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If I EVER Had Doubts!

If I EVER doubted that people read this newspaper, they have certainly been put to rest! And, if I ever doubted the generosity of readers, that's been put to rest too.

First of all, we ran an ad for a tree trimmer in our newspapers last week. The nice man who owns the company stuck his head in the door Monday morning and said "If you want to tell people how well your ads work, they can ask me...my phone has rung off the wall since the minute our ad came out in your paper last week!". He was delighted, and of course, so were we!

In this column last week I mentioned that white sheets, suitable for making cravats to use in first aid for the fire department, were few and far between. I can't count the generous people who responded by calling or coming by the Deport Office and the Drug Store.

Strangely, when I wrote the column I really wasn't thinking about people sharing their white sheets with us...but boy, and I glad they did!

We have all manner of beautiful white sheets, sturdy, some are even in the original packaging! We even have a few feed sacks, which will also work beautifully.

We plan on making dozens of the huge, triangular shaped pieces of cloth known as cravats. We will use them for many things. Those plain white sheets without elastic will be kept to provide people with warmth,

to roll up as a support or to help keep someone in a position of comfort.

Each and every one is appreciated...and not a single one will go to waste, we promise.

Another interesting side-bar to this little story is the comments that absolutely everyone made as they dropped their plain white sheets by. Invariably they said "I never use these anymore, they were just sitting, taking up closet space. I just LOVE the flowered and colored sheets."

At least I'm not the only female out there who prefers fancy sheets over plain...apparently EVERY woman does!

People
'n
Things

The Deport American Legion will meet on the following Thursdays for 2001: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11.

Friday, January 26, 2001

Dance at Pattonville Community Center. Live music at 8:00 p.m. with proceeds going to Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department.

Monday, January 29, 2001

Pattonville Community Center will hold a business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, January 25, 2001

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Past issues of Deport Times brought in from 1929

Some weeks ago a Detroit gentleman (whose name we have lost) sent us some Deport Times issues from the 1920s. The past issues are from several months and have some really interesting articles and ads.

A few items are: Lester Barrett dies from attack of measles. The 12 year old lived near Minter. It was reported that the disease had "settled in his head". This was in April of 1924.

Kelsey Motor Company had six volt, 80 ampere hours batteries with 13 plates for a cost of \$16.50.

In August of 1929 it was reported that most hay harvesting was finished now, and wagons and trucks were continuing to haul it in.

Home Oil had been purchased by Lamar Oil company.

A new heat record for the summer of 1929 had been set when it went to 103 degrees and stayed there. Just think, they had no air conditioning

back then!

Deport Feed Store had just received a carload (railroad car) of maize and was featuring "Sure-Nuff" Cow Feed.

Thieves had broken into the warehouse of the Texas-Louisiana Power Co. at Blossom in April of 1929. They stole about \$100 of copper wire. They took the fire to the Blossom Gin where they built a fire in the furnace and attempted to burn off the insulation. C.G. Blackburn, and employee of the gin, saw the smoke and notified law enforcement officers, but the thieves ran off, leaving their copper behind.

A child had choked to death on a bean as he was being rushed towards a hospital. There was no Heimlich Manuever to assist the boy back then.

Paris Hat Works was offering to remake, clean, block and put a new band on Men's Straw Hats.

The Blossom region was experimenting with growing peanuts instead of cotton.



WHITE SHEETS DO EXIST-Sunny Whitney and Nanalee Nichols stand behind a stack of much-needed white sheets donated to the Deport Volunteer Fire Department. The sheets appeared after a column written on how rare plain white sheets are, and how the fire department needed them for bandages, cravats and padding at medical emergencies. Readers were very generous, and every sheet is appreciated and will be put to good use. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Disaster assistance is available

If you suffered damage during the severe winter storms that began December 12, 2000, you may be eligible for Federal and State disaster assistance. You must apply for assistance over the telephone. Call toll free 1-800-462-9029 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., seven days a week. TTY 1-800-462-7585.

Assistance that may be available includes: disaster housing; loans to repair homes and replace personal property; grants for serious needs not met by other programs; loans for agricultural losses and losses to small businesses; disaster unemployment benefits; other assistance from a variety of local, state and federal agencies.

You will be asked to following information: your Social Security number; address and zip code of damaged property; current mailing address and telephone number; information about damages and losses you suffered; household income information; if insured, policy number(s) or agent and company name.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

Si usted sufrió danos como resultado de las tormentas emeso Decembre 12, 2000, puede ser elegible para obtener ayuda Federal y Estatal por desastres. Puede solicitar ayuda llamando al numero gratis 1-800-462-9029 todos los dias, de 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aquellas personas con impedimentos verbales o auditivos, con equipo de telecomunicaciones "TTY", pueden llamar gratis al 1-800-462-7585.

La ayuda disponible incluye: asistencia para vivienda provisional; prestamos a bajo intereses para perdidas de propiedad personal y bienes raices; subvenciones si la necesidad es grave y no esta cubierta bajo otros programas; prestamos para pequenos negocios y perdidas agricolas; beneficios de desempleo; asistencia de agencias locales, estatales y federales y agencias de voluntarios.

Cuando llame, esta preparado con lo siguiente: numero de seguro social; direccion; descripcion de los danos; si tiene seguro, el nombre de su agente y el numero de poliza; numero de telefono actual. Para mas informacion vea el diario, la television o la radio.

La ayuda esta disponible para toda persona no inmorta la raza, credo, color, sexo, religion, origen nacional o impedimento.



EIGHTH GRADE PHOTO-this photo turned up in some photos that Matthew (Mack) McLemore of Plano was going through. The picture is the senior graduation class of 1951 when they were in the 8th grade at Deport Elementary School. This year will be the classes fifty year graduation anniversary. Many of these students, Mack says, eventually graduated from East Lamar High School. The photo was taken before the existence of East Lamar High School. From left to right, top to bottom are: Top Row: Robert Bailey, Junior Threadgill, Ralph Taylor, Walter Laury, Robert Lee Raley, Bill Livingston (teacher) George Parks and Melvin Pomroy. Third row: Earline Ramsey, Joella Devlin, Anita Legate, Omega Bartlett, Henrietta McCoy, Anna Bell Siplinger, Tommie McMikel, and Mary Laurie. Second Row: Carl Lee Whitney, Joyce Glenn Gardner, Clara Mae Dudley, Peggy Ferguson, Henrietta Betterton, Patsy McGill, Dessie Edwards, Jessie Edwards, Mona Leta Nicholson and Joyce Coyle. First Row: Billy Joe Francis, Jerry Reese, Weldon Slaton John Temple, Mack McLemore, and Bobby Ham. We appreciate Mr. McLemore sending us this great photo!

Some things never change.....

By Mary Jane Lowry

NOTE: This was submitted by Mary Jane Lowry of Blossom and was written several years ago before her husband James passed away and was printed in the magazine, County. She was going through her pictures recently and came across this one of him and the article and thought our readers might enjoy it. He has been gone for six years and meant a lot of things to a lot of people and was her "Honey" for 47 years. Truly...some things...like love, never change.

I was sitting in our back yard, on the edge of Blossom Prairie, recently, taking in the breathtaking sights and sounds of a country spring. My husband came up with a bucket of eggs to set under a hen. He sat down with the bucket in his lab, took the stub of a pencil out of his pocket, touched the tip to his tongue and began methodically, marking each egg with the long circular marks. This is so he can tell if these eggs from the ones other hens "lay to" the setting hen every day. I used to watch my daddy do this when I was a little girl (longer ago than I like to think about!)

We are always saying, "How things change!"...and yet...some things never change. I believe country living is filled with things that have not changed in many, many years, if ever.

I have just hand-pieced quilts for my grandchildren and a lovely group of ladies is quilting them by hand. Although many are done by machine today, there is still a lot of piecing and quilting being done just like our grandmothers did it. Grandparents still tell their grandchildren tales of "When I was your age", and grandchildren are still listening with wide eyes.

On most small farms and ranches, livestock are still fed by hand and they all begin to moo and nicker and squeal when an old pick-up drives in just before sundown. Tiny animals babies still scamper and play and birth and death are still mysteries.

Corn and cotton still grow the same on our prairie, although they are cultivated differently now. Country gentlemen still ride horses to look for

their cattle. Country wives still boil beans in iron pots, bake corn bread in sticks or pones and gather eggs by hand from hay-filled nests. Some old hens still hide their nests under the woodpile or in the fence rows and surprise us with a string of chicks behind them.

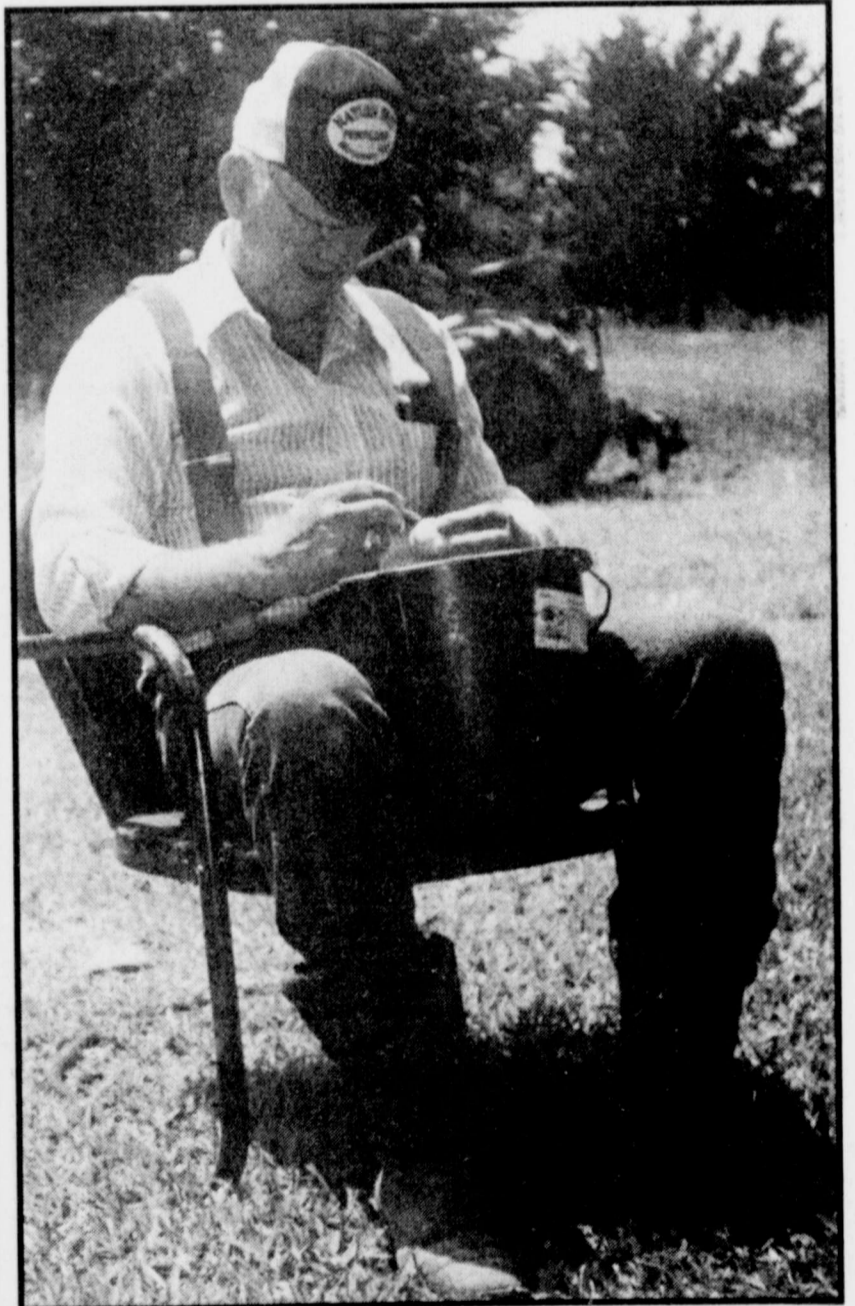
Sunrise and sunsets continue to inspire poets and artists and trees still change their colors each autumn. Little boys are still born with "motors" that spatter the same as they push their first "wheels" around and little girls are still born mothers to a favorite doll. Cats still find their

kittens in sweet, hay-filled barns where swallows dip and spin around mud nests.

Birds still sing the same songs and flowers sport the same bloom year after year. In the spring, the first red

bird's call means "time to go fishing", and the first cooing of a dove means "corn planting time"!

Yes, in a world of new inventions and "better?" ways, truly some things never change--Thank GOD!



THE LATE JAMES LOWRY of Blossom is pictured here as he marks eggs for hatching. These are just some of the memories that wife Mary Jane Lowry recalls in the related article. (Staff Photo)

Goodin home destroyed in Saturday fire

The home of Dewayne and Teresa Goodin of Blossom was destroyed on Saturday, January 20, 2001. The determination of the cause of the fire may have been squirrels in the attic chewing electric wires in two.

The Blossom Lady Fire Belles are placing donation jars at area businesses for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to this family.

The Goodins have two sons and would appreciate any help that can

be given. The sizes for the family are: son Caleb-shoes, 8 1/2; pants 32-30; shirts, small man. Son Calvin, wears a size 2 1/2-3 boys shoe; 10 husky or 12 regular pants and a size 14-16 boys shirt.

The family's home was totally destroyed and they are need of any household items. Items may be dropped off at Mary Jane's Crafts on Hwy. 82 or call Ann Steele at 903-982-7179 or Mary Jane Crouch at 982-5816.

Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin

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This is catch-up week! Several of you have asked for some recipes and Mrs. Wayne Barnett from Blossom has asked for the Taco Soup Recipe.

We have included these recipes and others in this week's edition. Feel free to call me at any time if you have questions, suggestions or if you know of someone who might make an interesting column for the paper.

See you in the kitchen!
Taco Soup Recipe uses ground beef, hominy, pinto beans and tomatoes as a base and adds other ingredients to give it a flavorful taste!

Taco II Soup basically the same, but adds two different beans along with being topped with avocado slices!

Taco Twist Soup-this recipe uses rotini pasta along with some other spices to give an added flavor-this one could be a little spicy!

Mexican Bean Soup-an unusual combination of refried beans, picante and tomato sauce-sounds good though!

Tortilla Soup-need quite a few ingredients for this soup and takes a little extra time, but it is worth the effort!

Carne Guisada (American Version of Mexican Stew)-this one definitely take longer, but I know it is worth it. The steak blended with tomatoes and a variety of spices will give you a flavor out of this world!

Thursday, January 25, 2001

Taco Soup

- 1 can white hominy-drain
 - 1 can yellow hominy-drain
 - 1 can pinto beans
 - 1 can Ro-Tel
 - 1 pound hamburger meat
 - 1 package taco seasoning
 - 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch-dry mix
 - 1 small onion
 - 2 cans stewed tomatoes
- Brown meat and onions and drain. Add remaining ingredients and simmer. Serve with cheese, sour cream and tortilla chips.

Taco II Soup

- 2 pounds ground lean beef
 - 1 medium diced onion
 - 2 cans diced tomatoes
 - 1 can pinto beans
 - 1 can black beans
 - 2 cans corn
 - 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes
 - 1 package taco seasoning
 - 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch-dry mix
 - 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
 - 1 medium avocado-peel & slice
 - tortilla chips
- Brown ground beef and onion; drain. Add remaining ingredients with juices. Simmer 30 minutes and serve with grated cheese and sliced avocados on top with chips.

Taco Twist Soup

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion-chopped
- 2 cloves garlic-minced
- 1-2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1-1/2 cups picante sauce
- 14-1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup uncooked rotini pasta
- 1 small green pepper-chopped
- shredded cheese
- tortilla chips

In large saucepan, brown ground beef with onion, garlic and pepper; drain. Sprinkle chili powder and cumin in meat; cook and stir 30 seconds. Add remaining ingredients except cheese and tortilla chips; mix well. Bring to a boil and stir frequently. Reduce heat and cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until pasta is tender; stir occasionally. Ladle into bowls and top with cheese. Serve with chips.

Mexican Bean Soup

- 1 can refried beans
 - 1 can water
 - 8 ounce can tomato sauce
 - 1/3 cup picante sauce
 - 1 onion-chopped
 - 1 green bell pepper-chopped
 - 3 tablespoons butter
 - 1 bay leaf
 - salt and pepper to taste
- Mix all ingredients and cook for 30 minutes. Top with cheese and add tortilla chips as side dish.

Tortilla Soup

- 1 small onion-chopped
- 4 ounce can green chilies
- 2 garlic cloves-chopped
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/8 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 2 teaspoon Worcestershire
- 1 tablespoon bottled steak sauce
- 1 cup peeled and chopped tomatoes
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 can beef broth
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups tomato juice
- 3 corn tortillas-1/2 inch strips
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese-grated

Carne Guisada (American Version Mexican Stew)

- 2 pounds round steak-trimmed
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 large onion-chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seed
- whole black peppercorns
- 3 cloves garlic-chopped
- 4-5 chiles pequin
- 1 small can tomato sauce
- 2 cans water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon flour

In heavy iron skillet slightly brown meat in oil. Add onion and stir. Put cumin seeds, black pepper, garlic and chilies in a mortar and crush. After crushing the spices, add about a tablespoon water to the mortar and pour into meat and onion mixture. Add tomato sauce, water and salt. Cover and cook slowly for about 1-1/2 hours. Mix flour with small amount of water and add to stew to thicken.

Health alert & blood drive is February 7

On Wednesday, February 7 from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Lennox Health Resource Center in Clarksville, a health alert and blood drive will be held.

A free cholesterol screening, free blood pressure check, free vision screening, free hearing test, free glucose testing and free diabetes risk test will be offered at this time.

The event is free to all adult citizens of Red River County regardless of age, sex or income.



*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 Saturday, January 27, 2001 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the East Texas Review Band. Come out, shake a leg or just enjoy the music!

Please remember if you are using an out-of-town funeral home please tell them that you specifically want a loved one's obituary to appear in these newspapers.
Our fax is 903-652-6041
Our phone number is 903-652-4205
There is a \$10 charge for obituaries.

Flu/Virus season in full swing

This past week the flu and virus season has hit the area with full force. On Thursday Rivercrest High School reported 20 students absent due to illness. During the past week Bogata School had 23 students out on Tuesday and the week ended with numbers ranging between 10 and 20 students per day.

Talco School seems to have beat Rivercrest and Bogata by a week with their high absence coming upon their return from the holidays. 20+ students were out during that week and though it has slowed, 10+ were out this past week daily at Talco.

Area residents are urged to take precautions to avoid catching this viral flu which is sending people to the hospital. Weather conditions are also contributing to the "bugs" ability to strike.

Attend The Church Of Your Choice

Derrel Wayne Smith dies January 16

Derrel Wayne Smith, age 62, formerly of Cuthand, died Tuesday, January 16 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 19 at Cuthand Methodist Church with Rev. Park Robertson officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home of Bogata.

Mr. Smith was born September 24, 1938 in Cuthand, the son of Harry and Dollie Harrison Smith. He was a ranch hand and oil field worker.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Duren Smith of Bogata; four daughters, Nancy Hammett and Shiela Burns, both of Bogata, Dona Russell of Cuthand and Shirley Steinhilber of Blossom; three sisters, Ruth Ann Mosely of Kaufman, Dorothy Smith of Wright City, OK and Carol Cooper of Clarksville; ten grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who made my 90th birthday party a happy one by your presence, thoughts, love, many cards, special memories, and beautiful flower arrangements. Especially do I thank the Bogata M.E. Church for the use of the fellowship hall and my family, Tony, Terry, Julie, Amy and Clayton for the arrangement of the party.

Eva Watkins

Card of Thanks

The children and family of Bill Harbison wish to extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the very kind deeds, thoughts and assistance during the recent loss of our Dad. We especially wish to thank Kenneth and Shirley Vickers, James Wood and his daughter Denise, Anita Couch and the other folks at City Hall, Connie Kay Brooks and the other folks at Guaranty Bank and others too numerous to mention. Our Dad truly loved Bogata and all of the people there, and now we know why. His service to the City meant more to him than anyone could know and I know that he would want to express the fact that he had a great deal of respect and admiration for others that have served the City, to specifically include those who had opinions that differed from his own, and would want to thank each person for their contribution to the City. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Children of Bill Harbison

Card of Thanks

Our family very much appreciates all the food, flowers, cards, calls, money and especially prayers during this difficult time. We specially want to thank our pastors, Don Shovan, Kenny Dickson and Dink Benton for their support these last few weeks. The Lord is taking care of us in all areas of our lives through the caring and sharing of our friends. We look for and see His miracles every day.

The Family of Brit Phillips

Denison named to Dean's List

Bogata resident Drue Denison, a graduate of Rivercrest High School and son of John and Larann Denison, has been named to the Austin College Dean's List for the 2000 Fall Semester.

All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.71 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20% of the student body.

Obituaries



Arol Pierce Kerley

Arol Pierce Kerley dies January 21

Arol Pierce Kerley, age 45 of Bogata, died Sunday, January 21 at his residence.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 24 in Bogata Assembly of God Church with Rev. Donnie Sherrill officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Kerley was born October 22, 1955 in Paris, the son of Lynn and Opal York Kerley. He worked in the maintenance department of Texas Power and Light Rivercrest Plant for 17 1/2 years.

He is survived by his parents, Lynn and Opal Kerley of Bogata; three sisters, Kathy Alford, Linda Taylor and Susie McMillan, all of Paris. He was preceded in death by a sister, Deanie Veach and a brother, Del Davis.

Jesse V. Lawler dies in Longview

Funeral services for Jesse V. Lawler, 89 of Longview were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Longview with Mr. Jon Tate and Mr. Gerald Pinson officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lawler died Saturday afternoon in Longview.

He was born February 7, 1911 in Lamar County. He graduated from Deport High School in 1928. He had been a resident of Longview since 1941 and was employed in the East Texas oil field. He later retired from Amoco Production Company in 1976. Mr. Lawler was a life long member of the Church of Christ, he was a charter member of the Pine Tree congregation in 1964, and served as treasurer for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred H. Lawler of Longview; son and daughter-in-law, Don and Mary Lawler of Longview; daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Jack Atkins of Huntsville; sister, Oleta Floyd of Longview; brother Jack Lawler of Irving; grandchildren, Wade and Lisa Atkins of Huntsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means. —Albert Einstein

Nona Faye Overbey dies

Nona Faye Overbey was born July 13, 1929 to William Ivey and Fannie Austelle Kuykendall in Blossom. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, James Melvin Overbey. Nona Faye was a long time resident of Dallas and faithful member of Wilshire Baptist Church. Nona was a survivor of the Great Alaskan Earthquake of 1964 and traveled the world with her husband, Jim. Nona was a devoted servant of the Lord, and to her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, James Gaylon Overbey; daughter-in-law, Nancy Thompson Overbey; grandson, David E. Overbey; and granddaughters, Emily and Alyson Overbey.

Celebration of her life and memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 22 at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. A graveside service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Highland Cemetery in Deport.

If desired, memorial gifts may be made in Nona's name to the Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX 75214.

Bob J. Carrell, Jr. dies January 17

Bob J. Carrell Jr., Ph.D. 70, professor emeritus from the University of Oklahoma, died Wednesday, January 17 at home from heart failure, complicated by emphysema and lung cancer.

Eucharist of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ft. Worth with the Rev. James Frederick Barber, the Rev. Walter W. Kesler and the Rev. John Stanley, con-celebrants. Burial was held in Deport.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Trinity Episcopal Church or the TCU Department of Journalism Scholarship in the name of Dr. Doug Newsom.

Dr. Carrell retired from the University of Oklahoma in May 1991, and returned to Fort Worth where he had taught at Texas Christian University from 1961 to 1969, the last three years as chair of the TCU Department of Journalism. During his 23 year career at the University of Oklahoma, he spent 12 as director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. His doctorate in mass communication and marketing was from the University of Illinois. He held Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from East Texas State University. As a National Science Foundation fellow, he did post-doctoral work in political communication at Ohio University, and in 1988 had a Fulbright lectureship in India. His professional work included eight years in news, advertising and management in weekly and small daily newspapers. Dr. Carrell has done dozens of workshops, training programs and seminars in the United States, as well as internationally. He is co-author of a leading text on public relations writing, plus three other books, as well as numerous scholarly articles, papers and monographs and professional reports.

Survivors include his wife; Dr. Doug Newsom; a daughter, Carla Freemyer and her husband, Reg of Asheboro, NC; a son, Craig Carrell and his wife, Kim of Norman, OK; four grandchildren; four step-children and four step-grandchildren.



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Amy Lyn Watkins and Randall Shawn Bishop

Watkins-Bishop to wed January 27

Amy Lyn Watkins and Randall Shawn Bishop will be united in marriage Saturday, January 27, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ramseur Baptist Church in Paris, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tony and Terry Watkins of Bogata. Her grandparents are Floreice Nicholson and the late Reid Nicholson and Eva Watkins and the late Tom Watkins. She is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently attending Northeast Texas Community

College in Mt. Pleasant.

The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Debbie Bishop of Mt. Pleasant. His grandparents are Ed and Ann Bishop of Mt. Pleasant, Elton Randall of Antlers, OK, and the late Bettie Randall. He is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and is employed at Lone Star Steel.

No formal invitations will be sent. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Letters To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Thanks and "What if's" concerning the Christmas day ice storm and power outage:

First, I want to express my thanks, appreciation and sympathy to the employees of LEC who worked long hours under the worst conditions to restore electrical power to our Co-Op area, my hat is off to you.

Second, I hope and pray it never happens again, but if it does, we should be better prepared. The Manager/CEO and Board of Directors have been intent on getting rid of the Co-Op and convincing the Members that it was the only way to survive.

What if the management had spent more money on equipment, inventory and salaries to insure there were enough poles, wire, transformers and other items needed in case of an emergency. Instead, they have been more interested in self-image, public relations and spending money to further their agenda. Why do we need a portable stage and a \$250,000 parking place on Highway 82? Would the money not have been better spent on a "tree trimmer and crew" to eliminate at least some of the limbs and trees that caused the lines to break and poles to fall?

Would not it have been better if the "management" had listened to the "members" who wanted to keep the Co-Op and manage in the best interest of a "member owned Co-Op"? Instead they chose to belittle and ridicule the "dissidents" and file lawsuits to discourage opposition to their agenda to merge and dissolve our Co-Op.

Ask yourself, is the Co-Op better now with its greater debt and (as the current management claims) the need to merge with Cap Rock to survive?

I think not, the "old board" took care of business, running the Co-Op, had supplies on hand and money in the bank in case of an emergency.

Don't be taken in by this Board of Directors with their news ads, radio appeals and letters trying to convince you they are working in your interest.

Bobby Dickey
Rt. 1, Bogata, TX

Business burglary is Crime of the Week

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

At 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, an unknown suspects entered into the Kwik Pantry Store at 1870 Bonham Street in Paris. Once inside, the suspect pulled a knife and forced the clerk to open the cash register. The suspect took all the cash in the register along with several cartons of cigarettes and lottery tickets. The sus-

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Ballards attend presidential inauguration

Jack and Glenda Ballard attended the inauguration of George Walker Bush as the 43rd President of the United States. Jack is a native of Deport, and Glenda of Blossom. They are both Prairiland graduates, and reside in Texarkana. He works for American Electric Power and she is with Texas A&M in Texarkana.

The Ballards report that "We weren't really sure what to expect when attending the inauguration of a president, but expectations were exceeded in just about every category one could imagine".

They continue:

In a number of ways, Washington D.C. is "big time" different from Texas, and Deport, in particular. As one of the many (what seemed like millions) of Texas privileged to be there, we took pride in the nation's capital by storm. Everywhere you turned you found big hair, big hats, big pride, big crowds and big hurdles.

To get to the inaugural ceremony from our hotel, the transportation of choice had to be the local mass transit train, the Metro. Early Saturday morning, after getting all dressed in our Texas finery, we went down underground to catch that train to the event. We might as well have been cattle being driven to the slaughter. We, along with the thousands, pushed and shoved, scooted and elbowed and made grunting sounds not much unlike "mooing" as we found our way over the Metro rails to the Capitol destination.

Once above ground, of course there were more crowds all moving at the pace of a swift snail. The security checkpoint reminded me of going to the doctor's office for an exam. We had so much "tourist" artillery; we practically had to be strip-searched. Off came cameras, umbrellas, binoculars, political buttons, flags, metal

belt buckles, steel plates in the cowboy boots and stuff in the purse that will go unmentioned. Whew! After the guards took pity on us and let us through, we thought we were home free being just a few steps from a great inaugural viewing site near the podium. One step out of the security tent was a step onto a wet and boggy path that used to be the beautiful green grass of the West Front of the Capitol grounds. Those great boot shines immediately sank below the mud as we trudged onward to our seats. We were there, there at the spot to watch "Dubya" become President Bush.

Our Texas attire attracted a couple of television cameras and we gave reporters our feelings about being there and what we hoped to hear the president-elect say to us and the country.

Then, the magic began as military bands played and dignitaries were introduced to the stage one by one. The noise stopped and stillness filled the air when evangelist Franklin Graham offered the opening prayer. Soon, the cold and the rain seemed to disappear as we soaked in that historical moment, hearing Governor Bush repeat those important words, "So help me God".

As the new President offered his inaugural address, words about faith, charity and compassion washed over us like the misting rain across the Mall area, surrounded by the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial the words fell upon welcoming spirits.

As avid supporters, along with the other mass of Americans assembled, we were gratified that he provided a renewed hope for a brighter future for us and our children.

The Ballard's photos were not ready in time, but they will be sending some soon.

Deport Nursing Home News

By Sandra Mauldin

Terry McDowra was visited by Cheryl Walker.

John Mitchell was visited by Carl, JaLynda, Dakota Danbri, Jaylan Mitchell, Dickiee & Georgia, Mitchell of Palestine.

Daisy Barnett was visited by Clara Park and Jean Weddle.

Raymond Hignight was visited by Mary Ray, Belinda Antoine Zanfardino, Ima Griffin, Glona Harris, Patty Sue, Thurman and Marie Franks, Reg, Carla, Erin and Evan Freemeyer, Craig, Kim, Natic, Drew Carrell.

Ima Griffin was visited by Roger Leanch, Bonnie, Dee, Patsy Curtis, Nina Leach, Odessa, Ima Jerrell. Lois Dudley was visited by marie Franks.

Clara Perkins was visited by Don Shelton and Carol.

Sheila Wallen was visited by George and Marie Herd and Fred.

Nora Barnett was visited Jessica Hutchings and Rita Thompson and Rhonda Hoskins.

Homer and Melva Sisson were visited by Pat Thompson, Pat Towers, Fannie Thompson, Pete and Betty Sisson, Dane Taylor.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Cory and Beth Spray and girls Katelyn and Kayla, Phillip and Susan Raoch, Lila Screws, Evelyn Roach, Danbri and Jaylan Mitchell, Lucy Fowler, Linda Speirs, Betty Stokes.

Ina Hedrick was visited by Doris, Norma, Florence and Winnie Hammons.

Roy Wells was visited by Ken Wells and Glenn Wells.

Nell Wolf was visited by Arron, Angie, David Wolf, Lila Screws, Cindy Filkins, Dana Davis, Patsy Deloney and Johnny Dawson.



A graduate of Paris High, Dr. Cannon received his undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University, and earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree, from the University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, MO. He completed his internship at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, and residency at Texas A&M Health Science Center, Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Temple. Dr. Cannon is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. He and his wife, Laura have one son, Jonathon.

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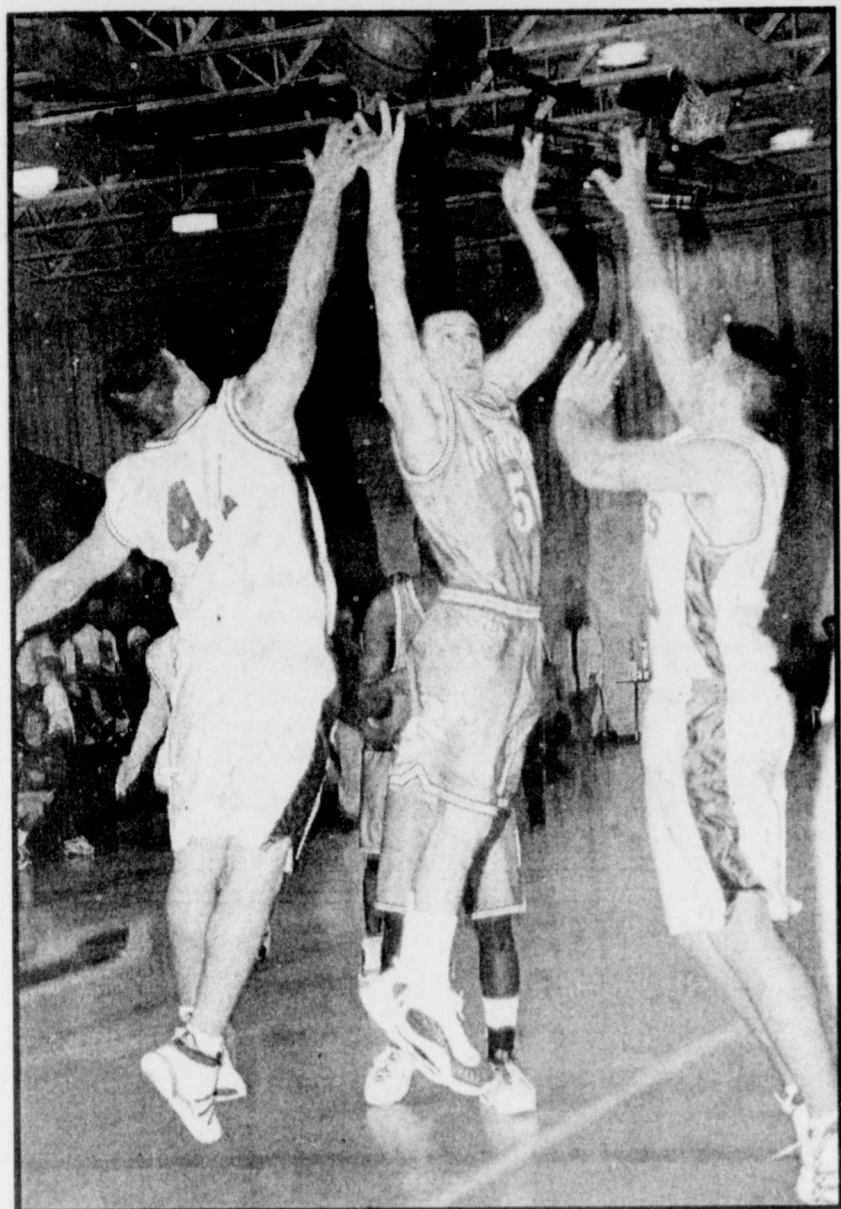
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PATRIOTS, D.J. Loveless and Chris Berry both are "airborne" in recent basketball action against Rivercrest. The Pats drew a bye on Tuesday, January 23 and will host Paul Pewitt on Friday, January 26. (Staff Photo)

Patriotsfall to Chapel Hill/Chisum

On Tuesday night, January 16, 2001, the Prairiland Patriots took on Chapel Hill at their gym. The Pats trailed in the first quarter in this 17-2A game as they trailed 7-19.

Both teams shot 12 and 12 in the second, but with Chapel Hill's big lead in the first, the Pats went into the locker room at halftime still behind, 19-31.

Third quarter action had the Pats hitting 18 points, but Chapel Hill came back with an added 23 to make it 37-54.

Totally dominating the game in the fourth, Chapel Hill hit 25 to Prairiland's 20 and took the game 57-79.

Senior Heath Sessums was the big hitter for the night with 16 and Eric Berry added 10. Kyle Malone 8, Chris Berry 7, Stoney Musgrove and Aaron Murdock 6 each. D.J. Loveless had 3 and Jonathan Martin one.

The Pats would hit 5 of 9 free throws and E. Berry and Murdock

would each hit for 2 three-pointers each while C. Berry and Sessums added one of their own.

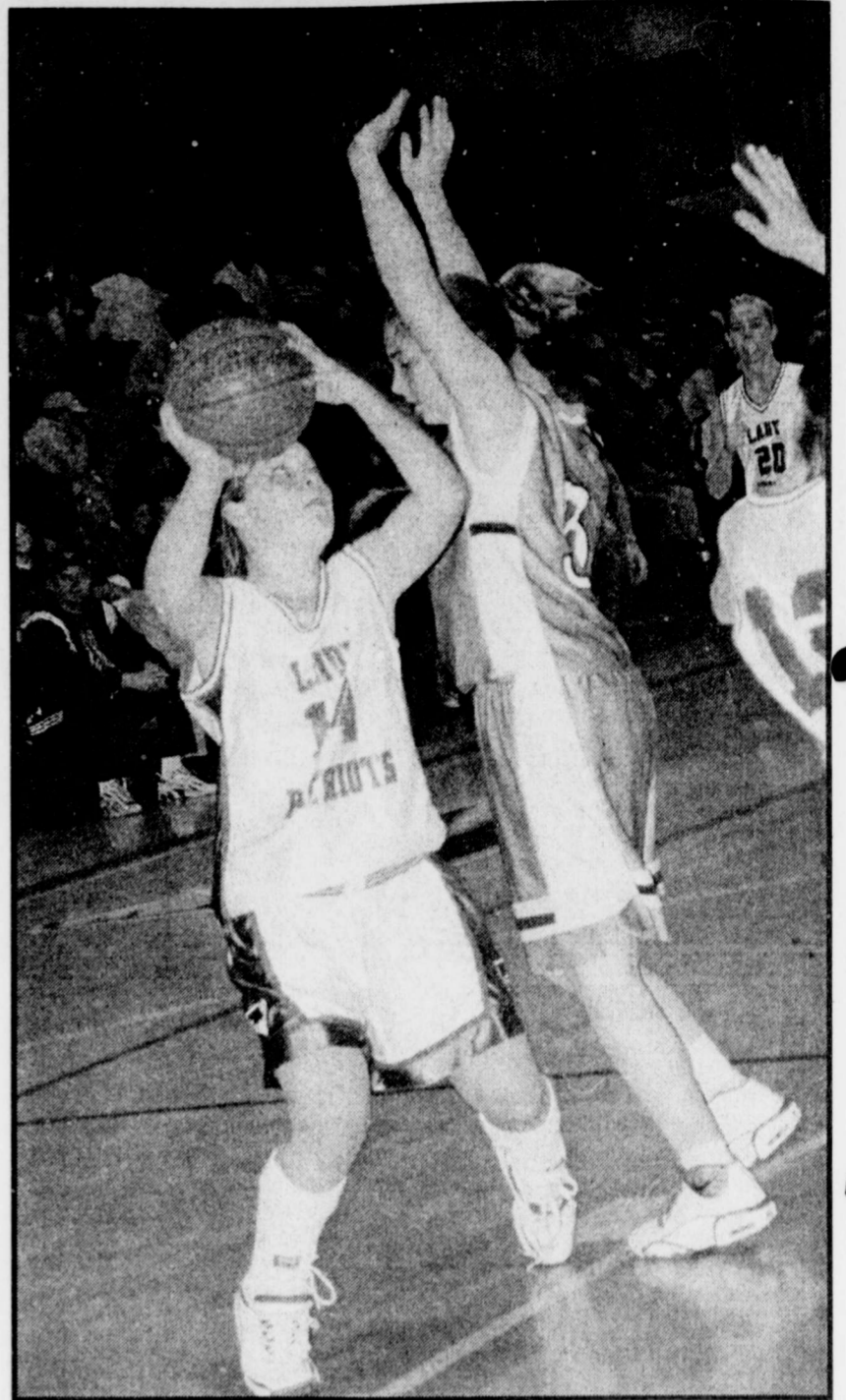
On Friday night, January 19, the Pats traveled across town to take on the Chisum Mustangs in a battle to the finish.

Although the first quarter saw the Pats hit only three points to Chum's 19, they would make 19 to Chisum's 10 in the third quarter to follow closely into halftime with a score of 23-29.

Third quarter had the Pats trailing by nine points, but they came back in the fourth and hit 19 to Chisum's 15, but was still not enough and lost the game 58-63.

In double figures for the night was Loveless with 16 followed by C. Berry with 15. Murdock had 9, Musgrove, Malone and Sessums 5 each and E. Berry 3.

Prairiland will host Paul Pewitt on Friday, January 26, and will draw a bye for Tuesday night's game.



PRAIRILAND SENIOR Crystal Davis goes up for the shot during recent basketball action. Crystal was high point with 15 in the game with Chapel Hill on Tuesday, January 16 at Chapel Hill. (Staff Photo)

Lady Pats take losses for the week

The Prairiland Lady Patriots traveled to Chapel Hill on Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

The girls started out in foul trouble and it remained that way throughout the entire game as they finished with only three players for the night with 27 fouls committed.

Senior Crystal Davis finished the night with 15 points while junior Jordan Hunold followed with 11. Britany Ballard had 6, Kami Hudson and Lacy Davis 4 each and one point from Lacy Beaty.

Chapel Hill hit 16 to the Lady Pats' 10 points as Chapel Hill gained the lead with each quarter buzzer. The girls would only hit 3 points in the second quarter to go into halftime 13-40.

The third quarter fared no better with 9 points from the Lady Pats to make it 22-54. The girls did manage to score 19 in the fourth, but Chapel

Hill came back with 27 to end the game 41-81.

On Friday night, January 19, the district game against Chisum had freshman Lady Patriot Ballard as high point with 17. Hudson followed with 11 and Hunold 8. C. Davis and L. Davis each had 6 while Sara Bolton put in 5 and Emilee Bolton added 4.

The girls could only manage 8 in the first quarter to Chisum's 15 points. Chisum came back in the second to fire in 20 points and the Lady Pats retaliated with 19 of their own, but it was still not enough to gain the lead, 27-35.

Third and fourth quarters had both teams fighting to take the lead as the scoreboard read 38-47 and 57-65 for each quarter.

The Lady Pats take a bye on Tuesday night and host Paul Pewitt on Friday, January 26, 2001.

Patriots compete at powerlifting

The Caddo Mills Powerlifting meet was held on Saturday, January 20, 2001. Team members competing from Prairiland are:

Stan Cox, Phillip Elder, Chris Hock, Brenton Norwood, Josh Williams, Chris Brunson, Brad Hunt and Jerry Briggie. The girls team includes Deann Pressley, Susan Whittle

and Lacy Vincil.

Cox was 2nd in the 275 pound class and total 1135. Brunson was 3rd in the 275 pound class and totaled 875. Pressley was 2nd in her class with 505 total.

The Patriots next meet is February 10th in Detroit.



Milton News

By Mattlyn Upchurch

From January 15: Beth Spray and daughter of Reno had supper with her parents Monday night.

Laura Johnson of Farmington, NM and Merritt Corna of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with their mother, Billie Goheen and grandmother, Mattlyn Upchurch.

Dorothy and James Holt were in Greenville Monday on business.

January 22: Hattie Hobbs and Helen Temple of Paris visited John and Velma Temple on Friday.

Ronnie and Elleen Pettit of Irving spent the weekend at their home here and visited Buena and Bob Marshall.

Leah Schroeder of Grapevine spent the weekend with her mother, Mattlyn Upchurch and sister, Billie Goheen.

Nita Bowling spent the weekend in Dallas with her sister, Ruby Lee.

John and Velma Temple went to Carrollton Saturday to visit Rachelle and Phil Casey and sons. They attended Blair's basketball game, on to Denton they visited Colleen and Wayne Watson, Austin and Hanna and attended Austin's basketball game. Then all the families including Patty Pearce of Houston went to Richardson for a family get together

at the home of Paul Temple, his son, Jake of Abilene were also visiting there.

Phillip and Susan Roach spent Saturday in Dallas shopping.

Dorothy and James Holt visited Barbara and Jake Maurischat Saturday.

Aubrey Allen of Flower Mound and Greg Burel of Allen spent Sunday with Peggy Whitney. Josh Allen of Cunningham and Jay Curt McKee of Minter spent the weekend with Peggy.

Beth and Cory Spray and daughter Kaitlyn and Kaylan of Reno spent Sunday with her parents, Susan and Phillip Roach.

Velma and John Temple attended the basketball game of her grandson, Aaron Bell in Paris on Monday.

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

Dorothy Holt visited Evelyn Roach of Deport, Monday.

Buena and Bob Marshall visited Peggy Whitney and guest on Sunday.

John K. and Gina Pettit of Midlothian spent Saturday and Sunday with Buena and Bob Marshall.

Items on right-of-ways are safety hazards


Discarding, disposing and placement of unnecessary and unapproved items on state right of ways is illegal and creates possible safety hazards for drivers who may come in contact with these items in an attempt to utilize the right of way and avoid traffic.

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sell vehicles, equipment, stack hay and place signs on the right of way. Other areas of concern include wagon wheels and other decorative objects around driveways where the owners have extended their driveways onto the right of way and wooden structures or bridges across ditches that are also on the right of way. These objects can also be also driving hazards and should be considered illegal.

Prairiland High School	
January 22	
22	Cooper, Here, JVG, 6:30
24	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
26	Pewitt, There, JVB, 5:30
27	VG, VB, 5:30
	Little Dribblers

FOOT NOTES



Dr. Austin Roman

HIGH HEELS & HOUSIERY

Women suffer from foot problems than men, and high heels are a factor. High-heeled shoes make a woman more prone to knee and back problems. They shorten the calf muscle and create an awkward, unnatural gait. Nylon pantyhose can also add to foot problems for women. Because they do not breathe, nylons cause excessive sweating, which can lead to fungal infections. If nylons constrict the foot they can cause ingrown toenails and hammertoes. Their abrasive quality when combined with tight shoes, can cause blisters. To alleviate discomfort and prevent foot problems, limit the time you spend in high heels, wear the right size and explore newer shoe styles that combine style and comfort. Buy good quality nylons that fit well.

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Prairiland High School	
January 29	
30	Basketball, Here, Hughes Springs, VG, VB, 5:30
	Silent Auction
31	Assembly at 10:15
	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
Feb. 1	PIP Performance, Blossom
2	BBall at Rivercrest, JVB, VG, VB, 5:30
3	Academic UIL Meet at PJC

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Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons



Happy Birthdays to Keaton Perry, Ty Parsons, LeeAnn Ragan, Nina Sparks, Sherry Denison, Sue Nichols, Robert Sawyer and Sharyl Thompsn.

Happy Anniversary to Wayne and Sandra Couch.

Bob Baugh had surgery in McCuiston Regional Medical Center last Wednesday. Wife Glenna Baugh and Jackie Hart visited with him.

Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed and Peggy Parson had lunch together at Texas Belle Wednesday after volunteering at McCuiston in the morning.

School attendance in the Prairiland School District had been very

low because of students and employees being sick and unable to attend during the past week.

Martha Hill of White Oak was a Monday visitor of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins. Sandy Ring, Heather and Ashleigh were visitors too.

Spending the weekend with Ed and Sandy Ring, Ashleigh and Heather were John and Nita and son of Waynoka, Oklahoma.

Ashleigh McLean scored 12 points for the Deport Little Dribblers when they played Chisum Saturday.

Congratulations to Tammie Gibson

Bassano for being named to the Angelo State University Dean's List for the fall semester.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Murray Riddles who died in Paris Sunday morning, January 21 in Christus S. Joseph Hospital. He was the father of former resident Murray Riddles who teaches at Prairiland High School.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Joyce Lewis Gray of Sulphur Springs who died in a Sherman Hospital Sunday morning, January 21. She was the sister of Elizabeth McGee of Paris former homemaking teacher at East Lamar High School.

Congratulations to Megan Graham for being named to the 2000 All-Red River Valley Team as a setter on the PHS volleyball team.

James Merritt is home recuperating after being in the hospital in Paris recently with pneumonia.



NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS OF the Blossom National Junior Honor Society pictured left to right is Cole White, Lindsey Sugg, Cody Withers, Sponsor Sharon Connot, Kenneth Applegate, Nick Dunn and Rose Bishop. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Local student studies rain forests

Drue Denison of Bogata, a graduate of Rivercrest High School and the son of John and Larann Denison, is a member of an Austin College class spending January in a special course of study in South America, entitled "Rain Forests and Patagonia."

The students' field experience in Argentina, Chile and Peru will provide an introduction to the biology, archaeology, culture and geology of South America. Activities will include observation and exploration in undisturbed Tropical and Temperate Rain Forests and Patagonian Steppe; visits to archaeological sites including the famous Incan ruins of Machu Piccu, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, and the City of Cuzco; trekking and

train travel in the Andes Mountains and camping and exploring the breathtaking Patagonia, a region of southern Chile. Animal life, such as condors and guanacos, the huge granite Towers of Paine and glaciers and icebergs will also be observed.

The four week January term, in which students take only one course, provides students opportunity for in-depth study of one subject, often outside their regular area of study. In addition to on campus courses in specialized areas of study, many students spend the month in career exploration through individualized study at business sites or in study trips abroad.

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Additional counties added to funding

An additional 28 Texas counties have been added to the list of jurisdictions eligible for funding for debris removal and other forms of public assistance, federal and state disaster recovery officials announced. Also, Lamar County is now eligible to apply for individual assistance.

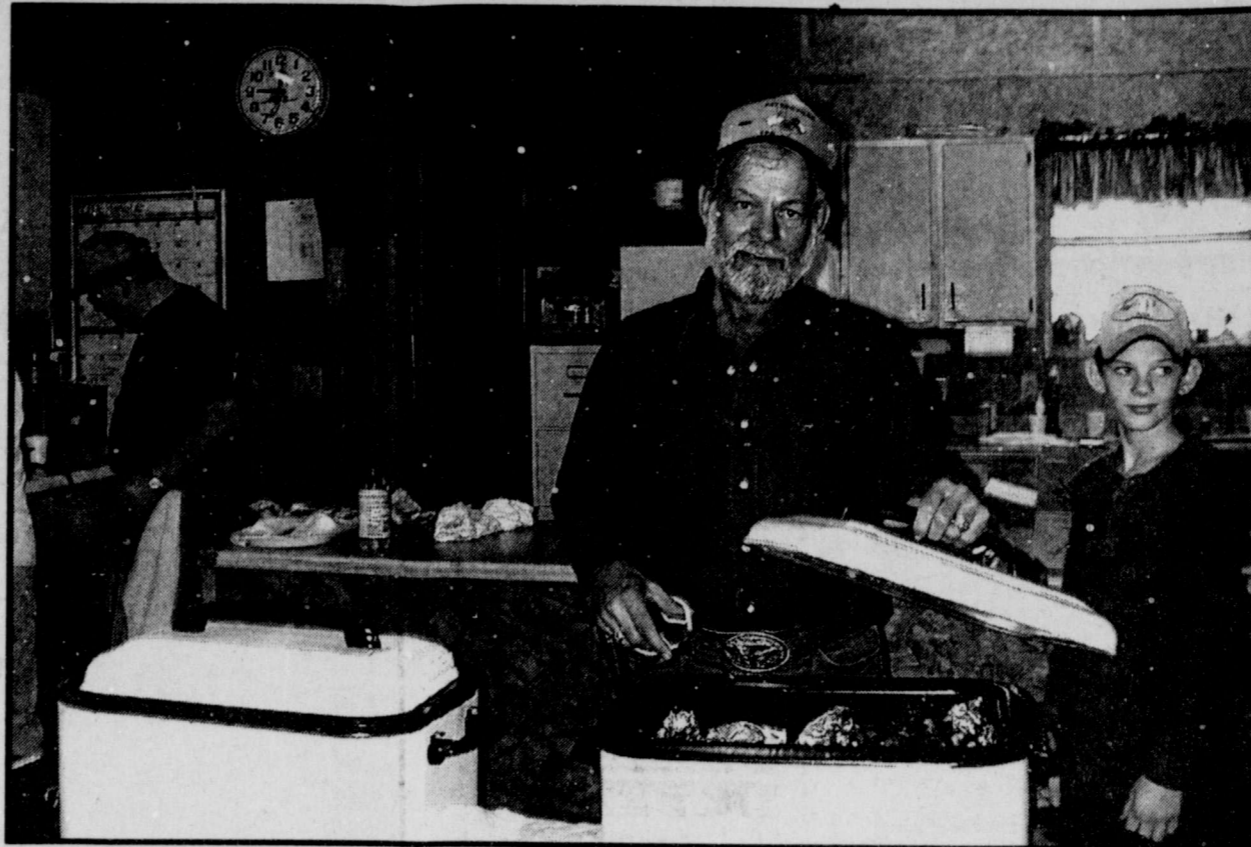
The additional counties follow a review of information regarding damages incurred by winter storms from December 12 through January 15. The counties include Borden, Carson, Cherokee, Cooke, Dawson, Delta, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Gregg, Grayson, Fannin, Franklin, Harrison, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Lynn, Marion, Montague, Morris, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur and Wood. Bowie, Cass and Red

River were already declared eligible for reimbursement for debris removal and other emergency protective measures on January 8.

For debris removal associated with the severe storms, the federal government has increased its reimbursement to 90% of the cost through March 9. After that date, the federal cost share will be 75%.

Residents are now eligible to apply for disaster assistance, which could include housing assistance, low interest loans to repair or replace storm damaged property or grants for serious needs and necessary expenses not met by other programs.

Residents and business owners are urged to call the toll free registration line at 1-800-462-9029 to apply for disaster assistance.



DAVID and WESLEY SULLIVAN serves up breakfast goodies while Chet Downs in the background keeps on cooking at Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department's monthly fundraising breakfast last Saturday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Presbyterian women meet

Joyce Davidson was hosting for the Monday January 22nd meeting of the Presbyterian Women in her home.

Rev. Ed Dodson opened the meeting with prayer and directed the fourth lesson of John, "Images of Life-Word Pictures of Jesus". The "I Am" sayings of Jesus enrich our understanding of his relationship to believers through the use of vivid metaphors.

Clara Stalls gave the Least Coin Devotion, "The Meeting With The Samaritan Woman", by Dr. Mervat A. Birgis, voice from Egypt. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

Moderator Reba Temple read a humorous article "All I Need to Know I Learned From Noah's Ark". She also read an article concerning the year 2000 being the Year of the Child. The Presbyterian Churches were involved with this work.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Cunningham News

Happy Birthday to; Billy Ray Oats, Carol Anderson Newberry, Kely Mowery, Kristi Bankhead Calahan, Dillon Gibson and Canard Norwood.

We would like to wish Wendy Anderson Ordorica a speedy recovery. She is home after an emergency surgery last week.

Billie Joe and Georgia Oats honored Billy Ray on his 54th birthday with a dinner at the Fish Fry in Paris Saturday night. Others attending were; Neva and Brandon Oats, Georgeanna and Brad Nutt, Geneva Norwood and Marsha and Kaylee Lane. Billie and Leonard Ford took David back to Stephen F. Austin College this weekend.

James and Pat Norwood and Bob, Betty, James Wallace and Katy Winters ate at the Red Lobster in Greenville Saturday night.

Paul Matthews joined Pete and L'Wanda McKnight for dinner Sunday.

Linda and Ricky Anderson visited with Tommy and Evely Pressley Sunday.

Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole and Charity Musgrove ate with James and Pat Norwood Sunday.

Sunday dinner guest of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Heath and Laytner Kennedy, Melba Baker, Taylor Ladd, Bill Page and T.L. and Brigitte Ladd.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Brad Hunt and Brenton Norwood ate at Johnny and Nelta Musgrove's Sunday.

Karla, Andrea, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon ate with Jane O'Neal Sunday. Andrea has gone back to A & M, College Station to continue her education.

Geneva Norwood had her children and Josh Osburn to eat with her Sunday.

Life teaches us to be less harsh with ourselves and with others.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Julie Davis of Lufkin visited with Georgeanna Nutt Saturday.

Sympathy is extended to the Lawrence O'Neal family. He died Sunday, January 21, 2001. Lawrence was the son of Curt and Gladys O'Neal.

Several in the community attended the Deport Little Dribbler's games at Chisum Saturday.

James and Pat Norwood went to Paris Junior College basketball games Saturday night to watch the Prairiland-Deport campus PIPS (Players in Progress) performance. Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole joined them for Sunday lunch.

Leonard and Billie Ford attended a church meeting in Gilmer over the weekend. David Ford was home from Stephen F. Austin this weekend.

Sunday guest of Jane O'Neal were jance and Kenzie Jackson, Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla, Kara and Aaron Palmer and Lisa, Dewayne, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Brad and Georgeanna Nutt and Craig and Andrea Slakey are in Angel Fire, New Mexico on a ski trip.

Geneva Norwood had her family for Sunday lunch and dinner.

Don't Diet

By Ed Schaeffer, Ph.D.

In a way, managing nutrition by on-diet and weight loss followed by off-diet and weight gain is like trying to change the water temperature in your shower by using only one knob at a time. All hot; that's too hot. All cold; that's too cold and then back to the all hot. It would be wasteful to do that, yet that's exactly what we do with our nutrition when we diet. We on-diet and totally change what we eat. Then we off-diet and return to our routine. Does it really surprise you that dieting does not work?

Back to the shower. If we don't like the water temperature, we make gradual adjustments by carefully adding either less or more hot or cold water until it's "just right". Why not try that with your nutrition?

Certainly, there is significant weight loss while on a diet. But what happens when the passion to be on a diet fails? That's right. Gaining back the weight lost and somehow adding several pounds more. Accordingly, I do encourage people to ask this one question before they make a dietary change, "Will I and can I do this the rest of my life?" And if the answer is "No", don't do it. Unless of course, you have been so directed by your physician, family nurse practitioner or registered dietician.

What is the major problem with a diet, other than it does not produce long term results? Rapid weight loss. Studies have shown that when weight loss exceeds one to two pounds per week that up to 50% of that weight loss can be in the form of muscle resorption. In other words if weight loss is too rapid, your body will break down muscle tissue for fuel. This is not desirable. Muscle tissue is vital in maintaining a healthy look, good posture, strength and endurance and an ideal body weight. Also, muscle tissue burns more calories than any other body tissue.

Let's examine this more closely. Assume that Sally has gone on a diet for 30 days and lost 30 pounds. Having achieved her goal, Sally returns to her former eating routine. Six months later we find that not only has Sally regained 30 pounds, but now weighs ten pounds more than when she started the diet. The problem is that, of the original 30 pound weight loss, ten pounds were muscle loss. Those ten pounds of muscle burned 150 calories each day. But Sally went back to eating the same number of

calories as before the diet, even though her body now requires 150 less calories per day. As a result, six months later, Sally is ten pounds heavier than ever. And most unfortunately, almost all of that additional ten pound gain will be in the form of fat.

Instead of dieting, make gradual changes in your dietary program. As did many of you, I grew up using butter and pasteurized milk, the kind with all of the cream on the top. When I decided to make some improvements in my nutritional program, switching directly to skim milk seemed impossible to me. At first, I did not even like 2% milk. But, I found that by mixing whole milk with an equal part of 2% milk, my custom mix of 3% was just fine. After a month of 3%, I again tried 2% and it then tasted okay. Another month passed and I tried 1% but did not like it. Guess what? I made up my own custom blend again. This time it was 1 1/2%. A month of that and the 1% tasted just fine.

You already know that taste is an acquired trait and can be changed over time. Several weeks ago, I ordered my usual breakfast of cereal, milk and banana. The restaurant had only 2% milk. I used it, but it no longer had the pleasant taste to me that it once did. This demonstrates the effect gradual nutritional changes have had on my sense of taste.

The new year is upon us. Think about putting some nutritional goals on your resolution list but do not diet. Whatever changes you decide upon, make them gradually. Remember the shower. Do a little tweak here and a little twist there and give your body the opportunity to get to the point where you think "it's just right". As always, check with your physician or FNP before you make a change. Also, seek advice from people who have lost weight and kept it off. Brandon Fleming, for example, has lost 54 pounds since January 1, 2000 and he's still losing fat and gaining muscle. He no longer needs to take medication to lower his blood pressure and his favorite saying has become, "It's only an excuse if you make it an excuse." If you ask Brandon how he did it, he'll reply "eat right and exercise". You can too. Remember, mile by mile, life's a trial. Yard by yard is still too hard. But inch by inch, it's a cinch.

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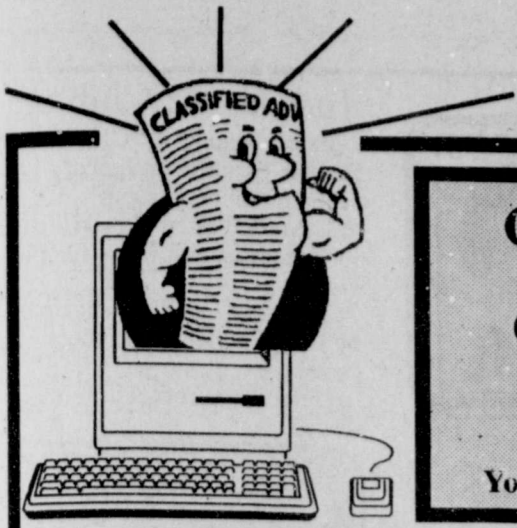


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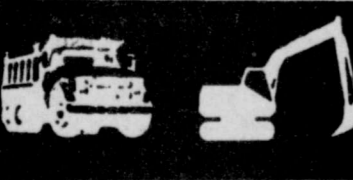
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 Happy Anniversaries to Sandra and Wayne Couch.
 Clara Nance, Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Wayne and Karen Beard, Dee Bonham, Ruby Boulware, Melba Bunch, Gary Ballard, Rachel Braswell, H.L. Cheatham, Ivy Fendley, Lillian Hickman, Dora Jones, Ray and Iva Lee Kennemer, Edythe McIntosh, Peggy Parson, Paul and Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Helen Rogers, Henry and Marchita Thielman and Ellen Whitaker were among the 65

attending the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association monthly meeting and luncheon at the PJC Ballroom in Paris Monday to hear State Representative Mark Homer speak. Juanity Bowman, Rhea Brown and Earline Poole were welcomed as new members.

Jayne and Dicky King and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to the Cajun Cowboy Steakhouse Saturday night in Omaha.
 Donny and Dawne Darden had dinner with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols in honor of Dawn's birthday which was Monday, Jan. 22.

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Berry, Tate Rodgers.
 George and Pam Wood spent Friday night and Saturday with Peggy and Judson Hall in Dallas. On Sunday, Pam and George enjoyed the company of Rodney, Susan and Sarah Hall of Mesquite.
 Jo and Mib Mearns of Post Oak visited with Emma and Lloyd Willard on Thursday along with Kaleb Long of Paris.
 Roxy Massey visited with Sally Mathena this week.

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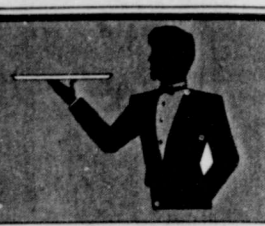
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Seven children's books given by Christy Foreman.
 Three videos, **Touring England, Touring Ireland, Touring Scotland** given by Peggy Johnston. Thirty-four books and 2 videos given by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ellis. One book given by Sue Clarkson. **The Paris and Mt. Pleasant Railroad Company (geneology room)** given by Dan Allen. Obituaries from the **Detroit News Herald (1941-1956) 1928-1936 (geneology room)** given by Sue Clarkson. **Lighthouse, New Moon Rising and The Beloved Invader, Poisonwood Bible** given by JoAnn Campbell. **Texas Land Title Abstracts, Volume I-A (geneology room)** given by Sue Clarkson.
 A Brother Electronic typewriter was given by Mary Jane Lowry in memory of James Lowery. A monetary donation was given by Peggy Johnston in memory of Mrs. Virginia Bardwell. (Mrs. Bardwell was a teacher in the Blossom School for many years and was loved and respected by many)

Tuesday 42 Club meets
 The Tuesday 42 Club met with Francis Franklin on January 17 with seven members present.
 LaVerta Westbrook won high score for members and Reba Temple was visitor.
 The next meeting will be hosted by Lucy Fowler on February 6 at the Gazebo #1.
 Delicious refreshments were served.

School Menu



Prairiland Menu
 Week of January 29
 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
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- Wednesday**
- Breakfast:**
 Cereal, toast
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Salisbury steak
 Mashed potatoes
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 Milk
- Thursday**
- Breakfast:**
 Pancakes, toast, sausage
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Chicken fried steak
 Mashed potatoes
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