

Nichols
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Snakes and fireworks
Ahhh, the joys of the American way of life.

It has become something of a tradition at our house to have a family get-together every fourth of July and a fireworks display.

We line up on the deck or the front porch, and the kids set off lots and lots of fireworks.

This year we decided on the deck, and the "guys" put a big piece of plywood out by the pond as a level surface to launch their missiles from.

After a hot dog supper, we wait until dusk while the overeager youngsters set off noisy fireworks.

Did you know that they make a "water bomb" that you throw into the water? It sinks, then there is a big "crump" noise and lots of bubbles rise to the top.

Anyway, it got pretty dark and the big and little guys were setting off pretty cascades, bottle rockets, firecrackers and more.

Suddenly, Elliott, my great-nephew, lets out a yell and announces there is a snake in the edge of the pool. Apparently, the flashlight had attracted him.

Now, you have to use your imagination for the next few scenes.

Here are three grown men and three little boys, and a snake.

The snake is apparently semi-blinded by the light, because he doesn't flee before one of them turns their Roman candle downward and blasts him!

Well, that set off one heck of a fireworks attack. I don't think

the snake ever had a chance, and one kid ran for the "water bombs" (good thinking), and the rest of the gang began firing every piece of fireworks in the arsenal at this hapless reptile. (identified as a poisonous snake, by the way).

There the rest of us sat, watching as our lovely fireworks display was aimed into the water! It was funny, but also rather surreal, the men's and boy's faces lit by the glow of various rockets and bombs, the snake writhing in the few inches of water he was unlucky enough to have inhabited.

Finally, they blew the snake to his final reward and we resumed our aerial display....but not before they moved some of their stuff a lot further away from that pond! Those of us up on the deck spent a lot of energy laughing at those brave rocketeers.

It was a July Fourth to remember, and I guarantee, the kids got a bigger kick out of aiming for that snake than they did any other part of it!

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The young man who has
not wept is a savage,
and the old man who
will not laugh is a fool.
---George Santayana

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Deport water tower to be rehabilitated, grant for new tower to be sought

Six guests attended a Public Hearing at the City of Deport. The City Council and Alan Vanderburg of Hayter Engineering were on hand Monday night to field questions from the visitors. Vanderburg and city council members shared their concerns about the city's water conditions at present.

Mayor Gilbert Arriaga challenged the council to vote to hire Pittsburgh Tank & Tower of Kentucky to start work on rehabilitating the city's present water tower.

Council unanimously approved the project which will include cleaning and painting the current tower inside and out, along with some safety repairs for the total cost of \$27,120. Work on the project is expected to begin as soon as July 10th and when completed the tower can be put back

into service.

Application for a \$250,000 grant from Texas Community Development Programs to replace the city's water tower was discussed also. The council gave Hayter Engineering the nod to proceed with the grant application.

In regular session Mayor Arriaga administered the oath of office to Floy Williams, who has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Carlys Denison, who resigned for health reasons recently.

The council was handed another resignation Monday night from City Water and Sewer Superintendent Charles Reavis. Reavis stated he is resigning for a better job. His resignation will be effective September 1st.

The council agreed to rebid for a chlorination station. The station

has repeatedly been demanded by Ruth Skaggs on Clarksdale Street. According to Alan Vanderburg of Hayter Engineering, the only bid received so far was for approximately \$69,000. Mayor pro Tem Mike Francies expressed concerns as to where the city would find funding for that expensive a project.

The question of higher water bills was discussed, but all agreed to wait until after the project to rebid to decide how to pay for the unbudgeted expenses.

No action was taken on the purchase of a new pickup for the city sewer and water department, property clean up, the resignation of Councilman Duane Glover, and how much of an increase would be needed on water bills. All of those items were tabled until the next meeting.



GLENNA JACKSON has been volunteering this summer to help with the Jump Start Reading program being offered to pre-K to first grade children at Abundant Life Church in Minter. They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays and have had an average of a dozen to 18 kids attending. Pictured with Glenna are Lexi Jackson, Blaine Wright and Hailey Roddy.

Deport's water did NOT contain elevated lead levels

Mayor Gilbert Arriaga has requested that this newspaper repeat to the public that "the lead levels in the water for the city of Deport are not, and have never shown to be above normal". The lead levels in the paint that was found to be peeling off of the inside of the tank did test to be marginally above acceptable levels.

Mayor Arriaga says "I was misquoted in paper other than this

one, and have spoken with them about this. I just want the citizens of Deport to know that their water does not contain any unacceptable levels of lead".

The tower was taken out of service the day that the paint was found in the water supply, before the test results were even back from the lab, as a precautionary measure.

Work on fixing the problem should begin very soon.

September 11th results in higher price for newspapers

The Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times, and Talco Times will have a rate increase in subscription prices beginning August 1st, 2002.

Like many other things in the current economy, September 11th has actually been responsible for this price increase.

Because of the anthrax problem, the United States Post Office has had to increase the periodical mailing rates twice since January, 2002. First class postage has gone up once. In addition, the post office has done some zone changes. This has resulted in the price for papers mailing to out-of-county to go even higher in many cases. While the Post Office undoubtedly cannot help their price increases, neither can these newspapers. In addition numerous businesses have passed on substantial increases to their customers.

Heavenly Delights to hold community meal

The "Heavenly Delights" of the First United Methodist Church, Deport, will hold their third Saturday dinner on July 20th.

The menu will feature Brisket, baked beans, potato salad, relish plate, bread, homemade ice cream & cookies, tea and coffee.

Carry outs are available between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M., and the meal will be served from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Fellow-

ship Hall of the church.

The cost of the meal is \$8 and reservations should be made by Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 P.M..

For reservations call Rena Good 652-2665, T.H. Glover at 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211.

Come out and enjoy fellowship and good food.

Thunder Prairie wins TPA statewide contest

Thunder Prairie Publishing was awarded a Fourth Place in Column Writing at the Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper contest held in Corpus Christi recently. They also received many favorable critiques from the judges who evaluated the entries into the statewide contest, Division 10.

The fourth place columns entered were "Oldie Locks and the Three Bears" of which the judges say "Well told, good pacing. It would have been better to rework the format to fit the bear, but we are sure readers enjoyed it".

About the "At Our Best" column the judges said "This is a good example of how you can write in a different tone. You can cover a sorrowful story and still bring out the hope without drenching it in sap. (Many writers leave behind a sticky mess). The top is a bit difficult to work through, you need to be more direct in setting the scene".

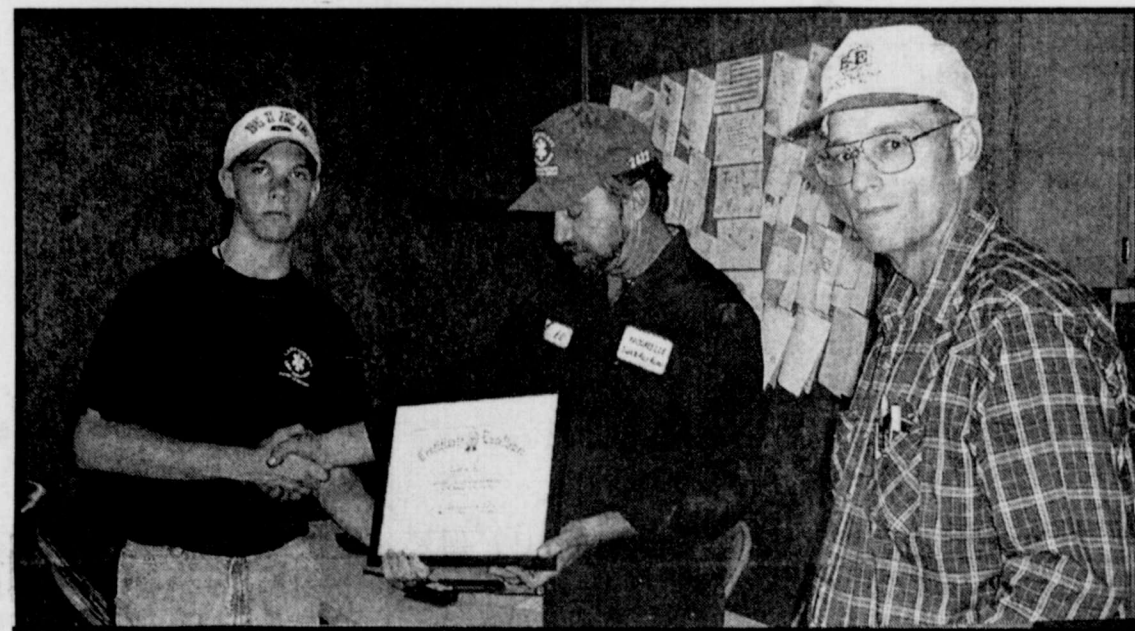
About the feature stories sub-

mitted by Jack Ballard and Nanalee Nichols they commented that the "Flashes" story was very interesting and the "Limo business going places" story was an well developed and interesting idea.

Under the advertising entries the judges rated the good as a whole. They used words such as "well done, nice ad, and nice graphics".

Under photography the judges rated the entries as average or good, commenting that the "bad hair day" photo was a good picture that was obviously difficult to take". The "Special delivery" picture from a medical training session was commented in as needing "more baby" less background, but good".

All in all the papers were very well rated in this Texas-wide contest sponsored by Texas Press Association and publisher Nanalee Nichols said "we're always thrilled with winning anything on a statewide level, and this year was no exception".



COMMENDATION-Pattonville Fire Chief Ed Ring shakes Dustin Keys' hand before presenting him a commendation for his bravery and clear headed dedication during a recent fire at the camp he was working at. Jim McNabb smiles as the award is made. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Young Pattonville fireman honored for service and dedication

Monday night the Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department honored one of their own for heroism.

Dustin Keys, seventeen year old Junior Fireman with the Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department was given an award for his cool headed thinking and actions at a recent camp. In a world where the news seems to trumpet the failings of youth it is truly wonderful to read about a young man who spent not just hours, but literally days and nights helping. It is also inspiring to read of his calm and caring attitude.

Dustin Keys. I volunteered this summer to be an intern with Hearts on Fire Youth Ministries (H.O.F.). The main purpose of the intern program is to give Christian teens the opportunity to work in many different facets of the ministry. This year's internship ran from June 9th through June 22nd in Durant, Oklahoma. The interns spent the first week of the program building the summer camp. They built an impressive stage, paintball field, and obstacle course. The group also mowed fields, got the swimming pool ready, cleaned out buildings and did other work. The second week of the program was supposed to be the actual camp week. They were expecting about 140 campers, and were prepared for the best year of camp H.O.F. had ever held. Dustin, says "Unfortunately, the second week didn't go quite as planned".

Week two started out well as instructors and interns tied up the loose ends around camp and began checking in the campers. Many of the campers had arrived by 2:00 p.m. that Monday, and they were in the gym being briefed on what activities would be going on during the week, as well as being introduced to their team leaders. Dustin's job that day was to help the speaker, Adam McCain of Christ for the Nations institute, with whatever he needed. McCain had just arrived from Dallas when Dustin introduced himself and then they headed to the chapel. In Dustin says "As we rounded the corner we saw several people around the building. One ran out of the chapel and informed everyone that it was on fire. Pastor Lee Armstrong had just arrived and

began to call 911. The smoke was starting to come out of one of the doors, and it appeared that the fire was behind the stage in the back of the chapel.

I had been in the building earlier, and I was fairly sure that the only people that were in the building were the sound engineers that had discovered the fire. I wasn't positive that everyone was out of the building, and I wanted a better idea of where the fire was, so I went into the front of the building, followed by Adam McCain. As we entered the building, the smoke immediately choked us. We hit the ground and crawled because there was still about two feet of breathable air in the chapel. I had attended a Volunteer Fire Department training class a few months before, in which I learned about SCBA's. (Self contained breathing apparatus). Part of the training involved learning about the different chemicals and gases that are produced in a fire. I remembered that some fatally toxic gases known as phosgenes usually lie in the air beneath the smoke that appears clean enough to breathe, and as a result of this memory I made a very quick analysis of the situation in order to get out unharmed. I was fairly sure that the fire was in the back of the building as I had suspected, and the offices and chapel were empty, so we turned to head back out."

When they came out, Pastor Lee was on the phone as the lawn crew was trying to run water to the fire. They went to get the senior youth pastor, Clay Emerich, next. He arrived and tried to put the fire out while Dustin helped evacuate the nursery, which was within about twenty years of the fire. The nursery was full with about twenty to thirty toddlers at that time, but the quick actions allowed Dustin and others to clear it within just a few seconds. Once they had finished with that e orders were for Dustin and others to clear out the main building. This building was adjoined to the chapel and contained the main sanctuary, classrooms and the gym. The young fireman went from room to room clearing out all the people in the offices on his way to the gym. When he got there he saw that

they were already evacuating the campers, so Dustin ran back through the building going through the classrooms, offices and bathrooms checking for people. The smoke had already gotten into the main building and by the end of that trip through the building he needed some air. "After I finished that trip through I went out to the parking lot with the campers. I talked with a few of them before I was assigned with the rest of the interns to guard the doors and keep anybody from going in" he says. "The fire was getting out of control and the fire department asked us to step away from the doors. It appeared that the fire might not be stopped before it got into the main building, so we were sent in one last time to try to get out whatever instruments we could. As we entered the sanctuary the lights started to flicker and then went out. The danger was already too great, and we left the building without much of the equipment."

As they ran out they saw that some of the campers were being loaded up and taken to a hotel. They helped the fire department stretch some hoses before they were sent up to Clay's house to wait. Dustin stayed out to direct traffic for the next two hours while the fire department worked to get control of the blaze. The fire department did eventually stop the fire before it harmed much of the main building, but the chapel was destroyed.

Camp had to be cancelled that week, but Dustin is still looking forward to the next camp. Even though a lot of hard work went up in smoke, he is glad to say that not one person was hurt in the fire. This courageous young man stayed several days after the fire to help clean up the camp. The interns took turns on night shifts to watch for flare-ups and looters. They also helped the Food Bank relocate in order to clear out the building that the youth group and private school will use in place of the chapel."

I learned an incredible amount about servanthood and ministry in those two weeks, and I can't wait for next year," Dustin smiles.

Dustin is the son of Pattonville volunteer fireman Stuart Keys and his wife Kim of Rt. 1, Pattonville.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Do you remember sitting on top of that old crank-style ice cream freezer just waiting for that final crank when the lid came off and you got the first lick off of the paddle inside. Or were you the "cranker", having to turn and turn that "blasted thing" until your arm felt like it was ready when that handle got too hard to turn, but they would yell, "just a little more!" Now, in these modern times of the electric ice cream freezers, don't you just miss that?.....NOT! Well, maybe just a little.....you don't it just doesn't taste the same.....now be honest.....does it?

Well, you know where I am going don't you! A reader called last week for some ice cream recipes and along with the basic one listed, I found some that maybe a little

"off the wall" or maybe not.....it just depends where your taste buds want to roam! So here we go and we will see you in the kitchen!

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM-here is your basic recipe.

CONDENSED MILK BASE ICE CREAM-uses sweetened condensed milk!

COOK-BASED ICE CREAM-this one is cooked before freezing!

PEANUT BUTTER ICE CREAM-for all of you peanut butter aficionados!

ROCKY ROAD ICE CREAM-you are gonna' love this one!

WORLD FAMOUS PHILADELPHIA VANILLA-use your imagination for this one and add whatever your taste buds will allow!

Fulbright reunion held in Missouri

The national reunion of the Fulbright Family Association was held in Laclede County, Lebanon, MO on June 28-29-30.

The descendants of the immigrants, Johann Wilhelm Volprecht Fulbright and Andrea Fulbright meet annually at a designated site where the family once lived and in many cases, where remnants of the family currently reside.

Those members attending and representing this area were Buck and Betty Ramsey of Bogata and Jacqueline Ramsey Amacker of Dallas. Their great-great-grandparents, Judge David and Permelia Smathers Fulbright, for whom the town of Fulbright was named, migrated from North Carolina to Laclede County, MO and to their final home in Red River County, Texas. They were greeted warmly by those who had attended the reunion at the Hampton Inn in Paris in June, 2001, hosted by Rex and Christine Miller Wilson. Attendance at the Lebanon reunion included members from many states, the most distant being Spokane, Washington.

The hospitality room at the Hampton Inn, where the reunion was held, had a wealth of information displayed about the family, including photographs, news articles, copies of wills, deeds, abstracts, etc. Betty Ramsey contributed a folder of photographs, news items and other data of the Fulbright, Texas area which was gratefully received as an addition to the archives. Of special interest were old and new photographs of the house that Judge David Fulbright built and which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rozell.

The driving tour consisted of visits to several cemeteries where members of the family are buried, the old Turner School and the historical home of John Fulbright, built in 1840 and now occupied by a family in the dairy and plant nursery business.

Preliminary plans for the 2003 reunion are to be held at Lake Junaluska in Haywood County, North Carolina. It is reported that the locale is very beautiful and a wonderful place to have a reunion.

Card of Thanks

I would like at this time to pay a very worthy tribute to the Wood Funeral Home and their very caring and loving members! Even though my heart was heavy laden with the loss of our loved one so dear, I felt such a peace of mind and relief knowing they were caring for him, his way. You make it so easy.

My parents and I had the foresight several years ago to take the time to purchase plots, headstones and make service arrangements. Let me tell you, this is the only way to go. Some people like myself may not have any earthly home. You should not have to deal with arrangements at this time. Your heart will be burdened heavily, to begin with. That was one of our wisest decisions. It could be considered a liking to a shower before the birth of a baby.

My words of "Thanks" and deepest respect are truly not enough. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Nancy Gresham, daughter of Gordon Alsbrook

Card of Thanks

When we live our lives for others, aiding them in time of need, in the things we say and do, we live the love of Jesus. Saying "thank You" seems so small for so many blessings of prayers, calls, cards, visits, flowers and other acts of kindness. We have truly been blessed at our time of grief and sorrow. It is such a blessing to live in this community. Friends and family members that live in the BIG cities or across the state of Texas are in total awe of the outpouring of love and comfort that is shown at a time of sickness or a lost loved one.

We could not have made it without each and every one of you! Also, at this time, I have to give a very personal tribute to our pastor, Bro. C.G. Renfro is a remarkable person. He always knows what to say and do, to give you the encouragement to make the right decision. Even with his own personal problems and health, he has always been there. He is a very dear and close friend. Words are not enough.

The Gordon Alsbrook Family

Thursday, July 11, 2002 Ice Cream Recipes

Old Fashioned Ice Cream

4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups heavy cream
1 tablespoon vanilla
2 quarts milk

Beat eggs until very light. Gradually add sugar and salt. Beat mixture well. Then add cream and vanilla. Add milk last. Pour into freezer and crank!

Condensed Milk Base Ice Cream

2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
2/3 cup milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup heavy cream

Combine milks, salt and vanilla. Turn into refrigerator trays to freeze. Remove from freezer and add cream, whipped until just holds its shape when mixture is taken out after first freezing. Can be used as the base for many varieties of ice cream.

Cooked Base Ice Cream

1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1-1/2 cups light cream
2 eggs-separated
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup heavy cream

Combine sugar and cornstarch and gradually stir in milk in double-boiler. Stir constantly until mixture thickens and cook for 10 minutes. Stir in a little hot mixture into slightly beaten egg yolks and stir into remaining mixture. Cook over hot, not boiling water, stirring constantly for 3 minutes; remove and cool. Beat egg whites until stiff and

add salt; fold into cooled custard and add vanilla. Pour into freezer tray and set until firm. Remove and add heavy cream and whip until it holds its shape.

Peanut Butter Ice Cream

1 cup smooth or chunky peanut butter
1 recipe for vanilla ice cream base(see above)

In small saucepan melt peanut butter over low heat and add cooled, melted mixture to ice cream base and freeze.

Rocky Road Ice Cream

14 ounces unsweetened chocolate
2 ounces unsweetened condensed milk
1 cup water
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup walnuts-chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/3 cup miniature marshmallows-halved

In medium saucepan melt chocolate over medium heat. Gradually stir in milk until combined. Gradually stir in water. Remove from heat and pour in half of mixture into a blender container; cover and blend until smooth. Transfer to bowl. Repeat with other half of mixture and cover surface with plastic wrap and chill thoroughly. Stir in whipping cream, walnuts and vanilla. Freeze and enjoy!

World Famous Philadelphia Vanilla

6 cups light cream
1-1/4 cups sugar
2 vanilla beans
1/8 teaspoon salt

In top of double boiler, combine 3 cups cream, sugar, beans and salt, stirring constantly for 10 minutes. Remove bean pods and scrap pulp and seeds into cream and cool. Add remaining cream to cooled mixture and freeze.

Prescription "Share Card" available to low income

On Tuesday, July 16, East Texas Medical Center at Clarksville will host Pfizer Pharmaceutical representatives who will help low income persons who are on Medicare complete applications for a "Share Card".

Those who qualify will receive their Share Card by mail in 3 to 4 weeks. Persons may then take their card to local pharmacies, along with prescriptions for drugs manufactured by Pfizer and get a 30-day supply for \$15 for each medicine. A few medicines will require less than 30 supply.

To qualify you must have Medicare; gross income under \$18,000 for single and under \$24,000 for a couple; no prescription drug coverage (Medicaid, insurance, Medigap, etc.).

To apply, you will need to fill out and sign the application, bring a Medicare card and social security benefit verification statement (SSA 1099).

The Share Card will be renewable each year. Some of the medications include Accupril, Aricept, Cardura, Diabinese, Dilantin, Glucotrol, Glucotrol XL, Lipitor, Neuroton, Nitrostat, Procardia, Vistaril, Zithromax, Zoloft and Zyrtec. If you feel you qualify, come to the board room of East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Clarksville on Tuesday, July 16 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For information, call Irene Bryant at 427-3851.

All Mule Rodeo is July 20

Grubbs and Goldsmith will be presenting an All Mule Rodeo on July 20 at the Mt. Pleasant Rodeo Arena.

The arena will open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo begins at 8 p.m.

Events include kids barrel racing; sand surfing; bareback riding; patty race; mutton busting; adult barrel racing; 10 and under dance contest; rescue race; saddle bronc riding; wild mule saddling; and wild mule bridling.

Additional entertainment includes Don Meeks as clown, an

GED to be given July 31 at PJC

The Student Development Department at Paris Junior College will administer the GED test on July 31. The test session will be held in the McLemore Student Center Ballroom.

Students must pre-register in room 108 of the student center no later than 3 p.m. on July 29 and meet all criteria for testing.

For more information, call the counseling office at (903) 782-0426.

Elvis impersonator and Amberly Shamber. Col. T.L. McDonald will announce the rodeo.

Contestants are also being sought for Rodeo Queen. If you are interested, come to the arena before the rodeo and sign up from 6 until 7 p.m.

For further information, call Kenneth Grubbs at 903-878-2616 or Jimmy Goldsmith at 903-366-5148.

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House of Prayer to be in revival

The Dayspring House of Prayer will be in revival July 14th through the 17th. On Sunday, services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Mike Hardin of Arkansas will bring the message.

Griffin reunion held in Bogata

The annual Griffin reunion met June 22 in the Bogata Community Center in Bogata.

The following people attended and are descendants and friends of Sion Benjamin and Mary Ann Price Griffin:

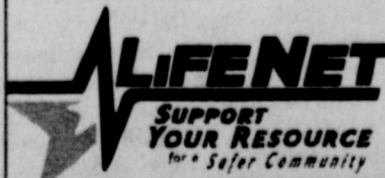
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Springs; Shelly Slaughter, Cristen and Camryn of Sulphur Springs; Billy Jo Hancock of Bogata; Patricia Taylor and Noah of Bogata; Tina Tompkins, Jay and Alicia Gipson Hancock and Robby Gipson, Anne Griffin Randolph, Kelsey, Kari, Erica, Lucas and Rebecca Taylor, all of Bogata; Julia Griffin Jester, Bryce, Zachery and Kaythe of Klondike; Jim and Judy Griffin, Shannon and Jennifer of Klondike; Ruth Griffin Skaggs of Deport; William Kenneth and Ruth Barnard of Dallas; Patricia Barnard Farmer and John William Farmer of Dallas.

Sometimes we all need a little support...

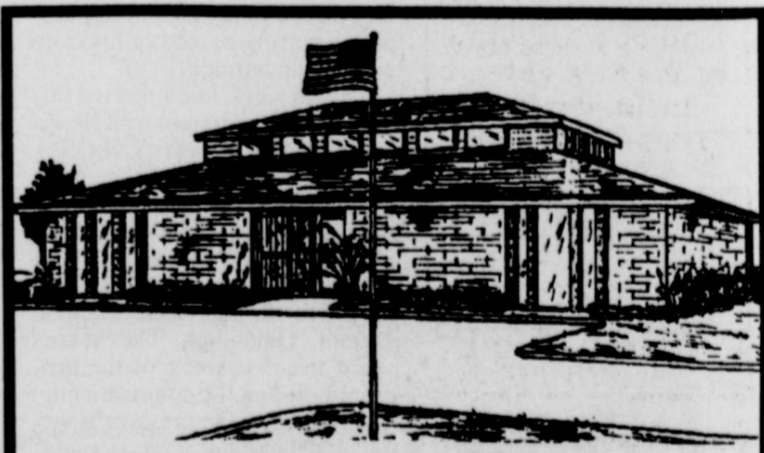
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Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson celebrate 55th anniversary

George and Maureen Richardson celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a party and later a dinner at Vaughn's Restaurant on Lake Bob Sandlin recently.

They were married July 1, 1947 in Paris.

Their children, Gerrie Bankhead of Cunningham and Ron "Bud" Richardson of Mes-

quite hosted the dinner with the following guests: their parents, George and Maureen, Gerrie, Clyde and Chance Bankhead of Cunningham, Jerrod and Susan Bankhead of Cunningham, Kristi and Kaden Callihan of Paris, Gene and Jo Cavender of Deport, Vicki, Colby and Austin Cooper of Mt. Pleasant and Ron Richardson and Linda Ward of Mesquite.



Nanie Bell Ham

Nanie Bell Ham observes 90th birthday

June 20 was a very special day for Nanie Bell Tuck Ham, it was the day she observed her 90th birthday.

Many cards, letters, telephone calls and gifts were received from her family and her many friends. Six of her seven children visited her on that day or the following weekend. Special guests were a sister, Martha Smith from Gladewater and her sister-in-law, Ellen Lee Tuck of Bogata.

Nanie was born and reared in Red River County, moved to the Deport area with her husband and children around 1941. She has lived in the area since then. She



hopes to live the rest of her life in the home and community she dearly loves.

Many changes have taken place since the time of her birth in 1912, but she remembers the old days and old ways, many of them with fondness.

Her days are spent doing the things she has always done. She enjoys visiting others at Deport Nursing Home, working in her yard and garden, reading and keeping in touch with friends through letters, telephone calls and visits.

She says she is hardly ever lonely.

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Arena Opens at 6:00 P.M.
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 10 and under Free
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 For More Information
 (903) 366-5148



Chad and Katrina Jenkins of Detroit are the proud parents of a daughter born on June 18. Her name is Jacie Bellmarie and she weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19 in. long. Proud grandparents are Dewayne and Kay Jenkins of Paris and Jimmy and Becky McCoin of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Morris and Murel Pratt and Helena McCoin and the late Ebb McCoin of Detroit. She was welcomed home by her brother, Troy.

Jason and Shannon Jenkins of Omaha are the proud parents of a son born on June 19. His name is Colton Dewayne "Cole" and he weighed 8 lbs. Proud grandparents are Dewayne and Kay Jenkins of Paris and Earl and Thelma Tucker of Naples. He was welcomed home by his sister, Amber.

Joyce Phillips recognized as National Winner in NSDAR

The Chapter Newsletter of the Mesquite, Texas, Richard Bard Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was recognized as an Outstanding National Winner in the Public Relations category.

The award was made at the NSDAR 111th Continental Congress meeting held, July 1-7, 2002

in Washington, D. C.

Joyce Phillips, Newsletter Chairman of the award winning newsletter, is daughter of Marshall and Sandra Jeffus of Garland and granddaughter of Nanie Bell Ham of Deport. She is the niece of Duwayne and Pat Ham, Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Nell Shull of Deport.



Joyce Phillips



NEW COUNCIL MEMBER-Floy Williams has been appointed to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Carlys Denison on the Deport City Council Monday night. Mrs. Williams has served on the council in the past. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)

Presbyterian Women meet at Glover Community Room

The Presbyterian Women met Monday evening, July 8 at the Glover Community Room.

A salad supper was enjoyed by members and guests, Rev. Ed and Dot Dodson of Clarksville and Charlie Davidson. Rev. Dodson opened the meeting with prayer.

Frances Franklin gave the Least Coin Devotion, "A New Nature in Christ", a voice from Myanmar. The coins were collected and dedicated with prayer.

From the Mission Yearbook for Prayer, Joyce Davidson read "The Synod of the Mid Atlantic."

Reba Temple read an introduction to the Book of Ester, from the Women's Devotional Bible.

In studying the final lesson of Ester's Feast, "An End of Violence," all members and Rev. Dodson took part in reviewing the previous lessons.

The next meeting will be in September, beginning the Bible Study "No Longer Strangers: A Study of the Letters to the Ephesians," by Kay Huggins.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Advising seminar set August 12 at PJC

An advising seminar for new students planning to attend the Sulphur Springs Technical Center or Paris Junior College this fall will be August 12 on the PJC campus in Paris.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 1206 of the PJC Applied Technologies Building.

Students can sign up for the seminar by calling 903-782-0425 or 1-800-232-5804, extension 4. Those attending must be fully admitted to SSTC or PJC and have their TASP scores or exemption documentation available in order to attend.

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JAYCI LEIGH WHITLEY celebrated her 10th birthday in Frisco on June 19 at the Westin Hotel Resort. She and her friend, Casey Tucker, enjoyed swimming and a trip to the Magic Time Machine where she was surprised with "Hercules" bringing her a birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday. The next day they enjoyed ice skating and shopping at the mall. Also making the trip were her mother, Staci Chaney, Keith Chaney of Minter and her grandmother, Peggy Risinger of Paris. Jayci received lots of gifts and had a wonderful time.



HAPPY HOT DOGS-Guaranty Bank-Deport served up hot dogs and lemonade to customers Wednesday, July 3rd in celebration of July 4th. Brent Burden serves Kenneth H. Allen. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Project Graduation to meet

Parents of seniors graduating in 2003 from Prairiland High School should meet for an organizational meeting of Project Graduation on July 16 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Officers will be elected and information will be shared by President Pam Hunt and vice-president Laura Skidmore. If you are interested in participating and having

a vote in how the organization is run, please plan to attend.

Project Graduation provides a safe, fun, alcohol free, drug free evening for seniors and their guests in a lock-in situation on graduation night.

Get involved and help to save the lives of teens. For information, call Pam Hunt at 652-2119.



Summer Watering requires care

We have reached the time of year when rainfall is often a welcome relief to hot, dry weather, Texas weather. Many homeowners will be providing water for their lawns and gardens during drier periods from now until fall. "How often should I water" and "How much should I apply?", are important questions. Since water is both essential for healthy plant growth and often is too costly to apply to plants in quantity during the summer, it is important to get the water to the plants roots and keep it there.

Consider these suggestions when you are applying water to shade and fruit trees.

1. Never water strictly by the calendar. We don't drink water every "ten minutes" or "every hour" so why should plants be watered "every two days" or "once a week"? Instead, learn to recognize dry plants and soil and use these as your tip-off for watering. Too many factors determine how fast a soil dries for us to put watering on a regular basis. We need to conserve water, not waste it when it is not needed.

2. When the plants are dry, water thoroughly. Water lawns so that the soil will be wet several inches down to encourage deep rooting and drought tolerance. One of the worst mistakes people make on their lawn is to try to "sprinkle" them each day using their thumb and the end of a watering hose. Most gardeners just don't have the patience to stand in one spot long enough for deep water penetration. Water trees by taking the sprinkler off the end of the hose and let the water run slowly for hours, being sure that runoff does not occur.

3. Most plants should be watered in the morning. Watering during the day results in some water loss by evaporation and can result in burned leaves where sunlight hits the water droplets on new foliage. Evening watering increases the risk disease invasion, as most diseases develop most rapidly in cool, moist conditions.

4. While watering your lawn, try to keep water off trees and shrubs as much as possible. This is especially important for such plants as crape myrtle and roses, which are troubled by leaf disease which spread rapidly on wet surfaces.

5. Symptoms for plants which have been kept too wet are about the same as for those kept too dry. Roots in waterlogged soils die and do not take up the water, so plants wilt and turn yellow. Try not to water a drowning plant. Do not waste water.

6. Organic matter, such as peat moss and rotted manure, can reduce water loss by run off when they are worked into the soil. To keep moisture in the soil, use mulch, such as redwood bark, pine needles or gravel. In addition to reducing evaporation, mulches also keep the soil cooler and make weed pulling much easier.

7. Be especially careful to keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered. Their developing root systems are sensitive to under and over watering.

8. Always soak inorganic fertilizers into the soil immediately after applying. These materials are excellent sources of plant foods, but they are salts and can pull water out of plant tissues, resulting in burn unless they are watered into the soil.

By Lynn Golden, County Extension Agent

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"Commotion" named 2002 USSSA Champs

Commotion, a local USSSA and ASA fast pitch softball team, is the 2002 USSSA State Champion.

The team consists of players from Bogata, Paris, Clardy, Powderly, Mt. Vernon and Mt. Pleasant. One member is from Valliant, OK.

The girls have won numerous tournament this year and are ranked in the top 3 teams in the State of Texas.

Along with this accomplishment, they are also the District 44 ASA 2002 Champions.

At the State USSSA Tournament and District ASA Tournament, the team went undefeated through both tournaments.

The team also beat the team ranked #1 in the State, the Region, which consists of seven other states, and the #3 ranked team in the world. Commotion beat this team twice.

The team qualified to go to State ASA softball tournament but elected to participate in the USSSA World Series, which will be held in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The girls are working hard to raise money for this event with bake sales, chances on gift certificates and softball tournaments.

Anyone wishing to donate to these girls, please contact David Mauldin in Bogata, Rusty Anderson in Deport or Joe David White in Paris.



COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION-Pattonville Water Supply representative Russell Ham accepts the key from Fire Chief Ed Ring to the office space the Fire Department and Community Center added on to the station. The water supply will rent the space, and it should benefit everyone all ways. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Courtney Chance, OYRA Junior Barrel Racing Champion

Courtney Chance wins barrel racing championship

Courtney Chance of Soper, OK, 10-year old granddaughter of Tony Chance, Blossom City Administrator and Patti Chance, out-rode 13 boys and girls who qualified as finalists to win the Oklahoma Youth Rodeo Association 2002 Junior Barrel Racing Championship.

The Finals for age groups 13 and under and 14 through 19, held at the Hugo, OK arena, was the culmination of an 11-month campaign, held all over southeast Oklahoma. Courtney, riding her 6-year old mare, Fancy Cash, was awarded a championship buckle for the finals with a winning composite time of 52.230 seconds for the 3-night performance.

Courtney, who was in third place for the year going into the finals, came from behind with her winning finals performance and was awarded the championship saddle as the 2002 OYRA Junior Barrel Racing Champion. She

competes in pole bending, breakaway roping and goat tying and is leading in barrel racing points for her age group in the Texoma Junior Rodeo Association and the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club playday monthly events.

The TJRA finals are scheduled for October 25-26-27 in Coleman, OK.

The next performance for the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club playdays held monthly each second Friday is July 12 at 6 p.m. The Paris finals and awards banquet is Saturday, October 12.

In addition to other age groups, the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club and the TJRA hold competition events for young cowboys and cowgirls who are 6 and under.

All three associations, holding co-ed competition for several age groups, welcome and encourage new members and competitors from both sides of the river.

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Bobby Ellington, Myrita Lou Winters, Bob Winters, Tonya Parsons, Martha Glover, Jeremy Day, Dickie Davis, Kip Winters, John Cross, Lundy Sparks, Chris Malone, Whitney Zant, Jonathan Smith, Cheryl Brook, Judy Pomroy, Chet Downs, Reagan Harrell.

Happy anniversary to Matt and Wendy Brunson, James and Dorothy Holt, Carlos and Melba Ladd, Roy and Skeeter Davis, Casey and Carrie Gibson Brazeal, Clayton and Madge Skidmore.

Carley and Canyon Conley, members of the Cubs won the AAA championship recently at Woodall Field for 9-10 year olds. Sherry Conley, Tom and Monda Fults have been attending their games.

Clayton and Madge Skidmore celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception at their home in Shady Grove on Sunday hosted by their children and grandchildren, David and Laura Skidmore, Harley and Raynie, Nita and Dennis Johnson and Casey and Cade Skidmore, son of the late Curtis Skidmore.

Deeann Gray Flores of White Settlement became a grandmother April 16 when Kohl Gabriel Flores was born to Jesse and Israel Flores of Grapevine.

Dick and Yvonne Gray were blessed with their third grandchild, Lauren Elizabeth Burge born May 13 to Chuck and Teri Ann Burge of Union Hill.

Elaine Ballard of Clardy has been named Clarksville School District's interim superintendent.

Freeman Safford of Paris, Nina Sparks of Deport and Drew Boren ate lunch with Keith and Peggy

Parsons on July 4 and shelled peas in the afternoon.

Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew, Stephen Norman, Renea Holt, Mike and Kendra Yaross, Mike and Betsy Yaross of Fulbright, Chris and Amy Holt, Jacob and Tyler of Milton, Kevin and Christal Pilip and Jaci celebrated the fourth with fireworks at the home of Ryan Cope on Thursday.

Leah Boren, Jenni Ballard, Joey Ballard and Kim Mitchell attended Mountain Fork Church Camp at Beavers Bend, OK all week. Kristi Boren attended the closing ceremony Friday night.

Doug and Rita Salter of Colorado have returned home after visiting family and friends in this area.

Glen and Jo Biddle were visitors of Mke and Linda Winters and family.

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

Sandy Ring, Ashley McLean and Heather Anderson spent a week with Lyman and Audra Rooks at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. Sandy's granddaughter Alisia returned with them for a few days visit.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby Blevins included Mickey Keener, Al Ricardi, Keith Parsons, Heather Anderson and Sandy Ring.

Attending a cookout at the home of Lonnie and Laura Layton and Lonna in Paris Sunday were Randy and Kristi Boren and Drew, Stevie Cope, Erik and Kerri Layton.

Caralyn Corso, Mallory Owen and Stephen Norman were visitors of Drew and Leah Boren during the weekend.

Pattonville Fire Chief trying to solve the "mystery of Little Eddie Spot"

By Nanalee Nichols
Pattonville VFD Fire Chief Ed Ring has a mystery, and to date, it remains unsolved. Chief Ring asks everyone he knows if they know who is creating the mystery, but is unable to find out.

It all began with the arrival of "Little Eddie Spot" on the front lawn of the Pattonville Community Center/Fire Station several months ago.

Eddie Spot is a pink flamingo yard ornament that has been painted like a dalmation fire dog, and arrived dressed in a little red fire hat.

Whether this makes him a dalmingo or a flamation is the least of Chief Ring's mysteries. Shortly after the mysterious appearance of the "bird" letters began arriving.

The first one, hand printed, arrived with an East Texas post mark.

It read, in part: Dear Mr. Fire Chief Ed, my little baby boy bird, Eddie Spot, got tired while we wuz flin to Disney World in Orlando. We tole Little Eddie to plop down rite there and we'd pic him bac up on our way bac home.

He done tole me ya'll been real nice and some fire mans done made him assistant fire chief and give him a purdy red hat to wear.

His mama, that would be me, will be checking in on Little Eddie Spot from time to time while we flit back 'n forth.

Now, ya'll take good care of him and don't let nobody bother him, cause he gets mad easy. Don't let him cause ya no trouble, ya hear!

Bye now, and you all hose them fires down good.

Thanks, Mrs. Flora Faye Flamingo

Well, everyone had a great laugh out of the letter, and instantly fell in love with Little Eddie Spot.

But, then the other letters and cards began to arrive, and the mystery deepened.

An letter arrived in April from Cut and Shoot, Texas. It had a picture of a family of dalmations in it, and the letter stated that "This is some of Little Eddie Spot's Family, on his Pa's side. It continues to detail that Eddie Spot is the result of a mixed marriage...between a dalmation and a pink flamingo. The letter says that "we haven't made it to Disney World yet", but they had made it to the Lovelady Fstives!. The post mark is clearly from Cut and Shoot.

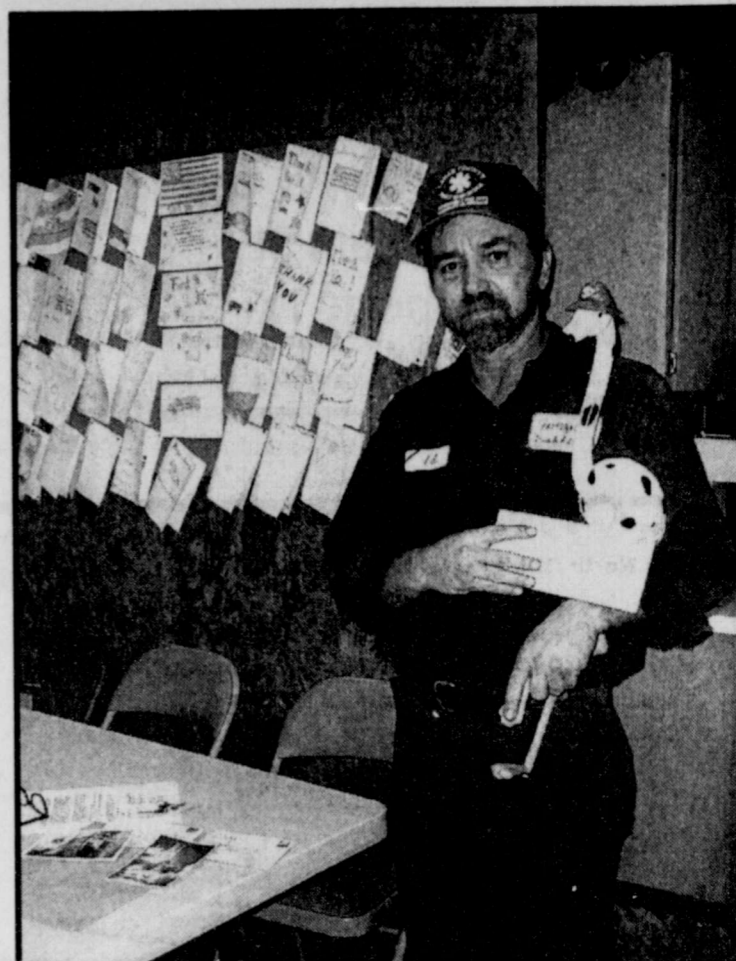
In May an anniversary card arrived for Mr. Fire Chief Ed & Sandy arrived from "signed by Little Eddie Spot, Flora Faye, and Big Bubba Spot".

The post mark on that envelope was Atlanta, Georgia.

A little later, in June, A post card arrived from the Kennedy Space Center. That one really "blew Ed's mind". It has a photograph of the space shuttle blasting off...and in the foreground there are three pink flamingos. The message says "We done made it down here at the Kennedy Space Center place just in time for them to shoot off that big space ship in the air. Beats me how they got it up there, but they did. Only problem was, just as they was bout to shoot it up in the air, I see one of them Florida luv bugs on the ground and missed them shootin it, but got the bug. Musta been sumpin' cause Little Dora Mae seen it n she come unglued n bout lost all her feathers. Poor ole Little Jim Joe Bob wuz lookin at me and missed it to. Made him grumpy and we's bout gonna leve him back home next trip.

The next post card came from San Antonio, and featured a picture of the River Walk with, what else, pink flamingos wading in it. So, Mr. Fire Chief Ed waits for the next post card, puzzled about where it will come from, what it will say. And most of all, WHO is sending them.

And, in the mean time, Little "Eddie Spot" the dalmingo graces the front of Pattonville's fire station!



LITTLE EDDIE SPOT the "Dalmingo", or is it Flamation? Fire Chief Ed Ring of Pattonville VFD stands holding "Little Eddie Spot" a flamingo painted like a dalmation, and one of the numerous letters that Eddie Spot's "parents" have been sending from all over the U.S. To the Pattonville Fire Chief. Who is doing this is a mystery that is bewildering to Chief Ring. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

<p>Pattonville VFD Activity April-June, 2002</p>	<p>Deport VFD Activity April-June, 2002</p>
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The evening, according to wellness center officials, is designed to provide safe, fun activities for youngsters ages 5-13. A variety of games are planned and snacks will be provided.

The fee for wellness center members is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for any others. For non-members, the fee is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for others. Reservations should be made at either of the centers no later than Wednesday, July 17.

For additional information, call (903) 737-3678 or (903) 782-2900.

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Cunningham News
 By Neva Jean Oats

Happy Birthday to Deloris Norwood, C.D. Glass and Carlena Fox.

Ricky, Linda, Rusty, Cindy, Marty, Susan and Carrie Anderson and Carlos, Wendy and Cord Ordorica attended the wedding of Coy Cole and Tracy Mahon in Paris Saturday.

Cindy Nichols spent Thursday at her home on Lake Bob Sandlin. Friday she went shopping and Longview and Saturday she ate lunch with Sue Cole.

Billie Joe, Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Kaylee Lane took Georgia Oats to eat at Vaughans Catfish on Lake Bob Sandlin Friday night to celebrate her birthday.

Jame, Pat, Erika and Hanna Norwood and Todd, Mendy, lacy and Kelby Cole spent July 4th at their home on Lake Bob Sandlin.

Billie, Leonard and David Ford had a cook out at their home Saturday. Those attending were Dean Coleman from Alabama, Lillian King, Thomas and Patricia King, Dakota and Justin King from Brookston, Shirlene, Tommy and Matthew Owens, Tracy, Megan and Rylie Kendal and Ryan Ford. Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scotty,

Treda, Amber, and Spur Norwood, Matt Galloway, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane spent several days last week at Geneva Norwood's cabin on Lake Bob Sandlin. Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Brad and Georjeana Nutt joined them for the 4th of July.

The children and grandchildren of Ed and Dovie Smith gathered at Jerry and Marlene Smith's Saturday night fish fry.

Sunday night dinner guests of Jamie and Teresa Smith were Jeanna, Michael and Dancy Smith and Josh Allen.

Dean and Ada Watson, Jarvis and Renee Watson, Deana and Reece Blevins, Reece Blevins, Reece's children, Dillion Gibson, Brookly Legate, Brad, Rachel, Bradlee, Brett and Gavin Watson, Bruce Watson, and Vickie, lacy and Jessee Davis vacationed in San Antonio and Mexico last week.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove camped at Bob Sandlin over the 4th of July Holiday, Zarinska and Shane Morton joined them.

George and Maurene Richardson celebrated their 55th anniversary with their family at Vaughan's Friday night.

Detroit to sponsor youth rodeo

Detroit will sponsor an all youth on July 19 and 20 at the Clarksville VFD Arena located on Hwy. 82 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

There will be three divisions; ages 12 and under; age 13 through 15 and ages 16 through 19.

Buckles will be awarded for each event and the high scoring girl and boy will receive a n All Around Saddle. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the competitions.

For more information or to enter any event call 903-632-6572.

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 The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.
 -Sydney J. Harris
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Neighbors.....Betty & Carlys Denison

by Jack Ballard

Betty Guest and Carlys Denison were married in July 1944 at the First Methodist Church in Columbus, Kansas. When they decided to wed, Carlys was in the Army Infantry and had spent some of his time at a number of places such as Ft. Bliss and Ft. Hood. Carlys ended his tour in the service on February 22, 1946.

The Denisons have just about always lived in the area. Betty grew up in Fulbright and Carlys was from Minter. They have lived in their current home on Jeffus Street in Deport since 1952. Their son, John, of Rosalie, who recently retired from Paris Junior College is married to Larann, and they have one son, Drew. Drew is attending medical school in Houston and the grandparents think he may have interest in becoming a heart specialist upon graduation.

Some of Betty's favorite memories are of her childhood in Fulbright. She recalls that she always had a horse. When she was but a little girl, one of her first horses was a little black Shetland pony named Chock. Her daddy had given it to Betty for her to ride to the Mosely School. One morning Chock was giving Betty a difficult time and decided it did not want to go to school. Betty's dad did not take kindly to Chock's stubborn attitude and pulled out his shotgun and fired it in the direction of the Shetland. Apparently, Chock got the message and was sending with his double-barreled twelve gage and the pony galloped full speed to the schoolhouse without Betty. The pony showing up at school without Betty brought concern from the teacher and other kids who feared an accident. All was later explained to them and smiles went all around. Needless to say, after that shotgun message, Chock the little black Shetland knew when to go to school. I suppose Chock got a lesson you just couldn't get from "book learnin'".

Carlys fondly remembers great family days in Minter. Much of his childhood revolved around basketball and sports. In the 1930s, a fun time was to wrap up hot bricks, place them in the Model T Ford, make sandwiches and teacakes, load up the family and travel to the fairgrounds in Paris for countywide basketball tournaments at the Coliseum. Many times just getting to Paris was a challenge. The spoke wheels on the Model T occasionally would "ball up" when the roads were muddy. A lot of times it was Carlys' job to get out and punch the mud out of the spokes.

Carlys was a forward on the basketball court. Some of his teammates were Ray Woodard, John David Ball and the tall guy, Bill Hammonds. Carlys got the nickname "Arslow" about that time. He says, "We were fair as a team, but we had a great time in those days."

Following World War II, Betty and Carlys settled down to life in the Deport area. While Betty kept things going on the homefront and provided loving care for her mother, Carlys worked at a number of jobs getting a start at Phillip Grant's service station. He then worked for Roger Kelsey and at the Chevrolet House as parts manager and bookkeeper. He smiles as he thinks back about some of the great people he worked with in those days like Buck Roberts, Johnny McLemore, Wallace Thompson and Joe Herrera. Following a short stint as office manager for Woolston Chevrolet in Paris, Carlys got a job opportunity which would take him through to

retirement. Longtime Deport Postmaster Clarence Nobles retired in 1956. Pete Storey then became acting Postmaster, a post he held until 1961. Carlys took the Post Office test and became Deport Postmaster in July of that year, a job he enjoyed for a little over thirty-two years. Carlys and Betty are proud of the service to the community through their years with the post office. Carlys worked with former Congressman Wright Patman for over seven years to secure funding and approval to build in 1968 the "new" post office building the city now enjoys.

Shortly after the "new" post office was built, and while the trucks of the Volunteer Fire Department were out on a call, enterprising thieves tried to rob the post office. Their entry to the post office was with a crow bar through the ceiling tiles in the lobby. Carlys says that was a dumb move. As the fire trucks returned from their call, the thieves were spotted through the large lobby windows and that was the end of that.

The crepe myrtle that stands by the post office today was planted by Carlys and Betty, given to them as a sprout by Hobert and Minnie Ruth Lovan.

Mail carriers Buck Mathis, Hugh Griffin and Henry "Cyclone" Johnson all worked the routes while Carlys was Postmaster. The stories that Carlys and Betty tell about the days of rural mail delivery come from yesterday. They tell that rural carriers were amazingly accommodating to the patrons in those days. Sometimes in addition to the mail, they would deliver bread and such for special needs folks. They remember when in bad, muddy weather patrons, would help by walking the mail on some routes near Rugby and on "Greasy Lane."

When I asked Carlys what some of the most interesting things he had gotten mailed to the post office, I was sorry I asked. He started telling me about receiving cremated remains for the James Grant Funeral Home so I quickly moved onto the next question. Yet, he insisted on a good story with a happy ending. One time the post office got a shipment of fifty baby chicks safely packaged in a cardboard box with little airholes, but the addressee had left town and there was no return on the shipment. Carlys had a dilemma with what to do with fifty live baby chicks. Would you believe a youngster named Marilyn Glover paid the shipping charges and became the owner of the baby chicks and therefore Carlys had one more delivery solved?

As far as Carlys knows, under his watch the Deport post office delivered every piece of mail it ever received. It was challenging though. Once he got a letter postmarked from a U.S. Naval Station in California addressed "Momma, Route 1, Deport." With an FBI-like investigation, he and clerks Brodie Bell and Ida Lou Read delivered the letter locally to Genevive Stewart whose son, Billy Joe was in the Navy. There was also the letter postmarked from Corpus Christi addressed to "Granny." Carlys and his team tracked that one down to Mrs. Thurb Thomas who had grandchildren in Corpus Christi. And, could you have figured out that a letter addressed to "Peepaw, Deport, Texas" had a rightful owner in Mrs. Ben Wright. Carlys did.

Carlys never failed to learn new lessons about mail delivery service. Years ago, a lady from the Deport Nursing home mailed a

letter to "D.R. Lover." When Carlys later spoke to the lady about the delivery he told her he had no "D. R. Lover" in Deport. She said, "Oh yes you do. Don't you know that "Dr. Glover" is right down there in his clinic on Main Street?"

When asked about the most memorable things that have happened about Deport in the past, Betty and Carlys pointed out that in the 1940s downtown Deport had big crowds on Saturday nights. Folks worked all day and came into town in the evening and stayed until late in the night. As a matter of fact, Carlys remembers the show and the dry good stores stayed open until at least midnight. Betty says because of the crowds you couldn't find a parking place nor hardly walk down the sidewalks on Main Street in those days. In 1955, they recall there was one of the biggest cotton crops ever in Deport. The old cotton warehouse on Highway 271 was really overflowing and abuzz with activity that year. A third memorable event Betty and Carlys point to for Deport was the building of the Tom Jeffus Lake and Dam. Prior to that construction, the downtown frequently flooded following big rains.

You will never catch Betty swimming. She has a fear of water and rightfully so. She almost drowned as a child in the old Baker Lake. For Carlys, you would never catch him bird hunting. He is a true blue fox hunter. In fact, at one time he had almost thirty fox hounds. His pride during those years of fox hunting was Sam, a dog he was given by Dr. Elders, another famous Deport fox hunter from yesterday. Carlys entered Sam in a fox hound contest where he won the "best in state" prize.

Of the things Betty wished she could do is to China paint on dishes. She thinks they are so beautiful. For Carlys, he wishes he could play music. He says, "I can't even play the juke harp." Yet, he has been lucky as he has never broken a bone and has only been in the hospital once in his life.

These days Betty enjoys cooking and flowers. Her mother taught Betty to cook early on. Bread is a specialty for Betty. When asked what she cooks best Carlys has the right answer, "Everything." Yet, Betty says Carlys is easy to please and he especially enjoys her chicken and dumplings. Carlys says, "I eat anything I can get."

Another keen interest for Betty and Carlys is their yard. They may well have one of the most beautiful yards in town. Betty keeps the flowers blooming in their hot-houses and Carlys helps to keep the grass and such all trimmed to perfection. In fact, Betty says a dream vacation would be to travel to Hawaii in order to see all the beautiful flowers, but that is not likely to happen because she would have to travel over water.

Betty and Carlys live by the advice she has gotten from her grandmother and her daddy. Her grandma used to tell her to "always stand up and tell the truth and be proud of who you are." Her daddy said, "Don't worry about the things you can't help and do something about the things you can help."

While in retirement, Carlys misses seeing all the townsfolk on a daily basis. He and Betty are staying active, taking care of the homeplace, enjoying their family and friends and looking forward to making more memories in the days to come.

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Ryan and Kim Randle and daughter, Azden Beth of Euless spent the weekend with their grandmother, Reba Temple.

Ronnie and Nelda Bailey returned from vacation in Galveston. They stayed in a hotel on the seawall and visited many attractions while there. They had a wonderful time and plan to go back next year.

Happy birthday to Bobby Ellington, Dickie Davis, Karen LeCour, Bill Cathey, Carley Shae Thomas, Isabelle Pickering, Janie Michelle Ladd, Donna Malone, David Benfer, Georgia Conley, Jeffrey Paxton, Jeremy Day, Jo Bradock, Mervin Slaton, Myrita Lou Winters, Pat Talley, Anthony Dawson, Bob Winters, Christopher Joe Ballard, David Denison, Heather Oney, Martha Glover, Tonya Parsons, Christopher Dawson, Dustin Gildon, John Cross, Kip Winters, Reagan

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Happy anniversary to Wendy and Matt Brunson, Dorothy and James Holt, Dion and Charles Davis, Melba and Carlos Ladd.

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Jacqueline Amacker of Dallas recently visited her cousin, Betty and Carlys Denison. She had recently returned from a Fulbright relatives reunion in Lebanon, MO. She reported an enjoyable trip and visiting with many Fulbright relatives.

Marshall Jeffus of Garland, Scott, Marsha, Jeff and Elliott Usvolk of Flower Mound, spent the Fourth of July Holiday with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols. That evening, there was a fireworks display. Attending were the Nichols, the Usvolks, Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Garrel &

Christy, Dean, Chase and Amanda Kate, and Nell Shull.

The Usvolks had lunch Friday at the Bogata Bakery, and visited with Nannie Bell Ham, Nell Shull and others during their visit.

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FOURTH THRU SEVENTH GRADERS attended the Prairiland Baseball Camp held recently by Coach Rick Connot and assisted by Jonathan Martin. Pictured are Justin James, Dalton Ginn, Luke Spears, Tanner Connot, Christian Hunter, Gage Booth, Justin Pitcock, Zach Jester and Kyle Blanton. Not pictured is Payne Schuelke. (Staff Photo)

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch



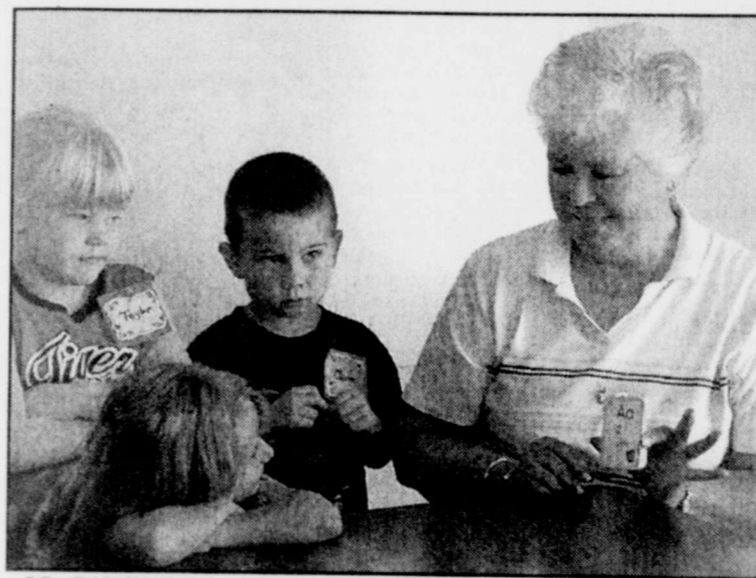
A group of friends, including John and Velma Temple celebrated the 4th of July Wednesday evening with fire works, food and a band at the home of Velma's sister, Shirley Jaynes in Blossom. Dorothy and James Holt had their son-in-law Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak over for supper Saturday evening. John and Velma Temple attended a cook out at the home of John's sister Hattie Hobbs in Paris Thursday evening. Don Upchurch of Paris, Eva Upchurch of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Steve Upchurch of Wichita Falls visited Mattylu Upchurch and Mary Elaine Lawler Thursday.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winstonsboro spent Thursday, 4th of July with their aunt Elizabeth Bell. Rachell and Phil Casey and Blair of Carrollton visited John and Velma Temple Friday. James and Dorothy Holt went to Bonham Tuesday and Wednesday for James' check-up. Hattie Hobbs, Helen Temple of Paris and Margie Lewis of Dallas visited John and Velma Temple Saturday. Tim Parks of Faught had dinner with Dorothy and James Holt, Sunday. Don and Eva Upchurch took Mattylu Upchurch and Mary Elaine Lawler out to lunch Monday.

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<p>PORK CHOPS Center Cut Boneless \$2.49 Lb. PORK CHOPS Center Cut \$1.89 Lb. PORK CHOP STEAK \$1.19 Lb. PORK ROAST \$1.19 Lb.</p>	<p>WRIGHT'S SLAB SLICED BACON \$2.29 Lb.</p> <p>PILGRIM'S CHICKEN STRIP TENDERS Breaded 2 Lb. Bag \$4.99</p>	<p>OWEN'S SAUSAGE 2 Lb. Roll Reg. & Hot \$3.69</p> <p>OWEN'S SMOKED SAUSAGE 1 Lb. Pk. \$1.99</p>	<p>IMPERIAL SUGAR 4 Lb. \$1.39</p> <p>CRISCO OIL Vegetable & Puritan Gal. \$3.99</p>
<p>FRESH GROUND CHUCK \$1.99 Lb.</p>	<p>HONEY BOY PINK SALMON 14.75 Oz. \$1.19</p>	<p>PRICE'S PIMENTO CHEESE 7.5 Oz. \$1.29</p>	<p>RITZ CRACKERS 1 Lb. Box \$2.29</p>
<p>VIVA PAPER TOWELS Large Roll \$1.49</p>	<p>OAK FARM'S ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2.99</p>	<p>DEL MONTE KETCHUP 24 Oz. Squeeze Btl. 89¢</p>	<p>OREOS & DOUBLE STUFF OREOS 20 Oz. \$2.69</p>
<p>EGGS Grade A Large 69¢ Dozen</p>	<p>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2.99</p>	<p>LIBBY'S VIENNA SAUSAGES 5.5 Oz. 2/\$89¢</p> <p>POTTED MEAT 3 Oz. 3/\$1</p>	<p>JIF PEANUT BUTTER 18 Oz. Creamy or Crunchy \$1.69</p>
<p>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1.49 All Kinds 69¢</p>	<p>DORITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3.29 \$2.69</p>	<p>TOSTITO QUESO SALSA DIP 15.5 Oz. \$2.49</p>	<p>TOSTITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3.29 \$1.99</p>
<p>BANANAS 49¢ Lb.</p> <p>TOMATOES 99¢ Lb.</p>	<p>PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$2.49</p> <p>ORANGES 49¢ Lb.</p> <p>APPLES 59¢ Lb.</p>	<p>GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1</p> <p>YELLOW ONIONS 10-15^s 49¢ Lb.</p> <p>WE HAVE WATERMELONS & CANTALOUPE</p>	<p>TIDE LAUNDRY DETERGENT 31-40 Load \$6.59</p>
<p>MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING 32 Oz. \$2.29</p> <p>NABISCO PREMIUM CRACKERS 1 Lb. Box All Kinds \$1.69</p>			
<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</p> <p>2 Liter 99¢ 12 Pk. \$2.99</p> <p>3 Lter \$1.79 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1.99</p>			