

Is there life without plastic trash sacks?

Back in the early 1980s I recall writing a column about the vanishing paper bag, "brownsackus commonaris". I pointed out that they were useful for lots of things, from Halloween costumes to garbage sacks. Well, I've discovered that they aren't nearly as useful as our common, everyday plastic garbage sack!

I ran out of these priceless gems recently.

Obviously the first problem arises from not wanting to put garbage into the garbage can. And those few-and-far-between brown paper bags don't fit my garbage can, and they get wet on the bottom and they fall apart ... well you know the drill.

Aside from the obvious use though, are all the times we use garbage sacks for things other than garbage.

Taking down my outside Christmas wreaths and bows, I used drawstring garbage sacks. I bag from one end, then the other, so that the dirt daubers cannot get in to my things.

I packed away an old comforter the other day, and guess what I used to compress it, protect it and store it in? Yep, drawstring garbage sacks.

Temporary floor mats in a vehicle? Get a trash bag.

Wrapping a tender plant in paper for insulation? Top it with trash sack to keep things dry and "together"

They can be patched together into temporary roofing, taped

with duct tape to mend a broken vehicle or home window (temporary, of course), used at deer stands and hunting camps, and even turned into Halloween costumes. Raisins, spiders and chocolate chip cookies are a few of the creative uses I've seen personally! Yes, the plastic garbage bag, even if it's of the small, white variety, has use after use after use. Of course, every now and again I buy the kind with the little plastic coated wire "twist ties" instead of the drawstring kind. I tie the bags in a knot, and then I use those twist ties for many, many things. They hang small pictures, hold things in place, and I especially like them as hangers for my Christmas ornaments, because they can be fastened on well enough that even my cats can't swat the ornament from the branch! So, you see, there is an entire subculture that results from the plastic trash sack! While the paper sack is truly on the endangered species list, the plastic sack seems here to stay for a while. I've no doubt something better will come along, but for now it's truly one of the handiest, if humble, items of our contemporary culture!



"How can I help?" was a question answered for Jerry Conway

Many lives were touched by the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. September 11.

However, the possibility that these events could make a difference in the Red River County Sheriff's Department seemed unthinkable, but they did.

Jerry Conway, a Red River County native retired from the Department of Public Safety after twenty-five years on the "front lines" was enjoying his retirement.

After the September 11th attacks, though, Conway, like most folks across the nation, stayed close to TV, radio and newspapers, trying to keep up with the latest reports coming out of New York and Washington.

A patriotic Conway started searching his soul for an answer around his farm, checking on his cattle, Conway kept asking himself, "What can I do to help?".

Conway didn't have to wait too long for an answer. Bob Storey, who had just started serving his term as Red River County Sheriff, resigned due to health problems.

This unexpected turn of events opened the door for a new sheriff to be appointed by Red River County Commissioner's Court.

Be it a coincidence, or an answer to Conway's prayers, he got the call from County Judge P.J. Peek asking him if he would accept the appointment of Sheriff if the court appointed him.

Conway asked Judge Peek to give him a day to consider the proposal, and discuss it with his wife and family. By next morning

to his prayers of "How can I help?". the decision was made and Daily, while working on fences Conway agreed to accept the appointment.

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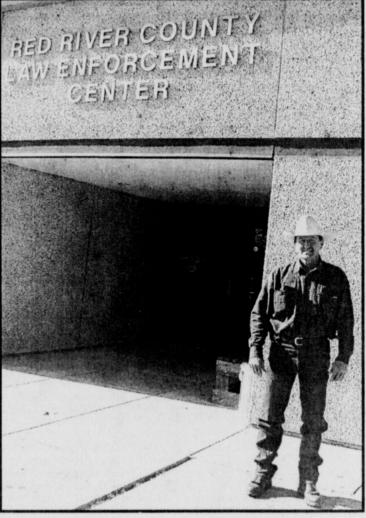
Conway said that by accepting the appointment he felt like he could do his part to make Red River County better.

"I want to unite us all. The Police Department, the Sheriff's department, the Constables and other law enforcement officials as a whole", Conway states.

The appointment of Sheriff of Red River County has been overwhelming and I consider the appointment to be an honor" Conway smiles.

Since more than two years are left on Storey's unexpired term, Conway has to register and plans to seek the office on his own merits when the time comes.

Conway says he will work to achieve cooperation and will do his best to serve everyone fairly.



SHERIFF OF RED RIVER COUNTY-Retired Department of Public Safety veteran Jerry Conway is right at home serving the residents of Red River County as their sheriff. After being appointed to fill that position following the resignation of Bob storey Conway is seeking the top vote for the office in this year's upcoming election. (Photo by Thomas Nichols).

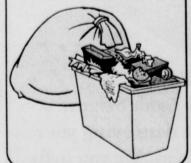
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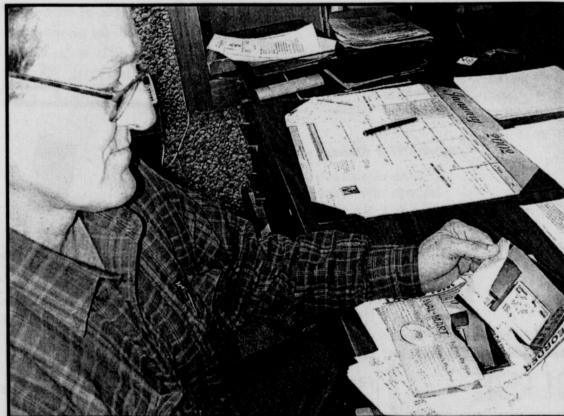
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NEW OFFICERS-The Deport Volunteer Fire Department Bucket Brigade, which devotes itself to raising funds to help the fire department operate, elected new officers last Wednesday night. From left are: President Burl D. Kincaid, Secretary Dawne Darden and Vice President Juanita Sparks. Ruth Ann Allen is the Treasurer of the organization. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



JERRY CONWAY, Red River County Sheriff looks over the supposed "missing files" that the previous administration had reported being gone from the Sheriff's Department in Clarksville. The files, in fact, were never missing. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions trustees make to their communities.

'Volunteer school board members serve countless hours working to improve public education", said James Morton. In difficult times, school trustees develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility in Prairiland ISD for 992 students, ages 5 to 18; 140

employees and three campuses.

"School trustees have a tremendous responsibility, preparing today's student-and tomorrow leaders- for productive roles in our society. School board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren,"

community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools

are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and familiars," said Morton. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their commitment and dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools", he said.

The board members serving Prairiland ISD are: Johnny Patterson since 1991 Clyde Bankhead since 1997 Michael Sessums since 1996 David Basinger since 1996 Kevin Perry since 2001 Chuck Ray since 2001

Shad Day since 2001

We salute these men.

Deport council looks into chlorination station

A chlorination station to be built at the base of the water tower was discussed at the regular Deport City council meeting Monday night, Jan. 14. Hayter Engineering was given to "go ahead" to work up a proposal on the project.

Council agreed to replace an aerator on the sewer plant.

The council then agree to redo the Christmas Decorations for next year and new flooring and wiring for the City Hall office.

A plumbing ordinance was adopted to meet the TNRCC man-

Minutes were approved and all

dates bills were paid.

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Files "were never missing" new Red River Co. Sheriff explains

The accusations of missing files from the Red River County Sheriff's Department is "simply false" states the new Red River County Sheriff Jerry Conway.

Conway states he feels there has been a lot of misinformation time, well documented, and are about the destruction of case files.

"I want everyone to know that every time a new sheriff takes office an inventory of the entire lived this past year under these

jail is taken." Conway explains, "I have seen the previous inventory taken when Edrington's administration changed to Storey's. The files in question were there at that still there now on my current inventory

"I feel that the people who have

Sheriff's Office, equipment and false accusations of destroying these files deserve to have this information known.

According to Sheriff Conway, the files are kept in the main building and were never outside in a storage shed. Also, three copies of the files exist, one at the Sheriff's Department, one with the Texas Rangers and the D.A.s office.

"So, it wouldn't have done any good to have destroyed one set of the files.", Conway points out.

Youth rodeo applications being accepted

first annual Detroit High School Youth Rodeo to be held March 14-15-16 in Clarksville are being accepted now.

The first go round will be go Saturday for the top 10 in each event.

There will be two age groups, 14 and under; and 15-19.

Buckles will be awarded in each age group. One overall All Around saddle will be awarded. You must participate in at least two events to qualify for saddle, as well as participate in the short Detroit, TX 85436.

Applications for entries to the go to be eligible for buckles and the all around saddle.

Entry fee is \$25.00 per event with a \$5.00 office charge. Team roping is \$40.00 per team. \$6 goes to the first round; \$6 goes to the Thursday and Friday with a short short round; and \$8 in the average. There will be a \$5 stock charge in each event.

In team roping, you may enter two times, but only one will count towards the All Around.

Age is determined as of January 1, 2002.

To obtain an entry form, contact John Carlisle, Rt. 1, Box 370,



Did you know there was a carrot museum? I'm not sure where it is, but it was started by the Stolarczyk family. Just go to the Carrot Museum website and you will find some amazing facts about carrots. Did you know that the first carrots back in 200 A.D. were either white, purple, red, yellow, green or black not orange! Theyoriginated some 5000 years ago in Middle Asia around Afghanistan and slowly spread into the Mediterranean area. Carrots were well known to both the Greeks and Romans. They cultivated carrots in their kitchen gardens. Around the 15-16th century was when the color orange was developed by the Romans.

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Some of the earliest recipes might read: Caroetae Fricteaoenogaro inferuntur-which was fried carrots served with oenogerum. Aliter Caroetas-sale, oleo puro et aceto-another method used was raw carrots with salt and pure oil and vinegar. Caroetas Elixatus-consisas in cuminato oleo modico coques et infres-Boil the carrots and chop. Cook in cumin sauce with little oil and serve. Carotae et Pastinacae (carots and chicken dishes!

parsnips)-carrots or parsnips fried in white wine sauce. Presumable the vegetables are fried first and then served in sauce.

Did you know that although carrots are availabel all year around, inexpensive, can be eaten raw or cooked, a good souirce of fibre, great source for Vitamin A and alpha carotene (more powereful than beta carotene), and eat a carrot at or near the beginning of every meal for diet purposes. It causes the stomach to appear full and leaves no room for over-eating

CARROT PIZZA-a new twist to the old pizza pie!

CARROT BURGER-bet the Sonic doesn't serve these! burger.....try it.....you might like it?

CARROT SPICED PIE-this recipe sounds moe like a pumpkin or sweet potato pie!

CARROT-OATMEAL COOK-IES-try these oatmeal cookies!

CHOCOLATE CARROT CAKE-a chocolate version of the original carrot cake!

CARROT-MANGO SALSA-a great condiment for fish or

Thursday, January 17 Just Recipes

Carrot Pizza 2 whole wheat pitas 2 carrots-shredded l cup meunster cheese garlic powder oregano black pepper

Preheat toaster oven to 300 degrees. Distribute carrots evenly over the concave side of the whole pita. Distribute cheese on top of carrots. Top with loads of garlic powder, dash of oregano and pepper. Bake in toaster oven about 15 minutes. Serve and eat. **Carrot Burgers** 10 carrots-peel and chunk 2 tablespoons oil 3 garlic cloves-minced 3 onions-cut into chunks 2 celery stalks-diced 2 green peppers-diced 5 tablespoons Tamari 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon basil 1/2 teaspoon paprika 1/2 teaspoon oregano

Combine carrots, butter, honey vanilla, salt, eggs and spices in mixing bowl and mix until smooth. Fold in sugars and pour filling into crust. Bake at 350 degrees for l hour. To determine if pie is done, insert toothpick and if it comes out clean it is ready **Carrot and Oatmeal Cookies**

8 ounces grated carrots 4 ounces honey l teaspoon cinnamon 4 ounces vegetable oil

l teaspoon nutmeg l teaspoon vanilla extract I teaspoon allspice

2 eggs 8 ounces porridge oats 8 ounces whoe wheat flour 4 ounces chopped nuts 2 teaspoons baking powder

8 ounces raisins I teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In mixing bowl beat together honey, oil, vanilla and eggs. In large bowl combine flour, baking powder, salt, pices and oats. Blen well Stiri nuts, raisins and carrots. Add liquid ingredients to mixture and blend well. Drop teaspoonsfuls onto oiled cookies shee. Bake 12-15 minutes or until cookies are golden brown.



Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

42 tournament is Thursday beginning at 7:00 p.m.

*Shuffleboard tournament is Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m.

*There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning attended the wedding of their at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available next week

*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Cara Tidwell, Mary Elrod, George Smith, James Minshew, Kenneth Sheffield and Betty Mullins.

*Happy Birthday to: Kenneth Duffer, Jim Mauldin, Joyce Wisinger, Melani Wisinger and Pat Butler.

Bogata Homecoming April 13

Bulldogs are coming home Saturday, April 13, 2002. A large crowd is expected this year. As Nanalee stated in herr column last week, "We were all reminded September 11th just how much we love our family and our friends", and we all appreciate them a little more today.

It will be good to get together hug and laugh and enjoy one another another time. A catered meal will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If class reunions run a little late, mem-

PJC announces honors list

Paris Junior College has announced students named to the Flatt. president's and dean's list for academic achievement during the fall semester.

To be eligible for the president's list, students must earn a 4.0 grade Meredith, Diana Rosser. point average (straight A's) on a minimum of 15 semester hours. Those on the dean's list must have a minimum of 3.5 grade point average on at least 15 semester hours and have no grade lower than a "C"



Visitors of Jimmie King this week were Kutchie King on Wednesday, Dick King and Jeff King on Saturday.

Gordon Cardwell of Ft. Worth died Friday and his funeral was Monday. He was a cousin of Raymond Dugger, Jr. and spent a lot of his growing up years here. Lunch guests of Betty Rodgers were Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga, Monte Rodgers, Stephanie and Melissa Kelly on Sunday.

Guests of Katie and Clovis anDeaver were Lanna VanDeaver and grandson of Trin-

Clovis and Katy VanDeaver granddaughter, Kimberly Pirtle to Derick Equizabal at the First Bap-

tist Church in Paris Saturday.



bers can still come for lunch where there will be plenty of food.

About 2:30 p.m. there will be a short business meeting followed by a very short time of entertainment. The rest of the evening will be spent visiting.

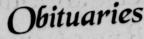
Everyone is urged to make your plans now to come to Bogata Homecoming on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The class of 1953 will be the host this year. For more information call 903-632-5221, Mary Barnard Vaughan. "Yea! Bulldogs".

Blossom: Michael Wayne

Bogata: Kasey A. Crawford, Sammy McGill Glosson, Edward Wagstaff.

Clarksville: Jason Matthew Detroit: Thea A. O'Neal.

Students named to the dean's



Jacob Herman Philley dies January 9

Funeral services for Jacob Herman Philley, age 90 of Denison were held January 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Whitewright. He died January 9, 2002 in Denison.

The family received friends at 9:00 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Rev. Mark Vouch officiated. Burial was at 2:00 p.m. in Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Earnhart Funeral Home of Whitewright was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Henrietta, of Denison; a daughter, Louann Pruitt and husband Robert of Denton; a son, Wake Philley and wife Pat of Spring; a granddaughter, Kristy McCool and husband Houston of Grand Prairie; two grandsons, Jonathan Philley and wife Cyndi of Cypress and David Philley of Houston; two nieces, Geraldine Griffin of Abilene and Elaine Griffin and husband Robert of Mesquite.

Herman was born July 18, 1911 at Deport to J.E. and Lurania Nixon Philley. He graduated from Deport High School in 1928. On September 21, 1935 he married Henrietta Bailey in Paris.

After working at First National Bank in Dallas and as local manager for Community Public Service Company in Detroit, Deport, Pilot Point and Whitewright. He volunteered for the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served four years in the Pacific during World War II.

After the war, he returned to CPS in Detroit. He served in various management positions and retired as area manager in Lewisville after 41 years of service.

Throughout his life, Herman was active in the United Methodist Church and various civic organizations. He held numerous offices in the Rotary Club, United Way, Good Fellows, Leona Club,

hospital board, schoool board and Salvation Army. He was a 32 degree Scottish Rite, a Shriner and was presented the Golden Trow by the Whitewright Lodge #16. Active pallbearers were Jackie Howell, Joe Norwood, Larry Deeds, Kenneth Shepherd, Dan Kent and Mike Hollway. Honorn n

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ary bearers were Bo Pettit, Charlie Sessom, Abe Farrington, Joe Cureton, Billy Partridge, Ned Kempsom, Masonic Lodge #167.

Card of Thanks

The family of Ralph Noel Westbrook would like to thank the Deport Fire Department, First Responders, Paris EMS, Christus St. Joseph North, Dr. E.S. White, Critical Provisions Home Health, First Baptist of Deport, Winmore, Sunday School Class and all other friends and family for your kind expressions of sympathy and support during the loss of our loved one. With special thanks to my extended family, Nancy, Earl, Randy, Karen, Julia and the Judds. Special nieces, Teressa Minor and Ouida Humphreys.

Your calls, visits, cards, wonderful food, lovely flowers, plants, cemetery donations, American Diabetes donations and prayers have meant so much to all of us.

All the help that was provided during our time of tragedy and sorrow was greatly appreciated and a blessing to us.

May God bless you all. The Family of Ralph Noel Westbrook

Card of Thanks

My sincere thanks for all the calls, cards, prayers and other acts of kindness shown to me during the loss of my sister. God bless,

Bonnie Huddleston



1/2 cup Tahini 3 tablespoons peanut butter 2 teaspoons cashew butter 1/2 cup wheat germ or or flour

Place carrots in medium-size sauce pan with 3-4 inches water; steam over medium heat for 15 minutes until soft. Drain and mash well using a potato masher. In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat and add diced garlic, onions, celery and peppers; saute for 7 min-utes. Add Tamari, basil, garlic powder, parsley and oregano; saute 2 minutes more until vegetables are soft. In large bowl, combine carrots, sauteed vegetables, Tahini and peanut butter. Season to taste. If batter is too wet, add the wheat germ to make it hold together. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Form mixture into patties and place on oiled cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden on top. Turn and bake on other side until golden brown.

Carrot Spiced Pie 8 ounces canned carrots l ounce utter or margarine l ounce honey 2 ounces white sugar 2 ounces brown sugar 2 eggs l teaspoon vanilla essece I teaspoon ground cinnamon l teaspoon ground nutmeg l teaspoon salt l unbaked pastry crust

Chocolate Carrot Cake 4 ounces self-rising flour 2 tablespoon cocoa 1/2 teaspoon soda 2 ounces castor sugar I Granny Smith apple-grate finely 2 egg 3 ounces chopped pecans

4 ounces finely grated carrots 2 ounces oil Sift flour, cocoa and sugar into

bowl. Add apple, lightly beaten eggs, pecans, carrot and oil and then mix together. Pour into greased and lined deep cake tin and bake for 25 minutes. Stand for 5 minutes and turn out onto wire rack and cool. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

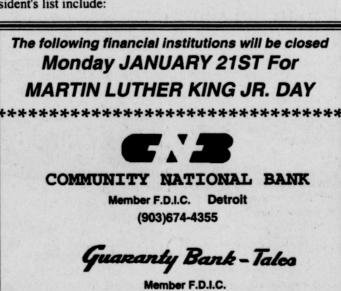
Carrot Mango Salsa 4 ounce carrots l ripe mango-dice, skin & pit 14 ounces diced apricots 2 tablespoons lime juice l tablespoon sugar teaspoon ground cumin half of a red pepper-chopped l green chili-sedd and chop Add all ingredients together and

stir well for one minutes. Serve warmed or chilled with chicken or fish.

Students named to the president's list include:

Bagwell: Glenda Mae Ervin. Blossom: Yuchiro Omori. ·Bogata: Rebecca A. Stewart. Clarksville: Jackie L. Beaty. Detroit: Patricia G. Robbins.

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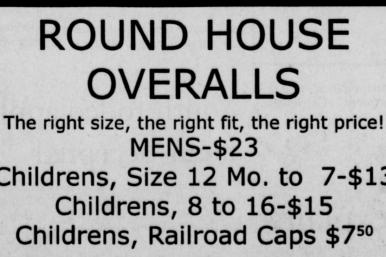


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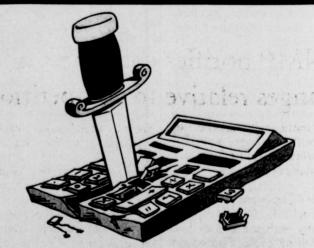




This week's query is from Don Middleton, 4301 Ginger Cove Dr., Tampa, Florida 33632-7452, who is researching Silas R. Mangrum, who was born in GA or NC in the 1820's or 1830's and married Martha C. Lawley or Lolley in Arkansas in 1857. They moved to Red River County where Silas died around 1870-77. Martha married Dr. James A. Allen on September 27. 1878 in Red River County and died there after 1920. The children of Silas R. and Martha C. Mangrum were William Willie, Walter, Andrew and Alexander Mangrum, all born in the 1860's.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426

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Powell Peek announces candidacy for Red River County Judge

Powell Peek announces his candidacy for the office of Red River County Judge, a position he has held since March, 2001 after being appointed by the Commissioners Court.

I am retired from a 40-year career in the offshore oil exploration industry, operating worldwide. I have a degree in business administration from SMU in Dallas, graduating in 1980.

During the past year, we have made improvements in: Balancing the budget, although we are not there yet. Reduction in County Court case

backlog Backlog-March 31, 2001-358 New Cases Filed-275

Court Dispositions 263 Other Dispositions 93 Backlog-Dec. 31-2001 277 Improving teamwork between elected officials and with municipalities

Instituted a Citizens Committee in an effort to make County Government more efficient.

Major priorities for the next months and years must be:

Balancing the budget Updating the County Emergency Management Plan

Attracting investment to reduce unemployment and increase the tax base.

Positively influence the 78th State Legislature in matters affect-

ing counties. Further reduction in County

Court backlog. I believe I am qualified to work with elected officials to accom-

plish these priorities. If I am elected, I commit that my County Court will remain fair and unbiased and that any fiscal decisions will continue to have the taxpayer's best interest. As the No. 1 priority.

I have enjoyed working for and with the citizens of Red River County this past year. Your support and vote in the March 12th Democratic primary will be very much appreciated.



POWELL W. PEEK COUNTY JUDGE



NINETY-EIGHT-Walker Devlin, life-long resident of the Minter area, celebrated his 98th birthday on January 9th. Mr. Devlin is still completely selfsufficient and everyone wishes him a Happy Birthday and





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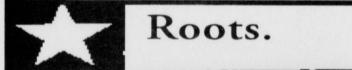
Brit Phillips Rooms are empty without your smile. Is it snowing everyday for you? Thinking now, you have been gone awhile. Patient provider for your family, Hilarious and kind with jokes by the mile. Isn't it strange you are no longer around? Laughter abounded from your comedic style. Lindy and Bonnie miss their fun-loving dad. I believe God called you from life's trial, Possibly to watch over the rest of us. Sometimes, we talk of you and smile. Brit, we miss you! Anaya

(Written by Mrs. Deryl Cooper)

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Michael Garretson announces candidacy for Red River Co. Judge

Michael Garretson of Bogata has announced his candidacy for Red River County Judge.

Garretson says "I have been a business owner and Red River County resident for many years. I served in the U.S. Navy for eight years and was Honorably Discharged."

He continues, "I represented the citizens of Bogata as Councilman, Mayor and currently I am the Municipal Judge.

As Mayor, the council members and I set goals to improve the appearance, safety and welfare of the community, Garretson asserts

He also says that

"Working with council members we established the city of Bogata's first Police Department. We received Federal Grant Money easing the financial burden of the citizens and asked the citizens to support and establish a Crime Prevention District which passed by an overwhelming vote. A significant reduction in Adult and Juvenile Crime resulted. Working with local and regional TxDOT officials a four way stop at the intersection of Hwy. 37 and Hwy. 271 was installed, preventing deaths in our community.

We modernized City Hall offices, replaced old Vehicles and Equipment, replaced pumps and new wiring at the water pump stations, all within the city budget

We created the city's first Animal Control and Enforcement Ordinance, removing many stray animals in order to protect citizens and protect and care for

houses were cleaned which improved the appearance of the city and also protected the health and safety of the residents.

As a result of efforts of myself and the City Council the city received over 1/2 million dollars in State and Federal Grant Money.

As the Municipal Court Judge for Bogata we have created a professional, respectable and dignified atmosphere for the laws of the City and State, providing justice and equal treatment, fair and firm judgements after all evidence has been presented.

I ask the Red River county resident to vote for me, Michael

Garretson. I have local government experience financial and budget experience. I have four years experience as judge with adults and juveniles. I will aggressively seek State and Federal Grant Money to improve resident's quality of life with the least amount of tax burden on our Red River county citizens. I will work with others to accomplish great things for our county. While I was in the Navy, our Battalion Motto was "Can

I encourage you to talk about my qualifications among yourselves and to talk to citizens of Bogata about items that were accomplished while I was Mayor of Bogata

I received great satisfaction working with members of the City Council and other citizens to make improvements to our city.

After you vote to elect me, we can all work together to make our County an even better place to live, work and raise families.

Michael Garretson, candidate for County Judge

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We created the first budget for the Bogata Volunteer Fire Department and purchased a new fire truck with monthly donations from the concerned and caring people of Bogata. This helped reduce insurance rates on homes and property.

After being elected Red River County Judge, my door will always be open to you. I will listen to your problems. I will, with all my energy and resources, work to resolve these problems. With my guidance and leadership while serving as Judge of Red River county the motto "Can Do" can Many lots and abandoned also be the motto of Red River County

Reger wins 1st in Legion Oratorical Contest

District One in the American Le- at 2:00 P.M.. January 20th. won First Place at New Boston, to state competition. Texas.

Chad Reger a senior at Detroit Chad will go to Denton to com-High School represented the De- pete for division competition at the port American Legion Post 199 Courthouse in Denton this Sunday gion Oratorical competition and If he wins there he will continue

TNMP notifies customers of changes relative to competition

Electric competition is here and home's circuit breaker switch, the Texas-New Mexico Power com- fee pany wants to share with its customers

TNMP customers will receive their final bills form the power the account being dropped to the company with the end of year 2001 billing cycle. Subsequent bills will be issued from TNMP's sister company, first Choice power, for those customers who choose not to select a new electricity supplier. This change is part of the Texas Electric Choice Act, a law approved in 1999 to provide a choice of suppliers beginning in 2002.

TNMP will continue to deliver power to its customers and customers may still report outages to TNMP. Other changes follow:

For outages, call TNMP at 1-888-TNMP-456 or call First Choice Power directly at 1-866-469-2646 or you have not changed providers.

Allow at least three days for action on service orders, such as new connections or disconnections of service.

Most service providers will not charge late fees for late payments.

Additional service fees will be charged for certain situations. For example, if a customer reports an outage that ultimately is within his Power. control, such as failure to flip a

along with it are some reminders customer will be charged a service kansas shrimp (chicken), pinto

pay a bill will result in termina- cake, tea or coffee for \$8.00 tion of the service agreement and provider of last resort assigned to the service area. Rates charged by providers of last resort are significantly higher than the prices paid through regular providers. Bills should be paid by the current billing due date for customers to avoid being dropped to the provider of last resort.

TNMP field employees will no longer be able to accept payments in the field in order for a customer to avoid disconnection of electric service. All payments and payment arrangements must be made with our affiliate company, First Choice Power, or any other service provider chosen.

TNMP customers who elect not to choose a new provider automatically become customers of First Choice Power. The same programs, such as budget billing and automated bank drafting, will continue to be available through First Choice. Customers also can pay in person at the same local offices. These offices now carry the name of TNMP's affiliate, First Choice

Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Sparks Celebrate 50 Year Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Sparks celebrate 50 years of marriaage

Webster were married on January 12, 1952 at the First Methodist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas by Brady Tyson, pastor of the Minter Methodist Church. Atten-Hattie Webster and J.C. Abernathy.

The Sparks' lived their first 27 years in the Minter Community, moving to Deport in 1979.

The couple were honored by their children. Luanne Snarks.

Third Saturday Dinner is Jan. 19

The Third Saturday Dinner, Church, Deport will be Saturday, January 19 from 6 until 7:30 p.m. The menu will consist of Arbeans with ham, potato salad, Under the new law, failure to green salad, cornbread, chocolate Juanita Sparks at 652-4211.

Johney Ellis dies at 54

Funeral services for Johney Ellis, 54, of Grand Prairie, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Herschel LyBrand Chapel in wills Point with Dr. Wendell Hiers and Rev. Emil Ballier officiating. Interment will be in the Woodall Cemetery near Wills Point. He died Monday, Jan. 4 in a Arlington hospital.

He was born February 17, 1947 n Roxton, Tx., son of the later Harvey Brown Ellis and Myrtle Bea Ellis. He attended grade school in Blossom and graduated from high school in Seagoville. He then attended Mountainview Junior College. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and before his retirement he was a police officer in the city of Ft. Worth for the Dept. of Defense. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie.

He is survived by two brothers, Michael Brown Ellis of McKinney, Steve Ellis and wife Susie of Grand Prairie, one niece

Family visitation will be prior to service time.

J.A. Sparks and Juanita Dawne & Donny Darden, and grandson David J. Darden with a luncheon at their home on Saturday, January 12.

Attending were Jim & Chris Nix of Hooks, J.C. and Hattie dants were Joyce Abernathy, Abernathy of McCrury, Raymond and Hiawatha King of Pattonville, Helen Stanley of Hagansport, Bettie Pace of Clarksville, Nelda Talley of Gladewater and Joyce (Abernathy) Wisinger of Pine Branch.

The meal is by reservation only, prepared by the Heavenly De- as seating is limited to 50. Carry lights, First United Methodist outs will be taken between 5:30 and 6 p.m. and reservations should be turned in by Thursday, January 17 at 5 p.m.

Call Rena Good at 652-2665, T.H. Glover at 652-3995, or

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Water Supply Corp. to meet

corporation will meet January 26 memberships; and payment to diat 6:00 p.m. at the Pattonville rectors for meetings attended. Community Center.

Items to be discussed at this meeting include voting to change the water supply. the by-laws; ownership of mem-

The Pattonville Water Supply berships; the definition of active All members are encouraged to

attend this important meeting for

Prairiland caged by Rebels

The Patriots took on their cross- Musgrove 4. town rivals Rivercrest on Friday night, January 8, 2002 at Rivercrest. The Rebels took the behind 65-73. Loveless had a big lead in the first

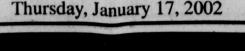
quarter 12-9 as the Patriots trailed behind. The Rebels shot 16 to Prairiland's 8 in the second quarter to go into the locker room 17-28

Blake Smith shot a three-pointer in the third and Chance Bankhead added one in the fourth to hit 15 and 11 in each qsuarter. Rivercrest came back with 16 and 14 respectively to take the game. Smith and D. J. Loveless tied for high point with 9 while Jared Gage and Bryan Murdock tied for second place with 8 each. Bankhead added 5 and Stoney

On Friday, January 11,

Prairiland hosted DeKalb and fell night hitting 29 points. Murdock, Musgrove and Smith each had 7, Shawn Stienkamp 6, 3 from Spur Norwood and one from Gage.

The Pats led in the first quarter 14-13, but trailed in the second 30-37. Three-point shots came from Loveless, Steinkamp, Bankhead and Smith. The third quarter had Norwood and Musgrove adding their three-point finesse to the game, but the Pats still trailed 48-60. Although the Pats hit a whopping 17 points in the final quarter to DeKalb's 13, they still remained behind at the buzzer.





the Chapel Hill tournament on December 15. The team also won and the great-grandsons of Marie Watson, also of Cunningham. first place in the Sulphur Springs tournament on December. 1. The team is 11-0 for the season. The team consists of, front row: Nikki English, Kalee Graham, Lacie Cole, and Danbri Mitchell. Middle row: Charity Musgrove, Brandi Swint, Blake Connot, and Bailey Berry. Back row: Managers: Leah Cathey and Hali Screws, Coach Flynn, Heather Filkins, and Hailey Norwood.



LOGAN AND LAYTON NORWOOD, sons of Frankie and Julie Norwood of Cunningham spent time over the Christmas holidays in Roxton with their grandparents, Mike and Joan Stribling. They went duck hunting with Larry Bramlett while there. Logan and PRAIRILAND SEVENTH GRADE A TEAM won first place in Layton are also the grandsons of Geneva Norwood of Cunningham

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

DEPORT HONOR ROLL mcDowra, Connor Ellington, Charlotte VanDeaver Velasco, Ruth Burke, Ammie McDowra,

Wayne Higdon, petggy Gentry, margaret Fowler, don Gentry, jeff mcDowra, Lindsey Murdock, Sandra Couch, Bess Denton, Bryce Bartlett, Era Butler, Quint Creighton, Lucas Arnold, Ashley Keener, Ruth Crenshaw, Sabrina Sexton, Ashley Doyal, Samantha

Maroney, Angye Parker. Jaleta Merritt was named to the Texas A&M fall semester President's Honor roll with straight

Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Freeman Safford, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Texas Bell Wednesday.

Barbara McDowra had her family dinner and tree on Sunday before Christmas with these present, Reggie McDowra, Pam and Nick, Chris and Rebecca McDowra and Matthew, Thomas and Anna McDowra, Jacob and Alex, Buddy and Sue Malone, Tommy Malone and Micah of Paris, Tony and Debra Malone and Matt of Mt. Pleasant, Keith and Ammie McDowra, Brock and Justin and Gerald Hood.

Barbara McDowra's visitors included Mary Ann Hood, Dale and Sing Hood, Denny and Judy Hood of Paris, Lynn and Mallie Hood and family of Shady Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Manchester

Happy birthday to Barbara erty for 19 years and is the daughter of Betty White and the late Duane White.

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Ruby D. Blevins visited Elois Sparks in Deport Tuesday. Ruby and Sandy Ring visited Jessie Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home in Paris Saturday.

Sandy Murdock, Rebecca, Rachel, Sarah, Matthew, David and Mark, Tonya and Kathy Corso, Lisa, Minda and Caralyn, Roland Ballard, Gary and Geremy Ballard, Robert and Sis Ballard, Danny Ballard of Austin, Ronnie and Linda Baker, Bill and Sue Scudder, Buddy Freeman, Drew and Leah Boren, Miranda Smith, Peggy Parsons, Melody Horton, Kevin and Benette Russell and sons, James Russell, Melanie Russell and family, Leann Mitchell, Deanna King and Kelli, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ballard and sons were among the many guests attending the reception for David and Nancy Ballard, Jenni and Joey at the Lamar Avenue Church of Christ in Paris Saturday.

There was a large crowd present to see the Prairiand eighth grades UIL play "The Happy Scarecrow" Saturday night in the PHS gym. Cast and crew members incluced Jenni Ballard, Caralyn Corso, Leah Boren, Blake Woodall and Mallory Owen. They will compete in UIL at Mt. Vernon this week.

Ammie McDowra, John Nash, Kristi, Drew and Leah Boren were visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons. Peggy visited Elois and Nina Sparks in Deport during the week. Pattonville VFD breakfast is this Saturday, 7 to 10 a.m., AYCE for

3RD SIX WEEKS A Honor Roll First grade: Karley Tucker, Maycee Hagood, Skylar Ragan, Sydney Ragan, Blake Holley, Cody Malone, Rachel Witherspoon, Tyler

Plemons Second grade: Colton Reynolds, Dustin Martin, Kastley Greer, Kelcey Klingler, Lindsey Murdock, Sarah Golden, Alecia Bailey, Janet Smoot, Leedon Burnett, Tessa Steffenson. Third grade: Allison Wolf, Catrina Elliott, Katie Evans, Ryan Harrell.

Fourth grade: Wesley Murdock, Lily Norwood.

Fifth grade: Derek Tesch, Hielly Owens, Josey Francis, Layton Norwood, Jenna Patterson, Jeremiah Howington, Kaylee Miller.

Sixth grade: Reagan Harrell, Tiffany Lehman, Ben Dickiinson, Paige Freeman, Sarah Murdock, Justin Pitcock.

Seventh grade; Lacie Cole, manda Mathews, Charity Amanda Musgrove, Hailey Norwood, Leah Cathey, Kalee Graham, Amanda Proctor, Hali Screws, Cole Smallwood, Brandi Swint.

Eighth grade: Lance Ballard, Leah Boren, Weston Drinnon, Ashley Ebarb, Amber Sugg, Justin Wright, Josh Allen, Jenni Ballard, Caralyn Corso, Josh Dooling, Kelcey Howington, Rebecca Murdock, Lindsey Sugg

A-B Honor Roll

First grade: Chelsey Kelley, Dennies Crawford, Drew Osborne, Joshua Owens, Mikala Nelson, Pamela Hess Aaron Wisdom, Caleb Norwood, Conrad Martin, Jacob Cannon, Michelle Taylor, River Cole, Savannah Smith. Second grade: Amanda Rick,

Camillia Perry, Jessica Upton, Steven Melvin, Dakota Davidson, Keaton Perry, Wesley Willis. Third grade: Autumn Hinkle, Brit-

tany Black, Heather Darby, Jessica Nichols, Katie Golden, Kimberly Elrod, Laney Jackson, Makynzi Watson, Shelby Richey, Valerie Jackson.

Fourth grade: Brittany Bolin, Christian Hnter, Dylan Cathey, Kelti Mowery, Reana Burnett, Chase Stogsdill, Jayci Chaney, Johna Gilliam, Justin Enox, Katrina Malone, Laura Brooks, Lily Norwood, Marissa Kindle, Payne Schuelke.

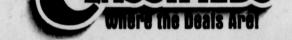
Fifth grade: Glen Cruise, Hailey Spann, Jeffery Steffenson, Jesi Davis, Jessica Whitt, Lindsay Hoover, Ryan Ford, Trey Towers, Tyler Young, Casey Parker, Christian Elliott, Corey Haskell, Courtney Hargroves, Hanah Norwood, John Winters, Monica Hagood, Zach McCann.

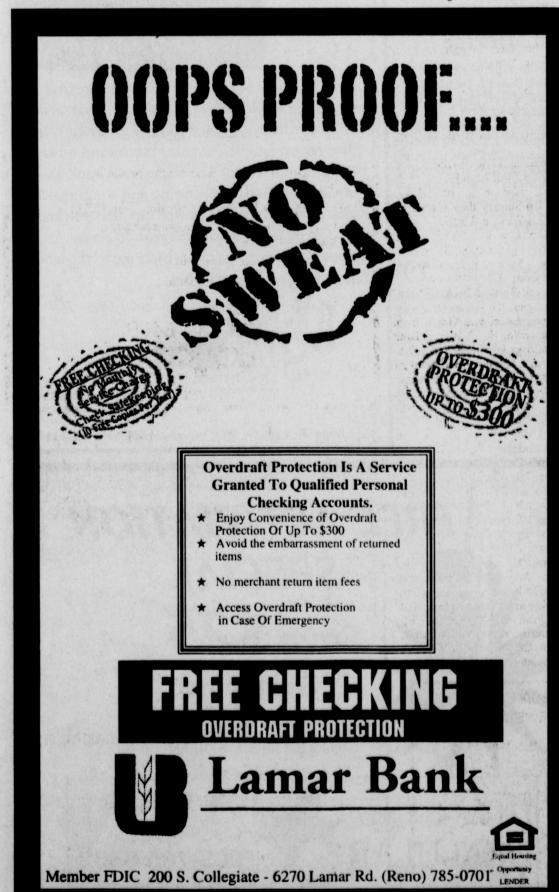
Sixth grade: Joey Ballard, Kayshia Ballard, Lisa Barnes, Erika Ham, Landon Syrus, Justin Thomas, Susan Anderson, Tanya Cave, John Francis, Paige Martin, Megan Spann.

Seventh grade: Tenesa Brown, Cassie Brummett, Nikki English, Tommy Hughes, Kellye Urbano, Wendy Chumley, Angel Deanda, Jes-sica Fox, Bradlee Watson, Chaz Wil-

Eighth grade: Chelsey Cole, Breanna Holley, Michael Middleton, Kacy Mitchell, Mallory Owens, Katrina Skeen, Brittany Filkins,







, Ancia Lang, Jay Curt McKee, Morgan Searls, Chasey Smallwood, Dana Speir, Kelly Thomas.

Presbyterian

Women meet

The Presbyterian Women met Monday, Jan. 14 at the Glover Community Room with Eulen Nicholas as hostess.

Reba Temple opened the meeting with prayer.

Frances Franklin gave the Least Coin Devotion, "God's Uplifting Power", a voice from Lebanon. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

Joyce Davidson read from the "Mission Yearbook for Prayer", an article from Eastminister Presbytery of Ohio.

From the Women's Devotional bible, Reba Temple, read a selection, "Never Too Old" by Jean Shawn.

Reba then directed lesson four from the study of Esther's Feast, "Esther Takes Charge". Facing death, Esther finds the courage to take charge and plan the defeat of her enemy's devices. In doing so, she matures from a child to a heroine.

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



and Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hood and Jacob of Springfield, MO.

Bookkeeping supervisor Debbye Urbano has been named Assistant Cashier at Liberty National Bank in Paris by president \$4. Carl Cecil. She has been with Lib-



Happy birthday to Bobby Madeline

Griffith, Patti and Jeffery Paxton, brothers, about the same time. Pat and Duwayne Ham.

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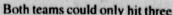
Recently Ruth O'Brien of Gar-Elmore, Connor Ellington, Arthur land was delivered two issues of Pete Jack Barrett, Victoria LaRue, the Deport Times, one was hers Mary Griffith, McKenna Noella and one with an adjacent address, Barnard, Dawne Darden, was mistakenly left in her box. Gifford, Pat When she called the person whose Benningfield, Sandra Couch, name was on the paper, and after Theresa Stephens, Lynn Nixon, beginning a conversation, she Clovis Alsobrook, Jeff McDowra. found the woman to be Novalyn Happy anniversary to Cynthia Secrest, who along with her sisand Chad Robinson, Sue and ter, Martha Dell, had gone to Arthur Barrett, Laura and Ricky Pattonville School with other sib-Williams, Mary and Arthur lings as well as Ruth and her

at and Duwayne Ham. Novalyn graduated from Deport Mary Jackson and Freeman High School in 1943 and moved Safford of Paris attended a retire- to Dallas and has lived in the area ment party given by the Paris So- since then. Ruth related to Ms. cial Security personnel honoring Secrest her memory of being a Billie Penn, who is retiring after five year old and going to the little red store on 271 S to buy her fa-

Mary Jackson ws honored on ther snuff, and the owner of the her birthday Thursday, January 3 store being O.J. Geers from Sylwith dinner at the Fish Fry by fam- van. Turns out, he was Novalyn's ily members Gary and Nancy grandfather. Ruth was elated to Jackson and Freeman Safford of meet a new friend who remem-Paris and Horace and Billie Penn bered so much about the old communities and all the people they both had known.

JV girls host Saltillo

The Prairiland JV girls hosted points in the third quarter to make Saltillo in basketball action on January 12, 2002 with the Lady Patriots winning the game 28-16. The girls scored 14 points in the first quarter to get ahead of Saltillo by 6 points to take thelead. With only a basket and 1-5 free shots in the second quarter, the ladies retained their lead from Saltillo 19-11.



22-14. Saltillo hit a basket in the final stanza as Prairiland landed in 6

to make the score 28-16.

Amanda Nichols was the big hitter for the night with 14, Rachel Murdock 8, Mallory Price 4 and Nicole Boehler and Whitney Brook each added one.

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Books received at Georgia Elliott Library/Museum Dean's List

Books in honor of: Georgia Watson: "Legend and Joining" from Frances Dorries; "Orangeburg District" from Charlene Barker.

Dale and Doris Lolar for their 50th anniversary, "Tara Road" from Randle and Sue Clarkson.

Huburt Johnston: "The Truth Seeker" from Randle and Sue Clarkson.

Tyler Flook: "Harry Potter, The Prisoner of Azkaban" from Sue Clarkson.

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Bob Wilmoth: "The Blue Hour" from Randle and Suc Clarkson; "May There Be a Road" from Joann Campbell; "College Football all American Team" from Harold Morrison

Georgia Watson: "Seaside" from Garry and Lacretia Scarboro; "The Meeting Place"; 'The Sacred Shore" and "The Desecration Left Behind Series" from Dan and Jocquetta Smith; three Janet Okes books from Carlos and Frances Dorries: Complete Stories and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe" from Bob Allen, Jr. and Dr. Pam Allen Thompson; "With God by our Side, You Never Have to be Alone" from Lawrence and Margaret Whitley: "Glory" from Tyler Flook; "Seaside" from Garry and Lacretia Scarboro; "The Meeting Place", "The Sacred Shore" and "The Birthright" from Carlos and Frances Dorries. Stanley Shannon: "Wait Till

Next Year" from Sue Clarkson; 'Off the Mangrove Coast" from Gardy Herron and Huburt and Peggy Johnston.

Frankye Lee Drennan Young: 'Winter Solstice" and "The Last Precinct" from Annette Pitts Case. Gladys Brantley: "Southern

Gardens" from Lynda Bryan. Matt and Kate Spruiell and Ida Wade Wallings, "The Story of Early Pocahontas", "Sugg Cem-etery", "Marriage Bonds of Lafayette County" and "Early Settlers of Lafayette Co. Missis-

sippi" from Charlene Barker Tommy Spruiell: "Grayson County History" from Charlene Barker.

Jess Whitney: "Jabez" from Randle and Sue Clarkson; "A New Collection of Three Condensed

Entry of the members included from Ballard Caralya Corso, I ean Ballard Caralya Corso, I ean

Books" by Rosamunde Pilcher from Huburt and Peggy Johnston. Other books, audios and vid-

Three books from Randle and Sue Clarkson; Sue Grafton book from Joann Campbell; audio novel "Bad Boy" from Arvona Goble; "Dark Winter", "City Girl" and "A Texas Sky" from JoAnn Campbell; science fiction pocketbooks from Perry Stevens; 'Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas" from JoAnn Campbell; "Omerta" from Betty Martin; audio "Stalker" from Joann Campbell; paperbacks from Frances Dorries; books and Purcell family geneal-ogy books from Roberta Woods; "The Church Ladies" from Sue Clarkson; "Open Season" from JoAnn Campbell; Louis L "Amour and Donald Clayton books from Jack Jones; "Remember Box", "The List" and "Deluge" from Sue Clarkson; "I Remember Distinctly" from Roger Daugherty; "Summer Island" and "A Common Life" from Gayle Merritt; books and genealogical helper from Charlene Barker; "The Third Victim" from Joann Cambpell; six biographies from Berta Barrett Wright; "Calvin and Hobbes" from Oberia Herron; 60 paperbcks from Frances Dorries; 'Next Accident" and an audio from Joann Cambpell; eight movies from Mack and Oberia Herron; 'Isle of Dogs" from JoAnn Cambpell; eight novels, pocketbooks and audios from Judy Baugh; "A Bend in the Road" from JoAnn Campbell; paperbacks and hardback from Dot Bailey; "Skipping Christmas" and "October Song: from Joann Campbell; two childrens books and one novel from Mae Crawford; "Black House" from Pug Dorries; six books from Caleb Melton.

Monetary gifts in memory of: For Bob Wilmoth: From Harold and Emmy Blackburn, Peggy Johnston

For Georgia Watson from Joe and Carol Bybee, John Orozco, Jan Snow, Linda Savage, Dortha Roundsville, Shanon Meyer and Connie and Willard Johnson.

For Stanley Shannon from Harold and Emmy Blackburn. Monetary gifts in honor of:

For Georgia and Tom Watson from Mrs. Jack May, Mae and James Crawford and Jan Hamil.

Other donations: Old newspapers from Barbara May Pitts; 1948 Bulldog jacket from Clarence McDaniel; new sign for Georgia Elliott Watson Library/Museum from J. Thomas, Burt Thomas and Berta Pete Wright; old portable typewriter from Roger Daugherty. **Building fund:**

In memory of Pastor George Williams and Mrs. Williams from Melita Williams Brownlow.

In memory of Georgia Watson: donation from Pat and B.D. Nation, Holley and Lillie Mae Abels, Buck and Pug Dorries, D.D. and Martha McCaskill, James and Pat Graham, Randal and Sue Clarkson, JoAnn Campbell, Huburt and Peggy Johnston; donatoin from Jane Roddy, Mary Jane Lowry, J.R. and Marlene Ray, Blossom Telephone Company, Mick and Joyce Dorries, Waka and Joe Rodgers, John and Sandra Graves, Franklin Adams, Gladys Burleson, Linda C. Goldberg, Mrs. Gay Moore Barr, Virginia P. McAllister, Carroll M. Starnes, Dr. and Mrs. William Hayden and Imogene Caviness; donations from Mrs. D.R. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walters, Bob and Doris Davis, Mike Davis, Maggie H. Woods, Leon and Shirley Anderson, Loyd and Mattie Sessums, Bradley Sessums, Darrell Sessums, James and Mae Crawford, Tom and Frankie Nixon, Barbara Pitts, Pat and Irby Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Duncan, Pete and Mary Woodruff, Ray and Phoebe Rhodes, Harold and Emmy Blackburn, Billy J. Pitts, Tom Watson, Jan Hamil and Kay Jones, Rachel Clark Braswell and Donna Clark Johnson, Gene, Dorothy and Randy Rader and Bill M. Burks

In memory of Jess Whitney: from James and Pat Graham.

For Flarnce Miears Porter from Virginia P. McAllister.

In memory of Topsy Herron from Grady and Carolyn Herron, Faye Blackshear and Peggy and Huburt Johnston and family and Aileen Herron; donation from Mack and Oberia Herron.

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SAU releases Following the fall semester at Southern Arkansas University,

Magnolia, 506 students were named to the SAU Dean's List, with 163 of thosestudents making all A's. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student mustbe registered in 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point averageof 3.50 or above.

Students who were named to the Dean's List from your area include the following:

From Blossom, Texas, Nikalus Clarkson, a computer science major.





Happy birthday to Kelty Mowery and Canard Norwood. L'Wanda McKnight attended a

business meeting in Paris, Arkansas on Saturday. Sunday guests of Johnny and

Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Barry and Barbara Wisdom, Lynn and Betty Holeman and Alice McPherson.

Stacy and Linda Musgrove were in McAlester, OK Saturday and Sunday minsitering in music.

Georgia and Billy Joe Oats honored their son, Billy Ray, with a birthday dinner Sunday. Attending were Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Kaylee Lane, Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Forrest Lawler.

James and Pat Norwood went to DeKalb Thursday to watch Lacy Cole, Haley Norwood and Charity Musgrove play basketball.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood went to the Grapevine Mall shopping on Tuesday.

Ryan and Marissa Kendal spent the weekend with Billie and Leonard Ford. David Ford has returned to SFA in Nacogdoches for the semester.

Teresa Mowery and Delores Norwood went to Longview to shop Saturday.

Julie Davis Whitley of Lufkin visited with Brad and Georjeana Nutt Saturday.

Brayden Oats spent Saturday with Billy Ray and Neva Oats while his mother, Marsha, attended a cheerleading performance with his sister, Kaylee on the SMU campus in Dallas.

Red River County Sheriff's Report January 7-13

January 7: Male arrestred on charge of possession of marijuana; minor accident on 82 west; inmate released after paying fine; structure fire in Caneywell; criminal mischief on FM195; inmate released on modified probation per judge's order; male arrested for no DL upon demand; reckless driver on 37N.

January 8: Inmate released on bond; male arrested for failure to stop and give info, no DL and no liability insurance, released on bond; aggravated assault; male arrested on possession of marijuana, public intoxication and aggravated assault w/deadly weapon; male arrested for failure to ID on demand; one arrested on Lamar County warrant for possession of marijuana.

January 9: Theft in Bogata; family violence at Detroit Elementary; male arrested on Lamar County warrant for TBC; male arrested for sexual assault; male arrested on warrant for violation of probation; female arrested on TBC for Lamar County; male arrested for FTA; inmate released on bond; welfare concernon 44S; report of theft; structure fire.

January 10: Female arrested for IBC, released with fines paid; animal complaint on Hwy. 82 west; burglary of building on 37S; female arrested on warrant for forgery and Lamar County warant for MTR/DWLS; male arrested on warrants for burglary of habitation and assault; noise disturbance in Avery; criminal mischief in Detroit.

January 12: Loud noise on 114; activated alarm at Detroit High School; shots fired on 44 S; theft on 271 at Rugby; inmate released on bond; inmate paid fines for IBC x10; major accident in Avery.

January 13: Aggravated assault with deadly weapon on CR2140; male arrested on charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon; medical emergency on 410N; criminal mischief in Woodland; activated alarm at Detroit elementary; civil distiurbance west of Bagwell; major accident; assisted Fire Department in Avery; loose cattle on 410N; suspicious vehicle in Johntown; burglary of habitation in Detroit.

Red River County Jail currently holds 35 inmates.



BLOSSOM HONOR ROLL **3RD SIX WEEKS**

A Honor Roll

First grade: Bailee Ballard, David Berry, Riley Brakebill, Haley Chappell, Kaitlin Doty, Trinity Drake, Jessica Garrett, Aaron Iles, Madelyn Sessums, Trenton Thompson, Jacee Walker, Carson White, Courtney Womack.

Second grade: Keleigth Burchinal, David Cantera, Josh Esch, Dakota Filkins, Levi Fraszier, Brett House, Angelicca Humphrey, Kortni Johnston, Jerica Ryan, Dylan Spen-

Third grade: Juan Cortes, Megan Glover, Brandon Graham, Chase

Hunold, Justin James, Thomas mas, Jessica Withers. Procella, Jaci Sikes, Clayton Thomas, Kayla Thomas, Ariel Tyler, Sara Upchurch.

Fourth grade: Ethan Barnard, Melanie Barnes, Tanner Connot, Ty Crump, Blake Gordon, Ryley Johnson, Tommy Kuehn, Autumn Nation, Kate Robertson, Jordan Tyler, Clint Winters, Karissa Woodall.

Fifth grade: Alyssa Pitcock, Kaleb Price, Rachell Procella, Megan Tho-

Sixth grade: Morgan Hostetler, Laura Robertson, Cody Upchruch, LeeAnn Warren.

Seventh grade; Bailee Berry, Kandice Burchinal, Clay Friddle, Taylor Gillie, Shawna Johnson, Jessica Roddy, Corey Scroggins.

Eighth grade: Ricardo Cantera, Dusty Cheney, Cassie Cullum, Justin Enox, Cody Flatt, Darren Lane, Taylor Mauldin, Jackie Miller, Ashley Outland, Cody Upchurch

Amber Norwooed attended a winter dental convention in Dallas Thursday through Saturday. She works for Dr. Regina Easlon's Clinic in Paris.

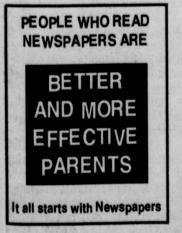
Linda Anderson and Carlos and Cord Ordorica went with Wendy Ordorica to a doctors apppointment in Wylie on Tuesday.

Linda and Ricky Andeson attended a 50th birthday party for Carol Anderson Newberry Saturday. On Sunday they visited Pat and Jim West in Roxton.

Velma Cox went to her granddaughters graduation, Sarah, December 15 where she received her MBA from TCU.

Jan and Gordon Cox had Christmas dinner. Those present were William, Lecel and Grace from Jacksonville, FL, Kay and Brad Arts and girls of Memphis, TN, Mary and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Betty Kuntz of Allen, Ken and Sarah Wardle of Ft. Worth, Dusty Cox of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Cox of Dallas, Meredith and Logan Cox of Alvarado and Velma cox.

Morris Cox of Dallas had a get together January 5 for the following: Monica Thweatt and Weston of Church Falls, VA, William and Leah and Grace of Jacksonville, FL, Mary Ann Gaylord of Baytown, Betty Kuntz of Allen, Ken and Sarah Wardle of Ft. Worth, Daisy Devlin of Grand Prairie, Jo Ella Weston of Irving, Janet Kay and Richard Trussell of Grand Prairie, Dusty Cox of College Station, Kyle Cox of Dallas, Gordon, Jan, Meredith and Logan of Alvarado and Velma Cox.



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Blossom Locals By Liz Irwin Call Your News To

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Happy Birthdays this week to hosted dinner on Saturday night Kayla Berry, Joseph Mayes, for Zak Pricer, Amy Baker, Jessica Miller, Brandon Brewer, Cobyn Brakebill, Weldon Bishop, Shawna Johnson, Amanda Hyde, Wavonne Coulter, Heather Bybee, Nick Dunn, David Smith, Samantha Maroney, Liz Irwin, Heath Thomas, Scotty Murray, Sherry Barnes, Rachel Ray, Dorris Prunty, Amber Trammmel, Carrie Couch, Jackie Shelby, Margaret Fowler, Krissy Thompson, Kenneth Lynn Gunter, Karissa Woodall, Jacob Salas, Tiana Brown, Heather McKay, Alex Thompson, Wesley Smith, Trinity Bowden, Kelly Pilip Dorries, Stephen Haan.

Mary Jane Lowry visited by phone with Orene Bonner over the weekend.

Minnie Lee Shands visited with Juanita Harrisona nd Beaulah Wolf of the Blossom Housing Authority last week. She also vis-

ited with Annie Milam of Deport and Ruby Huggins of Paris. She



Sabrina Sexton, Ashley Doyal, Haskell and Judy Booth and Faye and Johnny Shores.

Jim Weddle of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woodall of Clardy and Pat Evers of Paris visited in the home of Pauline and Jr. Weddle. Irene Bryant carried her mother Margaret Akehurst to DFW Air-

port on Saturday to catch a return flight to Vancouver, Washington after an extended visit with family and friends. While there, they visited with Bryan and Marleena Proffer and Landree.

The Lady Fire Belle's breakfast saw a good crowd and they wish to thank everyone for their support

Tuttle and Chad Whitley of Fendley, who hosted a a reception Powderly are the proud parents of at Mt. Olive Family Life Center a baby girl, Allison Ladd Whitley. on December 27. Donnie and Kay Whitley are the proud grandparents.

John Cunnngham and Marsha Madewell visited Britt and Amanda Barnard Saturday night and discussed their wedding plans.

Blossom Church of Christ for

Blossom Church of God

Thanks to the following for "treat

Children's Group for the gifts and

for the "Nite out" to your Christ-

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the gifts and the songs.

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Attend the Church of Your Choice

Blossom Housing Authority Notes

ing Authority held a holiday lun- and songs.

cheon on Thursday, Dec. 20 at

Christmas story and devotion

Lunch was served to all resi-

dents and employees. Gifts were

exchanged and "treat bags" were

given to everyone attending and

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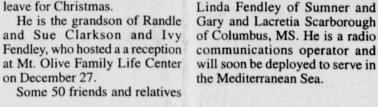
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Residents of Blossom Hous- from the Blossom School for gifts



Lnc. Cpl. Micah Fendley of attended.

Blossom UMW holds meeting

Fendley takes Christmas leave

Thursday, January 17, 2002

The ladies of the Blossom UMW met January 7th to make 30th in downtown Blossom. plans for the 2002 Calendar year.

Lance Cpl. Micah

Fendley

Camp LeJuene, NC was home on

with exciting things going on at the Blossom Methodist Church.

Regenia Walker on "How Happy are You Now".

given by Carol Bybee.

moth, following the morning ser-

A bake sale is planned for March Everyone is looking forward to

The calendar was quickly filled the progressive dinner in April, also an ice cream supper in July.

Those attending the meeting were: Kay Allen, Liz Williams, Carol Bybee, Donna Dunagan, Janell Topliff, Beatrice Collier, Marylon Huml, Regenia Walker,

Janell Topliff was hostess. The next meeting will be the first Monday in February at 6:30

Everyone is invited to come and

Girls Scout cookies can still be

will continue taking orders for

Girl Scout cookies through January 27th with delivery scheduled February 18 through March 10.

Our two newest residents are: Juanita Harrison and Jimmie to game day each Tuesday and Fridays, Bible Study on Wednes-dered sugar coating and All

Old photos and albums found,

Some photo albums and large photos of children and families have been found from the old First National Bank building (the green building) on Main St. in Deport.

Anyone who thinks these photos or albums might be of their family, drop by the Deport Times office to see them and claim them. The photos will be held for only

a month, so call or come by soon!

Micah is the son of Ronnie and

The Rivercrest Independent School District is accepting bids for the sale of the former "Bogata School Property" The property includes approximately 4 acres located between state highway 271 and 2nd Street and adjacent to Howison

Street in Bogata, as well as two permanent buildings. Interested parties should contact the school for further descriptions of the

property or to inspect the property. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's office until 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2002. For more information, contact Gary VanDeaver at 632-5205. Rivercrest ISD reserves the right to refuse all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE The Rivercrest Independent School district is accepting bids for the sale of four portable buildings. The buildings are located on the Bogata school property and will be sold to be moved. The buildings are in varying condition and will be sold separately. Sealed bids will be accepted in the superintendent's office until 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2002. For more information, contact Gary VanDeaver at 632-5205. Rivercrest ISD reserves the right to

refuse all bids. -17

Texas Law Enforcement Complies with Senate Bill 1074

Racial Profiling This department supports the 77th 'exas Legislature's mandate prohibiting racial profiling in Texas. Our police officers work under a departmental policy that is consistent with all state and federal laws. The policy includes provisions for citizens to contact us if they have a conflict with a Bogata police officer

The Bogata Police Department realizes that there will be disagreements, from time to time, with individuals that come in contact with our officers. We realize that confusion, different perceptions or possibly the timeliness of information could result in information that may produce different accounts of the same incident. These disagreements between citizens and officers need to be addressed. We trust that the vast majority of contacts between citizens and officers are conducted in a positive, professional manner. The relationship be-

Public Notices tween the community and our officers is based on confidence and trust. We cannot be effective without both the community and our officers working together to achieve this goal.

Citizens feeling that they have a le gitimate concern may make a formal complaint to the Bogata Police Department at any time by contacting any member of this department for information on the complaint process. Additional information about this process may be obtained by calling us at 903-632-5315.

The Bogata Police Department would like to know about positive police contacts. Please write the Chief a letter or note to let him or her know about a positive contact with our officers. Chief Clegg will let the officer know about your letter and a copy will be placed in the officer's personnel folder.

We are very proud of the relationship the Bogata Police Department shares with the community. Our long-standing goal is to provide our citizens with a safe community where all may live without the fear of crime. Charles R. Clegg,

Police Chief **Bogata Police Department**

PUBLIC NOTICE The City of Bloissom, Texas seeks part-time, temporary person for account-

ing and payroll position. Minimum Requirements: Three (3) years positive experience in finance, accounting and/or administration, preferably with a municipal corporation.

(2) Three (3) years positive experience in payroll, tax reporting, accounts receivable/payable and preparations of corporate financial statements.

(3) Must demonstrate experience and proficiency in computer operations and Peachtree Accounting.

Applications and resumes accepted at Blossom City Hall, P.O. Box 297, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416 or call 903-982-5900 for additional information.

Salary dependent upon qualifications. Prefer individual to begin January 28, but position open until filled. Qualified person may be considered for full time City SecretaryTreasurer position. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Patti Donovan, City Secretary 1-17

Menu School **Deport Campus**

Week of January 21 Monday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly Juice Milk Lunch: Pizza Salad



Prairiland High School Week of January 21 Monday

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos Fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pizza Corn Salad Pudding MIIK Tuesday **Breakfast:** Sausage, cheese, biscuit Juice, milk Lunch: Vegetable beef soup Cheese sticks Cornbrfead Crackers Cake Milk Wednesday **Breakfast:** Cinnamon rolls Juice, milk Lunch: Steak fingers Potatoes, gravy Macaroni and cheese **Biscuits** Milk Thursday **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza Juice, milk Lunch: Tacos Salad Mexican beans Cobbler Milk Friday **Breakfast:** Cereal Juice, milk Lunch: Hot dogs Chili/cheese Pork and beans Chips Milk



Council of Red River Valley. "In addition to pleasing the taste buds of our customers, e want to empha-

pany, Blossom Feed Store and In addition to the standard favorites of most customers, Girl Scouts are encouraging the public to try the two new cookies; Happy New Year to all. Come Ole' Ole', vanilla cookies with Abouts-shortbread cookies with Girl Scout messages on top and a rich fudge coating on the bottom.

Girl Scout and wish to place an Other varieties offered at \$3 order, you may call the Girl Scout er box include Trefoils. Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, Samoas, Tagalons and Aloha Chip. The Girl Scout Cookie sale happens only once a year," said

January 12 in LeJuene, NC. Jerald

is in the Marine Corps. She

weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and has been

named Ashlyn Nicole. Grandpar-

ents are Jerry and Terri Williams

of Paris and great-granddaughter

Billie Ruth and Alvis Bates

went to Carthage last week where

he helped Bro. J.T. McNabb get a

house ready to be moved to his

daughter, Kathy Brown's prop-

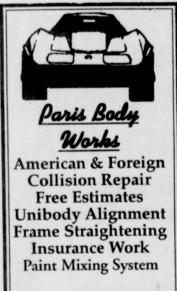
Gladys Montgomery Sasser,

Verlon Vaughn and Johnie Lee

of Newman and Betty Low.

Allen, the treasurers report was ' Clara Gardiner. Starting in February a pot Luck Dinner will be served every other p.m.

A devotion was given by The minutes were read by Kay



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days. Everyone is welcome!

Deport Housing

The monthly luncheon was held Wednesday, January 9. Enjoying the good food and fellowship were Mavis Sowards, Alpha Barnard, Ruth Murrell, Alma Scaff, Frances Franklin, Estelle Chesshire, Willie Mae Speir, Eunice Ervin, Hazel Relford, Evelyn Roach, Maud Webb, Phyllis Gifford. Jane Glass from Deport Nursing Home presented facts and literature for tenant's information.

Progress is being made on the installation of vinyl and metal on soffits, facias and gables on all buildings at the Glover units. This preventative maintenance plan should also, because of the change in color, be a change to the appearance of the buildings.

Office at (903) 784-0803 or 1-800-987-9075 or your local Cookie Manager: Carla Filkins-Deport-652-4702; Audra Lane in Blossom-982-6489; Susan Grantham in Red River county, 632-4997.

size the benefits to the girls".

{This is an opportunity for us to

help girls develop real-life skills

and self-confidence. They learn

how to set goals, manage their

troop funds, sell a product, and

deal with the public in a courteous

and safe manner," said Shawhart.

If you are not contacted by a

Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee 982-5309

Jerald and April Williams are attended the county-wide quarthe parents of a daughter born terly fire department meeting at the courthouse in Paris Monday, January 7.

The monthly meeting of the Post Oak Fire Department was Tuesday at the fire station with eight members present.

Chris Smith, who has been visiting her family in England and New Zealand, has returned after an extended visit.

Ellen Tuck was taken to the emergency room over the weekend with pain. After tests she was given medicine and sent home to return to the doctor Monday for more tests.

Willie and Frank ee visited their cousin, Billie Ruth Bates, one day ast week.

Milton

Milk Tuesday

Orange halves

Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage Juice, milk Lunch: Ham and cheese on bun **Baked** beans Pickles Chips Milk Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, trail mix Trail mix Juice, milk Lunch: **Barabeque** weiners Macaroni and cheese tater tots Jello with fruit Milk

Thursday **Breakfast:** Cereal, blueberry muffins Juice, milk Lunch: Nachos with meat Salad Pinto beans Trail mix Milk

Friday

Breakfast: cinnamon rolls Juice, milk Lunch: chil icheese fritos Fries Pineapple tibbets Milk

Cap Rock Energy will not subject customers to deregulation

Electric deregulation laws provide discretion to cooperative and municipal electric companies

to adopt a "wait and see" approach to customer choice. Along with the majority of electrical cooperatives in Texas, Cap rock Energy has determined to exercise this option and not subject its customers to deregulation at this time.

Cap rock adopts this alternative to prevent customer confusion and to avoid problems associated with customer switch overs already being experienced by consumers taking advantage of this

new legislation.

Cap Rock customers will not passed by the 76th Legislature however miss out on lower bills being promised by the effects of the deregulation. Decreasing fuel costs, a major contributor to electric rates, will allow residential Cap rock customers to realize cheaper energy costs this year compared to those in 2001.

When the deregulation system has been proven, and it is determined to be in the best interests for customers, Cap Rock may then choose to participate in customer choice. Further consideration for this change includes the permanency of "opting in". Decisions to participate in a deregulated marketplace may not be rescinded.

JEFF KROGMAN erty to replace their house that burned. **SAND & GRAVEL** who was raised here and lived in recent years in the Linden com-✓ PEA GRAVEL ✓ MORTAR SAND munity, died recently in the Paris ✓ FILL DIRT ✓ TOP SOIL Nursing Home. ✓ WHITE ROCK **✔** BASE GRAVEL 784-8627 Hwy. 19 & 24 South * Paris * P.O. Box 1336 TRIANGLE CARPET Center Street 1555 N. Main Street **Carpet Binding** U.S. 271) > Oklahoma & Area Rugs 1555 N. Main Street * Paris, TX 903-784-5989 Hours: 9-5 M-F, 9-12 SAT Large Selection of Carpet Wholesale Prices*Mill Direct*We Install

Micheal Wirta and Shellie last Wednesday. Sanchez of San Antanio visited his grandparents James and Dorothy Holt, Wednesday.

Don Upchurch of Paris had lunch with his mother Mattylu Upchurch Saturday.

Aubrey, Shannon & Alyssa Allen of Flower Mound, Josh Allen, Danci Smith of Cunningham and Jay Kirt McKee of Minter spent the weekend with Peggy Whitney

Tim Salter of Paris and John and Velma Temple went to Bogata Thursday night for dinner.

Ladies from the East Post Oak Church and the Hillcrest Church in Paris enjoyed a brunch at the home of Edna Lee last Saturday.

Morris and Mary Elaine ited his parents Frank and Edna Lawler, Mattylu Upchurch and Lee, Friday. Don Upchurch had lunch in Paris

News

By Massylu Upohuroh

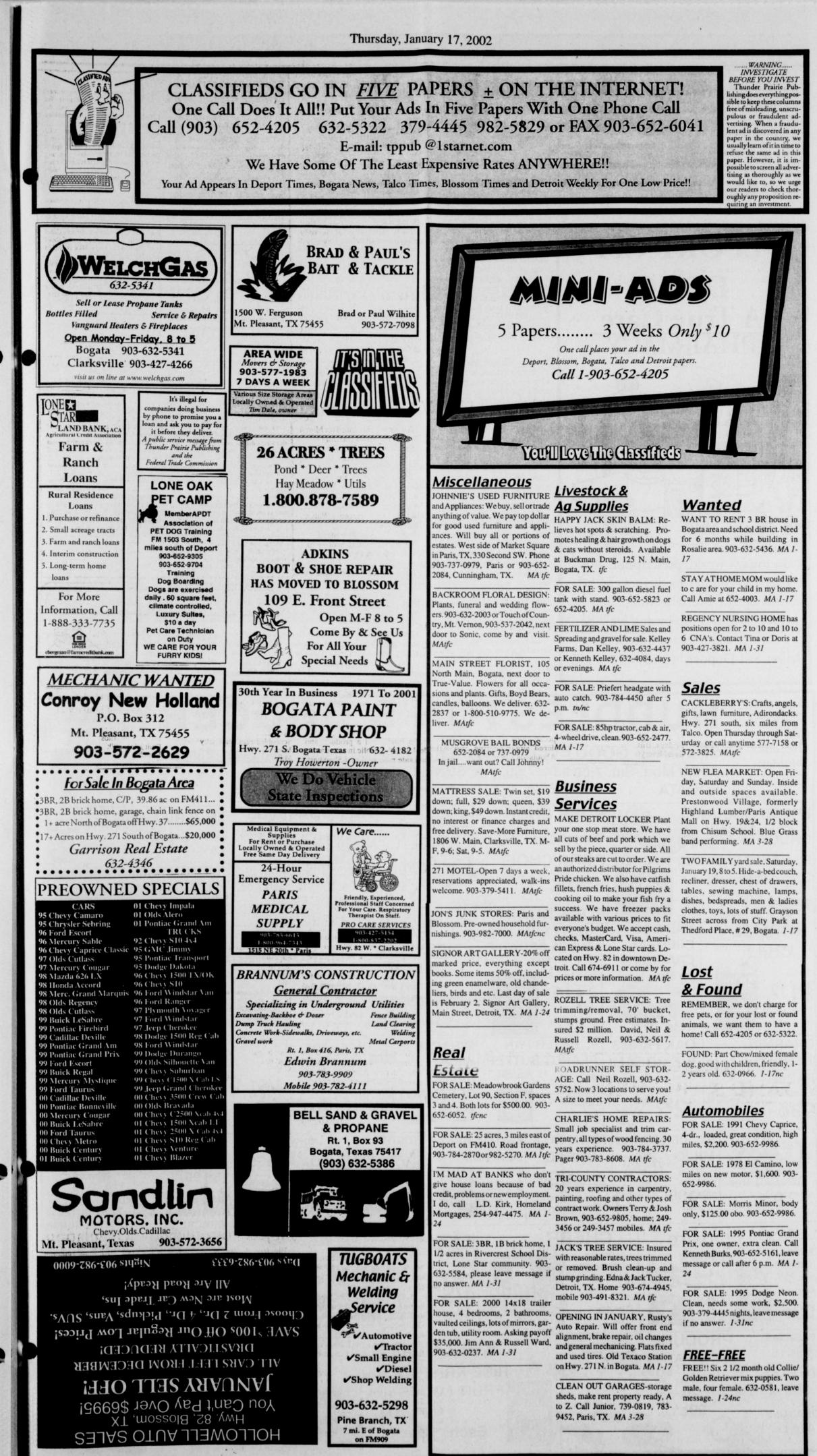
Kay and Ronnie Preston of Minter and Tim Parks of Faught had lunch with Dorothy and James Holt, Sunday

Ann and Sheldon Lee returned home Monday after visting Kathy and Glenn Fergurson of Galveston. Sheldon enjoyed doing some fishing while there.

Elizabeth Bell and friend Linda Bryan had lunch in Paris Thursday.

Leah and Russell Schroeder of Grapevine spent the weekend with her mother Mattylu Upchurch. They also visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler.

Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris vis-



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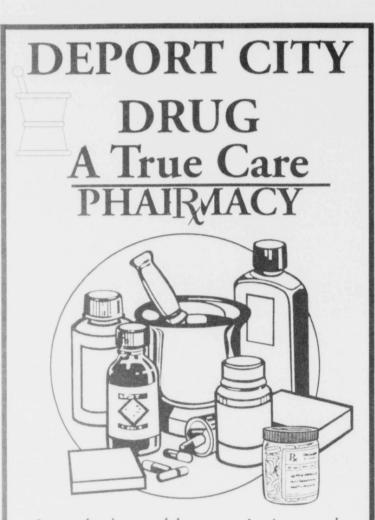
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A Christmas Wish ...

Sara Wardle graduates fromTCU

ceived her MBA from TCU in Ft. Jan Cox of Alvarado and the grand-Worth in December, graduating daughter of Velma Cox of Davidson, and I have been old from Texas A&M in 1994 with a Cunningham. degree in Geology and in 1996 earning a Masters from the Uni- with a graduation party at the Ft. versity of Nevada, Las Vegas in Worth Petroleum Club with ap-Water Resource Management.

works for Stroud Oil Company.



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Sara Michelle Cox Wardle re- She is the daughter of Gordon and

Her husband, Ken, surprised her proximately 40 close friends and Sara lives in Ft. Worth and family members attending.

enough to do our own Christmas shopping, we have made it a priority to choose a child's name from the Angel Tree at Wal-Mart. Each year we get together and decide how much we can spend and we go pick out an angel. If we are able to spend more one year, then we will pick a child that has a buy the child all the clothing and apparrel on their list, but we always get them the one toy that We love this time of year where we can give back to someone else that needs it more than we do.

really excited about buying for our angel, which happened to be a was a girls bike. Since the bicycle

little boy that year. We picked out clothes and shoes, and whatever else we thought the boy would really need, but the toy on the child's wish list was a bicycle. We decided that we wanted to spend enough to get a really great bike, so we were going to wait until we could afford what we really wanted. We also decided that the child should have a lot more toys, so we went on a big shopping spree. As much fun as we were having, you would have thought we were buying the toys for ourselves. As time passed, the deadline for turning in the presents was nearing fast and we had gone a little overboard on our budget. We were afraid that we wouldn't be able to buy a more expensive bicycle for the child, as we had intended, but we refused to return any of the items we had already purchased. We were determined to make this child's Christmas very special, so we decided to just pray that everything would work out for the best.

Early one morning, Crystal received a phone call from one of

tion had drawn her name for a girl's bicycle that Crystal never signed up for. Still she was very

excited and appreciative. The radio station asked her, as they always do, "What Radio Station is number one?" Well Crystal had no idea which station she was talking to so, of course, she flubbed rather large or expensive toy on up and said the wrong station their wish list. We make sure that name. After a little we have enough in our budget to embarrassement, she finally got through the promo and agreed to go pick up the bicycle.

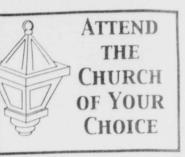
Later, Crystal called to ask if I they ask for, and more if possible. had signed her up to win a bicycle. I said "Oh yea, I entered our names in a drawing for a child's bike at work (Wal-Mart) one Around 1997 Crystal and I were night. She informed me that she had won the bicycle, but that it

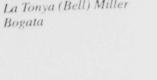
tion that I was supposed to be as we did in 1997. working, instead of filling out lots of entries for this bicycle, which is against store policy. I guess I should have felt bad about this, but how could I, because I broke one little rule, a child was able to receive their Christmas wish! Some may say that this was just luck, that could never happen again, but we believe that this was proof that the Lord does work in mysterious

ways! As children we thought the phrase "It's better to give than to receive", was a little backwards, but as we matured, we realized just how true those words were. I don't think our parents have ever been able to give us a Christmas

Since my sister, Crystal (Bell) the local radio stations. The sta- had been donated to the Radio present as special as the one we widson and I have been old that year. My wish this Station by Wal-Mart, of course we received that year. My wish this were allowed to exchange it for holiday season, is that everyone a boys bike. I guess I should men- can experience the Gift of giving,

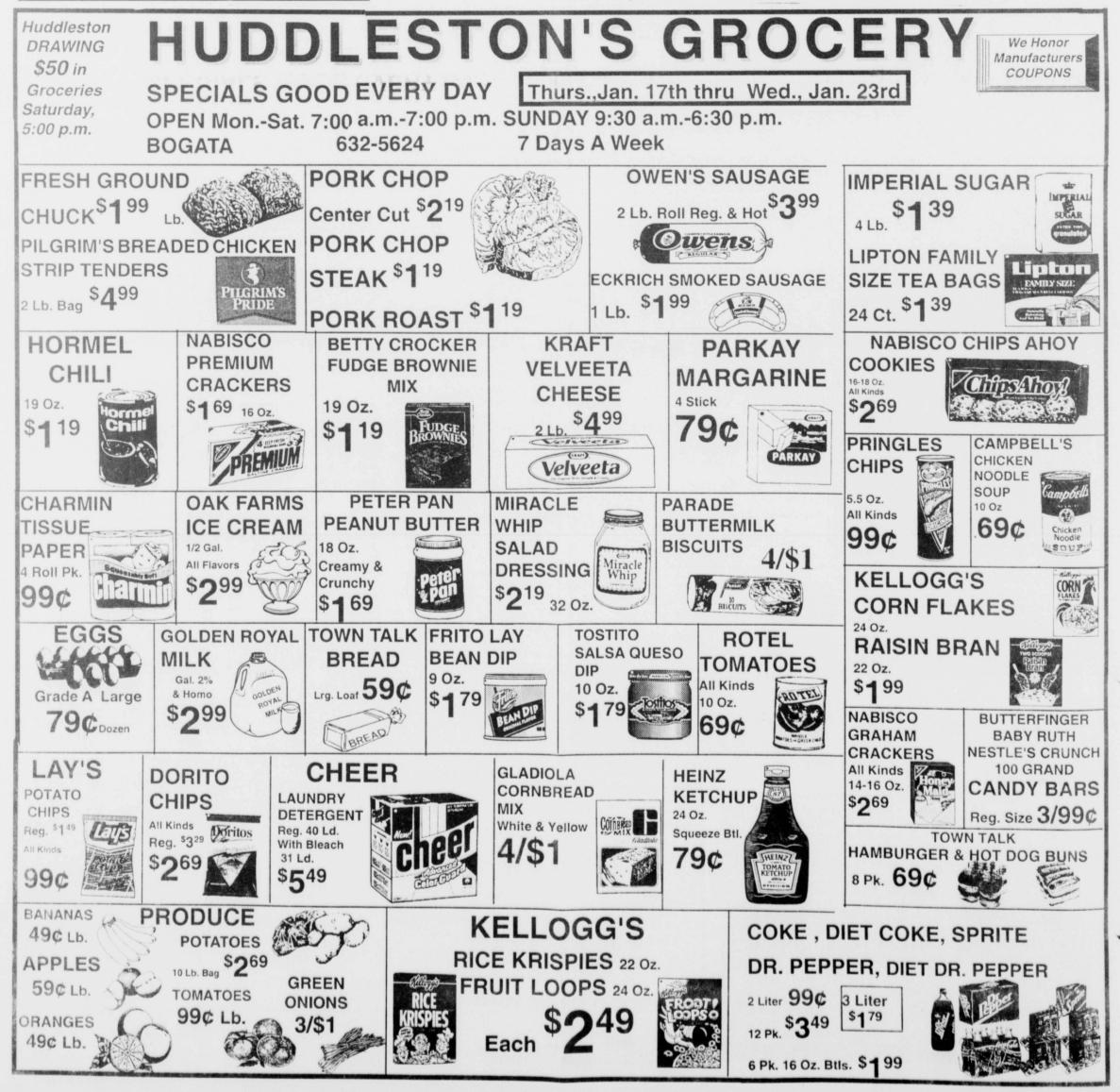
La Tonya (Bell) Miller





BLOSSOM HISTORY--The Georgia Elliott Watson Library has received a number of photos

from Dave Tipton, great-grandson of George Hill, who was a constable for Blossom in the late 1800's and early 1900's. George is the brother of Ben Hill, who was murdered in Blossom a few years earlier and his murderer was hanged in Paris. This picture is of the hanging of a man who had murdered his wife (ca. 1905). Did this hanging take place in Blossom? Anyone with information on this picture is asked to contact the Library. It's a great addition to the history of Blossom.



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