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By Nanalee Nichols

It's a Mystery

How does dust do it? Dust, dust, and more dust is one of the problems created by our drought. And what I want to know is...how to keep it out!

I don't mean how to keep dust from settling on our cars, or in our houses on tabletops, but how in the world does it work its way into every nook and cranny, every closed cabinet?

How can a car with the window rolled tightly up be covered inside with dust at the end of the day?

Mowing creates a fine, powdery substance that coats the mower and the mowee (is there such a thing as a mowee). The hotter and therefore sweeter a person gets, the more of this fine grit settles. Hair becomes stiff and sticky. The throat parches with the breathing in of this dust. Sunblock probably isn't necessary, because the skin is so filtered over that sunrays can't penetrate.

Inside the house sealed glass cabinets still become filled with the pervasive dust. Dusting every day isn't enough. It seems that I run a dust mop and dust cloth over everything almost every morning, and when I sit down at night I can spot a film of the irritating stuff so thick it looks as if the house hasn't been cleaned in weeks.

And sinus problems? Wow, are folks ever having sinus problems! All this dry air and dust just doesn't seem to help those of us with what is usually a minor sinus problem.

Driving by a field that is being cultivated a cloud of dust rises up into the air. Hay meadows are filled with a choking cloud of the same stuff, and even paved roads seem to produce dust.

I've always read about west Texas sand storms and how after one the bedclothes will be filled with sand. I think we're almost there! I swear the sheets feel a little gritty!

But, it is yet another thing we can do nothing about. My sprinklers twirl, my dust cloth works overtime (with me attached to it, of course) and the stuff still covers everything.

So, I guess we'd all better ask for some relief, and that relief is going to come in the form of rain, and that's the only thing that's going to help.

Rain, rain, rain, we need it, we want it, when will we get it? No one knows, but until we do we're stuck with the dust.

Burn ban effective in Lamar County

There is a burn ban which prohibits any outdoor burning in Lamar County, due to the extremely high fire danger.

Citations will be issued to anyone burning anything outdoors.

Please observe this sensible precaution, fire danger is so grave at this time.

Editor's Quotes

Be not simply good, but good for something
Thoreau

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, August 31, 2000

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Letter asks for school zone at Pattonville in hopes of preventing further accidents

The following letter is being prepared to send to the Texas Department of Transportation. Signatures are being collected from those who feel a school zone through Pattonville would, hopefully, make it safer. Anyone wishing to may sign at M&M Food Mart in Pattonville or at Prairiland High School. The letter reads
Mr. Jerry Keisler, Director of Traffic Operations
Texas Department of Transportation
1365 N. Main
Paris, TX 75460

Dear Mr. Keisler,

I am making a request to the Texas Department of Transportation to extend the Prairiland High School Zone to include an area that runs down Highways 271 through the Pattonville area. At the current time

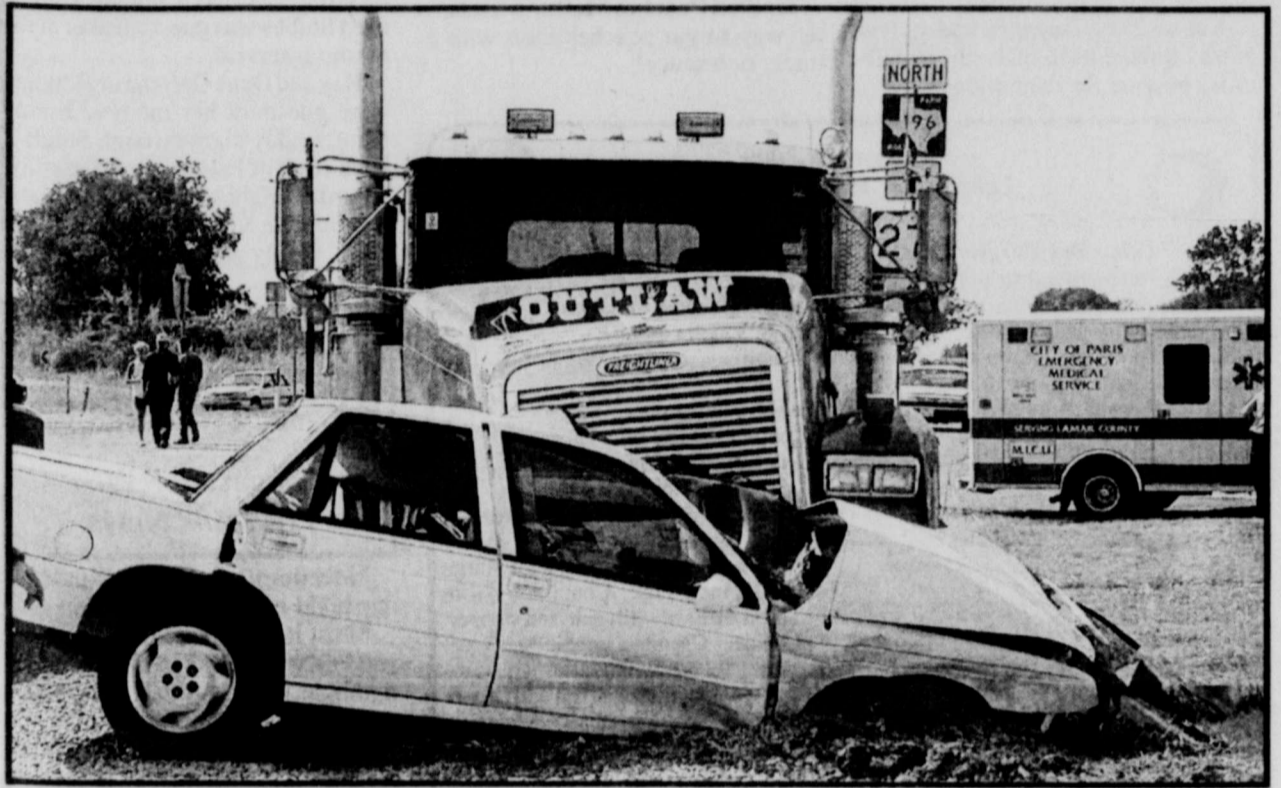
we have a school zone on Farm Market Road 196 in front of the High School.

Over the past years we have had several accidents, near accidents, and now a student fatality just this past Thursday, August 22, at the point where Farm Road 196 intersects with Highway 271 in front of the M&M Grocery Store.

If we could get a designated school zone on Highway 271 with yellow flashing lights, and a slower speed limit, it would provide greater safety for our students and public. It would also help the sheriff's department and constable in their attempts to enforce speed limits.

I am sending this letter to you with the signatures of many students and citizens of our area who urgently ask you and your department to install this School Zone as soon as possible. Thank You.

L.C. Stout, Superintendent



TRAGIC ACCIDENT-Rebecca Gilbert, a Junior at Prairiland High School was killed instantly after she pulled out in front of a rock truck on Hwy. 271 at Pattonville last Thursday afternoon. The truck pushed her vehicle about 100 yards before it was pinned between the truck and a culvert. It took nearly two hours to free her from the vehicle. Flowers and a sign expressing their love and sorrow for the Prairiland student mark the location currently. In addition, the Texas Department of Transportation is being asked to have the area declared a school zone because of the hazards involved in crossing Hwy. 271 from the high school or coming from Blossom. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



HIGH PATROL Officers and rescue workers wait for a wrecker to pull in to help extricate the truck that literally buried part of 16 year old Rebecca Gilbert's Corsica in the ground after striking the car on Hwy. 271 in Pattonville last Thursday. Momentum carried the vehicles 100 yards down the road before Gilbert's vehicle was pinned between the truck and culvert. The teen, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Gilbert of Taylortown, was killed in the accident. Highway Patrol reports indicate that she pulled out into the path of the oncoming truck. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

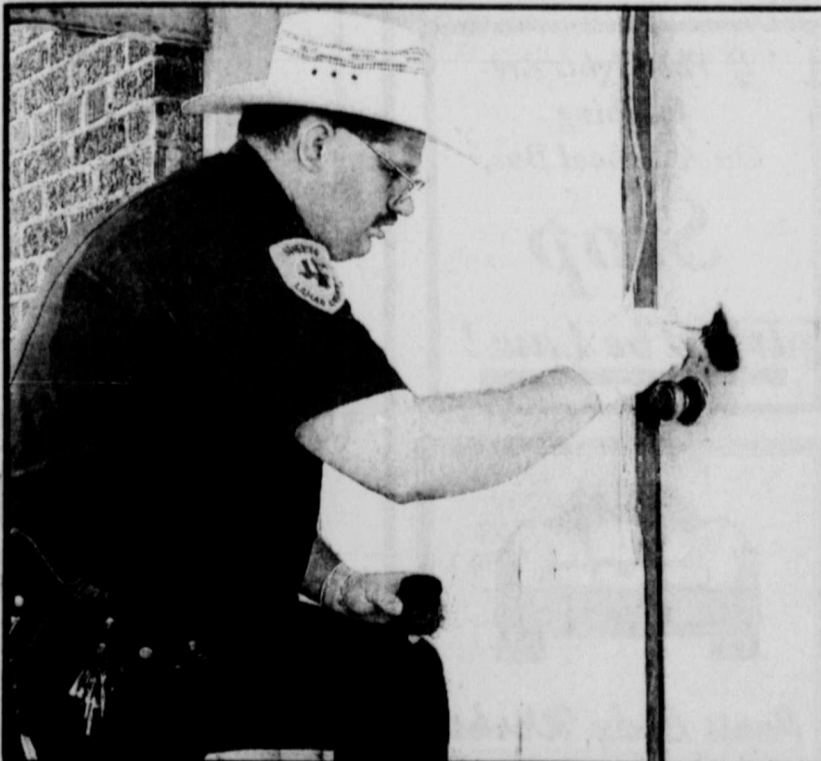
Minter Homecoming set for this Saturday

The Abundant Life Church at Minter will host another "Minter Homecoming" this Saturday, September 2nd on the church grounds at Minter, south of Pattonville.

Last year's Fish Fry Supper and fellowship was such a huge success, that the community once again invited all interested parties to join them for a great evening.

A free supper will be served at

5:00 in the afternoon. There will be live music and plenty of fun and fellowship for all ages. Those planning on attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Any former residents of Minter who now live out of town are invited and encouraged to join us. For more information, please call 903-652-3725 or 652-4823.



FINGERPRINTING-Lamar County Deputy K.W. Carpenter dusts for fingerprints on the back door of City Drug Store in Deport Monday morning. A break-in attempt failed at the Drug Store. This is but one of a rash of problems. Deport Farm Supply was broken in to Friday night and on Saturday night three bicycles were stolen from a local resident. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Constitution Week, September 17-23, marks the two hundred thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. The ideals expressed in this document are reinforced each day by the success of the system to which it gave birth. This system, however, cannot function without an enlightened public. Know your rights, freedoms and duties as a citizen by studying the Constitution. Only then can you defend and preserve it.

People 'n Things

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department Bucket Brigade will meet this Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. at Darden-Sparks Department Store.

A sand volleyball tournament will be held at the Clardy Community Center on Saturday, September 30. Anyone interested in playing and having a team, contact David Skidmore at 785-1058 after 5:30 p.m.

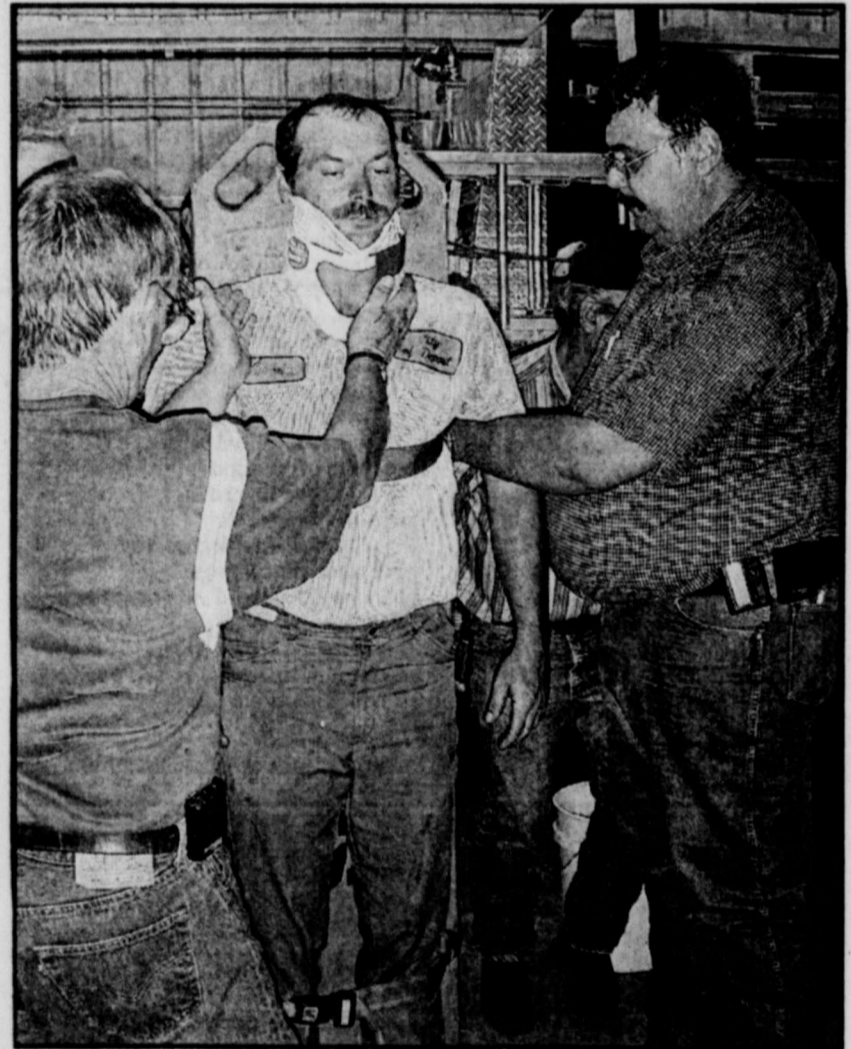
Letters To The Editor

Dear Nanalee:

How Hot is it? So hot that a small grasshopper found it's way into our refrigerator to get some relief. As I opened the door to the refrigerator one day recently, I saw this small grasshopper resting on his back on one of the shelves. Apparently it had "hitchhiked" its way in on some okra that my husband, Bee, had gathered the day before.

Since it was lying on it's back, it made me wonder if it had been overcome by the heat or was just enjoying the coolness of his newly found refuge.

Audrey Scott,
Burlison, Texas

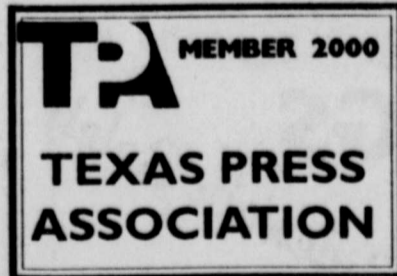


SAFE AND SECURE-Charles Reavis becomes a "victim" and is strapped to the backboard and a cervical collar placed on him to stabilize him for "transport" at the Deport and Cunningham Fire Department's First Responder Class last Thursday night. The class last week dealt with learning about making patients safe, and loading and unloading an ambulance. Shown are Mike Francies, left, Reavis and Instructor Larry McDonald. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Shady Grove to hold special services and fellowship

The congregation of the Shady Grove United Methodist Church invites you to come worship and fellowship with them September 15th, 16th and 17th. On Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:30 they will have a guests preacher, Larry Little, a valiant and vivacious man and a great warrior for Christ. Sunday, September 17th there will be greetings and

fellowship from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 with worship starting at 11:00. The recently appointed local pastor, Doug Walker, will be preaching at this service. After this service a meal will be served. All former members and residents of the area are invited Come join with us in this great and fun time. For more information the number to call is 903-982-6777.



Blossom Homecoming Schedule Saturday, September 2

- 7-9 a.m. Class of 1952, breakfast in Community Center
- 10 a.m. Welcome by the Mayor
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library and museum open, registration of guests
- BVFD First Aid available plus snow cones and cotton candy fundraiser
- Community Center open with Garden Club members
- selling historic calendars and memorabilia
- Vendors open for sales
- Demonstrations and re-enactments by
- 1st Texas Sharpshooters, C.S.A.,
- the Maxey Color Guard Civil War Re-enactors
- 10 a.m. to 12 noon Music in the Park by Abundant Life Gospel Group
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 .. Barbeque Sandwich Lunch by Blossom Fire Belles at
- the Fire Station
- 12 noon to 3 p.m. Music in the Park by the Homesteaders
- 3 p.m. until ?? .. Hamburger Supper by Fire Department
- 5 p.m. until ?? .. Class of 1955 supper and visitation in Community Center

Labor Day... Workers Move This Nation



Obituaries



Country Cooking with Liz Irwin

This is the last big holiday week-end of the summer season and every-one seems to take advantage of it!

- Grilled New Potatoes with Parsley-Chive Pesto-mix it... grill it... and serve!
Summer Shrimp Cocktail-have you ever tried shrimp on the grill... wonderful!
Grilled Tomatoes with Vidalia Onions-if you like tomatoes and you like sweet onions grilled... this is for you!

FULBRIGHT NEWS

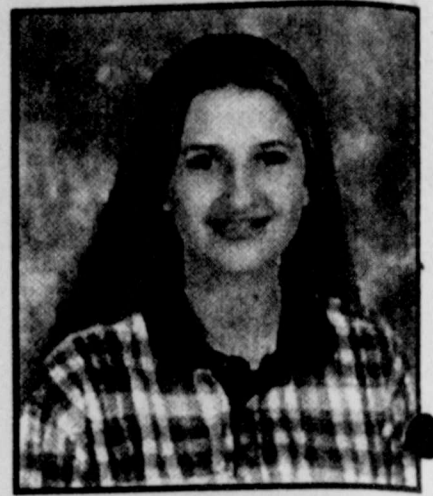
BY BETTY RODGERS

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King and Mrs. Kyle King and Shelly had lunch Wednesday with Jimmy King. Betty Rodgers, Melissa and Gilbert Arriaga attended the community theater in Paris Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the production of "Proposals".

Fry in Paris. Several from here attended a birthday party for Sam Wright at the home of his son, Jack and Paula Wright Sunday afternoon. "Butch" David Peek has been off work from Earth Grains for several days after stepping on a rusty nail and getting an infection in his foot. He is back at work now.

Ruth Dorothy Pearce dies August 27

Ruth Dorothy Pearce, age 80 of Detroit died Sunday, August 27 in the Christus sst. Joseph's Health Center. Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services on Monday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Detroit Cemetery with the Rev. Danny Robbins officiating.



Rebecca Rose Gilbert

Rebecca Rose Gilbert dies August 24

Rebecca Rose Gilbert, Age 16 of Taylortown, died Thursday, August 24 in an automobile accident at Pattonville.

Bright-Holland Funeral Home conducted services at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 at East Paris Baptist Church with the Rev. Chad Barnes and the Rev. Tony Corso officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Taylortown.

Rebecca was born March 7, 1984 in Paris to Charles and Deborah Malone Gilbert. She was a junior at Prairiland High School and a member of the Cunningham Baptist Church.

Surviving are her parents; her grandparents, Clarence L. and Ora Lee Malone of Taylortown and E.C. and Robbie Gilbert of Paris; one brother, Jeff Gilbert and wife, Autumn of Deport; one sister, Christal Pilip and husband, Kevin of Taylortown; one niece, Jaycie Pilip of Taylortown; and several cousins, aunts, uncles and many friends.

August 31, 2000 Labor Day Weekend Recipes

Labor Day Burgers 2 pounds fresh ground sirloin 1-1/2 teaspoon anchovy paste 1-1/2 tablespoon lemon juice 1-1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 2 teaspoons capers-drained sea salt freshly ground pepper 6 round buns-split olive oil for brushing 3 peeled and halved garlic cloves 1/3 pound parmesan cheese-shaved sliced ripe tomatoes lettuce leaves

Grilled Tomato and Vidalia Onion Salad 2 large beefsteak tomatoes 2 large Vidalia onions olive oil sea salt fresh ground pepper 1/2 pound Societe blue cheese 2/3 cup pecan halves-toasted 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar 1 heaping teaspoon Dijon mustard 1/2 cup good-quality olive oil

Grilled New Potatoes with Parsley-Chive Pesto 1/2 cup parsley sprigs 1/2 cup minced chives 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/3 cup olive oil sea salt ground pepper 12 small red new potatoes-scrubbed

Corn-on-the-Cob with Mexican Butter 8 tablespoons unsalted butter-room temp 1-1/2 teaspoons medium-hot chili powder 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 2-1/2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro 12 ears husked corn 2-3 tablespoons olive oil sea salt lime wedges

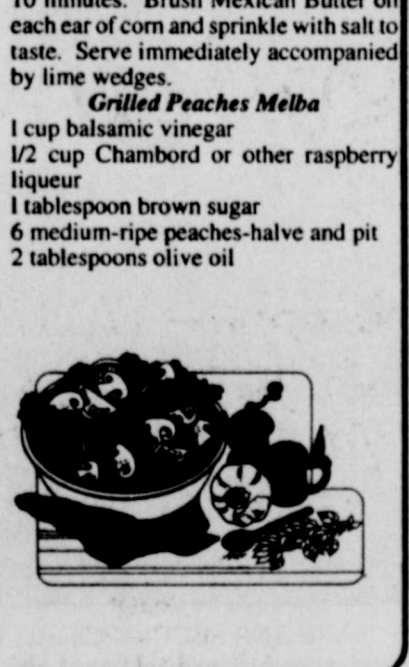
For pesto, puree parsley and chives in food processor to make paste. Add lemon juice and cheese and process again. With machine running, pour olive oil through tube until thoroughly incorporated. Season with salt and pepper and transfer to two bowls. Slice each potato at 1/8" intervals to create accordion-like slits; not slicing all the way through. Use pastry brush and brush half of pesto generously in between slices and over the outer skin. Make packets from foil and wrap potatoes in foil to grill until tender about 25-30 minutes. Remove from foil and brush with remaining pesto.

In small mixing bowl, mix together the butter, chili powder, oregano, cumin and cilantro. It should be soft, but not melted. Set aside at room temperature. Brush corn lightly all over with olive oil. Place on cooking grate and grill turning occasionally until kernels are lightly browned and blistered all over, about 8-10 minutes. Brush Mexican Butter on each ear of corn and sprinkle with salt to taste. Serve immediately accompanied by lime wedges.

Summer Shrimp Cocktail 2 tablespoons powdered wasabi or prepared horseradish 2 tablespoons water 1 jar chili sauce 1 teaspoon fresh ginger-minced 2 tablespoons lime juice 3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro 2 pounds tail-on extra-large, peeled and deveined shrimp

Grilled Peaches Melba 1 cup balsamic vinegar 1/2 cup Chambord or other raspberry liqueur 1 tablespoon brown sugar 6 medium-ripe peaches-half and pit 2 tablespoons olive oil

In small bowl mix together wasabi and water to form paste. Let it sit covered for 10 minutes. Stir together mixture, chili sauce, ginger and lime juice. Reserve 1/2 cup. Add cilantro to remaining sauce. Store covered in refrigerator until ready to use. One half hour before grilling, toss the shrimp with reserved sauce (without cilantro) to coat lightly all over. Cove and marinate for 30 minutes in refrigerator. Place shrimp on cooking grate or grill, turning with tongs about 1-1/2 to 2 minutes per side. Serve shrimp hot off the grill with remaining sauce for dipping.



*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. *There will be a Labor Day lunch at the VFW. Stew with all the trimmings and dessert will be served. Make plans to join us! *Happy August Birthday to; Dana McCleanton and Jim Sythe. *Happy September Birthday to; Billy Burl Cawley, John Latimer, Audrey Gillis. *Billy Burl Cawley wants to share his birthday with all of his friends on Friday evening, September 1, 2000 with a free brisket, fish and all the trimmings supper at the VFW. Serving will begin around 6:30 p.m.



Regional water planning ready for public review September 13

Regional Water Planning Group D, one of the sixteen regional planning groups formed by Senate Bill One passed by the Texas legislature in 1997, will have available for public review the water plans for our region soon. A Public Hearing over the water plan will be held September 13, 2000 at Love Civic Center on Collegiate Drive in Paris, Texas from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Each regional plan will include information about water supplies and demand, water quality problems affecting water supply, social and economic characteristics of the region, and will identify water supply threats to agriculture

and natural resources. Information concerning current preparations for drought and the status of other water plans in the region will also be reviewed. Each region will have copies of that region's water plan available at all County Clerk's offices in each county and in a least one public library in each county. The City of Bogata also has a draft copy of our region's plan and will be pleased to help anyone that is interested in the future of our water supplies. Your interest is appreciated and everyone is urged to remember, Water is Life!

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Ona Fincher dies August 26

Ona Fincher, age 81 of Bogata died Saturday, August 26 in Red River Healthcare Center. Wood Funeral Homes conducted funeral services on Tuesday, August 29 at 11:0 a.m. in the Bogata Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial was in Smith Cemetery in Rosalie. Pallbearers were Foy Babcock, Dan Cotten, Bill Seley, Brian Harville, Ed Pirtle and Sam Stephens.

Mrs. Fincher was born December 20, 1918 in Johntown, the daughter of Charlie and Della May Crumpler Parker. She and her husband ran Paul's Dairy Nook in Georgetown for several years as well as a produce stand in Georgetown and Ft. Worth. Her husband, Paul Fincher, preceded her in death November 11, 1974.

She is survived by her brother, Will Parker of Bogata; and her nieces, Jane Johnson of Bogata, Anastasia Macy of Huntington Beach, CA and Jaynalynn Seley of Reno, Nevada.

PJC to offer classes

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department will offer classes in computer, allied health, professional and career skills and jewelry during the month of September.

Computer classes will teach the introduction to Windows, introduction to personal computing and intermediate windows class.

Also basic internet workshop, searching the world wide web, developing an effective web site and basics of using E-mail.

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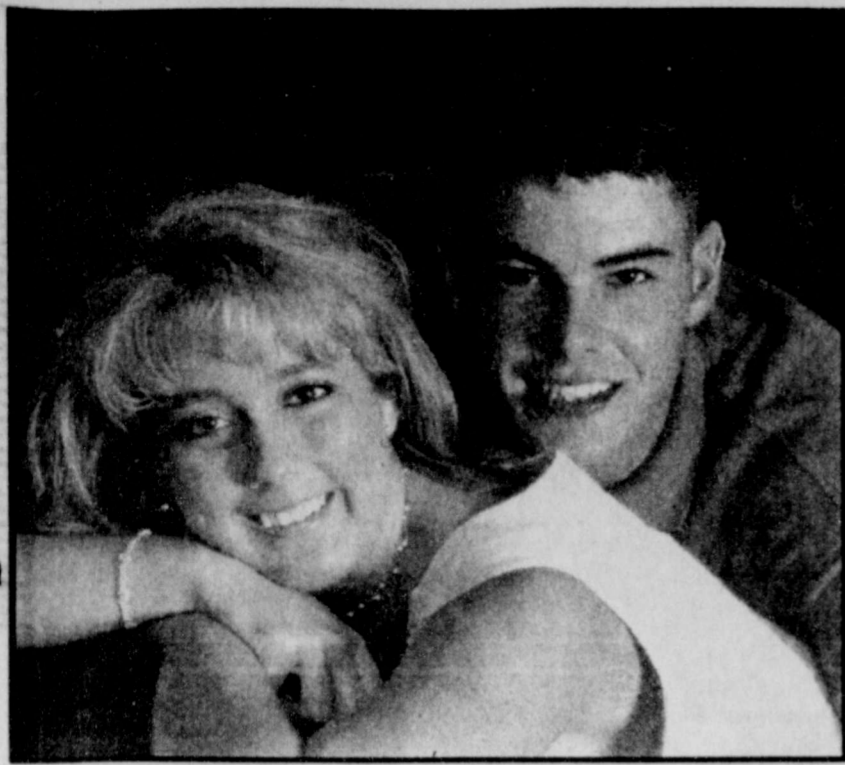


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Kortnie Diane Barrentine with fiance Lucas Mikel Roddy

Barrentine-Roddy to exchange wedding vows

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barrentine of Pattonville are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kortnie Diane Barrentine to Lucas Mikel Roddy.

The couple will exchange marriage vows at four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, September 16 at the First Baptist Church in Blossom. Tony Corso will officiate.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Nix of Mountair, New Mexico, Mayford Barrentine of Ackerman, Mississippi and the late Lewis Barrentine. She is

a graduate of Prairiland High School and attends Paris Junior College. Kortnie is employed by Paris Florist as a floral designer.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roddy. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bazzle Coker of Paris, Jane Roddy of Blossom and the late Talma Roddy. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and is employed by Roddy Construction of Blossom as a heavy equipment operator.

All friends and family are invited to attend this special occasion.

Trystan Chapman celebrates 3rd birthday

Trystan Chapman, daughter of Skipper and Amy Chapman of Blossom, celebrated her third birthday on Saturday afternoon, August 26th at her home. The "Barbie" theme was carried out throughout the party with decorations, gift bags, birthday cake and all the accessories.

Those attending were grandparents Jamie Chapman and Colby and Billy and Anita Ratliff. Great grandparents were Mary Chapman and Maxine Burgin. Others were: Amanda Burgin, Vickie Burleson, Valerie and Hunter Harp, Alan and Amy Dabbs, Gary and

Allie Reynolds, Cari Irwin, Jeremy, Melody and Adrienne Salinas of Reno, Cheslie and Eric Loveless, Leslie and Jalyn Franklin. Others were Jan, Blake and Blair Upchurch and Crystal, Courtney and Michael Womack.

Trystan was also honored on her birthday, which was Monday, August 28, with a dinner at Chili's Restaurant in Paris. Those attending were: Anita and Billie Ratliff, Valerie and Hunter Harp, Amy Chapman, Amy Dabbs and Adrienne Salinas.

Red River Valley Fair is ongoing

The Red River Valley Fair, which began August 27, continues through Saturday, September 2 at the Paris Fairgrounds.

Daily attractions include a children's barnyard, Buck Troutt's puppet show, the Tot's Spot, Wheels of Freestyle, Gator the Clown, Showcase of Agriculture, Farmer For A Day, Cato's Antique Cars, Mr. Karaoke, Ready Teddy, Ambulance Andy, McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, Antique Tractor Exhibit and the Carnival.

Special entertainment includes Miracle, The Nelons, The SongMasters Quartet, Gene Watson, Wade White & Plain Label Band, Primal Groove, Red River alley Blue Grass Band an dShades of Bluegrass and Texoma Valley Bluegrass.

The carnival opened Tuesday, August 29 at 6 p.m. and will be open

nightly. Commercial exhibits and community exhibits opened on Tuesday, also.

Saturday is the day for the livestock shows, including dairy and beef.

Admission Tuesday through Saturday is \$3.00 for adults; children \$1.00 and under 6, free. Gates open Tuesday through Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 3 p.m. No one will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds after the gates close.

Costednesday is \$8.00 armbands; Thursday armbands \$12.00; Friday and Saturday armbands \$14.00. \$2.00 discount coupons for Thursday through Saturday available at area merchants. Single ride coupons are \$.75 each and will be available to the carnival. Fair visitors may bring lawn chairs for stage entertainment.



TRYSTAN CHAPMAN celebrated her third birthday on Saturday with a "Barbie" theme party. She is the daughter of Skipper and Amy Chapman.

Class of 1980 to hold reunion Sept. 9

The Prairiland Class of 1980 will hold their 20th reunion on Saturday, September 9. If you are a member of this class and have not been contacted, please call Paul Allen at 982-6521 or Brenda Fendley at 982-5369 for information.

The class will meet on the east end of the football field at the homecoming game on September 8.

Have A Nice Weekend

2000 Blossom Jr. High Volleyball Schedule

September 5	Detroit	Here	4:00
September 9	Travis	Tournament	TBA
September 11	Chisum	Here	
September 25	Avery	There	4:30
October 2	Avery	Here	4:30
October 7	District Tournament at Avery		

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NINA SPARKS AND ABBY STRICKLAND accepted plaques given by the youth of the First United Methodist Church of Deport in honor of Bocky Norman and Ina Sparks. (Staff Photo by Peggy Parsons)



JULIA GROSSMAN, age 3, daughter of Karen Grossman and the late Andy Grossman, cotton buyer, inspects this year's cotton crop in a field belonging to Kenneth Allen.

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Sam Wright honored on 70th birthday

Mr. Sam Wright was honored Sunday, August 27th with a "Come & Go" party for his 70th birthday. It was held at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Paula Wright, with Wesley and Betty Wright assisting with the occasion.

They welcomed Sam's friends and neighbors with a beautiful birthday cake, ice cream and punch.

The guests who made Sam's day special were: Carole Glover from Duncan, Ok., who helped in decorating and putting things together. Margaret Glover, her son, Mike and grandson, Russell, who traveled from Ft. Worth.

Sam's special guests also included: Fred and Jane Swint, Jr., Fred and Paula Swint III, Mark, Rhonda, Brandi and Matt Swint, Gary and Carole Nixon, Jason and Jeremiah Preusse, James Smith, Kathryn Wright (Grady had a cold), Mr. H.W. Reaves, Marcella Wright, Imogene and Melinda Plott, John Alley and James Latimer.

It was a joyous and wonderful time of fellowship. Sam thanks everyone who shared in the occasion.

2000 Patriot Jr. High/JV Football Schedule

September 7	Cooper	JV	There	6:00
September 14	W/City	7-8 JV	Here	5:00
September 21	Maud	7-8	There	5:00
September 28	Chisum	7-8 JV	There	5:00
October 5	Fannindel	7-8 JV	Here	5:00
October 12	Paul Pewitt	7-8 JV	There	5:00
October 19	Rivercrest	7-8 JV	Here	5:00
October 26	DeKalb	7-8 JV	There	5:00
November 2	Chisum	7-8 JV	There	5:00
November 9	Hughes Springs	JV	Here	6:00

Deport Nursing Home News

T.D. Betterton was visited by Mavis Sowards, Eunice Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Ken Betterton, Elnora Ratliff.
 Ruby Neeley was visited by Sonya Davis.
 Terry McDowra was visited by Cherry Walker.
 Milow Hume was visited by Weldon and Joyce Smith.
 Billy Archibald was visited by Billy and Pat.
 Patsy Hollje was visited by E.J. Newberry and Micky York.
 Melvina Dinwiddie was visited by T. Braxton.
 Roy Wells wa visited by Ken Wells, Glenn Wells, Mary Ann and Linda Kay.
 Ina Hedrick was visited by Doris and Norma and Florence.
 Roberta Watts was visited by Mildred Allums and Gertie Choate.
 Johnnie Warren's visitors were Pam Humphrey, Jan Fox, J.R. and Neva Byrd of Hurst, Lila Screws, Evelyn Roach Bro. Jim Benfer and Hugh, Kenneth Harold and Ruth Ann

Allen, Nell Wolf, Bro. Freddy Burden, Lucy Fowler, Rhonda Dockray, Linda Driggers, Delano and Barbara Dunlap and Weldon and Joyce Smith.
 Mary Ray was visited by Raymond Hignight.
 Ann Austin was visited by PamHumphrey, Phyllis (Liz) Taylor and Melanie Stribling.
 Linda King was visited by Lucretia Walkup, Larry Walkup and Jane Walkup.
 Homer and Melva Sisson were visited by Dane and Donna Taylor.
 Nora Barnett was vistied by Rita Thompson several times, and also by Cookie Hill and Katy Ramsey.
 Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Troy Morris, Pam Humphrey, Pat Rozell, Sharon Johnson, Owen Davis, Donna Allen, Ima Griffin, Patsy Curtis and Flona Harris.
 Ima Griffin was visited by Bonnie and D. Harris, Pat and Jerry, Rodger Leach, Vicky Corina, Billee,Nina, Oddasa, Ima Jerrell, Raymond Hignight, Mary Ray.

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Post Oak News
by Geneva Lee

The East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church is now in revival services with Brother David Proctor as Evangelist. Everyone is invited to come.

The Post Oak Fire Department was called out Friday about one half mile south of the church to a grass fire. They went back Saturday afternoon to the same place because of a tree that burned and fell. It is so dry, everyone needs to be careful.

Mrs. Janice Reynolds was surprised last Wednesday morning when several of the women from the church showed up for a surprise birthday party. Yvonne McNabb cooked a cake and others brought tea and drinks. Three more came in the afternoon that weren't able to come that morning.

Bro. and Mrs. J.T. McNabb spent the weekend in Carthage with their daughters, Kathy Brown and Patricia Cranford and their families.

Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended the funeral of Miss Ruth Pearce, age 80, Monday morning at Detroit Cemetery. She passed away Sunday morning at a Paris Hospital. She was living in Cherry St. Nursing Home after formerly living in Ft. Worth then in Detroit. Electra Milan, a niece of Detroit, had been seeing after her.

Patriots defeated by Community

The Prairiland Patriots were defeated by Community last Thursday night 4-0.

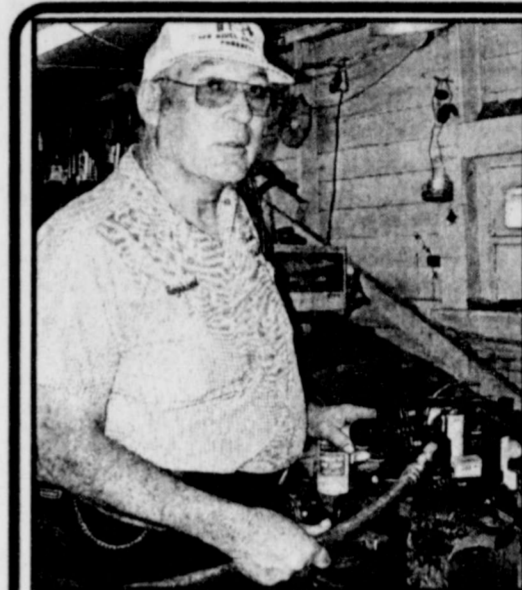
The Patriots had 215 yards rushing and six passing. Stoney Musgrove led all rushers with 70 yards on 13 carries. Phillip Elder had 40 yards on seven carries and Eric Berry had 37 yards on six carries. Stan Cox had 30 yards on four carries and Jason Elrod had 23 yards on five carries. O.J. Loveless had 15 yards on four carries.

The offensive line led by Chris Hock and Jorry Briggie blocked well. Heath Sessums, Brad Hunt, Wade Moore and Josh Williams were all

instrumental in the success of the Patriots running game. "We played well overall offensively, but we cannot turn over the ball in scoring situations."

The defense played well for the most part. Community hit three big pass plays on the Patriots. The Patriots shut down the Community running game all night long. The defense was led by Chris Hock, Stan Cox, Eric Berry and Phillip Elder. Elder had three sacks on the night. Patriots travel to Detroit Friday for a what should be a knock-down drag-out event.

Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.



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Additional students selected

On Thursday, August 24, the selection committee for Prairiland's Gifted/Talented Program met to select additional students for the program and to determine which sixth grade students should continue in the program during their junior high and high school years. This process was based on students' performance on the Terra Nova Achievement Test (grade 3) or the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test (grades 4-8), the Terra Nova IQ test (grade 3) or the Otis-Lennon IQ Test (grades 4-8), and the Torrance Creative Thinking Test. Teacher evaluations and grade averages were also taken into consideration.

The following students met the required standard for selection to the

Patriot JV hosts Community

The Prairiland Patriot Junior Varsity football team hosted the Community Braves last Thursday night in a pre-season scrimmage.

The Patriots ran 40 plays of offense for a total of 133 yards. Defensive penalties were not added to the total yardage. A total of seven different backs carried the ball and showed good potential. The offense is begin-

ning to blend in preparation for the season opener against Bonham. Defensively, the Patriots showed a swarming attack and did not allow a score. There were a lot of hard hits and several fumbles were recovered along with one interception.

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Prairiland High School
Week of September 4

- 4 Holiday
- 6 Youth for Christ, Library, 7:50 a.m.
- 7 Cooper JV, There, 6:00
- 8 Union Hill, Here, 7:30, Homecoming

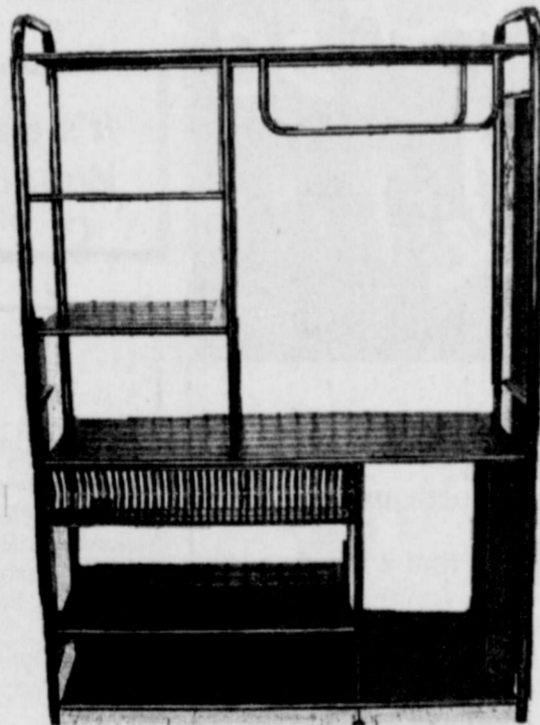


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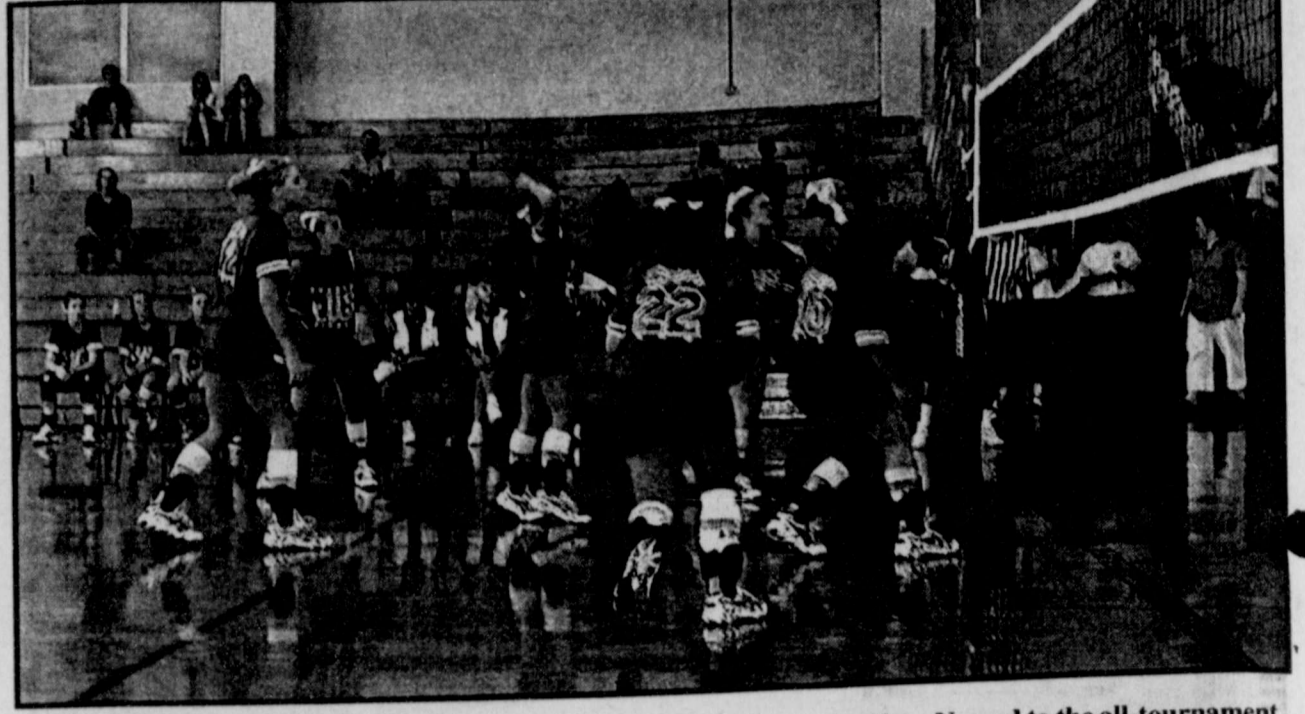
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BRENDA BISHOP of Blossom is the newest member of the custodial staff at Blossom School. She is married to Ronnie Bishop and their children go to Blossom and Prairiland. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



LADY PATRIOTS take championship at Chisum tournament on Saturday. Named to the all-tournament honors were Emilee Bolton, Melissa Steinkamp and Megan Graham. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Lady Patriot 2000 Volleyball Schedule

September 1	dual Longview/NL	NL	all	9, JV	4:30	TBA
September 2	Longview tournament	Paris	L/view		4:00	
September 5	dual NL/Pittsburg	Paris	all		TBA	
September 8-9	varsity tournament	NL	varsity		4:30	
September 12	Sulphur Springs	SS	all		4:30	
September 16	Paris tournament	Paris	9, JV		TBA	
September 19	Whitesboro	there	all		5:00	
September 23	*Chisum	Chisum	all		10:00	
September 26	*Paul Pewitt	there	all		4:30	
September 30	*Hughes Springs	here	all		10:00	
October 3	*Chapel Hill	here	all		4:30	
October 7	*DeKalb	there	all		10:00	
October 10	*Chisum	here	all		4:30	
October 13	*Paul Pewitt	here	all		4:30	
October 17	*Hughes Springs	all			4:30	
October 20	*Chapel Hill	there	all		4:30	
October 24	*DeKalb	here	all		4:30	
October 28	district certification	warm-up	varsity		TBA	
October 30-31			bi-district			
November 2-4			area			
November 6-7			regional	quarterfinals		
November 10-11			regional	state		
November 17-18			state			

Coaches: Franjkye Sessums and Vickie Chapman

Lady Patriots win 1, lose 1

In play at the Lady Patriot gym, the varsity team went 13-1 on the season defeating Paris 15-0, 15-5, but falling to Pleasant Grove 14-16, 8-15. Against Paris, Megan Graham had 11 assists and 9 service points while Emilee Bolton had six kills and four blocks.

In the second game, a well seasoned all senior Lady Hawk team challenged the Lady Patriots and dealt them their first loss of the season. Once again Bolton showed her prowess on the net with five blocks

Lady Patriots Do It Again

After less than impressive play on Friday in pool play, the Lady Patriots pulled together to win the Chisum Tournament for the third straight year. The final game was against a tough contender, the Lady Cats of Whitesboro, who won the Denton Ryan Varsity Tournament last week. Definitely outsized and playing the senior laden team seemed to bring out the best in the Lady Patriot squad as the "wowed" the crowd with their outstanding defense and strategically placed kill shots to hold on for an emotional 15-8, 15-13 win. Melissa Steinkamp was named co-MVP and

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Stats for Chisum Tournament

Name	Assists	Serves	Kills	Aces	Blocks
Megan Graham	78	46/49	6	2	3
Melissa Steinkamp	7	46/46	29	3	3
Emilee Bolton	-	25/30	29	3	10
Ashley Athas	3	27/30	20	2	2
Kami Hudson	2	19/23	22	2	8
Sheena Jones	1	22/26	6	2	1
Leslie Davis	-	15/16	1	-	-
Lacy Davis	5	1/4	-	-	-
Natalie Wilson	-	7/8	-	-	-

Name	Serves	Aces	Kills	Assists	Blocks	Digs
Megan Graham	16/16	1	1	21	1	6
Emilee Bolton	11/11	-	10	-	9	2
Sheena Jones	10/12	1	1	3	-	1
Melissa Steinkamp	15/15	1	8	2	-	8
Ashley Athas	14/15	1	7	-	-	2
Kami Hudson	7/7	-	4	-	1	1
Lacy Beaty	3/3	-	-	-	-	2

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Happy birthday wishes to Frances Anderson, Alice Evans, Pat Nations, Dale Wilkerson, Brock McDowra, Chris Hock, Freeman Safford, Rant Stone.

Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Klarissa Perry, Rant and Myrtle Stone.

Tonya Hunter was honored with a birthday dinner and party last Thursday night by her mother, Debbie Currin, Travis Hunter, Christian, Jeremy and Courtney Danielle, John and Claudia Whitney, Daniel and Jaclyn Winn of Sulphur Springs, Julia Jennings of Blossom, Alicia and Melody Bailey of Deport, and Sharon Stullivan were guests.

John and Claudia Whitney and Bill and Belinda Dickey of Sulphur Springs spent last weekend in Fredericksburg and in Waco where they toured the Texas Rangr Hall of Fame and Museum before returning home on Sunday.

Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Jeremy and Courtney Danielle spent last Friday night in Tyler. Saturday they visited the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, shopped, ate and shopped some more in Sulphur Springs on their way home.

R.R. "Rant" Stone will celebrate his 100th birthday Saturday, SEPT. 2, at Crescent Care Center in Paris. Rant was born in the Clardy Community the last of 16 children of the late Bill and Betty Stone. Rant and Myrtle Tucker Stone will also celebrate 72 years of marriage with a reception given in their honor by their children, Weldon Stone an dwife, Mildred,

Gary Stone and wife Ann and Keith Stone of Clardy from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000 at Crescent Care Center, 2193 East Cherry Street in Paris. All friends and relatives are invited to attend, no gifts, please. They have 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Rebecca Gilbert, age 16, of Taylortown who died Thursday, Aug. 24 in an automobile accident in Pattonville at FM 196 and Hwy. 271.

Congratulations to Megan Graham, who has been named to the all-tournament team Saturday night after Prairiland Lady Pats won the Chisum Volleyball Tournament for the third straight year.

Elois Sparks had toe surgery last Friday and was unable to attend church at Shady Grove Sunday.

Elois Sparks visited Clyde Cunningham in Heritage Care Center nad Nettie Chappell at Crescent Care Center in Paris last week.

Ashley Keener and friend of Garland visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins Saturday afternoon.

Ruby D. Blevins, Sandy Ring and Heather Anderson visited Jessie Newsom in Paris Saturday.

Sandy Ring and heathr went to McKinney Sunday afternoon to pick up Ashleigh McLean who had spent the weekend with ehr father, Kevin.

Sandy Ring has a new grandson born to daughter Nita in Oklahoma.

Eating lunch with Harry Dean and Joyce Wilson Sunday was Terry Joe Wilson.



WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE recently graduated local student, LaVonne Hiebert of Blossom from the Wharton Vocational Nursing Program. Hiebert is pictured third from left, front row. Students completed one year of intensive study to prepare and enable them to pass the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Exam. Upon receiving their Vocational Nursing license, they will practice the art and science of nursing in many areas of their local communities.

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September 25	Avery	There	4:30
October 2	Avery	Here	4:30
October 7	District Tournament		TBA

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Cunningham News

By Jane O'Neal

Sympathy is extended to the family of Rilliss (Kennedy) Merrifield who died in Grand Prairie this past week. She was a former resident of the community. She has a nephew and wife, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, who live in the community.

Clyde and Bobby Slusher have been visiting daily with the family of Randy Godfrey at Christus St. Joseph Hospital. Randy had been in ICU for several days.

On Friday, Bobby and Clyde Slusher visited Laverne Rowland in Cherry Street Apartments and Buster Scales at Crescent Care Center.

On Friday the Slushers also visited Bobbie Hall of Lamar Point.

On August 13, Jane O'Neal had a birthday dinner honoring Andrea Palmer, O'Neal Drinnon and Kenzie Jackson. Others present were Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Weston and Dwayne Drinnon, Sue, Murray and Janee Jackson.

Geneva Norwood had Sunday lunch for Neva, Billy Ray and Brandon Oats, Georgeanna and Brad Nutt, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood and Gertrude Pickering of Mt. Dora, Florida.

Gertrude (Baker) Pickering has been visiting for several days with relatives. She lives in Mt. Dora, Florida.

On Friday night, James and Pat Norwood, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood, Cindy Nichols and Gertrude Pickering were in Pecan Gap to eat fish.

Geneva Norwood and Jane O'Neal attended the Paris Community Theatre play proposals on Friday night.

Saturday night Bill Page was surprised with a birthday party at his home. Those attending were his son Ricky Page and children, his daughter Sandy and Terry Brame and children of Dallas area, James and Pat Norwood, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, William and JoDell Cooper and Neil and Ann Baker.

Shelby and Bobby Ray Kennedy had Sunday lunch for Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy of Paris.

Lynn and Betty Holman of Durant, OK spent the weekend with Nelta and Johnny Musgrove. On Sunday they were joined for lunch by Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove and Shane and Zarinska Morton. Alice McPherson of McAlester joined them for supper.

Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon were in Frogville, OK on Sunday to help his dad, William, celebrate his birthday.

L'Wanda McKnight was honored with a birthday dinner on Sunday at the home of Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson. Others present were Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDonn and Raenna Barnett.

On September 9, there will be a community garage sale in Cunningham. If you would like to have a sale at your house, call Skeeter Davis at 652-9903 for information.

Public Notices

Public Notice
The Detroit Independent School District is posting the following position available immediately for an elementary cafeteria cook.

Applicants may pick up an application or receive further information on salary and/or requirements by calling 903-674-6131. The deadline for submitting applications will be September 5, 2000 at 12:00 noon.

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Public Notice

The Detroit Housing Authority will be implementing new work at 2 sites, under the 1999 Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, (CIAP). Scope includes replacement of kitchen cabinets and construction of two new laundry facilities. We are presently accepting bids for these 2 new work sites. Bids must be presented before October 12, 2000. For more information or to present your bid, our office is located at 165 West Deport Street in Detroit, TX or call 903-674-2185. Equal Opportunity Employer. 9-7

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
ORDINANCE NO. D-08-00

An ordinance of the City of Talco, Texas, adopting a drought contingency plan; establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses; establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions; establishing procedures for granting variances; and providing severability and an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Talco, Texas recognizes that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 12.1272 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission require all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the citizens of

Talco, Texas, the Talco City Council deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TALCO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Talco, Texas Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part hereof for all purposes be, and the same is hereby adopted as the official policy of the city.

SECTION 2. That all provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY OF TALCO, TEXAS on the 28th day of August, 2000.
K.M. Sloan, Mayor
8-31

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Talco failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during June, 2000. This monitoring is required by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's "Drinking Water Standards" and the "Safe Drinking Water Act", Public Law 95-523. Bacteriological samples monitor water quality and indicate if water is free of coliform bacteria. The monthly submission of a set number of samples is required. Failure to sample is a violation of monitoring requirements and notification of consumers served by the public water system is mandatory. If you have questions regarding this violation you may contact the Talco Water Department at 903-379-3731. 8-31

September 17-23 is Constitution Week. The Two Hundred Thirtieth Anniversary of the Singing of the great document. Our Founding Fathers ordained and established the Constitution of the United States of America to secure the Blessings of Liberty for themselves and their posterity. Honor their staunch courage and wise counsel by studying the Constitution, knowing your rights, and fulfilling your responsibilities.



THE 2000 JUNIOR HIGH PATRIOT CHEERLEADERS are, from left: Katy Hall, Ashley Ebarb, Mallory Price, Johnna Patterson, Leah Boren, Whitney Brook, Laura Barnes, Courtney Nichols, Nickie Long and in front, Amanda Neal. The girls attended the PJC Dragon Camp July 11-15 and brought home the overall "Most Outstanding Cheer" award and three spirit sticks. Individual awards were: All Stars, Leah Boren and Courtney Nichols; Spot of the Week, Katy Hall; and Overall Good Attitude, Leah Boren. Cheryl Brook attended with the girls as coach.

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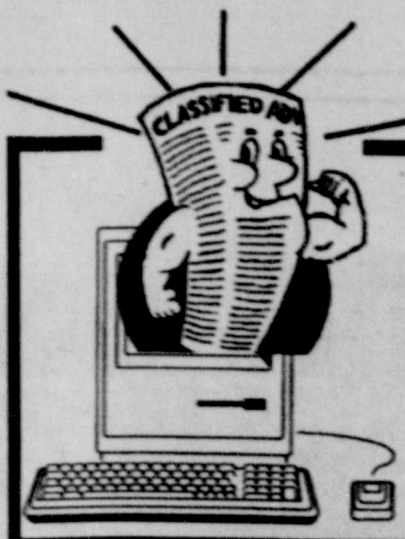
Crime Stoppers is seeking your help and will pay a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for any information that will lead to the arrest of the persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.
At around 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, an unknown suspect attempted to steal a 1975 Cessna airplane from the Cox Field Airport in Paris. While attempting to steal the aircraft, the suspect crashed the plane into two other airplanes on the ground. This attempted theft and resulting property damage resulted on over \$217,000.00 in 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 July 31st, 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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Juice, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers
Potatoes, gravy
Green beans
Rolls
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits
Juice, milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joes on bun
Baked beans
Pickles
Apple cobbler
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Visiting this weekend with Billie Henry and enjoying the Oak Hill Baptist Church's homecoming was Marvin, Candy and Samantha Henry and Johnny Savage of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shelton of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lintz of Duncanville and from Paris was Tommie Thomas and Brad, Tommy Ridley Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Ridley, Patsy Ridley, Shad Lawrence and Joyce Lawrence.

Patsy Kirksey of Carrollton and Barbara McKinney of Irving were here over the weekend visiting with Margaret Parks.

Blossom and the United Methodist Church are looking forward to a great crowd for the upcoming homecomings. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Buford

Cleveland this past week was Delbert Smith of Detroit, Kathy Wood of Paris and Lawrence and Stacy Wilcoxen along with visits from Paula and Cassie Cleveland of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Colby Chapman was honored with a party in her honor on Friday night for her birthday at her home.

The Post Oak Revival is going on this week and everyone is invited to come out and attend.

Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak and Juanita Garrett of Woodland visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard and Kaleb Long last week.

Trystan Chapman was honored with a birthday party for her 3rd birthday on Saturday afternoon at her home.

Pauline Weddle was a patient in the St. Joseph and was released last Thursday. We wish her well.

Sandra Adams of Garland, Roxie and Butch Mathena and Mrs. Hollis Mathena spent Saturday in Beckville visiting with Edward and Evelyn Mathena and family.

Pauline and Jr. Weddle and Gage Booth enjoyed supper with Minnie Lee and Hershah Shands one day last week.

Pauline Weddle and Minnie Lee Shands visited with Annie Milam in Deport on Saturday.

Visiting Gordon and Vivian Isbell Saturday were Glenda and Kenneth Jones, Jonathan, Josh and Allison of Rockwall. Visiting them last week were Terri Lumley and Peyton of Tyler.

The families of Bocky Norman and Ina Sparks were presented plaques by the First United Methodist Church of Deport in honor of their hard work, support and love for the youth. Bulletin boards were also placed in the old and new fellowship halls in their honor. Abby Strickland and Nina Sparks accepted the plaques during VBS at the church.

Happy birthday to JaLynda Mitchell, Josh Benfer, Caroline Rebecca Farmer, Kimbelry Benson, Nell Reynolds, Stephanie Rowland, Tristin Strickland, Denise Wood, Jennifer Wilson, Juli Wood, Pam Kelly, Staci Chaney, Irene Beeler, Lee Weddle, Angie Byous, Geneva Norwood, Tonya McGonagill Taylor, Monica Hagood, Alpha Barnard, Tammy Sheppard, Dale Wilkerson, Marianne Ladd, Suzy Kelsey, Michael Lee Blackburn, Ina Rosetta Griffin, Mame Cutshall, Meron McEntyre, Kara Screws.

Happy anniversary to Gay and Gene Fields, Amy and Christopher Holt and Klarissa and Kevin Perry.

Nina Sparks and Freeman Safford of Paris visited and ate lunch with Kay Kimbrough and Jean Darnell in Dallas Saturday. They visited Sarah Carmichael in Garland Memorial Hospital and her sister, Mary Jim McDonald of Austin in the afternoon.

Ronnie and Nelda Bailey went to Memphis, Tennessee Saturday to tour Graceland. Their daughter and family, Tina, Daniel and Colton and Nelda's sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Terry Hughes also accompanied them. They all had a great time.

Sam and Margie Rice and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols had seafood at the Lonesome Dove Saturday night, then went to Thomas and Nanalee's for dessert and to celebrate Margie's birthday.



ANOTHER FIRE-this grass fire required Pattonville, Blossom and Deport to help extinguish it last Wednesday night. The fire started when a resident on County Rd. 15300 burned trash which quickly got out of hand. From left are Brent Hyde, Ed Ring and Matt Downs. The conditions for fires are so perfect, there is a burn ban on all over north east Texas. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THE CHUCK WAGON TRIO of Blossom and sponsored by the Community National Bank of Detroit, won 3rd place out of 8 entries at the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club Chuckwagon Cook-off on August 5th. Pictured from left to right is Roger Daugherty, Sr., Harold Blackburn and Sidney Johnson. (Staff Photo)



THE BLOSSOM girl's volleyball team traveled to Detroit last Thursday, August 24 to take on the Jr. High ladies from Detroit. The girls are looking forward to a good season again this year. (Staff Photo by Lee Ann Piper)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Blossom

Fiscal Year 2000/2001 TAX LEVY

The City of Blossom, Texas, hereby gives Public Notice of a public hearing to take comments from the public and to discuss the adoption of:

City of Blossom FY 2000/2001 TAX LEVY

Blossom City Hall

1240 W. Front Street

Blossom, Texas 75416

5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2000

The following information is submitted to inform the public of tax rate information supplied to the City by the Lamar County Appraisal District and to advise the public of the City's tax rate adoption proposal:

1. Tax rate options for City of Blossom for FY2000/2001-
 - a. Effective Tax Rate \$.5148 per \$100.00 valuation
 - b. Existing Tax Rate \$.5204 per \$100.00 valuation
 - c. Rollback Tax Rate \$.5559 per \$100.00 valuation
2. The City proposes to maintain and to adopt the existing tax rate of \$.5204 per \$100.00 valuation for the Fiscal Year 2000/2001.
3. The proposed adoption of the existing Tax Rate of \$.5204 per \$100.00 valuation does not exceed 103% of the Effective Tax Rate.

The City's proposed General Fund Budget, utilizing the tax levy assumption of the existing rate of \$.5204 per \$100.00 valuation, was filed with the City Secretary, August 24, 2000, and is available for public viewing during normal business hours at the above Blossom City Hall address or by contacting Tony Chance, Deputy Budget Officer at 903-982-5900.

Milton News

by Mattylu Upchurch



Mattylu Upchurch has returned home after spending the week with her daughter, Billie Goheen of Ft. Worth.

John Pettit of Irving spent the weekend with Buena and Bob Marshall.

Nita Bowling was in Mesquite over the weekend on business.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma and John Temple Thursday evening.

Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak visited Dorothy and James Holt Saturday morning.

Mable Pearson of Marshall is here this week to be with her sister Elizabeth and Holland Bell.

Peggy Whitney visited last week

with her son's families in Mansville and Flower Mound.

Ann and Sheldon Lee spent last week in Galveston visiting friends

Kathy and Glyn Ferguson.

Frank and Edna Lee spent Monday and Tuesday last week in Dallas for treatments.

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Mattylu Upchurch visited John Walker Harvey of Greenville Monday.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound and Greg Burel of Allen visited Peggy Whitney Sunday.

Tim Parks of Faughtner, Kay Preston of Minter, Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak and Johnny Holt of Milton visited James and Dorothy Holt Sunday.

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FOOT NOTES

Do I Need Foot Surgery?

Surgery on the foot and ankle is often recommended after several attempts at more conservative treatments have proven unsuccessful. A number of foot ailments may be improved by surgery, including sprains and fractures, bunions, ingrown toenails, and bone spurs. Most foot and ankle procedures are done on an outpatient basis, using either local anesthesia or light sedation. After surgery, the foot typically needs to be immobilized so it heals correctly. Patients may wear a splint, cast, bandage or a supportive shoe or sandal to immobilize the area. To promote recovery, patients are encouraged to use the muscles as soon as possible and resume their normal daily activities shortly after surgery. Some people require physical therapy after surgery.

Surgery is sometimes the only definite way to end a persistent problem and to prevent associated and progressively serious conditions. Fortunately, there is a broad range of sophisticated surgical treatments available today, many of which can be performed in an outpatient setting. Our goal is to recommend the procedure that fits your unique health care needs and bring you back from the painful steps that plague your daily existence. For more information about the topics we cover in our column, or for an appointment, please call, 784-5585.

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