

Nichols
Worth



By Nanalee Nichols
It's Raining

Yes, yes, I know, it's raining. Yes, yes, I know, hay is getting wet, wheat can't be combined and people are getting tired of their grass growing faster than it can be cut.

I've been tempted to gripe about so much moisture several times lately, when I wanted to work in the yard, when Thomas needed to cut hay, or even worse, had cut hay and couldn't get it up.

But then I cast about in my memory and recalled what things were like only summer before last...and then all the way back to 1980.

I'd rather it rain. Do you recall what it was like then?

At the middle of June the ground was already cracked and dry. Tender crops were already turning yellow and wilted. Yards were dusty and thin.

Most important, the heat was already blistering with intensity.

Temperatures had hit 100 degrees several times, and were staying into the 90s even in the middle of the night!

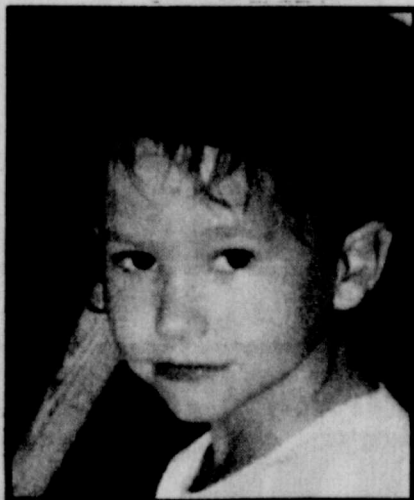
There were so many power outages due to overloads it wasn't even vaguely amusing.

No, I'm not ready for that. I don't think anyone else is either.

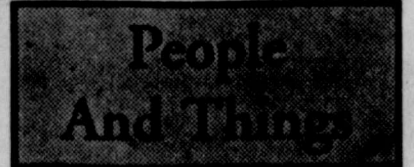
July is coming up quickly, and it will be dry enough, hot enough and miserable enough for just about anyone except a native of the desert!

So, keep on putting up with the rain, it's not so bad.

And just remember....there's not a single, solitary thing you can do about it any way!! No fussing, no cussing, nothing is going to stop the rain, or start it up. It's all a beautiful part of the overall way the world works!



JUST DAYS before his accident year old Aaron posed for his baseball picture.



Saturday, June 17, Pattonville VFD breakfast, 7-10 a.m., AYCE \$4. Proceeds benefit VFD.

Monday, June 19, Pattonville Fire Department meeting, 7 p.m., community center.

Friday, June 23: Dance, 8 p.m., Pattonville Community Center. Proceeds benefit VFD.

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Deport applies for low interest loan to benefit water system

A short agenda for the Deport City Council Monday night still had a major item for consideration.

Ed Moore of Southwest Securities, Inc. of the Metroplex area met with council members to discuss the final proceedings to obtain a \$350,000 loan for the city. The low interest loan will be used to install new main water lines on Gray, Kelsey, Milton-Minter Road and new

fire hydrants in some locations.

The council agreed to publish a notice for two weeks in the local paper and money from the loans can be available in August of this year.

The loan will be set up on a 20 year payment plan. Work on the project could begin by September of this year, according to Mayor Charles Foster.

The council renewed an inter-local agreement with Lamar County Pre-

cinct One.

Council also agreed to authorize Hayter Engineering and Resource Management to pursue a grant for 2000 from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This grant would also be used for sewer and water improvements.

Routine business such as payment of the bills and approval of the minutes was also attended to.

A Definition of Courage

Youngster faces up to eye injury with bravery

By Nancy Brown

Aaron Gage has been through a lot, but it hasn't daunted him. His is a true definition of the word "Courage". On a Sunny Day June 8, 1996 Aaron, then 6 years old, was outside doing what little boys are prone to do. The action changed his life. Aaron threw a rock at a glass juice bottle. The spring sun had fermented the juice the bottle, and turned it into a bomb. A chunk of glass flew directly into Aaron's eye. He was taken to Titus County Hospital and then on to Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where Aaron's parents, Jon and Debbie, were told by doctors that they did not know if the glass had hit Aaron's retina. Glass can not be x-rayed, making it impossible to tell. However, the glass had literally cut Aaron's eye in half, which took 23 stitches to repair and a 4 day hospital stay. The Gages returned Aaron once a week for ultrasound on his retina until July 23, 1996 when doctors found a cataract which had developed from the trauma to the eye. Aaron underwent another surgery to remove the cataract and while he was under anesthesia, 21 stitches were removed, leaving only 2.

Aaron endured going back to Dallas every 2 to 3 weeks and was considered legally blind. During this time doctors saw no improvement. Aaron was looking through a vertical line plus scar tissue. So, the doctors decided to give him a clear window in which to see from and hopes of saving his eye by putting him on the cornea transplant list in December of 1996. Then, Aaron and his family could only wait.

In March of 1997 Aaron got his transplant. He went into surgery with 20-200 vision and after recovery his vision improved to 20-100. Another surgery was done to remove the stitches holding the new cornea in August of 1997.

Jubilant was short lived, however, for in December of 1997 the worst happened, Aaron's retina detached and doctor's told the Gages their options. #1 they could try to reattach the retina or #2 they could remove the eye. Like any parents would, Jon and Debbie decided to get another opinion before making such a huge decision. They took Aaron to Shreveport, LA, to see doctors there but received the same report as their Dallas doctors had given them.

In January of 1998, after choosing to try and save Aaron's eye, another

surgery was performed to reattach the retina. It was unsuccessful. The doctors said there was just too much scar tissue and the retina HAD been hit originally. What the doctors had done was drain the eye of its vitreous fluid and attach a band which squeezed the eye into an hour glass shape, allowing them to see the retina and work on it. But, what they saw was lots of scar tissue which was the cause of the retina detaching. The eye was filled with a silicone type oil based material to get it back to its original size and the Gages were told it could be months or years before the eye would have to be removed. They expressed hopes of keeping the eye because of the growing stage. A person's whole face grows around its orbital area of the eye socket. If one eye side is smaller the face will not grow on that side.

Aaron was watched closely and between September and October of 1999 after nearly 2 years doctors noticed shrinkage and the Gage's were told it was time to remove the eye. The surgery was put off until the Christmas school break and on December 22, 1999 the eye was removed. A sphere of calcium was inserted into the muscle and sewn up. The sphere resembled a moth ball and was porous to allow blood vessels and tissue to grow and attach to it, becoming a part of the body. Since it was attached to the muscle, the ball moved when Aaron moved his eyes. It took up space and gave something for the artificial eye that was yet to be placed in to hold on to. The Gages were told the artificial eye would not be round like the eyes of years ago but would be oval in a half circle shape. The key now was to watch for infection or the sphere rupturing.

On January 30, 2000 after the healing process was complete, doctors released Aaron who is now 10 years old. On that same day he saw Randy Trawnik, who made his new eye. They spent from 10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. getting the eye made. Randy started with the iris of the eye, painting in blues, blacks and browns, a process which Aaron watched closely. Trawnik melted what looked like a crayon, actually wax sticks, and let it drop on the eye, forming the white of the eye. Aaron was sent for a 2 hour break while finishing was done and when he returned his eye socket was held open and filled with a latex material to make a mold. Randy told him his new eye must fit "like a glove". Aaron continued to watch the process

and when Randy stuck his paint brush in some bright yellow paint he asked, "What you gonna do with that color?" He was told by Randy, "This is your money maker." At the top of the new eye Randy painted a round yellow dot. He then cleaned his brush and dipped it into black and carefully wrote at the top of the eye, AKG 1-2000 and added a smiley face to the yellow dot. The actual purpose of the smiley face is so Aaron will know which side of his eye goes up when it is cleaned once a month. (Aaron does hate the cleaning process.)

When Aaron looks down far enough you can see his smiley face and Randy told him, "Now you go to school and bet all your friends 25¢ that you have a smiley face on your eye, that's where the money comes in, your'e gonna collect!" Another break and a clear coat added to the eye and Aaron returned for his eye fitting. It was great, Randy had done a wonderful job of matching and all looked well.

One month later Aaron returned to have his new eye checked and any fine tuning done. The iris was made smaller and the eye larger to help keep his eye lid open. The adjustments have been fine and Aaron will return to see Randy this month. He will return 1 time a year until he is 18 years old or has stopped growing. Then he will receive an adult eye.

The turmoil for this family is indescribable but through it all Aaron has been steadfastly courageous. After receiving his eye Aaron had an adjustment period. He ran into walls, hit his head on the faucet when brushing his teeth or washing his face and ran into mirrors on trucks when walking by. His depth perception was a chore to master, but, he has done it. He is back doing what all little boys like to do. He played Little Dribbler basketball and is playing summer league baseball where he wears sports goggles to protect his good eye. He also wears glasses for eye protection only. His sight in his good eye is perfect and Aaron's future is as bright as the smile on his handsome face. Aaron is a sandy blond-headed youngster with a smile for everyone, something that must not have always been easy since that fateful day in 1996.

Aaron is the grandson of Bonnie and Blanton Gage, both long-time employees in the Talco-Bogata School System. Bonnie is a teacher and Blanton recently retired from the maintenance department.



GETTING A Plate-Duane King fills his plate during Fulbright Homecoming festivities. In spite of rainy weather there was a good sized crowd for the event, along with lots of good food. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Fallen tree causes outage

Texas-New Mexico Power Company reports there was an hour interruption of electrical service to parts of Talco, Bogata and Deport last week which affected 16,061 customers.

The interruption in service was caused by a fallen tree which hit the TXU transmissions lines between the

Clarksville and Rivercrest sub-stations.

The inconvenience was unavoidable and with the heat of summer on its way Texas-New Mexico will make every effort to supply its customers without interruption.

Trunk system criteria to be reviewed

A public hearing on the proposed route selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System, a network of four lane divided highways will be held on June 23 in Austin. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation's main office, 125 E. 11th Street.

The proposed additional selection criteria includes closing gaps in the trunk system and providing system connectivity.

Written comments may be submitted to Alvin Lueddecke, Jr., Transportation Planning and Programming Division, Texas Department of Transportation at the above address

in Austin, TX 78701-2483 and must be received before 5 p.m. on July 10.

The existing selection criteria includes connecting with principal roadways from adjacent states, Mexican ports of entry, significant military installations, tourist and recreational areas, major truck routes and routes which are within 25 miles or less of cities with population of 10,000 or greater.

The Texas Highway Trunk System, approved in 1990, is a 10,050 mile planned four lane divided highway system that includes and complements the interstate system.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Nanalee,

What a wonderful time we had at the Deport Homecoming 2000! Many, many thanks to all those involved in the organizing, creating and sending invitations, advertising and cooking delicious desserts for all to enjoy. It was so good to visit with friends. Deport has the greatest people!

Thank you so much,
Sincerely,
Billie Nobles Hill

To the Editor:

I have lived in Deport almost all of my life. One of the advantages of living in a small town is the lack of "big city" rules and regulations. Now that has changed.

Two of our dogs, tagged and collared were recently "trapped" (they are friendly and harmless), and taken to be killed without notification. Fortunately, they were rescued in the nick of time.

It saddens me to think that we can no longer tolerate a few innocent, trusting cats and dogs.
Jeanie Grant



THROW ME THE BALL-Today, Aaron Gage is doing what normal youngsters do. Without knowing Aaron's story there is really no way to tell that he has an artificial eye.



PAT Foundation receives grant

The Paris Wal-Mart presented the Prairiand Academic Trust Foundation with a \$2,000 grant recently. This donation was raised with the help of Wal-Mart associates and PAT members as part of the Wal-Mart Community Matching Grant program.

"Our associates were thrilled to partner with the PAT Foundation to raise funds for a worthwhile cause," said Linda Tosh, store manager. "The money will be utilized for programs in the local community and we are glad to support this organization. This is just a small part of Wal-Mart's ongoing commitment to the communities in which we operate."

"The PAT Foundation plans to utilize the funds for scholarships to graduating seniors," said Prairiand I.S.D. Superintendent, L.C. Stout.

"Thanks to the efforts of the people in our communities, the PAT Foundation has truly been successful in raising funds for student scholarships. We sincerely express our appreciation to the Paris Wal-Mart for their support."

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. operates more than 2,400 stores and 450 Sam's Clubs in the United States and 725 units internationally. Globally, the company units are in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Mexico and Puerto Rico and under joint venture agreements in China and Korea. Wal-Mart employs more than 800,000 associates in the United States and 130,000 internationally. In 1998, the company raised and donated more than \$127 million for charitable organizations.



WHO GETS TO WATCH their eye being made? Aaron Gage recently spent a day getting his "new" eye made after a series of events led to the loss of his eye. Randy Trawnik painted Aaron's eye while the youngster watches

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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This week's cook come to us from the Pattonville-Deport area. She is Sandra Couch. Sandra and her husband Wayne have been married for several years and have three grown children and seven grand children. All of the kids graduated from Prairiland High School. Vickie is married to Ronnie and they live in Paris. They have two sons, Matt and Dillon. Vickie manages Vickie Ballard Insurance Company in Paris. Kim is married to Paul Helms and they live in Roxton. They have two children, Hannah and Madison. Wayne Jr. is married to Jill and they have three children, Riley, Olivia and Easton. Wayne is a doctor and has his own practice in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Sandra is employed at Merico and has been for the past nineteen years. She enjoys working outside and cooking. Her father was a minister and he and her mother always took food to the ill and confined when they visited in the community. Sandra watched her grandmother in the kitchen and learned from her as well as her mother and enjoyed preparing meals for the family.

She collects recipes and is currently compiling family recipes and those of her own to contribute to a family cookbook. Kim and her family are involved with the Roxton Fire Department and are currently establishing a First Responders and they are also collecting recipes to make a cookbook to raise money for the de-

partment. Maybe when they get it prepared, they will give a chance to preview some of the recipes in our column.

Sandra has given us some different recipes this week and they sound delicious. We appreciate it and we will see you in the kitchen!

Corn Tortilla Quiche-Sandra prepared this for her co-workers and they all gave it unanimous thumbs up!

Chocolate Brownie Cobbler-this is supposed to be a cobbler, not brownies! Whatever...you know its good! It has chocolate!

Party Punch-excellent for showers, brunches and any occasion. Right before serving, add Sprite!

Chimichangas-Sandra says that this recipe is a little work, but is well worth it! It sounds like it!

Chili Blanco Especial for a quicker recipe, you may use canned Great Northern beans. Results will be the same.

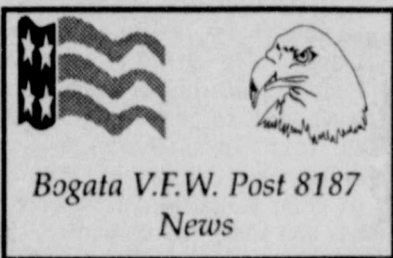
Coconut Cake-this recipe has got to be a major calorie counter!...and sounds wonderful!

Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes-Sandra said that when she asks what she needs to bring to a family or social gathering...this is the recipe everyone asked for.

Peach Rum Jam-this recipe is really good and she says to use only fully-ripe peaches for this...it adds to the flavor!



COOK OF THE WEEK THIS WEEK is Sandra Couch of the **Deport-Pattonville area**. She enjoys cooking and working outside and is a 19 year employee of Merico. (Staff Photo)



Bogata V.F.W. Post 8187 News

*Meeting time is 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

*The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host a cake walk at the Bogata Frontier Days from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Members are asked to please bring their cakes before 10:00 a.m.

*The Fourth of July meal will be fried catfish with all the trimmings this year. Make plans to come and join in for good food and fellowship beginning at 12:00 noon.

*Get Well Wishes are extended to June Killen, Wanza Sheffield, Melvin and Daphney Pointer, Georgia Hudson, Mildred Eudy, Betty Spencer, Betty Mullins, Bea White and Georgia Miller.

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Visitors of Jimmie King and attending homecoming at the center were Patsy Hawley of Sweetwater and son, Brad Hawley of Austin.

William Earl Stevens of Arlington was a visitor over the weekend with his sister, Katie and Clovis VanDeaver and he attended the homecoming and class reunion party.

Betty Rodgers attended homecoming on Sunday at the center and later in the evening attended family visitation at Naples Funeral Home with Monte Rodgers and Melissa Arriaga for their friend, Dinah Thomas of Omaha. Betty and Melissa attended the funeral Monday in Omaha United Methodist Church.

The gospel group "New Dawning" of Quitman will be at the Fulbright Baptist Church Sunday evening instead of the regular service. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy this special event.

People spend a great deal of their time preparing for things. We save money in order to buy a house, start planning and shopping for Christmas presents sometime a year in advance, we plan ahead so that we will be financially able to do things so we can better afford them. But more often than not we never think about planning for our funerals until we are faced with death, and sometimes it catches us unprepared.

To save your family the financial stress of paying for your final expenses, start preparing today. A prearrangement guarantees that your expenses are taken care of; that your family will have one less responsibility at the time of your death; and that your funeral service can be handled according to your wishes.

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

Wood Funeral Homes
The James Wood Family
Bogata 632-5614 Deport 652-3195

Card of Thanks

To all my wonderful family and dear friends. I don't know what I would have done without you. All that wonderful food, flowers and help, in my time of need. And all that help from the Wood Funeral Home, Jack and Jackie Crane and Stan and Sandy Wood, Father Anthony Alphonse, I could go on and on. Don't know how I can ever repay you.

All my love and thanks,
Mrs. Rose Despres

Card of Thanks

Thanks for all the prayers, delicious food and beautiful flowers sent to us in the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Jackie Clark of Millennium Home Care, Dr. Wilbur Simmonds, Rev. Don Shovan and Dr. Hayden. Thanks also to Clarksville Funeral Home and all the casket bearers, Gleamon Black, Billy Don Hays, Joseph Glass, Mike Murphy, Dale Hines and G.A. Hines.

We appreciate all of your kindness and love.
The Coy Hastings Family

Card of Thanks

The family of **Kenneth Mayes** wishes to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has shown our family so much love and support during our time of loss. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Family of James Wells

No matter how much you feed a wolf, he will always return to the forest.

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July 15, 2000
Sandra Couch-Pattonville

Corn Tortilla Quiche
3/4 pound pork sausage
5 corn tortillas
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup chopped green chilis
6 beaten eggs
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup small curd cottage cheese
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley

Cook sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place flour tortillas into a 9-inch greased pie plate; overlapping and extending 1/2 inch beyond rim. Place remaining tortillas on the center. Layer with sausage, the two shredded cheeses and green chilis. Combine eggs, cream, cottage cheese and chili powder; slowly pour over chilis. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until center is set and puffy. Sprinkle with cilantro or parsley. Cut into wedges.

Chocolate Brownie Cobbler
4 sticks real butter
12 ounces mini chocolate chips
4 cups sugar
8 eggs
1-2/3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-1/2 cups pecan pieces

Melt together butter and chips; set aside. Mix sugar, eggs (one at a time and set aside), flour, vanilla and pecans. Mix chocolate into egg mixture; adding a little at a time until all is mixed together. Pour into greased large glass pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Edges will be crispy and middle will be soft. Serve with ice cream.

Party Punch
1 large can pineapple juice
1/2 gallon sherbet (your choice)
1-2 liter Sprite
1 can creme of coconut

Combine all together in given order.

Chimichangas
1 package stew meat
1-1/2 cup water
2 cloves garlic-minced
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Simmer all until meat is tender with lid on pan. Take lid off and cook until water boils down and then shred meat. Wrap meat mixture in flour tortilla like envelope and deep fry.

Chili Blanco Especial
1 pound dry white northern beans or 4 cans
5-1/4 cups chicken broth
2 cloves minced garlic
1 large white onion-chopped
1 tablespoon ground white pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
17 ounces can diced green chilis
2 cups diced chicken breast
1-3/4 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon diced jalapeno pepper flour tortillas
Monterrey Jack cheese

Combine beans, broth, garlic, onion, pepper, salt and seasonings. Cook until beans are tender. Stir in remaining ingredients and simmer for 1 hour. Line each bowl with tortilla and sprinkle with cheese and ladel bean mixture on top.

Coconut Cake
1 yellow cake mix
2 cups sour cream
2 cups sugar
6 ounces flake coconut
Cool Whip
6 ounce package frozen coconut

Prepare cake as directed on package in either bundt pan or layer cake pans. While cake is cooling mix sour cream sugar and 6 ounces of coconut. If layer cake is used, split layers and place mixture between layers. If bundt pan is used pour on top and in middle. Then frost with Cool Whip and put another 6 ounce package of frozen coconut on top of Cool Whip. Keep in fridge.

Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes
5 pounds potatoes
1 stick butter
12 ounces cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
several dashed nutmeg

Boil potatoes in usual manner and beat with electric mixer when done. Add butter, cream cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Pour into heavy buttered dish, cover with saran wrap and refrigerate overnight. Bring to room temperature and heat in oven uncovered until bubbly.

Peach Rum Jam
3 pound fully-ripe peaches(4 cups)
1-3/4 ounce package fruit pectin
5 cups sugar
1/4 cup light rum

Combine peaches and fruit pectin in a very large pan. Place over high heat and bring to a full rolling boil; stirring constantly. Immediately add all sugar and stir; again bringing to a full rolling boil and boil hard for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in rum; skim off foam and stir and skim for 5 minutes to cool and prevent fruit from floating. Dip into hot scalded jars. Seal at once. Makes 6-1/2 pints.

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SEVENTY BEAUTIFUL YEARS-Walker and Willie Devlin hold photographs of themselves taken on their wedding day while they sit beneath photographs taken for their 40th, 50th, 60, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries. The couple have shared the joys and sorrows of life for nearly three quarters of a century. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Couple married 70 years say "don't go to bed mad" is an important rule

Walker and Willie Devlin celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 11 at their home in the community of Minter. The couple's memories span nearly three quarters of a century. They have witnessed changes from horses and buggies and mules pulling plows to space shuttles and internet communication. At 93, the Devlins are still active and amazing. They have accumulated a host of friends over their lives that few can match. Over one hundred twenty-five friends and relatives attended their party Sunday, and another seventy sent cards. The White House sent a card of much-deserved congratulations. One of their two granddaughters was on hand, although the other was unable to attend, since she is getting her PhD in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Relatives from Tennessee came for the event, as did hosts of others in the immediate area. The smiling couple sat beneath photos of their 40th, 50th, 60th and

65th wedding anniversary, when they weren't up and circulating with their well wishers. Questioned as to what were some of their secrets of a successful marriage and life, Willie replied "never go to bed mad. Sometimes I'll tell Walker 'if I've done anything to offend you today, I apologize.' Then he will grin and say 'You didn't, and you cooked pretty good too!'" The couple are obviously devoted to one another. Their greatest sorrow in life is the loss of their daughter, Nancy, several years ago. One of their greatest delights is the success of the two beautiful granddaughters Nancy and her husband, Ledford Kelly, produced. Ledford, like granddaughter Katy, was on hand for the celebration. Their home and vegetable garden is immaculately kept, their yard beautiful. In a world in which a 5 year anniversary sometimes seems to be counted a lengthy marriage, seeing the Devlins on their 70th is truly a beautiful sight.

Neeley's to chair McCuistion Gala

Charlie and Fran Neeley have been selected to serve as co-chairmen for this year's McCuistion Endowment Fund Gala. The event has raised in excess of \$1 million to benefit the long term needs of the hospital and patients. The theme for the October 7 event bears an international flair, "From Paris to Peking". Event coordinators are underway designing a most wonderful evening for guests from the

decorations to the delicacies served through the evening. Over 600 guests are expected to visit Love Civic Center, home for the past six years. While this event is some four months away, inquiries have begun to surface for tickets and early reservations. Send inquiries to McCuistion Gala, 865 DeShong Drive, Paris, 75462-2097 or call 782-0224.

Kids on Electronics to be offered at PJC

Sponsors and teachers are getting equipment ready for the Electronic Camp, part of the College for Kids program at PJC. The hands on electric camp will hold classes for kids 7-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Scholarships are available for participants. For information, call 903-782-0447.



COURTNEY FILKINS was honored with a cookout celebrating her 9th birthday on June 8 at Thomas Park in Bogata. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, cake, ice cream and playing games. Guests were Clista Filkins, Heather, Felicia and Ear, Jr., Sissy Smith and Matthew, James and Tracy Owens and Joshua and Kalee, Jason and Alicia Benson, Colten and Cullen and friend Sammy, Becky Owens, Mallory and Hielly, Janet Filkins, Teri Hines and Kaylie, Brittany, Elizabeth and Madison, MaKayla and McKenzie Ham and Jesse, Carla and Brittany. Courtney received many nice gifts. Everyone had a great time.



NEW PASTOR-Rev. A.L. (Buddy) Hines is the new pastor at Full Gospel House of Prayer in Deport. He and his wife, Linda, send a cordial invitation to everyone to attend services Sunday morning and evening, and on Wednesday nights.

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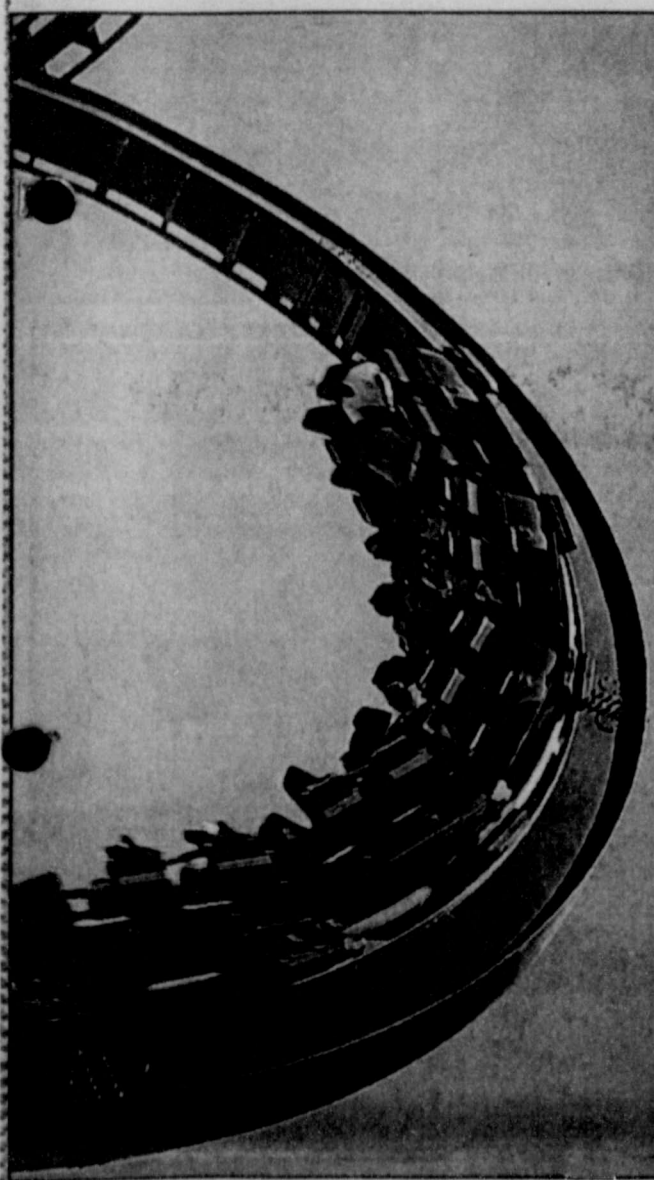
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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nathan Hagood

Currier-Hagood exchange vows

Tanya Marie Currier and Earl Nathan Hagood, both of Deport, were married on May 27 in DeShong Chapel in Paris. Freddy Burden officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Christine Dennis of Deport. The groom is the son of Earshell and Micki Hagood of Whitesboro.

The bride wore a gown of sleeveless white satin and lace. The veil was made of white satin roses, sequined leaves and pearl baby's breath.

Wedding music was provided by Teri Hines. Selections included "When I Look At You Girl" by Chris LeDoux and "I'll Be" by Reba McEntire.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Attending the bride was Lori Lee of Reno, who served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaid was Tammy Currier, sister of the bride. Monica and

Maycee Hagood were flowergirls and Anthonie Hagood served as ringbearer.

Rodger Allen of Deport served the groom as his Best Man. Groomsman was Jimmy Langley.

A reception was held at the Elks Lodge in Paris following the ceremony.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bride's parents, Mark and Christen Dennis at TaMolly's Restaurant in Paris.

Members of the houseparty included Joan Langley, Teri Hines, Kathy Ervin and Kay Peek.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Deport.

The bride is a graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed at Deport Nursing Home in the Dietary department. The groom is employed by Wesco Trucking as a truck driver.

Parks and Walker families hold reunion

The Parks and Walker families reunion was held Sunday, June 4 at the American Legion Hall in Deport.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Hosey and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cheatham of Sumner; Mrs. Virginia Parks of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allen, Paul and Brandon Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hines, Laura Miller and Judy Booth, all of Blossom; Mrs. Irene Walker, Mrs. Nannie Smith of Deport; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Davoust and Clay, Lacey Hines, Carl and Britton Coursey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Carlous Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor and Garrett, Alan, Betty and

Shelbie Dollins, all of Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith, all of Honey Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simmons of Dallas; Melissa, Stormy, Nicole and Eric Cotton-Hickman of Emory; Jeanette Cotton of Commerce; Elizabeth Taylor, Jack Taylor and Melba Bestal, all of Reno; Tamela, David, Christina and Ryan Blanton of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Tidwell of Royce City; Mike, Tray and Bryce Allen of Grapeland; Mack Shannon of Bonham; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Parks and grandchildren of Greenville.

A bountiful lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Ranch Estate Planning seminar is August 6-7

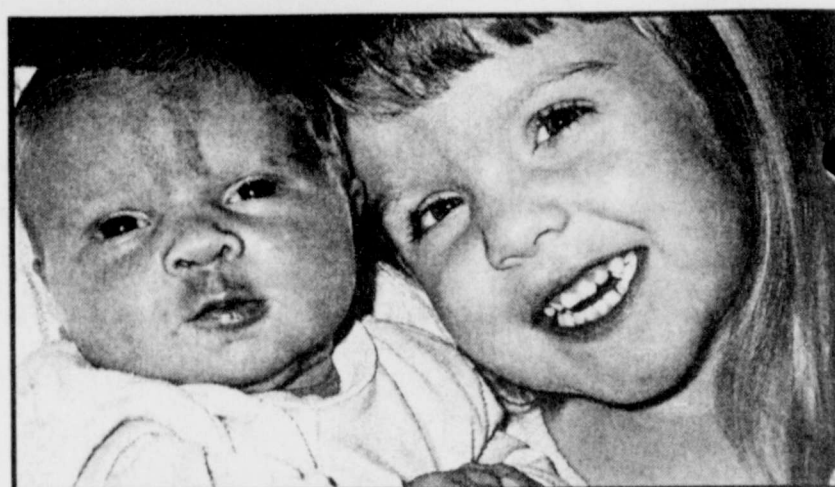
Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners--and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a ranch estate planning seminar on August 6-7 in conjunction with the annual beef cattle short course. The seminar will begin

at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 6 and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7 at the Hilton in College Station.

Topics to be covered will include wills, living trusts and powers of attorney. Most of the time will be spent



ENORMOUS CABBAGE-Tom Watson of Blossom is pictured here with one of the huge cabbage that was grown and given to him by David Merritt another Blossom area resident. The Watsons stated that it was one of the largest, sweetest and best tasting cabbage that they had ever eaten. (Staff Photo)



ASHLEY WHITE is pleased to announce the arrival of her baby sister, Amber Michelle, born May 9 in McCuiston Medical Center, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 20" long. Ashley and Amber are the daughters of Wade and Beverly White of Paris, formerly of Bogata. They are the granddaughters of Eddie Don and Sharon Ruthart of Paris, Judy Ward of Bogata and Mike White of Hugo, OK. Great-grandparents are George and the late Irene Woerner of Paris, the late W.P. and Mary Ruthart of Slabtown community, Jane and the late J.N. Parson of Direct and the late Guy and Jenibel White of Paris.

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NEW OFFICERS installed during McCuiston Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Awards luncheon held recently at the Paris Golf and Country Club are, from left, Peggy Parsons, recording secretary; Deanie Hensley, first vice-president; Billie Springer, treasurer; and Sarah Smith, president elect. Not pictured is Jerry Terrell, third vice-president. (Staff Photo)

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PARIS-LAMAR RETIRED TEACHERS and School Employees Association recently installed new officers at the PJC Student Center Ballroom during their meeting and luncheon. Rachel Braswell installed the following new officers: Wayne Beard, president; Virginia Reed, first vice-president; Peggy Parsons, treasurer; Judy Martin, secretary; and Gary Ballard, second vice-president. (Staff Photo)



CHAD JOHNSTON, of Blossom, is pictured here with his birthday cake. What is unusual about the cake is that looking closely, the cake has a picture that has been air brushed of Chad and his Grandfather Herron. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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PATTONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY AND AUCTION held last Saturday night was a large success. The event hosted a large crowd and made a profit of over \$2,500.00 for the fire department. (Staff Photo)

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 Friday, May 19th, unknown suspects forced entry into a residence in the 700 block of 12th N.E. in Paris. Once inside the house, the suspects stole a

television, a stereo system, some jewelry and several other items. This burglary resulted in over \$2,000 in lost or damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by **June 12th**, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime

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Petition asks for LEC board members to be removed

A petition calling for the removal from office of three Lamar Electric Cooperative board members was presented to the board this week, along with a list of charges.

The petition, signed by more than 1,000 members of LEC, calls for the removal of directors Glen Gambill, Richard Weems and Darrell Coats.

The petition lists 20 charges alleged by LEC members Jack Nelson, Bill Ross, James Sam Cooper and Philip Risinger against the three board members.

The petition asks LEC secretary of the board to notify the board members of the charges and notify the membership of any special meeting at which the question of removal of the directors "is to be considered and voted on by the membership."

"Those three board members are among the most qualified we have, having completed or almost completed their certification by the national organization to be a board member," said Don McCaskill, LEC's chief operating officer.

McCaskill said LEC will comply with the bylaws and the policy in dealing with this matter and said, "it is in the hands of our attorney at this time."

Among the charges in the petition for removal are:

- *amending of the bylaws to allow the sale to Cap Rock Electric to be approved by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the members at a special meeting rather than by a two-thirds majority of all members of the cooperative

- *approving a change to the bylaws of the cooperative which would allow members to vote on matters by proxy, but which change allows the "proxy committee" which is selected by the board to vote an unlimited

number of proxies in any manner it chooses, while limiting to only 10 votes the proxies that can be voted by any member holding proxies

- *contractually obligating the cooperative to sell all its assets to Cap Rock Electric and agreeing to take all means necessary to influence the membership to approve the sale

- *agreeing to a sale of the cooperative in exchange for personal financial gain of approximately \$80,000 each (cash value of \$60,000), in violation of their fiduciary duty to the cooperative and its members

- *entering into a contract with Cap Rock that allowed the Lamar Electric and Cap Rock Boards of Directors to change the agreement after the membership approved the sale

- *refusing to divulge the complete terms of the agreement with Cap Rock to the members

- *approving and allowing Don McCaskill's use of cooperative money, employees and property to improperly influence the outcome of the election by buying expensive advertisements, causing employees of the cooperative to go door to door to collect proxies, using a proxy ballot which would effectively allow members only to vote in favor of the sale, and giving away cooperative property in the form of reduced electric bills in exchange for a vote

- *allowing Cap Rock employees to control the handling of the ballots at a December 14, 1999 special meeting

- *authorizing the filing of a frivolous lawsuit in an attempt to avoid the cooperative's obligations under a valid agreement entered into by the cooperative Rayburn Country Electric, and other cooperatives in 1995 after he had been specifically told by

the board not to participate in financing a subdivision

- *telling cooperative members there would be no votes taken on cooperative business after executive sessions and then conducting votes on business after members were told to leave

- *attempting to prevent the removal of these three board members by attempting to change the bylaws to require 25 percent of membership signatures on a petition

- *attempting to prevent the removal of the board members by refusing the members' request for a membership list, board meeting minutes and financial information

- *amending bylaws to change the date of the annual meeting of the members from July 22, 2000 to November 16, 2000, in order to prevent the election of three new board members in July, 2000

- *failing to correct tariff violations which could have caused the cooperative to lose its non-profit status, and allowing McCaskill to terminate a cooperative employee for bringing these tariff violations to the attention of the board, and

- *allowing the installation of a lien extension at Darrell Coats' place of business at no charge, in violation of both the cooperative's tariff and policies.

LEC's attorneys were studying the petition before making a response to the allegations and the call for removal of the board members.

"The members of LEC collected signatures by petition as required by co-op bylaws for calling a special meeting of the members to 'return control of Lamar Electric Cooperative back to the members' ". stated Bill Ross, LEC member.

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GENEROUS DONATION for a good cause-The L.P. McCuiston Endowment Fund made a donation of \$600,000 to help expand and complete the Women's Pavilion at McCuiston Regional Medical Center. The check was presented on Friday, June 9. Presenting the check are Dick Amis and Don McLaughlin (on left) to Doug Hawthorne, CEO of Texas Health Resources and McCuiston Regional Medical Center President Mike McBride. Hawthorne said that McCuiston had the highest rate of patient satisfaction with employees of the 13 hospitals in the Texas Health Resource network and that community involvement such as the McCuiston Endowment Fund played a big part in the facility's success. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Work still continuing to get Lamar County classified with Dallas MSA Classification is crucial to area health care

Work is continuing to keep CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System (CSJHS) as part of the Dallas Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for the fiscal year 2001, and to get McCuiston Regional Medical Center (MRMC) included in the Dallas MSA, according to Tony Hawthorn, CEO of Texas Health Resources.

In a press conference Friday, June 9th, Hawthorn said that Congressman Max Sandlin, Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison were all being very supportive of this effort.

The provision of quality healthcare has been the mission of CHRISTUS St. Joseph Health System and McCuiston Regional Medical Center since their inception.

If CHRISTUS St. Joseph's were to lose their Metropolitan rating, the projected loss to the facility would be \$3,134,569. This designation deals with Medicare Geographic Reclassification, and affects how Medicare reimburses the facilities.

McCuiston has not had Medicare Geographic Reclassification, but it clearly employs and recruits staff from the same labor market as CSJHS and the Dallas MSA.

Some of the contributing factors in this issue are:

CSJHS and MRMC offer a number of unique services that make them similar to large urban hospitals. Both facilities must also compete with the large urban hospitals for the highly professional and skilled personnel to staff these programs.

Some of the exclusive services provided by CSJHS are:

Two interventional cath labs and open-heart surgery program. Only interventional cardiac program with

100 miles of Paris.

Only Hospice program in 5 county area.

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Rural Health Clinics serving residents of Rural, isolated communities without doctors. These clinics do not break even and are provided as a service to the residents of these communities.

PrimeTime Activities Center, serving 3,772 seniors with free services ranging from daily aerobic activities and a walking track to health screenings and other mentally challenging activities. The only center of its type in the entire region.

Some of the unique services provided by MRMC include:

Provides the area's only Obstetrics program.

Provides the area's only dedicated Pediatric Unit.

Provides the area's only Level II nursery.

Provides the area's only comprehensive wound care center.

Women's Health Resource Center serves as a resource to all women for information and speakers on women's health topics.

The Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit is the only hospital-based unit in the service area.

Diagnostic cath lab with interventional peripherovascular services.

In addition, both hospitals offer Radiology Department with: Spiral Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan), Nuclear Medicine, Special Procedures Room and non-

invasive vascular lab. Medicare designates both hospitals as "Rural Referral Centers".

At CSJHS 64% of their patients are Medicare patients, and at MRMC 52% of their patients are Medicare patients.

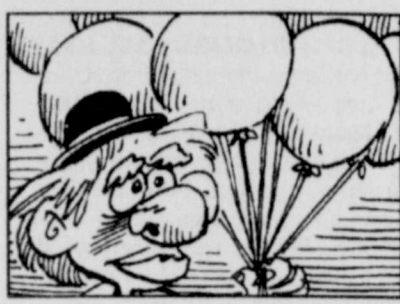
The percentage of the population in their service area over the age of 65 is almost twice the average for the State of Texas, and significantly above the average nationally.

Paris is unique geographically in that with a population of 25,000+ (46,000 in Lamar County) it is the largest community within a 1-1/2 hour drive in any direction. It is estimated that 180,000 people in northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma are provided with health service at the two facilities.

Officials are asking that Lamar County, Texas be reclassified into the Dallas MSA for purposes of reimbursement under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Letters may be sent to Congressman Max Sandlin at 214 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Room 284, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 and Senator Phil Gramm, Room 370, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Getting this reclassification will enable health care, especially for the poor and under served, to continue without the severe restraints loss of the designation would cause. Without it the financial impact on the county and surrounding area will be great.

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Relatives and old friends of the Williams family, former residents of the Deport area gathered at the Sirloin Stockade in Paris on Tuesday, June 6 for a meal and lots of fellowship and to reminisce about the past. Those attending were Carl and Judy Williams, Lita and Bob Gliem of Fresno, CA; Joe Williams of Anchorage, Alaska; Edna Gold and Jean Glass of Carthage; Lt. Col. Rick Bennett and Cheryl of Shreveport, LA; Ida and Morris Lamkin of Onalaska; Helen Day, Billy Jack and Joann Hurley, Bill and Barbara Hill, Elizabeth Shew and Carl Rollins of Paris; Bernice Sergeant of Lamar Point; Rick and Wanda Hill of Paris; Charles Rollins, Jerry and Fairlee Westbrook, Virginia Rhodes, Russell, Barbara and Larry Crawford of Deport and James Earl Bell of Pattonville. The Williams family

moved to Fresno, CA in 1946. Belated birthday to Rita Ann Shew of Arlington. Birthday wishes to Ed Helleny, John Mark Francis, Melva Sisson, Sherry Ward, Frances Hoover, Kayci Keys, Phillip Kirk Gage, Stephen Norman, Renee Watson, Kelly Gifford, John Taylor, Gayle Ward, Justin David Moses, Regina Griley, Dee Wood, Jimmy Joe Young and Marianne Renee Ladd. Happy anniversary to Nanalee and Thomas Nichols, Sue and Eddie Sheppard and Julia and Danny Rowland. Grady, Kathryn, Kent and Ann Wright attended the wedding of Tracy Dierzanowski and Roger Dees, son of Marshall and Ruby Wright, at Alsby Baptist Church in Burleson on Saturday evening and the reception and dinner following at the historic Stockyards in Ft. Worth. After a cruise to the Bahamas, they will make their home in Longview where they will teach in nearby schools. Grady Wright visited Elizabeth Tillery in a McKinney hospital last Wednesday.

Happy Birthday to Lexie Jackson. Happy Anniversary to Geron and Glenna Jackson. L.C. Ballard has been generously sharing garden produce with people the past few weeks. His vegetables are much appreciated. Thomas and Nanalee Nichols attended a birthday supper in honor of NeLeigh King Saturday night. Several of NeLeigh's friends were in attendance for her 18th birthday. Over 100 people attended the 70th Anniversary celebration of Walker and Willie Devlin at their home in Minter Sunday. Jerry and Linnes Duvall and Emma Lee Hardson of Columbia, Tennessee and Mildred Ring of Nashville as well as Ledford and Katy Kelly of Georgetown and Austin spent the weekend with them.

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

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If your feet hurt, it's important to find out why. Following diagnosis, it's then time to formulate a treatment plan which may consist of medication, orthotics, surgery, exercise or even a change in foot wear. Many foot problems evolve over time, from improper shoes, age, slow growing medical conditions, physical stress, and muscular imbalance. If your feet hurt, it's important to communicate with your doctor. Now is a good time to schedule an appointment for family foot care at DOCTOR'S FOOT CLINIC for relief. Call us at 784-5585 for an appointment.

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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Cunningham Homecoming will be July at the Community Center in Cunningham. A catered meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. You may reserve tickets for the meal by mailing \$6.00 per person to Jane O'Neal, Rt. 1, Box 63-A5, Deport, TX 75435 or call 903-652-6062 or you may call Pat Norwood at 903-652-2672. Please call your family and friends.

Pat and James Norwood had Sunday lunch for Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Brenton Norwood. Ericka Norwood, Lacy Cole, Johnna and Jenna Patterson attended the Volleyball clinic held last week at Prairiland.

Velma Cox attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Walker and Willie Devlin on Sunday.

Bobbie and Clyde Slusher visited Lorette Pynes in McCuiston Hospital and Marie Watson in Sterling House on Thursday. They visited Buster Scales in Cherry Street Manor and Leona Williams in St. Joseph's on Monday.

Lynda and Stephanie Reagan of Plainview spent Thursday to Sunday with Silas and Juanita Taylor. On Saturday night, Sheldon and Ann Lee and their granddaughter Amanda Harvey of Plainview visited them. Matty Upchurch of Milton also visited them. Elvis Wright visited them over the weekend.

Lillian King spent Saturday night with Leonard and Billie Ford.

Visiting Marie Watson this past week were Neva Oats, Nelta

Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Dean and Ada Watson, Brad Watson and friend Rachel.

Georgia and Billie Joe Oats had Sunday lunch for Neva, Billy Ray Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.

O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Logan and Layton Norwood, Aaron Palmer and Spur Norwood attended the basketball clinic in Paris High last week.

Jane O'Neal had Sunday lunch for Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Brad Barrintine. Joining them for supper were Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Georjeana and Brad Nutt.

Nelta and Johnie Musgrove had Sunday lunch for Marie Watson, Dean and Ada Watson, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, and Zarinska and Shane Morton. Joining them for supper were Lynn and Betty Holman from Durant OK.

Pam Rickie, Hailey and Mattie Norwood were in Mesquite on Saturday where Hailey played in a softball game.

Lwanda and Pete McKnight had Sunday lunch for Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDon Raena Barnett and Charles Michael Williams.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week too: Adrea Whitley, Shanna Hicks, Tarren Ballard, Collin Barnes, Debbie Jackson, P.G. Morrison, Tim Mullins, Lindsey Allen, Heather Scott, Angie Smith, Jordan Moore, Tommy Pilip, Jake Merritt, Julie Smith, Trey Unruh, Daniel Wims, Jennifer McClain, Holly May.

Buford and Virginia Cleveland visited by phone with Ronnie Cleveland and Paul Cleveland of the Shawnee-Moore, Oklahoma area. They also attended the chapter meeting of the Eastern Star in Deport last Tuesday.

Blossom had a good turn-out for the city-wide garage sale. The Dan Bolton Memorial sale raised around \$2000 for the fund despite the inclement weather. Everyone was tired, but excited about the funds raised for the memorial.

Minnie Lee Shands visited several times last week with Viola Brendle of the Regency Nursing Home in Paris.

Hurshal and Minnie Lee Shands traveled to Bonham on Thursday. Minnie Lee also visited with Ruby Huggins in Paris on Wednesday.

Jo and Milburn Myers of Post Oak visited with Lloyd and Emma Willard on Sunday.

Area churches are having their Vacation Bible Schools for the children. All are invited to attend.

Mandy Babb was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Donna Dunagan on Saturday. She is the bride-elect of Brandon Bell of Paris.

Several from this area attended the Weddle Reunion held at the city park and community center on Saturday.

Attending Country Fest on Saturday at Texas Stadium was Skipper and Amy Chapman, Alan and Amy Dabbs, John Talley and Tommy and Michelle Foster of El Dorado, Arkansas, Cari Irwin, Gary Reynolds, Chad Johnston, Rachel Birch, Clint and Amy Pyeatt and friend DeeDee and Shannon Johnston.

Trystan, Skipper and Amy Chapman, Jamie and Colby Chapman, Amy Dabbs, Cari Irwin, Gary and Allie Reynolds all attended the birthday party on Sunday for Adrienne Salinas in Reno.

Our condolences to the family of Linda McLaughlin.

Expanded Classifieds....

Public Notices

INVITATION TO BID
The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for one 1986 Ford dump truck. This vehicle can be seen at Precinct #1 Barn in Bogata during regular working hours. Bids must be received by the County Auditor's Office by 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2000. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and mark bid. At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County.
6-15

INVITATION TO BID
The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for Precinct #1 for single and double course asphalt road resurfacing. Course surface shall be constructed as follows:

Single Course Surface Treatment	Quantity Per Square Yard
Prime (MC30)	0.20 Gallons
AC10 or CRS-2P	0.35 Gallons
Aggregate (Type B Grade 3)	1 Cubic Yard/90 square yard

Two Course Surface Treatment (In Addition to Single Course)

AC10 or CRS-2P	0.35 Gallons
Aggregate (Type B Grade 3)	1 Cubic Yard/90 Square Yards

The amount of the road to be surfaced with a single course is 16,544 square yards. The amount of road to receive the second treatment is 2816 square yards.

Bids items shall be given as per bid sheet. The single course treatment complete in place, (includes prime, asphalt and cover stone.) The double course (includes asphalt, cover stone and for all manipulation, labors, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to complete the work.) Bid packages may be picked up at the Red River County Auditors Office, 200 North Walnut, Clarksville, Texas. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked bid. Bidders will be required to put a 5% bid bond or a cashier's check for 5% of the total job. The County Auditors office must receive bids by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2000. At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The Court reserved the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the County.
6-22

ESTRAY
On the 5th day of June, 2000, I impounded the following estray: One 7-year old red Limousin cow, approximately 750-800 lbs. Brands, marks, identifying characteristics: Disfigured right teat, and on the 5th day of June, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Red River County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Red River County, Texas, for the owner of said estray and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 28th day of June, 2000, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's sale at Paris Livestock Commission.

Witness my hand this 5th day of June, 2000.
Robert L. Edrington, Sheriff
Red River County
Darlena Shimpcock
6-15

INVITATION TO BID
The Commissioners Court of Red River County is accepting bids for a Motor Grader for Precinct #2. Needs to be a 1986 or newer, Cummins Diesel, 152 h.p., 8 spd. trans, power shift, articulated, enclosed glass cab, heater, good tires, scarifiers, and a 14 ft. blade. Bids must be received by the County Auditor's Office by 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 3, 2000. Bids must be marked "bid". At that time, the bids will be opened and read publicly. Action on the bids is then at the discretion of the Commissioners Court. The court reserves the right to refuse all bids and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the county.
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NOTICE
The City of Detroit will hold a public hearing on the budget on July 10, 2000 at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall in Detroit.
6-22

PUBLIC NOTICE
Detroit I.S.D. is now accepting bids on bread and ice cream. Deadline for these bids will be June 29, 2000 at 12:00 noon. Bids will be opened at the July 10, 2000 board meeting. If you have any questions, you may contact Mary Ann Hoskins at 903-674-6131. Please submit bid proposals to Detroit I.S.D., Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436.
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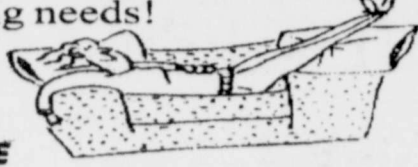
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Patriot football camp to be held

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

will be sold. 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.

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MRS. EVELYN BARNES was honored with a birthday party in Paris at the home of Barbara Hill. She was escorted to a limousine and driven through Deport, then to the Hill home for the party. Those attending were Elizabeth Wheeler Shew, Barbara Shew Hill, Mary Loyd, Jessie Edwards Bowers an Dessie Edwards Dunlap. Cake and coffee were served, then Evelyn was driven in a limousine to her home in Deport. Ethel Rheudasil ad Edythe McIntosh contributed to the party but were unable to attend. Pictured from left are Jessie Bowers, Barbara Hill, Evelyn Barnes, Dessie Dunlap, Mary Loyd and Elizabeth Shew.

Clarkson named to SAU's Dean's List

Jasper Randle Clarkson from Blossom has been named to the Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, for the spring semester. 418 students were named to the list, with 142 of those students making all A's. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be registered in 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Clarkson, a chemistry major, made all A's.



Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to Frances Hoover, Jimmy Joe Young, Alexis Hill, Grace Cooper, Janet Phillips, Carroll Starnes, Norma Young, Helen Day and Hazel Stricklin.

Happy anniversary to Tom and Monda Fults, Bobby and Judy Graves, David and Billi Ballard.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mildred Lucille Bybee Smith, who died in Tyle on June 5. She was the sister of Elizabeth Walker, formerly of Pattonville, and the aunt of Charles Wayen Bybee of Lindale and Peggy Robbins of Wills Point.

Stan Cox, Prairiland High School student from Shady Grove, was recently selected to be a member of the U.S. People to People Sports Ambassadors program and to play in the Ambassador's Football Bowl in Barcelona, Spain this month.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Willie Virginia Waggoner of Reno, who died Wednesday, June 7 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris. She was the mother of Mrs. David (Mary) Harris of Clardy.

Elois Sparks and Nina Sparks of Deport and Peggy Parsons were in Daingerfield on business Tuesday. They visited in the home of Morris and Bobbie Sparks in Murchison with their daughter, Terri and her daughter and granddaughter from Las Cruces, NM that afternoon.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Gladys Nicholson Echols of

Paris who died June 8 at Heritage Care Center. Her late husband, Thomas Echols, was the first superintendent at East Lamar School.

Mickey Keener of Longview visited Friday and Saturday with Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Heather Anderson's grandparents of Arizona spent Thursday through Sunday with Ed and Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather.

Howard Higdon arrived home Sunday after having triple bypass surgery in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas last Tuesday.

The Pattonville VFD fish fry and auction was well attended Saturday and raised over \$2,500.

Barbara Dawson has officially retired as Pattonville Post Office Postmaster as of May 5 after 26 years of service. She served at Arthur City, Powderly, Chicota, Lake Creek, Brookston, Tom Bean and the last 12 years at Pattonville. Rita Cox is now officer in charge of the Pattonville Post Office until a new postmaster is appointed.

Keith and Peggy Parsons were in Paris Monday night to be with the family of Joe Cook of Garrett's Bluff, who died Saturday, June 10. He was Keith's uncle.

Bobby and Betty Winters have returned after visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Clement in California and vacationing with them for several days.



LLOYD FORD - a neighbor of Crystal and John Davidson killed this snake (a water moccasin or fish snake) in his yard shortly after Crystal being bitten by one of the same type.



CRYSTAL BELL DAVIDSON - was struck 3 times by this water moccasin (better known as a fish snake) while stepping on to her parents front porch recently. Her father, Regan Bell, killed the snake and rushed both Crystal and the snake to the hospital in Clarksville. Crystal is reported doing fine after a frightful experience. But, the next week on two different days her father killed a snake in her laundry room and one in her garage. Crystal will be very careful this summer since she seems to be attracting the legless intruders!

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TEXAS-NEW MEXICO POWER COMPANY ("TNMP") hereby publishes notice that it filed on June 5, 2000, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS FIXED FUEL FACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM SURCHARGE OF FUEL COST UNDER-RECOVERIES pursuant to the provisions of 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") and P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237. The changes made by this application will be subject to final review by the Commission in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation proceeding. This application affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by TNMP for electricity in Texas and has no effect on TNMP's non-fuel base rates.

Increased Fixed Fuel Factor
TNMP seeks approval to increase its fixed fuel factor effective July 5, 2000. The proposed increased fuel factor is calculated to recover fuel and purchased power costs for a projected rate year of July 2000 through June 2001. The proposed fuel factors are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Fuel Cost Factors	Proposed Factors
Overall Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0221612/kWh
Distribution Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0222951/kWh
Transmission Voltage Fuel Cost Factor	\$0.0210306/kWh

Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries
TNMP also seeks authority to implement an interim surcharge in the amount of \$24,671,304 effective September 1, 2000 on bills of its Texas retail customers, consisting of the under-recovered fuel and purchased power costs as of the end of March 2000 and interest through the period the surcharge is made. TNMP proposes to make the surcharge during the period from September 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001 for all customers.

All of TNMP's Texas retail customers to which fixed fuel factors apply are affected by the requested surcharge. The amounts surcharged will be subject to final review in TNMP's next fuel reconciliation before the Commission.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Texas New Mexico Power Company at:
4100 International Plaza, Suite 800
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A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call toll-free at 888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-800-735-2989.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

Milton News

By Mattyly Upchurch

Mary and Eran Yoder, Lyle Yoder and Marin Kiem had lunch with Edna Talley on Monday.

Susie and Philip Roach spent last week at Pat Mayes Lake. Visiting them there were Beth, Cory and Kaitlyn Spray and Kenneth Harold and Ruth An Allen.

Ann Lee and Mattyly Upchurch attended the open house on Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Walker Devlin's 70th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodson of Lewisville visited Bob and Buena Marshall over the weekend.

Harold and Dorothy Bell of West Plains, MO spent several days last week with his uncle and aunt, Holland and Elizabeth Bell.

Stacy and Allen Huddleston and Ally spent Saturday and Sunday at Lake Cypress attending the Huddleston family reunion.

Kay Preston of Paris and Tim Parks of Faught had dinner with James and Dorothy Holt on Sunday.

Amanda Harvey of Plano spent several days last week with her aunt and uncle, Ann and Sheldon Lee.

Martha Cross of Deport visited Allen Stacy and Ally Huddleston on Tuesday.

Nell Shull and Nannie Bell Ham went to Shreveport, LA Sunday to visit Kathy Bruno, Ann and Angelea and Gary Shull and family.

The family and friends of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Sunday for dinner and to celebrate Allison Wolf's seventh birthday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee, Amanda

Harvey and Mattyly Upchurch had dinner in Paris Saturday and visited Juanita and Silas Taylor of Minter.

Stacy and Ally Huddleston visited Mildred Wright of Deport on Wednesday.

Frank and Edna Lee attended the Lee family reunion Saturday at the East Post Oak community center. The five living brothers and sisters and their families attended.

Juavane Carpenter of Deport visited Mattyly Upchurch Thursday.

Stephni Wolf and Jasmin and Joseph Filkins had lunch with George and Nell Wolf on Monday.

Kay Preston visited her parents, Dorothy and James Holt on Saturday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee took Amanda Harvey to Bonham Monday where they met her parents, Jerry and Pam Harvey for lunch. Amanda returned home to Plano.

Visiting Peggy Whitney over the weekend were Aubrey and Shannon Allen and Alyssa of Flower Mound. It was Alyssa's first visit to her grandmothers, she is now four months old and weighing about 5 lbs., after being 1.5 lbs. at birth. Others visiting were Josh Allen, Dancie Smith, Mike and Jeannie Smith of Cunningham, Carlee and Bobby Dodson of Lewisville and Jerica and Jay Curt McKee and Bob and Buena Marshall of this area.

Donnie and Laura Wright of Deport visited Allen, Stacy and Ally Huddleston Thursday through Sunday.

Snake charm or curse?

Crystal Bell Davidson was stuck 3 times by a member of the Nerodia snake family (better known around here as a fish snake) while stepping onto her parents front porch in the Fulbright community recently. Her father, Regan Bell, killed the snake and rushed both Crystal and the snake to the Clarksville Hospital. Crystal was sick for several days but is doing fine after the frightful experience. This type of water snake is not poison, such as the cotton mouth, but will bite, is very aggressive and will make you very sick sometimes due to the little fine teeth they leave in your skin after biting.

The next week, on two different occasions Regan killed a snake in Crystal's laundry room and one in her garage. Poor Crystal, has she an unknown snake charm? Or, is it just bad luck to have the legless wonders found so often in her vicinity?

John and Crystal's neighbor, Lloyd Ford, also killed a snake of the same type in his yard and later while John

and Crystal were doing yard work, they spotted another one. It was 5 1/2 feet long and as big around as a baseball. John tried to run over it with the lawn mower, but, the snake crawled up the mower toward him! Crystal screamed (like that would help) and John, doing the tough guy thing, jumped off the running mower letting the snake have it. The snake not being a good driver promptly hit a tree.

Mr. Ford heard the commotion and rushed over to help. The (chicken snake, even though he was a fish snake) had wrapped itself around the motor on the lawn mower. Mr. Ford and John pulled the snake out and quickly made snake burger of it.

The Davidsons have gone for a while now without finding or seeing any of their unwelcome guests. They also request of everyone in or around their area, "If you see a snake and don't kill it, please don't scare it in our direction!"

Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The Baptist Church VBS is in progress this week. All children in grades 4-6 are urged to attend. The closing program will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

There was good attendance for the ice cream supper on Friday night at the fellowship hall.

The Post Oak Fire Department held their regular meeting last Tuesday night at the fire station with 6 present. Fire Chief Verlon Vaughn gave some instructions on how to use some of the equipment to new members, Bro. Henry Blackmon and Jeff Gibson.

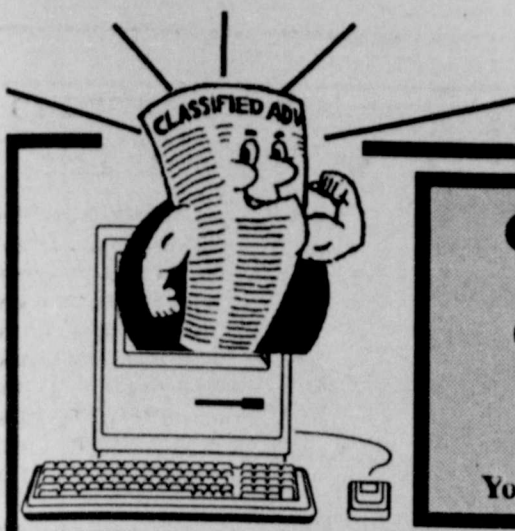
Johnie Lee, Bro. Blackmon and Ben Decker took the truck Tuesday afternoon to the creek bridge and truck fire east of 1502 where the truck belonging to a new resident Joel Orr fell in the creek and burned. The bridge was damaged but not impassable. Jack Steed of the Powderly Fire Department was throwing papers in the community ans topped to help. He is president of the Lamar County VFD Association.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee and son Johnie attended the Dodderer Family Reunion in Valiant, Ok. Sunday afternoon. The families had fam-

ily connection in Paris many years ago where a Low married a Dodderer.

The Lee family held their annual family reunion her Saturday at the community center. Those attending wer Frank and Edna Lee, Ruth Johnston, Anita Bowling and 2 granddaughters, T.J. Chappel, Willie and Vaughdean Lee, Brenda Lee, James and Daniel Lee, Ora Blessingame and daughter Rosetta and friend Jim Scott and Randal Crawford, Ellen Tuck, James Alvin and Patricia Freelan, James Earl and Kelly Freelan and baby daughter, Kathy Williams, Alvis and Billie Ruth Bates, Ma Bates and children, Aaron and Leah, Wilbourne, Geneva and Johnie Lee and Patti Bates and daughter Stepheny. Also attending for the first time was Sharon Shumate and son Scott of Austin. She is a guest granddaughter of Sarah Cody, a sister of Henry Lee grandfather of the other families.

There was also a Bailey family reunion Saturday at Blossom and in the afternoon many of the family came to visit the Post Oak Cemetery where many of their family relatives are buried.



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STUFF, STUFF AND MORE STUFF was given by area residents for the Dan Bolton Memorial Garage Sale held on Saturday. Around \$2000 was raised by the event. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BILLIE HENRY AND COMPANY were on hand to sell barbecue at the Dan Bolton Memorial Garage Sale on Saturday. Also pictured with Billie is Waka Rodgers who assisted her. Gene Robertson from the Oak Hill Baptist Church cooked the barbecue for the sale. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Bolton benefit huge success

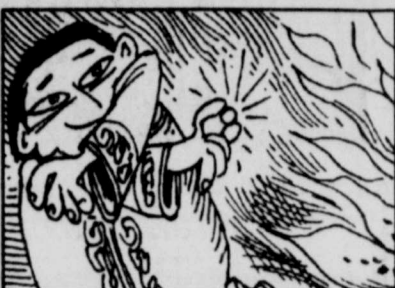
Rain and showers could not dampen the enthusiasm of volunteers, participants or buyers at the unique garage sale held at "Dan's Shed" on Saturday, June 10th. The event was sponsored by the City of Blossom and the Blossom Prairie Kiwanis Club to provide additional funds for the Dan Bolton Memorial Monument planned to be erected at the site of the "shed". The special sale was included as an element of Blossom's annual city-wide garage sale.

Initial estimates of Dan Bolton event sales and donations collected as a result of the "sale" approached \$2000. A special addition to the garage sale was barbecue served by Billie Jean Henry, a member of the Monument Oversight Committee. The barbecue was prepared by Gene Robertson and members of the Oak Hill Baptist Church.

According to event chairman, Joe Rodgers, revenues exceeded expectations because of the tremendous

amount of items donated and the enthusiasm and participation of volunteers from the City Hall, Kiwanis, the Monument Oversight Committee and individuals from throughout the county. Rodgers offered a special thanks to all those who took part. "There were so many that we could not possible keep up with all the names." The outpouring of community spirit and expressions of remembrances of Dan was especially gratifying. Tony Chance, City Administrator, noted that during the sale, pointing to Dan's old empty chair, "Dan is looking on today and I'm sure he would be proud."

The Monument Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet at city hall at 6:30 on Thursday, June 15, 2000. Donations toward the fund will continue to be accepted at the Blossom City Hall or at the Community National Bank in Detroit. Contact Mr. Chance for additional information at 903-982-5900.



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BLOSSOM 3rd grade class of Velma Burnsed's for 2000-Pictured back row is Chris Wilkins, Kaleb Price, Juana Zermeno, Alyssa Pitcock, Tyler Bowden, Stormy Easley and Mrs. Burnsed. Middle row is Jessica Whithers, Staci Harrell and Phillip Filkins. Front row is Morgan Burchinal, Sherri Patterson, Coydean Harmon, Taylor Fendley, Kaci Burchinal and Carl Wood. (Staff Photo)



ALLISON ANN MARIE ENSEY is pictured here with her Kindergarten teacher Ms. Michelle at her recent graduation from ABC Learning Center. She is the daughter of Gary and Shiela Ensey and granddaughter of Anna and Jesse Sanders of Blossom and Don and Elsie Ensey of Paris.



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