a slight 1,200 lbs., Bo didn't fit in anywhere in the Kephart outfit, and was sold again, this time for \$.50 a pound to Phil Sumner of Goultry, OK, who began grooming the still nameless yellow bull for the bull riding event. They claim he never did buck that good starting out, but "he first time a cowboy got hung up to him, he went crazy."

After working with the bull, Sumner saw the potential that Bo had for a rodeo bull, and he called his friend Sammy Andrews. They made a deal over the phone, and the yellow bull was trucked to Texas permanently to begin his pro-rodeo career. Sumner, however, didn't realize the effect Bo would have on the rodeo world. How could anyone have known?

After arriving at the Andrews Ranch, the bull was almost immedi-

ately loaded on the truck with the rest of the Andrews Rodeo stock, and wason his way to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He got his name "Bodacious" on the trip to Houston, and as they say, the rest is history.

Champion bull rider Cody Lambert was the first cowboy to draw him that year in professional competition, and he came to no good end after the whistle blew. Lambert said of Bo "He's psychotic, he doesn't like people."

Bo was notorious for a career of injuries to cowboys and later as the only superstar to have his own line of merchandise and an agent.

Maturing to 1800 lbs., the cross-bred Charbray bull was known for his distinctive coloring as the "Yellow Whale", and other monikers. He made unique moves that rodeo athletes had never before seen and were defenseless to protect themselves against. Only six cowboys were able to complete their rides in 135 attempts at "fortune and glory" on Bo's back.

1994 he gained national attention at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, using his signature head-snapping move that resulted in life threatening injuries to bull riding star Terry Don West of Tulsa, OK.

Tuff Hedeman, often called the best bull rider ever, was one of the few to stay on Bodacious for a full eight seconds. But in 1995, Hedeman saw the terrifying side of Bo when he suffered a major face smashing and required emergency reconstructive surgery after a brutal encounter at the PBR Finals.

Hedeman drew the bull again at the National Finals Rodeo that year and chose to "gate him", rather than get on him again. Hedeman said of Bodacious, "He's the baddest bull there has ever been."

It was that same year, 1995, that



Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin  
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Bertha Ray, Jeanette Woods, Mallory Price, Cody Withers, Cody Henry, Tom Bramlett, Gene Lewis, Joe Harrelson, Justin Foster, William Cecil, Darla Dalby, Rachel Hunt, Glenn Tidwell, Amanda Howard, Shane Gonzales, Amy Irwin Dabbs, Samantha Drake, Brittney Baker.

A special Happy Birthday wish to Billie Jean Henry this week! Many, many more!

George and Nancy Wood of Sherman visited with Pam, George and Amanda Wood on Sunday. They were on their way to Arkansas to go canoeing.

Graduation for the 8th grade is Thursday night and senior graduation is Friday night. Both are at Prairiland.

Virginia Cleveland attended a wedding shower for Andrea Ingram at the Post Oak Church on Saturday. She is the bride-elect of Josh Uhl.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland traveled to Sulphur Springs Saturday night to attend a Past Matrons and Past Patrons district meeting.

Jo and Mib Mears of Post Oak visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long on Thursday.

Members of the Post Oak Baptist Church attended a fish fry at Pat Mays with around 65 attending.

The 2000 seniors were honored with a hamburger cookout at the Blossom City Park on Thursday night.

Renea and Kaleb Long of Paris visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard on Saturday. Rex and Barbara Allen and Bill Allen visited with them on Saturday evening.

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

Dennis and Larissa Neel of Commerce visited with Myrtle Chumbley on Friday. Also on Friday Nell Wells of Powderly, Joyce Miller of Blossom and Myrtle enjoyed lunch at TaMolly's in Paris. Saturday night guests visiting with her was Haskell and Judy Booth, Melba Bestul, Mac Shannon of Bonham, Carlos and LaJuan Newman of Paris and David Newman and friend of Deport. Myrtle also visited with her sister-in-law Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home.

Buckers, Inc. is keeping the legacy of Bodacious alive through distribution of semen as part of a move to breed better bucking stock.

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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee  
982-5309

Members and friends of the East Post Oak MBC attended a fish fry at Pat Mays Lake Thursday, May 18. There was reported 64 in attendance and all enjoyed plenty of fish and all the trimmings. Those cooking and furnishing the fish were Newman Low, Alvis Bates, Bro. J.T. McNabb and others.

A large crowd attended the wedding shower for Andrea Ingram and Josh Uhl on Saturday at the church, followed by fellowship.

Donald Reynolds and son Tracy of Henderson spent Friday night with his friend and classmate, Johnie Lee and parents, Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee. Saturday he attended the antique tractor show in Paris where he demonstrates rope making and an old time corn sheller and corn grinder

where he makes home ground corn meal.

There are at least two new houses being built in our community. We

welcome them.

Robbie Nichol, son of Mr and Mrs. Bob Nichols, is a graduate of Blossom High School this year. Also graduating is Laura Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Oliver of Blossom. She is a member of East Post Oak MBC. We congratulate them on their achievement.

Frank Lee was able to attend the fish fry Thursday. His brother, Willie of Bogata has had one of his arteries cleaned out and at least report was doing alright.

Mrs. Louise Cagle enjoyed a visit from Keith Mitchell and his three girls one day last week.

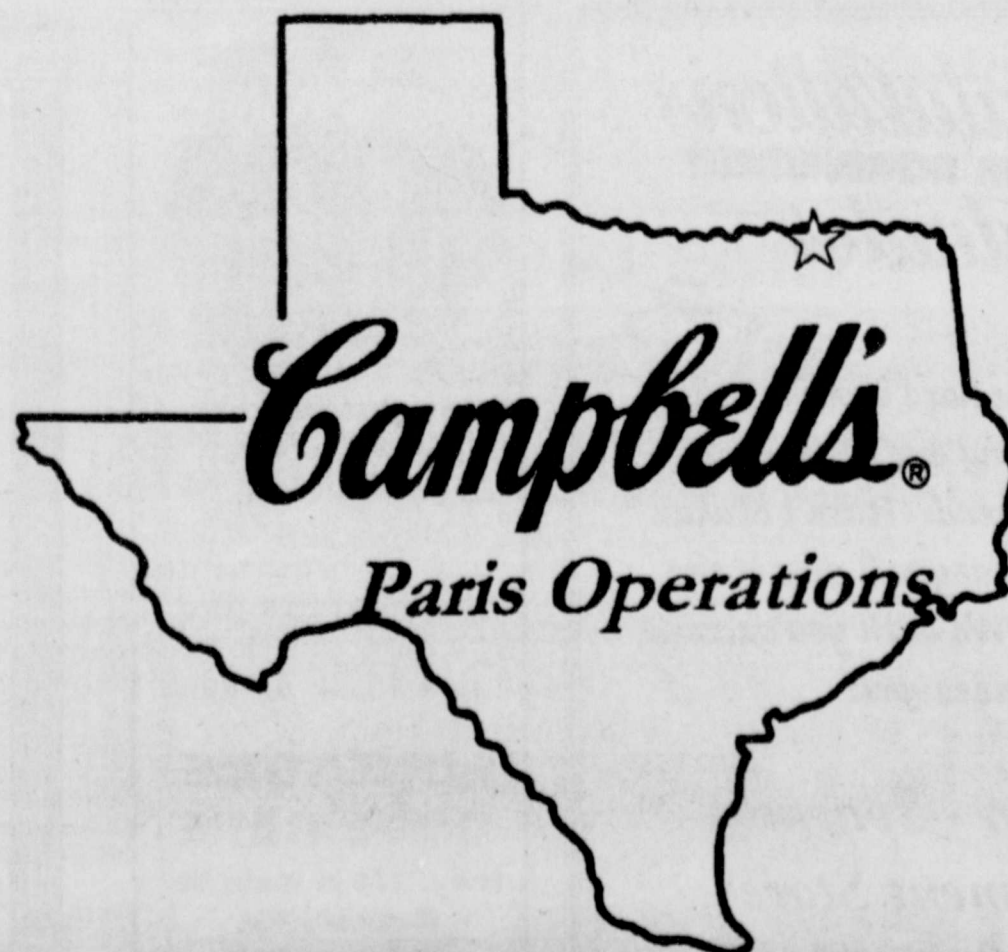


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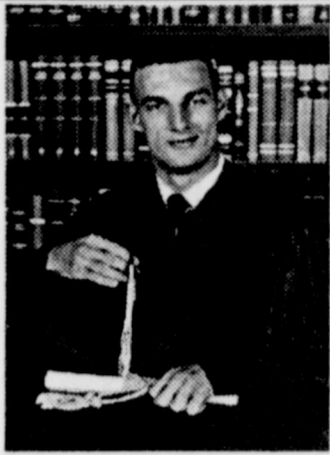
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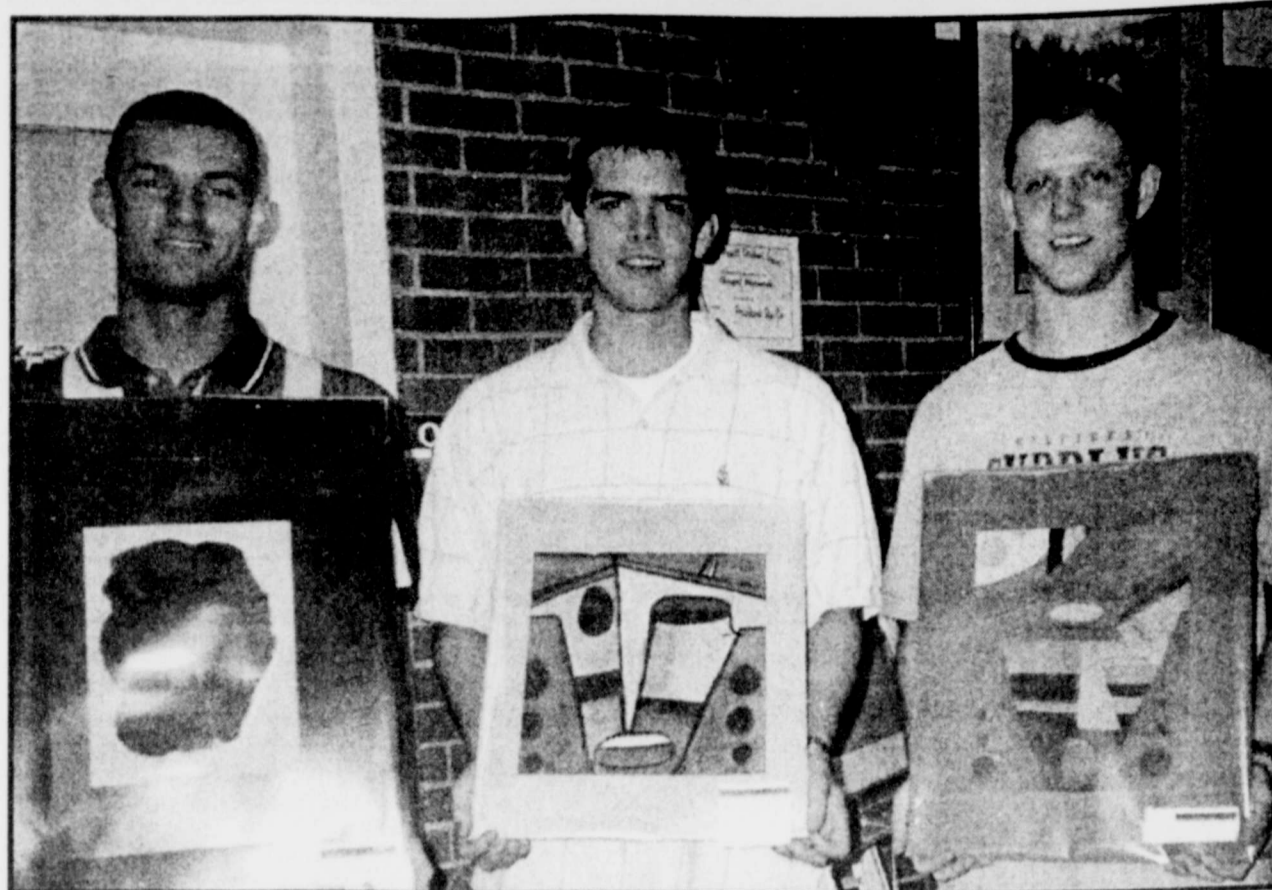
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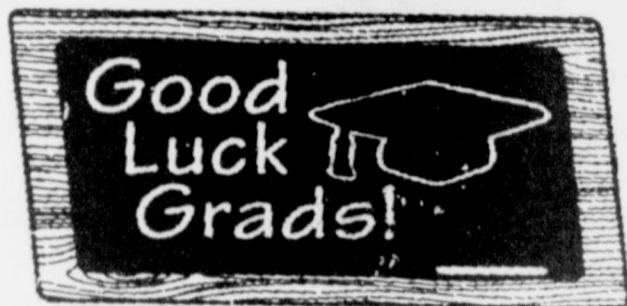
*Jessica,  
We are so Proud  
of you  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Josh, Riley &  
Colton*



MATT BRATCHER- Joel Hudson and Cody Boehler entered their paintings into the Paris Arts Festival recently. They are all students in the Prairiland Art Class. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)



TOP STUDENTS FROM BLOSSOM 8th grade are pictured left to right bottom row Brittany Ballard, Brittney Hart, Amber Philpot, David Beyleryan, Heath Connot, Amber Buster, Matt Morgan, Kayleigh Connot, Mandy Woodall, Codie Kohler and Seth Barnard. Back row is Cesar Tinajero, Nikki Bybee, Jennifer Martin, Bill Robertson, Brian Ray, Sara Bolton, Juliee Smith, Cody Hicks, Jodie Bybee and Cody Morris. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



Chalk up another success for our local graduates. We look forward to great things from you in the years to come.

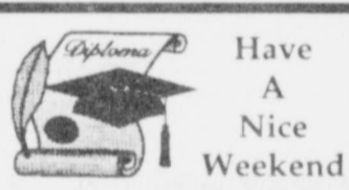
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Psychology class  
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Robert Thornburrow, PJC Social Science Director, announced that the General Psychology Class scheduled for the summer semester has been changed to an evening class, 6-9:50 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Enrollment may be made at summer registration on May 30.



We would like to extend our heartfelt Congratulations To All High School and Junior High Graduates and a Special Congratulations to Melissa Norman, Junior High Graduate

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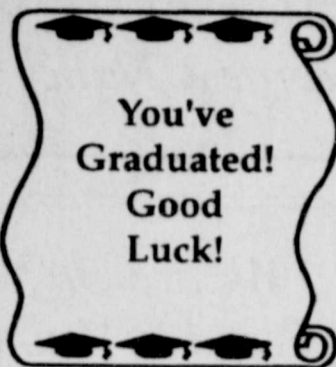


**Marcus Topliff to graduate SMU**

Marcus Topliff will be graduating from Southern Methodist University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Moody Coliseum in Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Janell and Mike Topliff of Blossom.

MARCUS TOPLIFF of Blossom graduated from SMU on Saturday, May 20, 2000. He is the son of Janell and Mike Topliff. (Staff Photo)



BLOSSOM KIWANIS president James Crawford is pictured here as he congratulates Liz Irwin after she was named as an Honorary Member of the organization at last Saturday's meeting on May 20. Mrs. Irwin was recognized for her past service to the club as well as to the community and is the first female to become a member of the Blossom Kiwanis Club. (Staff Photo)

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**Deport Nursing Home News**  
By Cletta Mathis

Visiting with Sara Gilmer was Dewey and Marline Thomas, Weldon and Joyce Smith and granddaughter Serena.

Nora Barnett's visitors were Rita Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Katy Ramsey and Rhonda.

Mr. Ivy Gantt visited with his wife, Billie.

Cecil and Margaret Allen visited several friends this week.

Candy Larkin visited Viola Barham.

Ann Austin went to Sulphur Springs for MOTHER'S Day at the home of James and Patti. Other visitors were Gary and Nina Austin.

Mary Ray and Raymond Hignight spent MOTHER'S Day in Paris with her son, Lawrence Ray and family.

Pat Towers, Kelly Coker, Donna, Dana and Danny Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sisson visited with Homer and Melva Sisson.

James King visited with wife Linda.

Jan Abbott from Pennsylvania, Rod Abbot visited their mother, Bellie Abbott.

Visiting Mamie Fletcher was Lila and Kara Screws, Jemilyn McKee, Jimmy Fletcher, Dennis Fletcher, Glenda King and Becky Stager.

Visiting Lillie Dunnan was Glenna, Laney and Lexie Jackson, Royce and Norma Jackson and Dick and Beverly Lane.

Opal Burdick visited her sister, Bonnie Brown.

Monda Fults visited her mother, Alma Montgomery.

Nani Bell Ham and Pat Ham visited Mrs. Ada Chaddock.

Visiting with Lois Dudley was Jerry Dudley, Robbie Slaton and Betty Newton.

Brodie Bell and Reecie Kelsey's visitors for Mother's Day were Peyton and Betsy Chapman, Joe Carter and Kim Kelsey and Sammy and Susie Kelsey and Martha Glover.

Visiting with Mrs. GENEVA Franklin were her children Anita and Paul Gene Roden, Betsy and Clifford Franklin and Connie and Kathryn.

Patsy and Gary Clurtis and Mrs. Froni Harris visited with their mother, Mrs. Ima Griffin.

Raymond Hignight's visitors were Cecil and Margaret Allen, Keti and Sharon Young, Sammy and Suzy Kelsey, Joe and Carter Kelsey and Patsy and Gary Curtis.

Visiting with Tilden Betterton was

**Parks & Walker reunion scheduled**

The Parks and Walker reunion will be held at the American Legion Hall in Deport on Sunday, June 4. Lunch will be spread at the noon hour. The afternoon will be spent visiting, taking pictures and looking at scrap books. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

**Cypress Hospice to provide workshop**

Cypress Basin Hospice will provide a grief workshop to provide information about grief and the importance of working through the grief process. There is no charge for the workshop and it is open to the community.

The workshop will cover a different topic about grief every meeting, each Thursday, June 1 through June 29 at the hospice office.

Classes will be held from 6 until 7:30 p.m. Call for information or to enroll.

**HATS OFF**

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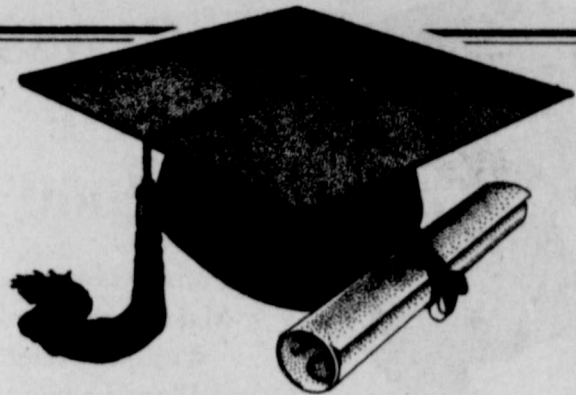
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**Congratulations Graduates! Class of 2000**

All of your friends will be going their separate ways. Whole new worlds will be opening up for you, full of fascinating and sobering discoveries. But your paths will cross from time-to-time, bringing back all of the warm and funny memories. As you choose your individual roads to travel, we want to wish you all the happiness and success in the world.

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YOU  
LOVE, MOM,  
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You Have  
Achieved So  
Much.  
We Are So Proud  
Mom & Dad  
George & Nancy



We are So  
Proud of You.  
Matt!  
We Love  
You!  
Mom & Dad  
& Chris



### Crime Stoppers crime of the week

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

Sometimes during the weekend of Saturday, March 18, unknown suspects stole a black, 1995 Kenworth truck tractor from the yard of Richard Drake Construction in Powderly. This stolen truck bearing Texas tax #R13-667 is valued at over \$35,000.00.

If you have any information on

this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by May 29th an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS! (785-8477).



### Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Buena and Bob Marshall recently visited her sister and husband, Callie and Rudy Carrasco of San Antonio.

Edna Talley and sister Irene Black have returned home after attending the funeral of their step father, GENE Bohanman in Wagner, Ok.

Congratulations to Dana Keys, who graduated from TEXAS A & M at Commerce recently.

James Cunningham of Paris visited MORRIS and Mary Elaine Lawler Saturday afternoon.

Frank and Edna Lee attended a Fish Fray at Pat Mayes Lake Thursday night, sponsored by their church.

John Temple spent last weekend with his daughter, Patty Pierce and family in Houston.

Allen and Satacy Huddleston and Ally had mother's day dinner with his mother, Martha and Jerry Cross and visited her mother, Laura and Donny Wright in the afternoon.

Visiting Nell and Harold Shull and Nanie Bell Ham recently were Kathy Bruno and Kathy Holland of Shreveport, La. and Charles and Sarah Hum of Palestine.

Kay and Ronnie Preston of Paris visited James and Dorothy Holt Sunday afternoon.

Velma Temple's children and grandchildren came to Mother's Day and all went to church and lunch in Paris, all included Velma, Tim Salter, Jeff and Salina Bell and Aaron; Tabatha purcella, all of Paris and Tarra Lewis of Gainsville.

Peggy Whitney spent Mother's Day weekend with hers sons and their families, Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville and Aubrey and Shannon Allen of Flower Mound.

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to visit their son, Trey Lee in Wichita Kansas last weekend.

Mable Pearson of Marshall, Beth Stutzman of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Harvey Bell isited Elizabeth and Holland Bell last Wednesday.

Richard Winkler visited George and Nell Wolf over the weekend.

Ruby Lee of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Edna and Frank Lee.

Spending Mother's Day with Dorothy and James Holt were Kay Preston, Tim Parks, Dade Williams and daughter Haley, Lorie, Megan and Brittney McNeal and Johnny Holt and Barbara Maurischat.

Laura and Donny Wright of Deport visited Allen, Stacy and Alley Huddleston Sunday afternoon.

Aaron Bell of Paris spent Saturday night May 13th with his grandmother, Velma Temple while John was out of town.

George Monday of St. Pete, Florida, visited his daughter and husband, Dana and Mark Keys last week and attended Dana's graduation from Texas A&M at Commerce.

The children of Nell and George Wolf were at their home Sundry for dinner.

Nikki and Ethan Lane of Mesquite spent the weekend with Jeannie Lane and Edna Talley.

Ann and Sheldon Lee visited Jaunita and Silas Taylor Thursday. Jaunita is recuperating from surgery. We hope she will be up and around soon.

Tim Salter of Paris and Tarra Lewis of Gainsville visited John and Velma Temple Sunday afternoon.

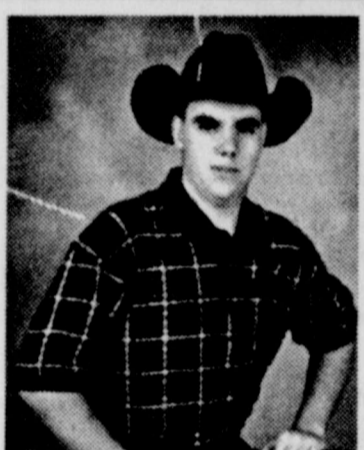
Peggy Whitney was in Mansville over the weekend and attended baby shower for her grandson and wife Kyle and Sarah Allen.

Frank and Edna Lee visited his brother Willie Lee of Rugby, Thursday afternoon.

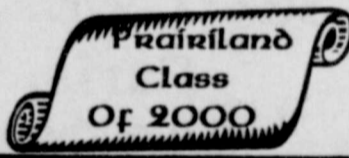
Ruth Ann Jones of Minter spent Monday with Mark and Dana Keys.

Mattylu Upchurch has returned home after a visit with her daughter and her husband, Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, Ark., while there they spent one weekend in Memphis, Tenn. and attending the graduation of their son and grandson, Andrew William Hill. He graduated from Mephis State University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts n Film and Video Producon. Also there with them was Matthew and Kellye Hill of Little Rock and Elizabeth Hill and friend STEVE of Knoxville, Tenn.

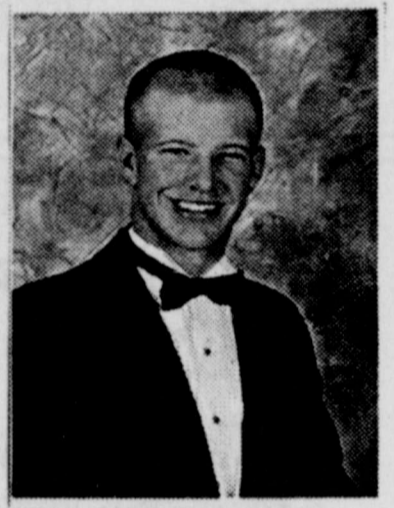
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Matt  
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Of All Your  
Accomplishments  
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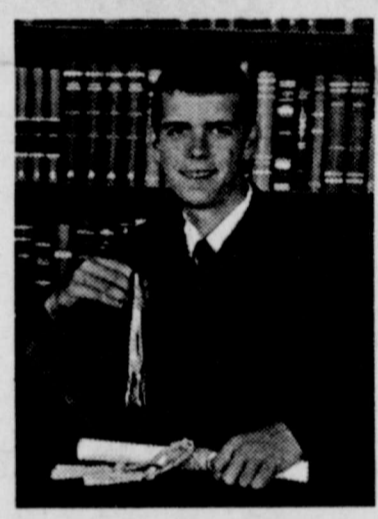
Matt Downs



Congratulations,  
Chris,  
We're proud of  
you,  
Mom & Dad,  
Isaac & Trey



We are Proud  
of You,  
Joel!  
We Love  
You!  
Mom & Dad



Class of 2000

Dear Ashley,  
We are very  
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Love, Mom &  
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PRAIRILAND FHA Officers enjoyed the state convention in Ft. Worth recently. They attended seminars and workshops and enjoyed the sights. Pictured is Becky Hamm, Jennifer Matthews and Ashley Ball. (Staff Photo)

### FHA'ers attend conference

Representatives for the Prairiland Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended the 2000 State Leadership Conference along with 40 members and advisors from Texas. "Constructing a Better Tomorrow!" was the theme of the 2000 meeting which was held in the Fort Worth Convention Center in Ft. Worth on April 27-29, 2000.

Attending from Prairiland was outgoing president Ashley Ball, in-

coming president Jennifer Matthews, incoming vice president Becky Hamm, Home Economics teachers Sandra Graves and Rhonda Bangs. Members were challenged to go beyond their boundaries by participating in FHA/HERO programs and projects that develop creative and critical thinking skills, family communication skills, practical knowledge and vocational preparation.

Inspirational, dynamic keynote speakers and presentations by members highlighted the two-day conference. Interest sessions concerning teen issues and programs that FHA/HERO provides was held for members to attend.

The business of the Texas Association, Future Homemakers of America, was conducted during the House of Delegates session, Friday, April 27, 2000 where final business prior to a name change of the organi-

zation will take place. The organization changed names at the conclusion of the conference. The new name is Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

**No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks.**

—Mary Wollstonecraft

**GOOD WORK, GRADUATES!**

May all your hopes and dreams be realized in the years to come. We recognize your academic efforts, and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

*Have A Nice Weekend*

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—Cervantes

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**You're On Your Way, Graduates... Continue To Climb Upward To Reach Your Goals**

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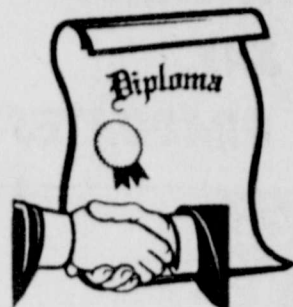
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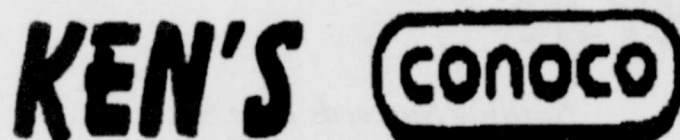


We wish you success In reaching all your goals.

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*Brittany Ballard  
Blossom Valedictorian*



*Brittney Hart  
Blossom Salutatorian*

### Ballard and Hart named top graduates

Brittany Ballard, daughter of Jeff and Patty Ballard, has been named as the 2000 Valedictorian at Blossom School. Brittany is the granddaughter of Max and Carolyn Ballard and Pat and Williams all of the Blossom area and Dick and Adell Whitley of Detroit.

She serves as president of the National Jr. Honor Society and has been a member for 2 years. She played volleyball, basketball and ran track in the 7th and 8th grades.

Brittney Hart is the daughter of David and Jill Hart of Blossom and the granddaughter of Jerry and Sue Hart of Blossom and . She is a member of the Blossom Church of God and served as on the National Jr. Honor Society..

Brittney has also played volleyball, basketball and ran track in jr. high.

Several 8th grade students placed in the top percentage of their class. They are: Amber Philpot 97.05,

David Beyleryan 96.7, Heath Connot 96, Amber Buster 95.55, Matt Morgan 95.45, Rusty Adams 95.1, Kayleigh Connot 94.85, Mandy Woodall 94.8, Codie Kohler 94.55, Seth Barnard 94.25, Cesar Tinajero 94.15, Nikki Bybee 93.45, Jennifer Martin 93.25, Bill Robertson 92.75, Brian Ray 92.55, Sara Bolton 92.1, Juliee Smith 92.1, Cody Hicks 91.2, Jodie Bybee 91.15 and Cody Morris 90.85.

Other graduates are: Aaron Barnes, Justin Burchinal, Tiffany Bishop, Weldon Bishop, Jessie Bryant, Katy Cleek, Robert Coulter, Kenneth Dodson, Scott Gonzales, Wesley Guilliams, Cody Harrington, Cody Henry, Donovan Jackson, Levi Jackson, Jeremy Phifer, Brittney Miller, Eric Whitaker, Liz Robertson, Blake Smith, Amber Trammel, Seth Walker, Josh Lewis, Brian Ray, Josh Nation, Jeremy Wilson, Cody Moris, Mandy Woodall and Brian Neel.



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**MASKS**-Catherin Dawson and Leslie Gordon entered the masks they made in art class in the Paris Arts Festival at the first of May. They are students in the Prairiland Art class. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)


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**Plans made from Rural-Urban Dinner set June 6th**

Plans are being completed for the Annual Rural-Urban Dinner, set for Tuesday, June 6 at the National Guard Armory at Camp Maxey.

Guest speaker will be the Hon. Mark Homer, member of the Texas House of Representatives.

The program and dinner, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and organized by its member relations committee. Exhibits begin at 6 p.m. with food lines opening at 6:30 p.m.

Lamar Electric Cooperative is providing barbeque and the trimmings, while People's National Bank is underwriting the cost of building rental. In addition, Earthgrains is providing buns and pastries and the Coca-Cola Co. is providing drinks. Ice will be donated by Reddy Ice.

Charles Christian, chairman of the member relations committee, said the once popular county-wide meeting was re-activated last year. "The meeting", Christian added, "brought to hundreds of men and women to Roxton High School, who when asked responded enthusiastically that they wanted to continue this program as an annual event".

The Rural-Urban Dinner, he explained, is a vehicle designed to bring city and rural residents together to provide an informal time to get acquainted and renew friendships. "It is also an opportunity to enjoy a delicious free barbecue meal, view exhibits and listen to good entertainment and a program," Christian said.


Homer, who represents House District 3, which includes Lamar, Delta, Hopkins and Rains and Fannin counties, serves on the state's economic development and recreational resources committees. Homer is expected to review legislation introduced during the last legislative session.

Cliff Bailey, owner of the Paris Equestrian Center, is to have several horses on display prior to the start of the program and the Texas Army National Guard is also expected to have some of its military equipment displayed for the public to see. Bailey is to bring his paint "Spirit Horse", which has gained widespread attention due to its unusual markings.

Those attending are encouraged to come early to view exhibits.

The National Guard Armory is located on U.S. Highway 271 North about six miles from Loop 286.

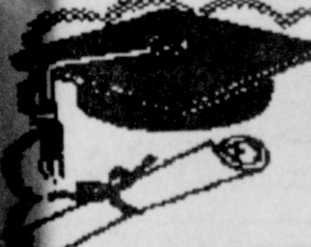
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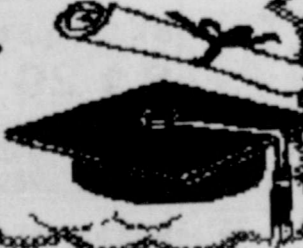


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With the school year coming to a close and many Texans hitting the road for summer vacation, state transportation officials say now is the time for motorists to use extra caution as they travel.

Crashes and injuries increase significantly every year between the months of May and August. The causes of many of these incidents vary, but one major contributing factor is increased travel during the summer vacation season.


The Texas Department of Transportation is urging motorists to follow these tips when traveling on Texas roadways:

- \*Never drink and drive.
- \*Obey the speed limit.
- \*Use safety belts properly.
- \*Keep a safe traveling distance from other vehicles, traffic barriers,

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- \*Stay alert.
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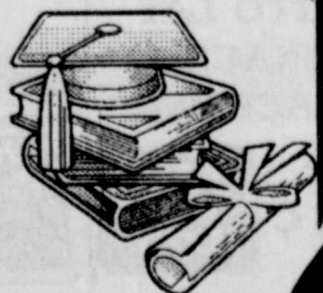
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**DPS ends Operation Motorcide**

The Texas Department of Public Safety has ended Operation Motorcide, a program that estimated the number of traffic fatalities expected over a holiday weekend. The Department no longer will issue estimates on traffic fatalities, update the number of traffic fatalities or compile the final totals over a major holiday weekend. Instead, the Department will issue news releases focusing on preventive safety measures the public can take, such as wearing seatbelts, controlling speed and not drinking and driving. All available Highway Patrol troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways during the holiday to enforce traffic laws, especially those regarding speeding, seatbelts and DWI.




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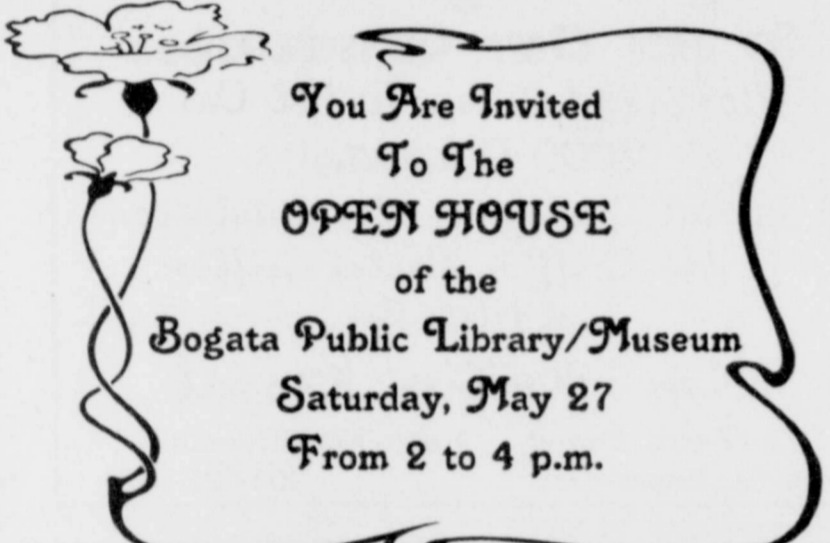
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PRAIRILAND SENIOR PARENTS are pictured here as they cook and prepare hamburgers for the 2000 seniors at their cookout sponsored by Project Graduation. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

### VanDever named as youth director

The Blossom First Baptist Church had several visitors this past week. They have started two new ministries. They are the Children's Church and the restart of the Youth Group.

Children's Church is for children 8 years of age and is conducted during the regular worship service time.

Jody VanDever has been named the youth director at the church and is very busy planning for the youth events.

On Wednesday night, they traveled to Clarksville to take part in a youth rally and then in June they will travel to San Antonio to the Youth Evangelism Conference. Watch the paper for other events and ministries involving the children and adults of the church.

A tentative date of July 24th has been set for the VBS. The theme this year is "Ocean Odyssey".

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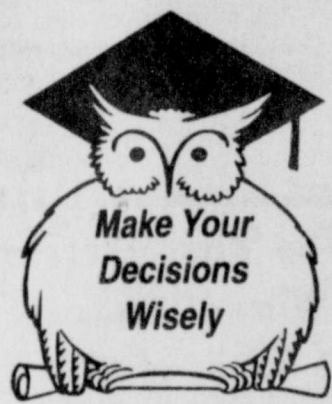
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### Patriot football camp to be held

The 2000 Patriot football mini-camp will be held on June 14-16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at a cost of \$30 per camper. It will be held at Prairiland High School and will be conducted by Coaches, Glen Schuelke, Rick Connot and Bill Tesch. Incoming grades 1-9 are allowed to attend.

Each camper will need to bring cleats or sport shoes, T-shirts and shorts. All campers will receive a "camp" T-shirt. Drinks and candy

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The camp is a non-contact camp designed to introduce young players to the basics of football. Campers will learn fundamental techniques that apply to all levels of play.

You can reserve your spot by contacting Coach Schuelke at 783-9107 or 652-5681 or Glen Schuelke at Rt.#1-Box 200, Pattonville, Texas 75468.

### Housing holds monthly luncheon

On Monday, May 22, 2000, the Blossom housing Authority residents met for their regular monthly meeting.

Games of 42, fellowship and good food was enjoyed by eight members and two guests.

Ailene Walker and Opal Hinsley were guests. Members attending were Wyane Barnett, Mildred York, Etta Timby, Alice Whitecotton, Hettie Mae Bailey, Joyce Bartlett, Ailene

Herron and Martina Chennault.

Prayer was given by Ms. Bartlett. She is the newest resident and the housing authority is very happy to have her in our neighborhood.

Senior activities at BHA are 42 games and lunch on each Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Bible class is at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning. These are open to all seniors and everyone is welcome.

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**BLOSSOM KIWANIS** members Don McCaskill and James Crawford are pictured here as they display the plaque that was presented to the club for their work with the Salvation Army Bell Ringers during the Christmas holidays. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



**AMBYRE WHITLEY**, Blossom, received her nursing pin from her father, Mike, during pinning ceremonies held for Paris Junior College Associate Degree nursing students.

**Expanded Classifieds....**

**Public Notices**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Bogata is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for engineering services required by the City for implementation of the Texas Community Development Program. This project is being financed with Federal funds from a grant received by the City from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of June, 2000.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineering firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Management Standards. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Stewart Regional Blood Center reminds everyone when you plan your summer vacations and getaways, don't forget those who are left behind.

Patients in local hospitals are asking friends and neighbors to remember them by donating a pint of blood or platelets before they leave on their holiday weekend. The donor centers will be open regular hours through Memorial Day to ensure there will not be a local blood shortage.

As recognition for all donors who donate May 22-31, they will receive a SRBC holiday T-shirt.


Center locations include Tyler, Longview, Lufkin, Marshall, Mt. Pleasant and Paris.

**Lady Pats Vball camp scheduled**

The Lady Patriot Volleyball Camp will be held on June 5-8. Junior High Camp fee (4-7th grades) is \$50 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 8th grade and freshman camp will be \$35 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.


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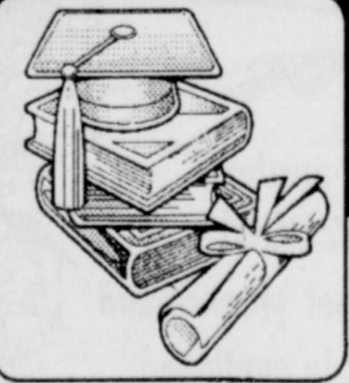


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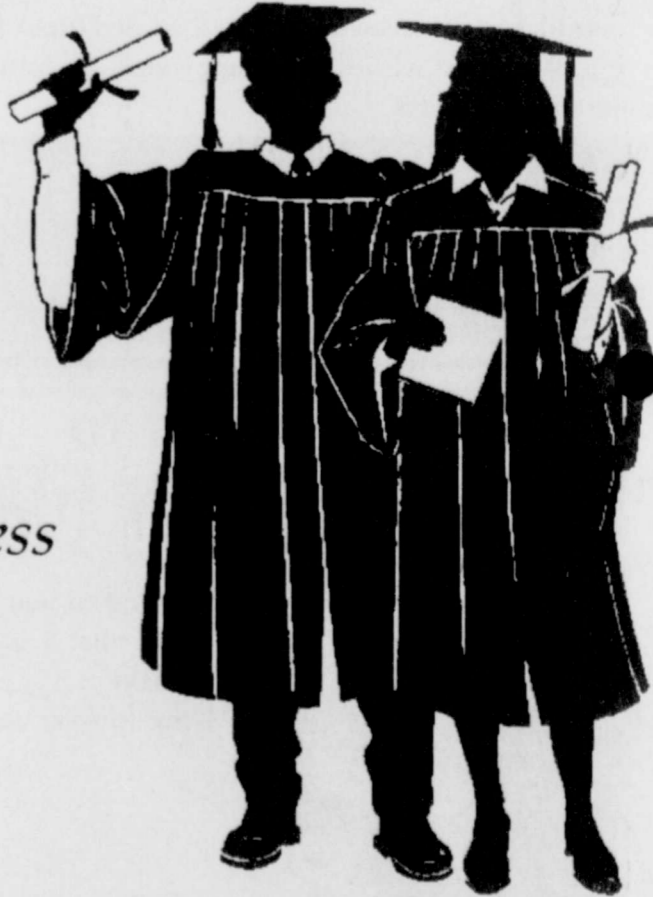
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**All The Best TO OUR GRADUATES**

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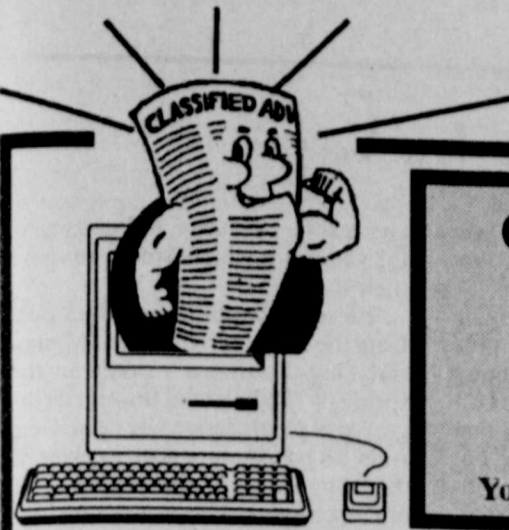
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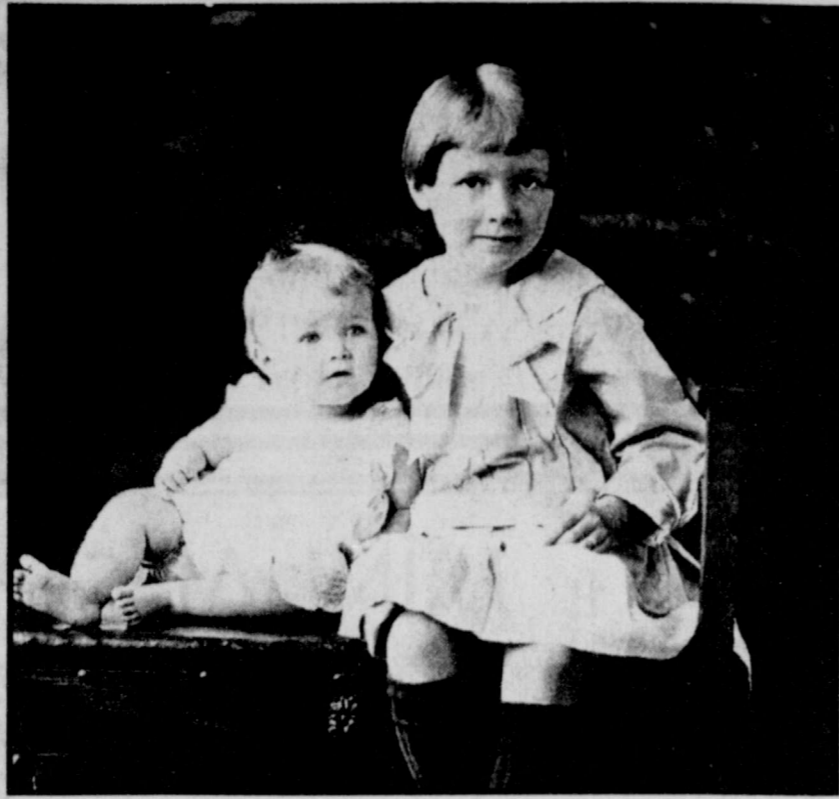


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## May Their Sacrifices Never Be In Vain

*By Bishop David R. Brown*  
More than one million men and women have lost their lives fighting for freedom in the U.S. armed forces. We can never reimburse the price they paid. We can summon no words to allay the pain of their loved ones. We can, and we should honor America's war dead on Memorial Day.

We, as beneficiaries of America's departed heroes, should make three pledges on Memorial Day to ensure that the Supreme Sacrifice of our nation's war dead never will be in vain.

The first pledge we should make is to fly the U.S. Flag and to participate in our community's commemorative events. America's patriots shed their blood in defense of our nation's core values of freedom, justice and equality as well as the U.S. Flag that symbolizes our values. Memorial Day should unify all Americans in solemn tribute to those who did not come marching home and to consecrate the principles for which they fought.

The second pledge we should make is to teach our children and grandchildren that the freedoms they may take for granted were purchased by incredible sacrifice. When we lead by example, by bringing our children and grandchildren with us to Memorial Day public observations, we teach the leaders of tomorrow that freedom is not free.

The third pledge is to participate in our democracy in order to give patriots present the best opportunity to triumph against evil. Today's troops form the light of hope that pierces the darkness of tyranny, but that light is growing dim due to inadequate military spending and foolhardy defense policy. Safeguarding the bounty of 1 million war dead is a military that is smarting from a 300% increase in deployments and a one-third decrease in active duty strength since 1987. This is a military receiving fewer tax dollars, as a percentage of gross domestic product, than the military that suffered the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

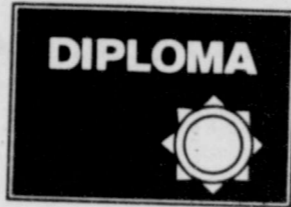
We must act as if Memorial Day 2000 is December 6, 1941, as if "We the People" have an opportunity to deter aggression, save lives, and give our men and women in uniform a fighting chance. We must demand that our congressional representatives and our president reverse the declining readiness of the armed forces. Our telephone calls, e-mails, faxes and letters to Congress and to the White House can reverse the neglect that erodes our military, threatens national security and endangers the values for which Americans gave their lives.

These contemporary pledges flow from the earliest traditions of Memorial Day. Southern women in the spring of 1865 planted flowers on the graves of Confederate war dead. Gen. John Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, ordered his group to decorate the graves of Union troops on a uniform date in 1868. These and other commemorations would give rise to the first national Memorial Day observance on May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery. Gen. James Garfield, keynote speaker for the observance, said those who lost their lives fighting for freedom engaged in the ultimate expression of humanity's highest virtues. The general was right!

More than 1 million men and women, preponderantly of modest means, an infinite courage sacrificed all of their tomorrows while fighting for America's unifying virtues. Surely we can honor their sacrifice, transmit the values for which they fought and preserve the common defense that is liberty's backbone. By our vigilance, the sacrifice of America's departed heroes shall never be in vain.

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