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It's All Reruns

Who is old enough to recall when we had a rerun season on television? You know what I'm talking about. In the fall and through winter and spring every week there were new shows. Then, during the summer months there were reruns.

Not so now. To begin with, the people in charge have decided that production costs on shows are so high that they are making about 19 new shows a year...that's all. In the past there were 30 new shows per year. That leaves more time for reruns, lots more time.

So, what do we get? Two or three new episodes, and then reruns.

Several shows right now are advertising "all new episodes for the whole month of February!". Wow, four new episodes in a row!

I'm not much of a television watcher, but I am a fan of the Law and Order series, and it's frustrating that no more chance than I get to see them, I am probably going to be watching a show I've seen before, even if it's been weeks since I watched the shows!

Instead of seeing a show twice a year, the opportunity is there to see them three times. And that, for me, is too much.

In addition, there is no telling when a new episode will air. It can happen at any time of the year. Of course, it will be highly hyped, so there isn't any excuse for missing it...anyone should be able to have enough notice to clear their calendar in plenty of time.

If I were a dedicated fan of television I would be thoroughly disgusted and offended.

I suspect most TV fans are pretty tired of seeing the same shows over and over.

Of course, the good thing about it is that there are so many channels that we can switch over to another show if we've seen this one too many times.

Unfortunately, there never seems to be much opposite a "big" show to switch to!

Oh, well, the less TV there is to watch, the more productive we should be...or at least that sounds like a great idea!



Project Graduation to meet

The next meeting for Project Graduation will be Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Prairiland cafeteria. All parents and seniors are invited to attend.



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Prairiland Bond Election to depend on whether state funds are obtained

The Prairiland ISD Board of Trustees will decide in February whether or not to call a Bond Election for the construction of a new high school and gym complex, and moving the junior highs from Blossom and Deport to the Pattonville campus. The project depends upon the success or failure of this bond election, which would probably be called in May of this year.

"If we cannot get state aide to help with this project, we will not call an election" said Buddy Freeman, the school district's Business Administrator.

The district is looking for Instructional Facilities Allocations, or IFA funding to help in the construction of this project.

A five year plan has been developed in the event that the bond issue passes.

For 2002/2003 the goal would be to construct the new high School and Gym complex, upgrade the sewer system and enlarge the cafeteria. According to Freeman, the tax cost in the worst Case would be 35¢, if IFA funds were awarded only for one year. If they received IFA monies in 2002 and 2003 the tax cost, best case would be 20.6¢

In 2005/2006, Phase II would be done only if a third round of IFA money became available, or Existing Debt Allotment funding became available.

The cost for this first phase would be about \$6,200,000.

This would provide for demolishing two-story building at Blossom and construction of classroom/library/administration building, and doing the same at Deport and renovation of the gymnasium, and at Pattonville campus building a high school track and relocation of the Football Field and renovation of the vocation shop. The cost for Phase II would be about \$3,350,000.

The amount of the bond issue would be \$9,550,000

The graph shown here will give and idea of the amounts of the tax increases necessary for these plans.

There are proponents for and against the project, so voter turnout will probably be high.



BUSINESS MANAGER
Buddy Freeman was named Business Manager at Prairiland ISD in December. He is also Assistant Superintendent. Freeman has been in the central office at Prairiland for the past eight years. Freeman was Principal at Blossom for two years and Ag teacher for eight years. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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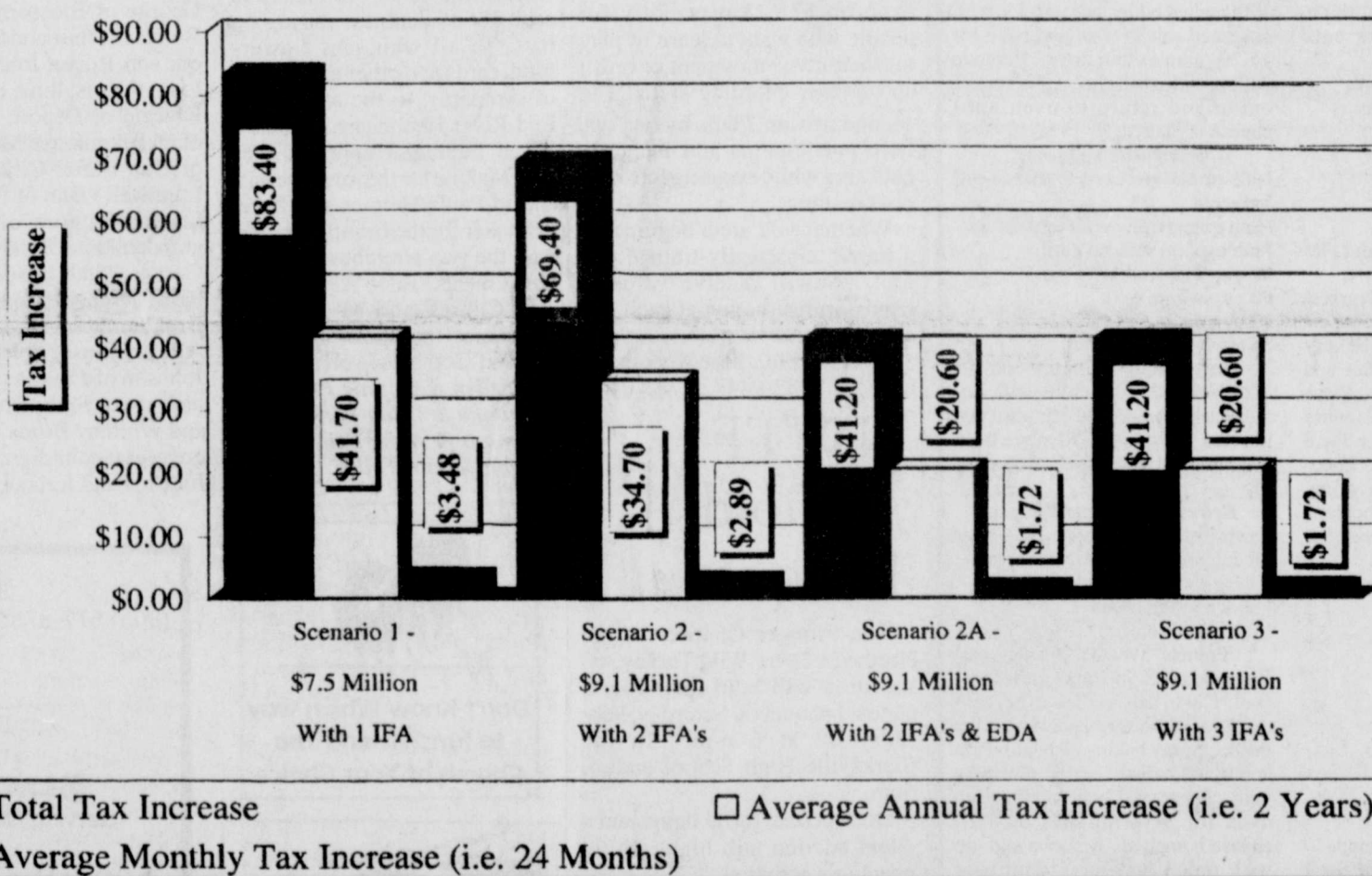
Notices were sent out to all of our papers about subscriptions that were not renewed during December. Because that is a huge month for renewals, many of which are made in a different name from that on the renewal (as a gift) it is entirely possible that we made a mistake.

If you received a card that you think is in error, please don't just throw it away, write to us at P.O. Box 98, Deport, TX. 75435, or call us at 903 652-4205 and let us know so that we can fix any problem.

Editor's Quotes

Some defeats are only installments of victory

Prairiland Independent School District
Summary of Findings - Tax Increase Per \$35,000 Homeowner



NEW TRUCK-members of Blossom's City Government, the Blossom VFD and the Blossom Fire Belles accepted delivery of the new Class A Pumper truck that will help protect the city. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

People 'N Things

Billie Ford was left off of the Prairiland Jr. High One-Act Play listing. She served as a director from the Deport campus. We apologize to her for this error.

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NETRWP Water plan meeting set for February 20

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group will present an opportunity for comment concerning the Preparation of the Scope of Work for the update of the Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service Building, 1708 Industrial Blvd., Mt. Pleasant on February 20 at 2:00 p.m.

The proposed action is to receive comments and input for the

preparation of a draft Scope of Work for the first update of the adopted Regional Water Plan for the North East Texas Region D. The Scope of Work is to describe the activities to be performed during development and completion of the first update; such planning is also referred to as Phase II of the Regional Water Plan for Region D.

Comments from the public may be received orally or in writing at

the public meeting. Written comments may be delivered prior to the meeting to the Administrative Agency, the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District. Deadline for submission of any written comments concerning the draft Scope of Work to the Administrative Agency is February 20 at 2:05 p.m.

Copies of a proposed draft Scope of Work can be reviewed and/or acquired at the Administra-

tive Agency after February 4, 2002. The public can find information about the guidance for the preparation of the draft Scope of Work and related directives at the website of the Texas Water Development Board. This planning is being conducted pursuant to the TWDB, P.O. Box 13321, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78711-3231.

Questions and requests for additional information may be submitted to the Administrative Agency for NETRWPG at P.O. Box 955, 4180 FM250 South, Hughes Springs, TX 75656-0955, 903-639-7538, Walt Sears, Jr., General Manager.

Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Have you ever wondered how you could make those dishes that you eat at your favorite restaurant or fast food place.....well, here is your answer! They are called copycat recipes and if you have something special you would like to have and don't want to get all "gussied up" and want something special, try some of these recipes or go into their website at copykat.com.

You will find everything from cookies, desserts, candies, main dishes, snacks and just a world of other goodies. They are not as hard as you thing and most of them have ingredients from your kitchen on hand.

For you today, we have included some cookie recipes and snack recipes that might come in handy this weekend with the Super Bowl coming on TV. But do you really have to have an excuse to cook up something special?.....not me.

So get in there and try some of these and we will see you in the kitchen!!!

Keebler Pecan Sandies-one of my all time favorite cookie recipes!

Girl Scout Mint Cookies-I always wondered how they made these.....after all, they went up to \$3.00 a box!

Keebler Almond Shortbread Cookies-this recipe uses Butter Buds for that extra butter flavor!

TGI Friday's Baked Potato Skins-delicious, wonderful, great, yummy, super-de-duper and anything else you can think of!

Pappasito's Queso-nothing better than cheese dip and big bowl of chips!

Bennigan's Potato Wedges-(compare this with the TGI Friday's and see which one you like)spoon out the potatoes for later and use the wedges for dipping and munching!

Nursing scholarship available

Paris Junior College's Associate Degree Nursing program is now accepting applications for the Donna and Leo Moersen Scholarship, according to Donna Gatlin, PJC Nursing Instructor and Chairman of the Nursing Scholarship Committee.

The Moersen scholarship was established by the Kimberly-Clark foundation in the name of Donna Moerson and her husband, Leo, who was plant manager of the Paris plant from 1983 until his retirement in 1991. This scholarship is open to any Lamar County high school senior desiring to enter the AD Nursing Program at Paris Junior College. Recipients of this scholarship receive full tuition, fees, books, and student nurse uniforms required for the program.

Applicants must be residents of Lamar County and plan to remain in the county after graduation from the program. They must have passed the TASP test or be TASP exempt; and must have a grade point average of 3.0. Packets are available from all county high school counselors or by calling the nursing department at (903) 782-0734.

Applications must be received before March 1.

PJC to hold piano classes

Paris Junior College's Continuing Education Department will hold Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People workshops on February 18 and 19. Both sessions will meet from 6-9 p.m.

Terry Maddock, instructor, has designed the Instant Piano workshop on Feb. 18 especially for people who want to learn to play for their own enjoyment, or brush up on their chording skills. The second session, Piano by Ear, will help participants add beautiful chording while avoiding left-hand note reading.

Whether you are a beginner or a bored, classically-trained pianist, you will receive valuable hands-on instruction at each session.

To register for these workshops, call (903) 782-0447 or 782-0445.

NWTF to hold banquet

The Pioneer Chapter of the Northeast Texas Wild Turkey Association will hold their fourth annual banquet on Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m. In the Clarksville High School auditorium.

Door prizes, raffle items and a silent auction will highlight the evening's activities.

Funds will be used for Red River County activities.

Tickets are available from Shannon Jeans, 785-7849; Jimmy Mead, 427-5280; or Lee Lindeman, 427-2244.

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

-George Santayana

Obituaries

Paul Edward Marr dies January 25

Paul Edward Marr, age 59 of Detroit, died Friday, January 25 at his residence.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28 at Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit with the Rev. Willie Johnson and the Rev. Lee Everett officiating. Private burial followed in Liberty Cemetery in Detroit at a later date.

Paul was born in Clarksville on January 16, 1943 to William and Lucille Stringer Marr. He graduated from Dimple High School and East Texas State University. He proudly served in the 49th Division of the Texas National Guard. He was a retired rancher and rural letter carrier. Paul was a member of the Texas Rural Letter Carrier's Association and a member of the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church. He married Shirley Ritchie on August 25, 1963 in Detroit.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley and daughter, Tamara Marr Smith of Detroit and daughter Tanya Marr Christie and husband Kasey Christie and granddaughter Isabel of Spokane, Washington; his mother, Lucille Marr of Clarksville; mother-in-law, Dorothy Ritchie of Detroit; and the loving families of Sonny and Diann Clarkson, Bill and Susan Marr, Roger and Linda Earley, Max and Alice Walsh and Lee and Cathy Tigert. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Faith Ann Christie and his father, William Marr.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Liberty Cemetery Association in care of Imogene Guest, Rt. 2, Box 336, Detroit, TX 75436 or the Martin Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit.

Services were under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.



Mary Lee Johnson

Mary Lee Johnson dies January 23

Mary Lee Johnson, age 70 of Deport, died in the Christus-St. Joseph Hospital, South Campus on Wednesday, January 23, 2002.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, January 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Deport with the Reverend C.G. Renfro officiating. Burial was made in Highland Cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

She was born on June 8, 1931 in Deport, the daughter of Theodore "Bud" and Lola Hensley Kincaid. On September 6, 1952, she married Robert "Bob" Johnson in Paris. He preceded her in death on April 22, 2001.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, John Pasquill in August, 1994; her parents; two sisters, Lillie May Gardner and Gena Grinstead; and three brothers, Andrew Bentley Kincaid, Talma Earl "Red" Kincaid, and Robert Lee Kincaid.

Surviving are her children, daughters, Darlene Parker and husband Marvin of Brookston, Cindy Shirley and husband George of Blossom, and Cheryl Brook and husband Chris of Paris; one son, Robert Johnson and wife Lisa of Paris; three brothers, Burl Kincaid of Deport, Bud Kincaid of Oklahoma, and Melvin Kincaid of Gun Barrel City; two sisters, Lura Bell Gann of Rockwall and Lorene Kilgore of Paris; nine grandchildren, Randy Payne of St. George, Utah, Jason Pasquill of Paris, Jeremy Pasquill of Deport, Brandon Johnson of Arlington, Allen Johnson of Paris, Larry Johnson of Paris, Ashley Johnson of Deport, Ryan Brook of Paris, and Whitney Brook of Paris; two great-grandchildren, Jacob Payne Johnson and Jerika Lisa Johnson.



January 29, 2001, one year ago this week, we lost a very dear friend and a great man, Tommy Sullivan. Tommy worked at Blackland Prairie gin. He went to ginners school in Lubbock and was very proud of his certificate of completion. We have a copy of it on our wall with his picture. We were very proud of him. He had just turned 32 on the 2nd of January. His death was a great loss. He left a wife & 3 children who miss him dearly.

No one but God above knows the reason that some are taken so young. I do believe that we should not let his death be in vain, but learn something from it. Life is so precious; we never know what will be our last day on earth. Hopefully we can think of Tommy & his smiling face and live our days smiling and content with our neighbors and ourselves and live as each day may be our last. God Bless Thomas Sullivan!
Karen Grossman, Blackland Prairie Gin

Card of Thanks

The family of Vivian Fail wishes to express our thanks for each act of kindness during our loss. To all who sent flowers, food, cards and other expressions of sympathy, to the staff of the Red River Healthcare Center, to Wood Funeral Home and Rev. Don Malone for the lovely service and to Paula Heimer and Karen Whitaker for the beautiful music. And the two churches who provided meals, Talco Assembly of God Church and Mt. Pleasant Church of the Nazarene. thank you and God bless you all.

Marilyn & Ronnie Presley
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Bogata V.F.W. News

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

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

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

*There is going to be a Valentine Dance held February 16, 2002 starting at 8:00 p.m. Home town band, "Next of Kin" will play for the event. Everyone is invited to attend.

*There will be a Shuffleboard Tournament held Saturday, February 2, 2002 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and participate in a fun afternoon.

*The Post will be open on Super Bowl Sunday from 4:00 p.m. through game time. Come out and enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family.

*Get Well Wishes are sent to: Georgia Hudson, Ellen Holt, George Smith, Melvin Pointer, Bill Farris and Ressie Crow.

*Happy January Birthday to: Glen McKeggan, Daphne Pointer and Jerry Mauldin.

*The Post will be having a benefit meal March 2, 2002 beginning at 12:00 noon for Mary Elrod. More details will be available soon.

Thursday, January 31 Copy Kat Recipes

Keebler Pecan Sandies
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup powdered sugar egg-beaten
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Measure flour, cream of tartar and baking soda together and set aside. Beat shortening and sugars together until fluffy. Add vanilla, salt and egg to sugar and butter mixture about a third at a time. Beat until completely mixed through. Dough will seem thick. Stir in pecans and blend well. Roll dough into 1-1/4 inch ball and flatten to 1/4" thick. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Girl Scout Mint Cookies
1 box Devils Food Cake Mix
2 eggs
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1/2 cup cocoa
1 package chocolate chips
2-3 drops Wilton's Candy Mint Flavoring
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine cake mix, eggs, water, oil and cocoa. Blend well; will be very sticky. Let stand 20 minutes and then shape into 1/2-inch balls. Place these balls on cookie sheet 2 inches apart and smash flat. Bake for 8 minutes and let cool. Heat chocolate chips and add mint flavoring. Spread or dip cookies in chocolate.

Keebler Almond Shortbread Cookies
1/2 cup butter-softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 egg-beaten
1/4 teaspoon Butter Buds
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons almond extract
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cups flour
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds
Measure flour, cream of tartar and baking soda and set aside. Beat

butter and sugars together until fluffy. Add egg, vanilla, extract, butter buds and salt. Beat all ingredients until well blended. Add flour mixture about a third at a time. Mixture will be dry. Add almonds and blend well. Chill dough for 30-40 minutes. Roll into 1-1/4-inch ball and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten to 1/4 inch. Bake for 12-15 minutes.

TGI Friday's Bake Potato Skins
10 baked potato skins-halves
1 tablespoon melted butter seasoned salt
1 green onion-diced
1/2 cup fried bacon-crispy fried and diced
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Heat oven to 375. Brush shells with melted butter and sprinkle with seasoned salt to taste and bake for 15-20 minutes until crisp. Remove and sprinkle with cheese, bacon and onion and return to oven until cheese is melted.

Pappasito's Queso
1-1/2 pound processed cheese-not Velveeta
1 can green chilis with liquid
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 cup diced onion
1/3 cup whole milk
1/2 cup diced tite tomatos
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
Melt cheese with milk and stir until blended. Add chilis with liquid, garlic, onion and stir until onions are transparent. Remove from heat and add tomatoes before serving.

Bennigan's Potato Wedges
4 medium baking potatoes
1/2 cup shredded Colby Cheese
4 tablespoons bacon bits
1 bunch green onion
1/2 cup sour cream
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake potatoes in oven until done; cool. Cut in half and scoop out center. Leave 1/4-inch of potatoe on the inside. Spray baking dish with Pam and place halves in pan. Sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Place in oven for 5-10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Remove and top with onion and serve with sour cream.

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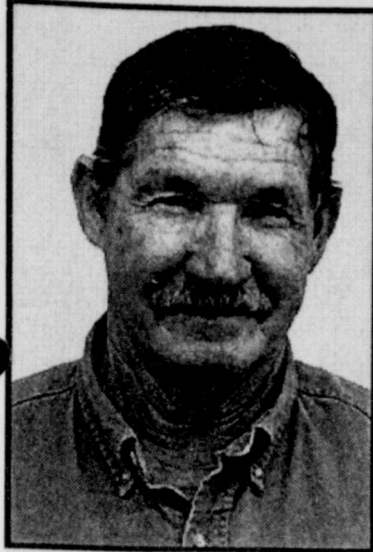
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Russell Jones, RRC Justice of the Peace Candidate

Russell Jones running for Justice of the Peace

Russell Jones, long time Annona resident has announced as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in Red River County.

Jones says that he has a desire to serve the public.

His life experience includes: he was born to a sharecropper blackland cotton farmer in 1937. He attended Annona School and Paris Jr. College and Stephen F. Austin University. He has a degree in teaching and administration. He

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

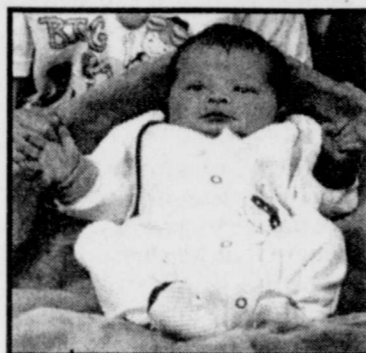
A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be given at the class reunion.

All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.

Letter From the Editor

Letter to the Editor:
Wake up and see what's happening to our co-op. Most people I have talked to want to keep our co-op. I have talked to some that says they don't want to get involved, if you are a member, you are involved, or had you rather be involved in a debt of about 197 million dollars? To help keep our co-op, sign the petitions that are being circulated and come to the meeting at the Paris Love Civic Center on February 16 at 2 p.m. and see for ourself what is going on in our co-op. This won't take much of your time.

Please come, we need your help.
Mack Herron



Births

Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow are proud to announce the birth of William Kason Stringfellow who arrived at 6:00 p.m. on December 21, 2001 at Titus County Regional Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Tx. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are James White of Bogata and Jimmy Stringfellow of Blossom. Great grandparents are Dixie Stringfellow of Bogata and William and Joyce Stringfellow of New Iberia, LA.

Deport Locals

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Happy birthday to Morgan Flennikenb, Nina Sparks, Sherry Denison, Sue Nichols, Wesley Rhoades, Rayna Wolfe, Wm. Kenneth Barnard, Carter Kelsey, Haley Parsons, Jack Ballard, Lucille Morgan, Terry Austin, Peggy Chipman, Morris Lawler, Amanda Denman, Buddy Malone, Maggie Minter, Nathan Barnes, Willie LaRue, Aubrey Ray Austin, James Holt, Jane Swint, Stephen Good.

Happy anniversary to Joe and Georgia Black, Allen and Bobbi Gifford.

Juanita Davis, Mary Alice Enox, Gail Rhoades, Clara Nance, Nina Sparks, Peggy Parsons, Joyce Allen, Gary Ballard and Ivy Fendley were among the 70 members attending the Paris-Lamar Retired Teachers and School Employees Association luncheon and meeting at PJC on Monday to hear Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams.

Dawne and Donny Darden were dinner guests of Thomas and Nanalee Nichols Saturday night in honor of Dawne's birthday.



AMY HICKS, freshman at Southern Arkansas University, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2001 with a GPA of 3.6. She is majoring in Pharmacy. Amy is the daughter of Ronald and Susie Hicks of Cunningham and the granddaughter of Dean and Glenda Watson, also of Cunningham.



Deport Campus
Week of February 4
Monday

Breakfast:
Cereal
Juice
Milk
Lunch:
Hamburger on bun
Lettuce, tomato
Potato chips
Peach cobbler
Milk

Breakfast:
Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Vegetable beef soup
Cheese stick
Dill pickles
Applesauce
Milk

Breakfast:
Cereal, trail mix
Trail mix
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Baked chicken
French fries
Seasoned pinto beans
Cornbread
Milk

Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Pineapple chunks
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Fish crispy pollock wedge
French fries
Hush puppies
Pears
Milk

Breakfast:
Biscuits, gravy
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hot dog on bun
Hot dog sauce
Cheese
Corn chips
Pork and beans
Banana pudding
Milk

42 Club meets

The Tuesday 42 Club met with Jimmie King on January 22. All members were present.

New officers were elected. They are: Thelma Shelby, president, Francis Franklin, treasurer; LaVerta Westbrook, reporter.

Jimmie King had high score for members and Reba Temple had high score for visitors.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

The next meeting will be February 5 at the home of Alma Scaff.

Deport Little Dribblers

Fourth grade girls won 17-8.	Martin	9
Abbie	Spann	2
Kelty	Fifth grade boys won 37-14.	
Courtney	Barnes	2
Lizzie	Watson	4
Katrina	Norwood	2
Fifth grade girls lost 22-8.	Towers	4
Davis	Ford	11
Patterson	Tesch	8
Norwood	Howington	4
Sixth grade girls won 31-13.	Sixth grade boys lost 23-15.	
McLean	Burriss	5
Cave	Nichols	2
Murdock	Syrus	6
Harrell	Dickinson	2

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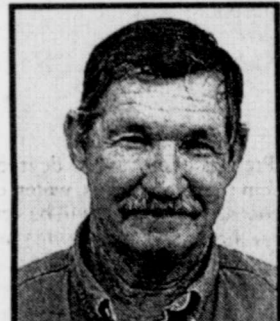
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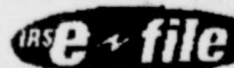
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Commissioners approve fund guidelines

The Red River County Commissioners approved the Revolving Loan Fund guidelines at their regular meeting on June 25. A total of \$100,000 is available, with the maximum loan per project limited to \$40,000, which will not exceed 40% of project equity. Applications must meet the following requirements:

Must be recognized economic enterprise.
Must be located within, or have imminent plans to locate in Red River county.

Must demonstrate financial viability.

Must operate within the laws of the State of Texas.

Must commit to the retention and/or creation of a certain number of jobs, the majority of which will be for County residents.

Board members who will evaluate applications are: County Judge Powell W. Peek; County Auditor, Shirley Anderson; Joe Rose, Guaranty Bank; Jimmy Peek, Annona Mfg; and James Martin, Martin Construction.

The Red River County Commissioners Court will have final approval of any loans.

Applications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office at the Red River County Annex, 200 N. Walnut, Clarksville, TX.

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THE GEORGIA ELLIOTT WATSON LIBRARY in Blossom recently received a book entitled "Ida Claire Does Hair" from the artist, Sunny Dai, who did the illustrations for the book. Ms. Dai lives in Columbus, MS and learned of the Library through her friend, Loretta Clarkson Scarboro. Ms. Scarboro, on a recent visit to Blossom, read the book at the library and to a group of children at the Blossom Nazarene Church. Pictured presenting the book to the ladies of the library are, Sue Clarkson, Loretta Scarboro, Betty Martin, JoAnn Campbell and Peggy Johnston.



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If you have questions, call Kevin Perry at 652-4106 or Regina Kincaid at 652-6192.

Local FFA members to exhibit animals at Houston

Twenty-two FFA members from Lamar County have entered their animals to show at the 2002 Houston Livestock Show, which runs February 12-March 3 at Reliant Park in Houston.

The Junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H Exhibitors, begins livestock competition on February 22.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

FFA students from Prairiland High School who will be participating at the Houston show include:

Junior Breeding Beef Heifers: Hollie Allen, Leslie Davis, Aaron Hughes, Jeremiah Jones and Brenton Lyle Norwood.

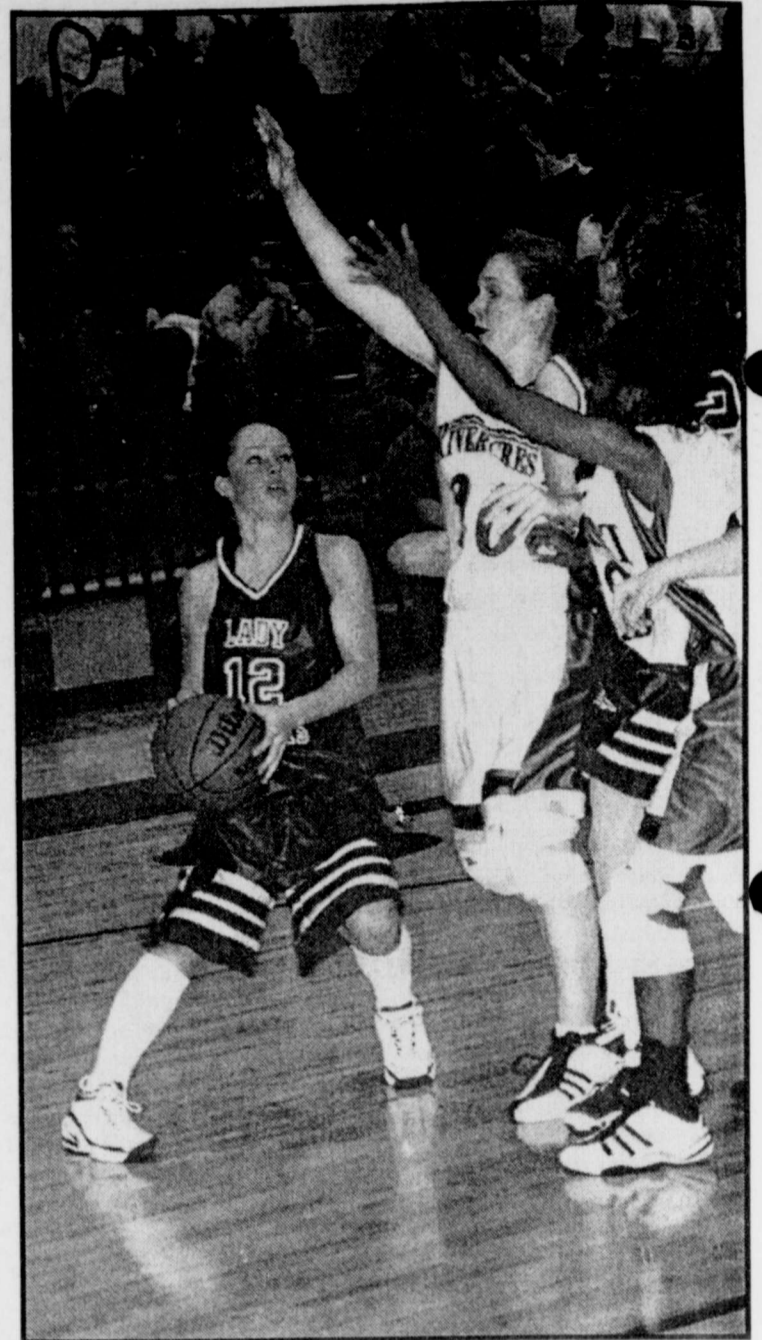
Junior Breeding Beef Scramble: Aaron Hughes and

Brenton Lyle Norwood.

Junior Market Broilers: Roy Davis, Ashley Flynn, Layton Norwood, Logan Norwood, Spur Norwood, Josh Osborn, Tiffany Osborn and Joseph Ragan.

More than 16,000 entries representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, dairy goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,297,573, including a record \$600,000 paid for the Grand Champion Market Steer.



LOOKING FOR A GOAL-A Lady Patriot looks to score against Rivercrest in recent action. They will compete against Rivercrest this weekend, again. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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Patriots take big win over Pewitt

A big district win over Paul Pewitt, 57-45, from the Patriots on Friday, January 25, kept the Patriot hopes alive for the remaining basketball season. After being defeated on December 20, 2001, the Pats were ready for the win.

Stoney Musgrove and Blake Smith each shared first place with 12 points each.

Bryan Murdock and Chance Bankhead each had 9, 6 from Shawn Steinkamp, 5 from D.J. Loveless and 4 from Spur Norwood.

The Pats came out big in the first quarter, showing Pewitt that

they meant business with 20 and holding the visiting squad to 9. Smith had three trey shots in the first. Show shooting in the second quarter had the Pats with 3-7 from the foul line and one bucket, but they managed to maintain the lead going into halftime 25-18.

Bankhead added his trey two trey shots and a basket in the third along with baskets from Murdock, 2 from Musgrove and 1 from Lovells to make the boards read 41-27 Patriots. Pewitt outshot the Pats in the final quarter 16-18, but the Pats had retained the lead to take the district win.

Lady Pats suffer District losses to Pewitt

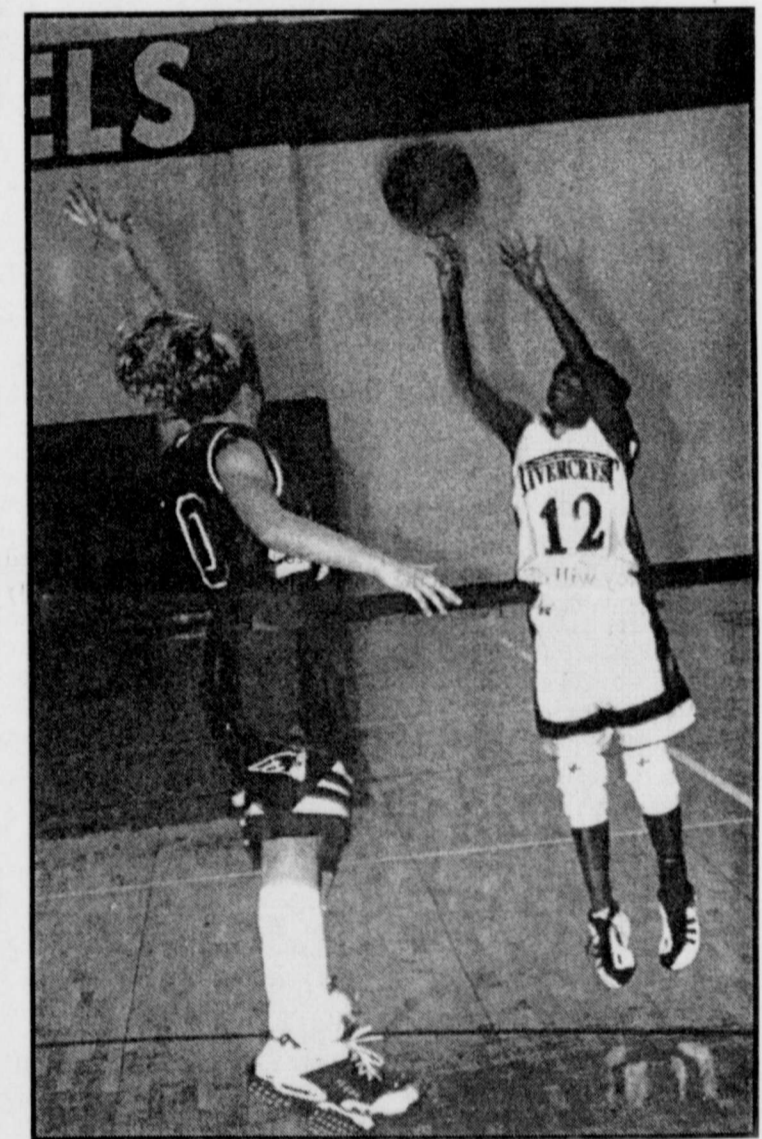
The Lady Patriots hosted the Lady Brahms from Paul Pewitt on Friday night, hoping to take another district win, but this was not to be as they fell by 3 points, 49-53. Lacy Davis was high with 14 points and behind her was Britany Ballard with 13. Jordan Hunold 11, Jodi Bybee had 7 with Britney Martin adding 4.

Pewitt took the lead in the 1st quarter with 20 as Prairiland

added 17 to the boards. Trailing by one going into halftime, the boards read 26-27, Pewitt.

Third quarter action had Pewitt taking a commanding lead, 43-31 in the third.

The ladies came back in the fourth with a strong quarter shooting 18 points and holding Pewitt to only 9, but fell short by three for the win. They shot 6-10 free shots and had 4 fouls.



RIVERCREST AND PRAIRILAND squared off in basketball action recently. They will face off again this coming weekend. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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"IDA CLAIRE DOES HAIR" was the title of a book presented to the Blossom Library from artist Sunny Dai, who did the illustrations for the book. Ms. Dai learned of the Blossom Library from her friend, Loretta Clarkson Scarboro. During a recent visit in Blossom, Loretta Scarboro read the book to the children of the Blossom Nazarene Church.

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Nina Sparks, Sue Nichols, Sherry Denison, Peggy Whitney, Wesley Rhoades, Vivian Day, Haley Parsons, Tammie Gibson Bassano, Buddy Malone, Luke Boles, Terry Cavender, Treda Norwood, Yvonne Butler, James Holt, Jane Swint, Lethia Sparks, Nathan Barnes, Morris Lawler, David Phillips.

Happy anniversary to Allen and Bobbi Gifford, Bob and Isabel Underwood.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Billy Wright, who was buried in Houston last week. He was the brother of Grady Wright and brother-in-law of Wayne Williams. Grady and Katherine Wright and Kyle Wright were in Houston for his services.

Mason Gentry, YWCA Shotokan School of Champions karate student, won second in the 6 year old fighting division at the State Karate Championships in Corpus Christi recently. He is the son of Donny and LeeAnne Gentry of Blossom and the grandson of Donald and Peggy Gentry.

T.J. Fowler is home following heart surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas last Tuesday. Margaret Fowler, Melanie Moore, Jerry and Dorothy Richey and Lucy Fowler were in Dallas for his surgery. Lucy visited with daughter Barbara Dunlap and family.

Recent visitors of Donald and Peggy Gentry were Bobby and Jamie Tadlock, Holley, Jordin and Collin of Lubbock, R.C. and Debbie Mitchell and John of

Lively, Thelma Gentry of Paris, Donny and LeAnne Gentry, Mason and Blake of Blossom and Kenneth and Nancy Gentry of Houston. John Mitchel recently won first place in Kansas in BMX bicycle racing.

Nina Sparks, Ophelia Payne, Freeman Safford and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Catfish King on Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Lee Johnson, who died in Christus South on January 23. She was the mother of Robert Johnson and Cheryl Brook and sister of Burl Kincaid.

Keith and Peggy Parsons celebrated their 44th anniversary Thursday at the Fish Fry.

Kenneth and Nancy Gentry of Houston spent the weekend with his sister, Bernice and James Earl Bell.

Mickey Keener, Sandy Ring and Ashleigh McLean visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins.

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

Kerry and Sandy Murdock and family, Kalee Graham, David Ballard, Jenni and Joey, Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah, Keith and Peggy Parsons were in Blossom Thursday night for the Prairiland junior high girls basketball games with Chisum.

Pattonville Baptist Church members enjoyed lunch together in the fellowship hall after morning services Sunday.

Keith and Peggy Parsons met Greg Parsons in Pittsburg Friday for lunch.

Pattonville VFD Upcoming Events

February

8	Dance, 8 p.m., concession provided
11	Fire meeting, 7 p.m.
16	Breakfast, AYCE, \$4.7 to 10 a.m.
22	Dance, 8 p.m., concession provided
25	Business meeting



Post Oak News
By Geneva Lee 982-5309

Bro. and Mrs. James Bunker of DeKalb were at Post Oak Baptist Church where he preached both services Sunday in the absence of Bro. Henry Blackmon, who left that morning with other missionary Baptist preachers to go to the Mexican Baptist Institute in McAllen and also Wednesday and Thursday visit some missions in Mexico.

Alvis and Billie Ruth Bates and Mrs. Janis Reynolds took the Bangers to eat and they spent the afternoon with Mrs. Reynolds. Alvis and Billie Ruth visited their mother in Paris Nursing Home. Mrs. Rhoda Lee is not doing well, Wilbourne and Geneva Lee visited her.

The men of the church held their fellowship breakfast on Saturday. Bro. Bill Snell, pastor of Hillcrest MBC gave a devotional and had breakfast with them. The women joined them at 10 a.m. and did some work in the church building.

Ellen Tuck passed out Sunday morning and was taken to McCuiston Hospital to ICU where tests were run.

Kathy Wood brought her mother, Louise Cagle, to church Sunday. Kathy entered the hospital and had scheduled surgery Monday.

Patti Ross Risinger has been in St. Joseph's Hospital for a few weeks but at last report was a little better.

The February monthly meeting of the Post Oak Fire Department will be Tuesday, February 5 at 7

p.m. at the fire station.

Bro. Blackmon and family and Bro. and Mrs. Wilbourne Lee attended the preacher and wives fellowship at Avery Missionary Baptist Church Monday, January 14. There were 19 present and two children. It was hosted by Bro. and Mrs. Joe Stevens, Avery pastor, all others took a dish.

Bro. and Mrs. Henry Blackmon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Newman Low attended the Northeast MB Mission Council meeting at Westside MBC in New Boston on Friday and report a good meeting.

Mrs. Georgia Clark, mother of Mary Reves, died recently after a period of illness. Several from the church here, where she as a member, attended visitation for her at Cooper-Sorrels Funeral Home in Honey Grove and her funeral Monday. The Post Oak Church served dinner for the family. She lived in Blossom several years at the housing authority.

Jim Simpson of Lamar Point died recently. He was raised in the community, son of John and Claytie Simpson.

Word has been received of the death of Eliza Ann Bell Alford. She will be remembered by the older people here. She was preceded in death by all of her brothers, Howard, Roy, Jimmie and Hugh, and two half brothers, Charlie and Benjamin Bell. She died in Cibola where her funeral was held and she was buried in Odessa.

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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Kristi Bankhead Callihan, Zach Kennedy, Layker Kennedy, Treda Norwood and Scotty Norwood.

Congratulations to the Prairiland FFA Talent Team. Several from the community traveled to Mt. Vernon Thursday to attend district FFA banquet. Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson and Minda Corso won the talent competition. They will compete at the regional competition in February.

Ricky and Linda Anderson visited Tommy and Evelyn Pressley Sunday.

L'Wanda McKnight attended a business meeting of Team National in Birmingham, Alabama last week.

The Cunningham Baptist members enjoyed lunch Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the Opal Smith Rains family. She was the daughter of Jess and Nettie Smith, the sister of Weldon Smith and Bobby Kennedy's aunt.

Mona Smith Childers is home from Zale Lipsky Hospital in Dallas.

Crystal Davis' baby, Conner, spent several days in Children's Hospital in Dallas last week.

Georgia Oats visited Lewssie Stuart and Willie Wilson Saturday. Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oas, Kaylee Lane and Brad and Georjeana Nutt joined Billie Joe and Georgia for lunch Sunday.

James and Pat Norwood, Roy and Myrtle Marris, Marlin Foster, Buddy Taylor, Bill Page and Sandy Claypool attended the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo on Friday. Darold and Ida Mae Norwood

visited Shelia Norwood in Denton Wednesday.

Geneva Norwood presented a program for the Calvary Methodist Ladies Thursday at noon. Geneva had her family for Sunday dinner.

Delores Norwood went to Blossom Thursday to watch her granddaughter, Hailey Norwood, play basketball. Saturday she watched her other granddaughter, Kelty Mowery, play at the Prairiland Little Dribbler fourth grade game. Frances Franklin visited Delores Sunday. Canard Norwood spent several days last week hunting in South Texas.

Billie Joe and Leonard Ford took Lillian King to watch four of her great-grandchildren play in the Little Dribbler games at Prairiland Saturday. After the games, they visited Thomas King and Sunday they visited Shirlene Owens.

Teresa and Jamie Smith watched Kelty Mowery perform during halftime at the Prairiland games Friday with the PIPS. Kelty won her Little Dribbler basketball game Saturday and was honored on her 10th birthday with a party for family and friends at the Family Fun Center in Paris.

Jay Kurt and Jerika McKee spent the weekend with Frankie and Julie Norwood. The Deport eighth grade boys basketball team won the Rivercrest tournament Saturday. Logan Norwood, Weston Drinnon, Jay Kurt McKee and Josh Allen play on the team.

Brad and Georjeana Nutt ate with Rayburn Warnell in Bonham Saturday.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week to Teri Shelby Moody, Phyllis Berry, Tate Rodgers, Bailey Gillie, Jackson Brown, Angela Harbuck, Charity Barber, Jamie Jackson, Michelle Milam, David Berry, Guy Crites, Linda Carol Farris, Dyllon Adkins, Amber Philpot, Amanda Denman, Seth Bush, Amanda Perry, Jennifer Anderson, Bryan Goodson, Jedidiah Rater, Sheila Thompson, Melissa Steinkamp, Amanda Bishop, Kenneth Price, Cole Shannon.

Belated January birthdays to Larissa (Chumbley) Neel, Viola (Sis) Brendle and Jacie Thompson.

Nell Wills of Powderly spent the weekend with Myrtle Chumbley and they attended the Blue Cross Show at Chisum High

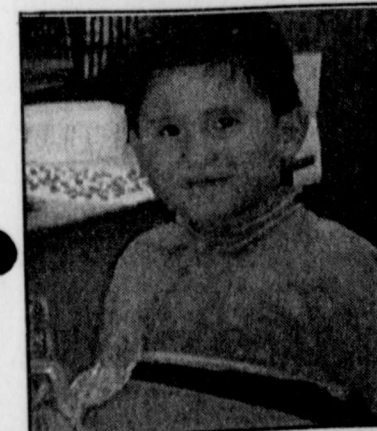
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School Saturday night and also visited with Nell Baldwin of Reno on Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Myrtle Chumbley Sunday night was Larry and Meleta May and Haskell and Judy Booth.

Myrtle Chumbley visited with her daughter and grandson, Larissa and Daniel Neel of Commerce and Daniel returned home with her to spend the night.

Congratulations go out to Joyce Miller for her 18 years of service at Merico and on her retirement. Nell Thompson and Myrtle Chumbley and Phillis Finch of Tyler attended her retirement party last Thursday.



BLOSSOM ELEMENTARY first graders celebrated the 100th day of school last Wednesday, January 23, 2002. They enjoyed several "100" Day activities. Here Angel Rocha, a first grade student in Mrs. Barnard's class, takes a break from counting his 100 items.

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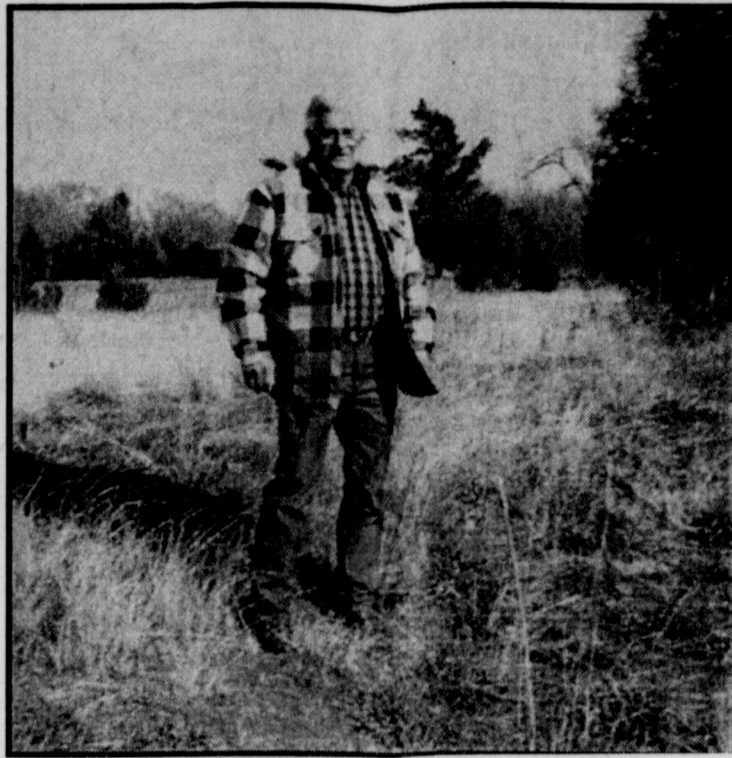
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BILL KERBY, former race car driver, is pictured in his early years as a driver beside his flathead Ford Coupe. Kerby raced at many area tracks, and frequented the track that once was behind Brockway's Furniture, west of Paris.



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD-Bill Kerby of Bogata, formerly of Paris, stands in the area of what once was the quarter-mile race track behind Brockway's Furniture Store, west of Paris. Kerby was one of the race car drivers that frequented the track.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch

Ann and Sheldon Lee went to Texarkana Saturday Jan. 19th to see the play-Sunshine Boys and also went Friday for dinner and for the performance of Mikado all at The Perot Theater.

Harvey and Jean Bell of Winnsboro spent Saturday with Elizabeth Bell.

Tim Salter of Paris had dinner with Velma and John Temple Thursday night.

Evelyn Roach of Deport visited Dorothy Holt Monday of last week.

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

Peggy Whitney spent Friday to Tuesday with her son's and family in Arlington and Flower Mound.

Merritt Corna of Ft Worth Devin Newman and Jayla of Arlington and Don Upchurch of Paris visited Mattylu Upchurch, Saturday.

Kay and Ronnie Preston of Minter and Tim Parks of Faught had dinner Sunday with Dorothy and James Holt.

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Ruth Skaggs and Marilyn Glover of Deport went to dinner in Paris Saturday night.

Nell Shull and Nanie Ham went to Gladewater Saturday and spent the day with Nanie's sister, Martha Smith.

PET TALK

Rover may not yet be a regular at the bingo parlor or making plans to retire in Florida, but he may be getting up in years.

People are living longer, and so are pets. If you have an aging pet, the most likely growing-old signals are the subtle but significant changes in its health care needs.

Depending on your dog or cat's size and breed, it may be entering the prime of its life or the golden years, according to Dr. Raquel Brown, a veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University.

Cats and small dogs up to 50 pounds are generally considered "old" at 11 years or more. For large and giant breeds of dogs, the numbers drop to eight and seven, respectively, while statistics show mixed breed dogs live longer than pure breeds.

No matter the type or age of your pet, it will eventually need health care more attuned to the changes aging brings, Brown stresses.

"With today's improved veterinary health care, better nutrition and increase in indoor living, pets are living longer on the average," says Brown. "However, with this longer life expectancy comes a multitude of health concerns to which senior pets are susceptible."

Some common health problems in older pets include periodontal disease, heart, lung or kidney disease, cancer, degenerative joint disease, diabetes and hearing and/or vision loss. While you may not be able to prevent all of these conditions, Brown recommends providing a diet formulated for your pet's changing needs, more frequent visits to the veterinarian, and an exercise program that accommodates any physical limitations.

"A complete, balanced, digestible and palatable diet is required at all life stages, but seniors require fewer calories and need restricted protein, sodium and phosphorus. Depending on your pet's health, your veterinarian may prescribe a special, therapeutic diet that will meet its changing needs," Brown adds.

All pets need to have a thorough physical examination every year, but once they have reached "senior" status, it's best to see your veterinarian every six months. Blood work, an echocardiogram (EKG) and blood pressure readings should be done on an annual basis.

For the best chances of detecting cancer early, Brown recommends having chest and abdominal radiographs and an abdominal ultrasound done every six months. Your veterinarian also can recommend any exercise modifications your pet needs.

"Aging pets still need exercise, but sometimes modifications are needed to help avoid inflicting too much stress on existing health conditions," she says. "For example, swimming is a good, low impact exercise for arthritic pets, but those with heart disease should be allowed to set their own pace in the activity of their choice."

So when should you begin making these changes to your pet's diet, healthcare and exercise routine?

Brown says any deviation from your pet's "normal" behavior is reason to consult your veterinarian.

"Even noticing subtle changes in body weight, quality of coat, activity level, appetite/thirst or elimination habits will help detect underlying health conditions that may need medical attention," Brown adds. "When in doubt, talk to your veterinarian. Your furry friend will appreciate your going the extra mile in his golden years."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University. E-mail suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Glory in the Flower

by Bobby Maddox

I don't drive out west of Paris very often, but when I do I always look out south of the highway to Brockway's Furniture at the empty pasture. I remember what was once there. I spent many happy hours at the circle track that was there and was the center of attention in Paris on each Saturday night. It was a fine quarter-mile dirt track that drew some of the fastest race cars in this area.

One day as I was coming back from the VA Hospital in Bonham where I had my yearly checkup, I pulled up and stopped at Brockway's Furniture and met Jimmy and Mary Brockway. They were in a very genial mood and we had a very interesting conversation about the old race track. I found out that the track was built in 1955 by Jack Briscoe and Melvin Crow on land that belonged to the Brockways. The track was closed in 1958, but it seemed to me that they were in business longer than that. Jimmy said, "I was a teenager at the time and wanted to drive, but my father would never let me do that."

I got permission to go out into the pasture and see if I could tell where the track had been. Looking from the furniture store I couldn't see any trace of it. I drove my pickup truck through a gate and stopped at a barbed wire fence. I crawled through the fence and here I could see the northern part of the oval. I'm not as adept at crawling through barbed wire fences as I once was. I guess I'm out of practice. When I got to the old track I could see very clearly where the banked part of the track had been. As I walked along I could see the entire track except for the southern part, where a bunch of trees had grown. I remembered that on the west side of the straightaway there was a grandstand, restrooms and a concession stand. There was a fence around part of the track where spectators parked.

One day I even drove my car around the track at a very slow rate of speed. Driving on the track made it seem much larger. At

times I, like Walter Mitty, envisioned myself driving on of the stock cars and winning race after race. I always thought that I might have been able to handle one of the cars if I had the track to myself, but never in all that traffic. As I left I had to crawl through that fence again. Before I got in my pickup, I looked back and there was nothing left but weeds and memories.

On the way back to Paris I thought I would like to talk to one of the drivers who raced there. After over 40 years, I'd better not put this off too long. I remembered that one of my favorite drivers was Bill Kerby. At the Reno Post Office I stopped in and asked Bill's daughter, Melissa, a former student of mine at Crockett Middle School, where Bill lived. I found that he lived in Bogata. I called Bill and asked if he had any information or pictures of the track he would share with me. He gladly consented and I made an appointment to visit him at his home.

When I got to Bogata, I found the proper street and found Bill at home and in a very friendly mood. I asked Bill, a former Paris resident, how he wound up in Bogata. He answered, "My grandchildren are here." I can't think of a better reason. We talked about the track and racing in general, and I found that Bill had a very good memory. When I asked about the car he drove at the track he replied, "I drove a flathead 641 Ford coupe and it was fast. There were lots of other fast cars there, and we really had some exciting races." He continued, "My car was black with a number '4' painted on the side." I asked, "Was there just one class of cars there?" Bill said, "They were all stock cars and not very expensive. We couldn't spend much money on the cars because each car had to be up for sale for \$125. We all had to do our own mechanic work or have a friend's help. Many had a sponsor who would furnish parts and tires. There wasn't much money for the winners of the races, but I never was in it for the money."

I found that Bill also raced quite a bit at the track at Marvin, Hugo and later at Jerry Bob Stephens' track east of Paris. I asked Bill if he had ever been hurt in a race. "I've turned my car over several times, but the only time I was really injured was being hit from the side in an accident that broke my arm," he said. "Most of the race tracks that were close were closed in about 1972, and I thought that would be a good time to quit," Bill said. "I have a friend that recently offered to build a sprint car if I would drive it, but I decided those days are behind me."

I thanked Bill for his time and as I left, thought back to the days when Bill and I both had black hair. I found Bill to be a top quality person to know and to talk with.

On Highway 196 between Pattonville and Blossom there is the Paris Motor Speedway. It was built a few years ago and is a state of the art track. The track itself is in excellent condition, is well lit with plenty of seating, a concession stand, clean restrooms and even a playground for children. The races draw a large number of cars with some very competitive races.

When I found out that a track was to be built there I was overjoyed. Recently the closest races I attended were in Sherman and Ft. Towson, OK. Here was to be a good circle track that would be close to my home in Reno. I attend several races each season and enjoy each of them, but there is something missing. The roar of the engines is the same and so is the smell of the exhaust, but when I revisited the site of the old track west of Paris, I realized that the thrill and excitement I felt here can never be experienced again.

Perhaps Wordsworth had similar feelings when he wrote (loosely translated) these words: "The radiance which was once so bright, be now forever taken from my sight. Nothing can bring back the hours of splendor in the grass, or of glory in the flower."

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BLOSSOM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and Lady Fire Belles honored. The family of Kerry Storey showed their appreciation to the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday night by preparing smoked briskets with all the trimmings. The department helped to save the family's home recently. Pictured left to right is fireman James Taylor, Lady Fire Belle President Mary Crouch, Kerry Storey and daughter Tabitha, Cathey DeLong and Chance. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



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