

Nichols
Worth



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving. We talk about it, we write about it, we gather together about it. And, I'd like to take this time to declare my list of things I have to be thankful for.

You see, I had begun to think it hadn't been a very good year. We've had surgeries, bills, losses, and more hassles with putting out five newspapers than usual. The nation faces some really heavy stuff. The economy isn't exactly bright and healthy.

But, I sat down to give myself a pep talk, and came out feeling pretty good.

Here's a partial list:

I have a beautiful little great-niece, to add to the healthy, happy other great-nieces and nephews.

I'm thankful for my family, and my husband's family, they are such a joy.

I'm thankful for my husband, who has to be one of the finest men in the world.

I'm thankful for my friends, we have quite a few of the type that you really can call at 4:00 a.m.

And, if I lost them all, I would still have to be thankful that I had ever had them in my life.

I'm thankful for each and every loyal subscriber and advertiser that makes it possible for us to continue providing a community newspaper.

I'm thankful (remind me of this on Tuesday nights about 8 P.M., please) for the opportunity to serve our communities by publishing the newspapers.

I'm thankful for my titanium knees, that leave me free of pain.

There are a few new things I've learned to be thankful for this past year, too.

I've learned to be thankful for the wonderful emergency service we have, and the emergency room staff. Doing clinicals on both the ambulance and at ER has made me aware of what a difference quality care can make.

And, because of those experiences, I've learned to cherish those I care about so much more.

I'm thankful more than ever for every single volunteer firefighter and first responder.

I'm thankful for strangers who do kind things when you are "in a bind". Twice I've witnessed the kindness of strangers recently, and it's beautiful.

To turn to the much-done...I'm thankful for this nation. For all its faults and foibles, all its problems and prejudices, I'd still rather live here than anywhere else, and I still believe with all my heart we have a future.

To turn to the less mentioned, I'm thankful I live now...and not back when the Pilgrims sparked this holiday. They had a pretty pitiful collection of things to be thankful for compared to our blessings now.

My list is long and I'm glad. Go through your own, folks, and you'll be amazed!



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Send in your Christmas Memory now!

Thunder Prairie Publishing is once more holding their Christmas memories contest.

As in previous years, memories of favorite, unusual or even sad Christmases are being accepted.

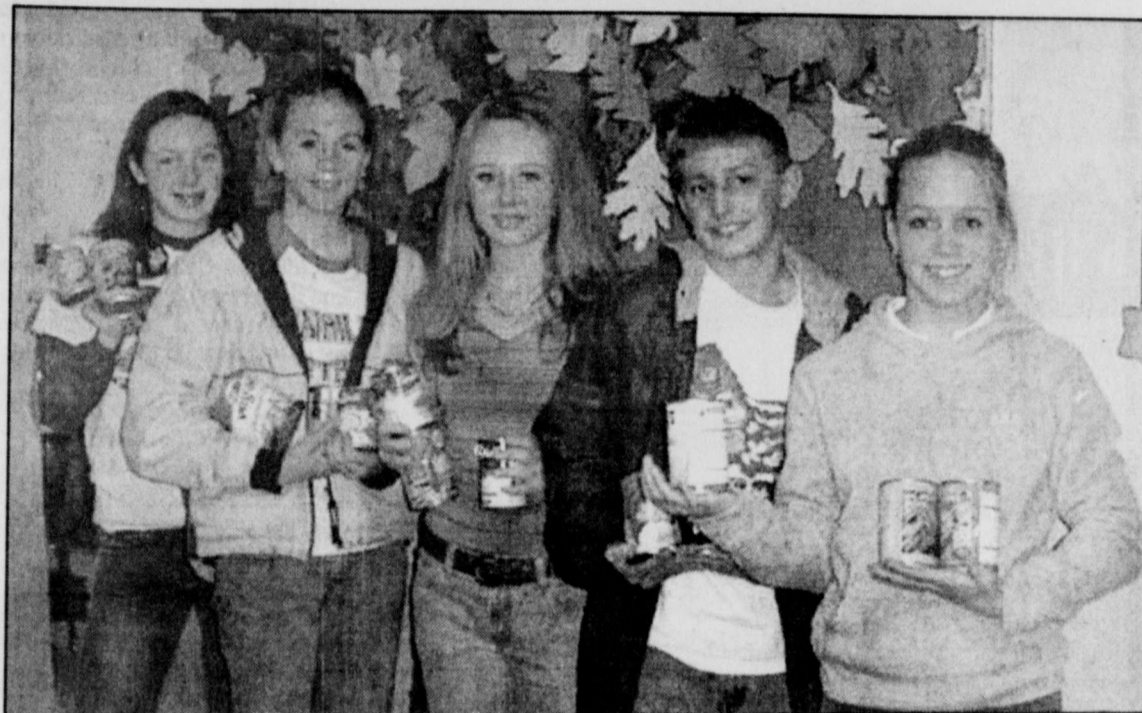
First Place memory winner will receive a certificate and a photo album. Second, Third and Honorable Mentions will receive certificates.

All winners, plus as many other memories as possible will be published in the big Christmas edition on December 19th.

Please mail your memory to P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX 75435; or e-mail to tppub@1starnet.com or drop by the Bogata News Office or Deport Times Office.

We want your memories, please send them in to help make the Christmas edition special. Readers report that the memories are one of their very favorite things, and they go in all five of the newspapers.

Get your thinking cap on!



DEPORT JUNIOR High Honor Society officers display canned items from the canned food drive they sponsored. K-8 participated, and all items were donated to the Salvation Army. Left to right are: Hailey Norwood, Lacie Cole, Charity Musgrove, Cole Smallwood, and Kalee Graham.

Buckle up this holiday!

Texas is launching the second phase of "Click It or Ticket" as part of a national effort to reduce deaths and injuries from traffic crashes. From November 24 through December 1, state troopers and local law enforcement throughout Texas will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who aren't using safety belts.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children and teens up to the age of 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than three feet tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.00.

Deport Christmas Parade is Dec. 6th

The Annual Deport Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 6th at 1:30 p.m.

Entrants need to begin lining up at 12:00 noon.

The parade route will lead from the roadside park to the Nursing Home, down Monroe Street, through Main Street.

Santa Claus will make an appearance after the parade to hand out candy and fruit to the kids.

Pattonville's 911 addresses going into effect

The Pattonville Post Office has announced that effective December 1st the 911 addresses will go into effect.

Editor's Quotes
It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers.
James Thurber

Letters to Santa Due December 6th

The Letters To Santa Claus need to be in by Friday, December 6th.

The Deport School Campus will bring theirs in, but any child wanting to have his letter run in the newspaper, and forwarded on to the North Pole should mail it to the Deport Times at P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435 or drop it by the Deport Times office. If the office is closed, just slip it into the slot on the door.



DEPORT JUNIOR HIGH Honor Society members displaying canned items from food drive. Front Row-Angel Deanda, Susan Anderson, Paige Freeman, & Justin Pitcock. 2nd Row-Shelley Moore, Ben Dickinson, Megan Spann, & Lisa Barnes. Back Row-Landon Syrus, Paige Martin, & Sarah Murdock.

Happy Thanksgiving
Enjoy the Pleasures of
the Holiday.... Remember
to Be Thankful



JENNA PATTERSON, Grandmother L'Wanda McKnight and Layton Norwood and other students enjoyed the Deport School Thanksgiving meal last week.

Papers on sale now, save money, give the perfect gift

This year, when you are looking for an easy, yet great way to fill your Christmas gift list, think about your local newspaper. As usual, the Blossom Times, Bogata News, Deport Times and Talco Times are on sale NOW for \$2 off the yearly price. Regularly \$23 for an entire year, during the last two weeks of November and through December the paper will only be \$21 in Lamar, Red River or Titus Counties, and only \$23 everywhere else!

These newspapers have been around serving local people with the best in news, photos and advertising for many years. The Deport Times began in 1908, as a matter of fact! And though times have changed, one thing hasn't,

that's the fact that people love to see their kid's pictures in the paper, they love to read humorous columns (that have won numerous state-wide awards) they love to clip the recipes out of the cooking column, and they love to keep up with upcoming events and what their friends are doing. Everyone enjoys feature stories and photos of local people.

Any of these papers are a great gift for old and young alike. Young families look forward to the school news, photos and sports, retired people enjoy those recipes. Everyone enjoys knowing what is going on in THEIR own town, somewhere far from home.

So use the handy coupon on the full page ad and send in your subscriptions today!

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Give Thanks



O Thou, whose bounty
fills my cup
With every
blessing meet!
I give Thee thanks
for every drop.
The bitter
and the sweet.
I praise Thee for
the desert road,
And for the riverside;
For all Thy goodness
hath bestowed,
and all
Thy grace denied

-----Jane Crowdson

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Congratulations, Lady Patriots

Lady Pats lose to Jewett Leon

It wasn't because their hearts weren't in the game, the Lady Patriots were just outsize. The final match for the Class 2A Volleyball Championship against Jewett Leon (35-5) found the Lady Patriots (39-5) trying everything in their power to stop the offense of the Lady Cougars.

It didn't start out that way. The Lady Patriots came out strong in the first game with Jewett Leon making plays but no points. The Lady Cougars had a 5-5 game going before senior Lacy Davis stepped up for the serve. Davis had nine unanswered points, including four aces, a match high. The game came to a standstill as Jewett Leon held on, making the last two points hard to obtain. Senior setter Megan Graham took it

home, serving up an ace and ending the game 15-5.

Everything was going Prairiland's way going into game two. Emilee Bolton took control with an early kill for a side-out, but was ruled in the net, and the bubble burst. The Lady Cougars played on that error and the mo-

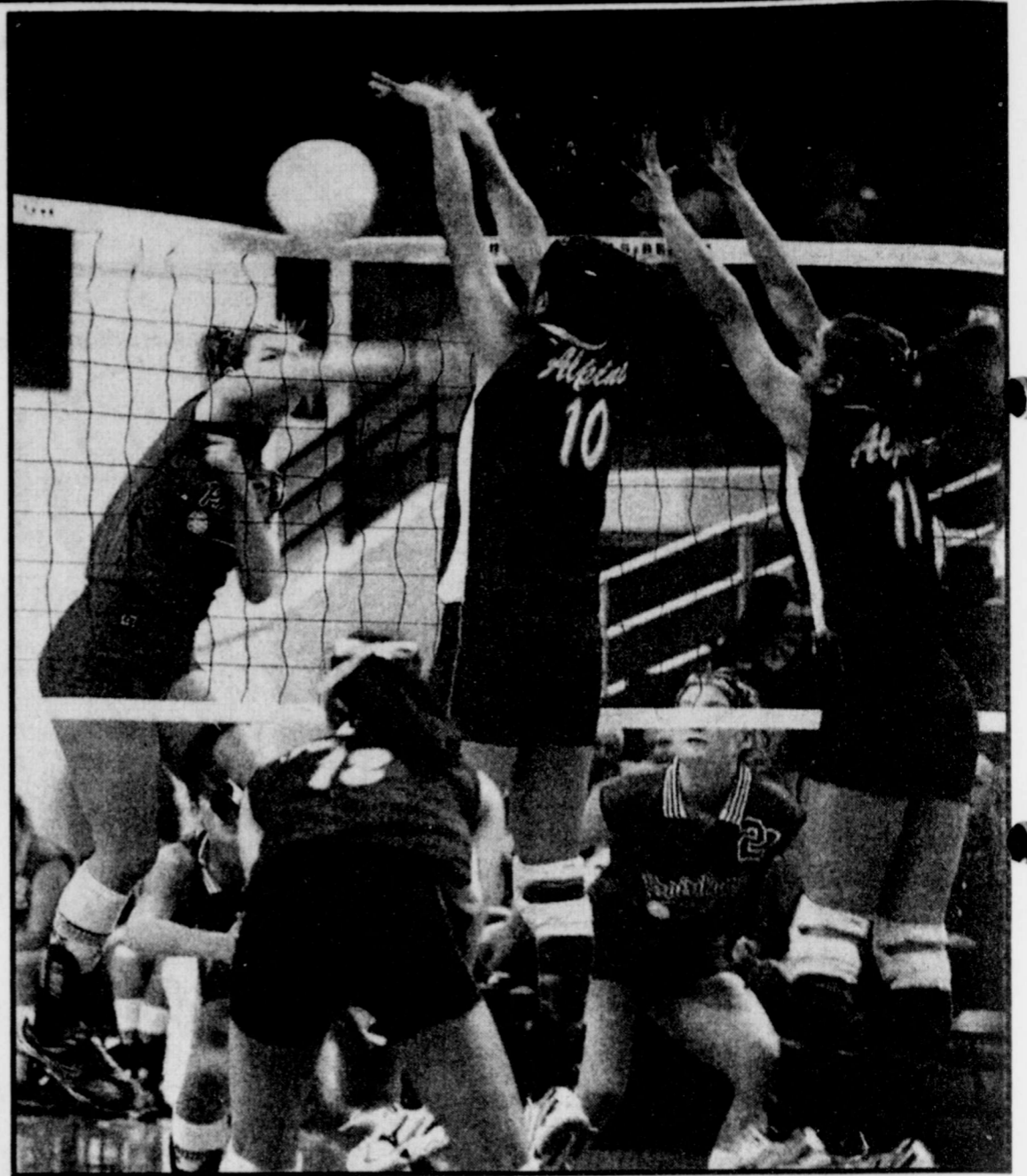
mentum getter was a huge boost which led to an 8-1 run for Jewett Leon. From there Jewett never looked back, taking game two 4-15 with powerful blocks and serves.

Game three was where the heart came in. The Lady Patriots, still shaken by the loss in game two were trying to rally together and pull off the win. There were hard-fought, back and forth side-outs

but the size and power of Jewett Leon couldn't be contained. The Lady Patriots fell to the Lady Cougars 10-15 in a heart breaking loss which sent the Lady Patriots home with a #1 team in a #2 spot for state title.

Seniors Emilee Bolton, Megan Graham, Lacy Davis, Raynie Skidmore, Natalie Wilson, Mallory Woodall and Susan Whittle will be missed from the team but have certainly entertained their fans, and we wish them well. We look forward to more volleyball action, but for now, good job girls.

Emilee Bolton was named MVP for the game.



BACK-the Lady Patriots had no trouble defeating the Alpine girls at the volleyball state playoffs Friday, but lost by one game to Jewett Leon.



WHATEVER IT TAKES-Lady Patriots did whatever it took to vie for the State Volleyball Championship, and missed a repeat of last year's championship by only one game.

17AA All District selections made for 2002

District 17AA All District selections for 2002 football have been made.

Locally, selections are:
Offensive MVP, #30, Eric Berry RB, Senior, Prairiland.

Coach of the Year, Prairiland coaching staff.

Linemen: #62 Seth Walker, Junior, Prairiland; #53 Taylor Brewer, Senior, Prairiland; #74 Chris Basinger, Senior, Prairiland.
Tight end: #45 Clay Vaughn, Senior, Prairiland.

Wide Receivers: #3 Cody Hicks, Junior, Prairiland.

Second team defense:
Linemen: #58 Shawn Steinkamp, Senior, Prairiland.

First team defense:
Linemen: #62 Seth Walker, Junior, Prairiland; #53 Taylor Brewer, Senior, Prairiland.

Defensive end: #44 Brenton Norwood, Senior, Prairiland.

Linebackers: #24 Justin Elrod, Senior, Prairiland.

Second team defense:
Linemen: #74 Chris Basinger, Senior, Prairiland.

Defensive end: #66 Josh Lewis, Junior, Prairiland.

Defensive backs: #5 Blake Smith, Junior, Prairiland.

Honorable mentions went to Jared Gage, Outside Linebacker and Receiver and Cody Upchurch, Outside Linebacker.

Lady Pats lose to Hughes Springs

The Lady Patriots lost their opening game of the season on Tuesday night against Hughes Springs 42-51. Junior Brittney Bailey was high for the night with 16. Leslie Davis scored 11, Johnna Patterson had 8, Mallory Price 3, Rebecca Murdock 2 and Rachel Murdock and Whitney Brook each had one point.

The Lady Pats Jr. Varsity squad added a win to their roster with Rebecca Murdock scoring 14 points the high point.



Good Luck Teams!

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



HAPPY THANKSGIVING and well, it looks like it is time to start making a list and checking it twice.....how time does fly.....stores are advertising Christmas specials, there are already folks with their decorations up and everyone seems to be getting ready for that special time of the year!

I have found a few recipes that will jump-start you on your way with candy-making.....everyone loves to do this, either for themselves and family members or to give as gifts!

So, here we go.....it will be here before you know it.....see you in the kitchen!

lizwin@hotmail.com or ttpub@1starnet.com

MASHED POTATO CANDY-this one really does sound simple and easy to make!

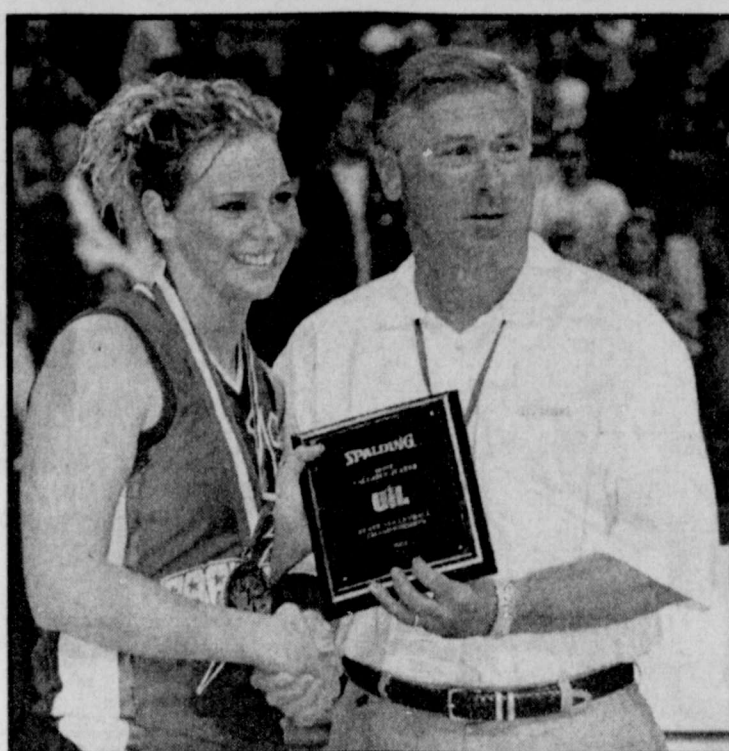
BUTTERFINGERS CANDY-if you like the candy bar, you will love this one!

EASY TURTLE CANDY-four ingredients is all you need!

NOODLE CANDY-this is one you will not be able to put down until the bowl is empty!

PEANUT CLUSTERS-another easy recipe with just three ingredients!

CHOCOLATE SCOTCHEROOS - spread into a pan and cut into squares....easy!



MVP-Emily Bolton accepts the Most Valuable Player Award for 2-AA at the State Volleyball Playoffs in San Marcos Saturday. The Lad Patriots fell only one game short of a repeat of the state 2-AA State Championship.

Deport Locals
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Happy birthday to Duane Glover, Fred Swint, Jr., Jaydon Mitchell, Macy Brooke Tisdale, Paul Alan Jackson, Vicki Davis, Carl Yarbrough, Kathy Holt, Darla Keys, Edna Earle Wright, Sue Crawford Clifton, Dr. Keith Young, Jo Juanita Lewis, Carroll Read Denison, Chad Robinson, Eddie Pickering, Hal Bratteli, Susan Whittle, Brandon Denison, Sue Ellen Barnes, Carla W. Filkins, Debbie Benfer, Dr. Wayne Couch, Jr., James Garmon, Susan Roach, Jerry Brooks, Zachary Allen.

Ruth O'Brien recently received word that her niece, Mary Ann Day, had died at her home in Charlotte, VA. She was the daughter of the late J.W. Day and Doris Hill and the granddaughter of the late Herman and Della Russell Day. She was preceded in death by her sister, Linda, and survived by a daughter and brothers, Eddie and Mike Day of Garland and several cousins.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien visited with Helen Day and her family in Dallas for her brother, Donald Wadley's funeral.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols attended the birthday party for Dr. Linda Ball at the Gordon

Country Club Saturday night. Approximately fifty people were on hand to surprise her.

J.A. and Juanita Sparks, Donny, Dawne and David Darden and Dr. LuAnn Sparks had dinner together Saturday night.

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Thursday, November 27, 2002
Candy Recipes

Mashed Potato Candy
3/4 cup cold mashed potatoes
4 cups shredded coconut
4 cups confectioner's sugar
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 ounces baking chocolate

Cook and mash potatoes with no other ingredients. Add sugar and mix well. Stir in coconut, vanilla and salt. Press into large pan about one inch thick. Melt chocolate and pour over top of candy. Chill and cut into bite-size squares.

Butterfingers Candy
1 cup peanut butter
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
melted chocolate

Cook corn syrup, sugar and water to 310 degrees and remove from heat. Stir in warmed peanut butter until completely blended. Pour onto greased cookie sheet and score into pieces. When cool and hard, dip into melted chocolate.

Easy Turtle Candy
4 ounces pecan halves
24 caramel candies
1 teaspoon shortening
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Cover cookie sheet with foil; spray lightly. For each candy, place 3 pecan halves into a "Y" shape. Place a caramel in center of "Y". Bake just until caramel is melted about 9-10 minutes. Heat shortening and chocolate. Dip or spread over cooled candies and let allow to set.

Noodle Candy
1 small package chocolate chips
2 small packages butterscotch chips
1 can cashew nuts
1 small can Chinese noodles

Rinse salt from cashews and break into halves. Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips together. Remove from heat. Mix cashews and noodles; stir in melted chocolate. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper. Allow to cool.

Peanut Clusters
1 pound almond bark
12 ounce package chocolate chips
13 ounces salted peanuts or more

Melt almond bark and chips in double boiler. Add nuts and mix well. Drop by spoonful onto waxed paper and cool.

Chocolate Scotcheroos
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup peanut butter
6 cups rice krispies
6 ounce package chocolate chips
6 ounce package butterscotch chips

Bring sugar and corn syrup to boil in 3 quart saucepan. Remove from heat and blend in peanut butter and cereal. Press into buttered 13x9 pan. Melt chips over low heat and spread over top of bars. Let set and cut into squares.

2002-2003 Patriot Boys Basketball Schedule

November
22 Tom Bean JVB, VB .. There .. 5:00
26 James Bowie VG, VB ... Here .. 6:00

December
3 Quitman ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB .. There .. 4:30
5-7 Prairiland Tourney VG, VB ... Here .. TBA
10 Savoy ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
12-14 S. Bluff Tourney VG, VB .. There .. TBA
17 James Bowie VG, VB .. There .. 6:00
19-21 Rivercrest Tournaey VB .. There .. TBA
27-28 Detroit Tourney VB .. There .. TBA

January
4 Garland Alpha Charter JVB, VB ... Hom .. 6:00
10 *Rivercrest ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
14 *Cooper ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
17 *Honey Grove ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
21 *Clarksville ... VG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
24 *Chisum ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
28 *Rivercrest ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
31 *Cooper ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00

February
4 *Honey Grove ... JVG, JVB, VG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
7 *Clarksville JVG, VB ... Here .. 4:00
11 *Chisum JVB, VB ... Here .. 4:00

Athletic Director & Head Coach: Glen Schuelke
652-5681/783-9107
Assistant Coach: Trevor Upchurch, 982-5355

Cunningham News
by Neva Jean Oats

Congratulations to the Prairiland Lady Patriots volleyball team. They won second place at the state volleyball tournament in San Marcos Saturday. Lacy Davis represented Cunningham very well. Those making the trip to support the team were Vickie, Jesse and Roy Davis, Bruce, Bradlee and Brett Watson, Crystal, Heath and Conner Sessums, Jonnie, Jamie and Landon Syrus, Drew and Danielle Syrus, Skeeter Davis, Colint Davis, Belinda and Ashley, Lyndsey Sugg, Michael, Jenna and Dancy Smith, Josh Allen, Justin Wright, James and Pat Norwood, Mendy, Todd, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Bobby and Shelby Kenned, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Spur Norwood, Logan Norwood, Chance Bankhead, Charity Musgrove and Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson.

Charles and Cindy Norwood had an early Thanksgiving dinner

Casey Galloway spent Saturday night with Amber and Matt Galloway. Matt went deer hunting in Oklahoma Saturday.

Geneva Norwood had her family and Charity Musgrove as Sunday guest.

Saturday. Those attending were Jon, Erika, Torrie and Chance White and Robert, Ann, Ruth Ann and Melissa Dye. Jon and his children spent Saturday night and went home Sunday afternoon.

Sunday guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Celest Coward, Joel, Natalie, Doran and Benjamin Hutchison, Lara Miller, Tony Duncan, Ann and Ruth Ann Dye, Treda and Spur Norwood, Amber Galloway, Chance Bankhead, David Gore, Tim Oloflon, Lynn and Betty Holeman, Rick and Teresa Mannis and Lary and Pam O'Neal.

Give Thanks For Blessings

PATTONVILLE NEWS
By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Glen Evans, Trenton Ray and Colin Ray Osborne, Justin Armstrong, Bill Tesh, Sherry Conley, Sandy Ring, Shirley Skidmore, Dillon Campbell, Sue Ellen Barnes, Carol An Reid, Susan Roach, Kathy Holt, Sandra Vanderburg, Tess O'Brien, Bill Ross, Brain Murdock, Brenda Gibson, Daniel Sepulveda, Audrey Smith, Dr. Wayne Couch, Jr.

Sandy Ring's parents, Lyman and Audra Rooks of Lake of the Ozarks arrived Sunday for a visit with Ed, Sandy, Ashleigh and Heather.

Brandon Wright had oral surgery in Paris Friday, Blaine Wright spent Friday night with his grandparents, Buster and Louise Crossland. Blaine has been sick and missed a day of school.

Ann Mann and John Cleaver of Paris were visitors of Buster and Louise Crossland.

Grady Wright of Deport was dismissed from Baylor Medical Center in Dalas Thursday after heart surgery.

Buster and Louise Crossland hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner Saturday. Their guests were Betty and Al Sulak of Arlington, Wanda and Tommy Eads and granddaughter Megan, Jeff and Lisa Eads and Sidney of Ft. Worth, William Stout of Texarkana, Judy and Stacy Chapman of Nash, Bonnie and Duane Malone of New Boston, Travis and Rachel Crossland of Paris, Michael and Kristina Crossland, Ty and Blake of Blossom, Kent, Brandon and

Blaine Wright of Deport and Willie and Donna Crossland and David. Ruby D. Blevins and Inez Weaver of Paris visited Jesse Newsom in Parkview Nursing Home in Paris Saturday.

Ashley Keener of Garland and her brother Brian of Lamar Point visited and ate with Bill and Ruby D. Blevins Saturday.

Supt. James Morton, Rachel Morton, Leah Boren, Carlayn Corso, Curt and Jan woodall, Blake and Mandy, Mike and Leeann Ragan, Sydney and Skylar and Kalee Graham of our community were among the many Patriot fans in San Marcos for the state volleyball games. Megan Graham and Mallory Woodall are members of the Prairiland team.

Doug Winters, Colton and Tiffany of College Station spent the weekend with Keith and Peggy Parsons, Greg, Alisen, Davis and Karyn Leigh Parsons. Joining them for an early Thanksgiving dinner Sunday were Lois Kennett of Paris, Nina Sparks of Deport, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah. Maranda Smith of Cunningham visited in the afternoon.

Nina Sparks, Mary Alice Enox, Ophelia Payne, Frances Anderson and Peggy Parsons helped with Christ St. Joseph's Auxiliary bake sale on the North Campus on Friday.

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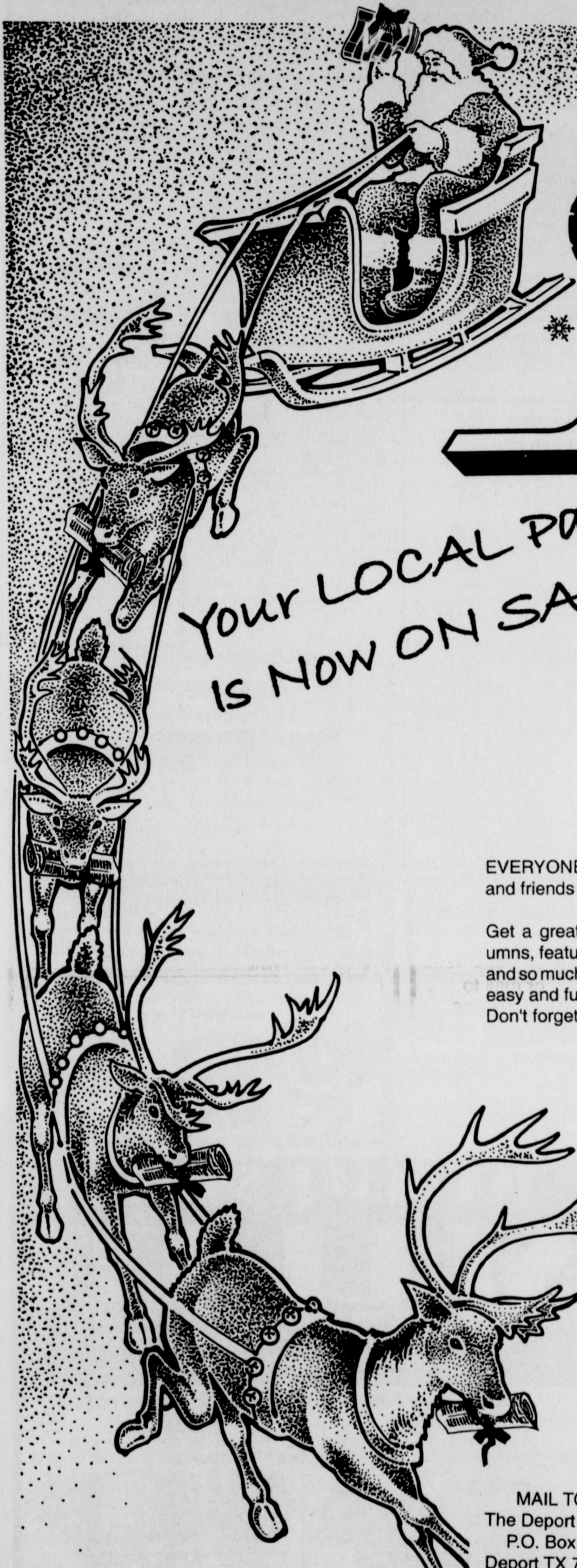
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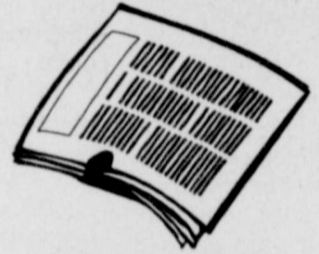


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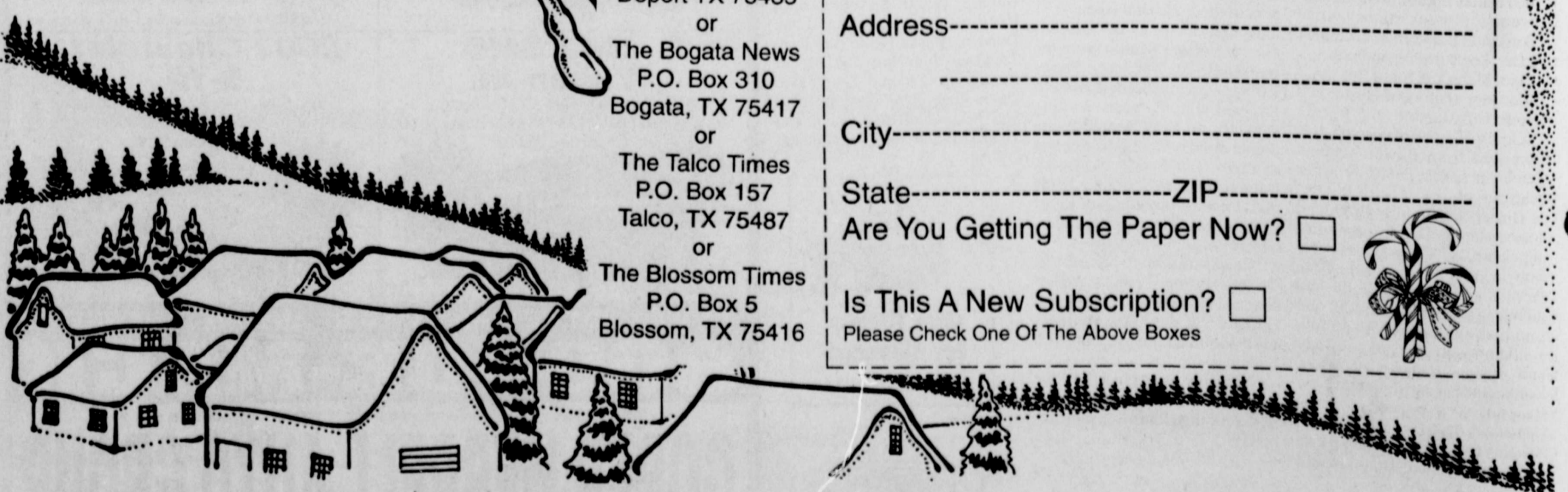
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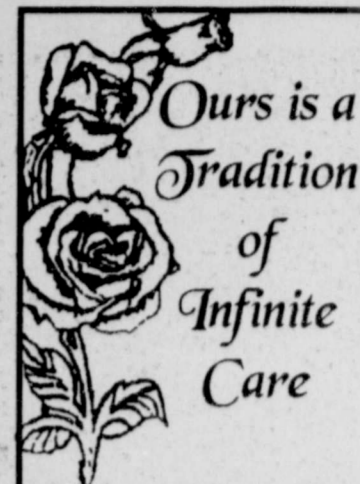
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Neighbors.....Gordon and Vivian Isbell

By Jack Ballard

Gordon Chester and Vivian Lois Holley Isbell are sharing their retired years in a comfortable and beautiful new home on a corner lot on Monroe Street in Deport. That is quite a distance from their upbringing in Red River County's Sherry Community and Isbell Bottom near Clarksville in the early part of the last century. Vivian remembers being part of a farming family and her early home having no electricity and no running water.

Growing up, Gordon and Vivian went to neighboring schools of Burkam and Lanes Chapel in Peter's Prairie and later it was on to Clarksville High School. Much of Gordon's childhood involved hoeing cotton down in the bottom. He recalls the time of big, long fields and big open skies above. He smiles as he remembers many a day standing in the cotton fields looking into the sky with his six-foot plus tall, lanky body wrapped around the hoe handle and seeing airplanes pass over. Gordon felt he and his family worked "daylight to dark" and harder and longer in the fields than most. As the hired hands came and went from the fields leaving him behind working, he often would be caught saying, "There goes those ten hour hands."

For Vivian's early years, staying close to home was important. She says, "I was a homebody. I hardly ever went anywhere and never wanted to turn loose of Momma's coattails." She fondly remembers homelife as having lots of cows, mules, and bird dogs. A big time for Vivian was a trip to Clarksville to the Avalon Theater to take in a Saturday matinee western movie.

Gordon and Vivian were married October 14, 1939, in Bogata. One of their first automobiles was a 1932 Model B Roadster. Gordon remembers in the late part of 1932, the V8 engine was invented. He thought, "It's not gonna work."

Gordon was in the teaching profession for 38 years. He taught his first year in 1939 in a four-teacher school at Burkam in Red River County. After World War II, for about six years he taught GI School at night in Deport. In the summer, he went to school in Commerce to get his official teaching certificate. After stints that included teaching at the Red River Army Depot and Chicota, he settled in at Deport permanently in 1946. That is when George Cheatham became superintendent and Gordon was installed as principal. Mr. Isbell remained principal until he retired in 1979.

Those Deport years in his role as a math teacher and principal were happy ones. Yet, the role that makes Gordon Isbell most famous in this area was that of junior high basketball coach. He has chest

drawers full of newspaper clippings, trophies and appreciation memories of his time as a coach that began in 1952. It is astounding that, in light of the fact Gordon had never played basketball in his life, year after year, he led junior Deport Tiger and Tigerette teams to competitive winning seasons and to numerous district championships.

He recalls how he got into coaching. "George Cheatham (who then also coached high school basketball) one night said for me to sit beside him during a game. I did it for two more games, then, with that experience, I was coach." He and Vivian become emotionally animated when thinking back on those special years. They especially perk up when talking about those tough cross-Lamar County County competitions with the coaches of East Lamar's Charlie Martin and Blossom's James Lowry. Mr. Isbell's basic coaching philosophy was just to get his team in shape, to teach them to shoot and to dribble and then to keep them enthusiastic. He says, "I had good kids and enjoyed it so much."

As principal, Mr. Isbell ran a tight ship and had a well-behaved school. Of course, many boys wished Mr. Isbell had never gotten into coaching. That meant Principal Isbell wore size 13 Chuck Taylor cloth Converse basketball shoes when in the gymnasium. When those legendary size 13's became ragged, Principal Isbell used the rubber sole as a paddle. Many guys who broke the school rules were--unfortunately and frequently--intimately introduced to Mr. Isbell's Converse rubber soles.

Gordon and Vivian boast six wonderful grandchildren. Their daughter, Glenda, who is married to Kenneth Jones, lives in Rockwall and has four children. Their son, Jimmy, who recently passed away, also has two children. When asked about what they would want their grandchildren to remember about them, Gordon and Vivian say, "that they many times were wanting to come to Grandma's and Grandpa's for visits."

For the Isbell's, the most memorable things that have happened in Deport include Jimmy as part of the last graduating class of Deport High School. They feel nostalgic that the town lost the high school which back then fostered an atmosphere where one could go downtown and know everybody and find a much more robust social life. The funniest thing Gordon ever saw in Deport was when Johnny Moore and some kids entertained themselves one Halloween by taking a wagon apart piece by piece and then putting it on top of the Ford Dealership during the

night. Gordon laughs, "There the wagon was on top of the building the next morning. Not a one of those boys would have worked that hard doing anything else."


You will never catch Gordon lying and Vivian will never say never. She says she will tackle just about anything. In fact, she was practically the lead member of the Isbell family in operating the old Jack Guest APCO gas station which used to be out on Highway 271 behind the school. The Isbell's bought the gas station to "give Jimmy something to do," but Vivian ended up spending most of the time working. She enjoyed being a 'gas jockey' and remembers the station as a "hangout where retirees could come by and loaf." She smiles, "Most regular customers just waited on themselves and all I did for them was take their money."

Vivian is a good cook and she loves sharing what she cooks. Her best dish is her chocolate pie, which she makes with no measuring needed. Gordon would always prefer to eat at home because she is a good cook. He likes the way she seasons the food. Vivian used to like to sew as well. When a youngster, she made a lot of Glenda's clothes. They would go to the stores and "window shop." Then, Vivian would come home and make "copies."

Over the years, their daughter, Glenda, has been a joy in getting them to some wonderful trips to places like Hawaii, Washington, Canada and Boston. Vivian points out, "on that first airplane ride Gordon was so apprehensive, I thought we were going to have to blindfold him to calm him down. Yet, he enjoyed it and it was a thrill." The Isbell's now enjoy gardening, the yard and going places and visiting. It is especially nice for them to have good friends like Dorothy and Glen Renfro living nearby. The two couples have spent a week at a time together in a car on trips and survived, so they figure that makes for pretty special friends.

Times are good these days. Vivian says Gordon drives her crazy watching his western movies all the time. She hates those noisy guns. She keeps Gordon busy with her "honey do" lists. He is happiest when all the work is done and when he has something to do. They feel the best day they ever had was when they got married and these days any day they both wake up is a good day. If they learned one thing in life, it is to be content and to always tell the truth. Like most folks, the Isbell's say they used to want everything they could think of, but now Gordon and Vivian are happy and don't wish for much of anything except love of family and love for people.

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Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

The Post Oak Fire Department held their annual meeting at the fire station Tuesday night, November 128. They had financial reports and elected officers for another year. Newman Low stepped down after 7 years as a board member and Leslie Thomas was elected in his for the next seven years. Johnnie Lee was elected as secretary-treasurer. They voted to combine the two offices of secretary and treasurer. They received two new members, Steve and Donna Adkins. Donna is taking an EMS course. They welcome them into the department.

James Freelen was released from the hospital one day last week.

Ruth and John Thomas had their daughter, Debbie, from the Nacogdoches are visiting them over the weekend and she attended church with Ruth Sunday.

Rayford Cagle of Burnett was here last week with his mother, Mrs. Louise Cable who seems to be doing real good.

Don and Phylis Vaughn were in Houston over the weekend visiting her brother, Alton Smith, who is suffering with cancer.

Word was received Saturday of the accidental death of Robert Mickal Bailey, son of the late Bernice Bailey and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bailey. He was sky diving in Florida. His funeral will be held here probably Sunday or Monday with burial in Post Oak Cemetery. Bernice attended Blossom School graduating in 1941.

Another death this week was Edith Wood on Sunday. She died in a nursing home in Paris with cancer. It was her house that was damaged by fire about 10 days ago. Her funeral is Tuesday with burial here in Post Oak Cemetery.

Deport Housing Authority News

Juavane Carpenter, assisted by Ruth Chipman, prepared a holiday meal that was enjoyed by many of the residents and friends in the Community Room of the Glover Units on November 20. The beautiful weather allowed many residents to get out and attend. The room was decorated in a fall and Thanksgiving theme. Turkey with dressing, veggies with dessert was enjoyed by Eunice L. Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Mable Lynn, Estelle Chesshire, Mavis Sowards, Betty Andrews, Eunice Ervin, Frances Franklin, Hazel Relford, Alma Scaff, Virginia Kirkland, LaVerta Westbrook, Evelyn Roach, Mayor Gilbert Arriaga, Willie Mae Speir with her granddaughter, Carol Ladd, Maud Webb, Ruth Cheatham, Mauna Kidd, Ruth Murrell, Clara Stalls, Venice Bryson, Eulene Nicholas, Gladys W. Reid, Irene and Lloyd Grogan, Thelma Shelby, Reba Temple, Kenneth Gifford and Beulah Shipp. Juavane and Ruth were helped with the serving by Sue Sheppard and Nancy and Christina Murphy who also made deliveries to a few shut-ins that were unable to attend in person.

Another dinner will be served next month in appreciation from the management of the Housing Authority for the cooperation from tenants and citizens.

TAKS phase-in approved by State Board of Education

The State Board of Education has adopted passing standards for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) that provide for a two year phase-in of the standards.

The board, by a vote of 12-3, approved the passing standards for the TAKS test in grades 3-11 as they were originally proposed by about 350 educators and citizens who served on TAKS standard-setting committees.

The transition plan uses the standard error of the measure (SEM) to phase in the panel's recommended standards over time. For 2003, the standard would be set at two SEM below the committee's recommendations. Next year, the passing standard will be one SEM below the committee's recommendation for 2004 and the passing standards would be fully implemented in 2005. In general, this typically means students would need to correctly answer three of six fewer questions correctly the first year that when the test is fully implemented.

Even at the initial phase-in level, the TAKS will be a more challenging test for students than its predecessor, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS).

Under the transition plan adopted, third grade students, for example, will be required to correctly answer 20 of 36 questions on the English reading exam to meet the passing standards this spring. In 2004, students must correctly answer 22 of 36 and in 2005 when the plan is fully implemented, 24 of 36 questions correctly.

Statewide field test results show that at the initial phase-in level, 238,000 third grade students or 85% would have passed the reading exam on their first attempt, while 42,000 or 15% would have failed the test. In comparison, 87% of Texas third grade students passed the TAAS reading exam this spring.

If the final standard had been implemented this year, then 77% or 215,600 third graders would have met expectations, while 23% or 64,000 would have failed on their first attempt.

About 73% or 18,250 third grade students who took the Spanish version of the TAKS reading exam would have passed while 27% or 6,750 would have failed.

The exact percentage of questions students must answer correctly to earn the "met the standard" grade varies by grade and by test subject. A chart detailing the standard error of measure, the number of questions that must be correctly answered at each step during the transition and the statewide results of the spring 2002 field test results can be found at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taks/standard/attachment.7.pdf>.

After the board receives the scores from the first full administration of the TAKS this spring, it agreed that it would re-examine the transition plan in the summer of 2003 to determine whether to maintain the transition schedule adopted now or modify it.

Commissioner of Education, Felipe Alanis supported a transition period, noting that a phase-in system was used when the TAAS was first given. Along with adopting a phase-in system, the board agreed to set two scoring levels; "met the standard" which essentially means the student passed and "commended" which recognizes students for exemplary performance.

As the board deliberated where to set the passing standards, a great deal of attention was focused on the third grade reading exam. Students in third grade, beginning this year, must pass that test in order to be promoted. They will have three opportunities to do so and will be provided with extra instruction to help them succeed. If they have not passed the reading exam by their final attempt, the student is retained in third grade. The child's parents can appeal the retention decision

to a Grade Placement Committee, consisting of the child's parents, teacher and administrator. The child can be promoted to fourth grade if the committee votes unanimously to do so.

Because TAKS is new and because third grade students have never had multiple testing opportunities before, it is not possible to predict how many students will be retained.

This year's 10th grade students will be the first who must pass the exit-level TAKS, along with course work, in order to receive a diploma. During the transition period, high school students will be held to the passing standard that was in place when they were in 10th grade.

Members of the Class of 2005, who are now sophomores, must meet the two SEM level in order to meet the testing requirements for graduation. Members of the Class of 2006, today's freshman, will be required to meet the one SEM in order to meet the graduation requirements. Members of the Class of 2007 or today's eighth graders will be the first ones who will be required to meet the fully implemented standards.

TAKS replaces the 12 year old TAAS. The new testing program, mandated by the Texas Legislature in 1999, expands the subjects and grades that are covered by the state's testing program. The TAKS will be a more challenging exam for Texas students as the spring field test results show. However, when TAAS was implemented in 1990, results of the first live administration were generally at least 10 points higher than the field test results.

Information booklets containing sample TAKS questions can be found at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taks/booklets/index.html>.

Additional information about the Texas testing program is available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/>.

No place to hide: drug abuse in rural America

The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has recently released the results of study on drug abuse in rural American communities. This study, funded by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, is shocking and rattling the rafters of rural America. For example, the study finds that 8th graders living in rural American communities are 34% more likely than their urban counterparts to smoke marijuana; 83% more likely to use crack cocaine; and 104% more likely to have used amphetamines within the last month.

The study also reports that drugs are as readily available in rural areas as in large urban cities. Besides striking fear in rural America and painting a pretty bleak picture of the fate of our youth, what does this information portend for our future? To answer that, let's backtrack into history 45 years.

In the mid 1950's, illegal drug problem was not yet on society's radar screen. In the 1950's all anyone knew about illicit drugs like marijuana was that Jazz Drummer/bandleader Gene Krupa and actor Robert Mitchum smoked it, got caught and the media damned them for it. Cocaine? That was a word in a line from the popular Cole Porter hit "I Get a Kick Out of You." As for heroin, that was a drug of horror used only by the most degenerate and despairing individuals. Frank Sinatra's character in the movie "Man With a Golden Arm" teaches us that. Most Americans tended to view drug addiction as an affliction of the urban poor or an evil obsession of a handful of musicians

and actors, too far left of center to worry about. In short, Americans were completely naive to what drug addiction was. And we were most certainly clueless about the role illicit drugs would play in the course of our precious country's future.

Moving forward 10 years, to 1965, the country was in the post mourning years of JFK's assassination. The first onslaught of the English rock 'n' roll music invasion with the Beatles and Rolling Stones hit our shores and took American youth by storm while President Lyndon Baynes Johnson was grappling with the escalating Viet Nam War. LSD was finding its way from the experimentation laboratories of the Hoffman LeRouche Drug Company to the streets of San Francisco.

It was also at this time the first indications of increased heroin abuse in urban ghettos caught the attention of President Johnson's White House staff. The increased use of heroin, considered small by today's numbers, was enough concern for Johnson to convince congress to enact the Drug Rehabilitation Act and ask for an annual appropriation of \$ 15 million. At the time no one in government at the Federal, State or Local level had any idea that in just over 20 years time heroin abuse in the U.S. would escalate to the point where it would cost tax payers over \$50 million annually to treat the problem. Society's radar screen was beeping. Unfortunately not enough of us noticed.

In the mid 60's adult Americans still tended to view drug addiction as a problem inherent to the underprivileged. By the end

of the decade, however, America's views on drugs began changing. Drugs, in particular, marijuana, hashish, LSD, cocaine and other hallucinogens became socially acceptable on a large scale during the Flower Power era. And while this was alarming to many parents of this period, most of us thought of mid-sized cities and rural America as drug-free oases that would insulate our kids from these pro-drug influences. The truth was that drugs did not respect geographic boundaries; they broke out of the big city limits and began to swarm into the heartland of mid-sized cities, rural towns and farm communities. Hindsight is 20/20, and in looking back it is easy to see our nation's failure to fully recognize and act effectively to stop the drug problem then. However, if we look closer we will see that this failure was driven in no small measure by the assumption of the masses that it was **someone else's problem, not our problem.** And it was this assumption that allowed drugs the time they needed to seep into every neighborhood in every city and class across America without prejudice.

As we begin the 21st Century in America the message is loud and clear; There is **no place to hide** from the problem of substance abuse and addiction.

This article was written by Gary W. Smith, CCDC, Narconon of Georgia, Inc. which helps friends and families of those whose lives have been afflicted with drugs. For more information call (770) 379-0208 or visit their web site at www.drugsno.com



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Public Notices
 CITY OF BLOSSOM REQUEST FOR BIDS
 On behalf of the Blossom Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (BVFD), the City of Blossom hereby solicits sealed bids from qualified responders for the following Personal Protective Equipment:
 The BVFD has been awarded a FEMA Firefighters Grant to purchase ten (10) self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with PASS devise. Responders must provide bids on equipment that is equal to or better than specifications required below:
 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with integrated PASS alert System (Quantity Ten (10) each)
 *Meet NFPA 2002 edition requirements.
 *Designed to operate on low pressure (2216 psig)
 *Universal cylinder band-accepts any size SCBA cylinder
 *3 Faceseal sizes
 *Voice amplification system
 *Low Profile facemask and regulator
 *Single-Pull-Forward head harness for easy/quick donning and doffing
 *Facemask/Regulator completely submersible for quick cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting
 *Flashing locator lights on the backframe, for quickly locating a firefighter in low visibility areas
 *Integrated regulator with airswitch-switch to cylinder air, switch to fresh air
 *Thermo-set composite backframe carrier with parachute style Kevlar harness, complete with chest strap.
 quick take-up and quick release style shoulder and waist straps
 *Cylinders/30 min. carbon fiber wrapped, designed for low pressure systems (2216psig)
 PASS ALERT SYSTEM
 *System is to be integrated into the construction of the carrier and harness assembly
 *Meet all new NFPA requirements for 2 EOS alarms with separate Bell and Tactile alarms
 Spare Cylinders-ten (10) each as specifications detailed above w/two (2) duffel-type carrying cases.
 Sealed bids marked "SCBA BID" must be received at the Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front St., P.O. Box 297, Blossom, Texas 75416, prior to 4 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 Bids should quote total cost of above ten (10) SCBA's with integrated PASS devise, plus ten (10) spare cylinders and two (2) carrying cases, delivered to BVFD, with payment terms upon receipt of FEMA funds by the City.
 The Blossom City Council intends to award the contract at a special meeting to be conducted at 5:30 p.m., December 10, 2002 to the most responsive, qualified, lowest bidder that provides the best value to the BVFD. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any technicality that may benefit the City and/or BVFD.
 For additional information, or to receive a bid response form, contact the City Administrator at the above address or call 93-982-5900.
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DOZER & BACKHOE WORK: Fences, pools, roads, culverts, etc. \$35-40 per hour. Shane Wright, 903-379-7535. MA 11-28

FOR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90, Section F, spaces 3 and 4. Both lots for \$500.00. 903-652-6052. t/cnc

FOR LEASE: Approx. 15 acres hay meadow for lease in city limits of Bogata. 903-632-5554. MA 11-28

HOUSE TO BE MOVED: in Mt. Pleasant, 4BR, 2B, living room, den, breakfast room. Solid wood, old world charm. \$20,000. 379-4391. MA 11-28

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 2B, carport, completely remodeled, hardwood floors, new paint, central heat and air, two acres. 711 Clarksville St. 903-632-2057. \$54,000. Must see. MA 11-28

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 CACKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

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BIG AVON CHRISTMAS SALE: December 7, 7:30 a.m. until ?? 1705 S. Delaware St. in Clarksville. Prices you won't believe. Look for signs. 11-28

Lost & Found
 REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

LOST: Coby Pitt male dog, white with brown patches around eyes and on back. Answers to Buster. Reward offered for return. 903-632-0661 or 632-0667. 12-5

LOST: Charolais bull, 1700-1800 lbs. from south of Milton. Please call 652-4348. 12-5nc

Vehicles
 FOR SALE: 1999 Ford Ranger, V6, automatic, bed liner, side rails, \$9,900. 652-2855 evenings or 652-42-5 days. MA t/cnc

FOR SALE: 1990 Oldsmobile, excellent condition. 903-632-4581. \$3,500. MA 11-28

WANTED
 HELP WANTED: Cook needed, experience preferred, but not necessary. Mornign shift. Contact Tanya at 652-4410 for application. 11-28

SITTER NEEDED in Deport. Ideal for mature junior high or high school girl. Afternoons and during school holidays. 652-2008 or 491-4159, leave message. MA 12-5

REGENCY NURSING HOME has an opening for a full time RN charge nurse or a part time weekend RN supervisor. Please call Benny or Donna at 427-3821. 11-28

TWO OPENINGS in Detroit for full time and/or after school child care. Great location, references available. Call Misty, 674-9091. MA 12-12

FREE
 FREETO GOOD HOME: 8 mo. old puppy, black Lab mix, is great watch dog, trainable, healthy, 55 lb., will be large dog, needs home with lots of land. Already spayed and current Rabies shot, 632-4493. 11-28nc

NOTICE
 DIANNE WILLIAMS will be holding a sterling silver showing November 30 at the 4-way stop (Hwy. 271 & 37) in Bogata between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use this opportunity to do your Xmas shopping. 10% off on purchases of \$100 or more. 11-28

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Blossom Locals

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Happy Birthdays this week too: Zachery Cullum, Tara Simmons, Jamie Irwin, Amy Milford Wright, Jessica Whitson, Amber Gardner, Josh Parsons, Joe Lewis, Amy Lemond, Susan Whittle, Sue Ellen Barnes, Manuel Tapia, Kay Jones, Matt Watson, Joann Geringer, Roy Massey, Cody Morris, Renea Willard Long, Thomas Ward, Dalton Ginn, Javier Cervantes, Brad Gray, Shasta Riley ?, Stacy Burchinal Berry, Bryan Murdock, Gary Hatfield, Amanda Haggard, Daniel Sepulveda, Cade White and Mary Hale.

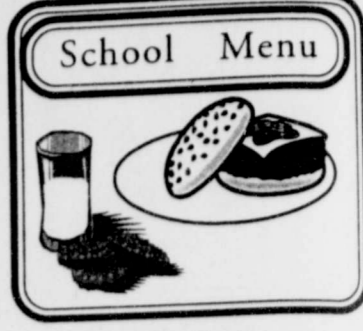
Happy Anniversaries this week too: Haskell and Judy Booth and Jr. and Pauline Weddle.

The girls did not win the championship on Saturday but we are proud of them anyways! Congratulations girls!

Several from this area enjoyed the Tinsel and Tidings Craft Show at Love Civic Center on Saturday. Emma Willard enjoyed the company of her grandson Ethan this week in Plano while his mother Rhonda and sister Sandra Rasberry went to Camp Clausen in Davis, Oklahoma. She had dinner with Karen Kraft on Tuesday night and on Thursday Ethan and Emma visited with Rodney and Karen Kraft in McKinney and saw them off on their trip to Paris France. Emma returned home on Saturday.



TIRED and disappointed, the Prairiland Lady Patriots and their coaches posed for the second place trophy photo after a hard fought loss to Jewett Leon at the State 2-AA Volleyball playoffs Saturday. The girls have had a phenomenal season.



School Menu
Deport Campus
Week of December 2
Monday

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, peaches
Milk
Lunch: Hamburger
Lettuce, tomato
potato chips
Baked beans
Ice cream
Milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy
Juice, milk
Lunch: Vegetable soup
Cheese stick
Pickles
Cornbread
Applesauce
Milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Biscuits, jelly, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken fried steak
Potatoes, gravy
Biscuits
Carrots
Milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Fish crispy pollock wedge
French fries
Hush puppies
Pears
Milk
- Friday**
Breakfast: Cereal, oatmeal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hot dog
Sauce
Grated cheese
Pork and beans
Corn chips
Fruit cocktail
Milk

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT-The Lady Patriots had lots of devoted fans at the State Volleyball Playoffs this past weekend, but none more devoted than this line of gentlemen!



THE DEPORT CAFETERIA ladies served a great Thanksgiving meal of turkey & dressing and all the trimmings to students and their families. Principal Paul Allen helps out serving the meal.

PJC announces continuing ed classes

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department has scheduled a varied selection of classes for December and early January, according to Robbie White, Director.

A Hyper Speed Reading class will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday, December 3 and 5. This class is designed for anyone who is at least in high school.

Exploring Your Whole Potential Career Search is scheduled to meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on December 7.

A Microsoft Word 2000 class will meet from 6-9 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 2-11.

The Microsoft Access 2000 will be held from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 3-12.

A Microsoft Excel 2000 class is scheduled from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 3-12.

The Basics for Starting a Small Business workshop will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 6.

A CPR for health care providers (course C), certified by the American Heart Association, will be presented from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6.

The CPR Recertification for health professionals will meet from 6-10 p.m. on Dec. 6. Written examination and successful demonstration of skills is required.

A Medication Aide Update will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 10.

The Defensive Driving course, offered by Paris Junior College #067, is offered in accordance with the standards established by the National Traffic Safety Institute of Texas, Inc., license #C0297, and consists of six hours of classroom instruction. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 7. It will be repeated from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 9-10. This class will be offered again on January 11 and 13-14.

The next Driver Education class will meet January 6-28.

The Kids Hurt Too seminar will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 3, and repeated from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 14.

De-stress yourself for the upcoming holidays. The class will be held from 5:30-6:45 p.m. each Tuesday, Dec. 3-17.

A Child Development Training II class will meet from 6-9 p.m. beginning January 6. This class is a continuation of the requirements for the Child Development Associate National Credential (CDA).

Child Care Pre-Service training is offered each month for anyone seeking employment in a daycare. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and provide a high school diploma or GED certificate.

A Real Estate MCE Update will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on January 4-5. Course #15-12-062-1691, provider #0067.

The Law of Agency will meet from 6-9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 13-19.

The 200-hour Basic Truck Driving class will meet from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, January 6-31. Successful completion of this class will allow participants to take the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) exams and be Department of Transportation (DOT) certified.

To register for these classes, or for further information, call (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445.

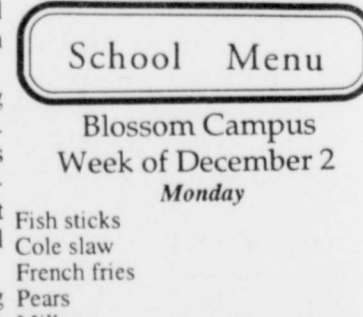


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School Menu
Prairiland High School
Week of December 2
Monday

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Chicken nuggets
French fries
corn
Sugar cookies
Milk
- Tuesday**
Ham and cheese sandwich
Potato salad
Dill pickles
Fruit cocktail
Milk
- Wednesday**
Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes, gravy
Green beans
Biscuits
Milk
- Thursday**
Spaghetti and meat sauce
Tossed salad
Balckeyed peas
Crackers
Milk
- Friday**
Hot do gon bun
Hog dog sauce
Cheese sauce
Potato chips
Pork and beans
Fruit cocktail



School Menu
Blossom Campus
Week of December 2
Monday

- Monday**
Fish sticks
Cole slaw
French fries
Pears
Milk
- Tuesday**
Ham and cheese on bun
Corn
Pickles
Ice cream
Milk
- Wednesday**
Chicken fried steak
Gravy, biscuits
Potatoes
English peas
Milk
- Thursday**
Spaghetti and meat sauce
Pinto beans
Carrots
Crackers
Milk
- Friday**
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