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Love They Enemas!

I have had a story published nationally. Of course, it's only in Gall's, a emergency and law enforcement supply catalog, but I still got a kick out of nationally known cartoonist doing the artwork for the story. After receiving notification of the publication, I found myself wondering why I hadn't shared it with my readers! So, with the names locations changed to protect anyone, here's the story.

A 911 call came in several years ago from a very incoherent elderly woman begging for help. We finally found out that she was an elderly woman who lived with a relative, and she was all alone. She couldn't really give a location, and only her first name. I'll refer to her as "Miss Agnes". The rescue truck was going door to door trying to locate this poor woman. Thomas and I were in our own vehicle, checking door to door. It finally hit me that Miss Agnes lived outside of town just a little, so we headed out there immediately, fire truck not too far behind.

We whipped into the driveway of the house, and I bailed out to be confronted by three or four snapping dogs. I ignored them, hoping I wouldn't feel teeth sinking into my leg. Sure enough, when I reached the screen door, there was this poor woman in her wheelchair at the door.

"Miss Agnes, I called loudly, "do you need help?"

"Oh yes, hon, please help me, I'm sooooo sick," she moaned.

I stepped into the living room and the woman grabbed my arm in a grip that would do a wrestler proud. Unable to pull away, I began to ask this woman, nearly 90 years old, what the problem was.

Looking up at me with stricken eyes she said (just in time for the rest of the responders to hear) "I NEED AN ENEMA SOOOO BAD." At that point, I was ready to go back outside and take my chance with the dogs.

With everyone else standing at the door watching, I was literally pulling her around and around the room in her wheelchair, desperately trying to get her to release me. Everyone was trying not to laugh while I tried to explain that First Responders don't DO THAT.

The care taking relative arrived, having gone to the pharmacy to get the woman a laxative. She had become confused about the time and thought she had been alone for hours, prompting her 911 call.

I took a lot of ribbing about this, and it has been suggested the rescue truck could carry the proper equipment on board for me to use if it ever became necessary.

When someone tells a "war story" about a stressful call, I explain they haven't had to pry an elderly lady's fingers off of their arm while trying to explain why they can't administer enemas!

The uncanny thing about the cartoon that accompanies the story in the magazine is that the cartoonist must have known "Miss Agnes" and me...because it is uncanny! the likenesses are amazing...and also copyrighted, so they can't appear here! Drop by sometime, and I'll show you, it's hilarious.

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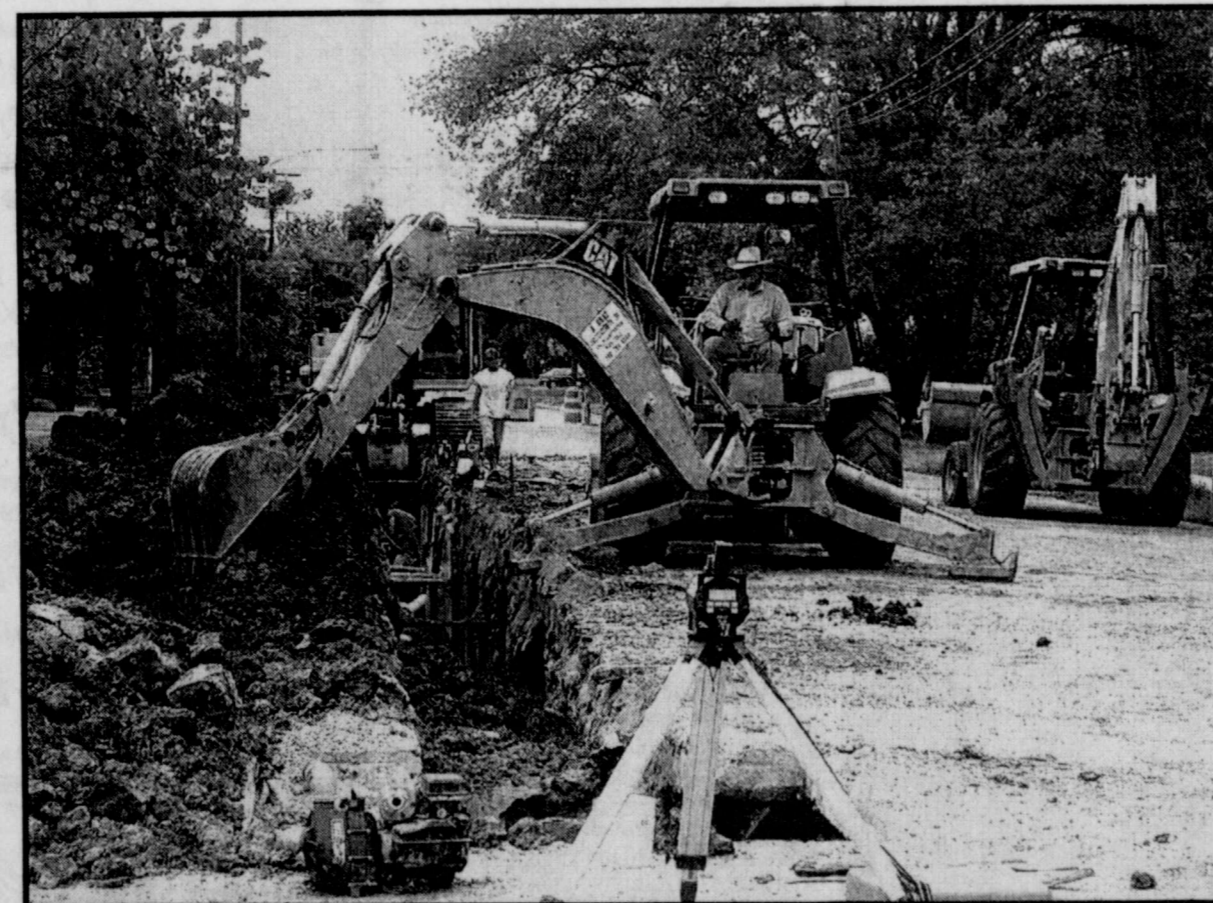
DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, August 30, 2001

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FIRST PLACE AT CHISUM TOURNAMENT! The Prairiland Lady Patriots won first place at the Chisum Tournament held recently. Pictured are, back row, Britney Martin, Amanda Nichols, Kami Hudson, Emilee Bolton, Coach Sessuims, Coach Schuster, Nikki Bybee, Raynie Skidmore. Bottom row: Lacy Davis, Whitney Turner, Megan Graham.



STREET CLOSED temporarily. Monroe street has been shut down during working hours while new sewer lines are being installed. Contractors appreciate your patience.
Staff Photo By Mike Francies

Local media honored

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols, along with Liz Irwin of Thunder Prairie Publishing were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, by Prairiland ISD.

The media honor roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 400 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included media representative's efforts to get to now the superintendent, board president and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate

these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students and school board. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Troy Simmons, TASB president.

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution to add names of media from their communities. The 2001 Media Honor Roll will appear in the August/September issue of TASB's *Texas Lone Star*, and certificates were created for presentation at the local level.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$25 billion and employ more than 520,000 people.

School Board holds called meeting on proposed tax rate

Prairiland ISD Board met in a called meeting on Monday, August 20 with Downs, Ray, Basinger, Sessuims, Perry and Patterson attending. Bankhead did not attend due to a trip to India.

The public meeting was held to discuss budget and proposed tax rate for the 2001-2002 school year.

Following the called meeting, the board met in regular session.

The budget amendments for 2000-2001 school year were approved unanimously.

The 2001-2002 school year budget at \$6,146,887.75 was adopted and the tax rate of \$1.42 for 2001-2002 school year also was adopted.

The tax rate of \$0.00 debt service

was adopted and McClanahan & Holmes was approved as auditor for the 2001-2002 school year.

The ESL annual report and migrant annual report were approved.

No action was taken on cost reduction plan for TEA.

Mr. Morton was given permission to apply for school repair and renovation grants. James Morton, Buddy Freeman and Lisa Martin were given access to school safe deposit box. Application for waivers for class size at Blossom and Deport carried unanimously.

The board decided to participate in State Employee Health Insurance for the 2002 school year.

PATS select participants

On Thursday, August 23, the selection committee for Prairiland's Gifted/Talented Program met to select additional participants for the 2001-2002 school year.

Selection for PATS was based on students' performance on the Test of Cognitive Skills, grades 3-5 or the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, grades 6-9, the Terra Nova Reading and Math Tests, grade 3 or the TAAS Reading and Math Tests, grades 4-9 and the Torrance Creative Thinking Test.

In addition, teachers evaluated students using the Behavior Characteristics for Superior Students Scale.

The following students met the required standards for selection to the PATS program: Sean Dodson, Jordan Chapman, Kati Evans, Allison Wolf, Justin James and Clayton Thomas, grade 3; Blake Gordon and Tommy Kuehn, grade 4; Jacob Todd, grade 5; Landon Syrus, grade 6; Justin Wright, grade 8; and Laura Barnes, Brent Burden and Brandon Wright, grade 9.

At present there are 90 students in grades 3-12 participating in the PATS program, which represents approximately 9% of Prairiland's student population.

Cemetery donations received

Cunningham Restland Cemetery has received the following donations from May 22 through August 24:

In memory of Clyde Slusher from Fred M. Allen.

In memory of Mary Norman from Bill Roberts.

Other donations were from Jane Roddy, Dudley Batch, Uvalda Landrum, Joyce Rinehart, Ira Norman, Bertha Anderson, Dean Ogden, Nell Baldwin and Floyd Daniel.

City Hires Vancouvering

The Deport City Council met in a called meeting Friday August 24 to vote on the hiring of Emma Vancouvering as assistant to Water Superintendent Charles Reavis. Ms. Vancouvering and her two children have recently moved to Deport from Louisiana.

Lady Pats claim gold at Chisum

The Lady Patriot volleyball theme for 2001 is "Showtime", how fitting because that is exactly what they did this past weekend at the 7th Annual Chisum Volleyball Tournament; Entertainment! The Prairiland squad dominated pool play on Friday against Dodd City, Community and Mt Vernon scoring 89 points to opponents 44 points behind Emilee Bolton's 25 kills, Megan Graham's 56 assists and the serving of Britney Martin, Amanda Nichols and Graham.

Saturday's play was truly "Showtime 2001" as the Lady Patriots met each opponent, Red Water, Wolfe City and Van Alstyne with intensity and purpose. They dashed Red Water 15-2; 15-6 before dispensing with Wolfe City 15-2 and

15-10. The grand finals against Van Alstyne was 15-6 and 15-12, a crowd pleasing game with the Lady Pats battling back from a 2-9 deficit in the final game to claim first place.

Stats for the final game were Kami Hudson, 13 kills; Bolton, 10 kills and 3 blocks; Graham 30 assists and overall phenomenal play. Martin garnered 11 service points and Graham earned the tournament MVP title. Hudson and Bolton were both named to the All Tournament Team. This was the Lady Patriots 5th Chisum Championship and their record for the season is now 11-1. They are set to take on Pittsburg Friday, August 31 with JV action beginning at 4:30 p.m. Great job Lady Pats!!

Sheriff's Posse rodeo is Sept. 1-2

The Franklin County Sheriff's Posse will be holding their annual rodeo on September 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. nightly at the Sheriff's Posse Arena in Mt. Vernon.

The rodeo will sponsor all seven championship rodeo events, and will include a calf scramble for ages 7-11 on Saturday and ages 12-15 on Sunday and a Mutton Bustin' for kids age 6 and under on both days.

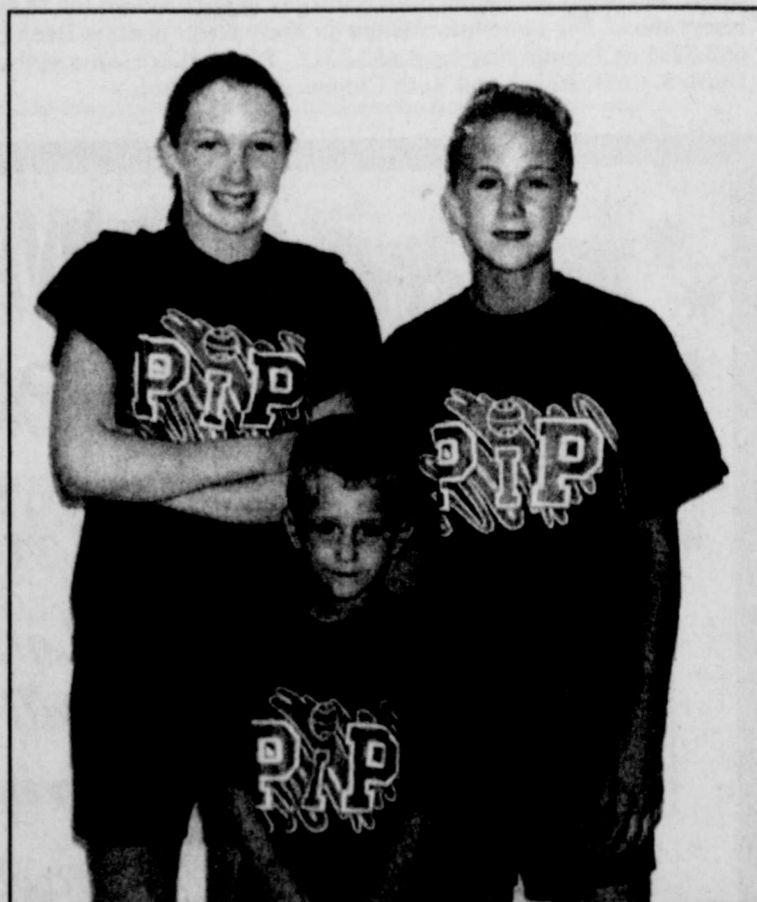
Free booth spaces are available under the pavilion to anyone. Come

bring your wares, set up a booth and sell. No food booths are allowed.

The rodeo is being produced by the Wing Rodeo Company of Bogata. Negative coggins test is required for all horses.

Admission is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for 12 and under and under five is free.

For information on the booth spaces or on the rodeo, call Charles Williams, Captain, at 632-4770 or Lt. Gary Borden at 588-2381.



HAILEY NORWOOD, Lacie Cole, and Kelby Cole performed basketball skills in a special performance at a WNBA game on August 6, 2001. These three performed with 25 PIP's (Players In Progress) from all over the state. The performance was at the Comet Center in Houston, TX. The game was between the Houston Comets and the Phoenix Mercury.

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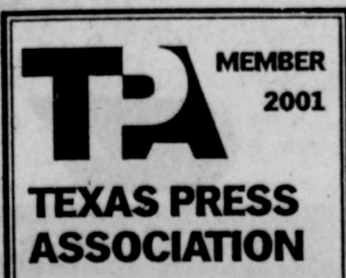
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Country Cooking

By Liz Irwin



Our cooks this week are several of the ladies with the Deport First United Methodist Church that make up the Heavenly Delights. They will begin serving meals on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the fellowship hall. Food will be served between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. They will be serving each third Saturday of the month beginning with September. The monies earned will be used as needed for the church.

The meal will be prepared and served by six people each month with others assisting in acting as cashiers. By the way, the men have also offered their assistant for this event. The price of the meal is \$8.00 with seating limited to 50 people. Reser-

vations must be made by the Thursday before the meal is served on Saturday.

Reservations can be made with the following people: Rena Good at 652-2665; Dr. T.H. Glover at 652-3995; or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211. There menu for the first Saturday will be baked ham, lima beans, buttered carrots, green salad, rolls, bread pudding with sauce and tea or coffee.

Be sure to go out and enjoy a meal with this group.....they are some great cooks! See you in the kitchen!

Bread Pudding with Sauce-this recipe came from the Dora McEntyre at Granny Mac's Cafe in Deport and is included in the Methodist Cook

Book, From Our Kitchen to Your's Volume IV.

Refrigerator Rolls-these roll sare made with instant potatoes!

Chicken Breast with Rice or Noodles-serve with either rice or noodles and is excellent for making ahead and freezing!

Sweet Surprise Salad Dressing-this recipe comes from A Different Taste of Paris and is great on tossed salad or fresh fruit!

Western Cake-lemon flavored cake baking in a tube pan ready to enjoy!

Lemon Curd-this is wonderful to serve on breads, biscuits, muffins or as a cake topping!

Thursday, August 30, 2001 Heavenly Delights-Deport

Bread Pudding with Sauce

- 1 gallon leftover bread (rolls, biscuits or light bread)
- 1/2 gallon sweet milk
- 2-1/2 cups sugar
- 1-1/2 tablespoon vanilla
- 6 eggs-beaten
- 1-1/2 sticks margarine

Sauce:
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 stick margarine
2 rounded tablespoons flour
2 cups sweet milk
2 teaspoons vanilla

Put broken bread in a 11" x 15" pan. Pour milk over this and let set for 10 minutes; then mash well with potato masher. Stir in sugar. Beat eggs on high for 1 minute; add vanilla. Pour melted margarine over bread mixture and then pour eggs over bread mixture. Stir gently until just blended. Cook 45 minutes at 325 degrees. Serves 16-20. To make sauce mix flour and sugar together and add milk and mix well. Add margarine and cook slowly until thick. Cut pudding into squares and place in dessert dish and top with sauce.

Refrigerator Rolls

- 1 package active dry yeast
 - 1-1/2 cups warm water
 - 1 cup unseasoned lukewarm mashed potatoes (instant made by package directions work well)
 - 2/3 cup sugar
 - 2/3 cup shortening(not oil)
 - 2 eggs-beaten
 - 1-1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in potatoes, sugar, shortening, eggs, salt and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Mix enough remaining flour to make

dough easy to handle. Turn out onto lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic for about 5 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning dough over so greased side is up. Cover tightly and refrigerate at least 8 hours, but no longer than five days. Punch down to make into desired shaped rolls. Let rise about 2 hours until double in size. Bake at 350 degrees about 15-20 minutes or until brown. Can be frozen; shape rolls, let rise and bake at 275 degrees for 20 minutes. Do not brown. Remove from pans; cool to room temperature and wrap in freezer and freeze no longer than 2 months. At serving time, heat oven to 400 degrees and bake 8-10 minutes. Makes 30-36 rolls.

Chicken Breast with Rice or Noodles

- 6 chicken breasts
 - 10-3/4 ounce can cream of chicken soup
 - 2 large onions
 - 3/4 cup cooking wine
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - grated cheese
 - cooked rice or noodles for 6 servings
- Place chicken breast in baking dish; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sprinkle cooking wine over chicken and add soup. Slice onions on top of chicken; cover with foil but not airtight. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour. Remove foil and top with grated cheese and return to oven until cheese melts. Serve with rice or noodles.

Sweet Surprise Salad Dressing

- 2 cups Miracle Whip
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon catsup
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon celery salt

- 1 tablespoon poppy seed
- Combine Miracle Whip, suge, vinegar and catsup. Mix or blend in mixer or blender. Add garlic pwder, celery salt and poppy seed last; stir well. Keeps well in refrigerator and makes 2/3 quart.

Western Cake

- 1-1/2 cups butter or margarine
- 1 pound powdered sugar or 4-1/2 cups sifted
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time and beat will after each addition. Sift flour three times and gradually add to the butter-sugar mixture. Add vanilla and lemon juice; mix well. Bake in a 10-inch tube pan that has been greased and floured at 325 degrees for 1-1/2 hours. Cool in pan 4 minutes and then invert pan to finish cooling.

Lemon Curd

- 3 large eggs
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter-cut in cubes
 - 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon rind
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice (3-4 lemons)
- In top of double boiler with wire whisk, beat eggs until frothy. Stir in sugar until well mixed. Add butter, lemon rind and juice. Set over bottom of double boiler filled with 1-inch simmering water but do not allow it to thicken enough to coat spoon, about 10-15 minutes. Pour curd into 2 small jars; cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Store in refrigerator. Yields 2 cups.

Obituaries

Jimmy Joe Young dies August 26

Jimmy Joe Young, age 61 of Pattonville died in Deport Nursing Home on Sunday, August 26 after a lengthy illness. Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Highland Cemetery, with Bro. Freddy Burden officiating. Honorary bearers were nephews and nieces.

He was born June 16, 1904 in Deport, the son of William Thomas and Mildred Phillips Young. He graduated from Deport High School, Paris Junior College and East Texas State University. He was in the U.S. Air Force, serving in San Antonio, Bakersfield, CA, Pakistan and Germany. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pattonville. He taught history and coached at Chico High School, Yantis High School, Detroit High School and had filled in at Prairiland High School, teaching Special Education. He also worked as a pipe insulator, belonging to the Asbestos Workers Union, Local 21.

Surviving are three devoted and loving sisters, Yvonne Bowers of Paris, Anna Beth Allen and husband Rodger and Melissa Phillips and husband Doug, all of Deport; many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly as well as a host of other relatives and friends such as sisters-in-law, Cecilia Young and Barbara Young, brother-in-law, Jack Bolton and special friends, Charlie and Scarlett Harvey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bob Thomas Young and Jon Quentin Young and sisters, Marcheta Bolton and Theda Weldean Young.

Card of Thanks

We send our heartfelt thanks for the food, flowers, calls and visits during the time of our loss.

The Carl Fincher Family

Carl Monroe Fincher dies August 25

Carl Monroe Fincher, age 55 of Bogata died Saturday, August 25 in East Texas medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 28 in the chapel of the Red River Health Care Center in Bogata where he had been a resident for some time. Burial was made in McCrury Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes.

He was born September 7, 1945 in Hereford, TX, the son of Wilford and Gladys Holland Fincher. He married the former Connie Powell on August 4, 1967 in Perryton. He was a retired truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Fincher of Lehigh, OK; his mother, Gladys Noey of Bogata; a son, Russell Fincher; and a daughter, Shawna Parker, both of Lehigh, OK; a stepson, Anthony Appleton of Chickasha, OK; two brothers, Roy Fincher of Bogata and Eddie Fincher of Amarillo; two sisters, Ruth Donahue of Louisville, KY and Bonnie Wise of Taft, CA; three grandchildren, Brandi Fincher, Tori and Stoney Parker.

The family requests any memorial donations be made to McCrury Cemetery Association.

Melba Reed

dies August 25

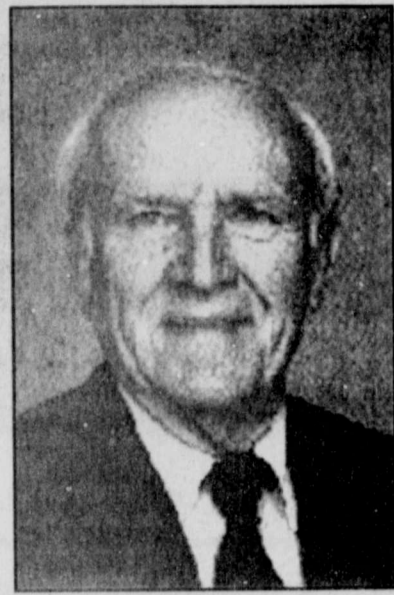
Melba Reed, age 76 of Mt. Vernon died August 25 at Mission Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Vernon.

Services were held Monday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Harvey Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Vernon with burial following in Talco Cemetery. The Rev. Bob Walker officiated.

Mrs. Reed was born July 29, 1925 in Arkansas, a daughter of Maurice and Ola Jennings Spruell. Her husband, Lyndon Reed, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Mike Reed of Mt. Vernon and Lyndon Reed of Lafayette, LA; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Serving as bearers were Michael Reed, Blaine Thibodeaux, Jeff Brisco, Clint Calvert, Rusty Jones and Barry Jones.



N.A. Ford

N.A. Ford dies August 22

In my Father's house are many mansions. I go and prepare a place for you and there you will also be.

N.A. Ford left this world for his heavenly mansion on August 22, 2001.

He was born in Bogata to James Wesley Ford and Maggie Davis Ford. He was married to Allene E. Land. He and his family moved to El Paso in 1949 and then moved to Odessa in 1957. He was employed in the automotive field, belonging to several automotive organizations promoting that industry. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Odessa and was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; two sisters and granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Blair.

He is survived by his wife, Allene E. Ford; two daughters, Jerry Ford Bolling and husband Robert of Sierra Vista, AZ and Jeannie A. Ford of El Paso; two grandsons, Clayton Ford Bryan and wife LaRie and James Blair, all of Sierra Vista, AZ; two great-grandchildren, Parker Elizabeth and Clayton Bryan; a sister, Edith Westbrook of Paris; and several nieces.

Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. August 25 at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 1401 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa, TX 79761.

Services were entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

James H. Lehman dies August 24

James H. "Jimmy" Lehman, age 46 of Mt. Pleasant died Friday, August 24 in Titus Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 27 at Bates-Cooper Chapel in Mt. Pleasant with Dr. Clint Davis officiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home.

Mr. Lehman was born in Houston on November 25, 1954 and was an employee of Texas Utilities.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Lehman of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Lindsey Lehman of Mt. Pleasant; stepdaughter and spouse, Michelle and Russell Luck of Mt. Pleasant; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jon and Chris Lehman of Highland Village and David and Margaret Shumate of Pittsburg; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Willo and Janice Graham of Mt. Pleasant; foster mother, Inez Shumate of Mt. Pleasant; brothers-in-law and spouses, Billy and Gail Graham of Plano and Murry and Ann Graham of Austin; nephews, Joshua Lehman of Highland Village, Timmy Graham of Austin and Jonathan Shumate of Magnolia, AR; nieces Maggie Graham of Plano, Liz Graham of Austin and Stephanie Shumate of Texarkana, TX.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Youth Fund.

Pallbearers were Gary Murry, John Underwood, Jeff Swayden, Jabo Robertson, Mark Beers and Rex Huddleston. Honorary bearers were Kenny Thompson, Scott Thompson, Dan Pettit, Denny Bragg and Mike Taylor.



HEAVENLY DELIGHTS-Pictured are some of the ladies that will be preparing meals at the Deport First United Methodist Church. The monies raised from these meals will be used as needed for the church. Meals will be served on the third Saturday of each month for \$8.00 per place, so be sure and make your reservations. For more information on these meals contact Rena Good at 652-2665, Dr. T. H. Glover at 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211. Pictured are some of the cooks left to right Sue Cross, Dawne Darden, Cokie Roach and Ruth Chipman. (Staff Photo)

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Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dickson

Lewis-Dickson exchange vows

Sylvia Lewis of Blossom and Jason Dickson of Paris were married Saturday, August 18 in an outdoor wedding at the bride's home in Blossom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barrera of Loraine, TX. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dickson and Dr. and Mrs. David Stewart of Paris.

The bride was escorted in a horse and carriage and given in marriage

by her three sons, Josh, Riley and Colton Lewis. Attending the bride as maid of honor was her daughter, Jessica Lewis. Shea Scott, the bride's niece of Colorado City was flower girl.

Best man was Joe Williams, cousin of the groom of Powderly.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the newlyweds.



Kelly Kae Gifford with fiance Captain Jason Lynn Anderson

Gifford-Anderson to wed

Ms. Marijo Bono of Elkhart, and on behalf of the late Walter Larry Gifford, is pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Kelly Kae Gifford to Captain Jason Lynn Anderson, United States Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lynn Anderson of Lufkin. The ceremony will be Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Crockett, TX.

Miss Gifford is a graduate of North Lamar High School, Paris Junior College School of Nursing and the University of Texas at Arlington, and is a registered nurse employed at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of

Mrs. Virginia Grant Kirkland and the late Ernest E. Kirkland and Mrs. Edna Earle Gifford and the late Walter Allen Gifford, all of Deport.

Captain Anderson is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ted Collins and the late Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Anderson, all of Lufkin. He graduated valedictorian of his class at Hudson High School, Hudson, TX and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Anderson is stationed at Ft. Hood, TX.

The ceremony will be officiated by the Rev. David Valentine, brother-in-law of the prospective groom.

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Stew Cook-Off is September 8

The annual Red River County Stew cook-off will be Saturday, September 8 at the Clarksville fairgrounds.

The cook-off is a major fundraising activity for the County Fair. It is open to all organizations, clubs or individuals residing in Red River County. Trophies and cash

prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners. Plaques will be awarded in the Showmanship Division and also for the Best Skit.

If you would like a copy of the rules or would like to register to cook a pot of stew, please contact the County Extension office at 427-3867.

All Mule Rodeo set for Sept. 15th

Kenneth Grubbs and Danny Smith will be having an All Mule Rodeo at the Bogata Rodeo Arena September 15th.

Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. and the rodeo performance will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Event fees are-Bareback Riding, Sack Race, Rescue Race, Saddle Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing and Sand Surfing, \$10. Team Roping will be \$25, and \$30 for the Wild Mule Saddling (per 3 man team) and Wild Mule Bridling.

Free six and under barrels and 8

and under dance contest.

Cash Only for Events. 100% pay-back between 1st and 2nd place on all events.

Tickets at the gate are \$6.

Negative Coggins required.

All who wish may bring their horse or mule and parade around in the arena a half hour before the rodeo starts. Entry fee is \$3, that includes grand entry.

For more information contact Kenneth Grubbs at 903-878-2616 or Danny Smith at 903-485-3611.

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Cuthand UMC hosts revival

The congregation of Cuthand United Methodist Church invites everyone to attend a four evening revival September 9-12, 2001. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the newly renovated sanctuary.

Each evening will offer a time of renewal, uplifting praise and worship in word and song. A different guest speaker will present the message each evening, beginning with the Reverend Derrick Wright of Paris, Sulphur Springs District Superintendent of the North Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist

Church; the Reverend Julie Halstead, Associate Pastor First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs; the Reverend Bert Palmer, Pastor Calvary United Methodist Church, Paris and the Reverend Tommy Brummet, Pastor First United Methodist Church, Bonham.

Nursery will be provided each evening and refreshments will be served following the services nightly. For further information or directions to Cuthand United Methodist Church, please call the church office at 632-5610.

Red River County Roots

This week's query is from Kathy Wells, whose e-mail address is rebeltrumpet@worldnet.att.net. She is interested in John Best, who lived in Red River County prior to his death about 1842 from poisoning. His daughter was a resident of the county and married Jacob Cochran. They lived in Red River County as late as 1853, John Best and wife Sarah Twitty Best, supposedly both died in Red River County, but no proof has been found so far.

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

Baby Shower

A baby shower for Bren Screws Cobb will be held Sunday, September 2nd at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. It's a girl!

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Kara Nation
daughter of Mark & Sissy Nation, Blossom

I recently ran for Rodeo Princess in the Paris Rodeo and won Miss Congeniality, Horsemanship, Most Tickets Sold and Second Runner-up.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out in making this experience a fun and memorable one. I would like to say a special thanks to Harold Morrison of Blossom Feed Store, Monnette McDonald, David Hart, Skipper & Amy Chapman, Roy & Skeeter Davis and to my grandparents, B.D. & Pat Nation of Blossom and Earl & Judy Baker of Juannahoe.

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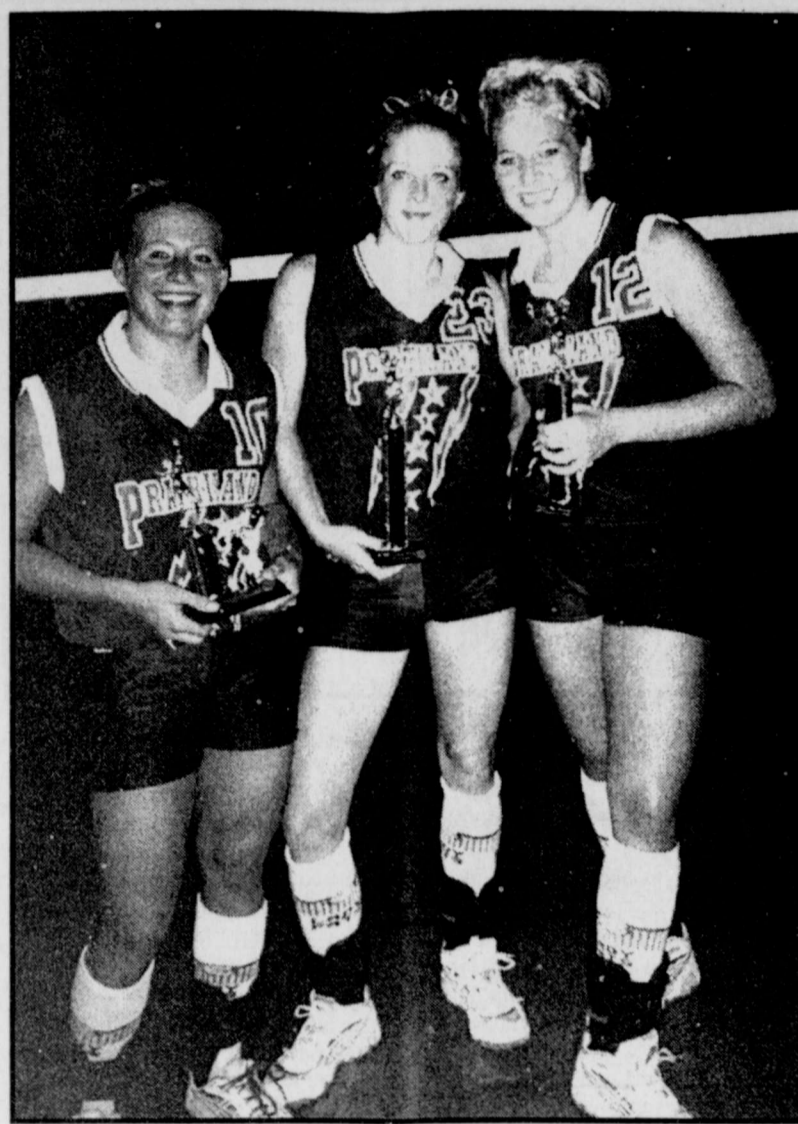


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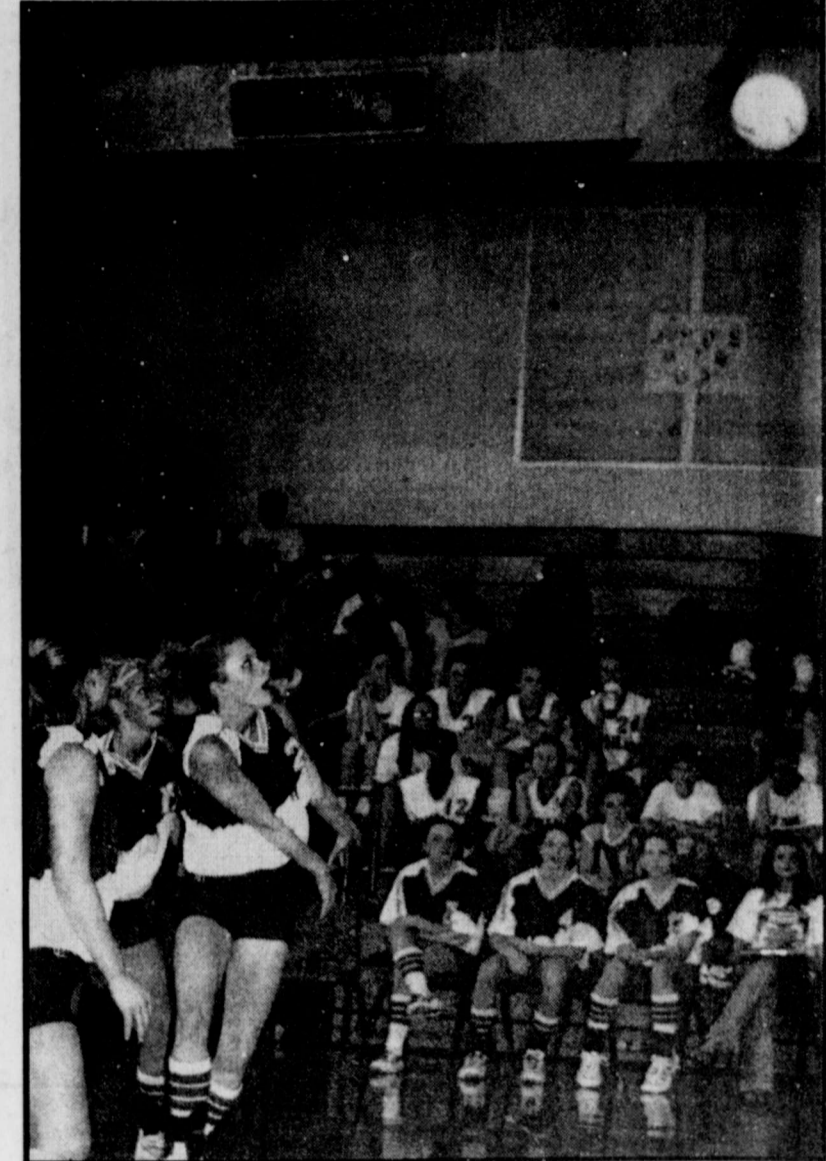
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MEGAN GRAHAM was named MVP at the Chisum Tournament held recently while Kami Hudson and Emilee Bolton were named the All Tournament team.



LADY PATRIOT senior Kami Hudson gets ready to pass the ball during pool play on Friday at the Chisum Tournament. Also pictured assisting is Emilee Bolton and Amanda Nichols. The girls won first in pool play. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

School Menu



Prairiland High School
Week of September 4

Monday

Holiday

Tuesday

Breakfast:
Sausage, cheese, biscuit, fruit
Juice, milk

Lunch:
Pizza
Cheese
Corn
Tossed salad
Fruit cocktail
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk

Lunch:
Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes, gravy
Biscuits
Green beans
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Breakfast pizza
Juice, milk

Lunch:
Beef tacos
Tossed salad
Mexican beans
Mayo cake
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Cereal, fruit
Juice, milk

Lunch:
Hot dogs on bun
Cheese sauce
Mexican beans
Corn chips
Fruit cocktail
Milk

Fulbright News

by
Betty
Rodgers



Call 652-6051

Dave and Kay German of Whitney spent Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Jimmy Ring. They took her to Paris Wednesday for a doctor appointment and later met Duane and Bobby King and Kutchy King and ate lunch at Appleby's.

After work Friday, Betty Rodgers went by and visited a while with Betty Smith who was home recuperating from knee surgery.

Little Jacob Phosay hurt his ankle at school Thursday and stayed home from school Friday.

Dick King of Paris visited his mother, Jimmy King, Saturday.

It is good to hear that James Latimer has returned to his home.

Scott LaRue has been doing repair work on the home of Betty Rodgers.

Connie Phosay attended the Lions Club meeting in Detroit Monday evening.

Our sympathy to the Dugger and Cardwell families for the death of the loved one, Ruth Crenshaw.

Congratulations to Katie and Clovis VanDeaver celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Mark and Joy Ritchey and girls have moved to Waskom where he will be attending college to further his education in ministry. He will still be pastoring the Baptist Church here which we are grateful to them for.

Experience is by industry
achieved, and perfected by the
swift course of time.
—William Shakespeare,
Two Gentlemen of Verona

Lady Patriots add two wins to 2001 record

In Tuesday night's action at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, the Lady Patriots garnered two more wins. Against Lee the Prairiland squad had a slow start falling 4-11 before jump starting to tie the game at 11 all. Emilee Bolton stuffed 9 blocks and put down 10 kills and Megan Graham put up 23 assists and had 12 service points to hel the Lady Pats win the game. Britney Martin had 4 kills while Kami Hudson, Amanda Nichols and Lacy Davis each had 3.

Against Tyler Chapel Hill the Lady Pats won 15-4 and 16-14 in once again a slow started game. However, Bolton still managed to hammer 9 kills and get 3 blocks. Graham got 21 assists and 7 service points as well as 2 kills. Davis, Nichols and Martin had 3 kills each. The Lady Patriots held an 8-1 season record going into the Chisum Tournament. Go Lady Patriots!!!!

Deport Nursing Home News

By Sandra Mauldin

Nel Wolf was visited by Lucy Fowler, Evelyn Presley, Donna Wenkler, Ann Austin, Nannie Ham, Angie & Arron Wolf, Evelyn Roach, Jan Fox, Lyn Wolf, and David, Marcus, and Allison Wolf, Joseph and Cindy Filkins, Stephanie Wolf, and Jasmine Garmon.

Visiting Pat Barnes was Joan Langley, Sandra Burnett, Kathryn Wright, pattie Robinson and Gene and Judy Bagby.

Roy Wells enjoyed visit from Ken Welk, Mary Ann Miller and Glen Wells.

Johnnie Warren was visited by Mike and Lila Screws, Bro. Freddy Burden, Cokie Roach, Rab Skidmore, Martha Glover, Angie and Aaron Wolf, Sandra Mauldin, Mike Roach, Velma Westbrook, Bobbye Slusher, Lucy Fowler, Evelyn Roach, Jan and Jaleah Fox, Dora Hester, JaLynda and Jaylan Mitchell, Kenneth and Ruth Ann Allen, Martha Cross, Stacy and Ally Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Skidmore, Roger and Anna Allen, Phebe Allen, Dora Flenniken, and Larry Crawford.

Nora Barnett was visited by Rita Thompsen and Katy Ramsey.

Irma Griffen and Freda Bowden were visited by Roger Lynch, Nina Clines, Lonnie and Dee Harris, Patsy and Jerry Curtis and Irma Gerald.

Jan Wolf visited Eulalia Roach.

Visiting Dora Flenniker were Boyce, Jason, Justin and Bryan Flenniken, Chester and Joan Flenniken.

Prairiland High School Week of September 4

4	.....	VBall at North Lamar with Sherman, All, 4:30
5	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
6	JVFBall at Cooper, 5:00
7	FBall, Union Hill, 7:30 p.m.
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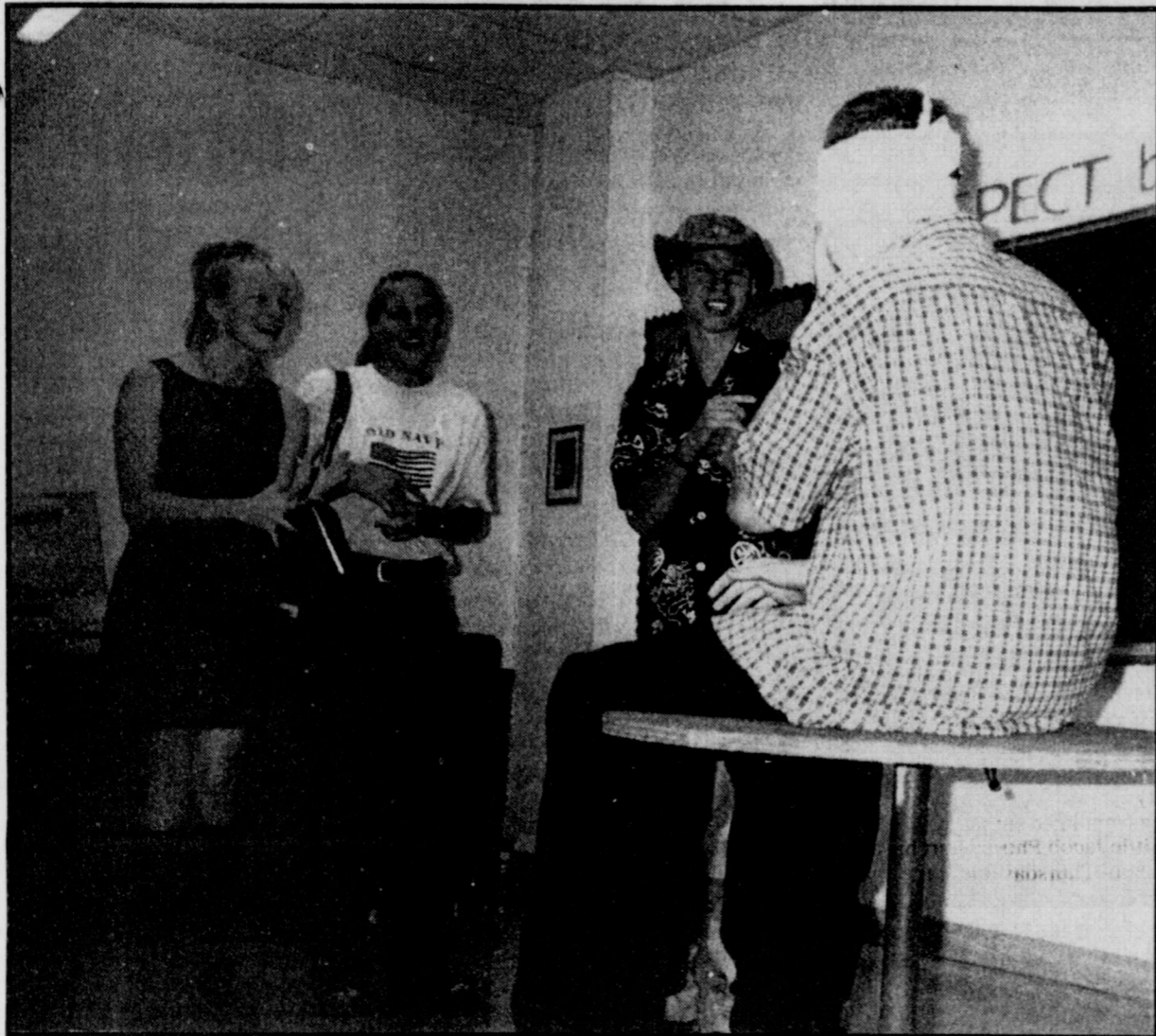
Lady Patriot 2001 Volleyball Schedule

August	
17-18 Varsity Tournament at Denton Ryan TBA Varsity
21	..... Dual @ Robert E. Lee w/W'house 4:30 JV, V
24-25	..... Varsity Tournament at Chisum TBA Varsity
28	..... Dual at Paris w/Bonham 4:30 All
September	
1	..... 9th and JV at Longview Tournament 4:30 All
4	..... Dual at North Lamar w/Sherman 4:30 All
7-8	..... Varsity tournament at North Lamar TBA Varsity
11	..... Dual at Sulphur Springs w/John Tyler 4:30 All
15	..... at Dodd City 10:00 Varsity
.....	..... Paris Tournament TBA 9th, JV
18	..... Whitesboro 4:30 All
22	..... Chisum* 10:00 All
25	..... Paul Pewitt* 4:30 All
29	..... at Hughes Springs* 10:00 All
October	
2	..... at DeKalb* 4:30 All
6	..... DeKalb* 10:00 All
9	..... at Chisum* 4:00 All
12	..... At Pewitt* 4:30 All
16	..... Hughes Springs* 4:30 All
19	..... Chapel Hill* 4:30 All
23	..... at DeKalb* 4:30 All
27	..... District Certification
29-30	..... Bi-District
November	
1-3	..... Area
5-6	..... Regional Quarterfinal
9-10 Regional tournament
16-17 State Tournament

* Denotes District Games
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WESLEY SMITH, AMIE LOVE, Erik Loveless, Elizabeth Dunn and Seth Bush are Drama students in Mrs. Streety's class who are performing this week. The students wrote original plays and performed them for their peers.



JUSTIN BARNETT, ROBERT ROBERTSON, Kelli Kincaid and Cathy Arrasmith performed their original play for Mrs. Streety's Drama class at Prairiland this week. The students performed for their peers in Drama class. (staff Photo)



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 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to members 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.

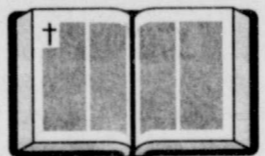
*The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have begun a project which they can use your help with. They are collecting stuffed animals for the Bogata Nursing home. The goal is to give each patient at the home a stuffed animal friend which they can keep or give to one of their grandchildren. The toys do not have to be new but should be in good condition and clean. Donations may be dropped off at VFW Post 8187 on Hwy. 271 south of Bogata or may be given to any member. Please help us bring a little happiness into the lives of others. All items must be turned in by August 31, 2001.

*Brisket and chicken with all the trimmings will be served at 12:00 noon on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2001. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate at the Post. Carry out plates will be sold for \$5.00 each.

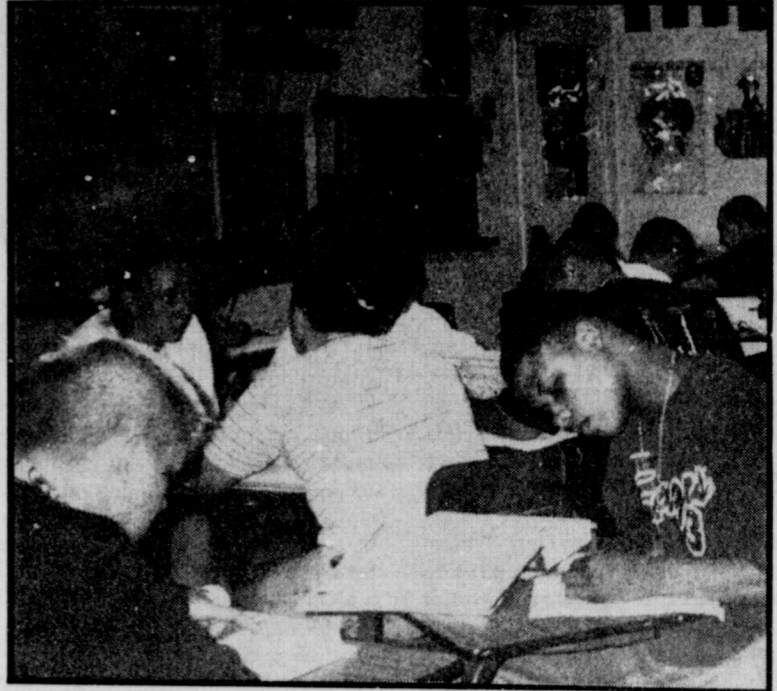
Thanks is extended to Don O'Donnell and Paul Yeatman for working on the water pump. After several hours of one problem after another, the pump is working fine now. The Post is blessed with good deep well water and help keeping repairs made by members and non-members is appreciated. Don has always been there to help with any problems and Paul, who is not a member, has also donated his time to help out on more than one occasion.

*Happy Birthday to Jim Smyth, Billy Burl Cawley and John Latimer.

*Get Well Wishes are sent to: James Minshew who is reported out of ICU and improving, George and Jean Smith and Bill Eudy, who is in rehab presently.



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WORLD HISTORY CLASS at Prairiland is well underway, indicating that a new school year has begun. (Staff Photo)

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New driving laws take effect

Driving-related legislation taking effect September 1, 2001:

HB 5 makes it a Class C misdemeanor to have open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle. The new law also increases penalties for repeat DWI offenders. If a second DWI conviction takes place within five years, there is an automatic one-year driver license suspension and the driver must have an ignition interlock installed on their vehicle for the year following the suspension. During the suspension, the offender is not eligible for an occupational license.

HB 63 increases the driver license suspension period for a person who refuses to take the breath test or fails the breath test—and requires the arresting officer to confiscate their driver license on the spot. The suspension periods and enhanced punishments for repeat offenders were also increased. For example, for a first offense, the suspension period for refusing a breath test will double from three months to six months. HB 63 also applies the Administrative License Revocation (ALR) laws to boating while intoxicated if the suspect refuses a breath test.

SB 399 prohibits children under 18 from riding in the back of a pickup or flatbed truck. There are several notable exceptions, including if it is the only family vehicle or it is a government-sanctioned hayride. (The old law applied to children under 12 years of age, and only if the vehicle was traveling more than 35 miles per hour.

SB 113, which: Requires children under age 4, or less than 36 inches, to be restrained in an approved car seat. (The old law required car seats for children under 2 years of age.)

Requires all children ages 4 through 16 years old to use seat belts anywhere in the vehicle. (The old law only required seat belts for those 4

through 14 years old.) Specifies that all seat belt laws apply to trucks (including one-ton pickups).

HB 1739 increases the minimum fines for violating the car seat law from \$25 to \$100. If a judge opts for probation, the offender would have to take a special TEA-approved child seat and seat belt education course.

SB 215 and HB 2798 both increase the penalties for fleeing and evading arrest in a motor vehicle. A first offense is now a state jail felony as opposed to a Class A misdemeanor. (SB 215 also outlines provisions for testing suspects for communicable diseases if an officer is exposed to bodily fluids during certain arrests.)

HB 299 authorizes the Texas Transportation Commission to establish a daytime speed limit of 75 miles per hour on highways located in counties with a population density of less than 10 persons per square mile.

SB 968 establishes a six-month driver license suspension for a second conviction of gas theft. A photo of DPS Trooper Darryle Sparks will be posted on gas pumps throughout Texas to remind motorists of the new law and act as a deterrent.

SB 214 abolishes the statute of limitations for leaving the scene of a fatal wreck.

HB 2134 creates a specific offense for operating a motor vehicle emitting excessive smoke, visible for at least 10 seconds.

HB 1544 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to directly solicit business or employment based on information derived from accident records or related records.

The legal driving age in Texas remains 16. However, a graduated licensing bill (SB 577) goes into effect January 1, 2002.

The texts of these bills can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us <<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>>. Select the enrolled version.

Open container ban starts Labor Day

Labor Day drivers will face stepped up law enforcement activity and a long-awaited open container law to combat drinking and driving.

The new open container law goes into effect September 1, just as DPS and other law enforcement increase patrols for the Labor Day weekend. A tougher, expanded Administrative License Revocation (ALR) law also goes into effect the same day.

"Alcohol and cars don't mix, period," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "The Legislature has given law enforcement a much-needed open container law to help us drive that point home."

As part of Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide effort by all state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods—all available troopers will actively search for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators Labor Day weekend. The increased patrols will take place between 6 p.m. Friday, August 31 through midnight Monday, September 3.

House Bill 5 makes it a Class C misdemeanor to possess an open container in the passenger compartment of a vehicle. It also strengthens the punishment for repeat DWI offenses. A second DWI conviction within five years now requires a mandatory one-year suspension of the offender's driver license.

Upon reinstatement, they must have an ignition interlock device installed on their vehicle for an additional year. During the suspension, the offender is not even eligible for an occupational license to drive to work.

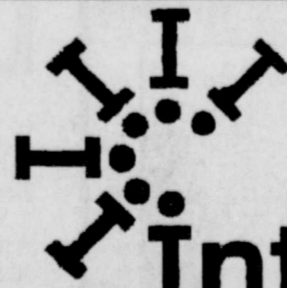
DPS has observed that in the majority of alcohol-related crashes that an open container is present. The law also reinforces that it is illegal to drink while driving.

"These new laws are just the most recent indication that the people of Texas are fed up with the death and destruction drunk drivers cause," said Davis. "The bottom line is that responsible citizens don't drive drunk." House Bill 63, which also takes effect September 1, requires law en-

forcement officers to confiscate the driver license of anyone charged with DWI and increases suspensions outlined in the ALR laws. For example, if a driver refuses a breath test they now face a driver license suspension of six months—double the prior law. The updated statute applies ALR punishments to boating while intoxicated if the suspect refuses a breath test. In that circumstance, boaters also face confiscation of their driver license and possible license suspensions.

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Happy Birthdays this week to Dakota Boyett, Chris Hock, Kara Screws, Colby Chapman, Brenda Spann, Margaret Akehurst, Jessie Bryant, Meron McEntyre, Jeremy Cunningham, Minnie Lee Shands, Nickki Garrison, Sabrina Skeen, Morgan Caldwell, Meghan Caldwell, Emilee Bolton, Kim Tallant, Wanda Freelan, Deann Presley, Jerry Valentine, Marvin Henry, Donnie Whitley, Katie Mullins Williams, Thomas Procella, Courtney Outland, Dustin Applegate, David Newman, Teresa Parks, Robert Nichols, Colby Minton Bridges, Patty Misek, Jeremy Ballard.

Congratulations to Sylvia Lewis and Jason Dickson. They were married on Saturday, August 18, 2001.

Pam and George Wood visited with Debbie and Pat Shannon in Ore City on Sunday.

Oak Hill Baptist Church held their annual homecoming on Sunday, August 26, 2001 and enjoyed a great day.

Go out this week and enjoy the many events at the fair. There is something for everyone.

Patriots will face the Detroit Eagles at Prairiland this Friday night with kick-off at 7:30!

Krystan Chapman was honored with

a luau birthday party at her home on Saturday, August 25. She received many nice gifts and had a good time with friends and relatives.

Mary Jane Lowry traveled to Gilmer recently to visit with Janie and Mike Ballard. She also met them at the 909 Diner in Bogata on Sunday afternoon along with Ryan Alyssa Lindsey of Hughes Springs and Ryan and Marla Ballard.

Don't forget that the Blossom Homecoming is this Saturday with a host of events scheduled.

Minnie Lee Shands visited with Annie Milam of Deport last week. She also visited Viola Brendle at the Regency Nursing Home. Also traveling with her was Juanita Harrison and Pauline Weddle.

Hershal Shands has been a patient in the hospital in Dallas and we wish him well.

Linda and David Hicks honored Minnie Lee Shands with a birthday party at their home on Sunday. Others attending were Tracy, Todd and Trey Denney, Linda and Jerry Harris and Gina and Chris Swaim and children.

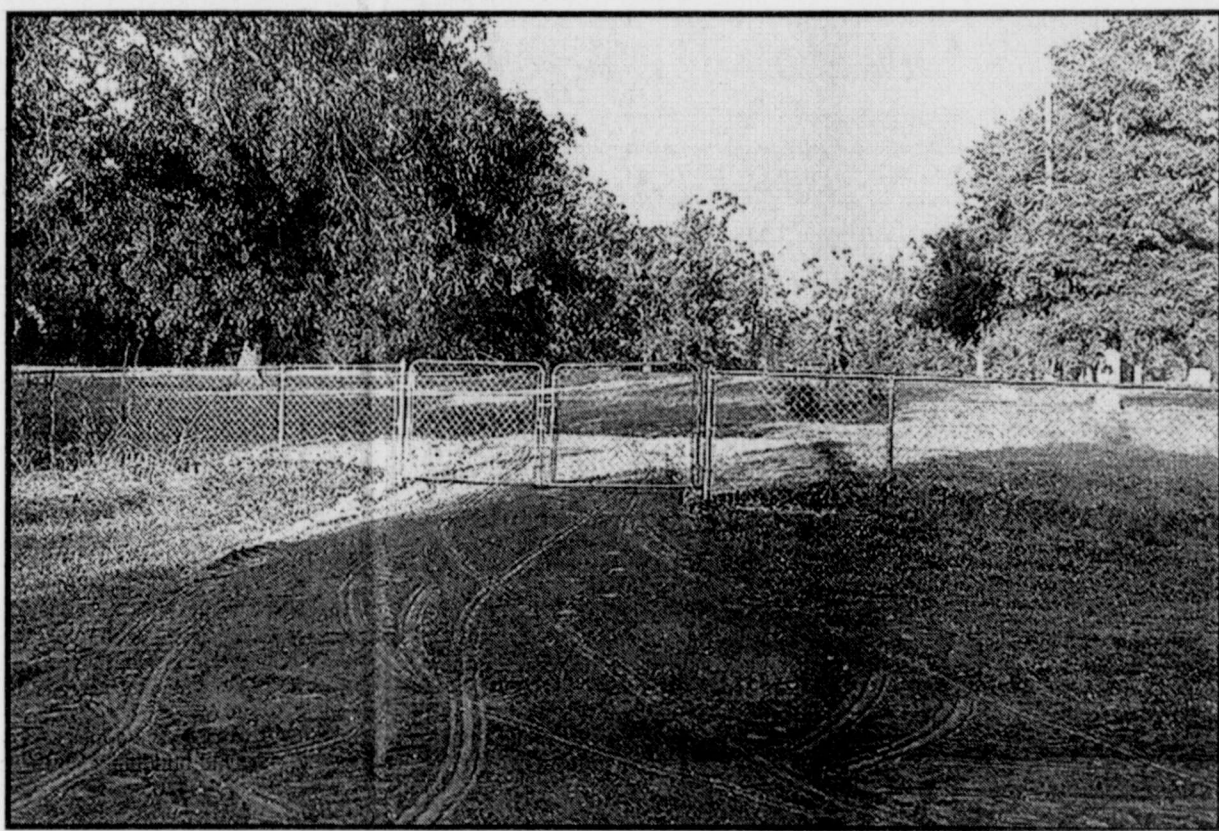
Colby Chapman was honored with a birthday party at her home on Sunday.

Here for the weekend visiting Billie Jean Henry was Steve, Candy and Samantha Henry and Johnny Savage all of Amarillo, Angel and Jaymion Henry of Dallas, Venola Dixon of Wichita Falls, Doris Ridley of Oklahoma City, Fay Woodberry of Kansas City Kansas and Robbie Pugh of Dallas.

Oak Hill Baptist Church will hold their monthly Bake and Barbecue Sale on Front Street in Bogata on Saturday.



TINY BIRDS-these week old House Wrens cuddle in their nest of dried flowers and grass nestled in a hanging basket of ferns. Hot weather hasn't deterred birds from their busy nesting. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)



GLADYS MCCLELLAN ROAD located at the Red Oak Cemetery outside of Blossom was constructed by Preston Mitchell and runs throughout the cemetery for easier access. The road was given in honor of the late Gladys McClellan by her brother and sister Preston Mitchell and Ruby Crawford. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Bogata is now accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1967 Galion road grader. Grader is in good condition and may be seen and inspected during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 128 North main Street in Bogata, TX. A minimum bid of \$4,000.00 is required. All sealed bids must be received at City Hall before 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2001, and will be opened and considered at the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 10.

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BID OPENING: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2001. All bids must be properly marked with "Bid Proposal" and the project name, date and time of bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. All bids shall remain good and may not be withdrawn for 30 calendar days.

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NOTICE

A public hearing on the proposed 2001-2002 budget will be held on Monday, September 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Bogata City Hall.

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Milton News

By Mattyly Upchurch

Nell Shull and Wanda Bradley of Bogata went to Tyler Tuesday on business.

John Walker Harvey and Sherli Benzi of Greenville visited Mattyly Upchurch Wednesday.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with his mother Velma and John Temple Thursday evening.

Dorothy Holt visited Evelyn Roach of Deport Monday.

Ann and Sheldon went to Longview Wednesday shopping and lunch.

John Manley Temple met his son Paul Temple in Dallas Monday and they attended the Ranger game. John also visited his daughter Rachell Casey and son Bryan of Carrollton.

Tim Parks of Bryant had dinner with his grandparents Dorothy and James Holt, Sunday.

Beth and Cory Spray and daughters Kaitlyn and Kaylan of Reno spent Sunday with her parents Susan and Philip Roach.

Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee



There will be a fellowship meeting Saturday night, Aug. 25th at the Post Oak Baptist Church for the officers and teachers of the church. It is to include the teachers and officers last year and also the new ones for the coming year.

Rayford Cagle of Burnett spent last week here with his mother Louise Cagle. She is doing real well. Several days he took her riding around which she enjoyed very much.

There was a birthday party Saturday for Mickie Freelen at her home. Those attending were James Alvin and Patricia Freelen of Bogata, Linda Mitchell and grandson Bryan Everman of Ft. Worth, Joyce, Kenneth and Jesse Shelton, of Post oak,

Tammy, Brittany, and Dylan Henry of Dallas, Ben, LeAnn, Will and Wade Decker of Detroit, Newt and Linda Freelen of Pine Hook, and Junior and Dorothy Jewel of Cove, AK.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Wilmer Risinger, 88, who died at his home in the Mt. Olive community last week.

Tim Dudley, son of Fran Seay and grandson of Mrs. Hazel Cleveland, has been seriously ill for some time and is in a Dallas Hospital, is much improved and expected to be released from the hospital in a few days.

We are thankful for about one inch of rain over several days last week. Some got more, some less.

Blossom Library to change name

Recently, the Blossom Library Board met, with the intention of talking about making a change to the name of the Blossom Library/Museum. It was suggested that the name be changed to the Georgia Elliott Watson Library/Museum. A motion was made and all members voted to accept the new name. A sign will be erected soon with the new name on it.

Mrs. Watson was the leading force in the decision to open a museum in Blossom. This had been a dream of hers since she was a young girl. The board members were pleased to be able to honor this remarkable lady in this manner.

Also, a decision was made and voted on to add on to the building. A building fund has been established at the Liberty National Bank in Paris. Anyone interested in donating to this new endeavor may mail their contributions to the Georgia Elliott Watson Library/Museum, P.O. Box 752, Blossom Texas, 75416.

A contribution box will be placed inside the library/museum for anyone that wishes to give a donation on homecoming day this Saturday, September 1, 2001.

Cunningham News

Happy 16th birthday to Melissa Dye.

Happy Anniversary to Clyde and Gerri Bankhead.

Sympathy is extended to the Joe Wheeler family of Muleshoe, Tx. Joe died Friday, August 24, 2001 working on his farm. Joe and Letha Wheeler lived in Cunningham during the late 60's and early 70's with their children, Jill, Danny, Belinda and Jody.

Neva Oats, Larann Denison, Ginger Foster, Gayle Reeder and Sherry Gable attended the musical "Saturday Night Fever" at the Dallas Music Hall Saturday. They celebrated Larann's birthday at TGI Fridays after the show.

Brad Nutt was one of the leaders at the Lamar County Leadership Class Retreat in Lindale over the weekend.

Canard and Delores Norwood, Frances Franklin, Jamie, Teresa and Seth Smith and Keltly Mowery ate supper with Ricky, Pam, Holey and Mattie Norwood Sunday night.

Velma Cox visited Walker Devlin Sunday afternoon.

Billie and Leonard Ford visited David Ford at SFA University Saturday.

Geneva Norwood was a presenter of Music Therapy at the Professional Activity Directors Seminar in Longview Friday.

Geneva Norwood, Jane O'Neal,

Bea Baker White and Donnie Baker Lewis went on a bus trip to Louisiana Monday and Tuesday.

Sunday dinner guests of Billie Joe and Georgia Oats were Billy Ray and Neva Oats, Brandon and Marsha Oats, Kaylee Lane and Brad and Georgeanna Nutt.

Joining Jane O'Neal for Sunday dinner were Sue and Murray Jackson, Karla and Aaron Palmer, Karla's friend, Allen, Dewayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon, Janee and Kenzie Jackson and James Diggs.

Weekend guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Rick Mannis of Garden City, CA, Marge Shell of Oklahoma City, OK, and Lynn and Betty Holeman of Durant, OK. Rick Mannis ministered at the Corner Stone Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Cunningham Baptist Church congregation enjoyed lunch together following services Sunday.

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

L'Wanda McKnight attended a business meeting in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Jackie Ashley and her children visited Pete and L'Wanda last week.

Wendy and Cord Ordorica attended a birthday party for Gina Harrington, Kelly's daughter, in Texarkana Saturday.



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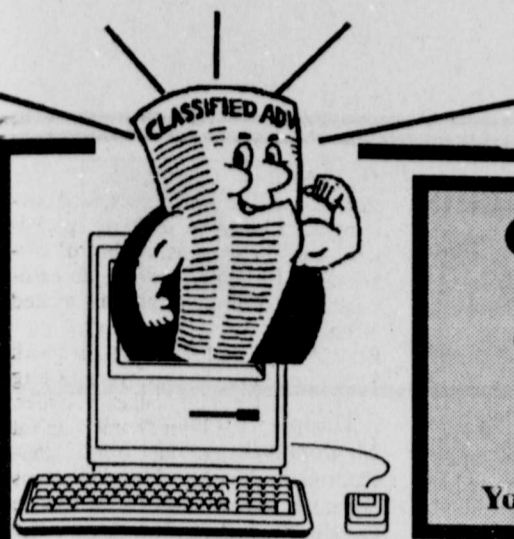
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CARPOR SALE: 7th & Lide, Talco, 1 block east of First Baptist Church. Saturday, Sept. 1, 8 a.m. until ?? Gift items, adult clothes, household items, small appliances and more. 8-30

AUCTION: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6 p.m. in Hagansport. Stanley's Store. Consignments welcome, new & used items, dishes, furniture, collectibles, junk & more. Norwood Auction #7994, 903-632-0956. Auction held every first & third Tuesdays. Cash drawing at end of sale. 8-30

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PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons



Happy birthday to Ashley Day, Chris Hock, Travis Cope, Dale Wilkerson, Lorin Murdock, Joey Bristow, Frances Anderson, Freeman Safford, Danny Roberts, Brock McDowra, Deann Pressley, David Newman, Emilee Bolton, Alice Evans, Pat Nation.

Happy anniversary to Kevin and Klarissa Perry, John and Claudia Whitley.

Elois Sparks returned home Tuesday for the first time since her accident after almost three months of hospitalization and rehabilitation.

Joyce Allen of Blossom visited her aunt, Vada Mae Hoover and Evelyn Meeks at the Sterling House in Tyler for lunch Thursday. Joyce spent the night in Longview with Martha and George Hill and visited with Paul and Leah Douglas in the Hill's home also.

Ruth Denison, Lois Kennett, Ophelia Payne, Virginia Reed, Freeman Safford, Nina Sparks, Joyce Allen and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Texas Belle in Paris Wednesday.

Congratulations to Donnie and Candi Larkin on the arrival of baby boy Jacob Loyd born Wednesday afternoon August 22 in McCouston's Women Health Center in Paris. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz.

Matt Douglas, son of Tony and Paula Douglas of White Oak and grandson of George and Martha Hill

of Longview may become the kicker on Texas A&M's football team, according to coach R.C. Slocum.

Visiting Betty White Sunday was her granddaughter Mandy Weddle of Fulbright.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Jessie Newsom Sunday afternoon in Parkview Nursing Home.

Sandy Ring, Heather Anderson and Mickey Keener visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Dani and Jeremy, John and Claudia Whitney celebrated Tonya's birthday at the Fish Fry on Saturday night.

Bill and Belinda Dickey of Sulphur Springs, John and Claudia Whitney of Cunningham visited Debbie Currin Sunday.

Travis Hunter visited his parents, Bobby and Billie Hunter in Greenville Sunday. Tonya and Jeremy and Christian went bowling in Paris Sunday afternoon.

Kristi and Leah Boren and Mallory Owens went shopping in Sulphur Springs Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jimmy Joe Young who died Sunday, August 26.

Elois Sparks received calls from Myrtle Gardiner, Bobby Allen and Carl Ray Hatcher.



COTTON-cotton is just beginning to open across the area. Dry weather is affecting the number and size of bolls, but it won't be long until the sight of the big mechanical strippers and module builders will once more signal the beginning of autumn. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Fall bazaar is October 13 in Clarksville

The 22nd annual Fall Bazaar will be held in Clarksville on October 13. The bazaar is sponsored by the Red River County Historical Society. Crafters, collectors and food ven-

dors are encouraged to reserve their booth space now.

For reservations or information call Marie at 903-427-2645 or Jim Clark at 427-2266.

Pattonville VFD slates 4th annual Car Show

The Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department will host their fourth annual VFD Car Show on Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Pattonville Firehouse and Community Center.

The event will be held rain or shine. Entry fees are \$10.00 before September 15 and \$12.00 the day of the show.

All makes and models cars are welcome. Classes will be held as follows: Stock Cars, Pre 1950; Stock Cars, 1950 to Current; Rod and Custom Cars; Stock Trucks, Pre 1950; Stock Trucks, 1950 to Current; Rod and Custom Trucks; Unusual Class; Under Construction, Pre 1950; Under Construction, 1950 to Current; Big Trucks, Peoples Choice, Best of Show. First, second and third places

will be awarded in each category.

Free dash plaques will be given to the first 50 pre-registrars. Entrants do the judging and spectators judge the Peoples Choice category.

All proceeds from the event benefit the fire department.

A meal of barbeque sandwiches, chips and dessert will be available for \$4.50. Broadway Junction Band will be providing entertainment throughout the event and a 50/50 drawing will be held, along with door prizes.

Checks for registration should be made payable to the Pattonville VFD and sent to Ed or Sandy Ring, P.O. Box 107, Pattonville, TX 75468.

Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy the fun-filled activities.

For more information, call Ed or Sandy Ring at 903-652-9048 or 652-3668.

Hospice volunteers needed

Persons interested in a volunteer position with Cypress Basin Hospice will meet at 2:00 p.m. September 5, 2001 at the Cypress Basin Hospice Office in Mt. Pleasant, Tx.

Individuals attending the program will be given a general review of the program and what volunteer positions are open. Volunteer positions include: administrative, bereavement, patient and fund-raising. No pressure to volunteers will be applied to those who come to the program

Cypress Basin Hospice considers its volunteers to be the heart of the program and the families consider them to be "earthly angels".

Cypress Basin Hospice is located in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. across from the Titus County Civic Center. In the Hinton Oil Building at 1805 N. Jefferson. For more information please contact Rhonda Russell or Tammie Marshall at Cypress Basin Hospice, 903-577-1510.



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Pete and Sue Barrett of Harrison, AR returned to their home Friday after spending a week at the Pattonville Bed and Bath. While there, they visited relatives and friends in Deport, Paris and Clarksville. On Tuesday they visited Gladys Whitten in Denton and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Snooky Lawler in Lewisville.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien were at their farm at Shady Grove when the storm hit on CR13350 destroying barns and wind damage in that area lately.

Ruth and Stanley O'Brien visited Lisa and Dority Pynes and were introduced to their new twin daughters, Faith and Grace, they joined John and Jessica Semple and nine year old Kolton Edwards.

Tess O'Brien of San Antonio recently suffered a fracture of the left leg and was visited by her grandparents, Ruth and Stanley O'Brien. Her father is 1st Lt. Bradley O'Brien who served in Desert Storm and Cindy O'Brien, she had a lot of calls from her family in New York.

Courtney Renee O'Brien was recently in Kansas City, MO where she played fast pitch softball with her team from Mesquite. She was accompanied by her parents, Dr. Randy and Charlotte O'Brien and brother, Ethan.

Rachael Elaine O'Brien will attend the University of Texas at Arlington beginning in the fall. She is a recent graduate of Trinity High School in Euless and the daughter of Dr. Stephen O'Brien of Grapevine and Dr. Francis O'Brien Neil of Frisco.

Stanley O'Brien and Tom Fults enjoyed breakfast Wednesday at Blossom Cafe and visited Bossell Coker.

Visiting Thelma Shelby recently were Ramona Anderson of Garland, Brenda Huntington of Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty, Andrew and Sarah of Greenville and Amy Daugherty and Matthew Pruitt of Rota, Spain.

Happy birthday to Tonya McGonagill, Ashley Day, Elijah Robinson, Monica Hagood, Alpha Barnard, Kara Screws, Tammy Harrington, Brandon Buck, Dale Wilkerson, Marianne Ladd, Ruby Lee Preston, Suzy Kelsey, Meron McEntyre, Chris Whitley, Michael Lee Blackburn, Ima Griffin, J.D. Canida, Mame Cutshall, Blake Flenniken, Charles Slayden, Karen Francis, Freeman Safford, Tamara Nixon, Katie Mullins Williams, Terry Williams, Richard Dixon, Angi Bratton, April Michelle Wesley, Ragen Bell.

Happy anniversary to Klarissa and Kevin Perry, Claudia and John Whitley.

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Hot August weather resulted in small attendance for the month birthday and bingo party. The party was in the Gazebo Room at the original site. Those who did attend and enjoyed being together were Eunice Sugg, Alpha Barnard, Mavis Sowards, Mary Lee Johnson, Evelyn Roach, Maud Webb and Phyllis Gifford. August birthdays celebrated included Mavis Sowards, Betty Andrews, Glen Fulbright, Mildred Wright, Jacqueline Brown and Alpha Barnard.

Melba Ladd did not attend the meeting of the Texas Housing Association as scheduled in Ft. Worth on August 14-16. She will attend training for a new HUD computer reporting program at the HUD offices in Ft. Worth on August 30.

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In September, 1990, Michael Whitney became the first employee of Elliott Motors. Last month, he became a partner in the dealership which has twice been recognized as by Chrysler Corporation as the best dealership of its size in the nation, based on customer satisfaction. Taking care of customers after the sale has been the key to the dealership's success, moving from sales of 200 units in its first year of operation to more than 1,100 units last year. "The thing I've learned first hand about success is that it's built around satisfied customers," Michael said. Presently acting as sales manger, Michael will become the dealership's general manager pending formal approval from Chrysler Corporation. His wife Jonette is a school teacher and coach in the Chapel Hill School District. Members of Trinity Baptist Church, Michael and Jonette have two children, Jordyn, 5 and Jillian, 1.

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