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Worth



Okay, Okay, I missed it
Yes, I admit it, I missed most of the ice storm. So I spent the week in temperatures ranging from 80 degrees down to a mere 45. So the power didn't go off where I was. So, this is reason to vilify me?

When the ice storm began to hit Christmas Day my husband told me it was time for my nephew, Jeff, and myself to hit the trail for south Texas. We had planned on going the next day, he was planning to move hay all week while we were gone.

So, we packed within 30 minutes and left town a day early, knowing if we lingered it wouldn't be possible to get out later.

As we sailed ahead of the ice storm I called back to Thomas, who reported the power was off, and that the ice was getting worse by the minute. That was the last contact we had for several days.

It was impossible to really enjoy myself because all we saw on television was how bad the ice was. We couldn't reach our families, and that was nerve wracking. I confess it didn't keep us from going to Mexico to bargain for watches and carved ironwood, nor did it keep us from enjoying the ocean, good seafood and the company of my cousins and aunt.

But, when I finally did get through to Thomas and he told me how bad things were, and that the lights were still off, neither Jeff nor I could stand it. We left for home two days early.

We drove 1400 miles to stay 1 and 1/2 days, but had a lot of fun, too.

Still, it was so good to come home, even though the house was dark and my poor, poor trees looked as if they had been shelled by heavy artillery.

I think my husband, dogs and cats were glad to see me, having grown a little tired of one another's company.

Of course, I didn't miss a few days of being without electricity, or the snowfall that turned the roads to slick disasters.

Still, everyone keeps glaring at me when I try to tell them about the balmy temperatures and good seafood. They seem to think I'm "rubbing it in".

I wouldn't do that, would I? Nahhh, of course not!

People
'n
Things

The Deport OES Chapter 1045 will meet on Tuesdays, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in a special called meeting for regular business.

Editor's Quotes

Too Late-There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done.
Arthur Hopkins

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Ice Storm cripples area, causes deaths, creates havoc

Death and devastation have resulted from a massive ice storm that crippled this area, followed by a snow storm which also resulted in dangerous road conditions.

Christmas day freezing rain began to fall, coating the world in inches of ice, downing power and phone lines, leaving thousands without a way to keep warm or unable to get out because of downed trees and limbs.

Portions of Red River County lost water service as well.

Work crews from all over have poured into the area in an attempt to re-establish power, but the damage to trees has been so severe that for many it may be weeks before electricity is restored.

Propane distributors have worked around the clock, but supplies were running short before the roads cleared.

Candles, lantern batteries, propane bottles and other emergency items were quickly cleared from store shelves and residents buckled down to "make the best of it".

Friday night, Dec. 29th, a Lone Star man died in a propane explosion that leveled the house he was in.

Brit Phillips, age 49, had gone to a relative's house to light a water heater so he could bathe. The explosion leveled the house. Bogata and Clarks-ville Fire Departments responded to the scene after neighbors called to report the explosion.

Traffic accidents were numerous as the snow turned roads into icy pathways. A Kansas woman died after her vehicle plunged into White Oak Creek.

A number of house fires occurred for a variety of reasons.

Damage to trees is indescribable.

Pine forests have suffered damage so severe that timber crops for years to come may be completely lost.

Hardwoods are splintered, some trees were toppled whole, but scarcely a tree is left without damage.

Fences and barns were torn apart by falling trees and limbs, and many homes suffered serious damage from limbs. A number of vehicles were crushed by the weight of falling limbs and ice.

Red River, Lamar and Titus counties have been declared disaster areas and emergency services have been in full effect.

The dollar value of the devastation cannot be calculated at this time, but will undoubtedly range into the millions of dollars.

A prediction of warmer temperatures was a welcome change from freezing rain and snow.



TOMMY AND DENISE ISOM's home, along with numerous others, had holes broken in their roofs when tree limbs crashed down under the weight of ice last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



ICY POWER LINES-these power lines, lowered by ice and beset by fallen limbs, are an example of some of the problems the power companies have had to face since the worst ice storm in memory devastated the area last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



HONORED FOR SERVICE-Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Stout were honored recently upon their retirement for their hard work and dedication to the Prairiland Independent School District. The plaques were presented to them by Principal Ronnie Baker. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Lack of utilities doesn't keep people down for long

Necessity is the mother of invention, and necessity has resulted in some novel ways to get by during the past week's ice storm and snow storm.

Without power, residents have been forced to use whatever ways they could to stay warm. Fireplaces used mostly for decoration have been kept roaring, space heaters have been set up in homes with only electric heat, cook stoves have doubled as heat sources.

The lack of electricity for nearly a week has led people to take up playing games by candle light, reading by lantern light and going to bed early and getting up at first light.

"Our lights came on at 7:30 p.m.," one person said, "they were the most beautiful things I have ever seen and I'm never going to complain about my electric bill again!"

Warming water in fireplaces or on stoves for bathing has resulted led to a finer appreciation for unlimited hot water in tubs and showers.

Washing in a sink or being unable to wash at all has led to a deeper respect for the joys of washers and dryers.

Cooking in fireplaces has meant that many people have a greater respect for pioneer women!

"Heating water endlessly in the fireplace is mind boggling" said a woman unused to the task, "but what's amazing is how back breaking bending over to get cooking pots and water pans is".

Many people simply packed up and moved to a relative's home that

did have power, if they could find one.

E-mail and computer addicts had a serious dose of "cold turkey" withdrawal.

Many people lost power while cooking Christmas Day meals, and just sought a gas or propane store at the home of some other relative in which to finish the meal preparation.

There was no talking by phone or cell phone for many days, so that people were forced to either visit in person, or simply stay out of contact.

Reading by a small flashlight suspended from the head of the bed kept some people content, while others used Coleman lanterns.

Television was out of the question, but most people didn't miss it too much for the simple reason they were too busy...busy cleaning out refrigerators full of ruined food, busy hauling in firewood, busy trying to cook form "scratch" or wash by hand, or busy, endlessly busy, cutting up limbs and trees downed by the ice storm.

Generally speaking though, most folks met the challenges with fortitude, laughing and making the best of things.

The damage is terrible and many people are still without lights and phones, but the human spirit has once more risen to the occasion, making do and getting by with cheerful acceptance.

That doesn't mean, though, that people won't be happier when they have all their labor saving electric devices back in service.



SOUTH TEXAS HELP-these linemen working with Texas New Mexico Power Company have been very busy restoring power throughout the area since last week's ice storm. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

IN THE YEAR 2001...

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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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Can you believe that we are already into another year! Wow! 2001! It sure started out with a bang! Well, I guess that "bang" is not the right word... more like a "dud"! Every-one lost their electricity..... most had no heat....no phone and heaven forbid.....no TV!

How in the world did you keep those kids entertained? I know the parents are going to be glad to see them back in school! We brought out the dominos and checkers and other board games and played by candle light.

We did have heat and hot water because we use propane and were one of the more fortunate ones. We did decide that they had more fun on Little House on the Prairie than we did. How did they do that?

Well, our recipes this week are little unconventional. You can use

them the next time you lose your electricity again!

Gas Grill Stew-not very original, but takes a little longer because of the low heat... still good though!

Pan-fried Cornbread-hard to regular the grill for the temperature of the oil...the last batch was fried like hotcakes. Still good!

Mesquite Grilled Nachos-again we used the grill and heavy duty aluminum foil. Reynolds Wrap would be proud!

Hot Sauce in a Jar-unhook the generator long enough to hook up the food processor to blend this concoction together to top those nachos!

Greenhouse Gravy and Sausage-now this one is original and thanks go to husband Jim. The greenhouse needed more heat, so he hooked up the fishcooker and voila!...great gravy and sausage!

Mrs. Minnie Lee Burns dies December 21

Mrs. Minnie Lee Burns, age 90 of Bogata, died Thursday, December 21 in Regency Nursing Home in Clarksville.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 23 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burns was born May 23, 1910 in Red River County, the daughter of James Henry Aldridge and Margaret McClellan Aldridge. She married Delbert Burns on August 30, 1928 in Bogata. He died January 20, 1977. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Bogata for over 84 years.

She is survived by three sons, Billy Burns and his wife Rachel of Dallas, Ronnie Burns and his wife Sheila of Bogata and Jerry Burns and his wife Rhonda of Deport; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Hollis Burns and two daughters, Shirley Francis and Barbara Burns.

Pallbearers were Ralph Cawley, Maxie Lewis, Harvey Thomas, Gerald Burns, Dolan Mankins and Bobby Childers.

E.N. (Eslin) Frazier dies December 20

E.N. (Eslin) Frazier, age 83 of Deport, died December 20 at his home. Wood Funeral Homes conducted funeral services on Saturday, December 23 in the First United Methodist Church of Deport with the Rev. Jim Benfer officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were grandchildren.

He was born May 17, 1917 in Neshoba, OK, the son of Aben and Ellen Cooper Frazier. On June 15, 1938 he married Lillie Mae Taylor in the Big Lick Methodist Church, Divide, OK. He retired from American Box in 1978 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport and was a founding member of the Jacob Memorial Methodist Church in Paris before it disbanded in 1996.

Surviving is his wife, Lillie of Deport; children, Kenneth Frazier of Paris, Lillian(Lee) Kincaid of Deport, Leonard (Buck) Frazier of Deport, Linda Frazier of Paris, Austin Frazier of Paris, Brenda Dudley of Paris, Allen Frazier of Paris, James Frazier and wife Michele of Mesquite and Terry Hood and husband Doug of Irving; 17 grandchildren, Dana, Robin, Bradley, Dustin, Brandon, Russell, Jason Susan, John, Shaun, Liane, Kenneth Jr., Amanda, Destiny, Stormy, Joshua and James; seven great-grandchildren, Kevin, Ryan, Brita, Kaitlan, Madison, Loren, McKenzie; one brother, Solomon Frazier; one sister, Agnes Ward; and these half-brothers and sisters, Abbey, Cora, Leroy, Randall and Amy Frazier; step-grandchildren, Sue Clifton, Bobby Kincaid, Mickey Kincaid, Karen Pritchard, Vita Bratton; step-great-grandchildren, Stephanie Crawford, Tina Sparks, Felicia Kincaid, Casey Kincaid, Zachary Kincaid, Mickey Kincaid, Jr., Caleb Kincaid, Michael Kincaid, Jessica Pritchard, Donna Bratton, Angie Bratton.

He was preceded in death by five children, Virgil Frazier in 1944, David Frazier in 1966, Lula Frazier in 1968, Sandra Kay Frazier in 1977 and Darrell Frazier in 1986 and six grandchildren, Bryan Frazier, Donna Frazier, Christopher Frazier, Gaylon Frazier, Amy Frazier and David Kincaid.

Mrs. Juanita Kirkpatrick dies December 20

Mrs. Juanita Marie Kirkpatrick, age 80, formerly of Bogata and Talco, died Wednesday, December 20 in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 22 in Talco Assembly of God Church with Rev. Wilson Weed officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born October 18, 1920 in Graham, TX, the daughter of Cecil and Eula Crowder Stephens. She married John Kirkpatrick on June 21, 1942 in Winters, TX. She and her husband owned and operated a service station near Bogata for a number of years. Mr. Kirkpatrick preceded her in death October 25, 1992. She was a member of the Talco Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are two sons, Ronnie Kirkpatrick of Florida and Donnie Kirkpatrick of Pittsburg; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

Paul E. Reynolds dies December 27

Paul E. Reynolds of Bogata, age 67, died Wednesday evening, December 27 at Christus St. Joseph Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Highland Cemetery in Deport under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

He was born December 12, 1933 in Fulbright, the son of Blake and Mabel Betterton Reynolds. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was a retired implement salesman and later retired from Pyatt Oil Company of Clarksville. He was a member of Deport Lodge 381 AF&AM and a Master Mason.

From 1951-54 he attended Sam Houston University, receiving his Bachelor's Degree. He then joined the U.S. Navy and graduated the U.S. Navy School of Interior Communications. He served aboard the USS Nereus in the South Pacific, which was attached to the ComSubPac Flutilla. After attaining the rank of Petty Officer, he left the service and returned back to Sam Houston State University to earn his Master's Degree in 1958.

He is survived by his wife of over 25 years, Ruth Reynolds of Bogata; one sister, Jane Swint of Deport; one half-sister, Carlene Harkrider of Mt. Pleasant. Preceding him in death are his parents; one sister, Georgia Garrett and one half-brother, Carl Pryor.

Honorary bearers were George Blackstone, Bob Pyatt, Marion Mitchell and Galen Lane.

Obituaries

Mrs. Ruth Wood dies December 29

Mrs. Ruth Wood, age 91 of Bogata, died Friday, December 29 in East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 31 in Bogata United Methodist Church with Rev. Kenny Dickson officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wood was born December 4, 1909 in Winnsboro, TX, the daughter of Robert Morgan and Amy Steed Craddock. She married Alvin Wood on October 29, 1933 in Hugo, OK. He preceded her in death February 18, 1981. She was a retired school teacher teaching in Glendale, Halesboro and Bogata schools. She worked at Turner Dry Goods in Bogata for a number of years after her retirement from teaching. She was a member of Bogata United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Tedd Grayson and her husband James of Houston and Robbie Cloud and her husband Bill of Galena Park; one brother, Dr. Dale Craddock and his wife Jean of Denver, CO and three sisters-in-law, Dot Craddock of Salinas, CA, Dorothy Craddock of Longview and Gladys Smith of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, Robert Vance Wood; four brothers, David, Rex, Van Dorn and Paul Craddock and one sister, Pat Craddock.

Honorary bearers were nephews, Tony and Steve Cloud, Mike, Robert and Van Dorn Craddock Jr., and Robert Slade. Active bearers were Howard Ed Bryson, Neil Rozell, Lawrence Wood, Bunky Smith, Dr. E.E. Brooks and Ralph Cawley.

Marvin Brit Phillips dies December 30

Marvin Brit Phillips, age 49 of the Lone Star community, died Saturday, December 30.

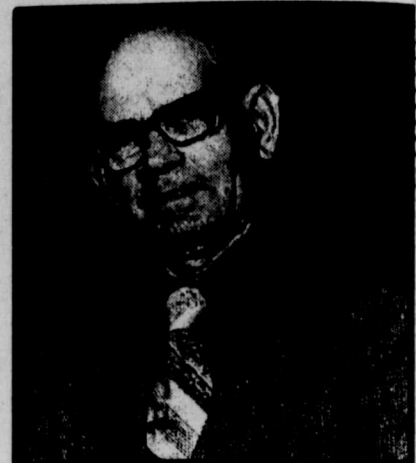
Services were conducted Tuesday, January 2 at the Lone Star Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Shovan and the Rev. Don C. Benton officiating. Interment followed in Lone Star Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Phillips was born July 23, 1951 in Clarksville, a son of Ted and Nan Watkins Phillips. He was a member of the Lone Star United Methodist Church and of Rosalie Lodge #527 AF&AM. He married the former Anaya Cooper on March 16, 1974 in Cunningham.

Mr. Phillips was a truck driver for Phillips Industries in Clarksville.

Bearers were J.D. Watkins, Steve Watkins, Chad Gregg, John Price, Eddie Baxter and Benji Phillips. Honorary bearers were Curtis Weemes and Rosalie Masonic Lodge members.

Surviving are his wife, Anaya Cooper Phillips; daughters, Lindy Jo Phillips and Bonnie Sue Phillips of the Lone Star community and a sister, Brenda Russell of the Lone Star community.



Joseph Monroe Grinstead

Joseph Grinstead dies December 31

Joseph Monroe Grinstead left this earthly life on December 31 to join loved ones in heaven. Services were held Wednesday, January 3 at 3:00 p.m. in Wood Funeral Home chapel with interment in Highland Cemetery, Deport.

He was born July 21, 1913 to Jake Lionel and Alice Bell Sanders Grinstead in Poke, AR. He married the former Gena Kincaid on March 10, 1934 in Paris. They moved to Dallas a few years later and raised their children there and upon Joe's retirement from Brown Express Freight Company in 1975, they returned to Deport to live until 1988. They then moved back to Dallas to be close to their family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gena Grinstead on March 25, 1999; his son, James Grinstead on December 30, 1999; sisters, Madge Smith and Isabell Edwards; brothers, Orville, Jake, Pearl and Earl Grinstead; and a great-granddaughter, Crystal Reyes.

He is survived by his sisters, Carrie Bennett of Deport and Edith Dockrey of Modesto, CA; daughters, Wanda Grinstead of Dallas and Pam Thom and husband Jack of Merryville, TN; grandchildren, Deborah Burgess Burdick, Bobby Burgess, Maria Lohden, Randy Grinstead and Alan Aams, all of the Dallas metroplex; nine great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and flowers during the time of our loss. A special thanks to Wood Funeral Home and Bro. Renfro.

Thank you

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Thursday, January 7, 2001

Gas Grill Stew

1 pound of ground beef
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can sliced carrots
1 can stewed tomatoes
1 can tomato sauce
3 cups large-chopped potatoes

Brown ground beef in iron skillet on hot grill with a small amount of diced onion and celery, remembering that the handle is very hot! Drain and pour into Dutch Oven. Add tomatoes and sauce, corn and carrots. Simmer for 30 minutes and add potatoes and cook until done.

Mesquite Grilled Nachos

1/2 pound browned ground beef or diced chicken
shredded cheese
nacho chips
chopped onions
refried beans

Form a large sheet of heavy-duty foil into pan and shape sides. Beans can be spread onto chips if desired. Sprinkle browned beef or chicken. Top with cheese. Slide onto heated grill for approximately five minutes or until cheese is melted.

Pan-fried Cornbread

2 cups cornmeal
1 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
chopped jalapeno (optional)

Blend all ingredients well and drop by teaspoonfuls into hot oil in iron skillet heated on grill. Remember, handle is hot!

Hot Sauce -in-a-Jar

1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 diced onion
1 tablespoon oil
1 tablespoon vinegar
pinch of cilantro-optional

Pulse in blender or food processor for thirty seconds or consistency you desire. Pour into jar and refrigerate.

Greenhouse Gravy and Sausage

1 pound pork sausage
2 tablespoons flour
salt and pepper to taste
milk

Brown sausage in iron skillet until done. Drain. Pour off grease and leave enough to mix flour and salt and pepper. Add milk to thicken and watch handle of iron skillet, it gets hot!

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Dr. Austin Adams
Basketball & Your Feet

Basketball is a popular winter sport. Played competitively or recreationally, it can wreak havoc on the feet due to its stops and starts, jumping and running. The foot and ankle suffer tremendous pressure in basketball, and injuries are common. Acute injuries occur with a sudden blow or fall, while chronic injuries result from extended wear and tear. Ankle sprains, torn ligaments, muscle pulls, ruptured tendons and fractures are some common acute injuries. An acute injury requires immediate medical attention and is often treated initially with the RICE method, rest, ice, compression and elevation. Stress fractures, plantar fasciitis, shin splints, Achilles heel and tendonitis are common chronic injuries associated with basketball. Stretching, warm ups and proper conditioning can help prevent chronic conditions.

Although playing basketball today may differ greatly from the game's earliest moments, its fundamental elements of running, jumping, cutting, stopping and shooting on a hard floor remain essentially the same. Your podiatrist can be a valuable member of your team by addressing the game's two distinct types of injuries to the lower extremities, acute injury from a sudden blow, or chronic injury that develops slowly and becomes aggravated over an extended period of time. Don't let your sport keep you sidelined, call **DOCTORS FOOT CLINIC** 784-5585.

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE-Prairiland senior Lacy, member of the National Honor Society used the canned food drive as her project for the year and donated all items to the Blossom and Paris Kiwanis for them to distribute. Pictured is left Kenneth Short, James Crawford, Lacy Spray, Principal Ronnie Baker and seated is J.R. Raiff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Kiwanis in conjunction with Prairiland distributes canned goods

Members of the Blossom and Paris Kiwanis Clubs picked up canned goods for the needy from Prairiland High School on Friday, December 22, 2000 to be distributed to area needy families for the holidays. As her National Honor Society project, Prairiland senior Lacy Spray, was able to collect over 1800 cans of

food, with help of her peers. Cans were collected at basketball game week at various times by and donated in exchange for a ham donated by Hickory House of Paris. There was a great success and her record of giving was broken.

Conscience is the guardian in the individual of the rules which the community has evolved for its own preservation.
—W Somerset Maugham

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- To John W. Whitney from Geron and Glenna Jackson, Laney and Lexie.
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- To Sam Whitney from Nettie Powers.
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- To Mr. and Mrs. Dolon Miller from Dolean Whitaker.
- To Thomas Caffee from James Cunningham.
- To Sam Speir from Willie Mae Speir.



In search of shipmates

The Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is looking for all amphibious personal for reunions. The next reunion will be held in Fort Worth, Texas April 26-27-28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn South of I-35W. Contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, Texas 75948 or e-mail TexasLsts@AOL.com

RR Genealogical Society to meet

The Red River Genealogical Society will meet on Monday night, January 8, 2001 in the Red River County Library in Clarksville. A show and tell session will be

held with Johnie Lee speaking on his recently published book. Copies will be available for sale. Everyone is invited to attend.



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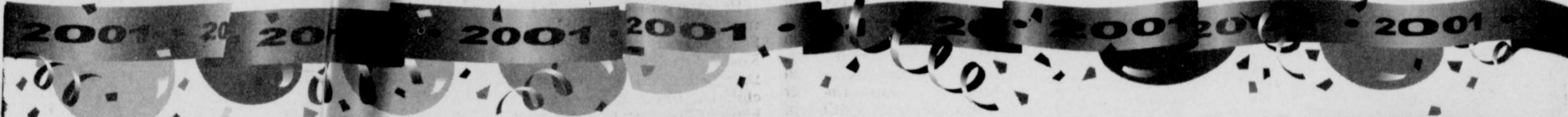
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Precinct 1

Here's wishing you the very best in the New Year.

Chuck Superville
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To the citizens of Lamar County I want to wish each of you a Happy New Year. I look forward to serving you as Sheriff in the new year

B. J. McCoy
Sheriff
Lamar County

It has been a pleasure serving the people of Lamar County as Constable of Precinct 1.

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year
Randy Boren
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Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Kathy Marlowe
Lamar County Clerks Office

Wishing all of you the very best in the coming New Year Thanks for all your support.

Don Denison
Justice of the Peace
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Happy New Year To All Lamar County residents. I am looking forward to serving you in the coming new year.

Peggy Noble
Lamar County Tax-Assessor
Collector

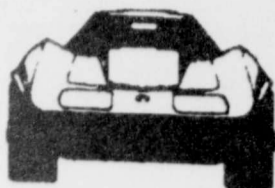
Wishing all of you a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Latricia Miller
Lamar County Treasurer

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Marvin Ann Patterson
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FCCLA HOLDS BRUNCH AT PRAIRILAND-On Thursday, December 10, 2000, the FCCLA of Prairiland High School held their annual Christmas brunch. The FCCLA department served foods prepared by the students to the administration, faculty and staff. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Trey Lee, Shasta, KS spent the Christmas with his parents, Anna and Nikki Lee. He is visiting his mother, Edna Talley. Spending Christmas Day with Velma and Salter. Jeff Temple were Tim Tabatha Purcell and Edna Towers, Mattylu Upchurch returned home Saturday afternoon for Christmas. He is spending the holiday with his family. Billie Goheen, Maudsley of North returned home. John Temple returned home with his son, Paul of the 15th. The family of Holt were all home for

Christmas dinner. Ruth Skaggs and Marilyn Glover of Deport had Christmas dinner with Ann and Sheldon Lee and Trey. Edna Talley's family was at her home for Christmas Day. Shasta Penner of Madill, OK visited her grandmother, Edna Talley last week and they went to the home of Delores and Toby Yoder for Christmas Eve. John and Velma Temple went to Carrollton Saturday to visit Rachelle and Phil Casey, Blair and Bryan and Colleen Watson and Hanna. Family members were at the home of Edna Talley on New Year's day for a reception for her daughter, Jeanne and Billy Beshirs, who were recently married. Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak had breakfast with Dorothy and James Holt on Monday.



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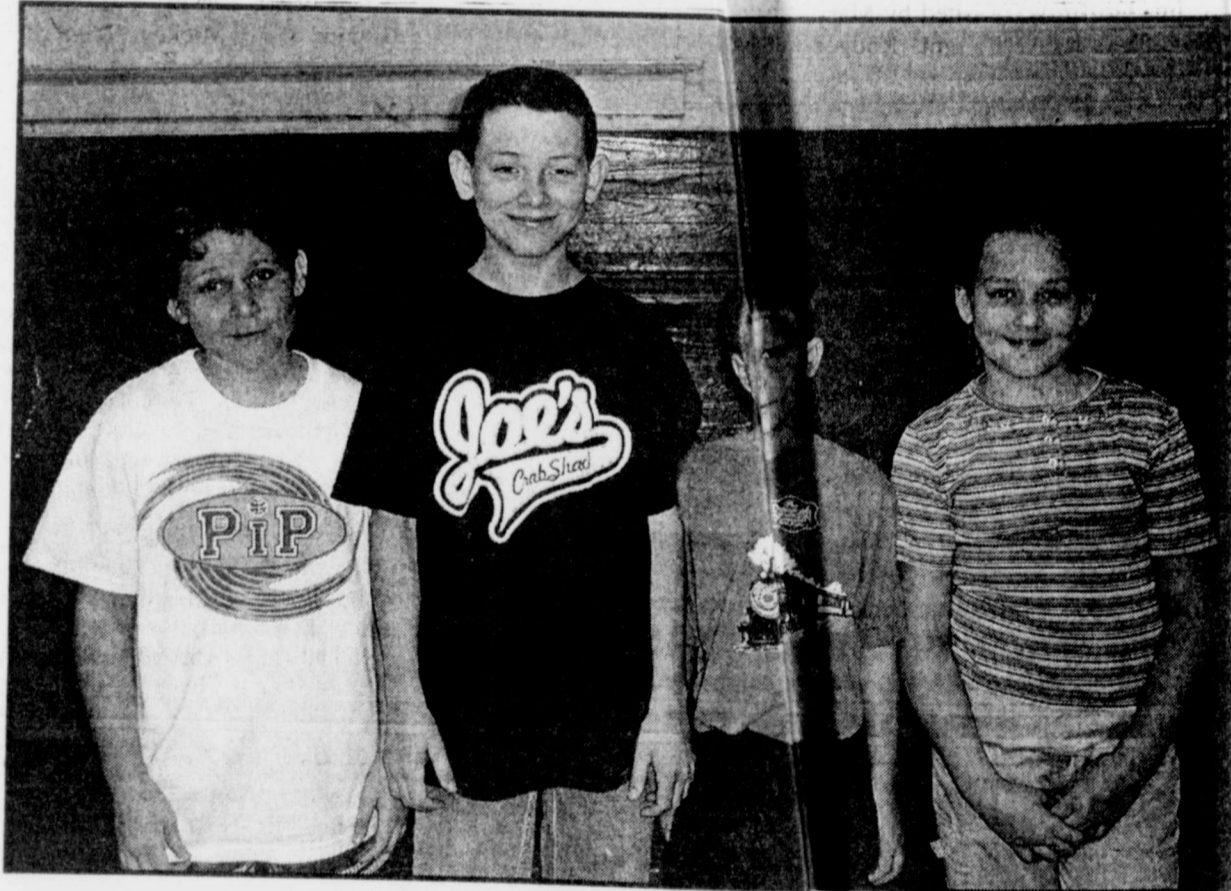
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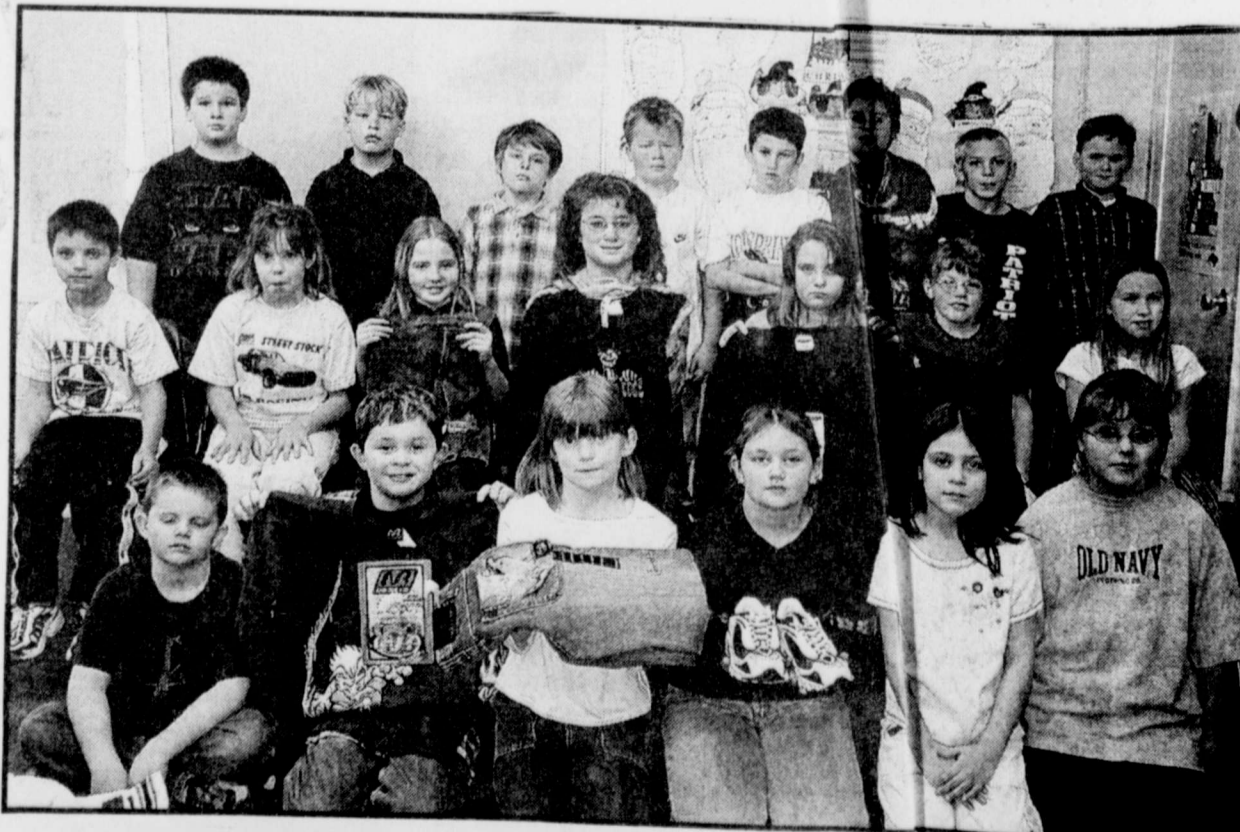
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DEPORT 5TH Grade Class Favorites pictured left to right is Sus Anderson, Landon Syrus, Joey Bilard and Lisa Barnes. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



JANICE PATTERSON'S 4-A class on the Blossom campus donated the money that they would have used for their gift exchange to buy clothes and toys to place on the Angel Tree. Pictured back row is Dakota Parker, Colby Liles, Carl Wood, Chris Wilkins, Jacob Sals, Arturo Sifuentes, Ricky Latham and Coyden Harmon. Middle row is Dakota Swindle, Morgan Purchinal, Heather Bybee, Alyssa Pitcock, Whittie Stone, Jessica Withers and Courtney Outland. Front row is Chris Ryan, Tyler Bowden, Staci Harrell, Meagan Thomas, Sherri Patterson and Kayla Berry. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The East Post Oak Baptist Church presented their Christmas Cantata Sunday morning to a good attendance of over 90. After the worship service lunch was served in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service followed with Bro. Henry Blackmon's message followed by a program by the children. They did a real good program.

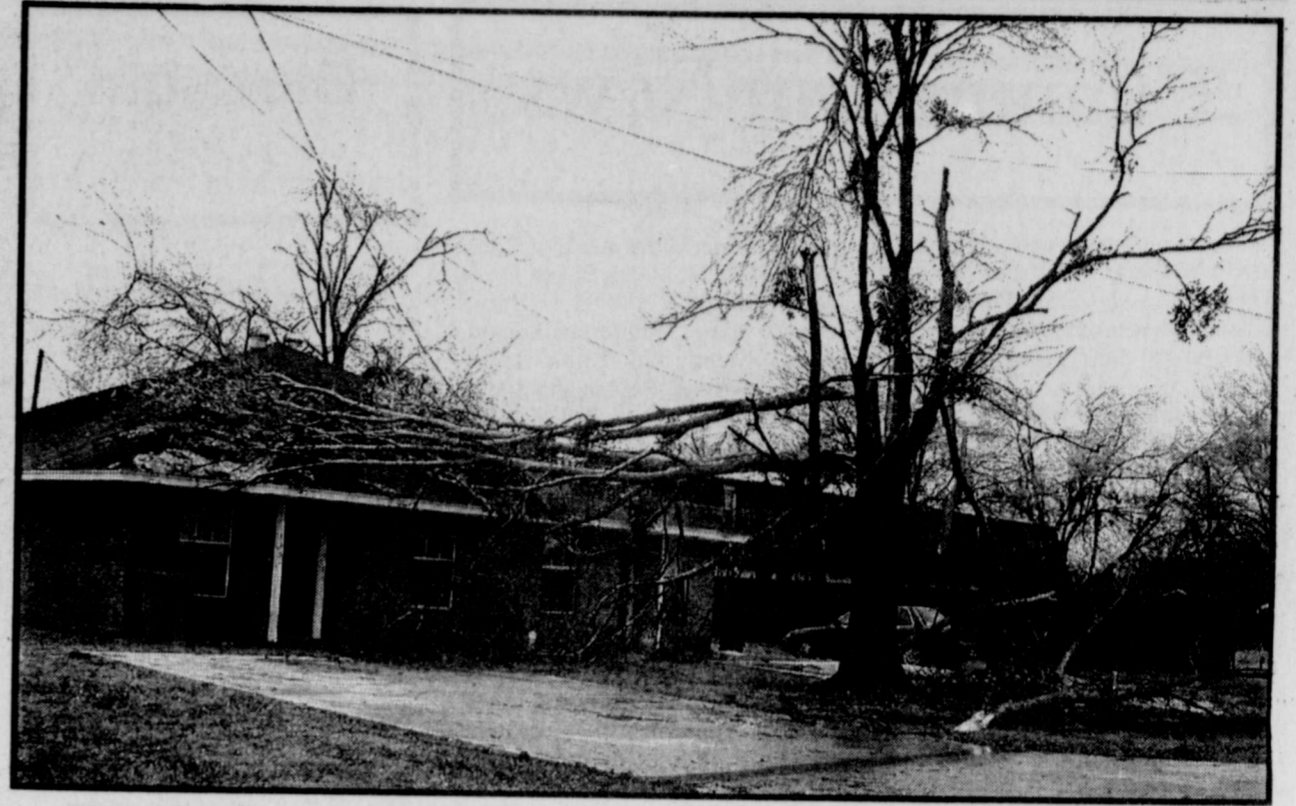
There was a good turnout for the church picture taking for the church directory Friday and Saturday.

We extend sympathy to the family of Sarah Wilson who died Wednesday in Texhoma Care Center of Sherman. She was a sister to Clara Bates and an aunt to Betty Low and Alvis Bates. Her funeral was Saturday morning at Fry and Gibbs Funeral Home with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Bro. and Mrs. Calvin Permenter ate lunch Sunday with Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee.

Jerald Williams and wife April arrived Saturday afternoon from LeJeune, N.C. where he is stationed in the Marine Corp. They will be here on a ten day furlough visiting families. They went back on December 26.

Newman and Betty Low attended the Sunday night session at Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church when Bro. J. T. McNabb is pastoring.



THIS HOUSE on Holly Street in Blossom suffered roof damage as the trees surrounding it collapsed under the ice. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Crime Stoppers crime of the week

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

At around 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 3rd, an unknown suspect entered a home in the 3700 block of Eagle Bend Street in Paris. Once inside the house, the suspect at-

tempted to sexually assault a woman in the home. The suspect was described as a white male in his 50's, five feet four inches tall to five feet six inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds with light to grayish colored hair.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 25th 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).



UNUSUAL BRICK-Sue Sheppard lays this very unusual brick. It was dug up near Mhey, at Prosperous, and reads "Great Wall of Texas" a state shape and stars. Anyone with any information about this item may call the Deport Times at 652-4 (Staff Photo)

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to James VanDeaver, Tiffany Winters, Ann Geer, Travis Crossland, Colt Hatfield, Chris McDowra, Jenni Ballard.

Happy anniversary to Travis and Tonya Hunt.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Hazel Shuman who died December 18 in Wadley Hospital in Texarkana. She was the mother of Sara Mazy.

Recent visitors of Jesse and Frances Anderson were her brother, Fred Hulet of Dallas and Delbert Haskins of Irving, L.C. and Jerry Nell Stout were good neighbors during the power outage. Visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins were Mickey Keener of Longview, Ashley Keener of Garland, Jeff Unruh and family of Detroit, David Parks of Deport, Peggy Crenshaw, James Earl Bell, Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh.

James and Bernice Bell were involved in a traffic accident in Paris Saturday night.

T.J. and Margaret Fowler, Melanie Moore and Colt, Jerry and Dorothy Richey, Kent and Jan Richey, Josh and Matty of Corsicana, Susan Richey of Georgetown, Nina Sparks of Deport attended the Salter Christmas dinner and tree in the home of Mike and Elois Sparks in Deport Saturday, December 23.

Peggy Parsons took her cousin, Lois Kennett of Cooper to DFW on Tuesday before Christmas to catch her flight to Florida.

Spending Christmas holidays with Keith and Peggy Parsons were Greg and Connie Parsons, Alisen, Davis and Karyn Leigh of Whitehouse, Doug Winters, Colton and Tiffany of College Station, Bob and Judy Ellington, Rusty and Leslie Ellington

and Connor, Ronnie and Kelly Ellington and Caleb of Huntsville. Joining them for the Sparks Christmas tree were Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks of Deport, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah.

Bob and Judy Ellington, Keith and Peggy Parsons spent the night in deport with Nina Sparks.

Christmas day dinner guests of the Parsons were Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Doug Winters, Colton and Tiffany, Greg and Connie Parsons, Alison, Davis and Karyn Leigh and neighbors, Tom and Debra Odell.

Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah attended the Boren's Christmas tree at Lonnie and Laura Layton's home in Paris Christmas Eve. They ate Christmas dinner with Dee and Betty Boren in Paris.

James and Katy Winters and Rickey attended the Winters family Christmas at Reno in the home of Laura and Ronnie Parnell Saturday night, December 23.

Leah Boren and Carolyn Corso spent Friday night, December 29 with Jenni Ballard in celebration of her birthday.

Staying with Keith and Peggy Parsons during the storm and power outage last week were Elois and Nina Sparks of Deport, Marcy Campbell and Irene Parsons of Paris.

Mark and Tonya Parsons, Haley and Ty of Rowlett, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah and Chad Larkin were Sunday dinner guests of Keith and Peggy Parsons. They enjoyed playing in the snow and shooting fireworks later that day and night.

Several in our community are still without power and telephone service.

Deporting Home News

By Sandrauldin

Purna Haydock was visited by Bill Chipman, Sara Benfer, Kate Benfer, Lindsay Kelly, Jeremy Ward and Ruth Chipman.

Irene Beeler was visited by Ruth Crow.

Verta Lynn was visited by Sara and Kate Benfer, Lindsay Kelley, Jeremy Ward, Conner Chipman, Chris Chipman, Riley Chipman, Staci Chaney.

Ima Griffin was visited by Mary Ray, Raymond Hignight, Rodger Leach, Patsy Curtis, Bonnie Harris, Nina Twin, Odessa Robinson, Ina Curtis, Vickie Neely, Patsy Curtis.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Ima Griffin, Owen Davis, Patsy Curtis, Christina Wilson, Terry Wilson and TEmple Ray.

Daisy Barnett was visited by Rita Thompson, Rhonda Hoskin, Katy Ramsey.

John Mitchell was visited by Carl and Jalynda, Dakota, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell.

Mary Ray was visited by Raymond Hignight, Christina Ray, Terry Wilson and Temple Ray.

Jo Wren was visited by Susan Whittle.

Lillie Dunham and Mamie Fletcher were visited by Royce Nona Johnson, Lillie Dunham, Beverly Lane, Glenna, Laney and Lexie Jackson, Hali Screws, Kara Screws, Dennis Fletcher, Glenda King, Becky Procter, Lauri Grayson, Lila Screws, Mike Screws and Bren Screws.

Melva and Homer Sisson were visited by Joyce Hall, C. Baker, Betty Sisson, Rita Sisson, Renee, Steve, Tara and Leslie Moore and Danny, Donna and Dave Taylor.

Nina Hale was visited by Nell Shull and Wanda Lou Bradley.

Ann Austin was visited by Velma Cox and Lorraine Reid.

Lois McMurray and Billie Abbotte visited by the Abundant Life Group, Tyson woods, Jan Abbotte, Vicki Abbott Woods.

Nett and Linda King were visited by Kennedy Thompson, Rita Thompson, Rhonda Hoskins, Rita Thompson, Lucretia Walkup, Larry Ramo, Lucetia Walkup, Larry Ramo, Jane Walkup.

Wells was visited by Ken Wells, Pam Humphrey, Keris, LTammie Morgan, Jennifer, Chase Morgan, Madison, Glenn Wells, Lois Wells and Beth Wells.

Wolt's visitors were Angie, Marcus, Allison Wolf, Ann Donna Williams, Richard David Wolf, Travis Talley, Deanda, Chris Farmer, Wolf, Pam Humphrey, Cokie Cindy and Bert Filkins, Ken B.

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berta Watts was visited by Pat j and Dorothy Dodd.

il Farris was visited by Becky Norris Farris, Garlyon and Mary

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meth H. Allen, Kim Allen as An onio, Velma Cox, Dora Hester, n Allen, Corene Roach, Evelyn ach, Lucy Fowler, Nell Wolf, ynda, Danbri Mitchell, Larry awford, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deaton, ilip and Susan Roach, John Lee ach.

Dow South and Billie Archibald ere visited by J.D. Polk and Brenda atson.

Melvina Dinwiddie was visited by aquita Johnson.

Pat Holje and Betty Gardner were visited by Laquita Johnson.

Jessie Lane and Ruby Bruton were visited by Juanita Garrett.

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Cunningham News

The Community extends sympathy to Williams and JoDell Cooper. Their son-in-law, Brett Phillips was killed in a house explosion. Brett was married to their older daughter, Anaya.

Christmas 2000 was a "blow out" in Cunningham. The electricity went out Christmas Day and was not restored until Thursday night.

The Watson Christmas at the Musgrove Store lasted four days because of the power outage. The store had lights because Stacy kept a generator working. Marie Watson went back to Sterling House where she had heat. Geneva Norwood and Shane and Zarinska Morton spent the nights with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove. Everyone met back at the store to cook, eat and play games. Dean, Ada, Brad, Bruce, Rachel, Bradley and Brett Watson, Deana, Reese Blevins and his children, Dillon Gibson, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Geneva, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Scotty, Treda, Amber, Spur Norwood, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brad and Georgeanna Nutt, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Vickie, Lacy, Roy and Jesse Davis, Billy Joe and Georgia Oats would like to thank Nelta and Johnnie for their hospitality. This is a Christmas to remember. Everyone had so much fun they all came back for a New Year's celebration.

Joining Pete and L'Wanda McKnight for Christmas were Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson, Connie McKnight, Cindy, LeeDon and Reanna and Ethelyn Davis. They also joined them for New Year's dinner.

James and Pat Norwood's Christmas lasted for a week. Their guests were Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Danny and Jency Cole, Jase, Erika and Brenton Norwood.

Shelia Norwood visited with Darold and Ida Mae Norwood for Christmas.

Billie Joe, Georgia, Billy Ray and Neva Oats went to Betty Roddy's Christmas Eve dinner.

Christmas dinner guest of Billie Joe and Gerogia Oats were Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Brad and Georgeanna Nutt and Betty Jane Roddy.

Billie and Leonard Ford had all of their children home for Christmas. Carol, Tracy, Joyce and their families; Lowell and his friend Deborah from Maine; David and his friend Danielle and Kaylynn and C.J. from Lewisville and Lillian King.

The Ladd family met at the Com-

munity Center Christmas Eve. Those attending were; Melba Baker, Drew, Janet, Danielle and A.J. Syrus, Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus, Kristi and Anna Baker, Brantley Morris, Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy, Jeff, Cindy, Zak, Garrett, Taylor and Asa Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy, T.L., Carol, Swede, Britney and Bridgette Ladd, Steve, Carlyon, Craig, Meredith and Chandler Ladd, Tuttle Whitley, Scooter Bills and Jim Bo, Lisa and Logan Thomsson.

The Norwood family met at Life Tabernacle Fellowship Hall Christmas Eve. Those attending were; Geneva, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton, Caleb, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Billy Ray, Neva and Brandon Oats, Bard and Georgeanna Nutt, Darold, Ida Mae and Shelia Norwood, Del Walker, Jame, Pat, Tracy, Brenton, Erika and Jase Norwood, Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Canard Norwood, Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith, Talma Norwood, Waymon, Terry, Cameron and Tyler Creamer, Danny Norwood, Charles and Cindy Nichols, Dameon and Courtney White. Gifts were exchanged and everyone played bingo. The family sang "Happy Birthday" to Lacy Cole. She was 12 years old.

Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood and Johnny, Jamie, Jennifer and Landon Syrus spent Christmas Day with Joan and Mike Stribbling in Roxton.

Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove spent the night with Laura and Ross Miller for Christmas.

New Year's Day in Cunningham was a beautiful six inch blanket of snow.

Nelta Musgrove called Eulas Ashford in Amarillo New Year's Day and he reported 22 inches of snow.

Jane O'Neal had her family for New Year's Day dinner on Sunday. Those joining her were Sue and Murray Jackson, Janee and Kenzie Jackson, Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer, Lisa, Dwayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Bill Page were New Year's guest of James and Pat Norwood.

Marlin Foster was Sunday dinner guest of Darold and Ida Mae Norwood.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats went to Ft. Worth to watch the Rivercrest Rebels play in the What-a-Burger Tournament.

Blossom Locals

Happy Birthdays this week too: Tyler Graham, Jennifer Martin, Chad Nation, Scotty Babb, Tina Justice, Dana Parker, Lisa Harris, Leslie Martin, Wade Moore, Amanda Henderson, Blake Braudaway, Laurence Wilcoxon, Robin Pieper, William Ruckman, Ricky Latham, Tammy Nichols, Donett Lyon, Justin Ebbs, Juana Zermeno, Josh White, Matt Hosteller, Toy Varner, Lori Pitcock, Hope Petty, Kate Robertson, Jackie Chennault, James Gray, Ethan Tillery, Michael DiGiovanni, Randal Sessums, Jack Kindel, Patricia Bass, Mike Edzards.

Happy New Year! We hope that this year is a great year for everyone!

Enjoying Christmas dinner with George, Pam and Amanda Wood was Roy and Brenda Hoover and Daphne Hoover of Mt. Pleasant, Scott, Denise and Shelby Bryson of LoneStar, Elaine and James Wade and Ruth Booth of the city and Nancy and George Wood of Sherman.

Crystal Wood of Atlas spent Friday night with her grandmother Ruby Crawford.

Jerry and Linda Farris and Linda and David Hicks had Christmas dinner with Hershah and Minnie Lee Shands.

Lacretia, Gary and Tyler Scarborough of Mississippi, Randy, Lesa, Nikalus and Jasper Clarkson and Rhett, Sherry, Toni and Kelli Clarkson enjoyed Christmas dinner with Randal and Sue Clarkson.

Sally Mathena spent last Monday night with Evelyn Tillman of Beckville. Sandra Adams of Garland brought her home on Tuesday.

Bessie Garrett spent the week with Paul and Sue Garrett in Paris. She also visited with her son Jerry Garrett at Baylor Hospital twice last week.

School Menu



Prairiland Menu Week of January 8

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito w/salsa
Juice, milk
Lunch: Beef fingers
Mashed potatoes
Gravy
Green beans
Rolls
Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza
Corn
Salad
Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes
Fried okra
Rolls
Milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Pancakes, toast, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes
Gravy
Corn
Rolls
Milk

Friday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburgers
Pork and beans
Potato chips
Fruit cocktail
Milk

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING PERMIT RENEWAL FOR WES PERMIT MUNICIPAL

PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 10741-001 PRELIMINARY REPORT, P.O. BOX 354-A, DEPORT, TEXAS 75435, HAS APPLIED TO THE TNRCC FOR A RENEWAL OF PERMIT NO. 10741-001, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER AT A DAILY RATE OF 1,830,000 GALLONS PER DAY TO MUSTANG CREEK. THE PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM (TPDES) WILL REPLACE EXISTING 10741-001 TREATMENT SYSTEM. THE PERMIT NO. 10741-001 WAS SUBMITTED TO THE TNRCC ON 11/7/2000.

The facility is located approximately 1400 feet west of Highway 271 in and U.S. The treated effluent, Texas, Mustang Creek; tharged to South Sulphur R: Sulphur/0303 of the Sulphur No. unclassified receivasin. The significant aquatic uses are no Creek. The design flow is 1,830,000 gpd. The permit requires the facility must operate in accordance with the permit conditions. The permit is a discharge permit. The permit is a discharge permit. The permit is a discharge permit.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Detroit at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Ashley Lassiter at 903-785-0303. Issued December 27, 2000
LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the customers of the MJC Water Supply:

We are required to report to you by TNRCC regulations, that on October 2, 2000, the water sample taken was found to be contaminated with the coliform bacteria. On October 3, 2000, three other samples were taken in the same area. These samples were found to be free of any contaminants. Therefore we feel that the first sample was probably found to be contaminated by human error and not the fault of the water quality.

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NOTICE OF SPILL FROM A WASTEWATER FACILITY

A spill from a wastewater treatment or collection facility has occurred.
Facility name: City of Bogata
Contact for info.: Wendell Davis, 903-632-5315
Location of spill: CR 1450 to Morrison Creek.
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Estimated volume of spill: Approx. 400,000 gallons.
Type of spill: Domestic wastewater
Area potentially affected: Morrison Creek area to Mustang Creek.
Suspected cause of spill: Ice storm, power outage.
The following actions have been taken: Appropriate local government officials have been notified; TNRCC regional office has been notified; the cause of the spill has been corrected; clean-up activities are underway; and dilution by rainfall.
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BROTHER JIM BENFER, Deport Methodist Minister, pulled his youngest son, Hugh, in the Deport Christmas Parade at the first of December. What made this a little unusual was that Bro. Jim was pulling the wagon by unicycle power. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

McCuiston Gala nets \$35,000

The 2000 McCuiston Regional Medical Center Gala held October 7 turned over \$35,000 to the McCuiston Endowment Fund. With this addition, the 14-year total contributed to the fund exceeds \$1,040,000.

In a recent event wrap-up meeting, Chair Fran Neeley presented the ceremonial check to Harold Campbell, Development Council member and Michael J. McBride, McCuiston President.

As the endowment fund continues to grow, only the interest of the earnings will ever be touched to further the cause of healthcare in the community. An example of the resource allocation can be seen in the current construction of the Women's Imaging Center and Women's Health Resource Center on the first floor of the Women's Pavilion. A portion of the interest was used to support that worthwhile project.

Deport Locals

Call Your News To
Cindy Talley
652-2954



Happy birthday to Connie Kelseyhirley Ballard, Walker Devlin, Dodd, Danny Rosser, Dorothy Holt, uena Marshall, Dawn Nailling, James Judd, Jamie Malone, Johnny anessa Nolan.

Happy anniversary to Terri and Philip B. Dodd, Andrew Houston,evin Read, Tonya and Travis inter, Tonya and Harry Crawford. Gifford, Eric Pearson, Kay Peek, Melba Barner, Chance Crawford, Josh Allen, James H. Elrod, Lindsay Kelly, Bill Pierce, Danny Rowland, Ricky Harrell, Sherrie Lynn Wolf,

aving Christmas eve dinner with mas and Nanalee Nichols were: th, Vicki, Jeff Jeffus; Russ and Cey Rodgers, Ben and Sharon Gling, Garrel, Christy and Chase D.

analee Nichols and Jeff Jeffus sp: the week after Christmas in Pt. Isal, Texas with Bob and Medora Wams. They also visited with John aneota Miller while there and went to Mexico for the day.

iving a pre-Christmas meal with Thoeas and Nanalee Nichols were Jake and Barbara Maurischat and Jam and Sunny Whitney and Pat Fou;

Sa and Margie Rice visited with Thors and Nanalee Nichols on Sunday fore returning home. They report at they are still without power or phone service, and that the damage was severe to their pines.

Attending a Christmas Party at the home of Pam and Brad Hunt Dec. 23rd were Grady and Katherine Wrigh, Mike and Sharon Wright, Dakot, Amy and Cole Wright, Kyle, Lisa and Kandi Wright, Jamie, Misty and Etjan Mullins, Aaron, Katy and Peyton Williams, Kenty, Ann, Brandon and Blaine Wright, Cindy Burks and Kenneth Burks.

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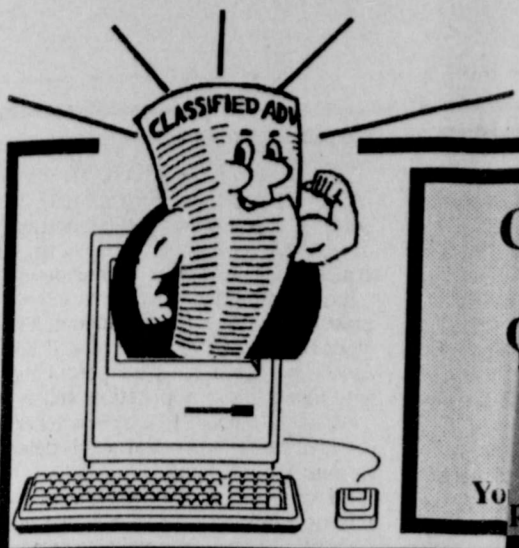
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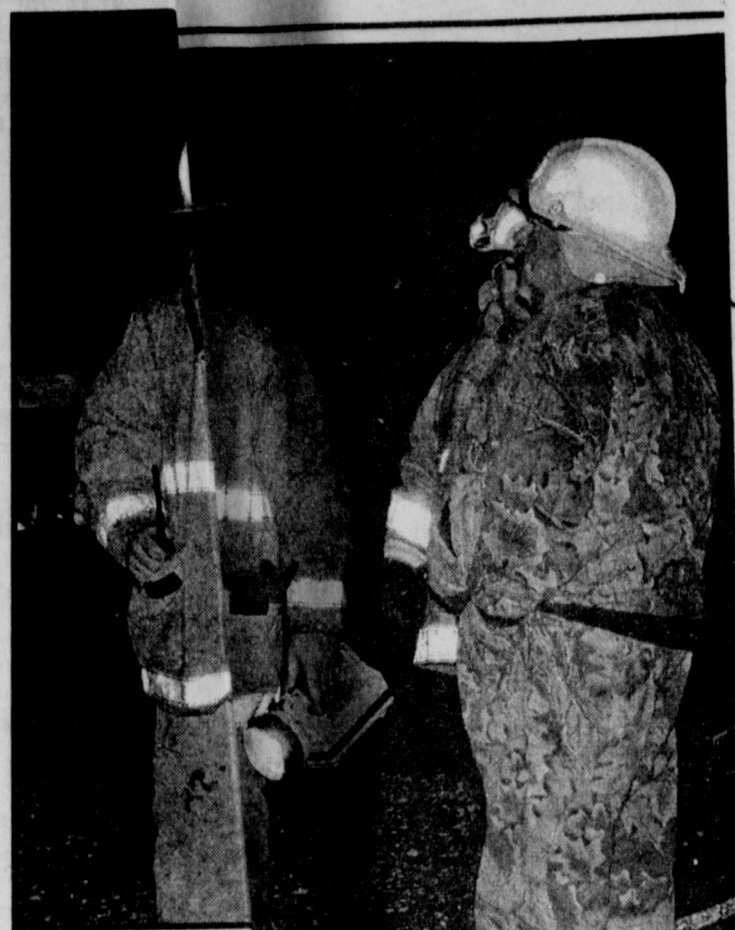
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- Hot Food**
Clarksville First Baptist Church from noon to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Clarksville Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
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Bagwell Post Office from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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- Drinking Water**
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- Warm Overnight Sheltering**
Clarksville High School located on Washington Street, Clarksville, Texas.
- Showers**
Clarksville High School Shelters. Everyone is urged to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning and to watch for signs of cold exposure. Do not eat foods which could be spoiled from lack of refrigeration and be sure to boil any water before drinking or using it to prepare food. For more information or additional help call: 903-632-1451 or 903-632-1452.



**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.
*Everyone is invited to a dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2001. Music will be provided by the East Texas Review Band. Come out and join the fun!



KEVIN BINICOGATA VFD discussed a fire call in Rugby with DFD members Donny Darden and Boyd Slaton last night. Fortunately what was turned is as a fire wasn't. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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11	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
12	Chapel Hill JVG Tourney, There
	Chapel Hill Tourney
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