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Thank Goodness,
There's No Video!

I am just thankful that my husband didn't have the video camera with him. Otherwise, everyone up in this part of the world would have a big laugh as everyone in Progreso, Mexico did...and all at my expense.

Thomas and I went to visit my cousin, Bob and Medora Williams, this past weekend down in the Rio Grande Valley.

We went shopping over in Progreso, just across the Mexican border. There are so many neat things to buy, at bargain prices. The catch is that we walk across the international bridge, which usually precludes us buying anything very large.

When we arrived at the Williams' condo in Pt. Isabel, she had a lovely little pearly colored crane figurine out on the deck. She had purchased it in Mexico for \$5, and I decided immediately I wanted one.

But, when we arrived at the place with all the cranes, they had one that was life sized. That's right, three and one half feet tall, heavy as lead. Of course I HAD to have that one. It would look so nice on the stump out on our dam where we lost the willow to ice last winter.

The only catch was that this one, which cost all of \$10, was garishly painted. The beak and feet are bright, airbrushed yellow, the reeds at the base a poisonous green, the eye a brilliant, somewhat angry looking red! Still, for that price, what harm? I figured on repainting it and it would be so handsome. A similar piece bought at a garden center around here would cost \$100 or more.

Well, there is a price to be paid for bargains, my friends.

Everyone else was loaded down with ironwood carvings, big bottles of vanilla, a ceramic parrot. In fact, we made jokes about going "birding" since a huge ironwood eagle, the parrot and the crane meant three out of four of us were toting "birds" across the border.

The kind lady at the shop insisted on bagging my bird into a gigantic, heavy, clear plastic sack. It was slick.

Off we went, loaded with loot, me cradling the crane easily on my shoulder. But as I walked, the crane shifted, carrying my coat with it.

I shifted it to the other shoulder. Same thing. I tried carrying it like an oversized baby, in both arms. After the first ten minutes that paled too. So, the rest of the journey over the international bridged (how DO they make the bridge get so much longer on the return trip?) I desperately tried to grip the crane, which was gaining pounds with each step, I swear. Finally, though, we reached the checkpoint. I realized everyone behind me was smiling and laughing as I finally set that blasted thing down. Then, I realized everyone was wondering what I wanted with anything so hideously painted, anyway! So, I began babbling that I was going to repaint it. One gentleman said "Thank heavens!". It was all, to say the least, a bit embarrassing. But, at least there is no proof it ever happened. When I get a chance I'll paint it up nicely, and then everyone is invited to come see my treasure. One thing's for sure...I earned it!

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Deport Times

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And the snow came down

Snow, snow, then more snow was the day long situation in this part of the world Tuesday.

Beginning about 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, the fluffy, moist snow fell all day long. Until noon or so, very little stuck, as the temperature hovered above freezing. Only trees,

bushes and car roofs had an accumulation of much depth.

Later in the afternoon temperatures began to drop and accidents on roads began to occur as roads began to get slick and bridges to ice. Accumulation totals began to stack up, and four to five inches

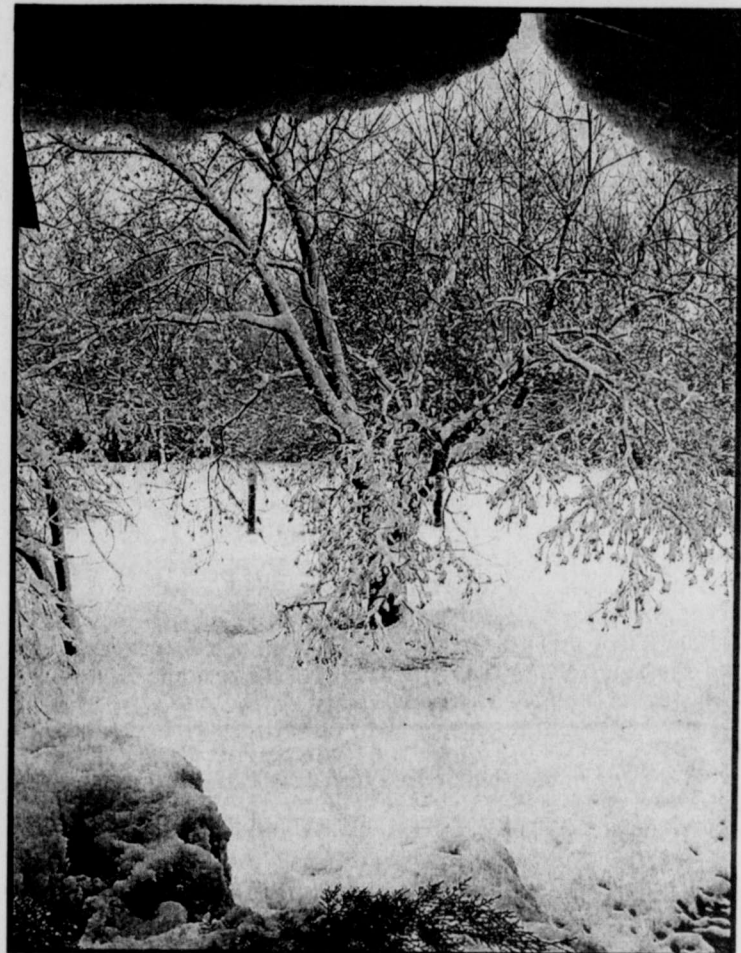
graced the land!

It was perfect for making snowmen, and school kids rushed home after classes to begin making them in abundance.

Wednesday, the area was incredibly beautiful, and there was a chance of additional snowfall, while roads were reasonably good.



WINTER FUN—three year old Johnathan Foulse and his dad, Craig, enjoyed a snowball fight at the downtown Deport park Tuesday night. Crystal, Johnathan's mom, sat out the event, preferring to watch from the family vehicle. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



WINTER CAME with beautiful and grace, softening the angles and lines of the world with pristine snowfall Tuesday, February 5th. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Third Saturday dinner is February 16

The Heavenly Delights' third Saturday dinner will be Saturday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Deport.

The meal will consist of pork loin, creamed potatoes, fried apple slices, green salad, mixed veg-

etables, rolls, cherry dessert, tea and coffee for a price of \$8.00 per plate, eat in or carry out.

For reservations, call Rena Good, 652-2665; Dr. T.H. Glover, 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks, 652-4211 on or before Thursday, February 14 at 6 p.m.



PRAIRILAND AG TALENT TEAM performed for the student body last week. Team members are Spur Norwood, Johnna Patterson and Menda Corso. They went on to win Area competition at Mt. Vernon on January 24.

Deadline nears for troopers

The Department of Public Safety continues to take applications for trooper-trainees as the deadline for the next recruit class approaches.

March 1 is the deadline for Texas applicants seeking admission to the June recruit school in Austin. (The deadline for out-of-state residents is February 11.) Application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office and extensive information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us. Information also is available by calling a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

"We continue to seek quality applicants to fill recruit classes to help offset a projected increase in retirements," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "The need for dedicated public servants has never been greater for our state and nation."

Graduates are initially assigned

as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Traffic Law Enforcement, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

"We have two classes of recruits currently training in Austin at this time," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Curly Colquitt. "We are trying to fill our upcoming class and keep a continuous stream of diverse applicants coming through our doors for the future."

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees and have completed 75 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

An applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.

Fund established to help Waylan Crutchfield

The Blossom Church of Christ has established a fund to help offset the medical costs of Waylan Crutchfield, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Waylan is the 2-year-old son of Amy and Jeremy Crutchfield of Detroit and is the grandson of Ann Davis of Detroit.

He began chemotherapy treatments last week and will be taken to Children's Medical Center twice a week for the next three weeks. After that time, if the leu-

kemia has responded to the treatment, he will only have to go weekly. His complete treatment schedule will take two years.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send their donations to the Waylan Crutchfield Medical Fund in care of Blossom Church of Christ, P.O. Box 7, Blossom, TX, 75416.

For more information, contact Harold Morrison at (903)982-5402.

Private pesticide license training

A private pesticide license training and testing will be Thursday, February 14 at the Red River County Extension Office in Clarksville.

Those who do not have a license may complete the training and examination at this time. The

training will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude around 4 p.m.

The manual cost is \$10.00 per copy. After passing the exam, producers must pay \$50.00 for license for a 5-year period. For information, call 427-3867 or come by the Extension Office.

People 'N Things

Singing at the Pattonville Baptist Church this Sunday, February 10 at 6 p.m., David and Kathy Gillian, Lora and Missy of the Tudor Street Gospel Mission in Paris. Everyone is invited.

Editor's Quotes

The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by.

The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.
Felix Adler



DONATION FOR AUCTION—Pictured is Di James of Blossom with the quilt that she will donate for the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department's annual chili supper that will begin at 5:00 this Saturday at the Blossom School Cafeteria. Everyone is urged to attend this worthwhile event. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Our cooks this week come to use from Blossom School. They are Gayla Williams, Dixie Lewis, Denise St. John and Judy Anderson. These ladies are up at the crack of dawn preparing delicious and nutritious meals for the students at Blossom in grades K-8 along with faculty and staff members.

Students are offered breakfast each morning, along with a noon meal. The breakfast vary from cereal, to scrambled eggs and toast, breakfast burritos and everyone's favorite, breakfast pizza. The kids love it!

Although the menu has changed from the past, students are offered some of their favorites for lunch also. One of their favorites for lunch is the chicken strips or chicken nuggets. They can also get corny dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers and other dishes that they enjoy. The meals also include milk and juice for breakfast and milk for lunch along with vegetables or salads and breads.

Wednesday is the big day for the cooks as they prepare chicken or chicken fried steak and hot rolls, cream gravy, green beans and mashed potatoes. Several times of the year, especially around the holidays, they pull out the turkey and dressing recipes and it is a hands-down favorite. There are

usually extra visitors on these days, with parents and grandparents enjoying lunch with their child or children.

We know that there are very few times that you will need recipes that can handle 50 or more people, but we wanted you to see what these ladies and all of the other cooks around the area prepare and the quantities that they have to use for meals each day. Be sure to go by and thank these lunch ladies (in all schools) for the great job they do feeding the students and taking care of them for you! Hope you enjoy them and we will see you in the kitchen!

OATMEAL COOKIES-several times a week, the ladies prepare cookies for the students and they are really good!

APPLESAUCE CAKE-another favorite of students and teachers!

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS-everyone loves blueberry muffins.....maybe just not in this quantity.....serves 110!

COLE SLAW-you will need lots of potato salad to go along with this recipe!

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP-uses ground beef and lots of it.....45 pounds!

CORNBREAD DRESSING-this is the best dressing recipe and lots of students and visitors enjoy this!

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.

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

*Happy Birthday to: Neva Harville, Marie Carr, Ross Griffin.

*Happy Anniversary to: June and Rich Killen.

*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.

Fulbright News

By Betty Rodgers
652-6051



Dave and Kay German of Whitney came Tuesday and visited with Jimmie King until Thursday. On Wednesday they took her to Paris for her doctor's appointment. Kutchie King met them and they all had lunch together.

Connie and to Phosay celebrated their twelve year wedding anniversary recently.

James Latimer was back at home in Bogata Nursing Home after being in the hospital.

Mrs. Kyle King of Reno came Rhursday and took Jimmie to Clarksville for her eye check up. Dick King visited her Saturday. Jimmie had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King and watched the Super Bowl Sunday.

Betty Rodgers visited Monte Rodgers and Stephanie Kelly and Melissa Saturday evening. Also visiting was Stephanie's mother, Mary Smith of Durant and Melissa Arriaga.

Katy and Clovis VanDeaver attended the Detroit Fire Department hamburger supper Saturday night.

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.

Eula Mae Wright dies January 24

Eula Mae Wright, age 94, died Thursday, January 24 at Seabury Center in Odessa.

She was born February 11, 1907 in Minter, Lamar County, Texas. She was the oldest child of Walter Patterson and Melissie Brown Patterson.

She married Hiram J. Wright on November 22, 1930. He preceded her in death on November 3, 1975. Her parents and her brothers, Elmer "Boog" Patterson and Homer Patterson, also preceded her in death.

Eula lived in Bisbee, Arizona for 35 years and moved to Odessa in 1978 to be near her daughter and family. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church. For the last eight years, Eula had resided at Lincoln Towers Retirement Home. During World War II, she worked as a welder in the Portland, Oregon shipyards from 1943-45.

The family received guests Sunday, January 27 at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. January 29 at Memory Gardens in Bisbee, AZ where she was buried next to her husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Bobbie Miller and husband Eugene of Odessa; sons, Harold Wright of Yuma, AZ and Fred Wright and wife Evelyn of LaHabra, CA; brother, Leonard Patterson of Ft. Worth; sisters, Joyce Hailey of Arlington, Dorothy Gledhill of Loveland, CO and Marie Briley of Hewitt; sister-in-law, Flora Mae Patterson of Midland; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

James H. Cox dies January 25

Funeral services for James H. Cox of Littlefield were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 28 at the First Baptist Church of Littlefield with Rev. Benny Goss, pastor of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Cox died January 25, 2002 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He was born February 9, 1921 in Jolintown, a son of Tom and Vada Cox. He married Doris Dempsey on August 23, 1947 in Jolintown.

James was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in World War II and was in the Military Police while stationed in Topeka, KS. He and Doris moved to Littlefield in 1953. He was a police officer for the City of Littlefield for a couple of years before being promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. He served in that capacity until being named Chief of Police in 1971. He served as Chief until 1983. In July, 1984, he became Justice of the Peace for Lamb County and held that position until his retirement in January, 2000. He was an active member of the VFW in Littlefield, was a Mason and had served as Grand Master in the Littlefield Lodge. Mr. Cox was a member of Sunset Avenue Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harvey Cox; and two sisters, Mary Christopher and Virginia Cox.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Cox of Littlefield; a son, Michael Cox of Littlefield; a daughter, Carol Cooper of Broadview, NM; a brother, Tommy Cox of Jolintown; four sisters, Mattie Briggs of New Boston, Libby Moore of Slaton, Bobbie Hervey of Jolintown and Sue Huffman of Bogata; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Masons served as pallbearers. The family requests memorials be made to the Littlefield EMS or a favorite charity.

Obituaries

Robert W. Murphy dies January 28

Robert Weldon Murphy, age 82 of Paris, died Monday, January 28 in Paris Nursing Home.

Mr. Murphy was born June 21, 1919 in Milton, a son of Sam and Georgia Southerland Murphy. He retired after 34 years with Swift Packing Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon for the past 15 years.

He married Zora Frances Couch on July 4, 1940 in Milton. She survives.

Other survivors include his children, Jerry Don Murphy and wife Cindy of Granbury, Linda Jacoby and husband Jack of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; four grandchildren, Kristi Jacoby, Leah Jacoby, Patrick Murphy and Shawn Murphy; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Murphy and Christian Murphy; a brother, Sam Murphy of Houston; sisters, Christene Gray of Mt. Pleasant and Helen Bricker of Erie, PA.

Graveside services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30 at Highland Cemetery in Deport with Rev. Fred Fungio officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mona Childres dies February 4th

Mona S. Childres, 46, of Rt. 1, Pattonville, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital North.

Services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Bright-Holland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Beverly Olsen, the Rev. Donald Shovan and the Rev. Richard Tatum officiating. Burial was in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Mrs. Childres was born May 28, 1955 in Paris to Weldon D. and Joyce Cooper Smith. She married Randall Childres June 26, 1973, in the Lone Star Community.

She graduated from Rivercrest High School, the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration, and Bellhaven College, where she received a Masters of Business Administration. She retired as a human resource manager with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. She was cochair of the Simpson County Cancer Society Relay for Life, a member of the International Personnel Management Association, a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a certified public manager in the state of Mississippi, a Girl Scout Leader and a Cub Scout leader.

Survivors include her husband; her parents, who live in Bogata; two sons, Stephen Childres and wife Brandi of Mt. Olive, Miss., and Jason Childres and wife Mary Ann of Braxton, Miss.; one granddaughter Olivia Jane Childres; one sister, Jenita Baker and husband Charles of Rt. 1, Pattonville; one nephew, Donoven Baker and one niece, Jenissa Hogan and husband Larry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Calvary United Methodist church Pastor's Discretionary Fund or the Lamar County Cancer Society.

Louise Ford Edwards dies December 27

Louise Ford Edwards of Houston died December 27, 2001 while at the Hospice House. She had a stroke and heart attack shortly before her death.

She was 81 years old, born March, 1920, and was the only daughter of Jessie Diseker and Willie Ford. Her parents and only brother, Charles Elliott Ford, predeceased her. She is survived by Brenda Nelson, a niece; Charles Ford, a nephew and cousins R. Bob Ford, Nancy Ford Maywald and Carl Frank Ford.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31 at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston with burial at 10:30 a.m. in December 31 at Woodland Cemetery in Woodland.

Louise had been quite successful following her life work as a hair stylist and as the owner of two beauty shops known as Louise Lovell's Coiffures, Houston. During the last two to three years, Louise had enjoyed being affiliated with Mrs. Debbie Haines and Linda Guterrez at the Monopoly Beauty Salon in Houston where she had many good friends and customers. She leaves many good friends from her very active life and church work, having been affiliated with the Church of Christ in Houston.

Mack J. Pascall dies February 3

Mack J. Pascall, age 86 of Paris, died Sunday, February 3 in Paris Health Care Center.

Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services on Wednesday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Long Cemetery with Rev. Mike Supp officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, February 5 from 5-6 at the funeral home.

Mr. Pascall was born November 30, 1915 in Fulbright, the son of Richard Winfield and Florence Ann Mills Pascall. He was a retired roofer, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of Providence Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one sister, Reba Parker and two brothers, Fred Pascall and Leonard "Shorty" Pascall.

Surviving is his wife, Nona Miller of Paris; a son, Jeffery Glen Pascall of Ft. Worth; stepchildren Nora Sullivan Brown of Powderly, Lorene Knott of Houston, Lois Pettyjohn of Mineral Wells, Jeff Miller of Powderly and Floyd Miller of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Cora Purtle of Texarkana, Mary Shannon of Paris, Lorene Hawk of Kansas and Lillie Park of Denison; and numerous grandchildren.

Support group to meet

The February 11 meeting of the Bereaved Parent Support Group will focus on Myths about Grief.

The group meets the second Monday of each month at the TU Electric Building in Paris at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Thursday, February 7 Blossom School Cafeteria Ladies

Oatmeal Cookies
Serves 100
12-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
12-1/2 cups granulated sugar
12-1/2 cups margarine
5 cups whole eggs
19 cups oatmeal
30 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup baking powder
1/4 cup baking soda
1/4 cup vanilla extract
1/4 cup cinnamon
5 cups 2 percent milk
Combine margarine and sugars and beat until smooth. Add vanilla and eggs and mix well. Sift baking powder and baking soda with flour and cinnamon and alternate with milk. Add oatmeal and mix well. Shape and cook at 350 degrees until golden brown.

Applesauce Cake
Serves 100
12 pounds and 4 ounces all-purpose flour
11 pounds and 6 ounces sugar
1 pound and 1/4 ounce not fat dry milk
9-3/4 ounces baking powder
3-3/4 tablespoons salt
3-3/4 tablespoons cloves
1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
52 large eggs
1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 cups + 2 tablespoons water
5 pounds and 5 ounces shortening
1-2/3 cans #10 can applesauce
6 pounds and 8 ounces raisins
Blend flour, dry milk, baking powder, salt, cloves and cinnamon for 1 minute in mixer on low speed. Combine eggs, vanilla and water. Add shortening and liquid mixture to dry ingredients. Blend for 30 seconds on low speed. Beat for 6 minutes on medium speed. Add applesauce. Blend for 30 seconds on low. Beat for 3 minutes on medium. Add raisins and blend 1 minute on low. Pour 3-3/4 quarts into large sheet pans-18 x 26 x 1 which has been lightly greased and dusted with flour. Bake until lightly brown and dust with powdered sugar.

Blueberry Muffins
Serves 110
13-1/2 cups flour
4-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup + 2 tablespoons baking powder
4-1/2 teaspoon salt
4-1/2 cups margarine
4-1/2 cups milk
9 cups frozen, unsweetened blueberries
9 large eggs
Combine all ingredients and grease and bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.

Cole Slaw
Serves 125
9 pounds green cabbage
1/2 pound red cabbage
1/2 pound raw carrots
1 quart salad oil
1 quart distilled vinegar
2 cups sugar
1/4 cup salt
Prepare cabbages and carrots for slaw. Mix oil, vinegar, salt and sugar and pour over cabbage.

Vegetables Beef Soup
Serves 325
45 pounds ground beef
1 cup + 4 ounces onion flakes
4 ounces season salt
4 ounces salt
1 cup + 2 ounces chili powder
1 cup + 2 ounces dried sweet bell peppers
1 cup dried parsley
2 ounces black pepper
5-#10 cans tomatoes stewed
5-#10 cans mixed vegetables
5 gallons water
Cook meat; drain, rinse and place in pots (4-16 quarts). Add seasonings and 1 gallon of water. Bring to boil and let boil for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and let them come to a boil. Add vegetables and let come to boil; turn down and simmer about 15 minutes.

Cornbread Dressing
Serves 350
6 gallons baked cornbread
6 gallons dry bread crumbs
30 medium whole eggs
3 cups dried onion flakes
1 cup sage
19-3/4 quarts chicken broth
4 pounds butter
2 tablespoons black pepper
Combine cornbread and bread crumbs and mix well. Add onions, eggs, sage and pepper. Mix well. Add butter and broth and mix well. Bake at 350 degrees until done.



COOKS OF THE WEEK are the lunch room ladies from Blossom School. The ladies prepare nourishing breakfast and lunches for students K-8 grades Monday through Friday. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

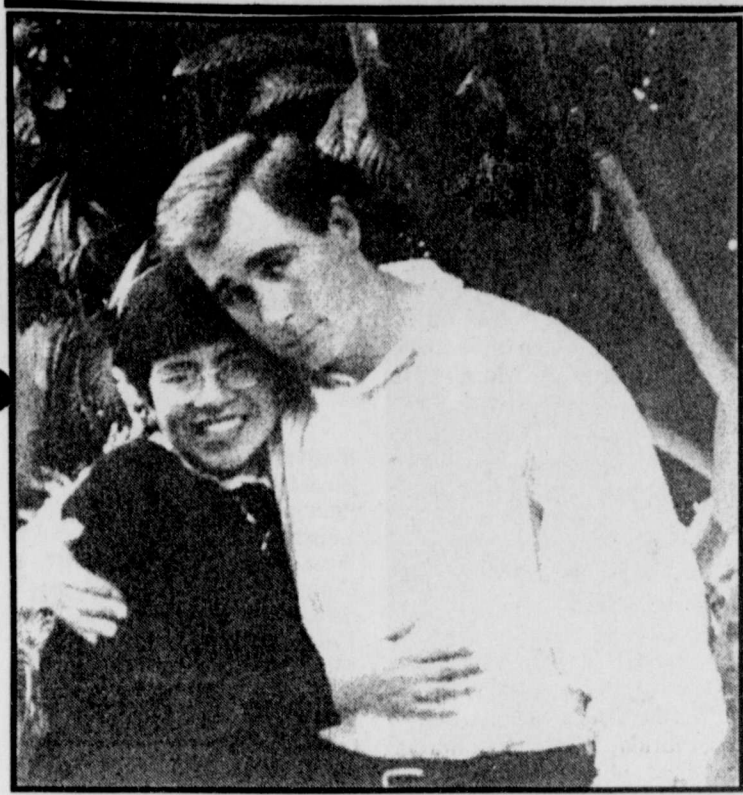
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Vivian Xicara Avila with fiance James Gordon VanDeaver

Xicara-VanDeaver announce engagement

Vivian Xicara Avila and James Gordon VanDeaver proudly announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple will be married at seven o'clock in the evening on Saturday, June 8, 2002 at the Central Presbyterian Church in Paris, Texas and Saturday, June 29 in Quezaltenango, Guatemala.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Augusto Xicara and his wife Josefina Avila of Quezaltenango and the granddaughter of the late Regino Xicara and wife Manuela Garcia and the late Jose Avila and wife Lucinda Rios. She will graduate this spring from Rafael

Landivar University with a teaching degree in Natural Science. She is employed by Casa de espanol Zelaju as a Spanish teacher.

Her fiance is the son of Joseph Gordon and Helen F. VanDeaver of Pattonville. He is the grandson of the late Thomas M. and Thelma VanDeaver and the late George and Hazel Cheatham. He is a graduate of Prairiland High School and received his Master of Arts in The Teaching of Languages (with an emphasis in Spanish) from The University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed by Chisum I.S.D. as a Spanish teacher.



Patricia Lois Wesley with fiance Bobby Wayne Porter

Wesley-Porter to wed

Mrs. Pauline Wesley and the late Joseph Wesley proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Lois Wesley to Bobby Wayne Porter.

The couple will be married March 21, 2002 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening at Northwest Baptist Church, 1155 13th Street. Rev. John McMikel will perform the

ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Wesley and the late Joseph Wesley of Deport. Patricia is employed at Deport Nursing Home as a dietary cook.

Her fiance is the son of Bob and Geraldine Porter of Gainesville. He is employed at Lake Regional MHRM in Paris.



Alpha Patterson Lewis, 100 years old

Alpha Patterson observes 100th birthday

Alpha Patterson Lewis, formerly of Detroit, celebrated her 100th birthday on January 26 at Paris Healthcare Center.

Cake and punch were served in an all day celebration by her children, Dorothy Ritchie, Paul and Virginia Coleman, Marie Shelton, James and Henrietta Lewis, Clarence and Jerri Graves and Paul K. and Shirley Lewis.

Others attending were several grandchildren and great-grand-

children and two great-great-grandchildren, Pastor Lee Everett from Martin Memorial United Methodist Church of Detroit, also a lot of her friends and several of the staff at the Center. She has also won their hearts.

She was up and walking until June 26, 2001 when she fell and broke her hip and shoulder. She is confined to a wheelchair and bed now and shares a room with her daughter, Marie, at the center.

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.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

If the merger between Cap Rock and Lamar Electric Co-op is completed, your electric bill might be 41% higher than they are now.

How can LEC members go with another Co-op when Cap Rock Energy has determined to adopt a "wait and see" approach? Ask your board of directors about this.

Come to the Lamar Electric Co-op membership meeting on February 16 at Love Civic Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday to discuss important matters concerning your electric rates. Roy Marris, Co-op member

JH Valentine dance is Friday

The Prairiland Junior High Valentine Dance will be held Friday, February 15 at the Blossom School Cafeteria from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

The dance is for fifth through eighth graders and the price is \$3.00 each or \$5.00 per couple.

Cokes and candy will be available.

A king and queen from each campus will be elected. Pictures will be available to the kids at a \$3.00 charge per print.

The dance is being sponsored by Project Graduation.

UIL students participate in Mt. Pleasant meet

Prairiland UIL Science students participated in the Mt. Pleasant meet on Saturday, January 19.

Participating were Amber Buster, Kenny Norwood, Jessica Smith, David Beyleyran, Allison Hinkle, Kelly Kincaid, Gina Doyal, Rachel Murdock, Robert Robertson, Rose Bishop, Bill Robertson, Stoney Wilkins, Codie Kohler and Ashley Lehmen.

With 11 schools participating in the Science contest, the Prairiland Science Team placed fourth.

Individual awards went to: Robert Robertson, first, Senior division; Jessica Smith, fourth, Freshman division; Allison Hinkle, fifth, Freshman division.

Also placing in the top ten was David Beyleyran who placed seventh in the Sophomore division.



BLOSSOM HISTORY--The Georgia Elliott Watson Library has received a number of photos from Dave Tipton, great-grandson of George Hill, who was a constable for Blossom in the late 1800's and early 1900's. George is the brother of Ben Hill, who was murdered in Blossom around that time and his murderer was hanged in Paris. This picture was taken in front of the jail. Is this the same jail that used to sit in City Park, and does anyone know who these men are? Anyone with information on this picture is asked to contact the Library. It's a great addition to the history of Blossom.



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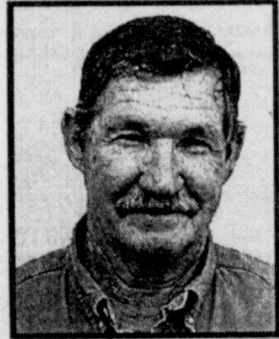
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Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Tom White, Stoney Musgrove and Brad Nutt.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mona Smith Childers. Mona was the daughter of Melba Joyce and Weldon Smith and the sister of Jenita Baker. Her funeral was Wednesday.

Over 75 family and friends gathered at Life Tabernacle fellowship hall to celebrate Scotty Norwood's 40th birthday. Everyone enjoyed taco soup with all the trimmings and birthday cake. Frankie Norwood welcomed everyone and told stories about Scotty. Neva Oats led the group in a "Scotty Trivia" game and cousin J.W. Musgrove (Stacy) was the standup comedian for the evening. Scotty was blessed to have his grandmother, Marie Watson, able to attend. He received many nice gifts and everyone had a great time.

Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica went to Chapel Hill Saturday to watch Marty Anderson play basketball.

Cindy Nichols and Ann Dye shopped and ate in Mesquite and Rockwall Thursday.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Zach, Garrett and Asa Kennedy and

Heath, Missy, Layker and Laytner Kennedy.

Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove for Sunday lunch were Stacy and Linda Musgrove and Zarinska Morton.

Pat Norwood, Shelby Kennedy, Jane Glass and Paula Taylor attended the Lady's Conference at East Paris Baptist Church Friday and Saturday.

David Ford was home from SFA visiting his parents, Billie and Leonard Ford. Ryan Ford also visited during the weekend.

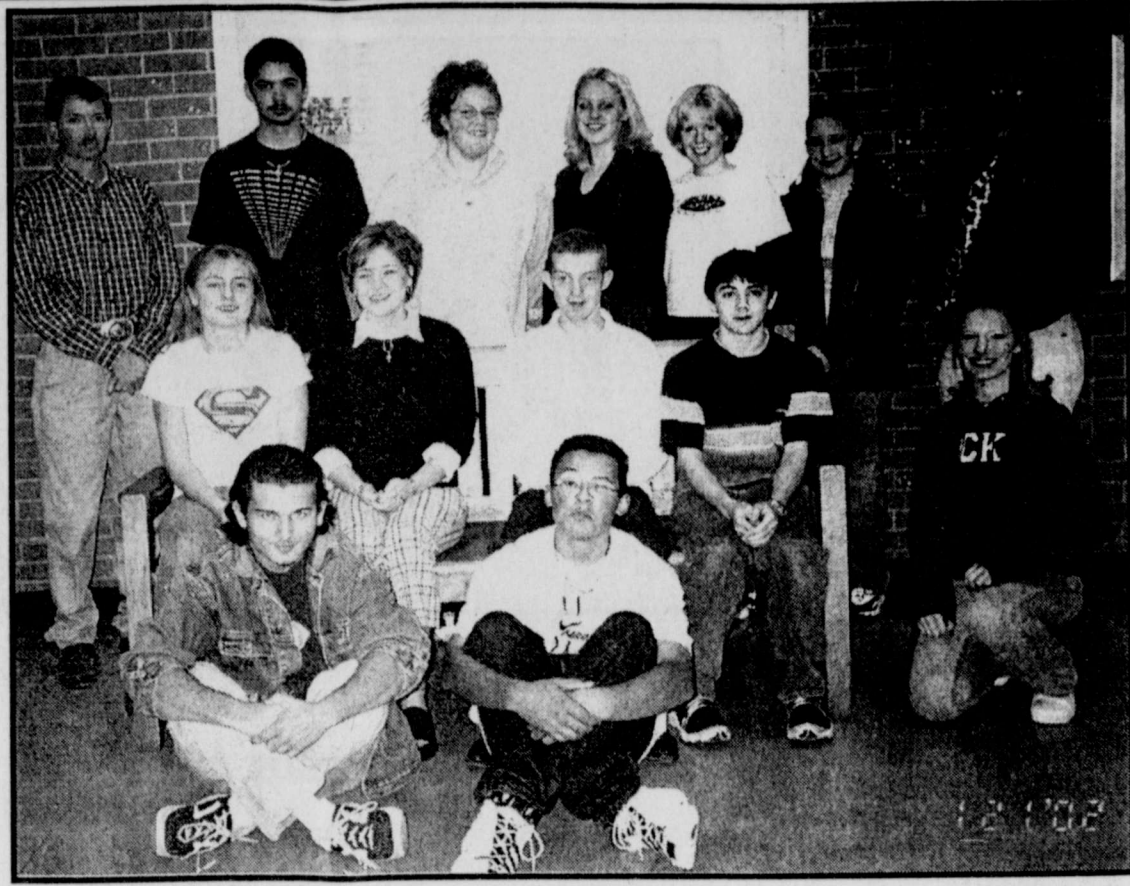
Talma Norwood had a Super Bowl party at his home Sunday.

Teresa Smith watched Kelly Mowery continue her undefeated season in basketball at Blossom Saturday.

Jessee Davis celebrated her birthday with a limo ride with her friends after their basketball game at Blossom Saturday.

Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats and Kaylee Lane went to a Super Bowl party at Randy and Liberty Huddleston's home Sunday.

Georjeana and Brad Nutt attended a Super Bowl party at Mendy and Kenny Dority's home Sunday. Friday they went to a party at John and Shelly Landers.



UIL SCIENCE PARTICIPANTS are, from left: David Tyler, Robert Robertson, Gina Doyal, Jessica Smith, Codie Kohler, Allison Hinkle and Randy Clarkson. Seated: Rachel Murdock, Amber Buster, Kenny Norwood, David Beyleyran and Rose Bishop. On floor, Bill Robertson and Stoney Wilkins. Not pictured are Ashley Lehman and Kelly Kincaid.

Pattonville News

By Peggy Parsons
Call Your News to 652-5022



Happy Birthday Wishes to Louise Crossland, Debra Malone, Sami Sparks, Joseph Weston Blanton, Ann Shelton Long, Frankye Sessums, Sarah Murdock, Austin Lane Sparks, Gracie Lee Winters, Tonya Crawford, Velma Burnside, Raymond Hoover, Daniel borders, Joyce Merritt, Lorene Gibson, Chris basinger, Casey Johnson, Stoney Musgrove, Tammara Williams.

Happy Birthday to Norris and Virginia Ragsdill, Wes and Tiffany Winters, Bob and Kay Wright.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Weldon Murphy who died in Paris nursing Home Jan. 28. He was the brother of Christine Gray of Mt. Pleasant. Both are formerly from Milton.

S.C. Short of Paris, Carl Ray Hatcher of Marvin, Peggy Parsons, and Nina Sparks were visitors of Elois Sparks during the week.

Freeman Safford of Paris honored Nina Sparks with a birthday luncheon at TaMolly's in Paris Wednesday. Lois Kennett, Virginia Reed, Ophelia Payne of Paris and Peggy Parsons were guests.

Neal Claborn, Dustin Grigsby and John Mark Davidson of College Station were weekend guests of Keith and Peggy Parsons.

David and Nancy Ballard, Jenni and Joey, Keith and Peggy Parsons, Neal Claborn, Dustin Grigsby and John Mark Davidson enjoyed a hamburger supper at the

College church of Christ in Paris Saturday night. The Texas A&M "Aggies for Christ" presented a devotional and skits following the meal.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruby Malone who died Friday, February 1 in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She was the wife of Jack Malone and sister of Joan Bell.

Mallory Owen of Marvin and Jerika McKee were visitors of Leah Boren during the weekend. Miranda Smith of Cunningham was a visitor of Drew Boren.

James Winters is home recovering from shoulder surgery performed last week in Paris.

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

David and Kathy Gillian, Lora and Missy of Tudor Street Gospel Mission in Paris will be singing at Pattonville Baptist Church Sunday night, Feb. 10 at 6 P.M.

Mickey Keener, Sandy Ring, Heather McLean and the former Jan Keener of Garland visited Bill and Ruby D. Blevins during the week.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mona Childers, 46, who died Monday, Feb. 4. She was the daughter of Weldon and Joyce Smith and sister of Jenita Baker.

Artie Lee Short is now residing in Heritage Care Center in Paris. Angie Ricardi and Barbara McDowra went shopping in Sulphur Springs Monday.

Preventing Teen Suicide

(NAPSA)-Talking with teens about mental health and depression may actually help save their lives.

Every year, 5,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 commit suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for the age group and the sixth leading cause of death for 5- to 14-year-olds. In fact, in 1999, 20 percent of American high school students reported having attempted or having seriously considered suicide.

To help end this alarming trend, the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign (NMHAC) created its Signs for Life program. The suicide prevention initiative is designed exclusively for teens, young adults and their parents and seeks to destigmatize mental illness and therapeutic counseling.

The program encourages parents to talk to their children about mental health and suicide and to recognize and reach out to teens who appear to be depressed.

The NMHAC says teens contemplating suicide tend to exhibit signs. Parents who pick up on these signs can often prevent tragedy from happening.

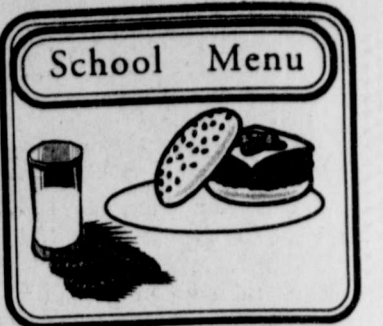
- Signs include:
- Change in eating habits and sleep patterns
 - Falling grades
 - Anxiety or panic
 - Lack of interest in activities they generally enjoy
 - Reduced interaction with friends
 - Suddenly giving away personal possessions
 - Increase in alcohol or drug consumption

U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher recently commented that approaching suicide as a "preventable problem" can help parents save lives. The Signs for Life program seeks to do just that.

For more information on teen suicide, visit www.nostigma.org or call 1-877-495-0009.

Recognizing the warning signs of suicide can help parents keep their teens safe.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
-Benjamin Franklin



Prairiland High School Week of February 11th

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, Fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, Corn Salad, Pudding, Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Sausage, cheese, biscuit, Juice, milk
Lunch: Ham and cheese on bun, Dill pickles, Potato salad, Yellow cake, Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, Juice, milk
Lunch: Sliced turkey, Brown gravy, Sweet potatoes, Green beans, Biscuits, Milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken and dumplings, Tossed salad, Yellow corn, Chocolate pudding, Milk

Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, Juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburger on bun, Lettuce, tomato, Pork and beans, Potato chips, Milk



Deport Campus Week of February 11th

Monday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corny dog, Macaroni and cheese, Baked beans, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage, Juice, milk
Lunch: Turkey on bun, Lettuce, tomato, Potato chips, Dill pickles, Fruit cocktail, Milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Trail mix, Juice, milk
Lunch: Beef fingers, Creamed potatoes, Gravy, Biscuits, Fried okra, Rolls, Milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, Pineapple chunks, Juice, milk
Lunch: Nachos with ground meat, Salad, Refried beans, Orange halves, Milk

Friday
Breakfast: French toast strips, Juice, milk
Lunch: Chili cheese fries, French fries, Applesauce, Milk

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Information packets with more details and color photos are available for free - TLCMinis@neto.com or 903-784-3363

Prairiland High School Week of February 11

12	Chisum, Here, 9th, JV, V, 5:00
	Softball, North Lamar, JV, V
13	Youth for Christ, 7:50 a.m., Library
14	Softball, McKinney
15	Softball Tournament, here, 4:30, JV
16	Powerlifting at Mt. Pleasant

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Prairiland splits games with Rivercrest

The Prairiland Patriots got sweet revenge on the Rivercrest Rebels on Friday, February 1 at Pattonville with a big win of 73-49. Five team members scored in the double figures with Bryan Murdock leading the pack with 16. Chance Bankhead had 15, D.J. Loveless and Blake Smith each had 12 with Stoney Musgrove hitting 10. Spur Norwood had 5 and Jared Gage had 2.

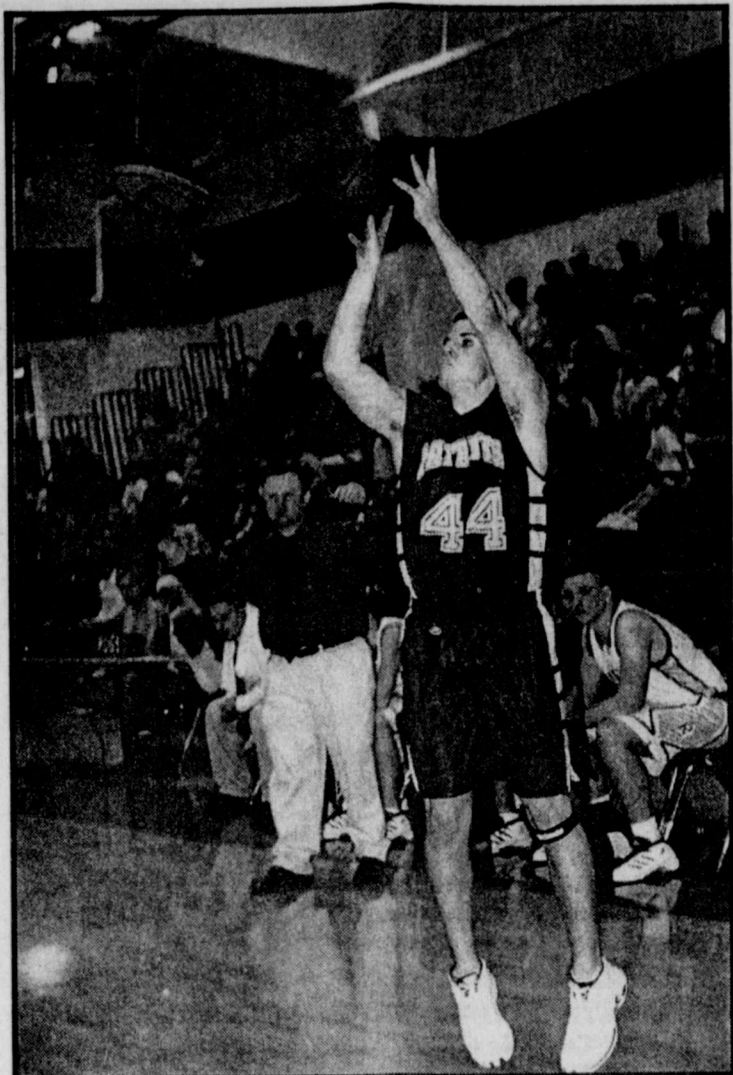
The Pats led in the first quarter 9-7 and kept that lead up throughout the game. Halftime saw them ahead 46-36, a ten point lead at the buzzer. The team scored 6 three pointers and shot 13-19 from

the foul line.

In the girls game, they fell 49-59 bringing them 2-9 for district and 9-16 overall. Brittney Ballard shot a three-pointer along with one from Jordan Hunold. The girls had 19 fouls.

Rivercrest came out with a big 1st quarter hitting 24 points to Prairiland's 9. The ladies answered back in the second with 17 and the Rebeletts had 13 to make it 26-37, Rivercrest.

Third quarter had the Lady Pats on top with 16, but failed to take the lead with the score being 42-46. Rivercrest pulled away by ten in the final stanza, 49-59.



JUMP SHOT, D.J. Loveless, of the Prairiland Patriots takes a shot at the game at Rivercrest last Friday night. (Staff Photo)

Lady Patriots roll over Hughes Springs

The Prairiland Lady Patriots hosted the team from Hughes Springs on Tuesday, January 29 with a district win of 43-35. This leaves the team with a season record of 2-8 and 9-15 for the year. Brittney Ballard was high with 14 with Megan Graham behind her with 9. Jordan Hunold had 7, Lacy Davis 6, Sara Bolton 4 and Nikki Bybee with 3.

The girls led in the first quarter by one with a score of 9-8 and fell behind in the second 17-19. The ladies retained the lead in the third by one making it 28-27. Fourth quarter had the girls with 15 points to pull in front of Hughes Springs 43-35. Ballard had three trey shots and the girls shot 8-19 free throws and had 21 fouls.



Milton News

By Mattyly Upchurch

Morris Lawler celebrated his 87th birthday Sunday.

Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak visited her parents Monday afternoon.

Elizabeth Bell went to Marshall Saturday to visit her sister Mabel Pearson and Sam and Mary Ann Pearson.

Kayla and Kaitlyn Spray of Blossom spent Friday night with their grandparents Susan and Philip Roach.

Ann and Sheldon Lee and Marilyn Glover and Ruth Skaggs went out to dinner Saturday night.

Peggy Whitney has returned home after visiting Aubrey and Shanon Allen and Alyssa of Flower Mound and Gary and Nelda Allen of Arlington.

Edna Lee is recuperating after eye surgery last Friday.

Ruth Skaggs of Deport visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Sunday.

Susan Roach spent Saturday in Tyler.

Elizabeth Bell and Mattyly

Upchurch attended funeral services for Weldon Murphy Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Murphy was born and raised in Milton.

Hattie Hobbs and Helen Temple of Paris visited their brother John Temple and Ann and Sheldon Lee Tuesday.

Don Upchurch of Paris visited Morris and Mary Elaine Lawler Sunday.

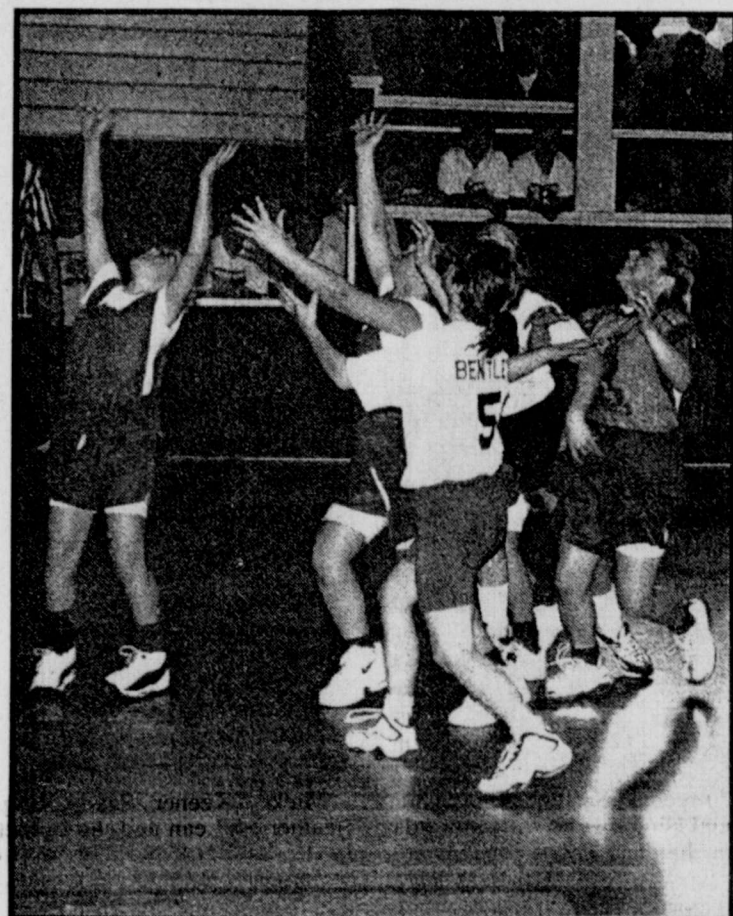
Nora Appleby of Waco is spending this week with her daughter and husband, Susan and Philip Roach.

Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata visited Elizabeth Bell Tuesday afternoon.

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

Tim Parks of Faught had lunch Sunday with his grandparents Dorothy and James Holt.

Mattyly Upchurch and Elizabeth Bell were in Clarksville Friday and went to Blossom for lunch.



BLOSSOM GIRLS 5TH GRADE LITTLE DRIBBLERS played Deport on Saturday at the Blossom Gym. The teams will go on to the tournament at Chisum beginning this week. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BLOSSOM 4TH GRADE BOYS hosted the Little Dribblers from Deport on Saturday in the Blossom Gym. The end of season tournament will begin at Chisum this week for all area teams. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Paint store burglary 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 January 11, unknown suspects forced entry into the Circle K Paint Store in Paris. Once inside the business, the suspects stole several pumps, a television and many tools. The suspects then stole a 1994 maroon Mercury Villager at that location and it was later recovered in Corsicana. These

felony crimes resulted in over \$15,000.00 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by February 11, 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).

Free screenings celebrate Heart Month at Christus St. Joseph's

CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System will offer free cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure and body mass index screenings throughout February in observance of Heart Month.

The free tests will be offered from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center-South, 820 Clarksville St. and Thursdays at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Medical Center-North. Those planning to take the cholesterol test are reminded that they should not eat anything for 12 hours prior to taking the test.


In addition, CHRISTUS Health and American Heart Association will provide heart-healthy literature and recipes.

"We encourage everyone to take advantage of these tests," said R. Lindsey, director of cardiovascular services at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's. "This is a great opportunity for the public, as well as our associates, to have these important tests." For almost 40 years, heart disease has claimed more lives in Texas and the nation


than any other cause, including cancer.

Health care professionals offer some simple advice that could add years to a person's life as well as improving the quality of life. Among the risk factors that can be changed are smoking, physical inactivity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity. The more risk factors that are present, the more likely the person will develop heart disease. The Texas Department of Health also points out that improving the diet can affect more than one of the risk factors for heart disease.

Lindsey added, "CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System is committed to improve the health of the citizens of this area. While screenings provide many people a better understanding of their health they do not take the place of regular visits to your personal physician." He noted anyone with abnormal results of these screenings would be encouraged to follow-up for further in-depth evaluation.



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Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week to Mandy Babb Bell, David Cantera, Benjamin Rocha, Chris Bramlett, Chelsey Fletcher, Ashley McCain, Chris Basinger, Holly Jones, Tyler Bowden, Erica Bishop, Casey Johnson, Tony Clarkson, Chris Sturch, Dinger Jaynes, Heath Connot, Seth Walker, Amber Dawson, Tony Lindley, Casey Thornton, Stoney Musgrove, Stephanie Wolf, Tammy Hagood, Monica Moline, Ashley Flynn, Jason Crabb.

Don't forget the Blossom Volunteer Fire Department Annual Chili Supper this Saturday to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Blossom Cafeteria. The auction will begin shortly after this.

Mary Jane Lowry spent from Wednesday to Friday in Hughes Springs visiting with Ginnifer and Bill Lindsey, Ryan Alyssa and Carter. Janie Ballard of Gilmer returned home with her on Friday

and spent the night.

Prairiland ISD will have a Winter Break this year beginning on Monday, February 25 thru the 28th along with their annual Spring Break in April. Make plans for this week with your students.

Minnie Lee Shands and Lou Chumbley attended an 81st birthday party for Viola Brendle at the Regency Medical Plaza in Paris last week.

Junaita Harrison and Minnie Lee Shands visited with Jr. Weddle who is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital along with Jelly May who is now home and recuperating nicely. They also visit with Dick and Adell Whitley of Detroit.

Jake Ensey, grandson of Ann and Jesse Sanders, celebrated his 3rd birthday at his home on Saturday.

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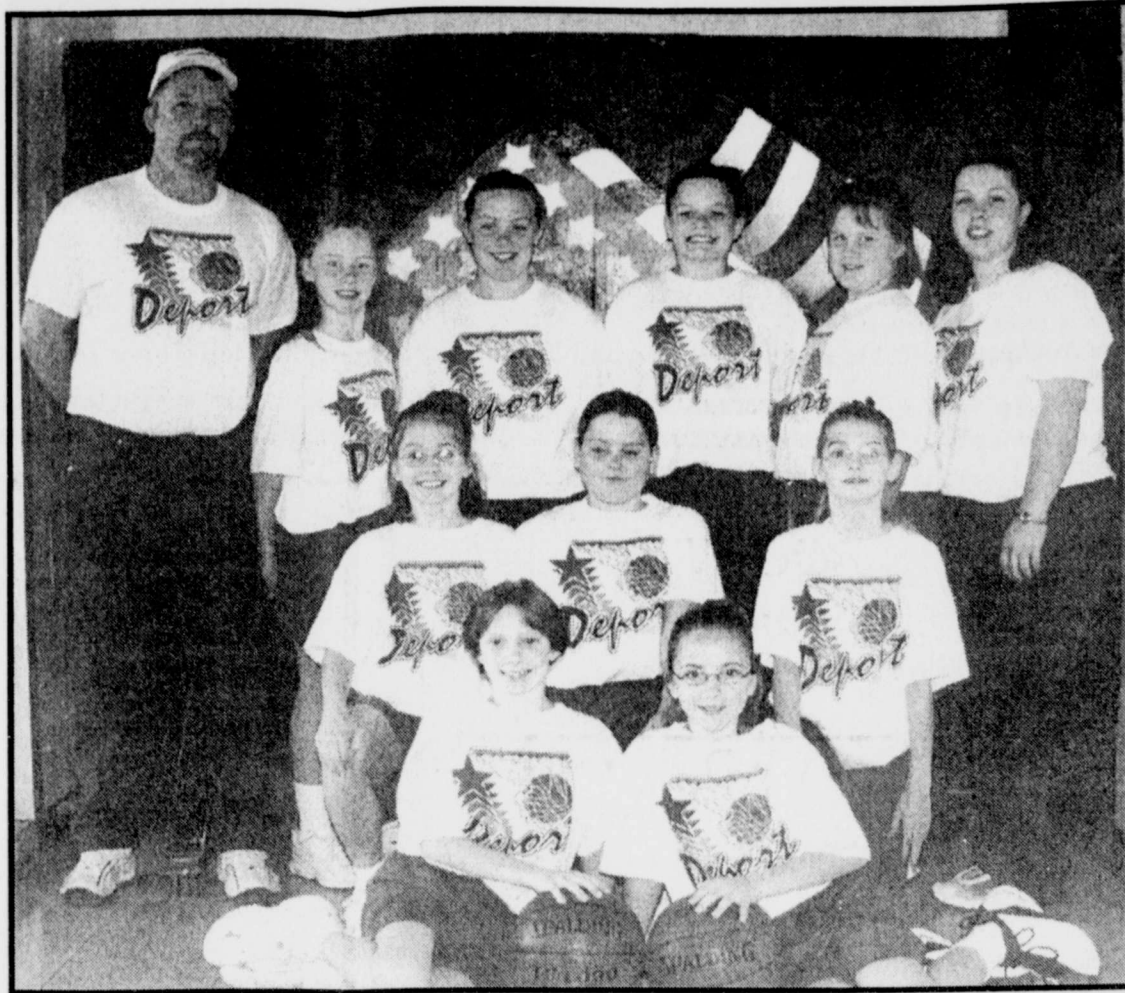
The program, which is open to minority and female students, pays for tuition fees and includes a stipend for students who participate. Applications are available at area high schools and local Department of Transportation offices in Bonham, Clarksville, Cooper, Emory, Greenville, Mt. Vernon, Paris, Sherman and Sulphur Springs. The grant amount varies each semester with a maximum amount of \$3,000 per semester, or \$6,000 a year.

The program is open to any

graduating high school students who is a Texas resident; is an ethnic minority (black, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, Pacific islander, Alaskan native) or female; has an overall minimum grade point average of 3.00, or a minimum SAT score of 850 or has a 21 on the ACT; will attend an accredited four year Texas public college or university; and will pursue an undergraduate degree in civil engineering.

College or university students are also eligible for the program, provided they meet the above requirements and have a minimum grade point average of 2.50, maintain a minimum of 12 hours a semester and are not in a repayment status to the Department for a previously awarded Conditional Grant. Students who complete the program must also agree to work for the Department of Transportation for a minimum of two years after graduation.

For information, call Tena Stinson at 903-737-9216.



DEPORT 4TH GRADE GIRLS LITTLE DRIBBLERS pictured left right front row are Laura Brooks and Courtney Filkins. Middle row is Felisha Filkins, Katrina Malone and Britney Patterson. Back row is Coach Ronald Nichols, Abbie Nichols, Kelti Mowery, Marli Elrod, Elizabeth Brunson and Coach Susan Whittle. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DEPORT 4TH GRADE BOYS LITTLE DRIBBLERS pictured left to right are left to right Dyllon Cathey, Wesley Murdock, Payne Schuelke, Coach Glen Schuelke, Dustin Elrod and David Barnes. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

"No call list" promoted

Representative Mark Homer announced that Texans can now join the new "Texas No Call list" which enables consumers to block unwanted telemarketing phone calls and penalizes telemarketers who break the law.

Any Texan can voluntarily request that their name be placed on the no call list. The legislation passed prevents telemarketers from calling anyone on the list and also from disguising their number so that people will always be able to see who is on caller ID.

The law gives consumers more control over who calls them at home and also protects seniors and other Texans from aggressive sales pitches and fraudulent companies. Any person who wants to put their name on the no call list can do so by calling 1-866-896-6225 or by visiting www.texasnocall.com. The cost for registering a residential phone number is only \$2.25 and the phone number will remain on the list for three years. The list will be updated quarterly with the first list available to telemarketers on April 1.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Public Utility Commission will handle complaints against telemarketers who violate the no call list.

For additional information, call the Texas Public Utility Commission at 866-4839 or 784-0977.

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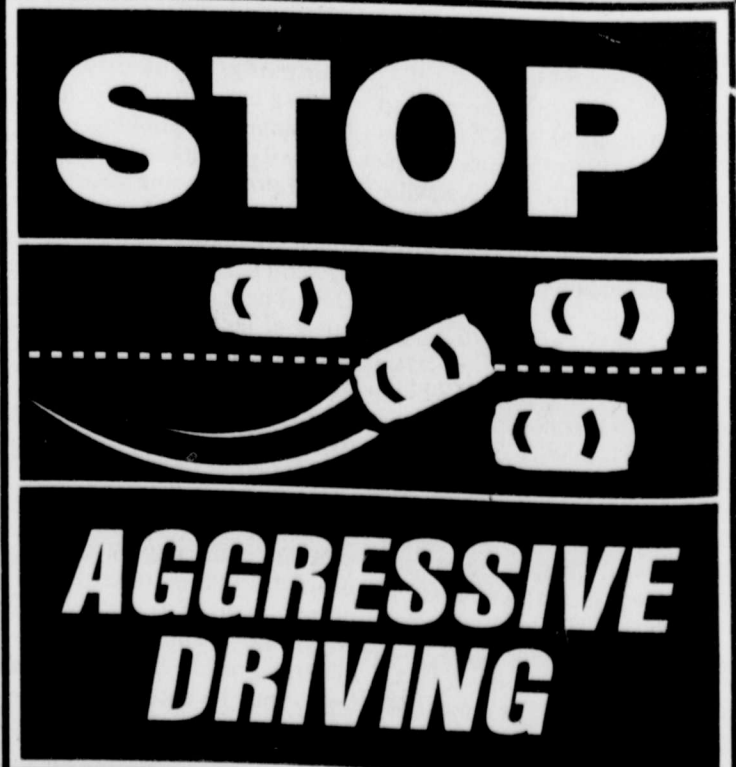
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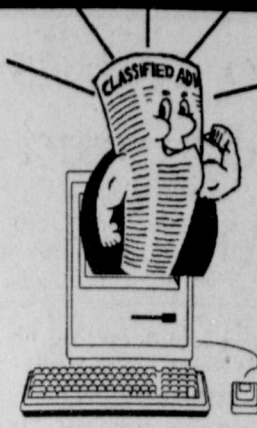
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Bobby Bailus of Oklahoma visited Shorty Ballard over the weekend.

Happy birthday to Emily Elizabeth Ballard, Loretta Miller, Christie Williams, Debra Malone, Sami Sparks, Peyton Chapman, Brad Allen, Cameron Penn, Lera Lawler, Marlena Ballard, Marie Kunkel, Rusty Dewitt, Frankye Sessums, Molly Ann Billy, Rusty Barnes, Ethan Ham, Benjamin Lutch, Kristin Flenniken, Terri Norman, Austin Lane Sparks, Gracie Winters, Tonya Crawford, Amber Dawson, J.R. Moses, Julia Koegl, Larry Whittle, Patricia Paxton, Tiffany Dewitt, Alicia Benson, Tammy Currier, Stephanie Wolf, Darby Oney, Joe Lewis, Jr.

Danny and Ann Francis of Talco honored their mothers Billie Francis of Deport and Marge Merrell of Talco with a birthday supper at Chili's in Paris. 18 members of the family attended.

Happy anniversary to Norris and Virginia Ragsdill, Joseph and Pauline Wesley, Bob and Kay Wright.

Virginia Kirkland honored Nina Sparks on her 81st birthday with a dinner party in her home with the following guests, Ruth Murrell, Mavis Sowards and Reba Temple playing cards following the evening meal.

Nina Sparks visited Freeman Safford in Paris Saturday afternoon.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols have returned from visiting Bob and medora Williams in Pt. Isabel. While there they went to Matamoras and Progresso, Mexico, and had lunch with Ed and Jenny Garlich and Pat Johnson.

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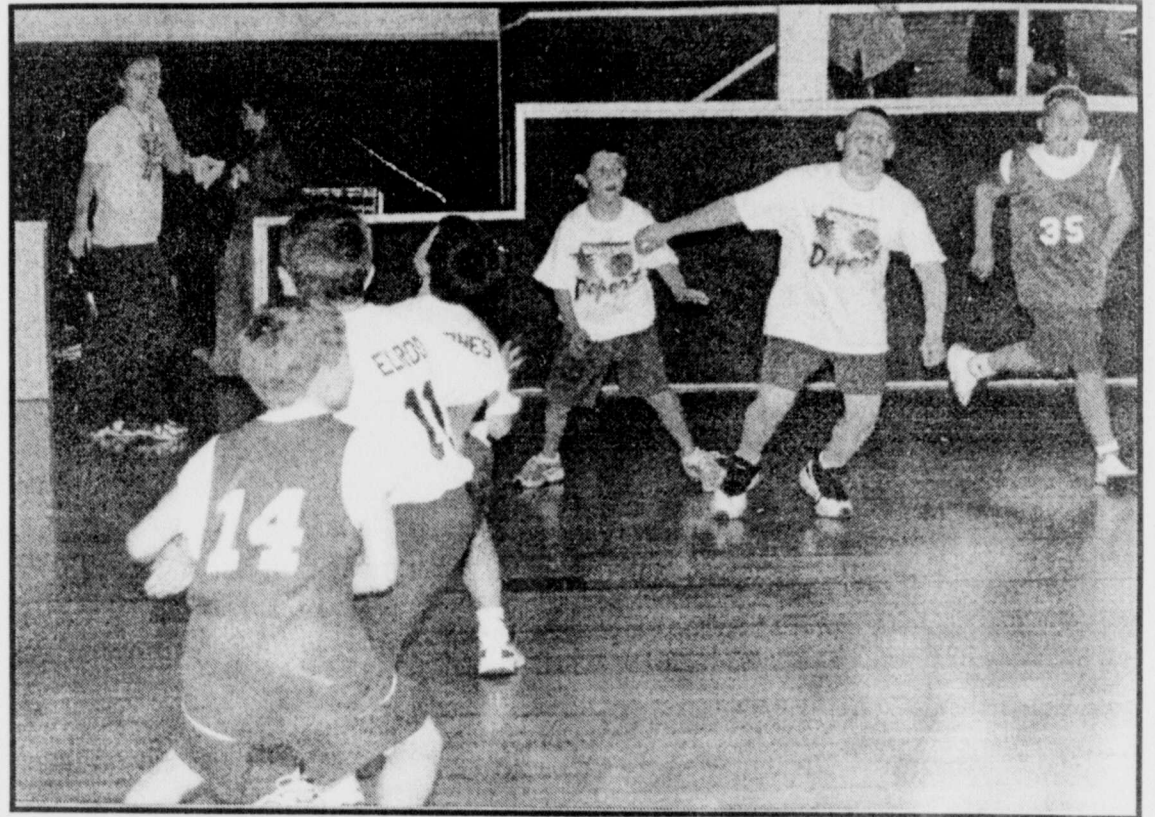
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