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It's a Chinese Plot
Ah, the Christmas lighting season. That season of joy and decorating. That special time of the year when all those Made in China lights are ready to be put up.

The Chinese don't need nukes, armies or anything else to conquer with...they are succeeding by virtue of manufacturing Christmas lights.

I'm particularly fond of the label on one brand that reads "For indoor and outdoor use only". Um hm...and where else would we use them? Underground perhaps?

But, mostly it's just the mindboggling deviousness of the light strings.

As an example, I tested the strings of lights that go on my front bushes. They all glowed merrily. I put them on the bushes, and ran the extension cord and guess what? You got it...first guess. Half of them didn't work. I messed around with them for quite a while and finally managed to find that one, elusive loose bulb.

Then, there is our angel. We hammer the angel out on the floor of the barn years ago, out of rebare. Then we put lights on it. They had to be redone last year, and we used good, commercial grade lights.

Commercial grade or not, the angel's wings were unlit this year! Rather than pull the lights off, we took the easy way out and simply taped another set of lights over the old ones!

And lastly, there are those nice twinkle lights that I pitch over the monkey grass in front of the house. I was so excited... only half of one strand refused to burn.

I wadded the non-lighted half up and tucked them out of sight, then continued on.

Last night, though, I plugged in the lights. Everything but that line of lights came on. I stood there in total frustration as I stared at the hundreds of non-functioning lights. Then, a full 60 seconds later, they came on!

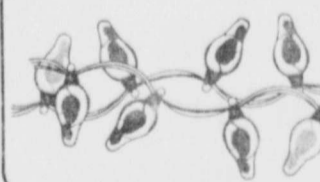
It's enough to make me forget the reason I'm putting those lights out!

I know I'm not alone. I think messing with Christmas lights is probably more frustrating than shopping!

Everyone I talk with has the same problem keeping those little blinking, twinkling, shorting, breaking, language degenerating strings of lights burning.

And have I mentioned how they tangle? Thomas winds them up carefully on little handles specially created for "tangle free" light storage. But when another year rolls around, they seem as difficult to deal with as ever. Just finding the plug end and working it free is a massive task!

So, I repeat, the Chinese are driving us crazy swiftly, efficiently and completely, and all by reason of string after string of tricky, cranky lights!



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Santas are everywhere

One of America's most famous working seniors, Father Christmas, or Santa Claus to the younger generation, is also one of the most popular holiday inspirations for senior artisans on Geezer.com. These senior artisans work countless hours creating the likeness of one of their very own. As a result, on line shoppers can choose from more than 250 handcrafted Santas made with a variety of materials from wood to wrought iron, slinky's to bowling pins, with prices ranging from \$5.95 to \$375.00. Geezer.com is a non-profit e-commerce website designed to provide senior artisans with a medium to launch and market their creative products on the internet.

It features over 14,500 handcrafted products created by more than 1300 senior artisans

from around the nation and Puerto Rico.

Geezer.com was created to help senior artisans and crafters, primarily from rural areas, to use the internet to run a 24-hour, seven day a week e-commerce business. This site also offers a small business resource area and a discussion forum for artisans to share stories and seek information. The artisans themselves determine the prices, maintain their product inventory and ship items directly to the customer. Since the artisans who sell their products on the site are primarily from small communities across the nation, shoppers feel they are touring the back roads of rural America.

For more information, visit www.geezer.com or call 1-877-803-1468 to become a Geezer.com senior artisan.

We need your favorite memories, win awards, share the treasures of the past

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 tpub@1starnet.com or drop by the Bogata News Office or Deport Times Office. We need it by Dec. 16th.

YOU MAY ENTER AGAIN< EVEN IF YOU HAVE ENTERED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

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!

Poinsettia sale is on!

The poinsettia sale is underway at Prairiland Horticulture Department, and they're looking great and are ready for holiday decorating.

The poinsettias are red or white and are \$6.00 each.

Contact the Horticulture Department and place your order soon.

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 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.

Project Graduation to meet Dec. 9th

Prairiland Project Graduation will hold a meeting at the Prairiland High School Cafeteria on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 P.M.

The Deport Project Graduation Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. until sold out.

Co-ed volleyball tournament set

A volleyball tournament will be held at Blossom School gymnasium on Saturday, December 14 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For men, two women, double elimination, \$100 per team.

Proceeds go to support the local chapter Nazarene Youth International.

For information, call Terry Pitcock, 784-1747.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to Scott Lamb, Amy Loftus, Nanalee Nichols and Sunny Whitney for repainting the city's Christmas decorations that are now on display in the park adjacent to Guaranty Bond Bank. Gilbert Arriaga, Mayor City of Deport

Editor's Quotes
How little it takes to make a person unhappy. A frown, a hesitation, a snicker, faint praise, an extended wait when one expects an "I'm Sorry" or "Much obliged". How the Good Lord puts up with such fragile creatures as ourselves is a mystery in itself.



CHRISTMAS KINGS and Queens for Kindergarten thru Second Grade are (top row) Drew Osborne (not pictured, Chelsey Kelley), Wesley Watkins & Maycee Hagood, Hailey Ray & Jordan Freeman, (front row) Chase Reynolds & Shanie Cole, Jaylan Mitchell & Aaron Burris, Karen Lumsden & Jordan Jones



CHRISTMAS KINGS and Queens for 3rd thru 5th grades are (back row) Chase Stogsdill & Abbie Nichols, Dylan Cathey & Anna Baker, (middle row) John English & Shelby Richey, Jessica Nichols & Ryan Harrell, (bottom row) Dustin Womack & Tessa Steffenson, Kastley Greer & Dustin Martin.



CHRISTMAS KINGS & Queens for 6th thru 8th grades are Reagan Harrell & Landon Syrus, Angel Deanda & Brantly Morris, Jenna Patterson & Christian Elliot.

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Hello everyone! Twenty days until the little, red, fat man comes down the chimney.....will you be ready.....or are you ready! There is always cooking to do and new recipes to try. But first, as this year comes to a close, let me say thank you for all of the positive comments made about the column and we hope to continue to "make this the first thing that you read when you get your paper"!

So, on we go.....I have found some more great candy recipes for you this week and guess what.....I found the recipe for Fried Twinkies! They seemed to be all the rage this year at the state fairs and gatherings and it peaked my interest to find out just what it was all about.....so I did!.....and here we go! See

you in the kitchen! lizwin@hotmail.com or tpub@1starnet.com

FRIED TWINKIES-full of everything that you don't love.....but they sound great!

FANNIE MAE CARAMELS-the recipe makes about 110 pieces and is almost identical to the originals!

MRS. FIELDS DECADENT FUDGE-chocolate walnut.....YUMMY!

SEE'S FUDGE-this rates medium-difficult on the scale, but definitely worth it!

RUSSELL STOVER PEANUT BRITTLE-only one word.....wonderful!

OLD FASHIONED ROCKY ROAD-easy and oh so good!

Bogata V.F.W. News

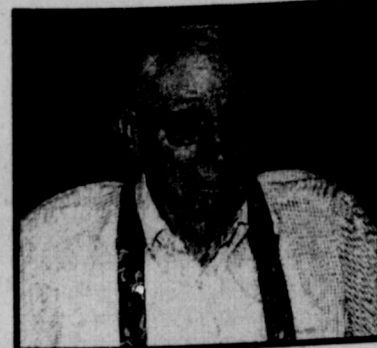
* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

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

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

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

Obituaries



Robert Frank Fischer dies November 25

Robert Frank "Bobby" Fischer, age 63 of Pilot Point died November 25, 2002 in Denton, TX.

Mass of Christian burial was held Friday November 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Pilot Point with Rev. Mel Bessellieu. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, Pilot Point under the direction of Huff Slay funeral Home in Pilot Point.

Rosary was Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Mr. Fischer was born June 7, 1939 in Pilot Point, son of the late Frank and Loraine Zipperer Fischer. He married Jeanne Hoffman on August 19, 1961 in Windthorst, TX and was retired as an Engineering Technician with Texas Instruments after 33 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne Fischer of Pilot Point; children, Sheryl Dusanog of Plano, Sandi Wood of Bogata, Curtis Fischer of Dallas, Stacey Meyer of Plano and Craig Fischer of Plani; seven grandchildren, Tim and Patrick Wood of Bogata, Delton, Megan and Abigail Meyer of Plano; one brother, Gary Fischer of Pilot Point; four sisters, Marilyn Self, Mildred Boerner, Janice Pietrosky, all of Pilot Point and Carol Ballard of Denton; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father in 1983 and his mother in March, 2002.

Pallbearers were Tim Wood, Kenny Hoffman, Brent Ballard, Corey Fischer, Damian Hoffman and Bruce Zott.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He was a member of St. Thomas Men's Club holding various offices, Knights of Columbus, Pilot Point Bearcat Booster Club, St. Thomas Parish Council St. Thomas Choir and former member of the Pilot Point School board. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pilot Point Bearcat Booster Club or the St. Thomas Men's Club.

Elvis Wright
Elvis Wright dies November 29

Elvis Wright, age 96, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend of Minter died Friday, November 29, 2002 at Christus St. Joseph's Hospital South, at which time Bright-Holland Funeral Home received him into their care.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Deport with Rev. Neil Hollis officiating, assisted by Rev. Ted Willis. Burial was in Minter Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Wright was born September 10, 1906 in Amarillo, the son of Joseph Edward and Ona Cass Wright. He married Pauline Haskins on September 10, 1930. She preceded him in death on November 29, 1989 after 59 years of marriage, all of which were spent in the Minter community.

He was also preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

He was a farmer, rancher and carpenter. He drove a school bus for Deport Schools and Prairiland Schools for 20 years before his retirement. He was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Minter where he served as Sunday School superintendent and treasurer for many years, until it closed. He then became an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Deport.

Surviving are one son, Kerry Wright and wife Millie of Mansfield, LA; one daughter, Juanita Taylor and husband Silas of Cunnigham; a brother-in-law, Vertis Bell of Centerville; five grandchildren, Eugene Wright and wife Lisa, Judy Low and husband Bill, Allan Wright and wife Claire, Lynda Reagan and husband Tilman and Larry Taylor and wife Stacy; seven great-grandchildren, Trey and Anna Low, Lindsey Wright, Sephane Regan and Laura, Robert and Luke Taylor; a long-time family friend, Howard Sparks; along with several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Casketbearers were Eugene Wright, Bill Low, Allan Wright, Tilman Reagan, Larry Taylor and Trey Low. Honorary bearers were Howard Sparks, J.A. Sparks, Delbert Haskins and Allen Callahan.

Kenneth Ray Finney dies November 30

Kenneth Ray Finney died November 30, 2002 in Denison, Texas at the age of 64. Services were held Wednesday, December 4, 2002 at Johnson-Moore Funeral Home Pottsboro chapel at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dave Morley and Roy Kuykendall officiated. Interment was in Preston Bend Cemetery.

Mr. Finney was born October 16, 1938 in Dallas. He was a retired retail store owner and car salesman. He was a member of the Community of Faith Fellowship in Pottsboro.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Richards Finney both of Pottsboro; one son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tina Finney of Blue Ridge; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Clarence Watts of Talco; 3 brothers, Charles Finney and Richard Finney both of Granbury and David Finney of Irving; 5 grandchildren, Mellisa Sinclair of Mt. Pleasant, Tawala Padgett of Arlington, Susan, Cameron and Riley Finney of Blue Ridge and 1 great grandchild, Avanele Sinclair of Mt. Pleasant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Clarice Finney and former father-in-law and mother-in-law Howard and Lou Nell Johnson.

Looking for a dog or cat?

Are you thinking of getting a dog or cat? Please visit the Clarksville shelter first. There are many darling puppies and very friendly cats and kittens available.

Call Joe Cain, Animal Control Officer if you can provide a good, loving home for any of these animals.

The Red River County Humane Society will spay or neuter shelter animals at no cost. 903-427-3836.

Ray Sweet dies in Greenville

Ray Sweet, was laid to rest in Memoryland Memorial Park in Greenville, Saturday, Nov. 30th. He fought a courageous 14 month battle with cancer. He was a U.S. Army veteran with a military funeral conducted in his honor.

Surviving are his wife, Jeri of Greenville; daughter, Pam Richardson and family of Bonham; daughter, Michelle and husband, Rusty; grandchildren Brooke Burton of Cooper, Matthew and Megan Burton of Detroit.

Attending the funeral from Detroit were: David and Penni Carpenter; Blake, Karen and Blair Bowmer; Russell and Jorene Carpenter.

Genealogical society to meet December 9

The Red River County Genealogical Society will meet December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bogata Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Members are reminded to bring finger foods for the buffet. The group will tour one of the oldest homes in Bogata following the meal.

Support group to meet December 9

The December 9 meeting of the Bereaved Parents Support Group will be "Remembering Our Loved Ones", a candlelight memorial service.

Each person may light a candle honoring his or her loved one.

Bring a picture to place near the candle.

Candles will be furnished and refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be held at the TU Electric Building at 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 5, 2002 Candy Recipes

- Fried Twinkies**
- 1 cup milk
 - 2 tablespoons vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon oil
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 - 6 frozen Twinkies
 - 4 cups vegetable oil for frying
- Heat oil to 375 degrees. Prepare batter by mixing milk, vinegar and oil. Blend in another bowl flour, baking powder and salt. Whisk dry ingredients into wet ingredients until smooth. Refrigerate while oil heats to proper temperature. Dust Twinkies with flour and dip into batter. Rotate until batter until Twinkie is covered all over. Place carefully in hot oil. Twinkies will float, so it must be held under until golden brown; about 3-4 minutes. Remove to paper towel and let drain. Can be dusted with powdered sugar.
- Fannie Mae Caramels**
- 2 cups light corn syrup
 - 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1-1/2 cup milk
 - 1 cup whipping cream
 - 1 cup butter
 - 4 cups sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 2 cups nuts
 - tempered dipping chocolate-optional
- Butter 9x13 baking pan. In heavy 6 quart Dutch oven combine sugar, corn syrup, milks, cream and butter. Place on medium heat and stir constantly until mixture reaches 240 degrees or soft ball stage. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and nuts. Pour without scraping into pan. Allow to stand overnight. Cut into 1 inch pieces and wrap in wax paper or dip in chocolate.
- Mrs. Fields Decadent Fudge**
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 3/4 cup evaporated milk
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup walnuts
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1-1/3 cup miniature marshmallows
 - 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- Place sugar, milk, corn syrup, salt and butter into a 2 quart saucepan that has been sprayed with Pam. Place on medium heat and stir until mixture comes to boil. Do not scrape sides of pan. When mixture boils, reduce heat and place a lid on pot for 60 seconds. When time is up remove lid and let boil lightly until mixture reaches a soft boil stage. Turn off heat and add chips, vanilla and marshmallows. Stir gently until all is melted. Pour while mixture is still hot into a glass or stainless steel mixing bowl that has been sprayed with Pam. Add nuts and stir well. Pour into 9x9 pan that has been sprayed with Pam and let fudge set to cool.
- See's Fudge**
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 6 ounce package semisweet chocolate chips
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 5-3/4 ounce can evaporated milk
 - 10 large marshmallows
 - 1 cup chopped nuts
- Combine butter, chocolate and vanilla in medium pan. Set aside. Place sugar, milk and marshmallows in medium saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low and cook 6 minutes stirring constantly. Pour hot mixture over in bowl. Beat with electric mixer until fudge is thick and dull. Stir in nuts. Pour into lightly sprayed 8 inch square pan.
- Russell Stover Peanut Brittle**
- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons butter flavoring
 - 1-1/2 cups pecan pieces
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 2 teaspoons butter flavoring
- Stir together sugar, corn syrup, water, salt, butter flavoring and butter. Bring to simmer on medium heat and place lid on pot for lone minute and remove. This will steam sugar crystals on side of pot and they will slide down side into mixture. Place a candy thermometer in pan and continue to cook on medium until soft crack stage. Add nuts and mix thoroughly. Continue to cook until mixture reaches hard crack stage. Remove from heat and add baking soda. Mixture will foam. Make sure to blend soda well. Pour onto non-stick cookie sheet. Let cool and crack or break into pieces.
- Old Fashioned Walnut Rocky Road**
- 20 ounces Ghirardelli Candy Making and Dipping Bar-double chocolate
 - 15 large marshmallows-quartered
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Lightly spray baking pan with Pam. Layer bottom of pan with one third melted chocolate. Line pan with marshmallows and pour nuts on top. Melt chocolate and pour on top of marshmallows and nuts. Gently spread chocolate over marshmallows and nuts. Let set at room temperature and cut into pieces.

Memorial Christmas tree

The Bereaved Parents Support Group will have a memorial Christmas tree at Bywaters Park in Paris, located in the northeast corner of the park.

The group will furnish red bows. Initial placement of the bows and ornaments will be after the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m.

You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one to place on the tree.

For information call 785-4366, 785-7781 or 982-6176.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Ollie Robinson would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our friends, neighbors and family for all the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, memorials and food during the loss of our love done.

Special thanks to Mother's neighbors for all their love and concern in the past. Thanks to Dr. Kumar Sreerama, Dr. B.C. Muthappa, employees of CNC, the nurses in ICU at ETMC for their care and concern. Special thanks to Rev. C.G. Renfro and the Jim Wood family for the beautiful service.

May God bless you,

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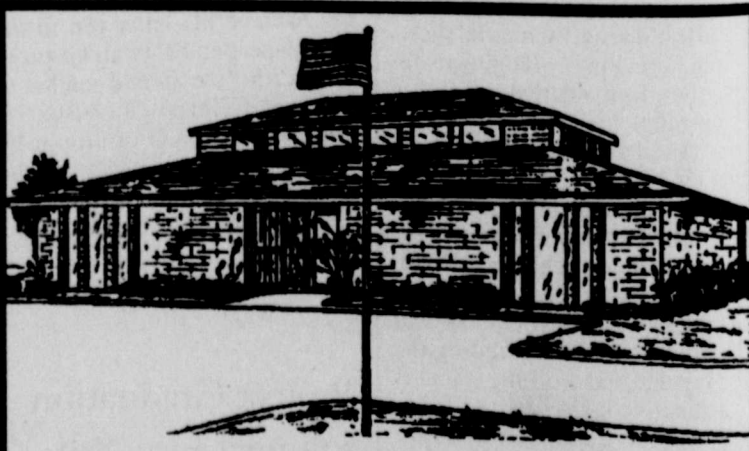
The family of Dwayne Rhodes would like to "Thank You" for the phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, prayers and kindness shown during the hospital stay and the loss of our loved one. Thanks to the doctors and staff at Christus St. Joseph South.

A special thanks to Jim and Tim Wood of Wood Funeral Home, Bro. Glen Renfro and Bro. Freddy Burden for their special service and visits to the hospital. Special thanks to Wesley Cantrell and Lisa Wright for the beautiful music. To the ladies at First Baptist Church for serving the delicious meal for the family, also for the pallbearers.

May God bless you.

Virginia Rhodes
Rick and Coeta Rhodes
Mike and Sonya Rhodes
Mark and April Rhodes
and Grandchildren
Juanita and Sonny Davis
Ray and Phoebe Rhodes

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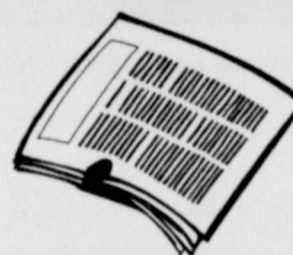
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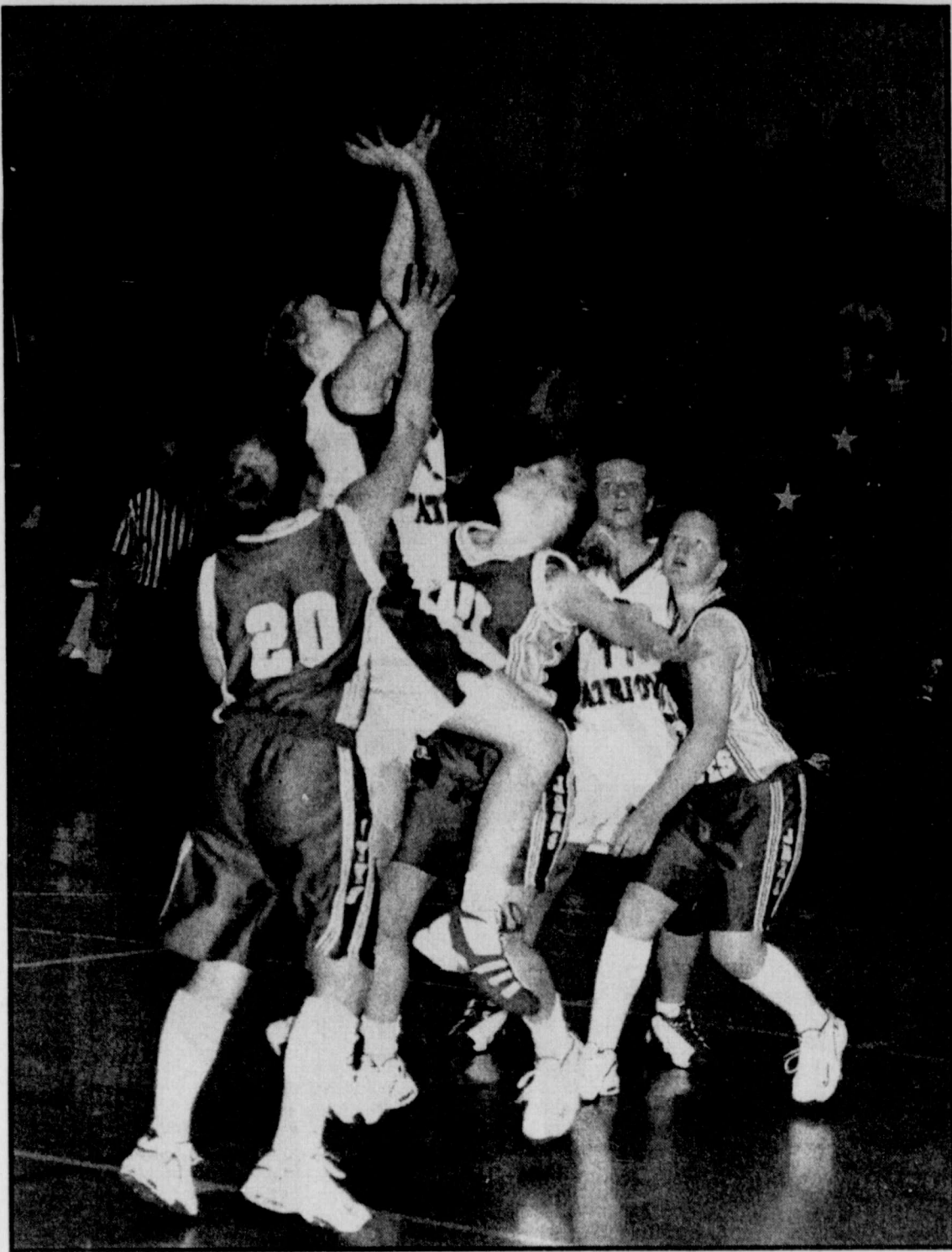
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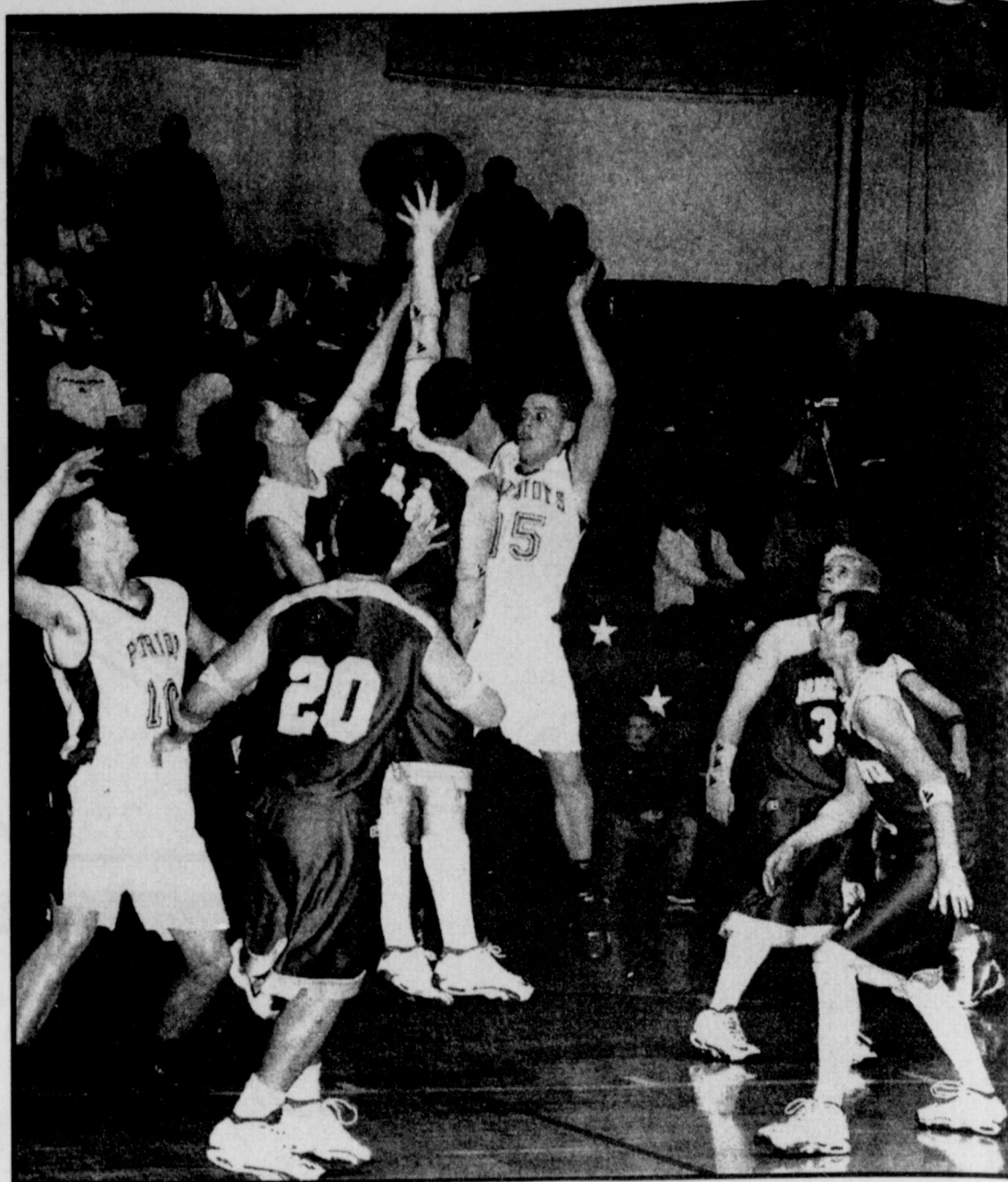
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Britney Martin took a shot in the middle of a host of Lady Pirates in basketball action recently.



BRYAN MURDOCK battled a couple of Pirates in basketball action last week. The Patriots clobbered the Pirates 82-27.

Lady Pats dominate Lady Pirates

The Lady Patriots totally dominated the game on Tuesday night, November 26, 2002 as they hosted the James Bowie Lady Pirates. Once again, junior Brittany Ballard took top honors on the boards with 15 points. Leslie Davis was second with 11. Lacy Davis had 8, Amanda Nichols, Britney Martin and Mallory Price each had 7, Jodie Bybee and Nikki Bybee each scored 4.

The ladies took the ball running in the first quarter as they added up 23 and held the Lady Pirates to only 2 points. The second quarter was much the same with 15 from the Lady Pats and James

Bowie another 2 points to make the score read 38-4.

Third quarter added another 15 points from the girls as Coach Brandon Oates steadily subbed all players into the game. The final quarter only saw a lone shot from James Bowie as Prairiland scored 10 more to make the score 63-8. The girls shot 11-25 from the free-throw line.

In the boys match, the game was not quite so one-sided as Prairiland kept the win at home 82-27. Blake Smith led the Pats with 20 points followed by Bryan Murdock and Shawn Steinkamp with 12 each.

Pats named to All District list

Thirteen Prairiland Patriots took honors on the 17-2A All District listing for the 2002 football season. Senior Eric Berry grabbed the prestigious Offensive MVP rushing for 1,487 yards and averaged 5.6 yards per carry. The Prairiland coaching staff was named as the Coaches of the Year for leading the team to their first ever district title with a 9-2 season.

Other Offensive honors went to: Cody Hicks-junior-first team re-

ceiver. Clay Vaughn-senior-first team tight end. Seth Walker-junior, Taylor Brewer-senior and Chris Basinger-senior were all named to the first team linemen squad.

Other Defensive honors went to: Justin Elrod-senior-first team linebacker. Brenton Norwood-senior-first team defensive end. Seth Walker-junior, Taylor Brewer-senior were also named first team defensive lineman.

2002-2003 Patriot Boys Basketball Schedule

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 Tourney	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
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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
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Mr. and Mrs. Couch observe 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Couch (Jack and Ruth) celebrated their 65th anniversary on Sunday, November 17 at the China Star Restaurant in Paris. Helping them celebrate were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Jackie and Anita Couch of Bogata and Johnny and Nina Couch of Welsh, LA. They received many cards and calls from family and friends.

Ida Lou Read celebrates 90th birthday

Ida Lou Read celebrated her 90th birthday on November 23 with friends and family in Deport. Mrs. Read was born in 1912 in Deport, one of three children born to Lee and Amanda Lawler. Her brothers are J.D. Lawler of Lewisville and the late Russell Lawler of Deport. She was married to the late Kenneth Read of Deport for 62 years. She has one son, Kay Read and wife Joy of College Station; three grandchildren, Sherra Read of Elgin, Ken Read and wife Kristi of Wray, CO and Kevin Read and wife Terri of Port Solerno, FL. She has two great-grandchildren, Kenneth and Theresa Read of Wray, CO. On Saturday, November 23, John and Sue Cross of Detroit and Abby Strickland of Deport took her to dinner at the Fish Fry in Paris. Her family arrived in Deport for the Thanksgiving holidays to celebrate her birthday and Thanksgiving together. They treated her to dinner at the fish Fry in Paris. She received many calls, cards and kindnesses from family and friends.

Local students included in Who's Who

Students from this area included in the 36th annual edition of Who's Who Aong American High School Students, 2001-2002 include:
 Blossom: Jamie Allen, Ashley Athas, Kathryn Branham, Amber Philpot, Robert Robertson, Jill Self, Randal Smith, Brandon Walker, Brandon Wright, Ashley Anderson, Emilee Bolton, Gary Malone, Brandon Ricks, Jennifer Scallan, Catherine Smith, Hardy Stewardson, Amanda Williams
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JUDY HAMM is this week's Employee of the Week at Deport School campus. Her hobbies include sewing, drawing and photography. She is a cook, server and dishwasher at Deport school and says it has been very exciting to be put in charge of Mexico Mission trip for the church last year. Her significant others include her wonderful husband, David; five children; three daughters-in-law; on son-in-law; one fiance and eight grandchildren. Her favorite book is the bible; favorite candy bar is anything with caramel in it; flavor, cherry; time of year, summer; sport, exercise w/ weights; music, southern gospel. Her favorite quote is the Bible lets us know, we don't have to bear our burdens alone.

New Arrivals

Rusty and Amber Ramsey of Pittsburg proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Brooke Delight Ramsey, born on November 1, 2002 at Titus County Regional Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 1 ozs. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Toni (Hawkins) and Preston Combest and Bill Ramsey all of Pittsburg and the late Nancy Golden Ramsey. Brooke has two great grandmothers, Lucille York Hawkins Childers of Johntown and Pittsburg and Dorothy Golden Morton of Paris.

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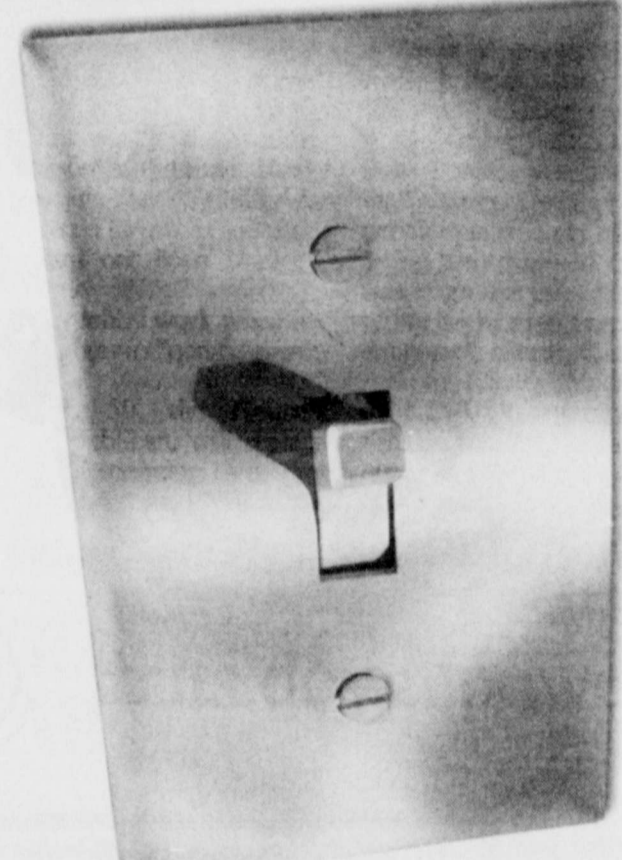
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PATTONVILLE NEWS
 By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Keith Parsons, Jill Hoover, Kirk Ingram, Donald Bob Merritt, Thomas McDowra, Sandra Brown, Anna McDowra, Jay Curt McKee, Nora McDowra, Randy Clarkson, Iva Lee Kennemer, Kent Wright, Loren Lee Ann Gibson, Faye Ausmus, Isabel Underwood, Jane Sherr.

Happy anniversary to Mervin and Colleen Slaton, Artie and Linda Clark.

President Gary Ballard presided at the November meeting of the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association when it met at PJC ballroom last Monday. Sarah Gambill and Becky Skiner presented the program. Nina Sparks, Clara Nance, Peggy Parsons, Dee Bonham, Wayne and Karen Beard, Rachel Braswell, Juanita Bowman, Eleanor Chapman, Rhea Brown, Anna Davis, Miriam Epps, James Cunningham, Pauline Fodge, Lillian Hickman, Alva Lee Jordan, Ray and Iva Lee Kennemer, Earlene McFritage, Sarah Smith, Henry and Marchita Thielman, Ellen Whitaker, Sue Anderson, Margaret Clement, Anderson Parsons, Earline Pool, Martha Robinson, J.M. Spring and Cleo Moseley were among those attending. Dan and Patsy Gose were hosts.

Nina Sparks, James Cunningham, Marylon Huml and Peggy Parsons decorated the Christmas tree in the lobby of Christ St. Joseph's North Campus last week.

Jessie and Frances Anderson and Lorraine Reid of Paris visited Grady and Carol Ann Reid in Fayetteville, AR during the holidays. Joining them were Tim and Terri Stowers and sons of Elkins, AR and Dave and Kandy McEntire and girls of Springfield, MO.

Attending an Anderson family reunion in the home of Helen Northam in Paris Sunday were Ronnie and Patricia Northam of Commerce, Josh and Tricia Northam of Dallas, Tate Northam of Paris, Stanley and Susan Crutchfield and Ashley Bailey, Charles and Jeanne Northam of Slate Shoals, Kyle and Tori

from the book "Where Will You Be When You Get Where You Are Going". A covered dish super was served. The next meeting will be January 6.

Delbert Haskins of Irving visited Jesse and Frances Anderson Monday and they attended the funeral of Elvis Wright.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elvis Wright, 96, who died Friday.

June Burdine of Sylvan, Keith and Peggy Parsons attended grandparents day at Dallas Christian Tuesday where Ty and Haley Parsons are students and Tonya Parsons is a kindergarten teacher. Ty and Haley accompanied them home for the holidays.

Bill Blevins, Sandy Ring and Audra Rooks attended Ashleigh McLean's basketball game Monday, Ruby D. Blevins visited Lyman Rooks.

Alice Ruth Gravett of Reno brought Thanksgiving dinner to Bill and Ruby Blevins. Ashley McLean, Sandy Ring and Mickey Keener were visitors during the week.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Jesse Newsom at Parkview Nursing Home Saturday.

Visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons during the holidays were Mark and Tonya Parsons, Ty and Haley, Greg, Alisen, Davis and Karyn Leigh, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah, Nina Sparks, Maranda Smith and Mallory Owen.

Congratulations to Ollie Lee of Paris who attended the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services from May-November. He maintained a B average and took his test on his 65th birthday and didn't miss a day in the six months of school. He is now a licensed funeral director and is employed at Bright-Holland Funeral Home in Paris. Attending his graduation were daughter Sherry and Sammy Gist, Blade and Sean of Clarksville, wife Ruth, his preacher and church family members. He is the son of Frank and Edna Lee of Milton.

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BY BETTY RODGERS
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Bill Baker, Jr and wife of Ada, OK stopped by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dugger, Jr.'s for a visit Saturday.

Kutchie King spent last Monday with Jimmie King.

Gilbert and Melissa Arriaga, Monte and Sephanie Rodgers and Melissa Kelley had dinner Thanksgiving evening with Betty Rodgers.

Kay and Dave German of Whitney came Tuesday and stayed until Saturday with her mother, Jimmy King.

Visitors during the holidays with Clovis and Katy VanDeaver were Lanna VanDeaver of Trinity, Linda Salter of Brady, Tiffany Stubblefield and children, Ty and Jacy of Centerville.

Duane and Bobby King spent Wednesday, Randy and Janice Osburn and girls of Midlothian visited Friday and Saturday and Dick King of Paris visited Saturday with Jimmy King.

Katy and Clovis VanDeaver attended the chili supper held at the Paris Cattleman's Livestock Commission Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Denison of Rosalie were hosts for a family Thanksgiving dinner at their home. Attending were Clovis and Katy VanDeaver of Fulbright, Carlos and Betty Denison of Deport, Linda Salter of Brady, Lanna VanDeaver of Trinity, Tiffany, Ty and Jacy Stubblefield of Centerville, Charlotte and Tony Velasco of Austin, James and Vivi VanDeaver of Paris, Gordon and Helen VanDeaver of Pattonville, Kimberly and Derek Equizabel of Arlington, Michael Pirtle of Denton, Mitzie and Gary Pirtle of Paris, Dru Denison and friend Kim of Denton.

James Latimer is back in Bogata Nursing Home after being ill in the hospital.

Kay and Dave German and Jimmy King had thanksgiving dinner with Dave and Diane Eudy at Sulphur Bluff.

T here will be a pre-Christmas dinner at the community center December 16 for everyone. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

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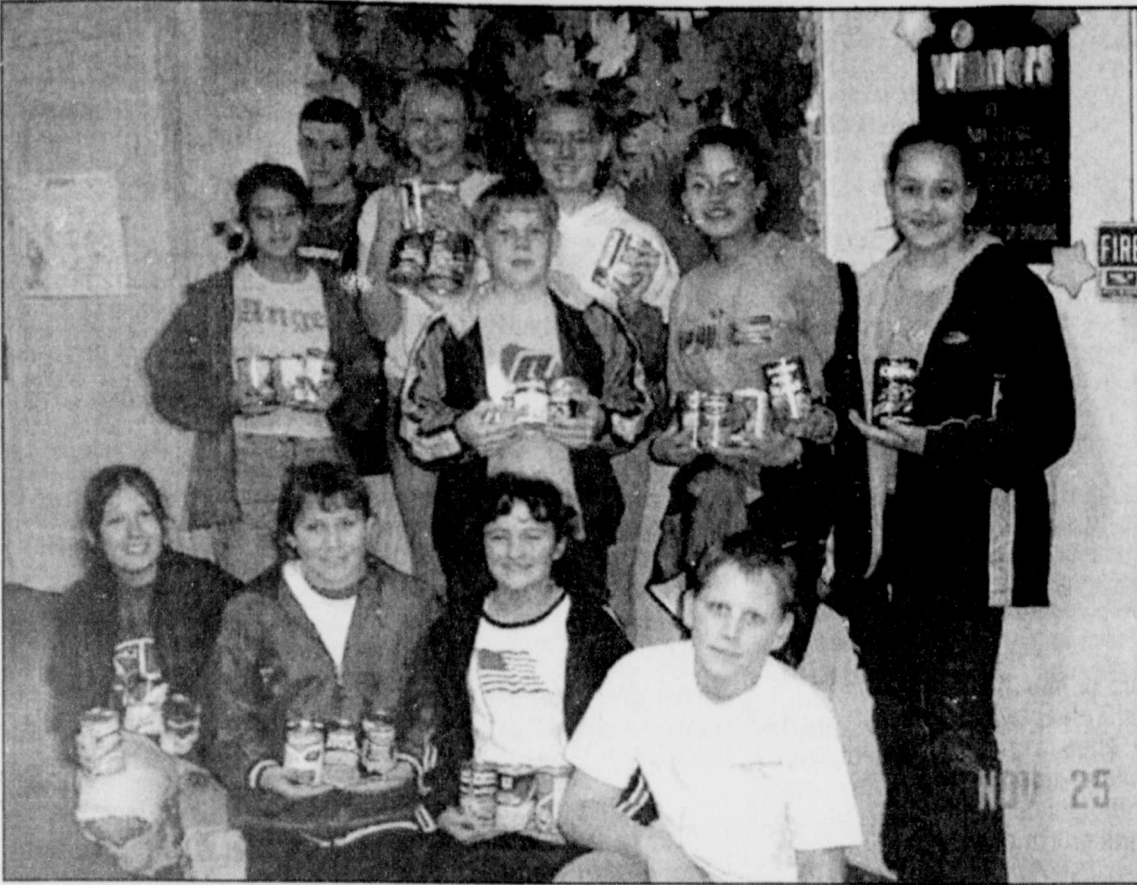
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KINDERGARTEN dressed up as Indians in Mrs. Boren's class to celebrate Thanksgiving. Front row: Julia, Melissa, Jaylan, Kodee, Christy, Kristen, And Abby. Back row: Angela, Maloree, Clinton, Dillon, Jimmy, Blaine, Aaron, & Tyler.



MRS. FREEMAN'S Kindergarten class made Indian costumes for Thanksgiving. Each student had to earn their feathers for their headbands.



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Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Grandwood Wims, Chris Berry of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wims and Brendan of Arlington and Michelle Berry of Dallas spent Thanksgiving with Ruth Cheatham.

Duane and Martha Glover, Hale Glover, Jerome and Betsy Chapman and Peyton, Ty Merritt and David Glover flew to Albuquerque, NM and drove to Santa Fe for the weekend.

Tina Davis, former student of Nina Sparks in Dallas and Juanita Davis were visitors of Nina.

Happy birthday to Stacy Huddleston, Regina Flenniken, T.H. Gover, Clarence Wright, Jason Minter, Jay Curt McKee, Keith Parsons, Robbie Wright, Sonny Davis, Leslie Davis, Ruth Cheatham, Casey Gage, Janell Waggoner, Jason Chumbley, John Bratteli, Kay Wright, Susan Singleton Jones, Trina Keys, Lacy Gresham, Nora McDowra.

Happy anniversary to Colleen and Mervin Slaton.

Hugh Jeffus had thanksgiving lunch with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols.

Garrel and Christy Dean, Chase and Amanda Kate and Jeff Jeffus visited with Tom and Sherry Kerwin over the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Crystal Folsie, Johnathan and Caitlyn visited her father, John Simmons of Memphis, Tennessee over the holiday.

They also visited with her grandparents Nancy and Roberts Simmonds near Memphis and Craig's parents, Johnny and Ruth Crabtree in Little Rock, Arkansas.


Light show returns

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Reba Temple spent last Sunday through Wednesday with her son, Bruce Temple and his wife Debbie in Corinth. On Wednesday they, along with her grandson, Clint Temple, went to Lubbock and spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Temple, Sr., Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Temple, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Macha.

dark until 9:30 each evening, except on rainy nights. Admission is free but donations to help defray the cost of electricity and labor will be accepted. To get to the show, go 13 miles east of Rattan, OK, turn north on Turkey Creek Landing Road, go two miles and turn left at the Allen's sign.



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Being involved in his community, including local 4-H clubs, the Junior Livestock Association and FFA, as well as serving on the Lone Star Land Bank Board, keeps

Dr. Kraft busy outside of the office. Most importantly, he believes in spending time with his family, making sure he never neglects this part of his life.

Besides this year's award from the TVMA, where he served as President in 1995, Dr. Kraft has received many honors throughout his career. He was named Paris Boss of the Year in 1991. He is also an FFA Honorary State Farmer and received the Friend of Youth 4-H award from the Lamar County 4-H Council.

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Some \$16,000 of the \$46,000 is to be distributed to nursing applicants over the next year, and the remainder is to be invested and added to each year following the Foundation's annual giving campaign.

Scholarships will be available to qualified applicants who are residents of Lamar County and who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or seeking an advanced degree in the field. Successful candidates will also be required to work for a minimum of one year at CHRISTUS St.

Joseph's Health System or to repay scholarship funds. Preference will be given those applicants who are currently working to become a RN and Associates who have a good work record at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's.

In order to help ease the nursing faculty shortage, some scholarships will be specifically targeted for RNs who are pursuing a master's degree in nursing and agree to teach at PJC School of Nursing for a period of time following graduation.

The Foundation also administers the Courtney M. Townsend Scholarship, which is open to those pursuing a career in the health field. The recipient for the Spring, 2003, will soon be announced.

Applications for all Foundation scholarships will be available at

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The Foundation earmarked proceeds from this year's gala to help meet the increasing nursing shortage, which is being felt both locally and nationwide. CHRISTUS St. Joseph's currently has a 15 percent vacancy rate among its registered nurses, and it is expected that the need for additional nurses will grow as the maturing "baby boomer" generation grows older.

The Foundation also plans its annual giving campaign in December, with mailings planned at that time.

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Prairiland Campus Week of December 9

- Monday**
Pizza with cheese
Corn
Tossed salad
Fruit cocktail
Milk
- Tuesday**
Beef taco
Mexican beans
Salad
Yellow cake
Milk
- Wednesday**
Steak fingers
Mashed potatoes
Gravy, biscuits
Green beans
Milk
- Thursday**
Vegetable soup
Cheese sticks
Cornbread
Crackers
Peach cobbler
Milk
- Friday**
Hamburger on bun
Lettuce, tomato
Pinto beans
Fruit cocktail
Milk

School Menu



Deport Campus Week of December 9

- Monday**
Breakfast:
Breakfast pizza, juice
Milk
Lunch:
Hamburger
Lettuce, tomato
Potato chips
Baked beans
Ice cream
Milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast:
Cereal, peaches
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Barbeque weiners
Macaroni and cheese
English peas
Milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast:
Apple pie, breakfast burrito
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Steak fingers
Potatoes, gravy
Okra
Biscuit
Milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast:
Biscuits, gravy, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Pizza with cheese topping
Salad
Corn
Spice cake
Milk
- Friday**
Breakfast:
Cereal, muffin
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chili cheese Fritos
Seasoned pinto beans
Pineapple chunks
Milk

School Menu



Blossom Campus Week of December 9

- Monday**
Pizza with cheese
Salad
Apples
Milk
- Tuesday**
Taco salad
Pinto beans
Yellow cake
Milk
- Wednesday**
Chicken nuggets
Potatoes
Green beans
Milk
- Thursday**
Vegetable beef soup
Cheese sticks
Dill pickles
Crackers
Chocolate chip cookies
Milk
- Friday**
Hamburger on bun
Lettuce, tomato
Potato chips
Peaches
Fruit cocktail

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will-his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.
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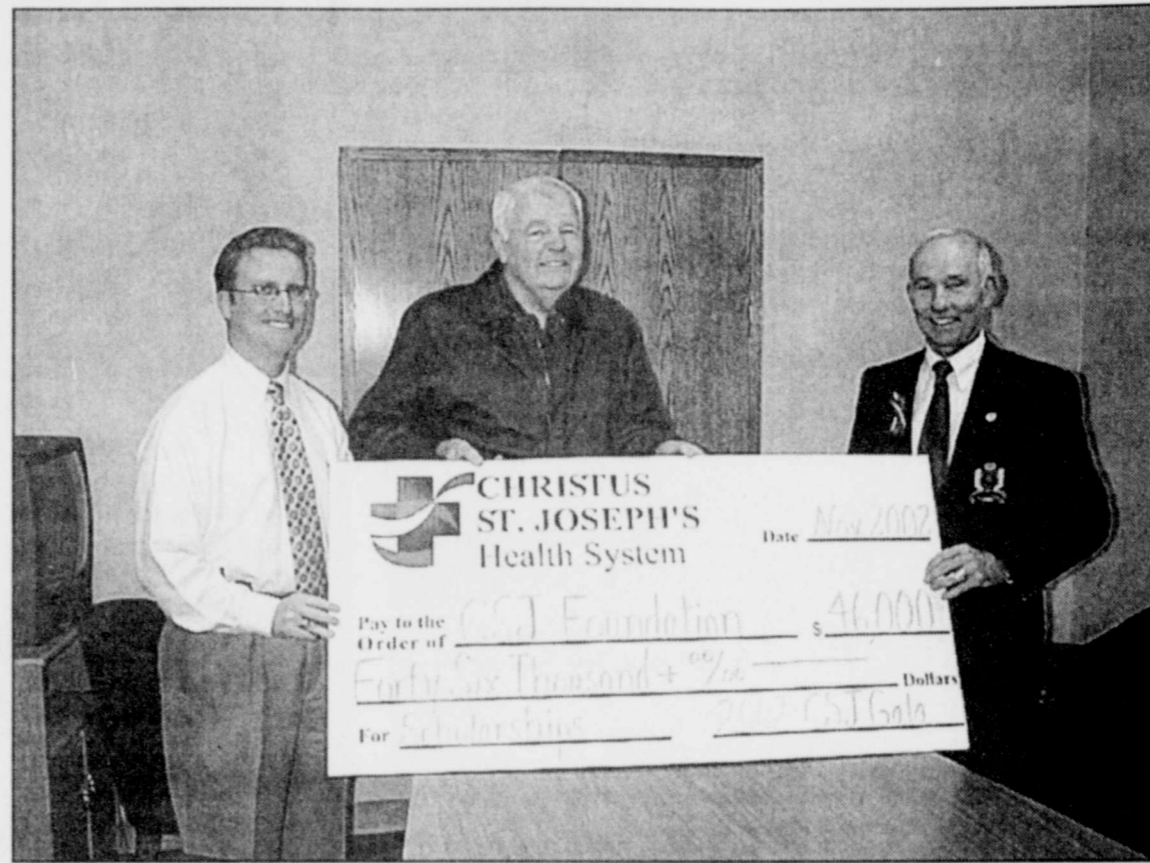
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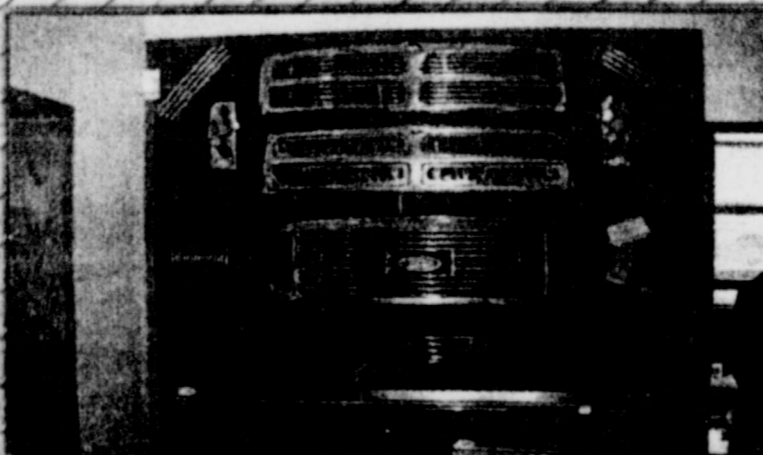
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A tour of the Maxey House will also be available for an additional \$2.00. This year's theme is Topiary Tidings. Live music will be performed in the parlor by the Paris Chamber Ensemble, Arvin Starrett, Charles Shelton and Linda Flannery.

Maxey House decorations will be on display from December 8 through 29.

GED testing scheduled

Testing for the General Education Development (GED) will be held at Paris Junior College on December 3 and 4, according to Linda Miles, Student Development Center.

All students desiring to test must report at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 to room 205 of the McLemore Student Center on the PJC campus. Students must provide a valid Texas Driver's License or Department of Transportation ID and a social security card along with the

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Individuals who are age 17 or younger are required to provide additional documents. They will need to call the Student Development Center at (903) 782-0426 for instructions prior to registering.

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THE JUNIOR HIGH Lady Patriots hosted the lady Rebels of Rivercrest Monday for district play. The young Patriots posted a 20 to 6 win.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch



Willie Lee of Rugby visited his brother Frank Lee on Saturday. Katlyn and Kayla Spray of Blossom spent Wednesday night with their grandparents, Susan and Phillip Roach.

Velma and John Temple, Tim Salter, Selina Bell and Edna Towers had lunch together in Paris Thanksgiving Day.

Having Thanksgiving dinner with James and Dorothy Holt were Johnny and Kathy Holt, Kay and Ronnie Preston of Minter, Barbara and Jake Maurischat of Lone Oak, Renea and Ryan Cope of Pattonville, Tim Parks of Faught, and Dale and Lorie Williams and Alexis and Haley of Paris.

Visiting Don Upchurch over the holidays were his children and grandchildren, Shaw Allen, Sheldon and Andrew of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kelly and Lang Fong, Dilon and Jake of London, England, Tracy Upchurch of Las Cruces, NM, Steve Upchurch of Wichita, Kansas and friend Heather Smith of Petty.

Claudell Powell of Queen City and Susie Evans of Pattonville visited their sister Edna Lee on Thursday.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro spent Thanksgiving Day with their aunt Elizabeth Bell.

Visitors of Ann and Shelton Lee over the Thanksgiving Holidays were; Rayna and B.J. Hedrick, Emily and Canyon, of Pasadena, Ron and Janet Harvey, Lauren and Sarah of Port Neches, Trey Lee of Wichita, Kansas, and Jerry and Pam Harvey, Jana, Elisa, and Amanda, and fiancée Jeff all of Plano.

Phillip and Susan Roach spent Thanksgiving Day with their daughter and family, Beth and Cory Spray and girls of Blossom.

John and Velma Temple went to Corinth Friday for their family Thanksgiving get-to-gather at the home of his daughter and husband, Colleen and Wayne Watson, Austin and Hannah. Others attending were Hattie Hobbs, Helen Temple, David Hobbs and son Jayson and Enri Dickson all of Paris, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Temple and Jake of Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Casey & Blair of Carrollton, Bryan Casey of College Station, Mr & Mrs. Kenneth Pearce & Amanda of Houston, Brantley Pearce of Surcey, AR and Alyssa Brennan of Allen.

Jerry and Pam Harvey and daughters, Jana, Elisa & Amanda and her fiancée Jeff of Plano visited Mary Elaine Lawler and Mattylu Upchurch, Friday.

Family of Edna and Frank Lee had Thanksgiving Day, dinner with them. one's present were Ruby Lee of Dallas, Ruth Johnston, Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris, Danille Johnston of Garland, Kay Bowling, Kasey, Monica & Allison, David Smith, Steve and Vickie Reeves, Jim and T.J. Chappell and Nita Bowling.

Nell Shull spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister-in-law La Rue Gillingsworth of Athens, TX.

Edna Lee visited her sisters and brothers at the home of her sister Pat Merritt of Pattonville, Thursday evening.

Visitors over the holidays and having Thanksgiving dinner with

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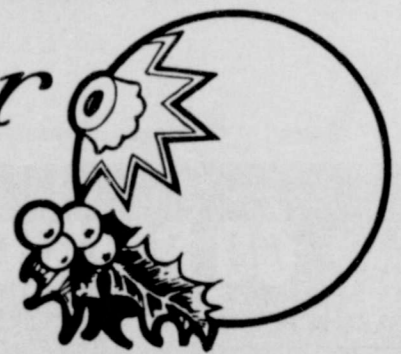
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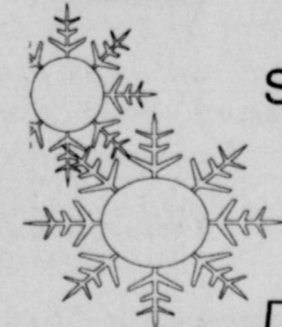
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Sales
CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. MA t/c

PRESTONWOOD Flea Market, inside and outside spaces. Open Th-Fri-Sat-Sun, 8 to 6. Paris' newest flea market. Hwy. 19&24 across from Chisum School. Air conditioned. 784-6869. MA t/c

FAMILY OF 5 SALE: Starting 8 a.m. Friday thru Saturday til noon. Furniture, clothes and Christmas decorations. A little bit of everything. Cheap at 294 Jeffus St., Deport. Wood for sale, 903-652-2907. 12-5

GARAGE SALE: 110 N. Bryson, Bogata. December 6 & 7, 8 a.m. until ?? Heaters, too much to mention. 12-5

MISCELLANEOUS MULTI-FAMILY Sale: Furniture, dishes, clothes, waterbed, lots of new items. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Old shop at edge of Pattonville on 271S. 12-5

ESTATE SALE: Saturday, 8 a.m., 229 Depot St., Deport. 12-5

SELLING OUT: Store & warehouse merchandise, 803 E. Main St. Clarksville, TX. Smith Trading Co. 10 AM- 5:00 PM daily. Holiday shopping at wholesale prices or below. Tee shirts, leather vest, decorative home accessories, southwest, waterfall pictures, lighted pictures, silk flowers, swags, grapevine wreaths, decorative flags, fiber optic eagles, porcelain dolls, teddy bears, skate boards, metal signs, John Deere, Ford, Lots more merchandise. Dealers welcome. 12-19

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

LOST BETWEEN Pattonville and Blossom on FM196, hub cap and fender skirt from '58 Chevy. 903-982-5948. 12-12nc

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

WANTED
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

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

HELP WANTED: Red River Healthcare, Bogata, evening cook, 11:30-6:30 shift. Experience preferred but will train. Please apply in person with Alice Perry at RRRHC. MA 12-19

FREE
FREE TO 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. 12-5nc

PETS
AMHA REGISTERED miniature bay stallion, 8 mos. old, son of Hanking Hanna's Shoe Button (Buttons), member of the animal Hall of Fame. Apache would be a great child's Christmas gift, \$500. 903-427-5435. MA 12-5

Briggle accepts Golden Key membership

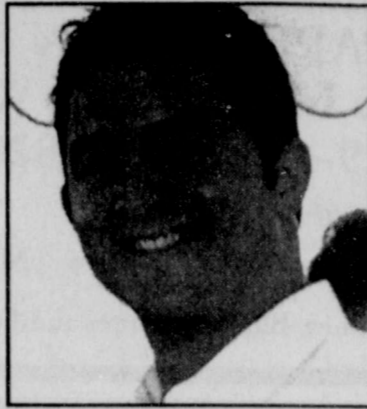
Jarrold Briggle of Blossom has accepted membership into the Golden Key International Honour Society at Texas Tech University and was individual honored during a campus ceremony.

Membership into the society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors. Jarrod is in pre-medical.

Members are motivated by the challenge not only to be recog-

nized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on the world through the society's commitment to service.

Jarrold is the son of Jerrell and Shelley Briggle, grandson of Bill and Laverne Briggle and Bill and Mary Lou Coe. Great grandmother is Alma Skidmore, all of Paris.



Jarrold Briggle

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VISITING RUTH CHAPMAN for the Thanksgiving holiday was her brother, Larry Stowe and his wife, Sharon and son, Jeff Stowe and his son Chris (not pictured) from Iowa. They drove 10 hours to see her.

Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Melba Ladd Baker.

Sympathy is extended to the Elvis Wright family. Elvis died November 29 and was the father of Juanita and Silas Taylor.

The Almer and Alma Norwood family celebrated thanksgiving at the home of Canard and Delores Norwood. Joining them for lunch were Frances Franklin, Darold, Ida Mae and Shelia Norwood, James and Pat Norwood, Rodney, Hunter, Erika and Hanna Norwood, Tracy and Brenton Norwood, Todd, Mendy, Lacy and Kelby Cole, Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Geneva Norwood, Ricky, Pam, Haley and Mattie Norwood, Teresa and Seth Smith and Kelty Mowery.

The Odis and Marie Watson family gathered at the old Musgrove Store to give Thanksgiving Thursday. Those attending were Nelta and Johnnie Musgrove, Billie and Blain Smith, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Geneva Norwood, Billy

Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Kaylee Lane, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Scotty, Treda and spur Norwood, Amber and Matt Galloway, Frankie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Dean and Ada Watson, Deanna Reese and Ruston Blevins, Dillon Gibson, Brooklyn Legate, Brad, Rachel, Bradlee, Brett and Gavin Watson, Bruce Watson, Vickie, Roy, lacy and Jesse Davis, Johnny, Jenna and Johnna Patterson, Ginny Brown, J.D. Moss and daughter and Tommy King.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats had an early Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday. Joining them were Geneva Norwood, Billie Joe and Georgia Oats, Ronnie and Raylene Nutt, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane.

The Taylor Ladd family met thanksgiving day at the Cunningham Community Center. Attending were Taylor, Melba Baker, Andy and Danielle Syrus, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy, Jeff and Zak Kennedy, Heath, Missy, Laytner an Layker Kennedy, Shirley Ladd, Chad, Tuttle and Allie Whitley, T.L., Carol and Briggete Ladd, Bailey, Brittney and Aden Gant, Swede Ladd, Steve and Carolyn Ladd, Craig, Meredith and Chandler Ladd, John, Shelley and Paul Landers.

Sunday guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Natalie and Benjamin Hutchison and Rick and Teresa Mannis.

Erika Norwood spent the weekend with James and Pat Norwood. She and Pat went shopping Friday. Mendy and Kelby joined them for lunch Sunday.

Shelia Norwood spent the holidays with Darold and Ida mae Norwood, Del and John Walker visited them Thursday afternoon.

Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Jamie Syrus and Kaylee

Sawyer had lunch with Mike and Joan Stribbling Thanksgiving day. Julie and Ann Doyle went to Rockwall Shopping Saturday.

Scotty, Treda and Spur Norwood and Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove had lunch with Ross and Laura Miller Thursday.

Amber and Matt Galloway spent Thanksgiving with his grandfather, Doug Williams in Oklahoma. Casey and Chaney Galloway spent the weekend with them and Marcie and Cade visited Sunday.

Pam O'Neal had thanksgiving with her family in Winnsboro Sunday.

Teresa and Jamie Smith ate at the Fish Fry Saturday. Teresa and Kelty shopped in Paris Friday.

Billy Ray and Neva Oats and Kaylee Lane saw the Rockettes perform in Grand Prairie Friday. They ate at West End in Dallas and had a buggy ride. They spent the night and Marsha Oats and Brad and Georjeana Nutt joined them Saturday to shop.

Geneva Norwood had her family and Marcie and Cade and chance Bankhead as guest Sunday.

The Bill King family had thanksgiving with Leonard and Billie ford. Around forty family and friends enjoyed lunch together.

Canard and Delores Norwood ate with Teresa and Jamie Smith Wednesday. Frances Franklin visited with Canard and Delores Friday.



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KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹	LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1 ⁴⁹ All Kinds 99¢	DORITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3 ²⁹ \$2 ⁶⁹	GLADIOLA CORN BREAD MIX White & Yellow 4/\$1	FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$2 ¹⁹	SURF DETERGENT 31-40 Ld. \$4 ⁴⁹	PARADE HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DRESSING Reg. & Lite 16 Oz. Squeeze \$2 ¹⁹	TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 69¢ TOWN TALK BROWN & SERVE ROLLS 2/\$1
BANANAS 49¢ Lb. GREEN ONION 3/\$1	PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$1 ⁹⁹ ORANGES 49¢ Lb.	APPLES 59¢ Lb. TOMATOES 99¢ Lb.	MALT O MEAL CEREAL Marshmallow Mateys 14 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ Tootie Fruitee 15 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ Honey Nut Toasty Os 14 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹ Golden Puffs 18 Oz. \$1 ¹⁹	NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS 12 Oz. \$2 ²⁹ OREOS All Kinds 16-20 Oz. \$2 ⁶⁹	COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER 2 Liter 99¢ 12 Pk. \$2 ⁹⁹ 3 Liter \$1 ⁷⁹ 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1 ⁹⁹		