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By Nanalee Nichols

**Bravery in the Face of Fire**  
There are many examples of courage in this world. Recently I have witnessed several instances of courage by, of all things, birds.

I was mowing at our neighbor's house the other day. As I whipped around at the end of the gravel drive way I saw a tiny wren, wings spread, desperately huddled over something in the middle of the drive. I was pelting her with high-velocity debris, small gravel and I thought it would surely kill her. I stopped to look, and there she was, a little Kill Deer, valiantly covering her two eggs, which were nestled in the drive.

From then on I made sure I didn't mow where the discharge from the mower would hit her or her eggs. But every time I came close she would rise up, spread her wings and prepare to do battle with this threat. A tiny bird, ready to face a full sized tractor and mower.

Then, just a day or two later I watched as a mockingbird swooped down on one of my cats, literally yanking a wad of fur out of her back. The noisy birds have a nest in a tree not far from the house, but have defended it so diligently the cats now give that area a wide berth rather than deal with the shrieking, hair pulling sky-borne creatures.

Then, I went down to mow at the neighbor's again. As I made my first pass through the yard three tiny little brown forms flew up in front of me. It was a trio of wrens, each not over two inches in length. I got off the mower and chased them down, carefully taking each one into my hand. They were perfect little miniature wrens, tiny and just able to fly for short distances. They must have just left the nest. And each one was courageous enough to try and threaten me with it's little beak! I put them carefully in a safe place and kept an eye on them while I finished the yard.

Now these little birds all showed defiance and courage. They also showed fear. That fear was apparent, but didn't keep them from trying their best against forces that outweighed them much as an atomic bomb does a firecracker.

I know it is instinct, but what a wonderful instinct it is. There must be many times when these feathered warriors lose their battles. But for the Kill Deer, Mockingbirds and wrens I encountered each time their strength of purpose won. Is there a lesson here?



**Editor's Quotes**

If we would read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

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## A Generous Gardener...Shorty Ballard gives away more than he keeps

By Nanalee Nichols

L.C. "Shorty" Ballard of Deport has been growing a garden for sixty-eight years, and his generosity with fresh garden produce is well known.

Shorty grew his first garden when he was 20 years old, and this year is his 68th year to plant and harvest garden staples such as corn, beans, tomatoes, okra and all the other "goodies".

Back when he and his wife, Flossie were raising their two sons the garden was more of a necessity than now. Flossie canned and put up preserves, jams and jellies. Later, the couple froze a lot of their produce. Shorty and Flossie were married in 1933 and that marriage endured until 1994, when she passed away. He has six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren now. After her death, Shorty kept right on gardening, and freezing some of the fruits and vegetables his bountiful ground produced.

"I didn't know much about canning" he smiles, "but I tried to make pear preserves. I didn't get a good seal on the first batch, and they spoiled." What did he do? What one might expect of him, he turned around and tried again, this time successfully.

A few years ago he planted his back yard in a small peach orchard.

"This year hasn't been a great year for fruits and vegetables" Shorty says, "there's been too much rain. This has caused plums and peaches to sluff off, and tomatoes to fall off with rot".

But it hasn't kept the generous gardener from sharing loads of the things that have done well. People all over the area will look up to see him coming with a sack of onions, potatoes, beans or corn. Peppers, peas, whatever is being harvested, Shorty takes to friends and neighbors.

It is always most welcome, as is his smiling face.

At age eighty-eight he still experiments with various varieties of veg-

etables.  
"I've never had any luck with water-melons" he vows, "I don't know if it's this black soil, or if it's me, but I've planted a few again this year".

He has a few cantaloupes planted and harvests some lovely blackberries.

"I think Early Fruit and Super Fantastic are my favorites tomato plants" he says, "some of the other kinds will split when it gets hot".

Any gardening advice the man gives should probably be heeded, because it's obvious that 68 years of experience are behind every statement.

Gardening is not the necessity it used to be for him. In fact, he gives away more produce than he keeps for his own use. "I have to keep busy" he smiles, "and growing a garden is a sure fire way to do that". It's also a sure fire way to have friends who appreciate his hard work and generosity.



L.C. Shorty Ballard of Deport grows a big garden every year, and gives away more than he keeps for his own use. This is his 68th year to grow a garden. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



STOP, IN THE NAME OF LOVE!! Better yet, just STOP!! We just wish we could read this guy's mind, or then again, maybe we don't. The Ring of Fear was a big hit during the Bogata Rodeo last weekend. Though we don't know the outcome of this confrontation, somehow we think we know who won. (Mark Evans Photo)



## Horton wins calf scramble

Garrett Horton, a member of the Prairiland FFA, won the James Wilford Lowry Memorial Calf

Scramble at the Bogata Rodeo on Thursday night, June 22, 2000.

Mary Jane Lowry, wife of the late Mr. Lowry and great granddaughter Ryan Alyssa Lindsey of Hughes Springs, was on hand to present the check to Garrett's Agriculture teacher, Frankie Norwood. Mr. Norwood will assist Garrett in helping him to purchase a registered heifer to show for this coming year.

The Lowry family would like to take the opportunity to thank Rivercrest, Prairiland and Clarksville Schools, their agriculture teachers, each of the young people who participated in the event and the Bogata Rodeo Association and the Wing Rodeo Company for their cooperation this year.

A scrapbook containing the progress and pictures of the former winners will be placed in the new Bogata Library and will be added to each year.



SCRAMBLE WINNER of the James Lowry Memorial Calf Scramble at the Bogata Rodeo this weekend was Garrett Horton of Prairiland FFA. (pictured with Garrett is Mary Jane Lowry, widow of James Lowry and her great grand daughter Ryan Alyssa Lindsey. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

## School board readies for 2000-01 year

The Prairiland I.S.D. met in regular session Tuesday, June 19 with the following members present: Michael Sessums, Chet Downs, Dicky Miller, Clyde E. Bankhead, Johnny Patterson and Charles Fendley.

In business, no action was taken on the budget amendments.

The student insurance program for 2000-2001 was passed unanimously.

The contract with Region VIII ESC for 2000-01 school year for services provided passed unanimously; along with the insurance package for facilities and liability with Offenhauser.

The board voted unanimously to pass the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct Book for 2000-01.

Regarding those who keep gates, books, etc. at ballgames, payment was voted to be \$15.00 per night.

It was approved to increase the bus drivers salary as stated in the form

provided to board members. Payment of \$15.00 to those driving a bus to the ballgame was also approved.

The board passed unanimously the Local Policy for Drug Testing Program.

Professional Computer Service was voted to be allowed to write a grant for Prairiland.

The Workers Compensation Insurance package with Hibbs-Hallmark was passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., the board went into Executive Session and came out at 9:00 p.m.

The resignation of Sheldon Davis and John Black were accepted by unanimous vote.

David Ballard, Derrick Byrd, Duane Haggard, Greg Gamblin, LaDonna Turner and Randy Schuester were hired by unanimous vote.

## Methodist to have "Can-Do" Vacation Bible School

The First United Methodist Church of Deport will be holding their Vacation Bible School July 17th through the 21st. The theme is "Club Can-Do: Kids Just Like". Children will see how kids care like themselves from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Just as God worked through those children, God will work through today's Can-Do Kids to make a difference in the world around them.

Classes for ages 2 years through 6th grade will be from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Ages Junior High through High School Seniors will meet for one hour from 7 until 8 p.m. and adults will meet for one hour from 8 to 9 p.m.

Friday night is the program which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Come for fun, crafts, stories, games, and learning. Everyone is invited.

## Tuff-E-Nuff places fifth in state

Tuff-E-Nuff placed fifth in the B bracket at Longview this past weekend. On Friday night they won one and lost one in pool play. They lost to the Texarkana Lady Hawks in the first game 3-2. In the second game they defeated the Lindale Blaze 6-1. On Saturday they started bracket play. In the first game they defeated the Longview Diamond Dawgs 7-1. That afternoon they played the Lindale Blaze again and beat them in a tight game 7-6. In the nightcap on Saturday they suffered their first loss 5-2 to the Texas Blaze out of Lufkin. On Sunday morning they had to play the Chandler Charmers. They lost the game 4-3 in a fight to the finish. The top 4 teams received an automatic trip to Nationals. We were just happy

to make it to Sunday since we were the only first year team in the tournament.

The team consists of: Hali Screws, Hailey Norwood, Laci Cole and Kalee Graham from Deport Schools; Katie White, Kalee Griffen, Whitney Shackelford, Allison Felty from North Lamar Schools; Sarah Hare, Lauren Beers, Courtney Merchant from Bogata and Miranda Mauldin from Talco.

The girls will be playing in Nacogdoches, July 7-9 for the A.S.A. Class A State Tournament.

If you are interested in making a donation to help with getting these kids to Nacogdoches, call Mike Screws at 652-220434 or 6512-2820 or Calvin Graham at 982-6425, Todd or Mindy Cole at 785-2286 or Joe David White at 732-4534.

## Cunningham homecoming to feature play, meal

The Cunningham L Homecoming will be Saturday, July 1st at the community center. Registration and visiting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Games will begin at 3:00 p.m.

A welcome, recognizing guests and a play "Project Cunningham"

honoring F.E. and Carolyn McGahan will begin at 5:00 p.m. The catered barbecue meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Singing and visiting will continue after the meal. Don't miss homecoming 2000 in Cunningham.



HATS OFF FOR  
THE FOURTH  
HAVE A SAFE &  
HAPPY HOLIDAY



# Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



Happy 4th of July! We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday! This is one of the most celebrated holidays of the year with cookouts, picnics, family gatherings and other special summer festivities.

Since the 4th is celebrated with fireworks, flags, food and fun... here are a few facts about our nation's flag that you may not know about.

Congress first authorized the United States Flag on June 14, 1777, the day we currently celebrate Flag Day in America. This date is also significant in that it qualifies our flag as the third oldest of the National Standards of the world, even older than Britain's Union Jack.

The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. The flag had a tumultuous beginning. It went through the Battle of Oriskany when it was only three days old on August 6, 1777.

The flag's original design called for a star and a stripe for each state, corresponding to the original thirteen colonies. In 1791, Vermont was admitted to the union, followed by Kentucky in 1792. The number of stars and stripes was accordingly raised to fifteen. As other states joined, it was clear something would have to be done about the ever expanding flag. An act of Congress in 1818 reduced and restricted the number of stripes on the flag to thirteen. A star would be added for each new state.

The individual stars depicting the states represent the power of our Federal Constitution, which reserves the

States their individual sovereignty, except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

George Washington said of the flag's symbolism, "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother county, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

Please take time during this holiday to show your flag the honor and dignity that it deserves and give thanks for your freedom in this United States!

We do hope you celebrate this holiday in a safe manner and hope you also enjoy these recipes for your cookout or picnic! See you in the kitchen!

**Grilled Corn and Peppers**- Italian dressing, corn and peppers add a zingy flavor to this recipe!

**Basil Cherry Tomatoes**-this calls for cherry tomatoes, but I bet that fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes would be good also...cut into chunks!

**Tangy Chicken Legs**-I have never used brewed coffee in a marinade or sauce...but there is always a first time!

**Orange Vegetables Kabobs**-give a zip to your grilled vegetables...use others that your family would like!

**Honey-Lime Grilled Chicken**-this sounds great, but take the time to plan ahead, as this needs to marinate!

**Make-Ahead Shortcake**-with an abundance of strawberries this year...this will make the perfect dessert for your cookout!

## Rural phone service to improve

Local telephone services for more than a quarter million Texas phone customers, most of whom live in rural or small communities, will be upgraded under an order signed on Thursday by the Public Utility Commission.

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. agreed to buy 313,800 phone lines in 197 local exchanges scattered throughout west Texas, east Texas and the Texarkana area, from GTE Southwest. The sale is expected to close on September 1.

In addition to maintaining at least the current level of service for customers, Valor plans to introduce the following improvements to its system when the sale is closed:

- \*Upgrade central office facilities to improve Custom Local Area Signaling Services such as caller ID, call waiting, three way calling, call forwarding, call return, call blocker and automatic redial.

- \*Provide CLASS to all exchanges within 18 months.

- \*Introduce high speed internet access or digital subscriber line service to at least 10 exchanges within 18 months.

- \*Deploy DSL within 15 months to any exchange with at least 75 DSL requests from Valor subscribers requesting it.

\*Guarantee internet service to every local exchange within 187 months.

Valor has agreed to pay GTE \$942 million, slightly more than \$3,000 per access line.

Valor has agreed to notify all customers of the opportunity to obtain DSL services and will also advise local community leaders. The company also will continue the current discount rate for providing broadband services to school libraries and hospitals.

All 320 GTE employees will keep their jobs at current salaries and receive comparable benefits. Valor also has committed to increase its work force by at least 10% within 18 months.

The PUC encourages competition and customer choice while ensuring electric and telephone operations, services and rates are fair and reasonable.

Exchanges purchased in the Texarkana area are: Annona, Avery, Avinger, Bagwell, Bogata, Clarksville, Daingerfield, DeKalb, Deport, Detroit, Douglassville, Hooks, Hughes Springs, Karnack, Linden, Lone Star, Marietta, Maud, Naples, Negley, New Boston, Redwater, Simms, Texarkana.

## "Holiday Hero" blood drive is underway

Stewart Regional Blood Center in conjunction with KNUE will host its "Holiday Hero" blood drives in a concerted effort to increase blood donations and awareness of how critical blood donations are to East Texas communities. The Holiday Hero event is scheduled to run through July 4.

The summer months are the most critical time because of the high usage of blood products in East Texas. KNUE is and has been a great community partner in efforts to relieve

the suffering of patients in East Texas hospitals by sponsoring blood drives.

To commemorate the event, blood donors will receive a "Holiday Hero" T-shirt with donation at selected blood drives.

Most blood types are still in the critical stage. To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in good general health. Donating is simple, takes about 30 minutes or less, healthy and life saving. Also remember to bring a photo I.D.

## Obituaries

### Ralph Henry Watson dies June 22

Ralph Henry Watson, age 48 of Bogata, died Thursday, June 22 in Cartwright, Oklahoma. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 26 in the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Park Roberson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

He was born November 29, 1951 in Wellington, TX, the son of Clifford L. and Velma Rector Watson. He worked as a pipeline layer and truck driver.

He is survived by his mother, Velma Hill of Bogata; two sons, Clint Allen Watson of Vinita, OK and Ralph Wayne Watson of Murfreesboro, AR; one daughter, Laura Jean Watson of Vinita, OK; two brothers, Leon Watson and John Burns, both of Bogata; three sisters, Doris Morris of Salem, IL, Mary Kelly of Powderly and Norma Jean Wooten of Wylie.

### Kathryn Nolen Quicksall dies June 13

Kathryn Nolen Quicksall, age 75, retired manager for a mobile home park, died Tuesday, June 13 in Hurst Care Center, Hurst, TX.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Lucas Funeral Home with burial in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

She was born April 3, 1925 in Cunningham, Lamar County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Quicksall; her mother, Clara (Tad) Allen Nolen Howell; her father, Fred Nolen; stepfather, Silas Howell; sister, Clarine Nolen Stout; and a brother, John Howell.

Surviving are a brother, Doyle Howell of Pacific, MO; sisters, Martha and her husband, Irby White of Houston, Neva and her husband J.R. Byrd of Hurst; numerous aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins and a host of loving friends.

### Mattie Jane Rogers dies June 24

Mattie Jane Rogers, age 74 of Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Bogata died Saturday, June 24 in an auto accident in Longview.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 under the pavilion of Bogata Cemetery with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Wood Funeral Home made burial in Bogata Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers was born August 16, 1926 in Texas, the daughter of Tom Dennis and Linnie Mae Miller Armstrong.

She is survived by one daughter, Gladys Lee Eastman of Fairmont; two sons, Johnny Dale Wood of Jasper and Eddie Wood of Shepherd; one sister, Myrtle Gilley of Newton; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Card of Thanks

To all of our friends and neighbors who supported us during the loss of our mother. Thanks for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls, visits, money and beautiful flowers. Thanks to the staff of Dr. Tobin, Dialysis Center and patients for being a caring family during the time our mother needed them. Thanks to the staff of Deport Nursing Home, Parkview C. Center for all their support during our loss. Thanks to Christ St. Joseph Hospital staff for all their support and caring during her short stay. Special thanks to Wood Funeral Home, Larry Haskell, Jane O'Neal and Geneva Norwood for the nice service and special words. May God bless all of you. Once again, Thanks.

The Helen Cruise Family

June 29, 2000  
Happy 4th of July!

**Grilled Corn and Peppers**

3 cups Italian Dressing  
8 large ears of corn  
4 medium green peppers-julienned  
4 medium sweet red peppers-julienned  
2 medium red onions

Place dressing in large resealable plastic bag or shallow glass container. Husk and clean corn and add peppers, onions and corn into bag and turn to coat. Seal or cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Drain and discard marinade. Place vegetables in grill pan or disposable foil pan with holes punched in the bottom. Grill, covered over medium heat for 25 minutes or until corn is tender; turn frequently.

**Basil Cherry Tomatoes**

3 pints cherry tomatoes-halved  
1/2 cup fresh basil  
1-1/2 teaspoons olive or vegetable oil salt and pepper to taste  
lettuce leaves-optional

In a bowl, combine tomatoes, basil, oil and salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Serve on lettuce leaves if desired.

**Tangy Chicken Legs**

1 cup brewed coffee  
1 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
8 grilled or broiled chicken leg quarters

In saucepan, combine first six ingredients. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 30-35 minutes or until thickened; stirring occasionally. Brush over cooked chicken.

**Orange Vegetable Kabobs**

1 large sweet onion  
1 large unpeeled navel orange  
1 medium red sweet pepper-1 inch pieces  
1 medium sweet yellow pepper-1 inch pieces  
8 medium fresh mushrooms  
8 cherry tomatoes  
2 small summer squash-1 inch slices

Marinade:  
1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil  
1/3 cup lemon juice  
1-1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt-optional  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoon orange juice

Cut onion and orange into eight wedges; halve each wedge. Alternately thread vegetables and orange pieces onto skewers. Place in shallow oblong dish. In bowl, whisk marinade ingredients and pour over skewered vegetables. Marinate for 15 minutes; turning and basting frequently. Grill, covered, over direct heat until vegetables are tender-crisp. Brush with orange juice before serving.

**Honey-Lime Grilled Chicken**

1/2 cup honey  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup lime juice  
4 boneless-skinless chicken breast

In resealable plastic bag or shallow glass container, combine honey, soy sauce and lime juice; mix well. Add chicken and turn to coat. Seal or cover and refrigerate for 30-45 minutes. Drain and discard marinade. Grill chicken, uncovered over medium heat for 6-7 minutes on each side or until juices run clear.

**Make-Ahead Shortcake**

1 loaf angel food cake  
1/2 cup cold milk  
1 package instant vanilla pudding mix  
1 pint vanilla ice cream-softened  
1 package strawberry gelatin  
1 cup boiling water  
2 packages frozen sweetened strawberries

Cut cake into one inch slices and arrange in single layer in an ungreased 13x9x2 pan. In mixing bowl, beat milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes or until thickened; beat in ice cream. Pour over cake. Chill. In a bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water; stir in frozen strawberries. Chill until partially set. Spoon over pudding mixture. Chill until firm. Garnish with fresh strawberries if desired.

**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.
- \*The annual Frontier Day cake walk was well attended with 15 good cakes. Thanks is extended to those who supported the event.
- \*Happy Birthday to Betty Spencer, Larry Crow, Vivian Moss, Gerald Miller, Dale House, Margie Garrett, J.C. Smith and Buddy Rushing.
- \*Get Well to June Kellen, Margaret L. Bean, Deon McKeggan, Jean Smith.
- \*Sympathy is extended to June Kellen in the death of her sister and Jerry Barns in the death of his brother.

THANK YOU  
I want to express my appreciation for the cards, calls, gifts and to those who attended by 90th birthday celebration. You made this birthday so very special.  
Mac Webb

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.

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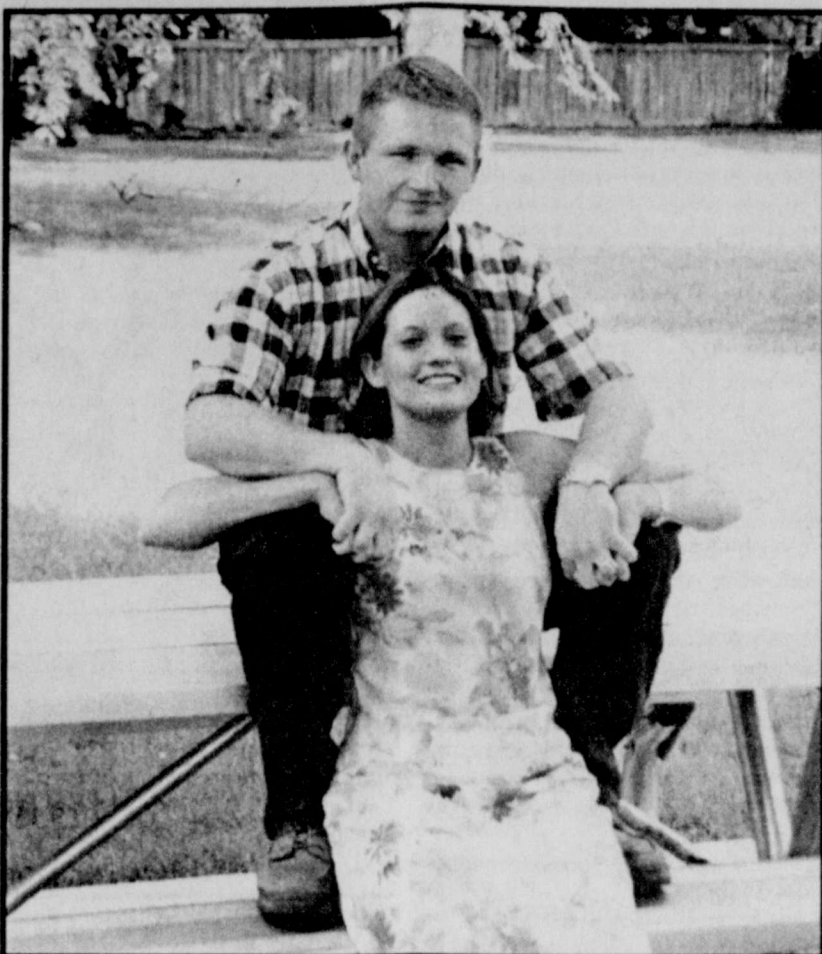
Tammy Lynn Sheppard and Michael Harrington will be married at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2000 at the American Legion Hall in Deport.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sheppard of Deport. She is employed by Red River Valley Pathology Laboratory in Paris.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrington of Blossom. He is employed by Jones Automotive in Paris.

Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and reception following.

The couple will make their home in Paris.



Shasta Dawn Riley, with fiance Bradley James Penner

### Riley-Penner to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Eran L. Yoder of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Riley of Azle proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shasta Dawn Riley, to Bradley James Penner.

The couple will exchange vows at 7:30 in the evening of Sunday, July 16, 2000 at Bywaters Park in Paris. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Talley, the late Bill Talley of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farris of Detroit, Mrs. Betty Riley and the late Don Riley of Decatur. She is a 1999 graduate of Prairiland

High School and will attend South-eastern University this fall to pursue a career in physical therapy. Shasta is employed by Traditions Outlet in Paris.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Penner of Antlers, OK. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Penner of Ferris, OK and Mr. and Mrs. James Eskue of Antlers, OK. Brad is a 1995 graduate of Antlers High School and a 2000 graduate of Oklahoma Law Enforcement and is employed by Lake Texoma in Durant, OK.

The couple will reside in Durant.

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Thought is the labor of the intellect, reverie is its pleasure.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Davidson

### Simmons and Davidson exchange vows in outdoor wedding

Stephanie Marie Simmons and Steven Ray Davidson of Deport, Texas, were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 2000 in the Charles Foster Park in Deport with Bro. Glynn Renfro performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy Simmons of Deport and John Simmons of Horn Lake, Mississippi. She is the granddaughter of Ruth and the late Richard Chapman of Deport and W.R. and Nancy Simmons of Southaven, Mississippi.

The groom is the son of Charles Ray and Linda Davidson of Deport. He is the grandson of Mrs. Irene Nichols and the late Smith and Torra Davidson of Deport.

A floral and greenery arch and other wedding decorations were furnished by Linda Hines, the groom's aunt.

Wedding music and songs were provided by Lawrinda Stogsdill of Deport.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, John Simmons and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a candlelight colored formal-length satin gown with matching headpiece and veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of pink and white roses.

Jennifer Drinnon of Deport, served the bride as maid of honor, Julia

Grossmann of Deport and Haley Thomas of Paris served as flower girls.

David Darden of Deport served the groom as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held under the pavilion at the park. The bride's cake was a white Western three tiered with lassos, horseshoes, barbed wire fencing with a fruit punch.

The groom's cake was a chocolate double horseshoe served with lime sherbert punch.

The couple was honored with a rehearsal dinner at Dan and Kay Zackary's.

The couple were honored with several social events and showers prior to the wedding. A shower was held at Kay Zackary's. The Pattonville Baptist Church gave them a pounding. There was a bachelorette party held at the home of Karen Grossmann. A shower was held at Linda Hine's home.

The bride is a graduate of Horn Lake High in Horn Lake, Miss. and employed by the Lonesome Dove Restaurant as a waitress.

The groom is a graduate of Prairiland High School and is an employee of Turner Piping in Paris.

Following a honeymoon to Jefferson, the couple will reside in Deport

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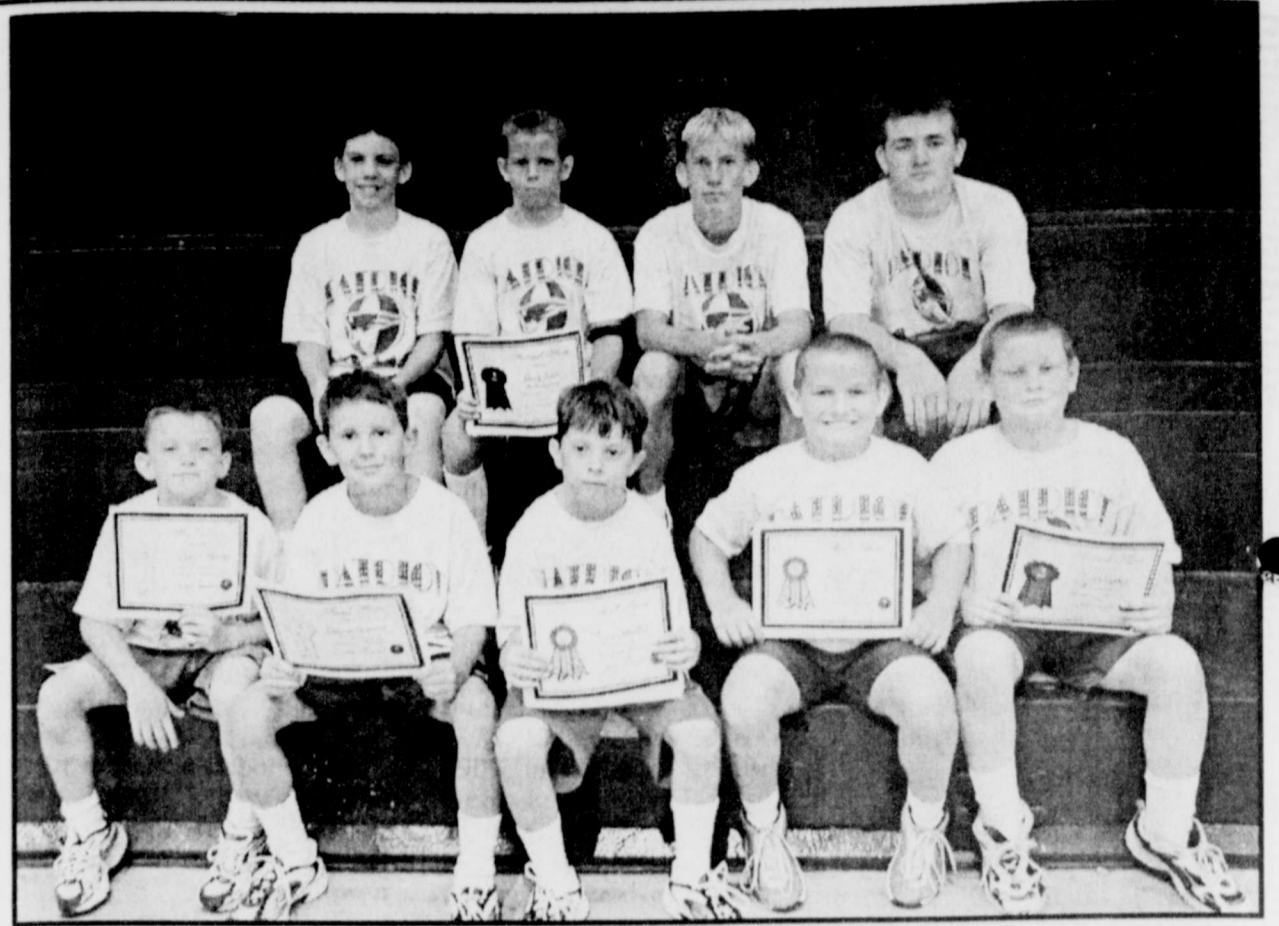
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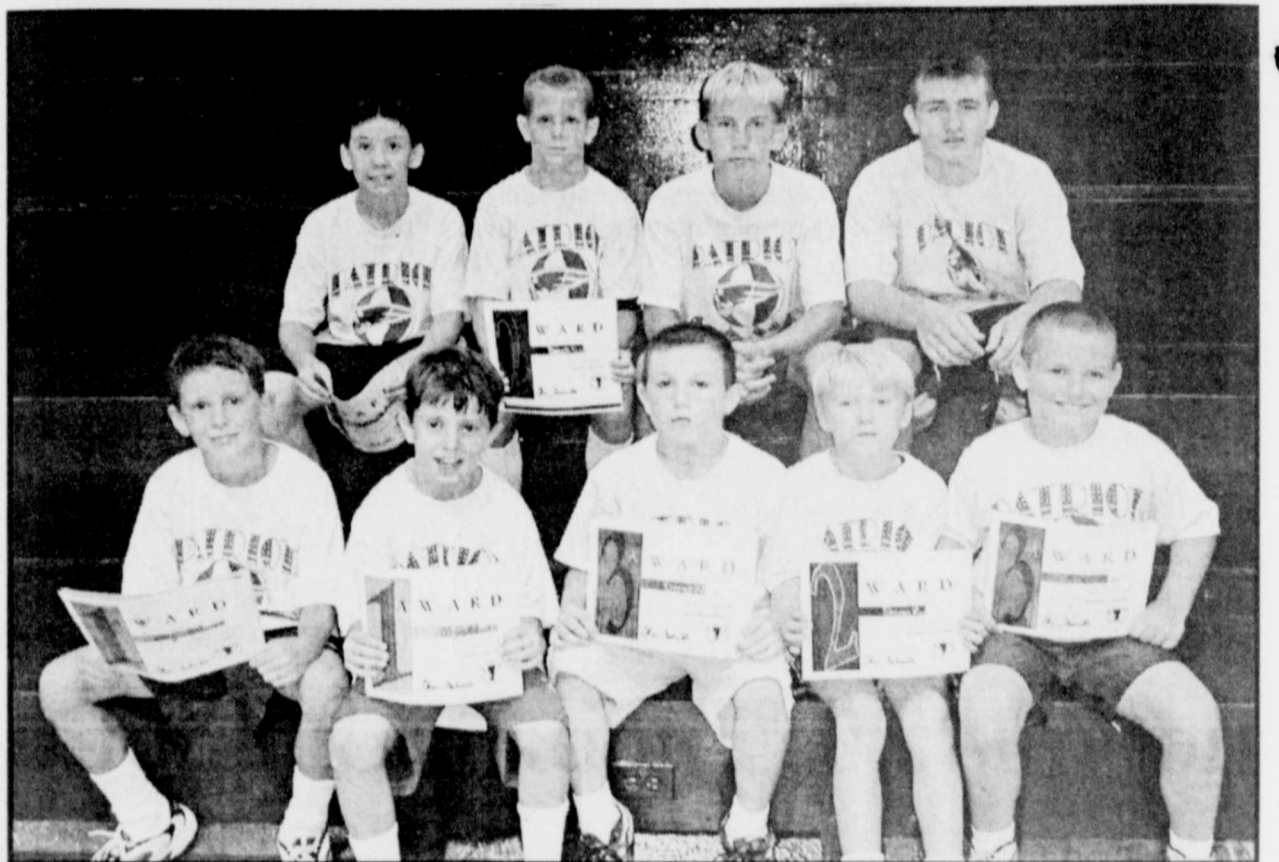
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PRAIRILAND'S HOT SHOT AWARDS went to the following in the three age groups at the basketball camp last week. Front row left to right is Josh Juneau, Dayne Sessums, Payne Schuelk, Kyle Blanton and Dylan Cathey. Back row is Lance Ballard, Derek Tesch, Chance Crawford and O'Neal Drinnon. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



PRAIRILAND DRIBBLING awards went to the following in the three age groups at last week's basketball camp. Pictured back row left to right is Lance Ballard, Derek Tesch, Chance Crawford and O'Neal Drinnon. Front row seated is Dayne Sessums, Payne Schuelke, Derek Tesch, Steven Ruckman and Kyle Blanton. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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### Milton News

Amber Brennan and friend, Brooke Cingoloni of Hope AR visited Amber's granddad, John Manley Temple. Saturday, John took them to the Lonesome Dove in Fort Worth for lunch.

John Keith Pettit of Dallas visited Buena and Bob Marshall over the weekend.

Edna Tally went to the baby shower for Amy Day in Minter Sunday.

Mitchell Pitcock of Paris is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mark and Dana Keys this week.

Kay Preston of Paris and Tim Parks of Faught spent Sunday with James and Dorothy Holt.

The family of George and Nell Wolf were at their home Sunday and celebrated David Wolf's birthday. We're happy to report Nell is back home after spending a few days in the hospital.

Peggy Whitney spent the weekend with her son and wife, Gary and Nelda Allen of Mansville.

Tim Salter had dinner with his mother, Velma and John Temple Thursday night.

Dorothy and James Holt was at the home of their daughter and husband, Kay and Ronnie Preston of

Paris Friday night for a cook-out. Edna Lee attended the party at Helen and Gordon VanDeaver's home in Pattonville Saturday afternoon for the announcement of the engagement of their daughter.

Mary Elaine Lawler and Matty Lu Upchurch received word Saturday of the death of their nephew, Garlon Harvey of Greenville. He was the son of the late Garner and Buelah Harvey.

By Matty Lu Upchurch

### FOOT NOTES

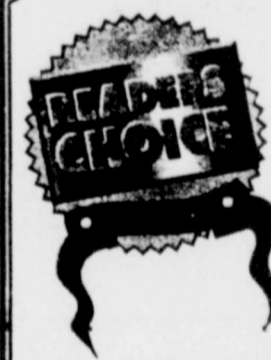


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**AUNTIE TRIP TO BRANSON**-To celebrate Spur, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood's summer birthdays, Neva Oats and Amber Norwood took the group on an "Auntie Trip" to Branson, MO. They enjoyed "The Shepherd of the Hills" play, the Presley Show, horseback riding, miniature golf, water slides, go-carts, bumper cars and eating. They also went to Springfield, MO to shop at the Bass Pro Shop. They were inducted into the "Rising Table" club at McFarland's Restaurant. As they were eating, the table was slowly rising. Everyone in the restaurant knew what was happening, except for them. Pictured, from left, are Amber Norwood, Spur Norwood, Caleb Norwood, Layton Norwood and Logan Norwood.

**Internet courses set for PJC continuing**

"Internet Basics" will be offered Thursday, July 8 at 9 a.m. to noon, in the Alford Center at Paris Junior College. Fee is \$25. This workshop begins with an overview of the Internet, then moves into a discussion of the basics of sending and receiving e-mail and searching the World Wide Web with both the Netscape and Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browsers. Handouts of vocabulary and searching hints will be provided. This is a hands-on class. Prerequisites include knowledge of Windows and basic computer skills.

"Using the Internet to Market Your business" will be held Thursday, July 8 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Alford Center. Fee is \$25. If you're ready to market your small business using e-mail, newsgroups and your web site, as effective marketing tools, then this seminar is for you. Topics include such things as creating e-mailing lists, indexing and advertising your web site, getting and keeping web site traffic and how to monitor and count this traffic.

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Sometime between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sturday, April 29th, unknown suspects stole a red 1995 Chevrolet Z-71 pickup from the parking lot of Robert Allen's Club at 3330 N.E. Loop 286 in Paris. This vehicle bearing Oklahoma Tag #ATY-524, is valued at over \$16,000 and has not been recovered.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by July 3rd, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime and double your reward during the month of January. Call Crime Stoppers today at 785-TIPS! (785-8477).

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**Malone-Jopes-Phipps Reunion held**

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Attending were Ed & Clare Haney of Bakersville, Ca; Larry and Kay Mims, Resh & Leo Benedictos, Corey and Alex of Tyler, Mark Malone, Jr. of Lancaster; Thelma Womack of Houston; Ruby Faye Tidwell of Rye; Thelma Malone, Richard and Virginia Eatherly of Clardy; Bocyce Flenniken of Deport; Dora Flennikin of Bogata; L. D. & Katie Malone, Julie Kay Malone, Lyn Phillips, Jacie and Brazos of Vasco; Greg Parks and Brenda Malone of Faught; Jerry & Modine Chandler, Lacy and Jake Chandler of Clarksville; Linda Goforth of Grand Prairie, David & Cheryl Veraska, Kamie Cassidy of Cooper; Don & Margaret Woodard of Charleston; Charles & Sue Davis, Jeff Davis and Jackson of Omaha; Terry & Twyla Davis of Naples; Carrol & Betty Malone, Lisa Malone, Kathy Cook and Holley of Slabtown; Justin Pitcock of Grand Saline; Tim Malone of Dallas, Claudell and Maurice Malone; Mark Dale and Leisa Malone, Toby and Stormy, Colton & Kim Baugh and Ryan of Whitesboro.

Attending from Kensing were

Imogene Love, Patsy Wicks, Randy & Charlotte Wicks, Colton and Shelby, Doug & Kristi Wicks and Shirley Smith.

Attending from Paris were David & Sharon Nabors, Freida Smart, Pauline Greenwood, Jeff & Dee Ann Hammer, Jessica and Christen, Chris & Missy Malone and Autumn, J.D. & Shirley Crews, Carlton Bell, Rick & Anita Malone, Kristin, Rhett, Kurt and Wesley, Shorty & Jane Malone, Jordan and Morgan Davenport, Barry & Dawn Malone, Jacob, COdy, Macy and Molly, David & Suzanne Cochran, BELinda Hunt, Amanda Haggard and Rean, Beverly Redford, Charlie and Lacy, Bynard Malone, Michael and Tanner, Byron and Julie Malone, Schuyler, Kaylah, Benjamin and Aiskimm.

Also attending from Taylortown were C.L. and Ora Lee Malone, Deborah Gilbert, Christal Pilip and Jacie, Mike and Shelia Malone, Kyle, Katina and Trista, William & Kathleen Malone, Lynda Pitcock, Lindsey Sugg, Kelsey Klingler, David & Cathy Prazak and Taylor, Katherine Sugg, Frank Malone, Rod & Melissa Malone, Jo Gordon, Ruby Ailes, William and Carolyn Cochran, Brad Cochran, Brandi and Bailee.

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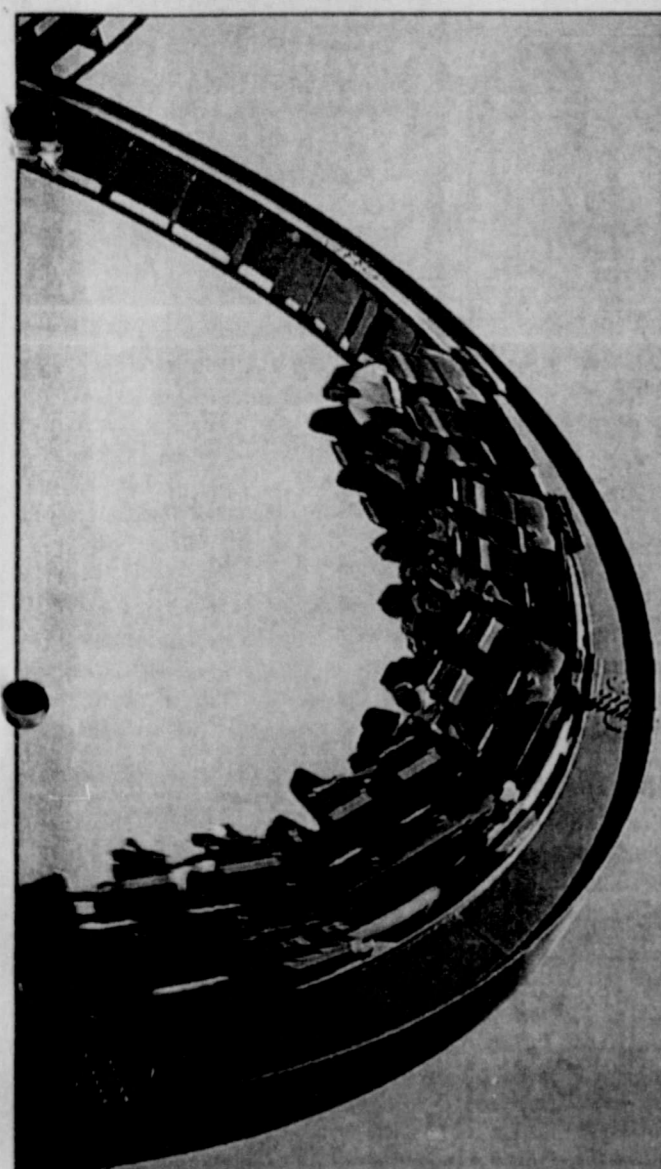
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DEWAYNE DRINNON'S TEAM won first place in the "Jonah Fishing Tournament". His team consisted of Aaron Palmer, Weston Drinnon, Landon Syrus and Logan Norwood. Cunningham Baptist and Life Tabernacle Churches are conducting Bible on Wednesday nights during the summer. They have studied Naaman and took a dip in Johnny and Fran Patterson's pool. The fishing tournament followed a study of Noah. A treasure hunt was rained out and will be held at a later date. "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb" drama was presented by Marty Booth with a banquet following. There will be a break July 5 and 12. Bible School will resume on July 19. Everyone is invited. Pictured are, from left, Aaron Palmer, Weston Drinnon, Landon Syrus, Dewayne Drinnon and Logan Norwood.

Farm Bureau contest is July 22

The Red River Farm Bureau Miss Texas Farm Bureau, Talent Find and Little Miss and Little Mister contests will be held Saturday, July 22 at Avery Middle School Cafetorium. Scholarships are given in the Miss Texas Farm Bureau contest and the Talent Find contest as follows:  
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Contestants for Miss Texas Farm Bureau must be between ages 16-19 as of September 1, 2000. Daughter or sister of Texas Farm Bureau member. She must be single, live in Red River County and enter only one contest per year. She can participate at the district level no more than two times.  
Contestants for the Talent Find contest must be between the ages of 16-19 as of September 1, 2000. Contestant can enter only one contest per year. Performance must be confined

to normal stage setting. Must be amateur, Texas Farm Bureau member or member of Texas Farm Bureau family. Contestants can participate at the district level no more than two times.  
Contestants for Little Miss and Little Mister must be children or grandchildren of Red River County Farm Bureau members. They must be between age 4-6 at date of contest. Formal attire is not necessary.  
New for 2000, a Junior Miss Farm Bureau, and Junior Talent Find. Competition county level only. Contestants are to be ages 12, 13, 14 and 15 as of date of contest and must be sons or daughters and/or grandchildren of Texas Farm Bureau members.  
Entry forms are available at the Red River County Farm Bureau office. Deadline for entry forms is July 17 and all forms should be returned before close of business day. For information, call 427-2145 or 684-3170.



The U.S. Public Health Service was established on July 16, 1789.



JAYCI LEIGH WHITTLE was honored on her 8th birthday with a party at Family Fun Center in Paris on Saturday, June 17. Thirty family members and guests enjoyed her "Happy Birthday" party given by her parents, Staci and Keith Chaney. Special guests were her grandmother, Peggy Risinger, and her great-grandparents, Fred and Maggie Risinger. She received many nice gifts and had a lot of fun.



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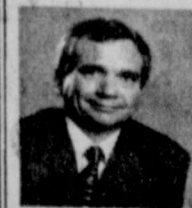


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# Prairiland Project Graduation celebrates fourth year

By Liz Irwin

Prairiland Project Graduation was held again for its fourth year. Graduating seniors met back at the school gym to spend the night in a lock-in type environment. All seniors staying the entire night had the opportunity to get the chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Cancun for two.

At 10:45 the seniors registered with their guest and enjoyed pizza and cold drinks as they visited and traded stories about graduation. By 11:30 a large majority of the seniors and some of the guests had made themselves a "nest" with their sleeping bags and pillows, where they tried to get a few minutes of "shuteye".

Most of the boys began an all-night marathon of basketball, with the girls trading stories and sleeping. Sand Volleyball was planned for outside along with some other games, but due to the inclement weather, everyone had to stay indoors. Around 2:00 a.m., hamburgers began cooking and the aroma woke up everyone enough so that they made their way into the concession stand to enjoy the "burgers" and all the trimmings. This woke them

up enough to begin some games and ready for the auction to start so that they could spend their "Patriot Bucks" that they earned during the year. More "bucks" were issued out and as their stack grew, the seniors began planning what they could buy.

By 4:00 the auction began in earnest with the seniors bidding phenomenal amounts of "money" on their favorite item. After the auction, door prizes were drawn for everyone who attended project graduation.

As the sleepy seniors, parents and guests bid everyone farewell, they made their way to their vehicles to get home to get some much needed rest.

Many thanks go out to all parents and others who made Project Graduation a success. Below is a list of everyone who signed in and enjoyed the night.

Seniors were Nikalus Clarkson, Lucas Roddy, Brock McDowra, Ashley Ball, Matt Cavender, Julie Himes, Susan Jones, Felicia Taylor, Cody Boehler, Michael Mazy, Chance Whitney, Kara Shores, Tera Barnett. Brad Barrentine, Matt

Basinger, Candace Yaross, Kristye Oates, Bren Screws, Ashley Rhodes, Amber Norwood, Laura Oliver, Melissa Burden, Billy Springer, Michael Kincaid, Dustin Nation, Lisa Corso, Robby Nichols, Tera Anderson, Nathan Byrd, Emily Burchinal, Amanda Wood, Tracy Watkins, Dustin Pegg, Aimee Crites, Rachel Hunt, Matt Bratcher, Matt Wilson, Justin Trammell, Steven Leone, Kevin Farrow and John Semple.

Guests attending were Tony Love, Jonathan Martin, Drew Riddles, Murray Riddles, Nicole Burress, Tara Simmons, Cari Irwin, Gary Reynolds, Liz Irwin, Kara Screws, Mike and Lila Screws, Ola Himes, Phillip Taylor, Gail Taylor, Tony and Kathy Corso, Kortnie Barrentine, Matt Wright, Kathy and Nicole Boehler, Lila Screws, Ammie McDowra, Mike and Carol Roddy, Terry, Billy and Cody Cavender, David Basinger, Orrin Rater, George Wood, Sherry, Jim, Kyle and Allen Blanton, Freddy and Marsha Burden. If we missed anyone we apologize and thanks again to everyone for their support!

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## Unclaimed property auction is July 22

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is taking her annual Unclaimed Property Auction to San Antonio and into cyberspace. Comptroller Rylander announced that more than 112,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be auctioned to the public on Saturday, July 22 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Comptroller Rylander also announced that this year, for the first time, bidders can participate in the auction via the internet. The Comptroller has contracted with theauctionchannel.com to broadcast the Unclaimed Property Auction live on the web and convey bids from around the world to the auctioneer in San Antonio, Texas. This is the first time to conduct an internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction.

Items up for bid are valued at more than a half million dollars. They include:  
\*95,381 coins/currency valued at \$76,268

- \*733 gold coins with an appraised value of \$69,068
- \*990 flatware/holloware items estimated to be worth \$16,268
- \*9,363 stamps/paper items valued at \$4,672
- \*179 wrist watches with an estimated value of \$15,272
- \*54 pocket watches appraised at \$15,675
- \*193 bracelets valued at \$8,956
- \*388 necklaces worth approximately \$30,197
- \*241 brooches with an estimated value of \$31,687
- \*637 rings valued at \$100,807, and
- \*1,228 loose stones worth an estimated \$107,839

The most valuable item in the sale is a 3.2 carat loose diamond with an appraised value of \$25,000. There are more loose diamonds and gemstones and more gold coins in this year's auction than in any previous sale.

The sale items come primarily from abandoned safe deposit boxes. After five years, banks turn the safe deposit box contents over to the Comptroller, who continues to hold the property for at least a year, and publishes the owner's names in

newspapers and on the internet.

If the property owners turn up after the auction, they receive the proceeds from the sale of their property. In the meantime, money raised by the auction will be used to fund state programs, such as public education.

The auction begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 22 at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 Market Street, San Antonio.

Bidders may preview the items at the convention center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 21.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction online must pre-register before the sale. To pre-register, go to the Comptroller's web site <www.window.state.tx.us>, click on the link to auctionchannel.com and enter your name, e-mail address, phone number and a shipping address for your purchase. You will choose a password and receive a bidder identification number that you must use to bid during the auction.

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Happy birthday to Aaron Arrasmith, Judy Ellington, Ruby Shreve, Michael Fry, Connie Ball, Barbara Ballard, Deanna Mitchell, Michele Creighton, Rluby Boulware, Ruth Welch, S.C. Short.

Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Dorothy Richey, Mark and Melissa Arnold.

Dr. L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout have returned from San Antonio where they attended the Texas Rural Ecuators Association Conference.

Tom Fults spent the weekend in Lawton, Ok., with Ronnie and Dana Thomas, Katie, Seth and Zane. He attended Katie's dance retired while there.

Spending a week with Tom & Monda Fults was grandson, Josh Parker of Austin. Zach Parker of Austin was drafted by the Colorado Rockies this year and is currently playing summer league baseball with a team in Topeka, Kansas. They are the sons of Mona Fults Parker of Austin.

Canyon and Carley Conley are members of the Yankees AA team and play at Woodall Field in Paris. Sherry Conley Tom and Monda Fults have been attending their games.

David and Sue Shelton recently vacationed in Colorado.

Sandy Ring, Casey and Heather Anderson visited Sandy's parents, Lyman and Audra Rooks at Lake of the Ozarks in Mo. and attended a family reunion.

Shirely Jaynes is recovering from recent sinus surgery.

It was good to see Roland Balard of Colonial Lodge in Paris able to attend Church services Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Billa Ballard who died in Paris Monday afternoon. Her husband David Ballard will be a teacher at Prairiland High School this fall.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF DEPORT, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

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Sharon Francis,  
City Secretary,  
City of Deport, Texas  
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## NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE

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\$15.00 first 2000 gallons  
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## ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Talco, Texas will receive bids for 2000 TCDP Project No. 720819 Waste-water Collection System Improvements until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at City Hall, Broad St., P.O. Box 365, Talco, Texas 75487. Bids are invited for the several items and quantities of work as follows:  
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Shirley Anderson,  
Red River County Auditor  
6-29

## PUBLIC NOTICE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Demolition and removal of Blossom Vegetable Market.

The City of Blossom requests proposals for the demolition and removal of the Blossom Vegetable Market, commonly known as "Dan's Shed", located on US Highway 82 in downtown Blossom.

Respondents should provide the following information:

1. Completion date of total removal.
  2. Method of removal and disposition of materials.
  3. Offer to the City for all materials to be removed (Revenues for same to be dedicated to Dan Bolton Memorial Monument Fund)
- For additional information, contact Tony Chance, City Administrator, 903-982-5900. Proposals must be received at Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, P.O. Box 297, Blossom, TX 75416 prior to 4:00 p.m., July 13, 2000.  
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Deadline for receiving bids is 11:00 a.m. July 13, 2000.

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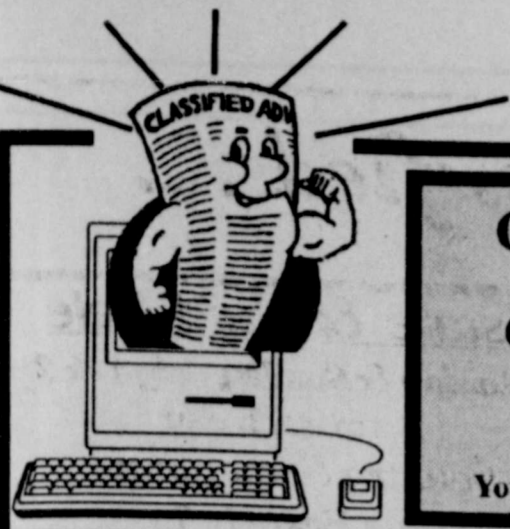
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**THANK YOU**

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department Would Like to Thank the Bucket Brigade For the Base Unit which will greatly aid our communications, and for the air conditioner for our meeting room. Both are greatly appreciated

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James and Sunny Whitney and Pat Fause have returned from 16 days on vacation and visiting relatives in Michigan, North Carolina and Georgia.

Happy birthday to Virginia Kirkland, David Wolf, Jarvis Watson, Danny Billy, Margaret Benfer, Aaron Arrasmith, Kristi Read, Cale Nicole Francis, Ronnie Ballard, Sue Barrett, Judy Ellington, Thomas Nichols, Bill Jeffers, Beth Ann Spray, Chris Berry, Shelby Singleton, Willie Devlin, Allen Frazier, Lisa Allen, Gordon Alsobrook, Jim Short, Melody Gresham, Billy J. Archibald, Susan Scholz, Ruby Boulware, Ruth Welch.

Happy anniversary to Amy and Michael Williams, Sandra and Duane Benson, Betty and Carlys Denison and Brittney and Chris Berry.

Ruth Cheatham is recovering from surgery last week in McCuiston Regional Medical Center. Her daughters, Jane Berry and Peggy Wims of Grand Prairie have been visiting her.

Sam and Margie Rice were dinner guests of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols on Friday.



**JILL FOSTER** applies the paint at the Face Painting booth at the Bogata Frontier Day held on Saturday at the Bogata Community Center and Thomas Park. Jill had a steady flow of children awaiting her colorful creations of face art. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

**Deport Nursing Home News**

Visiting Daisy Barnett was Jean Weddle and Clara Park.

Homer & Melva Sisson's visitors were Pete & Betty Sisson.

Ann Austin and Mary Ray were visited by Charles & Debbie, Betty Sisson and Raymond Hignight.

Roy Well's visitors were Glenn Wells, Linda Inmon, Mary A. Miller.

Ina Hedrick was visited Norma McIntire, Doris Hammy and Florence Sumner.

Nancy Gantt and Ivy Gantt visited Billie Gant.

Pat Talley and Debbie Smith visited Betty Gardner.

David Geer was visited by Leon Whitsell.

Terry McDowra was visited by Bill and Barbara Fambro of Dallas.

Riley Chipman, Conner Chipman and Ruth and Bill Chipman visited Verta Lynn.

T.D. Betterton was visited by Alpha Barnard and Dan and Mary Barnard.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray.



The first tennis balls were stuffed with human hair.

**Cemetery donations received**

Donations have been made to the Cunningham Restland Cemetery in memory of Susie Norwood by Velma Cox, Clyde and Bobby Slusher, Lou Hatfield, Darold and Ida M. Norwood, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Taylor Ladd, Conard and Deloris Norwood, James and Pat Norwood, Juanita Montgomery, M.M. Stephens, Rita Salter, Doris Faulkner, Billie Joe and Georgia Oats.

In memory of Helen Cruise by Clyde and Bobbye Slusher and Billie Joe and Georgia Oats.

Other donations were received from Weldon Hume, Milow Hume, Tammy Kennedy, Bill Page, Sherry Archibald Evans, Peggy Lawson, Roxie Thomassen, Rob Ashford, Joe Bell, Lucy Fowler and Yvonne Adair.



**BOGATA RODEO 2000**- The bull riding was fast and furious at the rodeo last weekend in Bogata. Local and visiting bullriders challenged the bovine monsters for the winning purse. (Staff Photo Thomas Nichols)



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THIS 4TH OF JULY

**Host families sought for exchange students**

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000/01 school year.

AISE's students come from 25 countries throughout the world, and the program continues to expand. Every year, AISE places exchange students with over two thousand host families throughout the United States. The students live with American families and attend local high schools during their ten month cultural exchange experiences. Host families provide these young ambassadors with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere in which to live. AISE students are eager to learn about our government, history and customs, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures in the minds and hearts of their American host families and peers.

For more information on hosting a student in your home call: 1-800-SIBLING, or visit the AISE web site at [www.aise.com](http://www.aise.com).

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