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Who Else Am I?

I have been touched by all of you who took the time to call and tell me how much you enjoyed last week's column. It apparently did what I intended, and got people to thinking about how much we all are a product of both ancestors and the other people who enrich our lives!

I think I left out a side of who I am, though. I may have been shaped by my pets more than I realized!

Friday night it was pretty cold, and after going out on a fire call, Thomas built a fire in the wood heater.

Sometime around 2:30 a.m. Thomas awoke to the sound of our heating system running. It just wouldn't shut off. So, he got up and went to see what was going on. He found the door by the heater open! Gunter, who is a big cat (23.5 lbs. and counting) and a very strong cat, has always been able to yank any door in the house open if the latch doesn't completely catch. And, apparently, that's what happened.

Thomas woke me up, telling me the door was open and Gunter was apparently outside.

You have to realize...Gunter doesn't go outside. He's one of those spoiled purebreds born and raised in comfort and luxury, and he lives that life-style at our house. Still, he is a cat, and they are curious!

So here I am, reflecting a facet of myself that I'm really glad the rest of the world couldn't see.

3:00 a.m. and here I go, wandering around the yard in my gown, a coat and a pair of boots without socks! Ahhh, I'm sure I made quite a ravishing sight.

Flashlight probing the shrubs and under porch furniture. I made the rounds, but no golden spotted animal appeared.

I pulled open the door under the house but no glowing eyes appeared. I'm not sure, but I think I heard a pair of coyotes out in the bushes west of the house having a good laugh at me before running off!

Finally, I gave up and went back in the house to get warm. I tried to lay back down and go back to sleep, but I just couldn't. Visions of my spoiled baby outside in that bitter frost was too much for me. I got up once more, went out on the deck and called one last time. And then I heard it, low and tentative "mrrooww". And in my flashlight beam appeared those huge, green eyes, panicked and not happy at all.

I grabbed him up and he began to howl and growl like I was attacking him. But, being the good-natured cat he is, he never laid a claw on me.

Inside again, he promptly curled himself up against me to warm up, and boy, his blubber was chilled!

He'd better be glad I am who I am...a softhearted animal lover, because not too many people would wander around out in the freezing dark trying to locate an errant cat without the good sense to know when he is well off!

Prairiland to celebrate FFA Week

The week of February, 18 through February 24 has been designated as National FFA Week. The original idea for the organization was fostered after courses in vocational agriculture were established by the Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act in 1917.

In the early 1920's, Virginia formed a Future Farmers club for boys in agriculture farms. This innovation caught fire across the country and the national organization was established in 1928 at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. National dues to the organization were set at ten cents per member.

Membership grew and the following year's convention was distinguished by the selection of the national colors and the naming of the first Star Farmer of America. By 1934, the only states which had not chartered associations were Rhode Island and Alaska. As the years went by, the organization began providing services to support its expanding membership. In 1939, a National FFA Camp was founded on the grounds of the past national center in Alexandria, Virginia.

The National FFA Foundation, Inc. was created in 1944 to provide funds from business and industry to support new programs. Public Law 740, passed by Congress in 1950, granted the FFA a federal charter. P.L. 740 was revised in 1979 and underwent technical revision and became Publication 105-225 by the 105th Congress. 1952 marked the establishment of the National Future Farmer magazine, now known as FFA New Horizons.

A consolidation of the New Future Farmers of America, the organization for African-American agriculture students, with the FFA took place in 1965. More new members were voted in 1969 when the delegates acted to allow girls to become members.

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. This is the main goal of the National FFA Organization. For more than 72 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural

instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginnings in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota (Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands).

The National FFA Organization headquarters is located in Alexandria, Virginia and houses the National Council for Agricultural Education, National Association of Agricultural Educators, Dr. Larry Case, CEO and Dr. Coleman Harris, Executive Director.

The National FFA Center is located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The center houses the National FFA Organization and its National Alumni Association and National Foundation.

Prairiland FFA is one of these many organizations. It is under the direction of Frankie Norwood, Jeff Ballard and Bryan Moyer. Officers for 2001-2002 are president-Brad Hunt; secretary-Jessica McKeete; secretary-Jemilyn Staplee; treasurer-Seth Walker; reporter-Leslie Davis; sentinel-Holley Allen; and junior advisor-Dakota Mitchell.

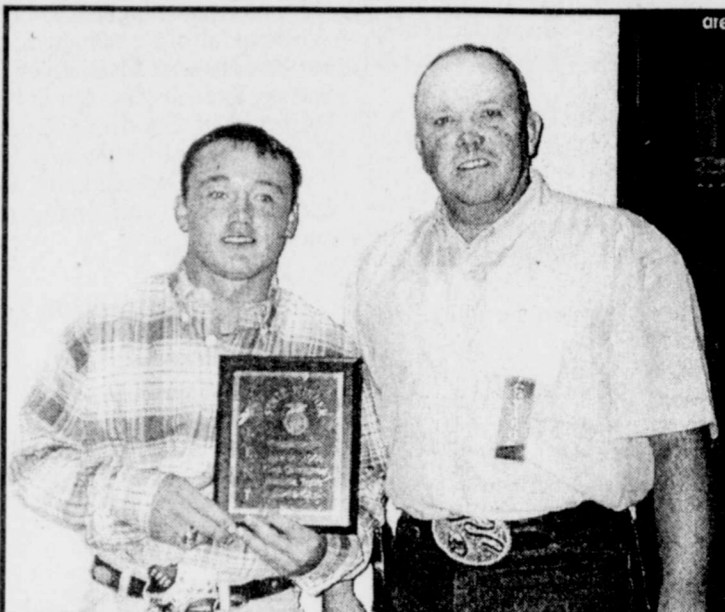
In June, several members went through degree checks with Ashley Doyal being interviewed for one of the many scholarships given by the organization.

July saw the group travel to the state convention in Houston where Stoney Musgrove won the State FFA Talent Contest. Ashley Doyal received a \$10,000.00 scholarship. Later in the month the officers attended a leadership camp under the direction of district officers with one of these being Jessica Staplee. Sponsors also attended a teacher conference during this month.

School began in August with several members participating in the Red River Valley Fair with their livestock exhibits.

September saw the Four-States Fair in Texarkana with several members showing heifers. An capter officer training was attended at the district meeting in Chapel Hill along with sausage sales beginning this month.

In October, time was set aside to attend the State Fair of Texas



STATE TALENT TEAM WINNER-Stoney Musgrove represents Prairiland FFA at the State FFA Convention and won the much coveted event. He is pictured here with sponsor Frankie Norwood. (Staff Photo)



GRADY WRIGHT, long time area resident, reflects on a few facts of life. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

with market hogs and hiefers. Several area livestock shows were also attended by members. The year began in earnest with monthly meetings, hayrides and Weiner roasts for new and old members alike.

November required that all market exhibitors that would show in the junior livestock show in April attend ethics meetings. Sausage sales, along with ham, turkey and fruit sales began once more for the holidays. Several members attended the leadership contests at PJC with 8 teams participating. Four teams qualified for the area contest in Gilmer.

In December there were visits from the state officers, more fruit and sausage sales and the Christmas parade.

The Ft. Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo was held in January with members exhibiting heifers and participating in the calf scrambles. The district convention was held in Mt. Vernon with Talen Team members Johnna Patterson, Spur Norwood and Minda Corso winning the area contest.

In February, the area convention was held in Kilgore. Members will also exhibit broilers and hiefers at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo along with some members in the calf scrambles.

March will see members on the land judging teams and livestock teams along with members exhibiting in area livestock shows in preparation for the upcoming junior show.

April is the month set aside for the annual Prairiland Livestock Show, Stew Cook-off and Supper, Pig Wrestling and Auction. Later in the month is the junior show for all members to exhibit their animals they have worked with all year.

May will begin the year all over with the purchasing of animals for the students for the upcoming year. The annual FFA Banquet and installation of officers will also be in May.

As you can tell, Prairiland FFA members and sponsors stay busy all year with their various projects and activities. We wish them a successful year and congratulate them with their agricultural ventures.

Mamaw's Cafe, a story about Deport, to be presented at PJC this weekend

Several year's ago David Cannon wrote a children's book about life in Deport, centered around his grandparent's cafe. "Mamaw's Cafe" has now become a play, adapted for the stage by John Presley Wright, coordinator of the speech and drama department at Paris Junior College.

This Friday, February 22 has been pronounced "Deport Night" and Deport people attending the play at Paris Junior College can meet the cast after the play.

When John Wright needed a play to put into competition, Tim Wood of Deport mentioned Mamaw's Cafe to him, thus setting into motion the events leading up to the performances.

The play will compete in Lufkin at Angelina Community College on February 28th at Texas Community College Speech and Theater Association.

Opening February 22nd the play features the cafe, many Deport people from the 1950s, Monroe Street and a general cross section of life in a small town.

Cannon spent time as a child in

Deport, and while his memories may not coincide exactly with what natives recall, his lessons learned are outstanding.

Some of his characters, such as his grandparents and cousins, are taken straight from life, others are composites or strictly fictional.

Roger and Edna Bell, the proprietors of the cafe, prided themselves on friendly, personal service and one fine young child!

The play has a "Boy of David" and a fifty year old David, who is the narrator.

Some of the other Deport citizens featured in the play are Mac Webb, Auntie Webb, Tom and Karen Webb, Delbert and Bocky Norman. Many of them will be on hand Friday night, in the audience to enjoy the play.

The PJC cast of characters consists of: David Cannon, age 50, Blake Hamman; Mamaw Bell, Kerri Bradley; Granddaddy Bell, Jerry Briggs.

David Cannon, about 13, A.J. Tucker; John Cannon, Quinton Bell; Mrs. Cannon Robyn

Huizinga; Mac Webb, Dustin Eastwood; Auntie Webb, Paige Wolf; Tom Webb, Josh Howells; Karen Webb, Sheena Peppel.

Delbert Norman, Dalen Hobbs; Aunt Bocky Norman, Romelle Crutcher; James Grant, Burke Burnett; Bertie Loomis, Misty Brantley; Earl Coody, Matt Allen, Maggie, Courtney Caraway; Karen Walker, Tara Simmons; Old Couple, D.B. Bolton and Sara Laborodos.

Director's Assistants are Sheena Peppel and Paige Wolf; Stage Managers, D.B. Bolton and Sara Laborodos, Understudies, Queeny Jamin, Sara Laboros, Matt Allen and D.B. Bolton.

The play will feature a reader's theatre presentation "Children of a Lone Star" before Mamaw's Cafe and will be performed on February 22 and 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Ray F. Karrer Performing Arts Theater.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and groups of ten or more.

After the Deport night performance all Deport residents that attend are invited to the cast party and to visit with the cast.

Neighbors A Mini-Portrait of Area Citizens

by Jack Ballard

Grady Wright and his wife, Kathryn, live north of Prairiland. Grady and Kathryn have been involved and supporting our community in education for over fifty years. They have four children, Mike, Pam, Kyle and Kent, and seven grandchildren.

When asked how long he has been in the area, Grady replies "I was born in Deport, 77 years ago, in a house just up the way from where Shorty Ballard now lives. The house was nice and had porches all around. It burned in the 1940s. I started in schools called Moseley and White Hall. They were "big" schools--two rooms and at White Hall we didn't use one of them. I graduated from Deport High in 1941 and later from East Texas State at Commerce."

Grady was in the Army Infantry, the I&R Platoon from March 1943 through January 1946.

"We spent time in the Pacific, where we did reconnaissance work. We stayed behind enemy lines more than we stayed behind our own lines. I saw places like New Guinea, the Philippines and Bataan. In fact, we were some of the first on Bataan after the Japanese."

After the war, in 1946, he married Kathryn. Grady recalls that they had a "sharp 1937 Ford" at the time. He did a number of things,

and Cunningham school districts into Prairiland. We needed to have the students together to grow into one big community."

What were the most disappointing things at school?

"It was sad to see at school those situations where the parents didn't care about their kids. It was also tough when we lost the home-making building at the brand new Prairiland Campus to fire new years ago."

When asked "If you could build one thing from the community's past, what would it be?" Grady says "A good, full-service grocery store. A town's to complete without one."

What is the funniest thing you ever saw?

"I saw a cow fall over in a feed trough and land with it's feet sticking straight up in the air-all four. We got it out, but the cow died later."

Grady says his worst habit is "running my mouth"

Who would you like to sing like? Gamers the answer of "Bill Monroe, he gets high in the bushes!"

I weren't a teacher, what would have been your other job? Grady says he liked farming. He always enjoyed raising cotton, corn and wheat.

When asked his biggest regret he says "That I didn't do as much for the students as I would have liked to. It just seems you can never do too much to help make them a success."

When are you happiest? He grins, "When my wife's happy"

His favorite time of day is the early morning, it means there is a new beginning.

The best advice Grady says he ever received is "don't ever say you can't."

The question You'll Never Catch Me" results in this...eating spices. I won't eat cinnamon. And, I never drink iced tea. It tastes like Black Draght.

Bake sale to benefit Humane Society

The Red River County Humane Society will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. until sold out on the Wal-Mart sidewalk in Clarksville. Baked goods are needed and cash donations will be accepted.

For information, contact Terri Henneise at 966-2000.

Did You Know?
Volunteers Fire Departments With First Responder Units have found that 50% to 75% of their calls are MEDICAL!

Blood drive is March 21

Stewart Regional Blood Center and East Texas Medical Center and Lennox Health Resource Center will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, March 21 at ETMC in Clarksville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Lennox Health Resource Center from 2 until 6 p.m.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Did you know that history first knew of rice existing back in 2800 B.C.? Coming from China to Greece and also from Persia to the Nile Delta. Several thousand years later, on a stormy night, a ship from Madagascar ran off course and made to rest in Charleston, South Carolina. As a gift of thanks for the harbor, the ship's captain presented a local farmer with some "Golde Seed Rice" (named for its color).

The land was ideal for the milling process of rice and the seed soon spread throughout the Carolinas and Georgia. The Civil War and harsh weather on the East Coast forced the plantations to move west and today the major rice growing states include Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida, Missouri and California.

The rice arrives at the mill in its "hull" or shell. The "hull" is discarded and used for fuel in power plants and in various other products. The brown rice kernel is then exposed and the miller can polish off the brown fiber layers and make white rice.

There are three major types of rice. They are long, medium and short grain.

The shorter the grain, the stickier the rice. When brown rice is consumed, it is chewy and has a nutty flavor. Brown rice is recommended by health advocates as a means of vitamins and minerals. Compared to white rice, brown

rice has 250 percent more fiber, Vitamin B6, Folacin, Vitamin E, Magnesium, Phosphorus and Potassium. White rice is the perfect addition to main dishes around the world. Although most of its vitamins and minerals have been polished off the kernel, most white rice is enriched to restore nutritional value.

That is our history lesson for this week.....and yes, our recipes are rice recipes and some really good ones, I might add! Try some and let me know! See you in the kitchen! You may e-mail me at lizirwin@hotmail.com

CREAMY RICE PUDDING-a sure favorite with everyone

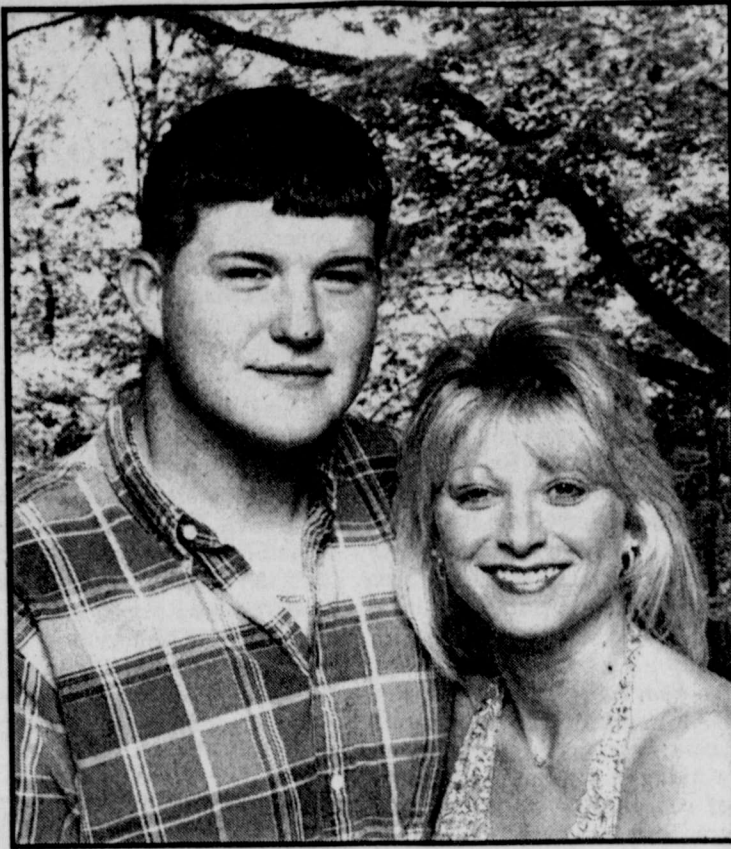
SPICY MEXICAN CHEESY RICE CASSEROLE-not your traditional Spanish Rice!

CROCKPOT CREAMY ITALIAN CHICKEN-prepare chicken in crockpot and serve over rice or noodles!

MOVING DAY BEEF-kind of a strange name, but it takes 12 hours in a crockpot to prepare.....okay.....so when husband goes to work, move furniture in house and surprise him when he gets home!

FIREHOUSE TEX MEX CASSEROLE-guys will love this one.....not only does it have spices, it is loaded with barbecue sauce!

UNSTUFFED BELL PEPPERS-not stuffed peppers, but loaded with them!



Lisa Gail Watkins with fiancé Bradley Shane Dill

Watkins-Dill to exchange vows

Love was meant to be shared with parents, family and friends. Lisa Gail Watkins and Bradley Shane Dill invite you to share with us a celebration of their love as we exchange our marriage vows on the evening of Saturday, the

Drama students to hold reunion

A reunion of former drama students will be held February 23 when the PJC Theater will be rededicated to honor Ray Karrer. The rededication will be held in conjunction with a reunion of the students.

The days events will begin at 10 a.m. with registration in the McLemore Student Center lobby. A lunch will be held at noon and a Poor Man's Dinner of red beans and cornbread for former students and friends will be served in Music Building 105 at 6 p.m.

second of March, two-thousand and two at six o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Bogata, Texas. A reception will follow at the American Legion Building in Deport.

The rededication ceremony will

be held at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Louis B. Williams Administration Building and a performance of "Children of a Lone Star" will be given at 7:30 p.m.


From 10 until midnight, a reception for former students will be held in the Onyx Room at the Best Western Inn.

The cost of the luncheon, poor man's dinner and play is \$20.00. Reservations are required by calling 782-0488.

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Thursday, February 21 Rice Recipes

- Creamy Rice Pudding**
3 tablespoons rice
3 tablespoons sugar
1 quart milk
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup golden seedless raisins
1 dash cinnamon

Combine milk, rice, sugar and salt in a 6 cup baking dish. Bake in moderately high oven at 325 degrees for 2 hours or until rice is soft, stirring every 20 minutes. Stir in vanilla and raisins, sprinkle with cinnamon and bake without stirring until light and fluffy or golden crust forms, about 15 minutes longer.

- Spicy Mexican Cheesy Rice Casserole**
4 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup reduced-fat cheese-shredded
4 ounces green chilis-chopped
4 green onions-chopped
2 ounces red pepper-chopped
1 cup sour cream
3 tablespoons recaito-cilantro based spice
1/2 teaspoon cumin
chili powder to taste
salt to taste
1/4 teaspoon pepper or to taste
red pepper flakes

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In mixing bowl, combine rice, cheese, chilis and green onions and mix together. In small bowl, stir together sour cream, recaito, cumin, chili powder, salt and pepper. Add to rice mixture and stir well. Spray oven-proof dish and spread rice mixture to bake uncovered for 30-40 minutes until cheese melts. Top with additional cheese.

- Crockpot Creamy Italian Chicken**
4-6 skinless boneless chicken breasts
1 envelope dried Italian salad dressing mix
2 ounces water
8 ounces cream cheese-softened
1 can reduced-fat cream of chicken soup-undiluted
1 can mushrooms stems and pieces-drain
hot cooked rice

Place chicken halves in crock pot. Combine dressing mix and water until smooth; pour over top of chicken. Cover and cook 3 hours on low. Combine cream cheese and soup until smooth and blended. Stir in mushroom pieces. Pour soup mixture over chicken. Cook 1 hour

or more until chicken is cooked through. Serve over hot rice.

- Moving Day Beef**
2-1/2 pounds beef stew meat
2 cans low-sodium cream of mushroom-undiluted
1 package dry onion soup mix
1/2 cup red wine or water
1 teaspoon dill weed

Mix all ingredients together in crockpot. Cook on low for 10-12 hours. Serve over rice.

- Fire House Tex Mex Casserole**
3 cups minute brown rice
1-1/2 cups hot water
1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
19 ounces canned stewed tomatoes
14 ounces refried beans
1-1/2 tablespoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 cup grated cheese
2 green onions-thinly sliced

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place rice in 3-quart casserole dish. Add hot water; cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Meanwhile brown meat in large fry pan. Add sauce, tomatoes, beans and chili powder. Mix well and bring to boil/ Spoon meat mixture over rice. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Cover and bake 30 minutes and garnish with green onions.

- Unstuffed Bell Peppers**
8 cups water
3/4 cup long grain brown rice
1-1/2 cup onion-diced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 large red bell peppers
2 large green bell peppers
2 cups celery-chopped
3/4 cup diced carrots
2 teaspoons leaf oregano-crumbled
2 teaspoons dried leaf basil-crumbled
1/2 teaspoon ground celery seed
12 ounce can tomato paste
2-1/2 teaspoons mild chili powder
3 tablespoons tamari
salt

Bring water, rice, onion, olive oil and diced pepper to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for about 25 minutes or until rice is tender. Add celery, carrot, garlic, oregano, basil, celery seed and tomato paste. Continue simmering about 30 minutes or until added veggies are tender and rice is completely cooked. Add chili powder, tamari and salt to taste. Simmer 5 minutes or until flavor is blended.

Public awareness group to speak March 24

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education-Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at Love Civic Center in Paris. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a

common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Rocking W Barbeque for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Delta, Fannin, Lamar and Red River counties. Following the dinner, a brief

safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Sponsors include DIG TESS, Explorer Pipeline Co., Houston Pipe Line Co., Koch Pipeline Co., LP, Mobil Pipe Line Co., Natural Gas Pipeline Co of America, Northern Natural Gas co., TXU Fuel Co/TXU Lone Star Pipeline.

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Girl Scout cookies to be delivered soon

Girl Scouts throughout the area will be delivering the cookies ordered by customers in January and February. Eight varieties are available at \$3.00 per box. For those who have not yet ordered their Girl Scout cookies, or would like to add to their original order, Girl Scouts from area troops will have cookie booths set up at several locations each week-

end through March 10.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to place an order, you may call the Girl Scout office at 903-784-0803 or 1-800-987-0975, or your local cookie managers, Susan Grantham in Red River County at 632-4997; Carla Filkins in Deport at 652-4702 or Audra Lane in Blossom at 982-6489.

Free foot screening is March 1

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will sponsor a free foot screening for diabetics at its Bogata Clinic on Friday, March 1. Hours will be from 9 - 11 a.m.

The public is invited, however anyone suffering from diabetes, or who is suspected diabetic, is especially encouraged to attend. Door prizes and "goody bags" will be given.

The March 1 screening is the second in a series of free health screenings and programs scheduled for the first Friday of the month at the Bogata Clinic. The first of the series included free blood glucose tests, and in April a program is planned on creating special diets for diabetics.

Those wishing more information about CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Diabetes Management Program may call Lisa Allen, RN, at 737-3924.



Bogata V.F.W. News

* The Post is open Tuesday, 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.

*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

*The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available soon.

* Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Dorothy Smyth, Bill Eudy, Ressie Crow, Betty Mullins and Dennis Carr.

*Happy Birthday to: Peggy Carr, Jackie Gray and Carolyn Coggins.

*Durdwood Harper was the lucky winner of an Afghan donated by Margie Garrett as a fundraiser for the Ladies Auxiliary. Margie and everyone who purchased a chance on the Afghan are appreciated.

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Jerry D. (Butch) Thompson is candidate for Commissioner

Jerry D. (Butch) Thompson is a candidate for the office of Red River County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Butch moved to Red River County, Dimple Community when he was in the seventh grade. He is the son of Bobbie Thompson, a twenty year employee at the Red River County Extension Office and Jerry Thompson, a six year employee of the Red River County Sheriff's Department. For the past 13 years, Butch has been an active member of the Clarksville volunteer fire Department.

Butch has worked for Red River County a total of seven years. Five of those years he was working director of maintenance of all county buildings and grounds with a budget of \$75,500. For the past two years he has worked in Precinct 2 in all phases of the work, including using all the

clean-up and completion of all paper work.

"I believe my experience of five years as Maintenance Supervisor and 2 years as "hands on" experience in road maintenance and record keeping in Precinct 2 have prepared me for the job of commissioner. I feel that I am more qualified than my opponents because of my previous and present experience. If elected as commissioner, I promise to do the very best job I possibly can for the taxpayers of Red River County. I will always be available to the people. I am hard working, honest and dependable. Your vote and support in the March 12 Primary is deeply appreciated."



Jerry D. (Butch) Thompson

road equipment, maintenance on the equipment and daily paper work. During the ice storm clean-up last year, he worked with FEMA and the clean-up crews, including checking the roads after

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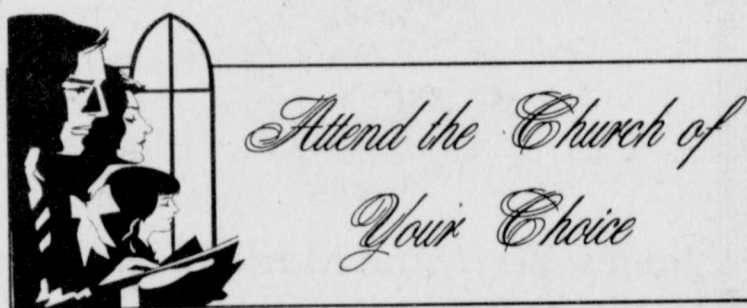
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Beulah Shipp honored on 90th birthday

Beulah Shipp was honored on her 90th birthday with a family party at Magel's Grill in Paris on Saturday, February 16.

Attending were, in addition to the honoree, Lera and Snooky Lawler of Lewisville, Sue and Don Davis of Keller, Jacque and Terry Wirta of Plano, Glenn (Skip) and Nancy Clayton, Jon and Cindy Clayton and Jacob of Dallas, J.P. and Brenda Harvey, Heath Harvey and Rebecca and Paula Harper of Clarksville, Dick and Marilyn Harvey of St. Louis, MO, Damon Harrer of Garland, Monika and Zack Amick and Elleott, Marlow and Max of Rockwall, Gordon and Helen VanDeaver.

Other visitors who visited Sunday and enjoyed birthday cake and coffee were Alpha Barnard, Mavis Sowards, Eunice Sugg and Lucy Fowler.

Friday visitors who enjoyed cake, punch and coffee with Buelah were Eulene Nicholas, Frances Franklin, Clara Stalls, Nina Sparks, Ruth Murrell, Viginai Kirkland, Reba Temple, Helen VanDeaver, Mame Cutshall, Juavane Carpenter, Estelle Chesshire, James VanDeaver, Gordon VanDeaver, Juanita Sparks.

Chris Skaggs treated Beulah Shipp and Helen VanDeaver to lunch at Rocking W Barbeque on Friday.

The following is a letter writ-

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ten to Beulah from two members of her family prior to the birthday celebration....

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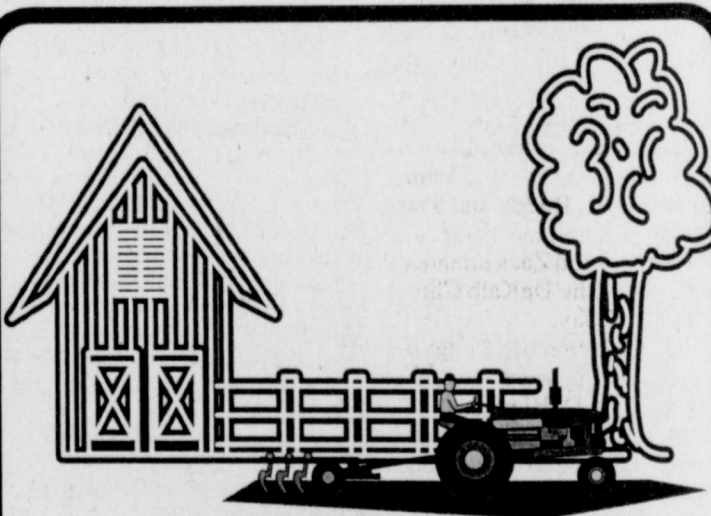
As the weekend was approaching and I knew we would be seeing you and probably lots of cousins, I was remembering how we kids used to invade you every summer. We would enjoy playing in the fields and the barn and especially would enjoy your cooking.

One of my fondest memories has always been that old dog, Sonny Boy, who would retrieve birds, squirrels or kids and how you could send him out to get us. He would grab the biggest kid by the arm with that soft mouth and lead us back to the house. All the rest would just trail along behind like a flock of sheep.

Oh, the meals you fixed. I have heard about a groaning table, but yours really did. I have tried to tell friends over the years about the kind of spread you prepared, but no one could really imagine what it was like. I still miss your baked goods. You were the best dessert cook in the family.

For this landmark birthday we wish you the best, happiest day possible. And we hope there are many others. Thanks for good memories. Thanks for being part of my raising. Thanks for helping make all of us here what we are today.

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PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Keith McDowra, Elaine Roberts, Brenda Denison, Luanne Sparks, Marilyn Glover, Frankie Norwood, Dani Hunter, Peggy Crenshaw, Kerry Murdock, Mary Elaine Lawler, Jeremy Hunter, Kortnie Roddy, Angie Ricardi, Megan McMillan, Andrea Zant McDonald, Ty Eppler, Billie Springer, Madison Montgomery, Sarah Gambill.

Happy anniversary to Ronnie and Vicki Ballard, Billy and Kathy Marshall and Jimmy and Ann Gatlin.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jimmy Isbell, who died Friday, February 15. He was the son of Gordon and Vivian Isbell of Deport.

Rebecca Murdock was a recent winner in the Paris Elks Hoop Shoot in Paris for girls 12-13 years old. She will advance to the district competition in Quinlan on February 23. Rebecca is the daughter of Kerry and Sandy Murdock.

Jennifer Mathews of Prairiland High School was one of three area high school seniors selected as good Citizens by Joseph Ligon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The students were honored as those best exemplifying the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Celebrating the birthdays of Barbara McDowra, Buddy Malone and Debbie Malone at the Fish Fry in Paris Saturday were Sue Malone, Tommy Malone, Micah Malone, Marsha Moore, Tony Malone, Matthew Malone and the honorees.

Keith and Peggy Parsons visited Gladys Burtleson and Perk Nesbit in Christus Hospital Tuesday.

Tom and Deb Odell's daughter, Renee and husband of Ohio arrived Friday to make their home here. Their daughter, Shauna, has been a visitor of the Odell's for the past week.

Randy and Kristi Boren and Leah were in Cooper Saturday for the Prairiland and Cooper baseball games. Drew Boren is a player on the JV team.

Nina Sparks, Peggy Parsons, Lois Kennett, Ophelia Payne and Virginia Reed had lunch at the Texas Bell Wednesday. Barbara Fletcher of Paris and her sister Sue, who has recently moved back to Clardy, were also having lunch together.

David and Nancy Ballard, Joey and Jenni, Leah Boren, Brandon Wright, Leann Mitchell, Deanna, Kim and Kelli, Buddy and Tracy Freeman, Jordan and Paige, Jessica Hawkins and Zack attended a youth rally at the DeKalb Church of Christ Sunday.

Mickey Keener of Longview and Sandy Ring were visitors of Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Saturday with Inez Weaver and Jessie Newsom in Paris.

Several from the community attended the Little Dribblers tournament at Chisum Friday and Saturday. Ashley McLean and Michael Winters teams won.

Randy and Drew Boren and Lonnie Layton were in Royce City Sunday to watch Eric Layton participate in the races.

Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons and Mark Parsons visited Ty

Parsons Monday at Dallas Christian School to hear his presentation on President's Day. They visited and had lunch with Tonya and Haley Parsons during their lunch period. Nina, Peggy and Mark visited the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery where Morris Sparks is buried, in the afternoon.

Old photo draws comments

Thanks to Virginia Kirkland and Sarah Mazy for their help with the handwritten names on the old photo we ran of a Deport high School Basketball Team, the photo is most probably from the 1920s instead of the thirties. The Webb boy at the right was not Mac Webb. The young man on the right of the photo was Sarah's Fred Shuman. Everyone sees to enjoy the old photos, keep 'em coming!



MARGARET FOWLER takes money and donations at the Pattonville VFD Breakfast which is held the Third Saturday of each Month. Last Month Margaret accepted a donation from Nelda Harrell. Money made from these breakfasts help finance the departments operating expenses.

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Deport Housing Authority News



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The monthly covered dish luncheon was held in the Glover Community Room with the following residents and guests attending: Maud Webb, Alpha Barnard, Mavis Sowards, Eunice Sugg, Alma Scaff, Estelle Chesshire, Evelyn Roach, Hazel Relford, Earlene Sturdevant, Beulah Shipp, Eulene Nicholas, Jauvane Carpenter, Venice Bryson, Betty Andrews, Eunice Ervin, Willie Mae Speir, Frances Franklin, Juanita Primm, Phyllis Gifford, Gladys N. Roach. The large crowd enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20 for the monthly birthday and bingo. It is hoped that the family of Phillip Lamb and his sons will be available to sing for everyone. Mr. Lamb is currently installing the vinyl and metal siding to all the Glover units. Everyone is pleased with the improvement the vinyl has made to the buildings.

Deport VFD supper and auction coming up March 2nd

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department will hold their biggest fund raiser of the year on Saturday, March 2nd. It will be a stew and chili, all you can eat meal, with an auction to follow.

The meal is \$5 for adults and children \$2.50, and includes stew, chili, cornbread and crackers, dessert, tea or coffee. It will be held at the Deport School Cafeteria beginning at 5:00 P.M., with the auction to begin at 6:30 P.M..

There will be door prizes to be given away, too.

A few of the auction items include an oak kitchen utensil holder, complete with utensils and spices, feed, oil changes, perfume, and a wide variety of other items. Prices on these items will range from only a few dollars upwards, and there will be something for

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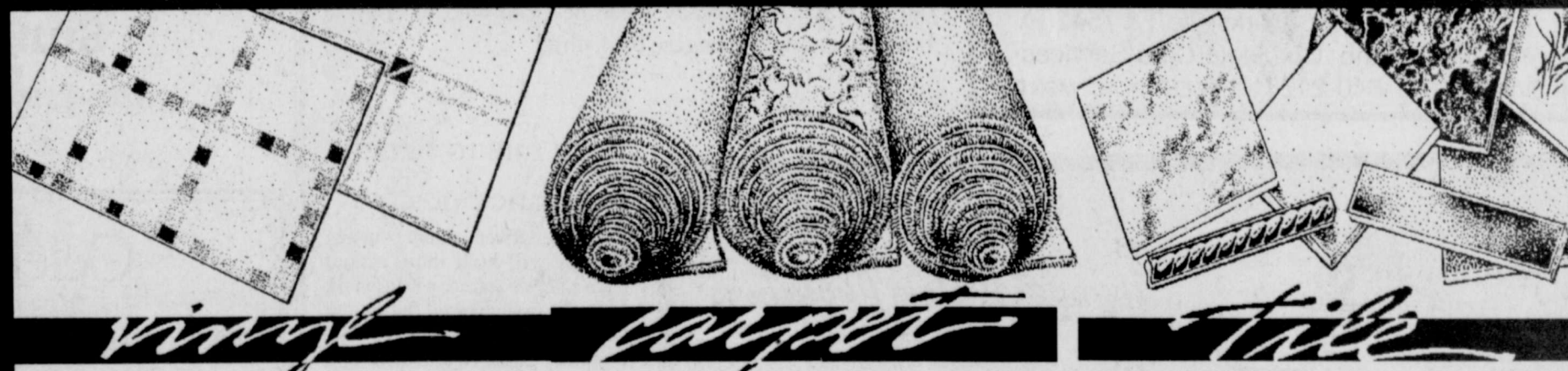
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Milton News

By Macey Lu Upchurch



Bobbie and Edd Hill of Little Rock, AR visited her mother and other relatives here this weekend.

Kay Preston of Minter, Timothy Parks of Faught and Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Holt on Sunday.

Sheldon and Ann Lee returned Monday after a few days visit with their son, Trey Lee in Wichita, KS.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro visited Elizabeth Bell on Saturday.

Ruth Johnston, Kay Price and children and David Smith visited Ruby Lee in Dallas on Friday.

Morris Lawler is improving and has been moved from Christus St. Joseph North to the rehabilitation floor of Christus St. Joseph South.

Sunday visitors of Frank and Edna Lee were Ruth Johnston, T.J. Chappell, David Smith, Kay Price and children.

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Deport Times
26 Sep 1919, Friday

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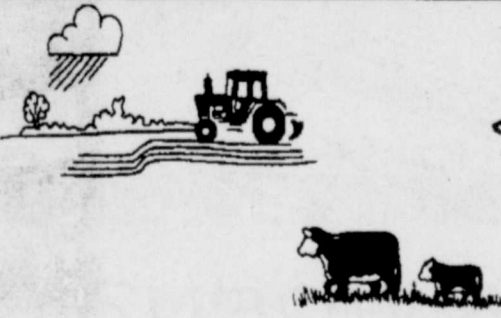
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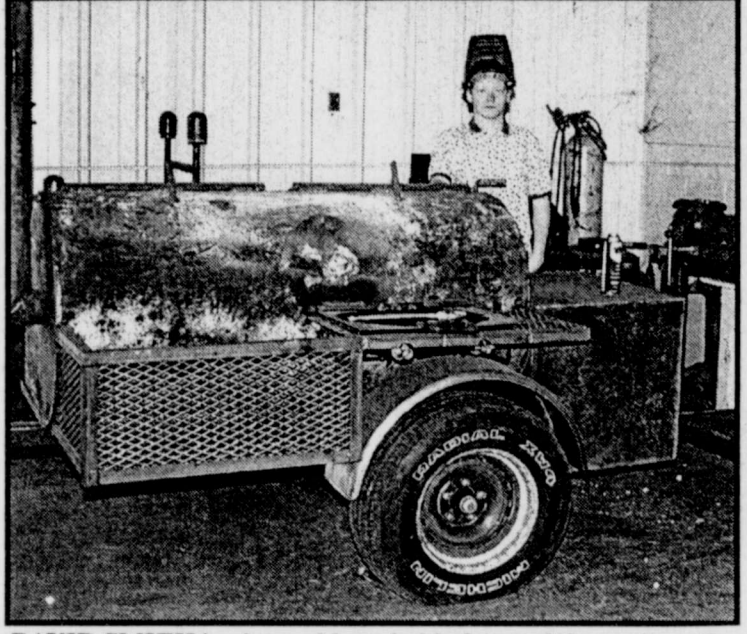
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DEPORT 6TH GRADE GIRLS LITTLE DRIBBLERS pictured left to right are front row Casey Gibson and Paige Freeman. Middle row Meagan Spann, Lisa Barnes, Susan Anderson, Ashley McLean, Tanya Cave and Danielle Holland. Back row is Coach Buddy Freeman, Kayshia Ballard, Blake Dockery, Sarah Murdock, Paige Martin, Reagan Harrell, Jerica McKee, Ericka Hamm and Coach Traci Freeman. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DAVID SMITH is pictured here behind one of the cookers that is a project students have been working on. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Deport Times
9 Jul 1920, Friday

A. M. Aiken, a fourteen year old boy at Milton, broke both bones in his arm near the wrist and threw the wrist out of place Wednesday when he attempted to crank a Ford truck and the engine back-fired.

**Bake sale to benefit
Humane Society**

The Red River County Humane Society will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. until sold out on the Wal-Mart sidewalk in Clarksville. Baked goods are needed and cash donations will be accepted. For information, contact Terri Henneise at 966-2000.

**Blood drive
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PET TALK

If Sparky separates the kibbles from the bits, it may be a sign he is a picky eater. But don't worry - it may be typical of some pets, says Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine who has some suggestions to keep your pet from turning up his nose.

"There are at least three ways to make your pet a picky eater," says Landis.

The first is by feeding an animal the same food its entire life, and while this helps prevent gastrointestinal problems, a picky eater may result. Later in life, if the animal's diet must be changed for health reasons, the pet may be reluctant to change.

The second way to a picky pet eater may occur when an animal is bottle-fed and makes a slow transition from soft or semi-solid food to dry food. The third way is when owners feed their pets table scraps, ordinary pet food may become less appealing.

Pets have a tendency to hold out for the "good stuff" when they know their owners will give in, Landis said.

"Some common signs of a picky eater are leftover food and sniffing at or nibbling at the food that is offered and then begging to be fed again," Landis explains.

"Most animals will have a brand or flavor preference. If a pet is eating a particular brand and it is not necessary to change to a different brand for health reasons, let the animal eat its preferred brand," says Landis.

She says to use caution when feeding table scraps to animals. Feeding people food to animals can cause gastrointestinal problems and add unnecessary calories that could lead to obesity, Landis confirms.

A few simple ways to modify the behavior of a picky eater is by first paying special attention to the eating habits of your pet.

Dogs will usually not starve themselves, but cats can and will starve themselves if they do not receive the food they like. Always throw out uneaten food and refill the bowl with fresh food at each mealtime. If the diet must be changed, do so very gradually to give the pet a chance to accept the new food.

"When in doubt or if the animal has not eaten in several days, have a veterinarian examine the pet. There may be a health problem disguising itself as a picky eater," Landis believes.

When feeding cats canned food, make sure the food is near body temperature or at least room temperature, Landis explains. Using a microwave oven can often alter the taste of foods, so place cold cans in a dish with hot water.

The food should be stirred and check the temperature before serving. Exercise special caution with overweight cats that are picky eaters since

hepatic lipidosis (fatty liver syndrome), may occur especially in heavy cats that have become anorexic, Landis adds.

"Cats are nibblers and it may be necessary to feed them numerous small meals throughout the day," Landis said. "They also tend toward a food shape preference in relation to how the kibble is formed or shaped more than dogs."

Landis says to avoid switching brands and/or flavors frequently. It is okay to stay with one brand unless health reasons dictate a change. Remember to check the expiration dates on cans and bags of pet food. Your pet may be reacting to mild degrees of food spoilage.

"Picky eating does not cause a health problem for most pets, but be sure to monitor your pet's overall attitude, as well as appetite," Landis says. Changes in either, especially in older pets or those without a past history of pickiness, may indicate a health problem, Landis notes.

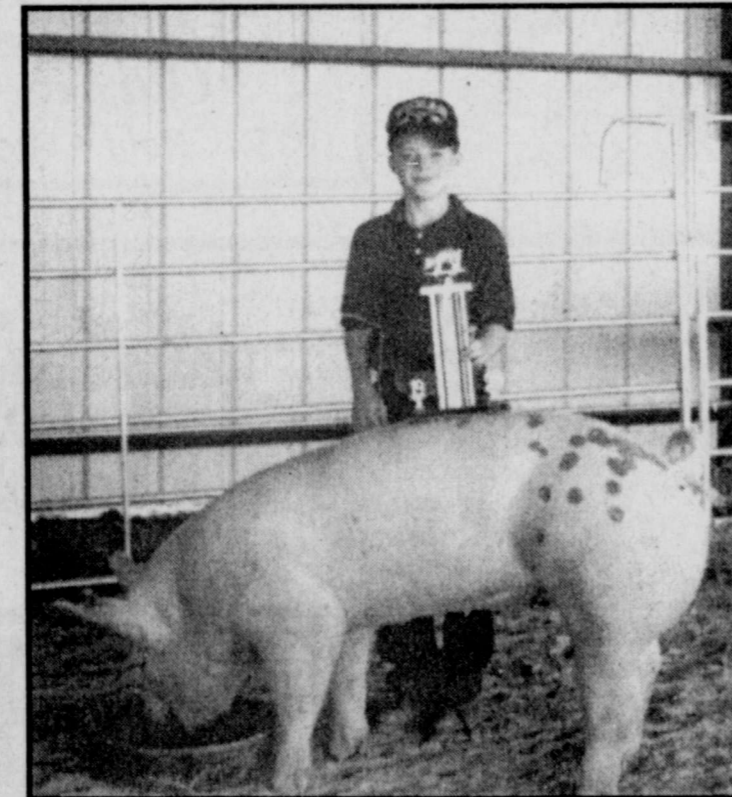
Dogs have more love than integrity. They've been true to us, yes, but they haven't been true to themselves.
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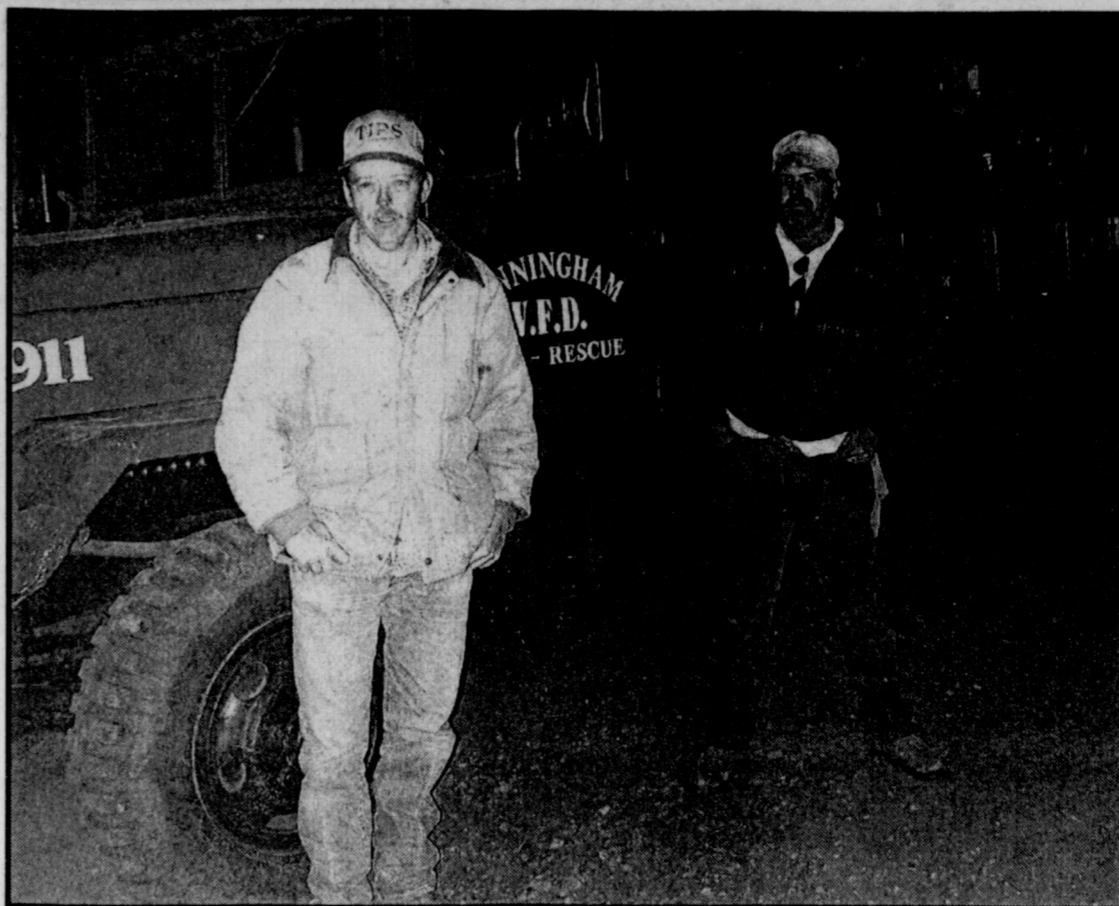
ED RING OF PATTONVILLE has some friends who thought he needed a unique gift, a battery operated grease gun!! Howard Sparks, Mike Rector, Shannon Osburn, David Sullivan, T.J. Fowler, Charlie Harvey and David Shelton all pooled their money and purchased the tool for Ed for Christmas.



ALECIA SCOTT is pictured here with her market lamb which she has hopes of making the sale in April at the county show. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



LAYTON NORWOOD is pictured with his market hog that will be sold at the County show in April. (Staff Photo)



NEW TRUCK-the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department has a new truck. The big military truck was provided through the Texas Forest Service and is rigged out as their fire and rescue vehicle. Jerrod Bankhead and Roger Hines show off the vehicle. (Staff photo by Nanalee Nichols)



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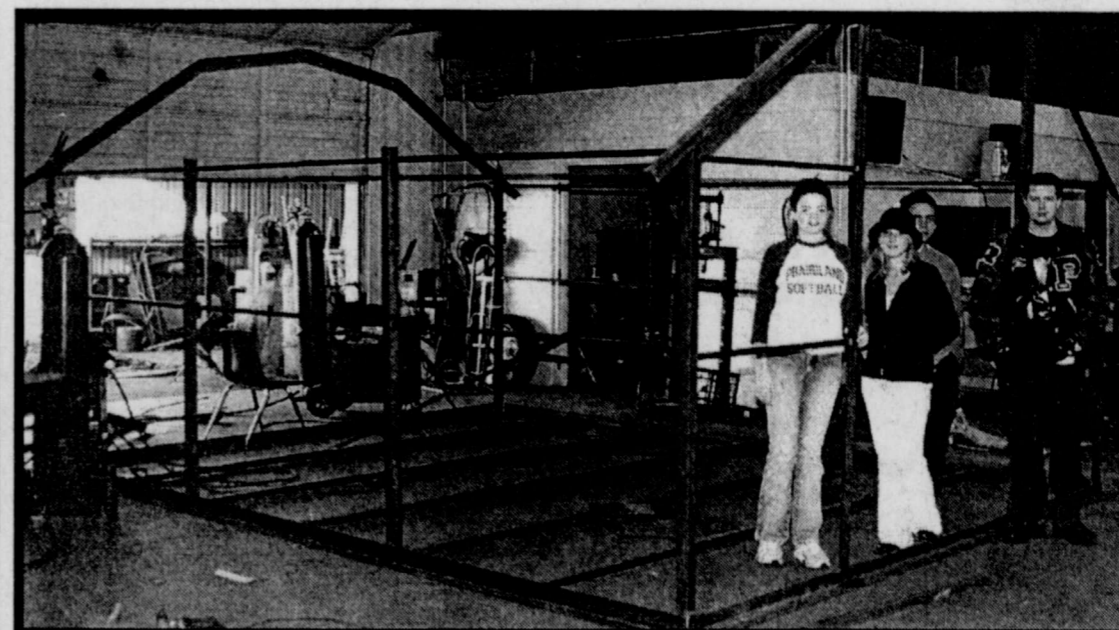
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RRV Dixie Softball meeting

The Red River Valley Girls Softball League will meet on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at the Bogata Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting of the season and all officers and coaches from Avery, Blossom, Bogata, Clarksville, Deport, Detroit and Talco are urged to attend and help set up the coming season. For more information contact David Mauldin in Bogata.



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Abbie4
Kelty16
Courtney2

The fourth grade girls won the second game against Detroit.

Abbie9
Kelty9
Courtney2
Marli1

The fifth grade girls won third place in the tournament. They lost the first game against Roxton 19-10.

Jesi Davis6
Norwood3
Patterson1

The sixth grade girls won first place. The first game against Chisum was won 24-17.

Ham2
Murdock15
Ballard2
Harrell2
Martin1
Anderson2

The second game was won against Roxton 29-27.

McLean6
Ballard2
Murdock7
Harrell4
Martin1

The fourth grade boys won second place. The first game was won against Blossom 24-14.

Murdock10
Schulke4

Cathey10
The second game was won against Chisum 21-12.

Murdock4
Elrod1
Schulke4
Cathey10
Barnes2

Game three was lost to Roxton 28-20.

Cathey18
Barnes2

The fifth grade boys won first place. Game one was won against Roxton, 38-2.

Winters2
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Parker2
Elliott4
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Tesch8
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The second game was won against Blossom 25-22.

Barnes1
Norwood4
Parker2
Elliott6
Ford6
Tesch6

The sixth grade boys won fourth place in the tournament. Game one was lost to Chisum 31-16.

Nichols9
Syrus3
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Pitcock2

Game two was won against Blossom 28-26.

Ballard4
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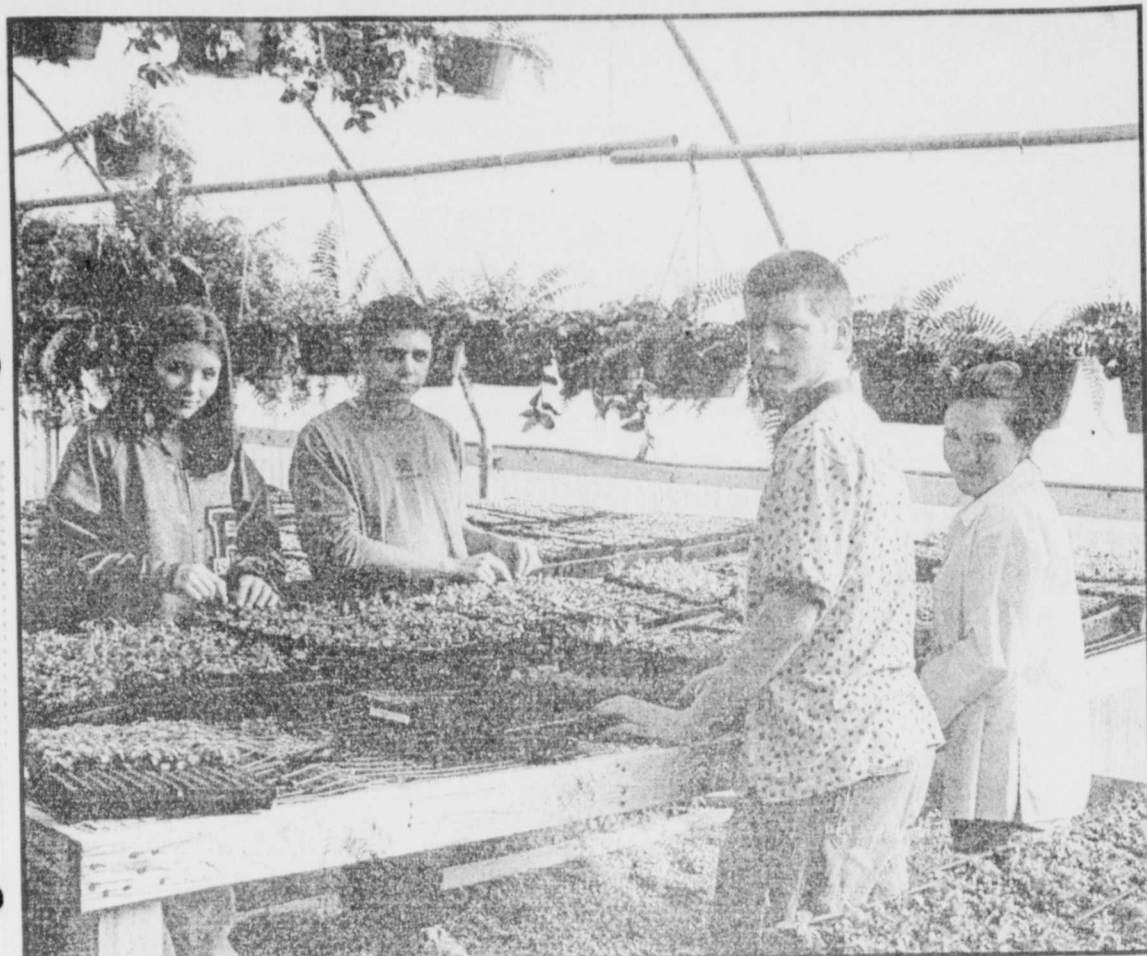
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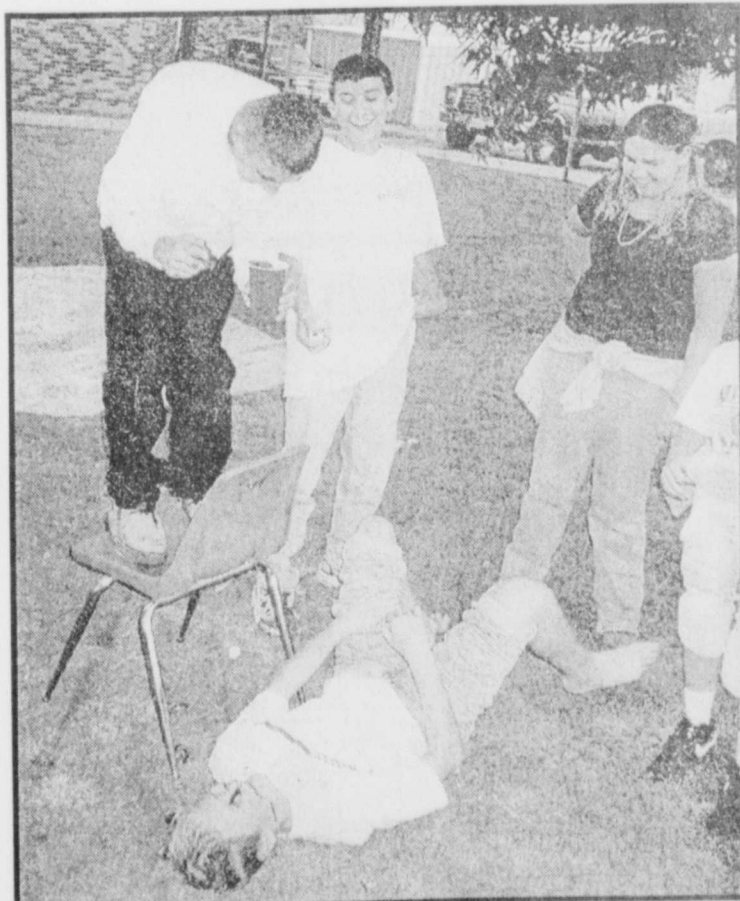
SETTING PLUGS TO GROW FOR BASKETS AND BEDDING PLANTS-Students learn to plant and care for all types of plants in the greenhouse. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



WHAT AM I BID? The auction is the culmination of the annual livestock show, stew supper and pig wrestling that is held in April to raise money for the FFA organization. (Staff Photo)



JODY BYBEE AND TIFFANY OSBORN water plants in the greenhouse to get them ready for sale in the Spring. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



MONTHLY FFA MEETINGS are enjoyed by members. Members not only take care of any business, they also enjoy games and entertainment. (Staff Photo)

Deport Times

30 Jun 1922, Friday

Reuben Council of Blossom, aged about 75 years, died at his home in that town Friday night. He was the father of Claud Council, who established and published The Deport Times for three years. He is now publishing the Blum Bulletin.

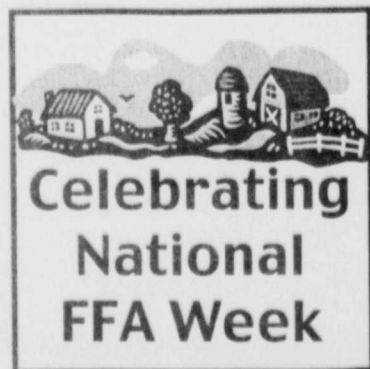
One dies, two injured in accident

One teenager died and two were injured in the early hours of Saturday morning, February 16th during a one vehicle accident in Detroit. All three were from Clarksville.

Charles David Cole, Junior, age 19, died and Kenyadda Moore and Jason Williams, ages 18 and 19, were taken to Christus St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris by Lifenet Ambulance after the accident.

According to DPS Trooper Jim Trammel, it appears the driver of the vehicle fell asleep at the wheel. The 1989 Pontiac LeMans left the roadway, struck a culvert and went airborne, flipping and landing on it's top.

Cole's body was transported to Brown Riggs Funeral Home in Clarksville.



PRAIRILAND FFA SPONSORS take time to talk over the events of the day as they stop for a meal on their way to or from a livestock show. Pictured left to right are Jeff Ballard, Bryan Moyer and Frankie Norwood. (Staff Photo)



Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week to Juan Cortes, Kristy Young, Brandi Carter, Michelle Carter, Chase Hunold, Edward Himes, Marylyn Adams Harrison, Sharon Boyd, Jessica Smith, Ben Blount, Jerica Ryan, Bryan Williams, April Bishop, Allen Baldwin, Clint Loveless, Justin Withers, Leta Scott.

Get well wishes to Pam Wood. She is a patient in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Prairiland's first Winter Break will be observed this coming week, February 25-March 1. Make plans accordingly.

George and Nancy Wood of Sherman were here this weekend visiting with Pam, George and Amanda Wood.

Mary Jane Lowry spent Monday night with Marge Myers of Bogata. They attended the genealogy meeting held at the Clarksville Library.

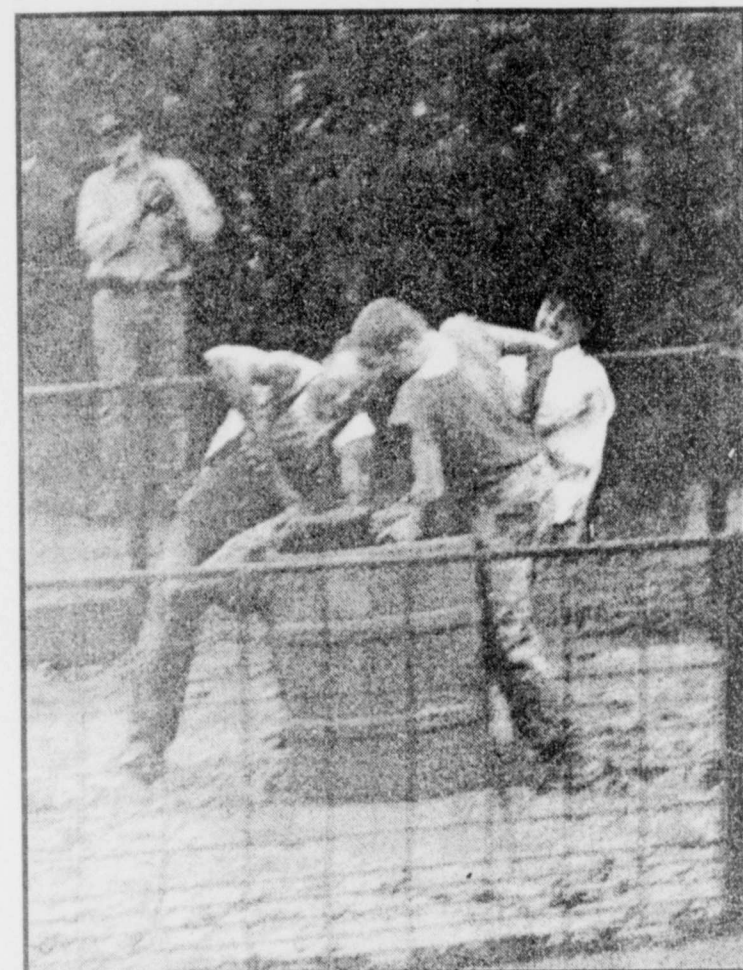
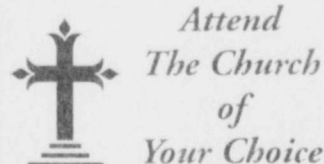
Jim Weddle of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griffin of Bairdstown and Pat Evers of Pattonville were all visitors in the home of Pauline and Jr. Weddle this past week.

Teri Moody, Blake and Carly of Van Alstyne spent Friday night here with relatives.

Kelly Dorries and Irene Bryant attended a baby shower for Jennifer and Robbie Gunn of Paris on Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Adams of Garland was here for the weekend visiting her mother Sally Mathena.

Bessie Garrett and son Paul Garrett of Paris traveled to Dallas on Tuesday for a doctor's appointment and also visited with Jerry and Patty Garrett of Lake Tawokani.



PIG WRESTLING at the April Project Show has everyone up to their knees in mud. The event draws area residents and precedes the annual stew supper after the livestock show that day. (Staff Photo)

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ROYAL SOUTHERN PRINCESS-Hailey Screws was crowned Royal Southern Princess February 3, 2002 from the Royal Southern Miss and Master Pageant held at the Terry Building in Valliant, Oklahoma. In her age group (10-13 yrs.) she received a 1st in each category. Of a possible 100 points, Hailey received 100 points. Along with her crown and sash she received a \$50 gift certificate, medals and trophies. Hailey will compete in the Miss Pre-Teen Texas Pageant on March 15-17 in Waco, Tx. Good Luck Hailey! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Trailer 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.

Sometime during the night of Thursday, January 31, unknown suspects stole a 16' flatbed trailer from Hargis Electric in Paris. The midnight blue trailer bearing TX tag #28X-HBM valued at over \$2,400 has not been recovered.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by February 25, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

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---Benjamin Franklin

Voting places listed for Red River County's election

The following is a list of Democratic voting precincts in the upcoming election:

Clarksville: Precinct #1, College Avenue Baptist Church; #2, St. Paul Methodist Church; #2, Red River County Library; #4, Clarksville City Hall.

Bogata, #5, Bogata Community Center.

Fulbright, #7, Fulbright Community Center.

Rosalie, #9, Rosalie Community Center.

Johntown, #10, Johntown Baptist Church.

Lone Star/McCoy, #11, Lone Star Methodist Church.

Detroit, #13, Detroit Community Center.

Bagwell, #14, Bagwell Community Center.

Negley, #15, Negley Community Center.

Woodland, #17, Woodland Methodist Church.

Manchester, #18, Pine Creek Fire Station.

North Avery, #19, Avery Methodist Church.

North Annona, #20, Annona Baptist Church.

English, #21, English Community Center.

Acworth, #23, Acworth Voting Building.

Hopewell, #24, Hopewell Baptist Church.

South Avery, #27, Avery Methodist Church.

South Annona, #28, Annona Methodist Church.

Boxelder, #29, Boxelder Methodist Church.

Lydia #30, Lydia Voting Building.

Cuthand #31, Cuthand Methodist Church.

Early Voting #32, County Clerk's Office.

The following is a list of Republican voting precincts in the upcoming election:

First Federal Community Savings, Clarksville: Clarksville 1,2,3,4; Negley 15; Acworth 23; Hopewell 24.

Bogata Volunteer Fire Station: Bogata: Bogata 5; Fulbright 7; Rosalie 9; Johntown 10; McCoy 11; Cuthand 31.

Detroit Volunteer Fire Station: Detroit: Detroit 13; Bagwell 14; Kanawha 16; Woodland 17; Manchester 18.

United Methodist Church, Annona: North Annona 20; English 21; South Annona 28; Boxelder 29.

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When choosing a pet, consider space and exercise requirements. Evaluate your activities and daily schedule to help determine which pet is best for you.

Most family pets are better kept indoors or in an appropriate kennel when its owners are away. Cats, birds, fish and small animals can adapt to suitable living quarters.

But certain animals, such as active dogs, require more space and need more daily exercise.

Always consider temperament and physical abilities when selecting a pet. Your pet should be suited for the activities you enjoy. Is your pet suited for outdoor activities and weather conditions, or quiet time at home?

Consider the temperament and needs of animals and identify those that best match your lifestyle, he believes. And remember that pets depend on their caregivers for daily affection and needs.

Feeding, grooming and exercise are daily time commitments that must be considered. Family members should decide what kind of animal they want, who will be responsible for needs of the pet and the amount of time that will be devoted to the pet.

There are two types of dogs, purebred and mixed-breed, and each animal has its own personality and temperament. You should consider size and hair coat as well as specific breed traits and characteristics.

For some families, the best choice is an older housebroken dog whose behavior has been established. Obedience training for a puppy or adult dog to promote good manners and reinforce the bond between you and your pet.

Cats come in many sizes and colors as well as purebred and mixed breeds. Select a kitten that is neither too shy nor too aggressive. Kittens are easily housebroken, adapt to a variety of environments and do not have to be walked. Hair coats -- long, short or curly -- should also be considered when selecting a cat.


Birds, rabbits and other exotic animals can be family companion animals, too, and I would suggest researching the care and needs of these animals. Some have special diets and temperature requirements.

To be a responsible pet owner, plan ahead by choosing your pet wisely. You should try to research the needs and habits of different breeds and species before you bring your pet home.

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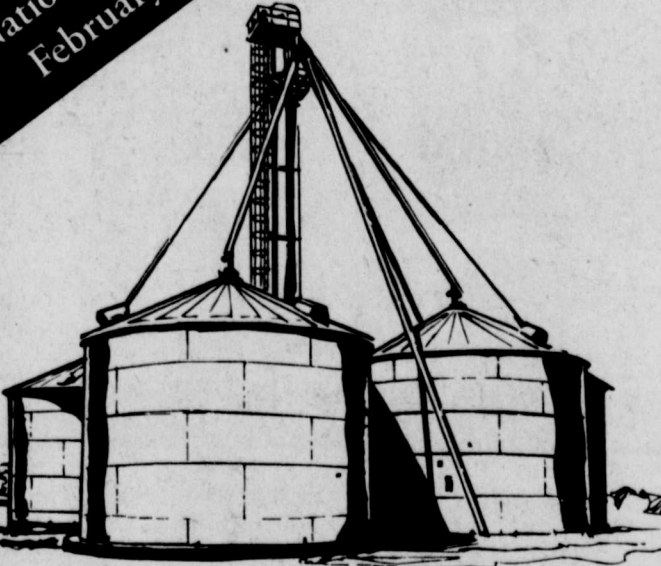
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The story of a dog lost...and found

This story is one that Martha Jayne Guest Anderson, formerly of Deport, wrote for a "Grandmother's Memories" book for her grandson, Scotty Floyd. His little daughter, Sydney, told her to "not forget this story". We thought it would be worth doing.

A Man And His Dog
Christmas 1994 Scotty got a puppy and named him Snuffy. The new puppy was a blue heeler. The two quickly bonded as Snuffy rode in the back of the pickup truck in the pasture and where ever they went.

When Snuffy was about two years old, he fell from the pickup near Reno. Kenda (Kenda is Scotty's mother) and I (Jayne) met Scotty looking everywhere for his dog. He told us about his loss and was very sad. Everyone started to search for the lost Snuffy. There was a lot of publicity in the papers under Lost Pets.

I made signs and Lou (Scotty's Great aunt) went with me. I hammered stakes everywhere. The signs read LOST DOG and had phone numbers and all information. We just kept hoping someone would return Snuffy to Scotty.

Several calls were received and each one was checked out carefully, but no Snuffy was found.

About two weeks passed and I decided to pray. The Bible says "ask anything in my name", so I did, I asked for the little dog's safe return.

I was driving north on S.E. 24th St. in Paris, the first block past Clarksville Street, and I talked to

God. I asked God to bring Snuffy back TODAY, dead or alive. I explained how much he meant to his family!

It was close to the due date for the birth of Sydney, Scotty's little daughter. Her mom, Dashielle was in the hospital, having contractions. Scotty was leaving work and just before he left received a call-a blue heeler dog was at the gravel pit between Loop 286 and N.E. and Pine Mill Rod. The description just fit Snuffy to a "T". Scotty had to make a quick decision-hospital or gravel pit!

Perhaps this is Snuffy! But, he needed to be at the hospital, after all, it's his wife there, having a baby.

So, he asked his cousin, Kasey to check things out at the gravel pit. Kasey reported back, Yep, it's Snuffy, but he won't let me catch him. He acts like he will bite me". Snuffy had become unfriendly while he was lost and scared.

So, Scotty hurried to the gravel pit. Much to his surprise, Snuffy turned his back on him and started back to his hiding place! Scotty yelled a loud and firm, "Hey, Snuff, come here!". Snuffy turned around and ran to his master, jumped into his arms and bathed him with many licks and kisses.

Snuffy had recognized Scotty, but he wasn't very clean and he didn't smell too sweet.

Scotty went home quickly and put his tick-covered dog in a safe place, then rushed back to the hospital and took Dashielle home. Sydney was born a few days later. Needless to say, this was a

happy reunion. Snuffy had traveled two weeks cross country to FM Rd. 195 and up pine Mill to the gravel pit, and after a bath he curled up and took a long, long nap.

Four years later, history repeated itself. This time Snuffy was lost for one month. This was during the summer and a Texas heat wave covered Red River and Lamar Counties.

A family friend who lived in Detroit was "dog sitting" for a few days when Snuffy disappeared. Everyone had heavy hearts. He was much older and the heat was a threat. Once again, Snuffy searched for his master. He traveled cross country from Detroit and headed toward Viewpoint, Texas (his home). In the meantime, Scotty was on his first day job assignment in Pattonville. He was working outside on a house when he felt something touch his ankles. He didn't think much about it and continued working. Then, there was a second nudge. Scotty turned to look and behold, Snuffy had collapsed at his master's feet. Snuffy could no longer stand, he was weak and had severe injuries, probably from coyote attacks. But, he had found his master.

Scotty picked him up and headed for the vet. After many stitches and IVs, Snuff was taken home and given lots of TLC.

One leg will always be lame, but Oh, what a happy family reunion of four this time...Sydney has a new baby brother, Ryder, to help her love a little cowdog named Snuffy.



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10	Paul Pewitt, District
26-27	Palestine, Regionals



Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Ryan Ford, Kendra Hicks, Laytner Kennedy, Garrett Kennedy, Frankie Norwood and Rusty Anderson.

Happy anniversary to Zarinska and Shane Morton and Georgia and Billie Joe Oats.

Sympathy is extended to the Mona Smith Childers family. She was the daughter of Joyce and Weldon Smith and the sister of Jenita Baker.

Sympathy is extended to the Carol Jean Marshall Williams family. She died February 16 at her home. She was the wife of Charles Burl Williams and the mother of Charles Michael, Davy Jo and Jay Williams.

Contgratulations to the Prairiland FFA Talent Team for winning Area competition in Mt. Pleasant on February 11. They will compete for the State honors in Ft. Worth in July. Menda Corso, Johnna Patterson and Spur Norwood represent the 2002 team. Menda is the daughter of Tony and Kathy Corso. Johnna is the daughter of Johnny and Fran Patterson and granddaughter of Pete and L Wanda McKnight. Spur is the son of Scotty and Treda Norwood, grandson of Geneva Norwood and Ross and Laura Miller and the great-grandson of Marie Watson.

On Sunday, February 10, Innerview, a group from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall ministered in music and testimony at Cunningham Baptist Church. A large crowd enjoyed the music and refreshments.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood and James and Pat Norwood spent Friday night in Hot Springs, AR. Lacy and Kelby Cole spent last Saturday with their grandparents, James and Pat Norwood.

Sunday dinner guests of Ricky and Pam Norwood were Canard and Delores Norwood, Teresa, Janie and Seth Smith and Kelty Mover.

Kelty Mowery won runner-up in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest last week at Crockett Middle School.

Sunday guests of Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Lynn and Betty Holeman, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood and Matt Galloway. Ira Norman

spent the night with them last week. While he was here, he traveled on the truck with Stacy Musgrove and went to DeKalb to watch Stoney play basketball.

Billie Ford visited Lillian King on Sunday.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Ronnie and Raylene Nutt ate at Magel's to celebrate Brad's birthday.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy last week were Heath, Missy, Laytner and Layker Kennedy.

Several in the community attended the Little Dribblers Tournament at Chisum. Kelty Mowery played on the fourth grade girls team. Jenna Patterson, Jesse Davis, Hanna Norwood and Dancy Smith played on the fifth grade girls team. Ryan Ford, Brett Watson and Layton Norwood played on the fifth grade boys team. Susan Anderson and Blake Dockray played on the sixth grade girls team and Landon Syrus played on the sixth grade boys team.

Linda Anderson went to Cooper to watch Marty Anderson play baseball and Chisum to watch Susan Anderson win first place in a basketball tournament.

Ricky Anderson, Carlos and Cord Ordorica fished at Lake Tawakoni over the weekend.

Cindy and Charles Norwood spent Wednesday at their home on Lake Bob Sandlin.

Betty Jane Roddy visited Billie Joe and Georgia Oats Sunday. Bro. Tatum was dinner host for a group from Cunningham Baptist Church Friday night.

Zarinska and Shane Morton spent the weekend in Hot Springs, AR.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt spent a few days in Red River, NM skiing with Craig and Andrea Slakey.

Billie Joe and Goergia Oats celebrated their anniversary Saturday with dinner at the home of Billy Ray and Neva Oats. Geneva Norwood, Kaylee Lane and Brayden Oats were also guests.

Geneva Norwood had her family and Matt Galloway for Sunday lunch and dinner.

Life Tabernacle Youth honored the adults with a Valentine Banquet Wednesday night.

Cemetery donations received

The following donations have been received for area cemeteries January 29 through February 16:

Highland Cemetery: In memory of Mary Lee Johnson from Mike, Katrina, Jimmy, Shirlee and Ruth Lee from Melba and Carlos ladd.

In memory of Thelma Ladd Warren from Lola Goodwin, Minnie Ruth and Hobert Loven, Lynne, Burt and Daniel Moses, Karen, David, Justin and Lauren Moses, Netha B. Garrett, Diane and Jackie McQueen, the Clyde Barham, Sr. family, Merle Palmer, Jeanie Grant Francis, Callie R. Carrasco, Helen and John Whitney, Russell Whitney, Peggy Whitney, Beuna and Bob Marshall, Carl Lee and Bobby Dodson, Bettye and Carllys Denison, Marilyn Glover, Ruth Skaggs, Juavane, James and Kyle Carpenter, Clara Stalls, Jo Hoover, Ola Bryson, Eulene Nicholas, Margaret Frayn, Rae Guyon, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Guyon and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Guyon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Manning, Mattylu Upchurch, Arlene and James Bird, Ruth Cheatham.

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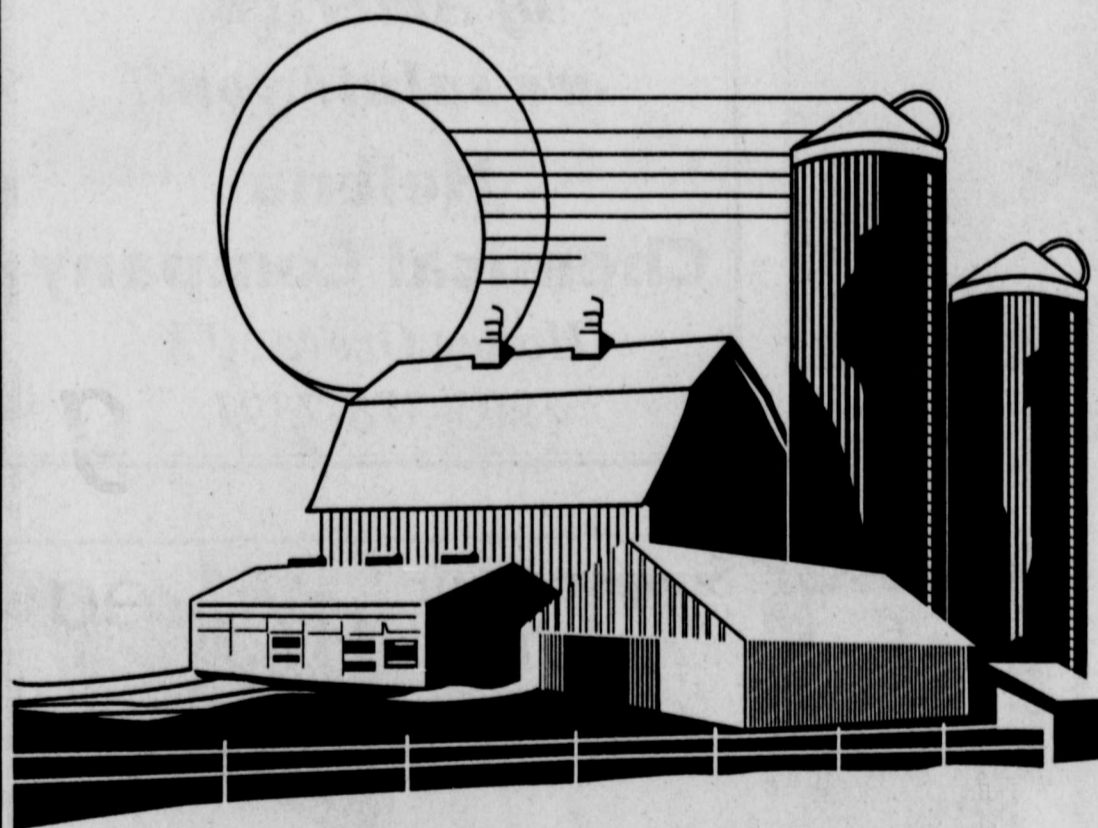
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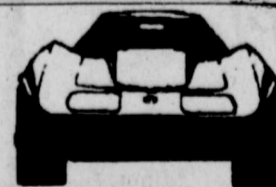
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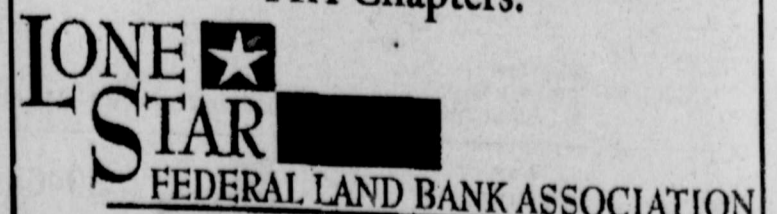
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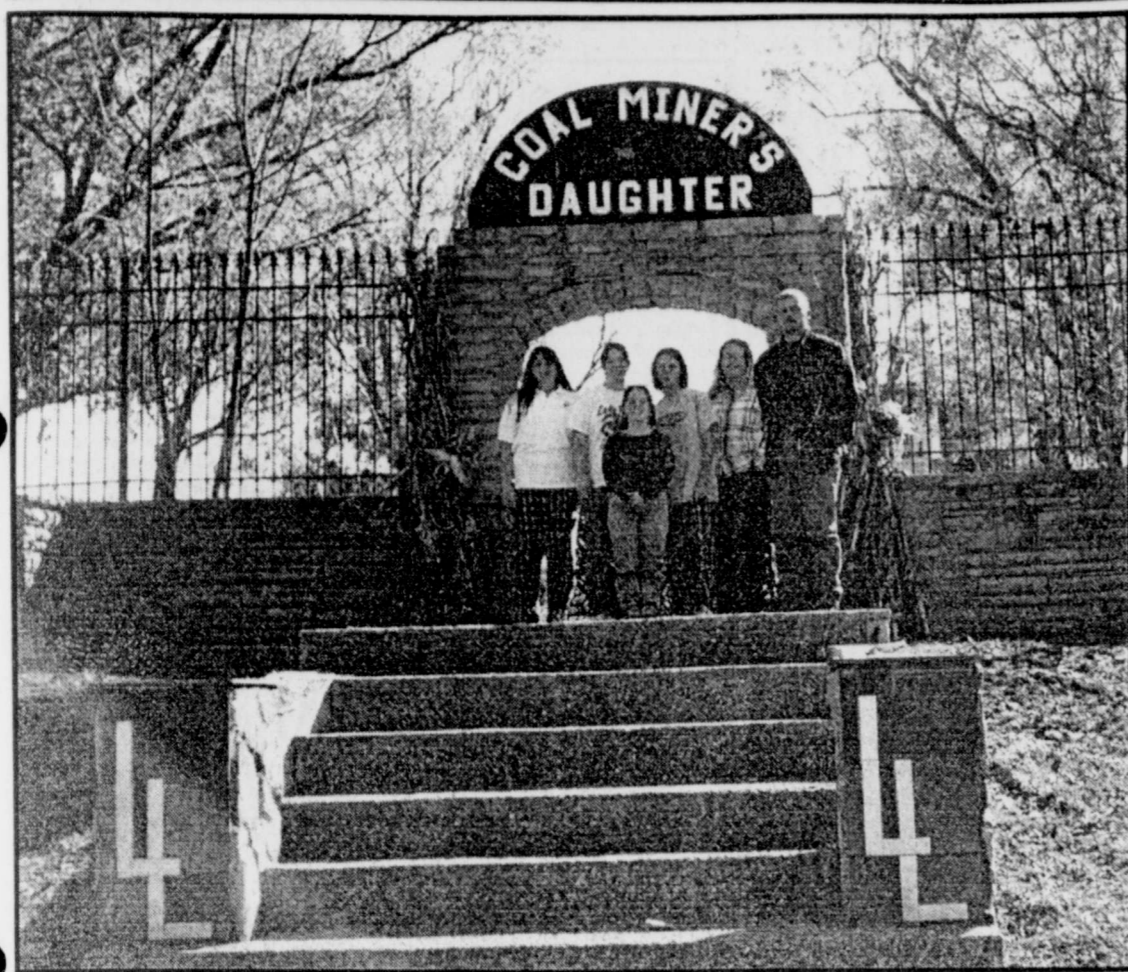
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PRAIRILAND FFA OFFICERS took time out at the National Convention to visit places of interest in Louisville, Kentucky. (Staff Photo)

RED RIVER COUNTY ROOTS

This week's query is from Sharon Eastwood, P.O. Box 541, Boswell, OK 74727. She is ssearching for information on Fernando Adolphus "Bud" Phillips, who was born January 24, 1858 and married Marie Blackburn on July 7, 1881 in Red River County. She would like to hear from anyone who may be connected to this family in any way.

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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The state genealogical convention was held in Tyler, Texas. Red River County Genealogical Society won third place in the state for entering a year's quarterlies.

The state Genealogical Society Quarterly is named, "Stirpes". In the December issue there was a review of some of Red River

County Society's quarterlies. The society received a favorable review and published report by Judy Womack.

Sharon Black is editor of the quarterly. The quarterlies are very informative due to the outstanding work by Mrs. Black.



JESSICA STAPLETON leads her market steer around the ring for the judges to see. (Staff Photo)

Deport Locals

Happy birthday to Jesse Crawford, Andrea LaRue, Dion Davis, Brenda Denison, Dr. Luanne Sparks, Harold Oney, Marilyn Kelsey Glover, Tracy Bratcher, Frankie Norwood, Mark Austin, Dani Hunter, Julie Lynn Nixon, Mary Elaine Lawler, Jean Morrison, John Allen, Josh Osborn, Kyle Carpenter, Lee Bice, Merle Kemp Young, Lee Bland, Ty Eppler, Angel Deanda, Paula Benson, Jeremy Hunter, Jayla Swint, Larry Milam, Johnny Dawson, Charles Foster.

Happy anniversary to Nancy and Earl Gresham, Ronnie and Vickie Ballard, Karen and David Moses and Debra and Ricky McMikel.

Virginia Kirkland honored her sister, Ruth Murrell, on her 93rd birthday with a dinner Sunday in her home. Grant Murrell and daughter Laura DeFrance of Houston, Marijo Bono and Shelby of Elkhart were guests. Ed Helleny called from Chicago to wish Ruth a happy anniversary.

Nina Sparks, Mary Alice Enox, Lucille Pickering, Sue Malone and Peggy Parsons attended a presentation by Lisa Rutherford of Christus St. Joseph's on the Mission of Christmas in Lewis Hall Friday morning for auxiliary members.

Sandra Jeffus, Joyce and Raquel Phillips were in Deport over the weekend and visited a number of relatives.

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Hydrocodone: legal drug that lends itself to abuse

by Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff

Many Texans know what they know about drug abuse from the nightly news or the daily paper. While illegal drugs like cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, and heroin remain in the headlines, a lot of folks may be surprised to know that a legal drug called hydrocodone could lurk right behind them as one of the most widely-abused drugs in our state.

Hydrocodone is a powerful painkiller found in popular prescriptions like Vicodin and Lortab that are used by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain. It can provide short-term relief after surgery, manage chronic pain in cancer patients, and play a vital role in hospice care for the terminally ill. But hydrocodone is a narcotic that can produce a calm, euphoric state similar to heroin or morphine—and despite such important and obvious benefits in pain relief, evidence is pointing to chronic abuse.

In fact, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration believes hydrocodone may be the most abused prescription drug in the country. Nationwide, its use has quadrupled in the last ten years, while emergency room visits attributed to hydrocodone abuse soared 500 percent. Here in Texas, our State Board of Pharmacy reports hydrocodone is at the top of the list of drugs that are stolen from pharmacies or diverted to illegal use.

Subject to individual tolerance, many medical experts believe dependence or addiction can occur within one to four weeks at higher doses. Published reports of high profile movie stars, TV personalities and professional athletes who are recovering from addiction to hydrocodone are grim testimony to its debilitating effects.

Vicodin, Lortab—and more than 200 other products that contain hydrocodone—are regulated by state and federal law. But they are not controlled as closely as other powerful painkillers. The lack of regulation makes them vulnerable to widespread abuse through forged prescriptions, theft, over-prescription, and "doctor shopping."

All controlled substances in the

United States are regulated under the Federal Controlled Substances Act and state laws and classified into one of five categories—or schedules—based on medicinal value, harmfulness and potential for addiction or abuse.

Schedule I is reserved for the most dangerous addictive drugs that have no recognized medical value, like LSD. Schedule II is the category for narcotics that have a high potential for abuse, but are medically useful under tight restrictions, like morphine. Schedule III includes drugs with less potential for abuse that are used more broadly in medical treatment, such as anabolic steroids and pharmaceuticals that mix smaller amounts of narcotic substances with other less powerful drugs. Schedules IV and V cover drugs with the least potential for abuse.

Pure hydrocodone is a Schedule II substance, closely controlled with restricted use. But very few prescription drugs are pure hydrocodone. Instead, small amounts of hydrocodone are mixed with other non-narcotic ingredients to create medicines like Vicodin and Lortab. And that means they can be classified under Schedule III with fewer restrictions on their use and distribution.

The most frightening part of the problem with hydrocodone is that so few people are aware of it. I have grown increasingly concerned about the threat it may pose to Texas and recently asked the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Senator Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth, to look into the misuse of prescription painkillers in Texas—especially Schedule III substances containing hydrocodone.

Knowledge is a powerful antidote that can protect the health and well-being of all Texans as we seek to balance the benefits of prescription painkillers to people who need them with the ever-present potential for addiction and abuse. I hope all Texans will educate themselves, their children and their parents on the problem and actively join our legislators in their fact-finding mission and debate.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Detroit Independent School District is soliciting requests for proposals from accounting firms for audit of the 2001-2002 school year.

As required by the State of Texas, a financial audit of the District must be performed to determine two issues: (a) whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flow or changes in financial positions of the school district in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals, and (b) whether the district has complied with laws and regulations for those transactions and events that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

DISD Board of Trustees will meet March 7, 2002 to review submitted proposals. Please send all bids to Curtis Barnett, Superintendent, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436, or if further information is needed, call 903-674-6131. 2-21

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 02-002
SUPERSEDES ORD. No. 1-2-96

An Ordinance of the governing body of the City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, providing for the regulation of truck and heavy equipment traffic and truck and heavy equipment parking; providing for a penalty clause; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an emergency clause that this ordinance take effect immediately.

SECTION 1
A. It shall be unlawful for any truck, tractor and semi-trailer, or any commercial motor vehicle, or heavy equipment, with a rated capacity and one and one-half (1 1/2) tons or more, according to the manufacturers classification, or the equivalent thereof, being operated as local traffic, to enter or use any City street, public right-of-way, or utility easement maintained by the City of Blossom.

B. Exceptions to the above regulations are as follows:

1. Vehicles as may be permitted by franchise agreement ordinances adopted by the City for public utility vehicles to provide for normal utility maintenance of City utility services.

2. Vehicles involved in immediate delivery or pick-up of commercial items or product, directed to or from an address within the City limits. Such deliveries shall be required to utilize state and/or County roads when available, and/or utilize routes approved by the City.

3. Semi-truck tractors, not connected to semi-trailer; whose owner or lease driver's legal residence is inside the City limits, when in the immediate process of driving to and from commercial employment activity. Such vehicles shall be required to utilize state and/or county road when possible, and/or utilize routes approved by the City. Such vehicles must be parked on private property and are not exempt from parking regulations detailed in Section 1, paragraph C, below.

C. "Local traffic" as used herein means traffic originating inside or outside the

corporate limits of the City of Blossom with a destination inside the corporate limits of the City of Blossom.

SECTION II
It shall be unlawful to park any truck, vehicle, or heavy equipment, as detailed in paragraph A, above, on any public right-of-way or utility easement maintained by the City or on any property owned by the city.

SECTION III
A. Any person or persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00. Each day and each instance of violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate offense.

B. The Mayor of the City of Blossom, the City Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to request the Lamar County Sheriff or any authorized law enforcement officer to assist with enforcement of, or compliance with this Ordinance or Section thereof.

C. As authorized in the "Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for Patrol Services between the City of Blossom, Texas and Lamar County", the City may request the Lamar County Sheriff to serve appropriate citations of alleged violations of this ordinance.

In order to protect the public safety and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body hereby adopts an emergency clause to this ordinance and declares that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, and shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 14th day of February, 2002.

Ed Hudson, Mayor
Sylvia Lewis Dickson, Deputy City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN POLICE STATEMENT

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Post Oak News
By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The hamburger dinner was well attended Saturday with about 35 people. Alvis Bates and Billie Flinn cooked the hamburgers and all made their own hamburgers. The afternoon was spent with games and visiting.

The Post Oak Fire Department was called out Saturday to a fire in the Beulah Woods. No residences were destroyed as it was mainly in the woods.

Johnie Lee attended the funeral of Mrs. Jess (Bertha) Humphrey, age 93, on Friday at Aikin Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was the mother of Mary Hausler, former Red River County Clerk.

There were seven attending the monthly fire department meeting last week. Different things were discussed. After the meeting, the trustees of the Cemetery Association, Newman Low, Johnie Lee, Alvis Bates and James Howard Crawford, met and tended to cemetery business.



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QUILT OF FAITH-this quilt is on display in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Deport. It is called a Patchwork of Faith and Rural Culture, representing the rural churches of many denominations located across the United States. The project was planned by the Center for Theology and Lord, which is a rural ministry program of the University of Dubuque and Warthung Seminaries in Dubuque, Iowa. The Deport Church received an invitation in the fall of 2000 to sponsor a block describing the church and its ministry. Since this has been a rural church since 1874, the ladies of the church felt it should be represented on the quilt. Martha Wood, a member, created the block, which shows a picture of the church building, the date it was established; and stating it had been a center of ministry and missions for 127 years. The quilt is traveling around the country, being shown at special conferences, church offices and other church affiliated organizations. It is a beautiful Rural Ministry Story Quilt and will be on display in Deport until Feb. 25th.

Bogata Homecoming April 13

Bulldogs are coming home Saturday, April 13, 2002. A large crowd is expected this year. As Nanalee stated in her 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, members 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.

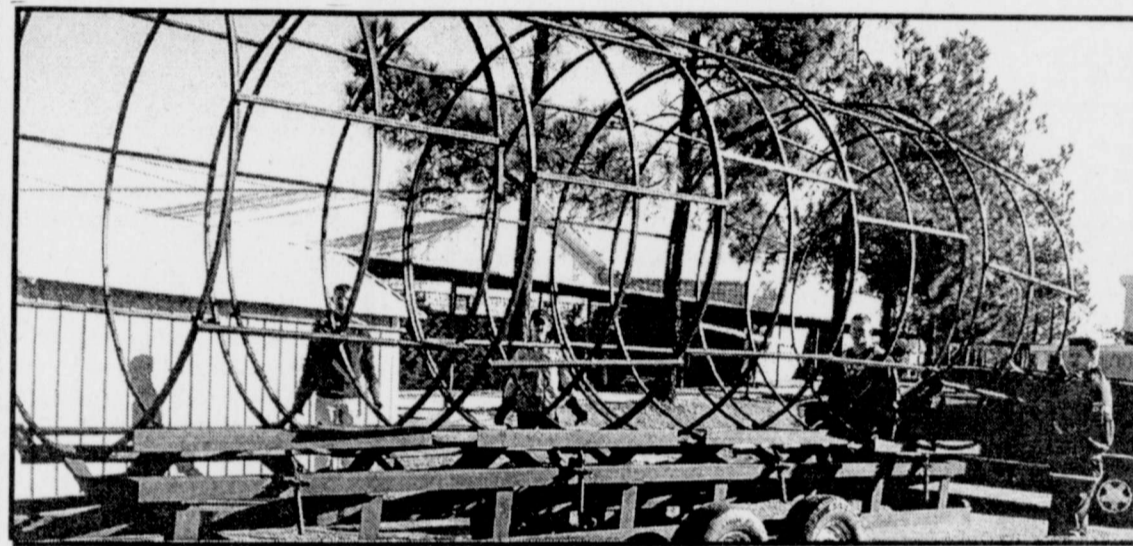
Everyone is urged to make your plans now to come to Bogata Homecoming on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The class of 1953 will be the host this year. For more information call 903-632-5221, Mary Barnard Vaughan. "Yea! Bulldogs".

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



HAY RINGS TO DELIVER-After building hay rings for area resident, members load them on a trailer for delivery. Pictured left to right is Robbie Nichols, Adam Ball, John Dunn and Justin Barnett. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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