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And Equal Opportunity
Afflictor

Senility is an equal opportunity, non-gender specific, afflictor, and it has definitely afflicted our age group here at work!

In our fifties now, we've discussed the fact that we need to hire someone younger just to follow around behind us and keep up with what we lose or forget.

Sunday afternoon Mike came to shampoo our bedroom carpet. We had transported the shampoo machine earlier, and when he tried to assemble everything, the lid over the mixing chamber was missing.

Well, you can imagine the drill. First, drive back along the route the pickup had taken in order to make sure it hadn't blown out. Then, search at his house. Finally, in total exasperation, he returned. In the meantime, I had searched the truck, outside on the porch and everywhere else. Imagine our surprise and disgust to discover the blue lid (which is about 3 feet long by two wide) was in plain sight in the bedroom all along! Tunnel vision, I suppose, or the old "purloined letter" syndrome of hiding something in plain sight.

Then, last night, my husband decided to cook a cookie. He had previously made a batch of nice, soft, chewy chocolate chip cookies. I loved them, but he thought they needed a little more oven time. There were two left. I proceeded to munch my way through mine, and he (unknown to me) put his in the microwave for a moment. Or at least he thought for a moment. He just cranked the timer around, and walked away.

After about five minutes I asked "did you put something on to cook...cause I smell something burning".

Thomas raced to the kitchen. Within moments a horrible, scorched smell began to permeate the whole house.

Did you know that cookies will only be golden brown on the outside but completely black on the inside if they are microwaved about five minutes? Um huh, they really will.

Well, after giving the guys a hard time about the senility, I had my own problems.

Monday morning I pulled all the faxes from the machine, walked to the back of the room, laid them down while I looked at some other things. Fifteen minutes later I'm ranting that "I haven't left my desk and these faxes CANT have disappeared!" Well, I had left my desk and they were somewhere else.

I realize we belong to a large crowd...but nevertheless I'll close with a joke that may be all too true.

An older couple went to the doctor about their memory problems, and all he could suggest was that they make notes for everything.

That night, the husband told the wife he was going to get some ice cream, and she asked for a bowl too. Then, she told him to ut whipped cream on it.

"Make a note like the doctor said" she insisted, but he swore that he could remember two bowls of ice cream with whipped cream.

He was gone a long time and when he came back it was with a tray of scrambled eggs and bacon. The wife looked up and said "I told you you'd forget...where's the toast!"

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Deport Times

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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Thursday, December 2, 2001

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DEPORT NURSING Home won First Place in the Auto Division of the Deport Christmas Parade Monday. James Judd, a Vietnam Era Veteran, sat on the car which read "God Bless the USA, We Salute Our Veterans". (Staff photo by Mike Francies)



FIRST PLACE pickup in Deport's Christmas Parade went to the Fourth Grade-2. Chase Stogsdill and Anna Baker were patriotically attired and waved Old Glory from their red, white and blue pickup. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Shady Grove to have Christmas dinner

The Shady Grove Methodist Church will have their Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a

covered dish and a gift to be exchanged.

Men bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift.



FIRST PLACE FLOAT in the Deport Christmas Parade went to the Kindergarten-2 Class's "Have A Country Christmas" Entry. Kaithlnd border and Kelby cole proudly display their ribbon. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

Prairiland board considers building junior high, calling bond election, making many improvements

The Prairiland ISD Board of Trustees heard several proposals from consultants of Dain Rauscher and Associates at a meeting Thursday to consider options for building a Junior High School at the Prairiland Campus.

Superintendent James Morton stressed that "we are NOT considering shutting either the Deport or the Blossom campus down."

The board is just in the initial stages of the idea, and options ranging from a \$2.5 million bond issue to a \$7.5 million dollar bond issue, plus obtaining a great deal of funding help from the Instructional Funding Administration were discussed.

Superintendent Morton says

they board was looking at a five year plan which would include some of the following: 2001-2002: Bond Election in May, Building a Junior High for 6, 7 & 8 grades or a new High School and turning the Junior high out of the current High School

Build 2 PE Gyms with seating for 300 between them, enlarge Cafeteria into a Cafetorium, Upgrade Sewer System, build a Science Lab

2002-2003: complete project, Track at High School and Move Football Field.

2003-2004: Remove 2 Story at Blossom, build classrooms, office, and library at Blossom to tie buildings all together. Parking at Blossom

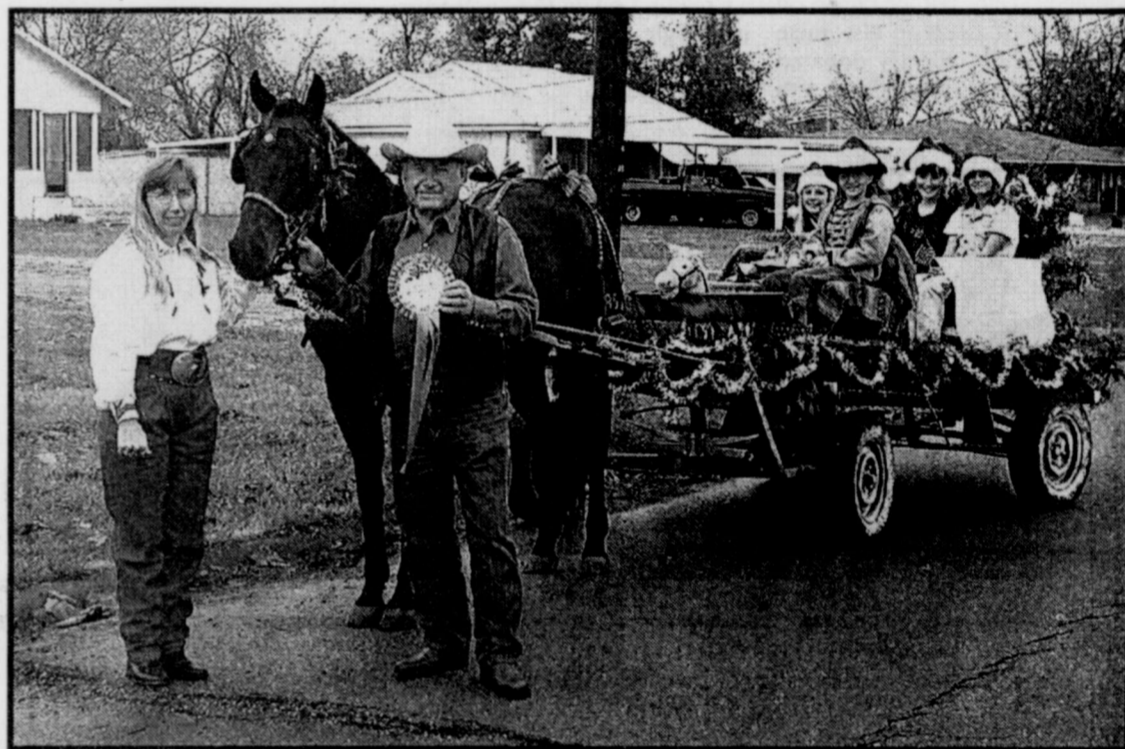
2004-2005: Remove 2 story at Deport, build classrooms, office and library at Deport to tie buildings all together. Remodel gym have access from outside.

2005-2006. Upgrade Vocational Ag Shop.

"This is only a proposal" Superintendent Morton said, "we have so many options to look at. One thing we have to meet is handicapped access, plus I'd like to see us start a Pre-K program and Blossom and Deport".

Upcoming meetings will determine how to best obtain funding and best utilize the program, plus the community's reaction to the matter.

The board also elected Mike Blackburn to the Lamar County Appraisal Board.



FIRST PLACE in the Miscellaneous Division went to this horse drawn wagon loaded with kids. Rab Skidmore entered the colorful conveyance. (Staff Photo by Mike Francies)

New labelling system should help delivery

Take hope, we are! These newspapers, along with other publications, have been experiencing delivery difficulties for several years.

In January of the new year we will put into effect a bar coding system on each and every newspaper label. The post office assures us that this should help speed things up. It will be an expensive process, but one which we hope will truly provide our readers with better delivery.

Editor's Quotes

When one door closes another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us.
Alexander Graham Bell

RRCo. Genealogical Society Party will be at Lennox House

The December 10th meeting for the Red River County Genealogical Society will be held at the Lennox House in Clarksville, Texas. Members and their guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. For a finger food buffet. Each year the society has met at historic locations. The society has met in pre-

vious years at the Blossom library, Detroit Museum, Courthouse Bed & Breakfast and the Old Church Theater. Mary Hauser will speak about the Lennox Home and the furnishings after the buffet.

There will not be a gift exchange. Members are requested to bring finger foods for the buffet.

Deport Newspaper Office to be open on Fridays during Dec.

In order to help readers renew their subscriptions and gift subscriptions during December, the Deport Times will be open on Fridays in addition to their regular office hours. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, December 14th and December 21st.

The office is open Monday through Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to renew their Deport Times, Bogata News, Talco Times, Blossom Times or Detroit Weekly may do so at this office, or at the Bogata Office Monday through Thursdays or by mail.

Letters to Editor

To the Editor,
Prairiland ISD would like to publicly thank Mike Blackburn and his crew at Precinct 1 for all their help and cooperation in keeping our county roads in which our buses travel each day safe and sound. Also, the improvements at the Prairiland High School baseball field would not have been possible without Mike's effort. Thanks again, guys.
Coaches, Administrators and School Board Members of Prairiland ISD



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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cooks this week come to us once again from Blossom. The Blossom National Junior Honor Society put together their second cookbook and have recently received them just in time for the holidays. The first one that was made a couple of years ago was a huge success and it was decided to make another.

It is loaded with some great recipes and has a section for Appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts and miscellaneous. It also includes sections on lowering your fat content, fat facts, calculating percent fat, "heart healthy" recipes substitutions, food labeling definitions, sodium and low sodium seasoning suggestions, food safety guidelines, basic guidelines for losing weight, nutrition food label understanding and a food pyramid. Behind each section are other handy tips and suggestions that will come in handy.

The honor society works all year raising funds for various activities. The most recent event coming up is "Santa's kids". They donate funds, toys and food to families in the community so that they might have a better Christmas. They are collecting non-perishable food items along with the students on the Blossom campus for baskets for distribution over the holidays. They sell ice cream on Fridays to students to also raise money. They recently donated \$100.00 to the September 11th

fund through the American Red Cross.

Cookbooks can be purchased on the campus of the school and we hope you enjoy these recipes from the officers. The No-Bake Fruitcake, Coconut Custard Pie and Creamy Lemon Pie is for one our special readers, Dovie Stevens. I hope these will do for you and have a safe and happy holiday! See you in the kitchen!

Cherry Pecan Bread-Ricardo Cantera-president-this bread would be great for the holidays and for gift giving!

Chocolate Ice Cream Roll-Taylor Mauldin-jelly roll cake wrapped around ice cream.....can't beat it!

Granny Jane's Mac and Cheese-Cody says nothing is better than mac and cheese and this can't be topped!

Darren's People Chow-Darren Lane-another great recipe for gift giving or just sitting around with a case of the "munchies"!

Taco Casserole-Ashley Outland-one of the quick and easy recipes that everyone will enjoy!

No-Bake Holiday Fruitcake-most people don't like fruitcakes.....but I bet you will this one using Eagle Brand Milk!

Coconut Custard Cream Pie-also uses Eagle Brand Milk and a dab of nutmeg for added flavor!

Creamy Lemon Pie-another using Eagle Brand Milk and Real Lemon juice.....a lemon lover's dream!

Wednesday, December 6
Blossom National Junior Honor Society Cookbook

Cherry Pecan Bread-Ricardo Cantera
2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup chopped maraschino cherries
In bowl thoroughly stir together flour, soda and 1/2 teaspoon salt; set aside. In large mixer bowl cream together sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to creamed mixture. Beat just till blended after each addition. Fold in nuts and cherries. Turn batter into lightly greased 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove and cool. May be glazed with confectioner's sugar.

Chocolate Ice Cream Roll-Taylor Mauldin
3/4 cup all purpose flour
1/4 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
powdered sugar
1 pint ice cream
Heat oven to 375 degrees; line jelly roll pan with aluminum foil or waxed paper; grease. Mix flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; reserve. Beat eggs in small bowl on high speed until very thick and lemon colored, 3-5 minutes. Pour eggs into large mixer bowl; gradually beat in granulated sugar. On low speed, blend in water and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture, beating until smooth. Pour into pan, spreading batter to corners. Bake until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Loosen cake from edges of pan; invert on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Carefully remove foil; trim stiff edges from cake if necessary. While hot, roll cake and towel from narrow end. Cool; unroll cake and remove towel. Soften ice cream slightly. Quickly spread over cake. Roll up and place, seam side down, on piece of aluminum foil. Wrap and freeze at least four hours. Fifteen minutes before serving unwrap and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Granny Jane's Mac and Cheese-Cody Flatt
1 pound sharp Cheddar cheese-cubed
1 can milk
1 pound dry macaroni

2 eggs-separated
3/4 cup water
salt to taste
bread crumbs-optional
Boil macaroni until tender; drain. Melt cheese with milk; add egg yolks. Beat egg whites until fluffy and light. Gently fold in melted cheese. Place macaroni and cheese mixture in buttered baking dish. Add about 3/4 cup water and salt. Sprinkle with crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes until thick and golden brown.

Darren's People Chow-Darren Lane
1 box Rice Chex
1 stick butter
3/4 cup peanut butter
1 package chocolate chips
powdered sugar
Melt butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips. Mix in with Rice Chex. Drop in bag of powdered sugar and shake. Lay on wax paper to separate and cool.

Taco Casserole-Ashley Outland
1 pound ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic-finely chopped
1 cup water
1/2 cup taco sauce
4 ounces diced green chilis
1/2 cup sliced ripe olives
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 package taco shells-broken
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
chopped tomatoes-optional
chopped green onions-optional
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cook beef, onion and garlic until browned; drain. Stir in water, taco sauce, chilis. 1/4 cup olives and seasoning mix. Cook over low heat 3-4 minutes. Layer half of broken taco shells on bottom of greased 12x8 casserole dish. Cover with half of meat sauce; sprinkle with 1 cup cheese. Repeat layers. Bake 20-25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted. Top with remaining olives, tomatoes and green onions.

No-Bake Holiday Fruit Cake
16 oz package graham crackers-crushed
6 oz container candied red cherries-chopped
6 oz container green cherries-chopped
6 oz container candied pineapple-chopped
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
2 cans Eagle Brand Milk
Line 9x5 loaf pans with plastic wrap; allow wrap to hang over edge. In large bowl, combine crackers, red and green cherries, pineapple, pecans and milk; using hands, mix thoroughly. Place mixture into lined pan and cover well. Freeze for at least 8 hours or overnight before serving. Remove wrap and slice when ready for serving. Store any remaining in freezer.

Coconut Custard Pie
19-inch unbaked pie shell
1 cup flaked coconut
3 eggs
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1-1/4 cups hot water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Preheat oven to 425 degrees; toast 1/2 cup coconut; set aside. Bake pastry shell 8 minutes; cool slightly. In medium bowl, beat eggs, milk, water, vanilla, salt and nutmeg; mix well. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup coconut. Pour into pastry shell. Sprinkle with toasted coconut. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 degrees and bake 25 minutes to 30 minutes longer or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool.

Creamy Lemon Pie
3 egg yolks
1 can Eagle Brand Milk
1/2 cup Real Lemon juice
2-3 drops food coloring-optional
1 baked pastry shell or graham cracker crust
whipped topping
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat egg yolks in medium-sized bowl. Gradually beat in milk and lemon juice. Stir in food coloring if desired. Pour into pastry shell and bake 30-35 minutes or until set. Remove and cool for 1 hour. Chill at least three hours. Top with whipped topping.



COOKS OF THE WEEK this week are the officers of the Blossom National Junior Honor Society. The group has just received their cookbooks back in time for the Christmas holidays. They make great gifts or stocking stuffers. Get yours today! Pictured left to right is Ricardo Cantera-president, Taylor Mauldin-vice president, Cody Flatt-secretary, Darren Lane-reporter and Ashley Outland-reporter. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Obituaries

Nelda Allen Bewley dies November 28

Nelda "Nell" Allen Bewley went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, November 28 after an eight year battle with multiple strokes. She was born in Cunningham on December 2, 1932 to Fred and Lorette Allen.

Nell was a gifted musician who spent her adult life sharing her love of music with children. After obtaining her music degree from East Texas State, she spent over 25 years in Austin teaching music and choir at several schools including Austin High School, Pleasant Hill, Odom, Barton Hills and Oak Hill Elementary Schools. In retirement, she began new music programs in Encinal and Cotulla and was an enthusiastic sales associate at Beall's Department Store.

Nell shared her big soprano voice for over 30 years as a member of the Sanctuary Choir at the First Baptist Church of Austin. While coping with complications from massive strokes, she continued singing as a member of Heights Baptist Church in Temple.

Her parents, her brothers John and Bob, and her sister Barbara preceded her in death.

Nell is survived by her daughter, Joany Wills and husband Robert and their children Michael, Mitchell and Marshall of Christoval; and her son, Mark Bewley and wife Susan and their children Meredith and Madeleine of Pflugerville. Her brothers, Fred Allen and Duane Allen and sister, Martha Allen Shannon, also survive her.

Visitation was November 29 at Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple with services and interment at Cunningham Baptist Church on Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Heights Baptist Church of Temple or the Living Music Scholarship Fund at the First Baptist Church of Austin.

Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple was in charge of Temple arrangements and Wood Funeral Home in Deport was in charge of Cunningham arrangements.

Pat Bray dies November 27

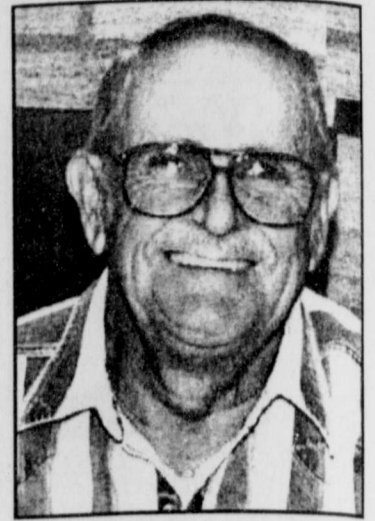
Pat Bray, age 64, died November 27 in Kindred Hospital, Dallas.

Services were held Friday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with Rev. James Brown officiating. Burial followed in Garland Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

He was born in Red River County on July 5, 1937, a son of Roy and Ruth Garrett Bray. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda Hausler Bray of Clarksville, whom he married June 24, 1961 in Clarksville; a son, Brandon Bray of Tyler; daughters, Nicole Wims of Detroit, Andrea Bray of Clarksville, Kristin Whitaker of Clarksville; a sister, Betty Sheppard of Henderson; and one grandchild. Pallbearers were Harold Griffin, Tommy Pryor, Casey Carson, Luther Whitaker, Lawrence Wilcoxen, David Bowers, John Wims and Roy Dale Bray. Honorary bearers were Leonard Simington, Billy Hines, John Hall, Gary Thomas, Glenn Mitchell, Kenneth Humphrey, Ben Black, Dub McGregor, Bobby Bryan, J.D. Trissell and Bobby Brown.



Rufus Lee Merritt dies December 3

Rufus Lee Merritt, age 67 of Bogata, formerly of Pattonville, died Monday, December 3 in Christus St. Joseph Hospital South.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 in the First Baptist Church of Deport with Rev. Freddy Burden and Rev. Billy Daniels officiating. Burial was in Meadowbrook Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Merritt was born July 14, 1934 in Pattonville. He was raised by his grandparents, Jessie and Ida Merritt and his aunt, Susie Merritt Foster. He graduated from East Lamar High School in 1951 and worked for Westinghouse of Paris for 39 1/2 years, retiring August 1, 1992. He married the former Shirley Eudy Hervey on May 31, 1997.

He is survived by his wife; three adopted children, David and Jeff Merritt of Paris and Ronnie Merritt of Oklahoma; three stepchildren, Lori Franks and husband Ricky of Sugar Hill, Butch Hervey and wife Kathy of Paris and Joe Hervey and wife Jacque of Ovilla; a brother, Donald Bob Merritt and wife Patsy of Pattonville; three half-brothers, J.D., Bobby and Charlie Crawford, all of Ft. Worth; two half-sisters, Ida Nell Stokes of Quitman and Sandra Samuels of Ft. Worth; a half-sister, Doris Crawford, preceded him in death.

Active pallbearers were Joe and Butch Hervey, Ricky Franks, Danny Eudy, Harold Butch Miller and David Merritt. Honorary bearers were James Merritt, John Manley Temple, Buddy Taylor, Marty Merritt, Mark Baird, S.C. Short and Hal Rheudasil.

Card of Thanks

The family of Julia Vaughdean Lee would like to express our gratitude to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, made telephone calls, visited and your prayers during our loved one's sickness and going home to be with the Lord. May God bless each of you.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Bogata First Responders and Bogata Police Department for saving our child, Christy Rosson's life, Saturday, November 24.

Your quick response and professional care saved Christy. We are grateful for the people who are a part of the Bogata First Responders, VFD and Police Department. God bless you all.

Wayne Rosson & Family

DON'T FORGET PEARL HARBOR DAY, December 7th

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 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.

Christmas light show returns!

The 19th annual Christmas Light Fantasy has returned to the home of Allen and Pansy Parsons and everyone is invited to view the spectacular array of lights.

This year's show will begin November 22 and run through December 29, featuring over 750,000 lights and many new displays. The lights can be viewed from 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.

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Lady Pats begin season with win

Patriot JV takes consolation

In the first round of the Chapel Hill Tournament, the JV Patriots faced Pittsburg and took the 1st loss with a score of 44-59.

Seth Walker was high for the night with 16 along with O'Neal Drinnon also in double figures with 11. Jake Daugherty 7, Cody Hicks and Dustin Applegate each had 4, Daniel Hayes and Thomas Bishop each had a point.

The JV boys hit 50 percent from the free-throw line hitting 9-18 while Pittsburg hit 40 percent hitting only 10-21. 16 fouls were recorded by the Pats while Pittsburg drew 17.

In the second round on Saturday morning, the Pats fared better with a 41-33 win over Detroit. Shooting 5-12 or 42 percent from the free throw line, Detroit could only manage 40 percent with 6-16. The Pats had 19 fouls while

the Eagles pulled in 11. Hicks (with 2 three pointers) and Casey Johnson (1 three pointer) were both in double figures with 12 each. Walker had 7, Bishop hit a three pointer and Daugherty, Hayes and Applegate added 2 each with a single from Drinnon.

In the consolation bracket against Chisum, the Pats took the win and the trophy 63-29. They hit 50 percent off the foul line with a whopping 24-49 shots. They drew 20 fouls while Chisum committed 30.

Walker had a big night with 15 while Johnson followed with 11. Hicks had 9, Applegate 7 and Bishop 6 with a trey shot added. Daugherty had 5 along with Trent Brummett's 5, Matt Morgan 3 and Drinnon and Hayes each added two each.

The Prairiland Lady Patriots took a win over Avery on November 13, 47-42 with Sara Bolton taking high point honors with 18. Jordan Hunold followed with 10, Mallory Price 7 and Brittany Ballard and Jodie Bybee each hitting 6 points. The girls drew 14 fouls from Avery while Avery pulled 17 from the

ladies. The girls also hit 13-20 from the free throw line with Bolton hitting 8-11.

On Monday, November 19, the ladies hosted Lone Oak and took another big win with a score of 45-26. The girls led in the first quarter 7-12 and was two points ahead at the buzzer at halftime 16-18. They pulled away in the third by six points with Brittany Ballard adding 5 to the score along with 4 from Megan Graham. In the fourth and final quarter the girls ran away with the game with the help of several of the team hitting the floor after returning from the

state volleyball win. The girls shot 10-26 free shots while Lone Oak could only manage 5-19. Foul drawn were Lady Pats 20 and Lone Oak 25. Kami Hudson was high with 15 and Ballard came in second with 9. Graham had 7, Nikki Bybee 4, Hunold, Emilee Bolton and Sara Bolton each added three while Lacy Davis had one point.

Tuesday, November 20 saw the ladies go up against Como-Pickton and lose 41-45 in a hard-fought game. The girls could only manage 6 points in the first while Como came back with 8. Como pulled out in the second quarter with a score of 2 while the ladies could only pull off 15 to go into halftime.

Coming back in the third to add another 8 points, the ladies still trailed 23-32. A three-point shot from Davis and 6 from Ballard still kept the ladies behind at the end of the game 41-46.

Ballard and Hudson were was high with 11 while Davis came up second with 5.

Sara Bolton had 4, Hunold had 3 along with Graham and Emilee Bolton added 2 each. The girls shot 63 percent from the free line with 12-19 and had 26 fouls.

Roxton traveled to Prairiland on Tuesday, November 27 with the Lady Pats taking the win 49-38. The girls played tough and maintained a slim lead in the first two quarters with scores of 13-12 and 22-20.

The ladies pulled out all of the stops in the third quarter to take a lead hitting 13 points and 14 points in the fourth quarter. The girls drew 24 fouls shooting only 17 percent with 3-18. While Roxton drew 17 fouls and shot 44 percent hitting 8-18.

Hudson was hot hitter for the night with 17 and Ballard had 12. E. Bolton added 10, Hunold 5, Graham 3 and S. Bolton 2.



Prairiland girls at Tourney

The Prairiland Varsity girls drew the Lady Eagles from Detroit in the first round of the Prairiland Screen Graphics Invitational Tournament on November 29 thru December 1, 2001. The girls blew away the Lady Eagles in the 1st quarter 13-0 and added further humiliation in the 2nd with a score 24-7.

Detroit came back in the third to hit 13 but still trailed 32-20 as the Lady Pats added 8. A strong 4th quarter by the ladies with 19 points, 8 of these were from Megan Graham.

Prairiland committed 12 fouls to Detroit's 20 while the Lady Pats shot 11-27 from the line and Detroit shot 5-13. Emilee Bolton had 13 followed by Graham with 12. Brittany Ballard 11, Lacy Davis 8, Jordan Hunold 4 and Nikki Bybee, Jodie Bybee and Kami Hudson with one each.

On Friday, the ladies fought a hard battle for the win against Roxton 56-52. The ladies committed a total of 30 fouls as they managed 50 percent from the line for 11-19. Roxton had 17 fouls and 54 percent shooting with 27-41.

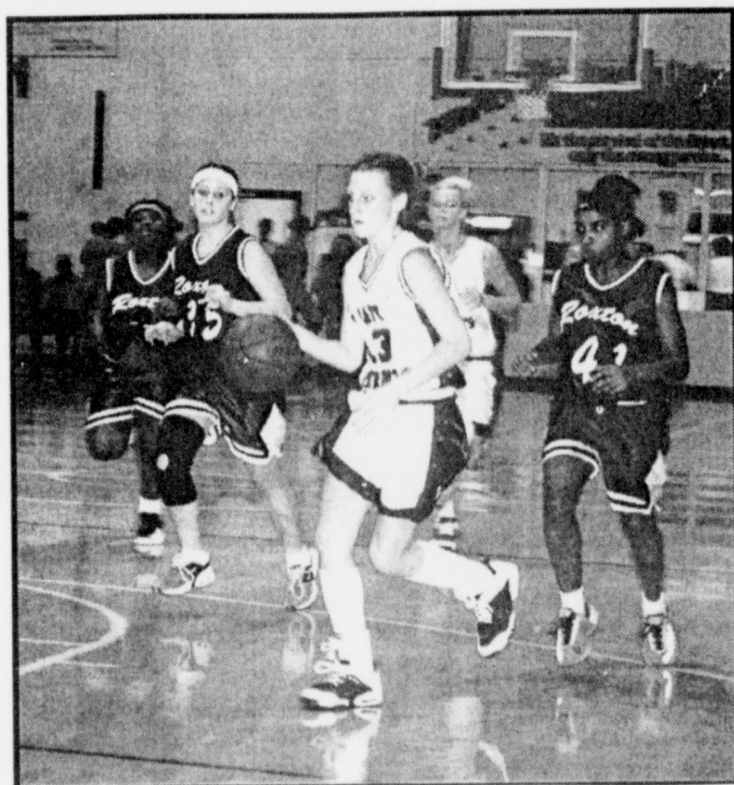
Three girls hit double figures with Davis taking the lead with 15. Hudson 11 and Jodie Bybee 10. Ballard had 9, Graham 3, Nikki Bybee, Emilee Bolton and Sara Bolton each contributing a basket.

On Saturday, the Honey Grove Lady Warriors hit the floor with a purpose and that was to defeat the Lady Patriots and they did 56-39.

First quarter action saw the ladies trail by one 13-14. They fell behind by 10 going into the half. By the end of the third quarter, the Lady Pats had retreated with 27 points as Honey Grove poured in 16 to lead with 41 points.

Although the ladies came back strong in the fourth quarter with 12, it was too late as Honey Grove added another 11 to make it 39-56.

Davis hit high for the night once again with 10 as Hunold added two treys and two foul shots for 8. Hudson had 7, Ballard 6, Graham 4 and Nikki Bybee and Emilee Bolton each added a basket. The girls fared better at the free throw line hitting 64 percent for 7-11. Honey Grove committed 15 fouls to the Lady Patriots 10.



BRITTANY BALLARD drives the ball down court for the Lady Patriots when they took on the Roxton Lady Lions at the Prairiland Tournament. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



JORDAN HUNOLD of the Varsity Prairiland Lady Patriots handled the ball in basketball competition against the Roxton Lady Lions at Prairiland last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Patriots fall to Como

The Patriots hosted Como-Pickton on November 20 and fell 40-57. The first quarter was sluggish for both teams as the Pats could only manage 4 while Como straggled ahead with 5. Como came out in the second quarter with a bang and shot for 24 points while the Pats only hit for two baskets.

In the third quarter, the Pats remained behind by 15 points while

Como kept the lead 24-39. In the final quarter the Pats shot 16, but could not gain the lead as Como poured in another 17 to remain on top.

Loveless was high for the night with 12 followed by Musgrove with 11.

Steinkamp had 5, Nathan Burden 4 and Gage 3. Norwood and Murdock each had a basket.



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LEC merger still important says board and management

The management and board of Lamar County Electric Cooperative say the merger of the co-op with Cap Rock Energy is more important than ever. There will soon be a deregulated marketplace for electric utilities in Texas. What does this mean for small companies like Lamar Electric Co-Op?

Many experts believe a utility must be a certain size to be able to survive in such a market. The large investor-owned utilities will have little interest in serving customers in rural areas - they learned long ago that rural areas were much too expensive to serve compared to the mass meters of urban areas. It is expected that many small co-ops will not survive in a deregulated marketplace, and the members of those cooperatives will end up paying increased costs for electricity, with a marked downgrade in reliability and quality of service.

The board and management of Cap Rock have been planning for years for the coming deregulation. Size is protection, and several small co-ops have joined Cap Rock in its fight for survival. The LEC board has shown wisdom in foreseeing the same future and deciding chance of survival is much better in a bigger organization.

What will happen to your capital credits if this merger does not occur? Capital credits have always been returned to the membership at the discretion of the board of directors and cooperative's bankers. In those years when the co-op made a profit, allocations were paid. In most cases, the pay-

ments were for small allocations due to 20 years in the past. If a co-op does not survive deregulation, those capital credits will never be paid. They will be eaten up by increasing need for operating capital.

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A stock company structure will provide flexibility in financing, with capital to modernize and grow the business. Our goal has always been to have Cap Rock's stock in the hands of local investors - those who were members of our electric co-ops. It gives value to your capital credits. It provides a stock certificate that has value, instead of a promise of capital credits that may never be paid.

The challenges faced by electric cooperatives today are very similar to those of the thrift industry 20-plus years ago. They've operated for years in a

comfortable, protected environment, just like the thrifts in the 1970s. Now they're about to face competition for the first time. Unless they prepare themselves for change, unless they take the necessary steps to compete, they probably won't make it. The biggest prerequisite for survival is size, which provides opportunity to lower costs and provide additional work force when needed, such as during the terrible ice storm of last December.

Becoming part of a public stock company gives you more control of your destiny. Under the community-offering concept, together we have a better chance to maintain control of our companies, while securing capital to expand our infrastructure and survive.

The electric cooperative movement began with citizens banding together for mutual gain. In the 21st century, we are doing the same thing. We are taking what is best in the cooperative philosophy and combining it with the advantages of a public stock company. The result will be a public stock company that is operated much like a cooperative. You will continue to receive the same excellent service, and the Agreement to Combine ensures your rates will remain competitive.

The merger with Cap Rock is important to all LEC members. Returning proxies during the current board election is also important. It is important that LEC remain a strong, viable entity. It is probable that the merger with Cap Rock is the final opportunity for the co-op to enter a deregulated marketplace as part of a larger organization.

Detroit Rodeo Club to sponsor first youth rodeo

The newly formed Detroit Rodeo Club will sponsor a youth rodeo on March 13-15 at the Clarksville VFD Arena in Clarksville.

The event will be for two age groups in the boys and girls division, 14 and under and 15-19.

A total of 22 rodeo events will be held with 22 buckles for the champions.

According to sponsor Coach John Carlisle, they have most of

the buckles sponsored but are in need of more sponsorships for an all around saddle for the boys and girls division.

The Rodeo Club has over 25 members and will take donations. For information, call Coach Carlisle at 674-2523 at school or 632-0572 at home.

There will be a club meeting for parents and students on January 7 at 7 p.m. to talk about the rodeo.

Tour of Homes is Dec. 8

The Roxton Community Development Committee will present its Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 8

from 5 until 8 p.m. There are five homes, the museum and the Roxton Methodist Church on the tour.

Time to share your Christmas memories

It's time to send in those Christmas memories in order to share them with readers everywhere! Again this year Thunder Prairie Publishing is holding a contest for Christmas memories that will run in their big Christmas edition.

These memories can be new or old, include Christmas traditions or memories of a special holiday, memorable gift, amazing visit from Santa or whatever.

An independent panel of judges will select First, Second and third Place winners plus Honorable Mentions. First place will receive a photo album and all winners will receive a certificate of award.

These memories can be typed, handwritten or even e-mailed to

us. Submit your memory of a special Christmas to Thunder Prairie Publishing P.O.Box 98 Deport, TX 75435

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Please remember to include your name and address on the memories so proper credit can be given! The deadline for receiving these memories is December 13th, so take amoment to jot them down.

The memories are one of the favorite portions of the Christmas edition, so please send yours in to help make the paper the greatest one ever!


Light contest is upcoming

The Red River County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Christmas Lights Contest for Avery, Bogata, Clarksville, Detroit and all the surrounding communities for home and business.

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Lunch:
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 Pinto beans
 Corn
 cobbler
 Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
 Sausage, cheese, biscuit
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Ham/cheese sandwiches
 Pickles
 Potato salad
 Fruit
 Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
 Cinnamon rolls
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
 Steak fingers
 Potatoes, gravy
 Green beans
 Biscuits
 Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
 Breakfast pizza
 Juice, milk
Lunch:
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REWARD

A \$5000 cash reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for burning down a hay barn located on the west side of FM 410 approximately 7 miles north of Detroit, TX. The arson occurred on or about Nov. 11, 2001. The reward will be paid after the person or persons responsible for this arson are convicted.

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Customers are encouraged to call or stop by for assistance.



Mrs. Jerry Shaw

Watkins-Shaw wed August 25

Julie Watkins of Bogata and Jerry Shaw of Argo were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2001 at Ramseur Baptist Church in Paris. Byron Howard of Paris officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Terry Watkins of Bogata. She is the granddaughter of Eva Watkins of Bogata and the late Tom Watkins and Floreice Nicholson of Paris and the late Reid Nicholson. She is a 1996 graduate of Rivercrest High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A & M Commerce. She is employed as a first grade teacher at E.C. Brice Elementary in Mt. Pleasant.

The groom is the son of E.G. and Mary Locke of Argo and Gary and Janese Shaw of Dumas. He is the grandson of Jessie Orr of Tulia and the late Shorty Orr, Mary Zigler of Hawley and the late James Zigler and Wanda Locke and the late Bud Locke of Argo. He is a 1993 graduate of Claude High School and he attended Lincoln Tech School. He is currently manager for Turner Auto Parts.

The bridesmaids entered to a slide show while Jessica Sjmpson's "Your Faith in Me" played. Nelda Johnson sang "Because You Love Me" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a white, mid-sleeved, satin princess style gown with beaded appliques accenting the bodice and full skirt. Her waist length veil fell from a beaded headband accented with small white roses and pearls.

Both the gown and veil were designed and tailored by the bride's mother.

She carried a long cascade of red and white roses accented with fern leaves, white pearls and ribbon. She wore her grandmother's ring as something old. Tammie Rolf of Mt. Pleasant served as matron of honor and Kaycee Moreland of Dallas served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Bishop of Mt. Pleasant, sister of the bride and Tori Ashmore of Brevard, N.C.

The bridal attendants wore floor length black and white dresses and carried lit votive candles accented with white pearls and white roses.

Jason Collins of Wellington served as best man. Groomsman were Joe Holt of Mt. Vernon, Michael Collins of Mt. Pleasant and James Shaw of Claude, brother of the groom. Ushers were Clayton Watkins of Bogata, brother of the bride and Shawn Bishop of Mt. Pleasant, brother-in-law of the bride.

Autumn Locke of Houston, niece of the groom, and Kelly Chambers of Maywood Park, Oregon, cousin of the groom, served as flower girls with Zachery Rolf of Mt. Pleasant and Codie Shaw of Claude, nephew of the groom, serving as ringbearers.

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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Sympathy is extended to the Nelda Allen Bewley family. Services were Saturday at Cunningham Baptist Church. Nelda was the daughter of Fred and Lorette Allen.

Linda Anderson and Wendy Ordorica attended the annual Anderson girls Christmas party at Stacey Newbery's home in Sulphur Springs on Saturday.

Rodger Watson of Texarkana visited with Billie Joe and Georgia Oats Saturday night. Their Sunday dinner guests were Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Kaylee Lane.

Sunday guests of Bobbie and Shelby Kennedy were Heath, Layker and Laytner Kennedy and Melba and Anna Baker.

The old Bledsoe store building is being torn down. It is another landmark of Cunningham that remains only in our memories.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Pam McKee and Barry and Barbara Wisdom ate with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove Sunday. Frankie and Julie Norwood and Amber Norwood visited in the afternoon.

Prairiland seventh grade basketball team won the Sulphur Springs tournament Saturday. Lacy Cole, Haley Norwood and Charity Musgrove play on the team.

Pat Norwood went to Sulphur Springs to watch Lacy Cole play basketball and she also shopped while there. Saturday night she and James attended Talma Norwood's birthday party at Country Joe's.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood attended Shelia Norwood's Christmas party in Denton Sunday.

Billie Ford took Lillian King shopping in Paris Saturday and to visit Shirlene Owens.

Morris Cox spent Sunday and Monday night with Velma Cox two weeks ago. She went home with him and they visited Sarah

and Elmer Holly and family in Ennis. She went to Gordon and Jan Cox's for Thanksgiving. Others attending were Mary Ann and Raymond Gaylord of Baytown, Rodger and Kathy Baxter and Betty Kuntz of Allen, Dusty Cox of College Station, Ken and Shelly Wardle of Ft. Worth and Morris and Kyle Cox of Dallas. Gordon and Jan brought Velma home Sunday.

Canard and Delores ate with Teresa and Jamie Smith Sunday night. Delores went to Sulphur springs to watch Haley Norwood play in the basketball tournament.

Craig and Andrea Skaley ate with Brad and Georjeana Nutt Friday night.

Veterinary burglary is Crime of the Week

You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the night of Saturday, November 17, an unknown suspect forced entry into the Lamar Veterinary Clinic at 3350 NE Loop in Paris. Once inside the building, the suspects stole an undetermined amount of money.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by December 10, an arrest is made of those persons responsible, Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. All calls do remain anonymous and you will not have to testify in court. So lets all work together to fight crime! Call Crime Stoppers today at (785-8477).

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**Milton
News**
By Matty Lu Upchurch

Hattie Hobbs and Helen Temple of Paris visited Ann and Sheldon Lee Saturday.

James Cunningham of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Saturday.

Kaitlyn and Kaylan Spray of Reno spent Sunday with their grandparents, Susan and Phillip Roach.

Kay Preston of Minter and granddaughter Alexis Williams of Paris and Tim Parks of Faught had lunch with Dorothy and James Holt on Sunday.

Pats cage Lions

The Prairiland Patriots took on the Roxton Lions and kept a big win at home with a score of 71-42 on Tuesday, November 27, 2001. The Pats came out strong in the first quarter with Jared Gage and Bryan Murdock each adding two baskets while D.J. Loveless put in 7 points to make the score 15-2.

In the second quarter, Eric Berry added a trey shot along with one from Shawn Steinkamp to go into the locker room at halftime 38-20. Third quarter action remained

much of the same as Loveless was hot with ten of the 16 points scored in the third to make the score 54-34. Three-point shots from Loveless, Steinkamp and Chance Bankhead insured the lead as the Patriots took the win 71-42.

Loveless was high with 28 points followed by Gage and Steinkamp with 10 each. Berry, Bankhead and Murdock each had 6, Stoney Musgrove 3 and Scotty Nichols 2. The boys were 71 percent from the free-shot line hitting 5-8.

Prairiland JV girls start season

On Tuesday, November 11, Prairiland saw Como-Pickton at Prairiland with the JV girls keeping the win at home 30-22. The ladies hit 50 percent (6-12) of their free shots while Como also hit 50 percent. Both teams racked up 12 fouls each with Britney Martin high point with 10.

Mallory Price had 6, Leslie Davis and Whitney Turner each had 4, Whitney Brook, Rachael Murdock and Amanda Nichols each added two.

The Prairiland JV Girls played Avery on November 13 and had full command of the game with a 12-2 lead at the end of the 1st quarter. Going into the locker room at halftime, the ladies still maintained a huge lead holding the Avery girls to two points.

The third quarter saw another 9 points while Avery added 2 to

make it 29-4. At the end of the game the JV ladies held Avery by 30 points with a score of 37-7.

Brook was high with 14 followed by Murdock with 8. Leslie Davis 9, Nicole Boehler 4 and Whitney Turner 2.

Monday, November 19, the girls hosted Lone Oak and sent them home with another huge loss of 51-22. Although the girls shot poorly from the free-throw line with only 30 percent (3-10), Lone Oak fared better with 47 percent (7-15). Prairiland had 14 fouls while Lone Oak garnered 8.

Freshman Mallory Price had a big night with 14 and Davis was 2nd with 10. Turner hit for 8, Britney Martin 6, Johnna Patterson 5, Brook 4 and Murdock and Amanda Nichols each had two.

three-pointer from Loveless to take the lead 38-33. Another three-pointer in the final quarter by Musgrove and 4-4 free throws by Norwood and Murdock along with a basket from Gage insured the win by ten points as the Pats went into the consolation bracket against Honey Grove. Murdock was the high point for the Roxton game with 12 followed by Loveless with 10. Musgrove and Gage each had 9 points while Norwood and Shawn Steinkamp each shot a basket.

In the Honey Grove game on Saturday, the Pats fell hard 41-67 to the Warriors. Although they only trailed by one point in teh first quarter 11-12, they fell behind in the second 18-29 and could not regain their momentum. Bankhead and Gage were the only scorers in the third quarter with two trey shots and 2 free shots and Gage adding a basket to bring the score 28-51.

In the final stanza with a trey

**Patriots take
5th in Tournament**

The Prairiland Patriots played the Detroit Eagles in the first round of the Patriot Screen Graphics Invitational Tournament on Thursday, November 29, 2001 and suffered a loss of 38-61. The Patriots took the lead in the first quarter by 1 with a score of 10-9 and kept the game tied in the second 23-23. The Pats fell behind in the third quarter 30-38 and remained behind until the final buzzer 38-61.

High point for the night was D.J. Loveless with 12 with Spur Norwood and Stoney Musgrove each having 8 points. Jared Gage shot for 6 while Chance Bankhead had 4.

In the second round on Friday, November 30, the Patriots took on the Roxton Lions and kept the win 47-37. The Pats trailed in the first

by two points 12-14 and led by one at the halftime buzzer 24-23. Bryan Murdock hit a big eight points in the third along with a

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus have returned from a trip to Fredericksburg and San Antonio, Texas.

A big crowd turned out Saturday night to enjoy home fried potatoes, three kinds of beans, cornbread a dessert at the Fire Station. The Deport VFD Bucket Brigade raised over \$900 on the meal, due to the generosity of donors.

from Robbie Nichols and one from Loveless, it failed to be enough to bring the Pats to the top and they trailed to 5th place 41-67.

Bankhead was top for the night with his 4 three-pointers and 2 free shots for a total of 14. Gage had 8 and Murdock and Loveless each had 6. Nichols had 3 and Musgrove and Steinkamp had 2 each.

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Grady and Kathryn Wright, Kent, Ann, Brandon and Blaine spent Thanksgiving in Waco with Marshall and Ruby Wright.

Kent Wright flew to San Antonio last week for a training seminar for Region VIII Education Service Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Having lunch with Grady and Kathryn Wright Sunday were Mike and Sharon Wright and Katie and Peyton Williams of Blossom, Shamra Hiller of Paris, Pam and Brad Hunt, Kyle, Lisa and Kandi Wright, Kent, Ann, Brandon and Blaine Wright and Cindy Burks of Campbell.

Cindy Burks recently returned from a vacation to Alabama and Florida.

Reba Temple returned Sunday after spending two weeks in Lubbock visiting her son, Mike Temple and his wife, Carla. She also visited her grandson, Mike Temple, Jr. and family and her granddaughter, Shelley Mocha and family.

Happy birthday to Clarence Wright, Jason Minter, Jay Curt McKee, Keith Parsons, Robbie Wright, Sonny Davis, Leslie Lee Davis, Ruth Cheatham, Casey Gage, Janell Waggoner, Jason Chumbley, John Bratteli, Kay Wright, Susan Singleton Jones, Trina Keys, Lacey Gresham, Nora McDowra, Paul Nixon.

Happy anniversary to Colleen and Mervin Slaton.

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus have returned from a trip to Fredericksburg and San Antonio, Texas.

A big crowd turned out Saturday night to enjoy home fried potatoes, three kinds of beans, cornbread a dessert at the Fire Station. The Deport VFD Bucket Brigade raised over \$900 on the meal, due to the generosity of donors.

from Robbie Nichols and one from Loveless, it failed to be enough to bring the Pats to the top and they trailed to 5th place 41-67.

Bankhead was top for the night with his 4 three-pointers and 2 free shots for a total of 14. Gage had 8 and Murdock and Loveless each had 6. Nichols had 3 and Musgrove and Steinkamp had 2 each.

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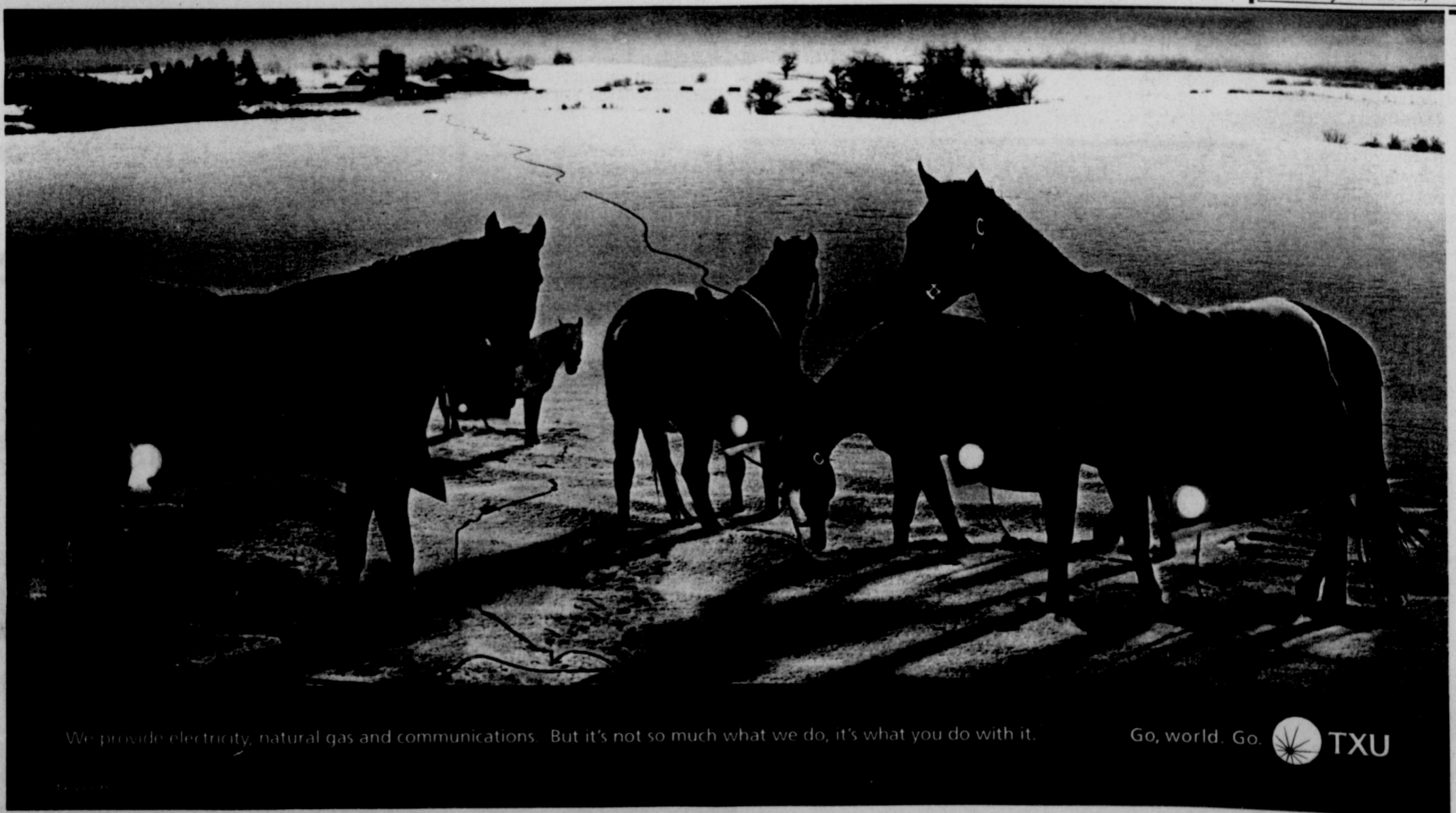
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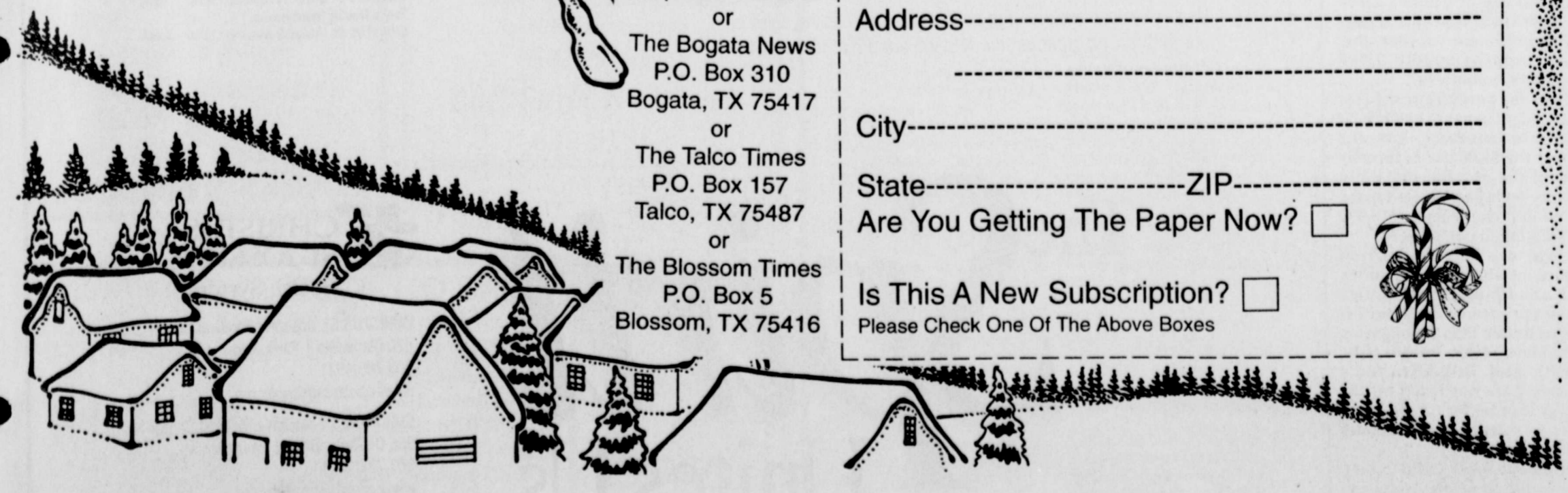
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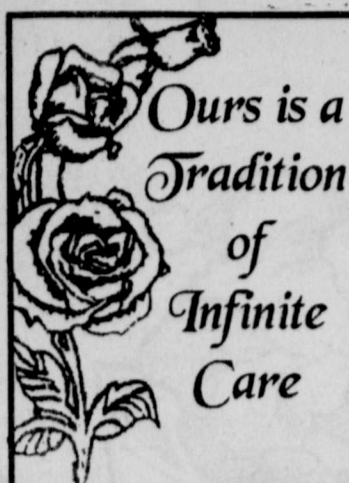
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DRILL TEAM WINNERS-the Prairiland Drill Team have done a lot of marching this year, including the Tyler Rose Parade, local Christmas Parades, and the Paris Christmas Parade. The girls won First Place in the Paris Parade this past Saturday. From left, back row: Codie Kohler, Angel Mantooh, Emily Fendley, Amber Philpot, Deborah Gutherie, Amanda Denman, Kandace Little. Middle row: Allison Hinkle, Jessica Winters, Jill Self, Julie Smith, Amber Buster, Sabrina Sexton, Maranda Smith, Megan Hargroves. Front: Co-Captain Mandy Weddle, Captain Jennifer Matthews, Co-Captain Lacy Beaty.



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PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Keith Parsons, Kent Wright, Randy Clarkson, Jay Curt McKee, Nora McDowra, Donald Bob Merritt, Thomas McDowra, Sandra Brown, Anna McDowra, Debbie Ingram, Edd Burnett, Isabel Underwood, Lisa Bartlett, Iva Lee Kennemer, Faye Ausmus, Bonnie Skeen, Wayne Beard, Gary Hatfield, Megan Hatfield, Greg Griffin, Jr., Tacy Scott and Leslie Davis.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Charles Dudley Hoover who died in Paris November 26. He was the brother of Raymond Hoover, Juanita Russell, Glenna Faye Harper, Margaret Wadley and Helen Hively.

Visitors of Barbara McDowra and Gerlad Hood included Dale and Sing Hood, Danny and Judy Hood, Mary Ann Hood of Paris, Lynn and Mallie Hood and family of Shady Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Manchester and Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hood and Jacob of Springfield, MO, Reggie McDowra, Pam and Nick, Thomas and Anna McDowra, Alex and Jakob of Paris, Keith and Ammie McDowra, Brock and Justin.

Ruby D. Blevins, Sandy Ring, Ashleigh McLean, Casey Anderson and Heather Anderson visited Jessie Newsom in Paris Saturday.

Carol and Jennifer Dorsey have been visiting T.J. and Margaret

Fowler since their house burned in Deport Friday.

Dean Smolarz, S.C. Short, Mike Sparks and Nina Sparks were visitors of Elois Sparks in Heritage Center in Paris.

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

Nina Sparks, Freeman Safford, Christien Dickinson, Ophelia Payne and Peggy Parsons ate before attending meetings of the Christ St. Joseph's Auxiliary Board of Directors and the general meeting that followed in Lewias Hall on November 28.

John Nash of Sanders Cove was a Friday visitor of Keith and Peggy Parsons.

Drew Osborne, son of Shanon and Amy Osborne has been selected one of the Deport first grade Christmas Kings to be in the Christmas parade this year.

Robert and Sis Ballard of the Midway community were visitors of Keith and Peggy Parsons Monday.

Several attenddd or participated in the Deport Christmas parade Monday.

Remember the VFD breakfast from 7-10 a.m. this Saturday, AYCE, \$4.

Sympthy is extended to the family of Nelda Allen Bewley, who died November 28. She was a cousin of T.J. Fowler, Carol Dorsey and Robin Allen.

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- Zed Smith
- Ronald Butler
- C.L. Smith

The incumbents on the board of Lamar Electric Cooperative are working for you. They support the merger of LEC and Cap Rock, and the return of \$12 million in capital credits to the LEC membership. Assign your proxy to the Proxy Committee - your vote will be cast for these incumbents and the future survival of LEC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Detroit is accepting resumes for the position of City Secretary. Must have a high school diploma, computer knowledge, experience required in double entry bookkeeping, water/sewer utility billing a plus. 30+ hrs. a week. Deadline for applications is Friday, December 7, 2001.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Detroit Independent School District is seeking bids for a mid-size, four door program car with under 25k miles, year 2000 or above, under \$15k. For questions, call 674-6131. Send bids by 12/7/01 to Curtis Barnett, Detroit ISD, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Blossom will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on December 13, 2001 at Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, to review the findings of the City's Texas Community Development Program (TCDP Contract No. 720069) Sewer Improvements Project. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this hearing may contact City Hall to

arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Bids Class A Pumper Fire Apparatus
The City of Blossom, Texas, hereby requests sealed bids for the lease/purchase of a Class "A" Pumper Fire apparatus. Bids must propose product equal to or better than those defined herein and specifications detailed in the City's Bid package:
Class "A" Pumper Fire Apparatus: Commercial cab and chassis. Vehicle year and model: 2000 or newer model, basic 2-door, 2 1/2 ton, domestic manufactured vehicle preferred. Engine/Transmission: 250hp diesel/automatic. Pump: 1250 GPM with 1000 gallon tank.
Additional specifications and required equipment are detailed in the Bid Package available at Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, TX 75416, 903-982-5900.

Bids must also include: Total initial cost of vehicle and equipment; 10-year lease/purchase schedule to include interest rate; annual payment to lease/purchase; total cost of agreement, including all interest, fees and annual lease payments; warranty on vehicle and equipment; delivery date.
Sealed bids must be received at Blossom City Hall prior to 10:00 a.m. on December 4, at which time bids will be opened publicly.

The City intends to consider the annual cost of lease/purchase and the total cost of lease/purchase agreement as the primary criteria for selecting the successful most responsive bidder. The award of contract will be based upon the City's available budget funds. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any technicality that may benefit the City of Blossom.
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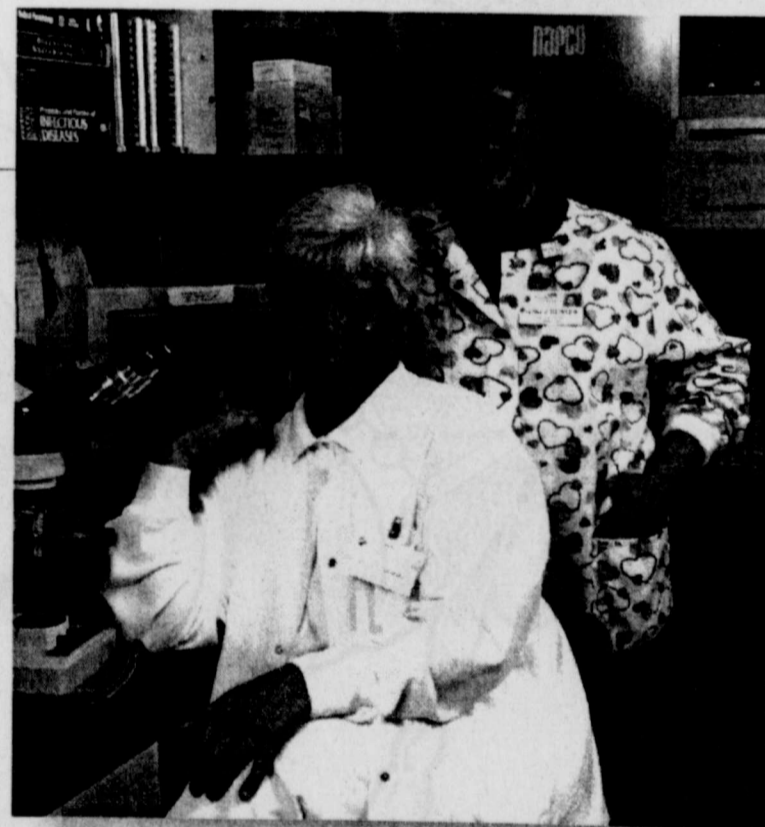
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Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

If you want to keep possession of our co-op, sign only the back of the pink proxy and mail it to "Save Our Co-Op, P.O. Box 486, Paris, Texas 75461."

If the odds are approximately 8,000 to one of winning up to \$300.00 a month off of your electricity bill for one year, does that mean approximately 7,999 members cannot win.

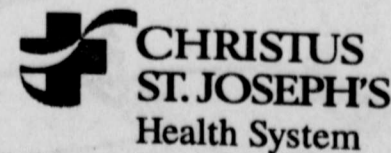
Does the possibility exist that rates might increase by 41%? If the rate increases, how far would the \$5.00 go? Is it really worth the gamble to take a chance on losing the Co-Op for \$5.00 and one chance in 8,000 of winning the drawing?

Why are only the current Board members, Ronald Butler, C.L. Smith and Zed Smith's names printed on the proxy? It seems unfair that the opposing candidates, Allen Jumper, J.W. Smith and Billy Bratton's names were not listed on the proxy in order for Co-Op members to vote on the candidates of their choice.

Come to Love Civic Center, December 18 before 7 p.m. and vote to retain ownership of our Co-Op by electing those new board members who will listen to the membership and represent its members.

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LOTS OF THANKS-Deport Mayor Charles Foster, who is president of Northeast Texas Resource Conservation and Development Area, presented a grant check in the amount of \$1,115 to Donny Darden, Deport Volunteer Fire Chief. The presentation was made last Saturday night at a fund raising meal. The grant money was presented for the purpose of putting up a new, 35 ft. flag pole at the fire station in Deport. Chief Darden stated that plans are for an American Flag, a Texas Flag and a flag that would designate burning conditions in the immediate area to fly on the pole. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



School Menu
Deport Campus Menu
Week of December 10
Monday

Breakfast:
Donuts
Juice
Milk
Lunch:
Franks with cheese
Pinto beans
Fried okra
Cornbread
Jello
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
Biscuits, gravy, bacon
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Tater tot casserole
Salad
Cornbread
Graham crackers/pie
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Eggs, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chicken and rice casserole
Green beans
Garlic bread
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Beef enchilada
Refried beans
Salad
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Cereal, oranges
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Chili/cheese fritos
Pinto beans
Apples
Milk



THE HOME OF Carol Dorsey, 718 Monroe St. in Deport, was extensively damaged by fire last Friday. Firefighters from Deport and Pattonville battled the blaze for over two hours. According to Deport Fire Marshal Thomas Nichols the fire was electrical in nature and originated in the kitchen. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



DEPORT FIRE CHIEF Donny Darden and Deport Captain Marilyn Glover assessed the progress of fire suppression at the Dorsey resident in Deport last Friday. The house suffered some heavy damage to the interior. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



FRIED POTATOES beans, cornbread and lots of good fellowship, that was the order of the evening Saturday at the Deport Fire Station as their fund-raiser brought in over \$900. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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