

I know it's out there somewhere! Somebody stole spring, and want them to bring it back. Either that, or it's hiding and

I'm ready for it to come out. There have been a few hints and allegations about that most welcome of seasons. A few clues have been sighted. A slight raising of the temperature, a few days of bright sunshine and clear weather, and that frothy, just-emerging green that lifts the lowest spirit.

But mostly, for every step forward that spring time has made in East Texas this year, there have been two backwards!

The wind has howled and whipped and ripped.

The temperatures have dipped and slipped and rarely reached a spring-like range. The rains have gushed and

gurgled, pounded and pelted.

I mowed our yard for the first time this season, on Saturday. Did I do so in my sleeveless, happy way? No. I mowed in heavy jeans and a long sleeved shirt and a coat! That's right, mowing the yard in a warm coat is rather strange. In this neck of the woods it just "ain't natural

If I wanted to live where spring came in late May and autumn came in late August, I'd move to Colorado!

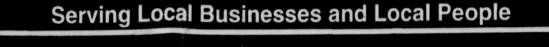
I want my spring time. I don't want this gray, soggy, cold, miserable excuse for spring.

I want to see calves stretched out on their sides sunning, and leaves on the trees. I want the delicious spice of birdsong to fall on my ears...uncovered ears

without a cold wind blowing across them.

I want to sit on the porch swing and watch our dogs go galloping around in the warm air

I don't want to see it go from winter directly into ummer



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DEPORT, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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Prairiland ISD's "Gentleman's Agreement" doesn't seem to be valid

It appears that the gentleman's agreement made thirty years ago that each Prairiland ISD area would have representatives from that area will not be binding.

For the first time, "cross filing" for Prairiland Board of Trustees has occurred.

According to the state officials, school districts have the following options: at-large elections, single-member district elections or at-large cumulative voting elections.

In the past, Prairiland has numbered positions with candidates elected at-large, meaning that voters can cast ballots on all positions, but no candidate has requested to be placed on the ballot six months, and be a registered in a numbered position that was not in their number area.

In the past, two board members each were elected from Blossom, Deport and Cunningham and one from Pattonville.

According to the Texas Education Code and the Texas Election Code and Texas Constitution, to be eligible to be a candidate for the office of school board Trustee the legal criteria are that the person: be a United States Citizen, be at least 18 years old, be mentally position they requests. competent and not be a felon, be a resident of Texas for 12 months and a resident of the District for

voter.

In 2001 the registered voters were broken down in this manner: Blossom, 2, 410; Cunningham, 244; Deport, 654 and Pattonville, 820

Superintendent James Morton said " I don't think this was illegal in the past, because no one filed in the open positions but residents in those areas, but I think we are legal now because we have allowed candidates to file for any

If a change is desired, proper legal procedures will have to be gone through.



KIDDIE CLASS WINNER-Kelbi Cole with horse "Strawberry" (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Of course, I'm making a lot of demands here and I don't think anyone is going to listen to me.

No, I don't expect the weather to change only because I want it to. But i suspect I'm not the only person ready and waiting for a real jewel of a springtime to sparkle in our lives!

want my springtime....and I'd like to see it now!



Early voting in school, city elections starts April 17th

Early voting has begun for upcoming school and city elections. At Prairiland early voting will begin April 17th and close out on April 30th. Voting may be done in person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Prairiland High School Administration building

At Deport and Blossom City Hall the same dates exist for early voting. Voting may be done at the City Hall buildings Monday through Friday during regular office hours.

NORTHE EAST TEXAS RC&D President Charles Foster welcome First District Texas U.S. House of Representative Max Sandlin to speak at this year's annual meeting. The meeting was held at the heritage hall in Paris last week. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)



HISTORY in the making! The Deport History students have once again done a super job of creating history projects. From left, standing, are Bradlee Watson, Angel Deane, Hali Screws and Danbri Mitchell. Seated are Chaz Wilson, Brandi Swint and Leah Cathey.

Board accepts Price resignation

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The Prairiland ISD board met The vehicle insurance was car-April 1 with Kevin Perry, David ried unanimously. Basinger, Michael Sessums,

Concerning Student transfers Chuck Ray, Clyde Bankhead, and for 2002-2003, no action was Johnny Patterson present. Shad taken.

> The Region VIII Food Purchasing Agreement was accepted, along with a Letter of Assurance for non-certified personnel.

Charles Price' letter of resignation was also accepted.

The Superintendent report concerning UIL Student Recognition, Energy solution, Pre-K 1/2 day; NETEX School Board Meeting May 9 in Commerce Rural Urban.



DISTRICT THREE Texas House of Representatives Mark Homer outlined Congress's agenda for this year. Homer spoke at the annual meeting of N.E.Texas RC&D meeting last week

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Deport Mayor Charles Foster served as Master of Ceremony and was elected to serve as President of the organization for the new year.

Clean Up Days set for April 19-20 in Deport

The City of Deport will have two clean up days for the citizens of Deport on April 19 and 20. The hours for the 19th will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M. and on the 20th hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M..

No tires, batteries, or appliances that have not had the Freon removed can be accepted. A certification that freon has been properly removed must be shown.

The location of the dumpster is on Grey Street. There will be someone there to help you.

Deport May 4th Trades Day coming up soon, items needed

The Deport Volunteer Fire De- 4205, or calling James & Sunny partment and Bucket Brigade are Whitney at 652-9986, or simply getting ready for the May 4th Deport Trades Day and their own giant garage sale. They need items for the sale.

fire department may do so by con- and all sales are kept by the booth tacting the Deport Times at 652- holder.

dropping the articles by the Times Office.

Also, anyone wishing to set up a booth on May 4th is welcome to Anyone wishing to donate items do so anywhere on Main Street. to the garage sale that benefits the There is no charge for the booth,

Benefit to be held for David Ford

An alumni game featuring past a former athletic and academic players from Prairiland High School and the state team will be going head to head with the 2002 Prairiland Patriot Varsity team to raise funds for David Ford, a 1998 graduate of Prairiland High School

The game will be held on Saturday, April 13 and begins at 11:00 a.m. All alumni players need to be at Patriot Field between 10:00 and 10:30.

David has been diagnosed with cancer, has no insurance and is at present being evaluated at Scott-White Hospital in Temple. He is

standout at Prairiland.

Barbeque will be served at the concession stand. All proceeds from the concession stand will go toward his expenses with donations also being taken at various ocations.

For more information about this game or to make a donation, you may contact: Rick Connot at Prairiland High School at Box 200, Pattonville or call 903-982-6233

The Blossom Girls Softball Association will be selling sno-cones that will also go to the fund.

der by Johnny Patterson. Following the regular business of approving the minutes f rom the March meeting, the following new business was handled. No action was taken on payment of bills, the financial report and budget amendment.

No action was taken on consideration of trustee placements.

The meeting was called to or-

Day was absent.

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This week's recipes are some more quick and easy ones that someone asked for and I am always ready with those quick and easy recipes! Folks really don't have the time to prepare full-scale meals anymore with so many activities going on. Although I do have some great hints that I would like to pass on to you along with the recipes so here goes

Did you know that: if you add too much salt to soup or stew, just drop a potato and boil for five .. the potato absorbs the minutes over salting!

A slice of bread can remove the scored flavor from rice. Place the bread on top of the rice and replace the pot lid and wait a few minutes. Remove bread and voila! Dip your measuring cup in flour before measuring honey or syrup! Thicken gravy by adding instant mashed potatoes flakes instead of flour.....no lumps! Use a little sour milk to clean copper. Pour milk into a flat dish and set pan into it and let set for an hour....clean as usual!

With so many fire ants and other "varmints" making their way to your kitchen, try placing bay leaves in drawers and cabinets. Also keep them in your flour and other dry

ingredient containers! Dry mustard will remove onion odors from your hands or cutting board! If you are out of baking soda and need to stop the odor in your fridge.....try using a cotton ball soaked in vanilla or a slice of lemon

Well, hope some of these helped and also hope you enjoy the reci- 2nd and 4th Monday of each pes! Thanks bunches and we will month at 7:00 p.m. Members are see you in the kitchen! urged to attend. lizrwin@hotmail.com

try this one when you find fruit specials at the store!

MIXED BERRY SALAD-the season is upon us and not soon enough for all of those fresh fruits and great summer veggies!

APPLE-BREAD PUDDINGthis one may not be fast and simple, but it sure sounded good!

BEEF-POTATO PIE CASSE-ROLE-add a salad(that is if you can afford the lettuce with these high prices today) you and you have a meal!

TRIPLE DECKER TURKEY BACON SANDWICH-a real "heman" sandwich!

BROILER CASSEROLE-prepare this dish under the grill or on top either!

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.

Bogata V.F.W.

News

* The Post is open Tuesday,

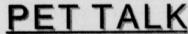
The VFW men will meet the

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

*The fish fry held Saturday was very delicious. The fish was donated by Larry Crow and was cooked up by Rabbit Wisinger, Shannon Rhodes and Dale House with the help of other friends and comrades. The men also cooked french fries and hush puppies. The ladies auxiliary did the serving and cleaning up and all enjoyed the meal and fellowship. Appreciation expressed to all who donated and worked.

Happy Birthday to Rabbit Wisinger, April 19; Lucille Morton, April 22; Betty Mullin, April 24; Burl Moore, April 26 and Happy Anniversary to Jerry and Belenda Mauldin on April 27,

dance at the VFW on May 18, 2002. The N2K Band will provide music for the occasion. Come out



The technical term is trichobezoars, but cat owners know them by a more common name: hairballs.

Most of the time, hairballs are not a life-threatening problem, but they can develop into a nagging ailment and they may hide a much more serious medical condition, says Dr. John August, a feline specialist at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Hairballs occur frequently in cats because of the way the animals groom themselves, August says. And with more than 60 mil-

Obituaries

Morriss Lawler dies April 9

Morriss Manley Lawler, age 87 of the Milton Community, died on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 in the Christus-St. Joseph Hospital-North Campus.

Chapel services will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Chief Warden and Reverend Ted Willis officiating.

Harvey, Sheldon Lee and Kenneth Harold Allen.

Milton.

He was born on February 3, 1914 in Milton, the son of Manley and Florence Whitaker Lawler. On September 8, 1934, he married the former Mary Elaine Harvey. Mr. Lawler was a retired farmer. Surviving is his wife, Mary Elaine Lawler of Milton; a sisterin-law, Mattylu Upchurch of Milton; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

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the most common response of the animal is to vomit up the hairball," August explains.

"If the condition continues, an obstruction can form in the digestive tract and the cat will either show a significant weight loss or at the least, a loss of appetite."

August says there are signs to watch for if your cat suddenly develops an unusual amount of hairballs.

First, if the cat is grooming itself excessively, it may because of allergies or skin parasites. Also, behavioral problems can cause a cat to groom itself constantly, August adds.

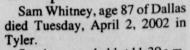
The best prevention? "A good brushing at least once a day will usually do the trick," August believes. "You will see

your brush is hair that the cat prob-

ably would have swallowed.

hairballs, August says.

Sam Whitney dies April 2



Services were held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 5 at Restland Wildwood Chapel with the Rev. Leroy Summers officiating. Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park

He was born March 6, 1915 in Minter to Claude and Katie Whitney. He owned and operated his own businesses in Dallas for 35 years. He was a lifetime member of the Mason Order and a World War II veteran. He was preceded in death by Juanita Mae Whitney, his loving wife of 36 years; his parents, Claude and Katie Whitney; brother J.R. Whitney; and one sister, Dona Boatwright.

He is survived by his devoted on, M. Wayne Majors and wife Letra of Tyler; sister Nettie Lois Powers of Paris; grandson Michael Wayne Majors and wife Sharon; granddaughter Michelle Ray; niece Katie Ann Winters and nephew Max Floyd. He leaves a legacy of love and laughter to his four great-grandchildren Brandon Ray, Madelyne, Molly and Andrew Majors.

Throughout his life, he was a Christian who loved and served God. He was a member of Park Cities Baptist in Dallas. His love of life and devotion to his family was an inspiration to all of us.

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Jesse Stiles Tolison dies April 8

Jesse Stiles Tolison, age 76 of Clarksville, died Monday, Apirl 8 at Clarksville Nursing Center.

Services were held Wednesday, April 10 at 2 p.m. in Lindeman Chapel of Clarksville Funeral Home with burial in Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Rev. James Brown offiiciated at the service.

Pallbearers were Jim and Dennis Caldwell, Dean Floyd, Kevin Green, Dennis Barton, Wayne Johnson. Honorary bearerswere Chuck and John English, Buddy McMikel, Alan Green and Gene Hines and Michael Townes.

Mr. Tolison was born in Annona on September 20, 1925, a son of Nuck and Jodie Jackson Tolison. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was retired from Philips Industries.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter and was preceded in death by a brother, Jake Tolison and a sister, Romie Emery.

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Surviving are his wife, Joyce Williams Tolison, whom he married August 22, 1964 in Anona; sons Harold Ray Tolison and Rocky Tolison, both of Clarksville; sisters, Juanita Kelley and Ruby Peek, both of Clarksville; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

I would like to say thanks for the cards, visits, phone calls, gifts and flowers while I was in the hospital and since returning home.

Wilma Crossland

Card of Thanks

The Detroit Volunteer Fire Department would like to say thanks to everyone who helped make the barbeque supper a success.

Thanks again. Detroit VFD

Jack Herrington, Attorney 315 N. Locust Clarksville, TX 75462 902-427-0164 Criminal Defense Family Law

Just Recipes **Tropical Fruit Salad** 3 bananas-peeled and sliced

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2 avocadoes-peeled, pitted & sliced 2 kiwi fruit-peeled & sliced 1 mango-cut lengthwise in half & cut

l papaya-peeled, seeded & sliced 1/4 cup flaked coconut-toasted poppy seed dressing

Mix all ingredients except coconut and dressing. Sprinkle coconut

on top and serve with dressing. Mixed Berry Salad 2 cups blueberries 2 cups raspberries l cup strawberries-cut in half Sour Cream-Honey Dressing Toss berries together. Serve with

dressing. Sour Cream-Honey Dressing /2 cup sour cream tablespoon honey

tablespoon orange juice 1/3 cup vegetable oil 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar 2 tablespoons light rum or orange iuice

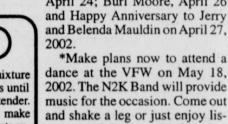
1/4 teaspoon salt

prepared dish and pour egg mixture over top. Bake 40-50 minutes until center is set and apples are tender. Serve with warm sauce. To make sauce: combine sauce ingredients except vanilla and bring to boil. Re-move from heat and add vanilla, mixing well

Beef Potato Pie Casserole 6 large potatoes-peel and chop 1/2 cup milk 2 tablespoons butter 2 pounds ground beef onion-chopped l green pepper-chopped

salt and pepper to taste 8 ounce package American cheese Preheat oven to 375 degrees Bring salted water to boil and add

potatoes to cook until tender. Drain and mash with milk and butter until smooth. In large deep skillet, brown ground beef, onion and pepper Brown and drain off excess grease Season with salt and pepper. In casserole dish, spoon layer of beef mixture and spread layer of mashed potato over beef. Continue alternating



and shake a leg or just enjoy listening and visiting with friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Upchurch, Ed Hill, Russell Schroeder, John Manley Temple, Jerry Harvey, John Walker

Burial will be made in Milton Cemetery. The family will be at the home of Mattylu Upchurch in

4 teaspoon paprika

Shake all ingredients in tightly covered container and refrigerate at least one hour before serving. Apple Bread Pudding 4 cups soft bread crumbs 1/4 cup raisins 2 cups peeled sliced apples cup brown sugar 1-3/4 cup milk 1/4 cup margarine teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 2 eggs-beaten Vanilla Sauce 1/4 cup white sugar 1/4 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup milk 1/2 cup margarine teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease 7x11 baking dish. In large bowl combine bread, raisins and apples. In small saucepan over medium heat combine 1 cup brown sugar, 1-3/4 cup milk and 1/4 cup margarine. Cook and stir until mar-garine is melted. Pour over bread mixture in bowl. In small bowl combine cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and eggs. Pour bread mixture into

utes and top with cheese Triple Decker Turkey-Bacon Sandwich 2 sliced white bread l tomato-thinly sliced 4 tablespoons mayonnaise 3 lettuce leaves 3 sliced turkey bacon 3 sliced Cheddar cheese Toast bread and spread with may onnaise. Layer remaining ingredi-

until all is used. Bake for 20 min

ents and top with second slice of bread. Wrap and microwave for 45 seconds until cheese is melted. **Broiler** Casserole

2 onions-thinly sliced I red bell pepper-thinly sliced 2 large tomatoes-thinly sliced 1-1/4 skinless, boneless chicken breast-sliced thin

16 ounce jar spaghetti sauce Preheat broiler or grill and place onions, peppers and tomatoes in pan. Broil until softened and starting to brown. Add chicken, sauce and water as needed. Mix together and broil for 10 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and sauce is hot!

Fish fry/auction set by Pattonville VFD

The Pattonville VFD will sponsor a fish fry and auction on Saturday, May 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Station and Community Center.

meal is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 4-12 years old. A drawing for a 4x8' utility it.

trailer will be held.

lion cats out there, there is the potential for a lot of hairballs.

A cat that has a thick coat, such as Persians and other breeds, may collect a lot of matted hair on its tongue, and that hair is swallowed and can clog up the digestive tract. That's when trouble can start.

"These balls of hair can irritate the stomach lining and can interfere with digestive functions, and

Heavenly Delights to hold April meal

The "Heavenly Delights" of the First United Methodist Church, Deport, will hold their third Saturay dinner on April 20th.

The menu will feature Baked Chicken Breast in Wine Sauce, Rice, Green Salad, Green Beans, Praline Sweet Poatoes, Garlic Bread, special Chocolate Dessert with Cool Whip, Tea and Coffee.

Carry outs are available between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. and the meal will be served form 6:00

P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The cost of the meal is \$8 and

reservations should be made by Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 P.M..

For reservations call Rena Good 652-2665, T.H. Glover at 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211.

Come out and enjoy fellowship and good food.

It's not to late to add your church to the special page

The Church Page debuted last only \$10 a month week in these newspapers. We have had several compiments on

This page will run once a month, The price for the all you can eat All proceeds to go help fund the and any church wishing to appear on the page may do so by paying

The church ad can contain virtually anything, including service times or upcoming events. Talk to the head office at 652-

4205 to add your church listing.

Traffic stop leads to arrests

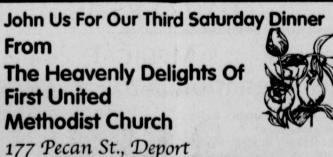
On Wednesday, April 3, Red Powell, assigned to the Regional Drug Task Force and Freddy Booker made a traffic stop on US Highway 82 at FM1699.

male and one white female occupied the vehicle. While talking with the driver, the deputies noticed items inside the vehicle that led them to believe that these individuals were involved in the manufacture of methamphet- to the Red River County Jail. amine.

A search of the vehicle was then River County Deputies Danny conducted and the deputies discovered chemicals and other items used in the manufacture of methamphetamines.

The driver, John Kent Knight, Two individuals, one white 39, of Hooks and passenger ale and one white female occu-Rebecca Lynn Hall, 41, of Avery were arrested and charged with Possession and Transportation of Hazardous Material with Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony and transported

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First United Methodist Church

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DAVID FORD FUND-This quilt that is being shown by FFA officers Leslie Davis, Jessica Stapleton and Holley Allen was donated by Liz Irwin and was auctioned Saturday night to go toward medical expenses for David Ford. The quilt brought in \$700 dollars from Clyde Elmer Bankhead. The Deport National Junior Honor Society also donated \$50 in gas from M&M Food Mart and brought in another \$125for the fund. (Staff Photo)

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Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cooper Coopers to celebrate 50th anniversary

"Bud" Cooper were united in holy matrimony April 12, 1952 in Lovington, New Mexico.

Through the past 50 years, their love for each other has grown, endured and remained precious. James and Faynell have three children, Jackie Wood of Odessa, Andy Cooper of Bogata and Valarie Spencer of Greenville. They have three granddaughters



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION-Lacy Babb celebrated his third birthday on March 9 with fam-ily and friends for the second data and the contract of the second data and the secon Colby Babb, son of Martin and ily and friends. He is the grand-to Lamar Avenue Church of Christ son of Gayla Babb of Blossom Library in memory of a longtime and Ron and Theresa Pesek of friend, teacher, coach and coun-

Brandon Bell of Dallas and Scotty

Babb of Maxey. Also attending

were grandparents and aunt, Ron and Theresa Pesek and Brittney

Pesek of Missouri City along with

great grandparents Cotton and

Wilma Pesek of Yoakum, Texas.

Colby Babb celebrates birthday

Colby Babb, the son of Martin som, aunt and uncle, Mandy and

Favnell Hodges and James and three great-granddaughters. In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, their children will be hosting a reception on April 14, 2002 at the Pattonville Commuinity Center from 2 until 5 p.m. Please come and share this joyous celebration with James and Faynell.

> The blessings of your presence will be welcomed as their treasured gift.

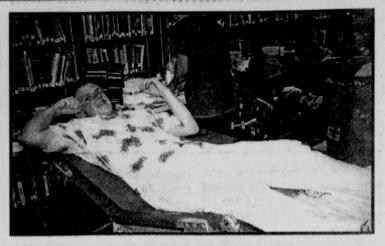
Class of 1948 holds planning meeting

Several members of the 1948

Cunningham graduating class met Saturday, march 30th at the home of Deveral and Elaine Kennedy in Sherman to discuss having a class reunion.

A lovely meal was prepared and served by Deveral and Elaine. After lunch the afternoon was spent looking at pictures, visiting and reminiscing. A brief meeting was held. It was decided that the next reunion would be in 2003 at Gene and Jo Richards in Com-

Missouri City. Everyone en-joyed pizza, cake and ice cream. Roach. Roach. Bill



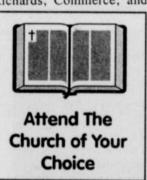
SEVERAL PRAIRILAND HIGH SCHOOL students and faculty participated in the annual blood drive on Friday, April 5. The blood drive is sponsored by the Stewart Blood Center. Pictured is Thomas Bishop.



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(Staff Photo)

Members present were: Bill Page, Buddy Taylor, Pauline Plott, John and Claudia Whitney of Cunningham; Gene and Jo Richards, Commerce; and the



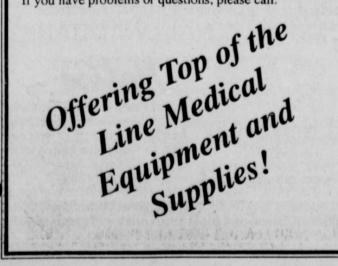


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DISTRICT UIL PARTICIPANTS; Prairiland students who will participate in District UIL are from left, back row: Lance Westbrook, Matt Morgan Heath Connot, Chance Bankhead, Robert Robertson, Seth Bush, D.J. Loveless, Lacy Beaty, Megan Hargroves, Tandy Green, Catherine Smith and Brandon Wright. Middle row: Menda Corso, Eric Loveless, Brittney Bailey, Mandy Weddle, Melanie Taylor, Bill Robertson and Susan Whittle. Seated: Maranda Smith, Emily Fendley, David Beyleryan, Seth Barnard, Kelly Kincaid, Amanda Ball and Cassie Arrasmith.



GOING TO REGIONALS-MENDA CORSO, Robert Robertson and Megan Filkins will be advancing to the Regional Academic UIL meet in Tyler on April 20. Menda will be competing in both newswriting and Prose Interpretation, Megan will compete in Newswriting and Robert will compete in Science, Math and Number Sense. They will be accompanied by science sponsors, Randy Clarkson and David Tyler, journalism sponsor, David Phillips, Number Sense sponsor, David Ballard, and Math sponsor, Mrs. Nancy Ballard.

P'land students compete in District UIL meet

ECI Program can help children

Prairiland students recently won fifth, Lacy Beaty placed fifth

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ompeted in a District UIL meet held at PJC

Newswriting and third in Prose Interpretation was Menda Corso. Lance Westbrook won sixth in Megan Filkins won second in Headline Writing. Newswriting. Robert Robertson won first in Mathematics, second in Number Sense and second in Robertson, Chance Bankhead and Megan Filkins in Editorial Writ-D.J. Loveless won second. ing, Robert Robertson in Math-Robertson also had the top score ematics, Number Sense and Sciin Physics.

In Ready Writing, Tandy Green

Prairiland downed by Chapel Hill

on Tuesday, April 2. The score was Chapel Hill 6, Prairiland 4.

win the game but left to many run- doubles, 1 run scored. ners stranded on base and had too Brittney Ballard 2 for 3 with 2 many errors in the 7th inning.

Kara Screws took the loss go- RBI's. ing 7 innings 30 ab, 6K, 3BB, 6 Jodie Bybee was 2 for 4 with 1 H, 6 R, 1 ER.

Prairiland falls to DeKalb

their second district loss of the out eight, walked three and alseason. DeKalb remains lowed seven hits. undeafeated for the year.

Golf team comes in second

The Prairiland boys golf team regionals at Bullard's Oakhurst trict meet with a 401 total. This 21-22 qualifies them for the Regional tournament in Tyler.

Will Wood was the second Will Wood ... place medalist with an 84. The Blake Smith 100

 other four members were Blake
 Tim Cox
 106

 Smith, Tim Cox, Josh Osborn and
 Josh Osborn
 111

Josh Fendley.

Trey Unruh, Brandon Bettis and Taylor Brewer played as med- Josh Fendley 125 alists

The team will be playing

Avery VFD & First Responders to hold fish fry

sponders will hold their annual the purchase of new equipment to Fish Fry fundraiser on April 27 at benefit the Fire Department and the Avery Fire Department from First Responders. 4 p.m. until gone.

Take outs will be available and appreciated. all proceeds will be used to up-

in Persuasive Speaking and Raynie Skidmore placed fourth in Winning first place in Feature Writing. Amanda Ball won fifth in Editorial Writing and

Advancing to the Regional Meet to be held April 20 in Tyler are Menda Corso in Editorial Science. The Mathematics team of Writing and Prose Interpretation, ence.

Prairiland played Chapel Hill McDill winning pitcher going 6

innings Key hitters for Prairiland were

Prairiland had plenty of hits to Megan Graham 3 for 4 with 3

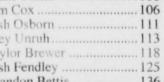
doubles, 1 BB, 1 run scored, 2

The Prairiland Patriots went un- Eric Berry took the loss on the der to the DeKalb Bears 0-5 in mound for the Patriots. He struck

came in second place at the dis- Country Club. The dates are April

District scores from April 18 are:

Trey Unruh......113 Taylor Brewer118 Brandon Bettis136

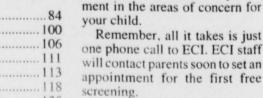


Red River Valley Dixie Girls Softball Association is searching for girls to form a 16-18 year old team for the league from Avery, Bogata, Blossom, Clarksville, Detroit, Deport and Talco.

Any girls interested in playing are urged to contact John Carlisle, coach for the team at 903-632-0572.

The Avery VFD and First Re- grade existing equipment and for

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run scored and 1 stolen base.

from birth to 3 years old with developmental delay or children with medical diagnosis. It serves children in 6 counties which includes Cass, Morris, Titus, Red River, Franklin and Camp. To find out if you child will qualify for ECI, call 903-572-8551. Your child will receive a free

screening to see if he/she has developmental delay. If your child was born with medical problems, check with your local doctors, WIC Clinic staff, DHS manage, Head Start program for a diagnosis list or you may call ECI program.

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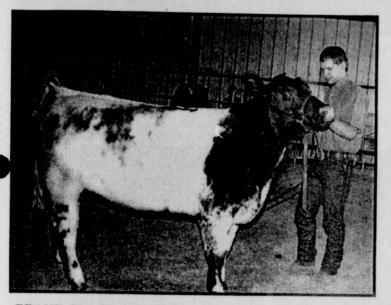
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GRAND CHAMPION BEEF HEIFER-Jessica Stapleton (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



GRAND CHAMPION STEER AND BEEF SHOWMANSHIP-Larry Smith (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Jacket donors named

The following businesses donated jackets for the livestock show. Beef Showmanship-Crazy House Western Wear in Reno; Swine Showmanship-Sessums Conoco of Blossom; Dairy Showmanship-Blossom Telephone; Market Goat Showmanship-Blossom Texaco; and Market Lamb Showmanship-Highway 82 Welding.

Grand Champion Beef Hiefer-Guaranty Bank of Deport and Reserve Champion Hiefer Deport City Drug. Grand Champion Steer-Eddie's Service Center in Deport and Reserve Champion-Larry's Overhead Door. Market Swine Grand Champion-Animal Health in Paris and Reserve Champion Swine-Crossland's Garage in Pattonville.

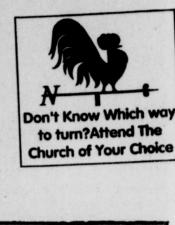
Market Lamb Grand Champion-Deport and Blossom Times and Reserve Champion-JAK Fertilize of Blossom. Market Goat Grand Champion-Cunningham Co-op Gin and Reserve Champion-Gordon Feed. Dairy Grand Champion-M&M Food Mart and Dairy Reserve-Triple C Gas and Grill in Blossom.

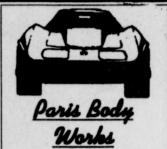
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GRAND CHAMPION GOAT AND SHOWMANSHIP-Kolbi Carlow (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)





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GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY HIEFER-Kara Nation (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)







GRAND CHAMPION PIG WRESTLERS were Justin Burchinal, O'Neal Drinnon and Bradley Brown. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



GRAND CHAMPION GIRLS PIG WRESTLING TEAM consisted of Amanda Hyde, Summer Woodward of Tarleton State University in Stephenville and Trista Reves. (Staff Photo by Liz **Irwin**)



GRAND CHAMPION POT OF STEW was the team of Charles Fendley and Rhett Fendley. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2001. The district will look at your property before assigning value in 2002.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2002 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file? File renditions with your local appraisal district at: Red River Appraisal District P.O. Box 461 101 W. Broadway Clarksville, TX 75416 903-427-4181

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick

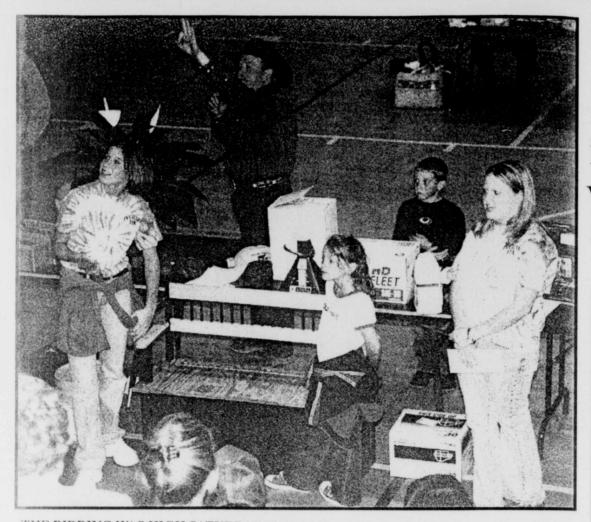
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THE BIDDING WAS HIGH SATURDAY night at the auction for the Prairiland FFA after a day of animals, stew and pig wrestling. Pictured here is auctioneer Frankie Norwood with the assistance of his son Caleb in the back and in front are FFA members Leslie Davis, Bailey Ballard and Holley Allen. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Look for Swine and Lamb Prairiland Livestock Show Winners next week

Editor's Quotes

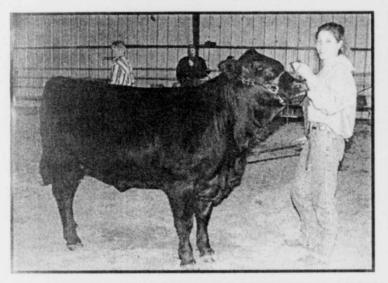
The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by.

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

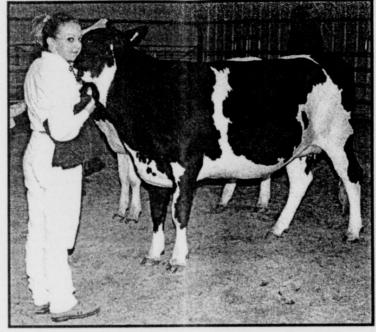




KIDDIE CLASS WINNER-Caleb Norwood with suck bucket calf "Chili Pepper" (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER AND RESERVE CHAMPION BEEF HIEFER-Leslie Davis (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



CHAMPION DAIRY HIEFER RESERVE SHOWMANDSHIP is Chasity Weeks (StaffPhoto by Liz Irwin)





SECOND PLACE STEW WINNERS went to the sister's team of Carol Jones and Patsy Smith. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Have A Nice Weekend

Show is successful despite weather

By Liz Irwin

The weather was dreary, but the show, stew cookoff, pig wrestling and auction. Folks visited the greenhouse and bought plants. visited and tasted the stew pots from the cookers and joked and carried on with them about their "secret" ingredients. When results were tabulated, good fun and a lot of "ribbing" went on about who put what in who's stew.

Exhibitors washed and groomed their animals and got them ready for the show that began at 10:00. Instead of trophys this year, they received jackets for their efforts. The following are the results:Grand Champion Market Swine went to Dakota Mitchell with Layton Norwood taking reserve champion and swine showmanship was Alecia Lang. Other exhibitors were Class I-lst Layton Norwood, 2nd Logan Norwood, 3rd Spur Norwood, 4th Hollie Allen, 5th Stephen Norman, 6th Jemilynn McKee and 7th Kandi Wright.

Class II-lst Alecia Lang, 2nd Brett Watson, 3rd Tel Pitcock, 4th Bradlee Watson, 5th Logan Norwood and 6th Hollie Allen. Class III-lst Dakota Mitchell, 2nd Whitney Turner, 3rd Alecia Lang, 4th Trey Unruh and 5th Jessi Davis.

Grand Champion Market Lamb went to Sabrina Sexton who also garnered the Showmanship jacket and Reserve Market Lamb went to Joey Ballard. 3rd place was Joseph Reagan and 4th was Jenni Ballard.

Grand Champion Steer was Larry Smith along with also taking the Beef Showmanship award. Reserve Champion Steer was Leslie Davis. Grand Champion Hiefer was Jessica Stapleton and Reserve Champion was Leslie Davis. 3rd was Larry Smith, 4th Jeremiah Jones and 5th was Jessica Stapleton.

Grand Champion Dairy Hiefer was Kara Nation and Reserve Chasity Weeks with Autumn Nation plaing 3rd.

spirit of the exhibitors was never Kiddie Class. Push, pull, drag, down on Saturday for the coax, bottle-feed, do whatever it Prairiland FFA's annual livestock takes to get that animal in the ring and sometimes the exhibitor also. Here are the results with all getting a trophy. Kaden Callihan and his goat "Sassy" each sported a red bandana; Jalee Burnett and her baby goat Prince was decked out in red. He kept trying to eat Jalee's jacket and anything else he came in contact with; Caleb Norwood and his suck bucket calf "Chili Pepper" was not sure if he was bull doggin' or what, but the calf stayed on the arena floor most of the time and refused to be "shown"; and last was Kelbi Cole with his horse, "Strawberry". Kelbi had "Strawberry" dressed of the "nines" in red bandanas and a cowboy hat, just like him. It was really quite a show!

> The crowd really began to pour in as the rain literally poured on them for the pig wrestling. This did no deter the teams. Parents and friends with umbrellas aloft, some sitting in trucks and cars, but most just braving the elements, a lot of "mud-slinging" went on. The team of Justin Burchinal, ONeal Drinnon and Bradley Brown took first in the boys division. Amanda Hyde and Trista Reves recruited one of their friends from Tarleton State University, (what must she think of us!) when she came in for a weekend stay to take in the event, Summer Woodward. She must have enjoyed it because she also competed with the team of Ashley Doyle who is also a student at Tarleton and graduated from Prairiland last year. A double dose for her to take back to Stephenville and what tales she will ahve to tell!

Homemade baked items were sliced and ready to eat after residents consumed their share of the delicious stew. Although Mr. Freeman never would, or maybe he couldn't identify, the ingredients that made up their pot of stew. I teased him about being Cook of Champion and Showmanship was the Week and he told me the only problem with that was that he could not remember what he put

Then came the fun part, the in it! His teammate Freddie Reep kept the pot stirred as Mr. Freeman kept on adding ingredients. Later during the day, their third partner, Bobby Winters made his entrance and added his expertise to the stew pot. Did I tell you that they received fourth place out of four teams. They received a lot of kidding about this. I do believe that they thought that there was five teams instead of four and they really didn't take last place!

> First place went to Charles Fendley and his son Rhett Fendley. That had to be the most tender possum ever, Charles! Second place team was Carol Jones and Patsy Smith with the returning champs, Leonard Ford and James Morton taking third place.

Everyone moved over to the gym for the auction portion of the night. Handmade items from the students were displayed along with many donated items from area business. Jerry Turner donated a beautiful bench that was fought over by several folks Bobby Winters came through as usual and made a gorgeous rocking horse that anyone would love to have. Jackie Cutbirth donated several items she had made along with handmade crafts and baked goods from Jalynda Mitchell and a shelf from Phebe Allen and Dolores Gordon.

If I missed anyone, I apologize. I made a Patriot Throw and donated it to be auctioned off for David Ford. It brought \$700 for his medical fund and another \$125 came from a \$50 gas certificate purchased by the Deport National Junior Honor Society. I hope everyone realizes what a great community or communities that we live in, with folks giving so much for this cause. David has been diagnosed with cancer and the community is pulling together to raise some funds for him. He is without insurance and is at Scott and White in Temple this week for evaluation. We wish him the best and want him to know that we are all behind him and only a phone call away. He is a 1998 graduate of Prairiland High School.

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Happy Birthday to Mattie Norwood, Kristi Baker, Jaleah Fox, Dot Stephens, Angela Hines, R. O'Neal Davis and Leslie Taylor

Happy Anniversary to Johnny and Jayme Syrus.

Several in the Community attended the Prairiland FFa Livestock Show, Stew Supper and auction. O'Neal Drinnon won the pig wrestling contest.

Sunday guest of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Missy, Heath, Laytner and Laykner Kennedy and Melba and Anna Baker.

Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and Joyce and Weldon Smith visited with Janice Smith Perry of Fort Worth Thursday.

Joining Billie Joe and Georgia Oats for Sunday dinner were Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt and Kaylee Lane.

James and Pat Norwood cel-ebrated their 44th anniversary in Hot Springs, Arkansas over the weekend. Darold and Ida Mae Norwood joined them Saturday.

Wednesday night supper guest of Canard and Delores Norwood were Ricky, Haley and Mattie Norwood, Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith, and Kelt Mowery.

Teresa Smith and Delores Norwood attended the Home and Garden Show at the Civic Center in Paris Saturday.

Teresa, Jamie and Seth Smith and Kelty Mowery were Sunday guest of Canard and Delores Norwood. Canard and Delores went to Ricky Norwod's Sunday afternoon to eat birthday cake with Mattie.

Mattie Norwood celebrated her 4th Monday at McDonalds. Mattie is the daughter of Ricky and Pam Norwood

Georjeana and Brad Nutt visited Rayburn Warnell in Gober Sunday afternoon.

Velma Cox visited Doris Ballard of Clardy, Wednesday. Saturday she visited Walker

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Devlin, Dora Hester and Wayne Williams. Sunday guest of Geneva

Norwood were Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon, Marsha and Brayden Oats, Brad and Georjeana Nutt, Kaylee Lane, Scotty, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood, Logan and Layton Norwood and Matt Galloway.

Visiting with Letha Wheeler and her children from Muleshoe, Texas in the home of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove Saturday night were Geneva Norwood and Pete Holt. and L'Wanda McKnight.

Parents Meeting set for Monday May 9th at Prairiland

There will be a meeting for Par- Dallas. ents of Eighth grade children in the Prairiland school system on May 9th, at 6:30 P.M.. at Prairiland High School.

This meeting is for both parents students from both Blossom of and Deport campuses and it's purpose is to help parents plan for the next four years of high school.

The various plans for high school graduation and much other information will be explained during the meeting.





paid minimum wage!

Betty Martin of Paris visited of Greenville visited Mary Elaine Elizabeth Bell, Friday. Patsy Merritt and Glenda Upchurch Thursday. Woodall of Pattonvill visited their Tim Parks , Kay Preston and sister Edna Lee, Sunday.

Chris and Amy Holt are proud parents of a new son born April 4th weighted 71/2 lbs.he is named Jacob Allen. He has a big brother, Tyler and grandparents are Johnny and Kathy Holt and great grandparents are Dorothy and James

Milton

News

Maccylu Upohurch

Hattie Hobbs of Paris had lunch with John and Velma Temple

Ruth Johnston and Edna Lee spent Saturday with Ruby Lee of

John Harvey and Shreli Bentz Clarksville Monday.



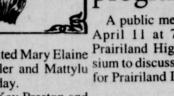
Happy birthday to Patricia Faust, Brandon Nailling, Jennifer Drinnon Nancy Bratelli, Shelby George, Stephanie Wesley, Alessa Nelson, Cindy Talley, Heath Fessenmeyer, Logan Bo Nichols, Sue Cross, Jacob Paxton, Laurie Ellington, Lynn Day, Jeanne Womack, Josh Plott, Justin Flenniken, Karen Moses, Rickie Robbins, Shirl LaRue, Aaron Driggens, Heidi Fessenmeyer, Diane Plummer Farmer, Reba Temple, Ryan Skidmore, Chris Dennis, Amanda Ball.

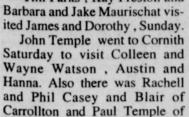
Happy Anniversary to Doris and Paul Jackson, Lila and Mike Screws, Sue and John Cross, Shirley and John Gifford.

Spending their week of spring break through Easter with Doc and Mary Alice Enox was daughter Kandis Sanders and granddaughters Kelsey and Kady of Midland.

Robert and Joann Haney and Estelle Cheshire spent from Friday until Sunday with Joann's son, Nick Norwood and family in Abaline.

Post Oak





Keller Dorothy Holt visited her great niece and husband Kim and Curtis Blake and new daughter Mallory

of Paris ,Saturday. Elizabeth Bell visited Clyde and Ruby fay Harvey of

Visiting at the Deport Times and doing genalogical research on April 4th were Susan Wrigth Morris and her husband Tony Morris, daughters Susannet Wright Morris and Caroline Gilchrist Morris, all of Londan, England, and Esther McClure Cunningham of Roxton. Esther is the daughter-in-law of Charles L. Cunningham, Charles was the son of the Cunningham family that operated Cunningham's General Store in

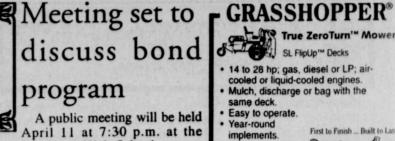
Deport. Susan is the daughter of Weldon H. Wright, formerly of Roxton and Deport, now of Monroe, GA. Weldon is the son of Charles Reese Wright and Lizzie lee

Ragson Wright, formerly of Deport.

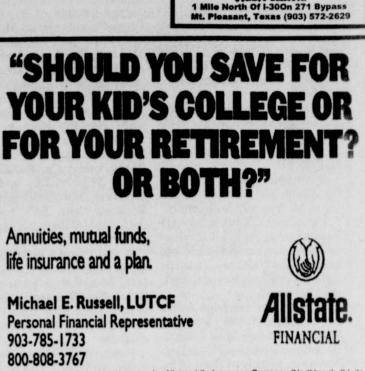
Rev. Sam Rice brought the message at the Deport First Presbyterian Church Sunday. Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Sam and Margie had lucnh in Blossom af terwards.

Ruth and Debbie Temple of Corinth spent the wekeend with his mother, Reba Temple.

The most powerful cause of error is the war existing between the senses and reason. Pascal



Prairiland High School gymnaand Morris Lawler and Mattylu sium to discuss the bond program Upchurch Thursday.



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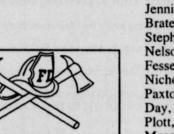
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Happy Birthdays this week too: was held Saturday despite the Brandon Justice, Amanda Kent, rainy weather and had a good turn-



Jill Self, David Keen, Matt Oliver, out with lots of activities. Alesha Chapman, Mary Lou Wall, Randy Crawford, Bebo Cantrell, John Bratcher, Lynn Day, Chelsea McDonald, James Cline, Amber Edwards, Cody Flatt, Eric Whitaker, Amanda Ball, Joel Smith, Cristal Rogers, Karen Tallant, Whitney Rodgers, Halie Melot, James Osterbuhr, Dale Wilkerson, Debra Lester, Michael Hood, Judy Blankenship.

Don't forget the Lady Fire Belles breakfast this Saturday. They start serving at 7:00 a.m. Everyone is urged to attend!

to Hugo, Oklahoma on Saturday to watch Robert Covington ride bulls there at the rodeo. He is the son-in-law of Randy and Marsha Upchurch.

Boren family at the loss of his father.

The Prairiland Livestock Show dren of Bogata.

Several from the area attended

the Home and Garden Show sponsored by Lamar County Electric at Love Civic Center in Paris on Saturday. They had lots of everything for everybody!

Mary Jane Lowry spent from Wednesday to Friday in Hughes Springs visiting with Bill, Ginnifer, Ryan Alyssa and Carter Lindsey.

There were 13 at the Bible Study Group at the Blossom Housing Authority on Wednesday morning. They meet each Wednesday Pam and George Wood traveled at 10:00 and welcome everyone to attend.

Visiting with Pauline and Jr. Weddle this past week were Raymond and Carol Chesshire of Paris, Willie and Raylene Griffin Our condolences to the Carl of Bairdstown, Teri Moody and children of Van Alstyne and Steven and Stacy Weddle and chil-

Cemetery donations received

The following donations have been received for area cemeteries April 3 through 9:

Highland Cemetery: For maintenance: Joy C. Guest, James F. Anderson, Ruth & Fred Cockrell, Mr. and Mrs. Orval M. Lamkin, Mary F. Campbell, Billie Hill, Betty and Wesley Wright, Earlene H. McFatridge, Dorothy Gill, Edna E. Hudgens, Linda Grigsby, Kathleen Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Wright, William Rozell, Alene L. Hulen, Mac Webb, Overton B. Perry, Sondra and Loren Riggin, Wanda Jane Foster, James C. Threadgill, Gay and Kenneth Logan. In memory of Essie and Sam

Watkins from Louise Watkins Osborne and Sammy Watkins.

In memory of Thelma Ladd Warren from Ann and Charles N. Nobles.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Veteto from Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Veteto, Jr.

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For Jackson and Read families from Bevelry and Doyle M. Morrow.

In memory of John Young from Irene Young.

In memory of Ollie and Willie Walker Legate, George and Addie Legate, Will and Cora Walker om Anita Legate Butler. in memory of Lucy and Floyd razier family from Rhetta

In memory of the Land Family from Mrs. N.A. Ford.

In memory of Purna Haydock from Melba and Carlos Ladd and the Highalnd Cemetery Board of Directors.

In memory of Georgia Whitney Ball from Melba and Carlos Ladd.

In memory of Jess and Nora Gifford, Willie and Rosie Lee from Bobby and Juanita Gifford. In memory of Mary and A.L., Grace and G.J. Wright from Mildred and James Rogers and

Dorothy and Joe B. Minter. Highland Endowment fund: from Mr. and Mrs. Orval M. Lamkin, Ann and Charles N.

Nobles, Roslain H. Baker. In memory of Mary and A.L., G.J. and Grace Wright from A.L. and Shirley Wright.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery: From Earlene H. McFatridge, Edna E. Hudgens, Sondra and Loren Riggin, Wanda Jane Foster.

In memory of Lucy and Floyd Frazier family from Rhetta Brinlee.

In memory of the Osborne and Hignight families from Louise Watkins Osborne and Sammy Watkins.

Old Deport Cemetery: from Bernadine G. and William J. Maloney, Edna E. Hudgens, E.A. Stevens, Overton B. Perry, Ann and Charles N. Nobles, Gay and Kenneth Logair. .

News

By Geneva Lee

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We extend our sympathy this week to the family of Charlie Boren, 97, who passed away last week after several weeks illness. He is the last of the Boren family in his generation.

Nora Tyler, wife of Claude Tyler, was admitted to the hospital last week. She is not doing very well. Her sister, Ora Blassingame of Ft. Worth is here

staying with her a few days. Bro. Henry Blackmon is

spending some time this week with his parents in Arkansas and plans to do some turkey hunting with his dad.

Johnie Lee and Verlon Vaughn attended the Lamar County-wide Fire Department quarterly meeting in Paris Monday night, April 1 at 7 o'clock. The local Fire Department held their monthly meeting Tuesday night at the fire station with five members present. It was to be the annual meeting to elect new officers but it has been postponed until later.

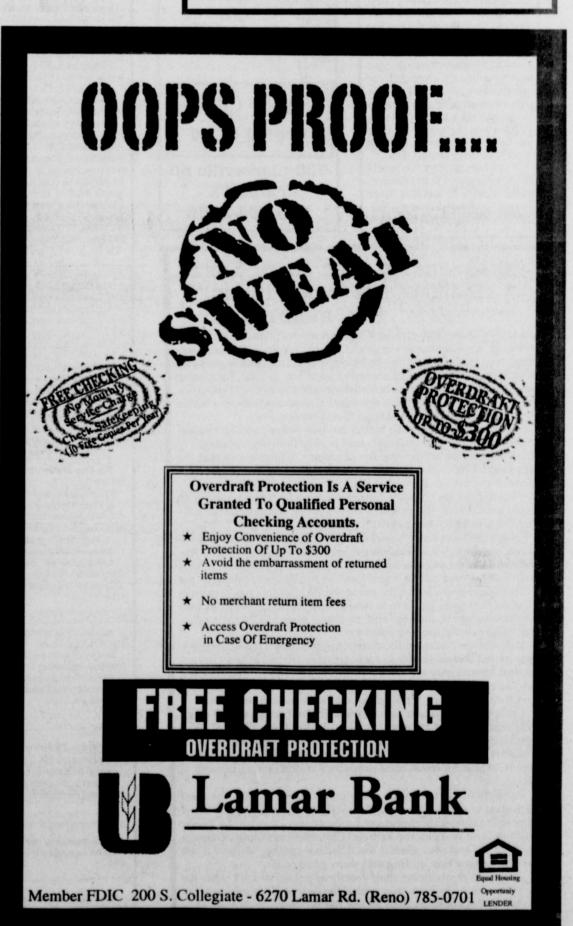
Mrs. Janis Reynolds visited the Wilbourne Lees a while Saturday morning and got some flowers for her yard.

Newman and Betty Lou went with their daughter, Terri Williams, to Dallas Monday to visit a friend and his wife in the hospital. He had a tumor burst in his head last week and had blood on his brain. He was airlifted to Dallas where he was in a coma a couple days but at last report was some better.

We had around two inches of rain over the weekend and some high winds Sunday night.



available at \$650.00 per acre. \$74,500.



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PATTONVILLE NEWS



By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday wishes to Heath Tessenmeyer, Sue Cross, Lynn Day, Heidi Fessenmeyer, Reba Temple, Beverly Cantrell, Rick Connot, David Ballard, Lori Tubbs, Willie Crossland, Linda Copeland, Thelma Gentry, Shannon Osborne.

Happy anniversary to Paul and Doris Jackson, Mike and Lila Screws, John and Sue Cross, Dale and Shanna Wilkerson, John and Shirley Gifford, James "Bud" and Faynell Cooper, Stanley and Ruth O'Brien.

Spending Easter weekend with Jerry and Dorothy Rickey were Kent and Jan Rickey and Josh of Corsicana and Susan Rickey of Dallas.

Susan spent Tuesday night with her parents and attended a meeting in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Nina Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons ate at the Cracker Barrel in Greenville Tuesday night and attended the Northeast Teachers Federal Credit union annual meeting afterwards.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Sam Whitney who died in Tyler Tuesday, April 2, 2002. He was the brother of Nettie Lois Powers and Uncle of Katie Winters

Ruby D. Blevins visited Elois Sparks in Deport Saturday.

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

Leah Boren and Peggy Parsons visited and ate with Lois Kennett, Richard and Monica Kennet and Elizabeth of Detroit, MI in Paris Wednesday night.

Thelma Gentry celebrated her 91st birthday recently with a limousine ride to the Elks Club for a surprise birthday dinner given by her children, Charles and Nancy Gentry, Donald and Peggy Gentry, Kenneth and Nancy Gentry, Bernice and Jim Bell, and Linda Caviness.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien of Garland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception, hosted by their children, Saturday, April 6, 2002 in the parlor of First Baptist Church in Garland.

RED RIVER

COUNTY ROOTS be honored with a reception, hosted by their children, on April 14, 2002 at the Pattonville Community Center from two o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

James and Faynell Cooper will

June Burdine of Sylvan and Peggy Parsons visited Mark and Tonya Parsons, Ty and Haley Friday night in Rowlett attended Haley's Spring Choir concert.

Attending the annual meeting of the Shady Grove Cemetery Association Sunday afternoon were Dorothy Richey, Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Betty Slayden, Calving and Judy Day, Bobby Pomroy, Carl Ray Hatcher, Bobby Winters, Ray and Nina Woodson, Mary Jo Hughes and Henrietta Watts. S.C. Short is in the hospital in Paris and unable to attend.

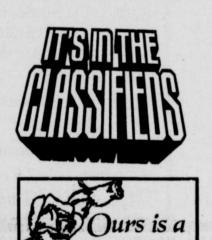
A small brown male dog was found on the Shady Grove Road last Monday afternoon in Pattonville. Please call 652-2027.

Pattonville VFD dance Friday, April 12 at 8 pm. Concessions available.

Pattonville VFD breakfast Saturday, April 20, 7-10 am. AYCE

Here to attend church services with John and Claudia Whitney on Easter Sunday were their children, Debbie Currin, Travis and Connie Hunter, Christian, Jeremy and Dani of Pattoanville; Belinda and Bill Dickey, Brian, Darrell Lynn, Katherine and Johnathan of Sulphur Springs.

MAfter luncht he kids had a big time dying and hunting Easter Eggs while their "Daddy John" took pictures with the camcorder.



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Public Notices

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTIES OF LAMAR AND RED RIVER AND PRAIRILAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

To the resident qualified electors of the Prairiland Independent School District: Take notice that an election will be held in the Prairiland Independent School District on the 4th day of May, 2002 in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees which is part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows: A RESOLUTION ordering a bond election to be held in the Prairiland Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving

other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Prairiland Independent School District hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing ody shall be authorized to issue bonds of said District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified: now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRAIRILAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 4th day of May, 2002, in the Prairiland Independent School District, which date is forty-five (45) or more days from the date of the adoption hereof and is a uniform election date pursuant to V.T.C.A., Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following neasure

"Shall the Board of Trustees of the Prairiland Independent School District in Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$9,800,000 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings; and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due; said bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than forty

(40) years from their date, to be issued in one or more series at any price or prices, and to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds) as in its discretion the Board of Trustees shall determine?" SECTION 2: The District shall be divided into four (4) election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes.

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than two (2) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 am. to 7:00 p.m.

The Prairiland Independent School District Administration Building, Rt. 1, Box 200, Hwy. 196, Pattonville, Texas 75468 is hereby designated the early voting place and Kim Carlow is hereby appointed Clerk at such early voting place. Early voting for this election shall begin Wednesday, April 17, 2002 and end Tuesday, April 30, 2002 and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. one each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the following persons are appointed to the Early Ballot Board for this election: Lesa Clarkson, Presiding Judge and Lanita Unruh and Betty Winters Clerks.

SECTION 3: Paper ballots shall be used in this election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with V.T.C.A., Election Code and permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows: "THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,800,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the School District Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this resolution shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be (i) published at least on time not more than thirty (30) day or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in said district and (ii) posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the posting of notices of meetings of the board of Trustees of the District.

SECTION 6: In the event a majority of the votes cast in said election are "For" the issuance of the bonds, the Board of Trustees hereby covenants and agrees with the voters of the District that none of the bonds will be issued unless at a time of issuance the District has (i) received a commitment for state assistance from the State of Texas, or (ii) determined that the bonds will be eligible for state assistance from the State of Texas. Passed and approved, this the 19th day of February 2002.

EXHIBIT A

School District Election Precinct No. 1: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County Election Precincts 111, 427, 428 and 429 lying within the District); Blossom Methodist Church, Faucett Street,

Blossom, Texas; Sue Clarkson; Joann Campbell. No. 2 (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County Election Precinct 113 lying within the District and that portion of the District in Red River County); Deport First

Baptist Church, Hwy. 167, Deport, Texas; Gordon Isbell; Vivian Isbell. No. 3: (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County election Precincts 108 and 115 lying within the District); Cunningham Baptist Church, FM 196, Cunningham, Texas; Shelby Kennedy; Georgia Oats.

No. 4. (Consisting of all or part of Lamar County election Precincts 112 and 109 lying within the District): Prairiland High School, FM Hwy. 196, Pattonville, Texas; Peggy Whitney; Peggy Parsons.

AVISO DE ELECCION PARA BONOS

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS, CONDADOS DE LAMAR Y REDC RIVER AN DDISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PRAIRILAND

A los residentes con derecho de votar del

Distrito escolar independiente de Prairiland:

AVISO de que una eleccion tendra olugar en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Prairiland el dia 4 de mayo de 2002, de acuerdo con una resolucion aprobada por la Junta Directiva la cual es parte de este Aviso para todo objeto practico y se lee como sigue:

mUna resolucion ordenando una eleccion para bionos a tener lugar dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Prairiland, estableciendo medidas para dirigir la eleccion y resolviendo otros asutos incidentes y pertinentes a dicha eleccion.

Visto que, la Junta directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Prairiland, pro este medio llega a saber que se debe llevar a cabo una 3eleccion para determinar si se debera autorizar a dicho cuerp90 gubernaytivo a emetir bonos de dicho Distrito por un total y con el fin identificados mas adelante: por consiguiente,

Es resuelto por la junta directiva del distroto escolar Independiente Prairiland: mSeccion 1: Una eleccion tendra lugar el dia 4 de mayo de 2002, en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Prairilnad, cuya fecha sea cuarenta y cinco (45) o mas dias despues de la fecha de aprobar esto, y que sea fecha regula rpara elecciones de acuerdo con el Codigo de elecciones, V.T.C.A., Seccion 41.001 con el fin de presentar

la siguiente medida 'Se debera autorizar a la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Prairialnd de los condados de lamar y Red River en Texas, a emitir bonos de dicho Distrito por la cantidad principal de \$9,800,000 para la construccion, adquisicion y el equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito ya la compra para estos de los terrenos necesarios para edificios escolars; y se caucionaran y recaudaran, tasaran y cobraran anualmente suficientes impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imonible en el Distrito, sin limite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, ara venzan; dichos bonos a vencer en serie o do otro modo, pur un periodo a no sobrepasar Cuarenta (40) anos a partir de la fecvha, a ser emitidos y venidos en una o mas series al precio o precios y a devengar interes a la tasa o tasas (fija, flotante, variable o de otro modo a no sobrepasar la tasa maxima permitida por ley al emitir los bonos) como sea determinado a voluntad de la Junta Directiva?"

SECCION 2: Se dividira el Distrito en cuatro (4) recintos electorales para esta eleccion y los lugares para votar nombrados para cada recinto electoral y las personas nombradas por este medio a servir el caergo de juez actuante y juez actuante suplente de cada lugar para votar seran senalados en la Exhibicion "A" anadida a esto e incorporada aqui dentro por referencia como parte de esto para todo objecto practico. Cada juez actuante nombrara no menos que dos (2) ni mas que dos (2) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha eleccoin; con tal que si

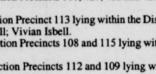
el juez actuante particular aqui dentro nombrado desempene sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente sera uno de los oficiales. Durante el dia de eleccion, los lugares para votar estaran abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mana hasta las 7:00 de la noche.

El Edificio de Administracion del Distrito Escolar Independentes de Prairiland, Rt. 1, Box 200, hwy 196, Pattonville, Texas 75468 se designa por este medio lugar para registrar los primeros votos y se nombra por ewste medio a Kim Carlow escribiente para los primeros votos. los primeros votos para esta eleccion empezaran el miercoles 17 de abril de 2002 y terminaran el martes, 30 de abril de 2002, y las horas nombradas para registrar los primeros votos dados en persona seran desde las 8:00 de la manana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde todos los dias con la excepcion de los sabados, domingos y los feriados del Estado. Con el fin de revisar las balotas dadas en los primeros votos, se nombra a las siguientes personas para servir de junta de primeros votos de estas elecciones: Lesa

Clarkson, Juez Acuente y Lanita Unruh y Bettye winters, Jueces Actuantes Suplentes.

SECCION 3: Se emplearan balot6as electorales de papel en dicha eleccion y se prepararan cuyas balotas de acuerdo con el Codito de elecciones, V.T.C.A. de manera de permitir a los elecgtores votar "En Pro" o "En Contra" a la antedicha medida que se presentara basicamente de la siguiente forma en la balota: "La emision de bonos poir un total de \$9,800,000 para la construccion, adquisicion y equiupo de edificios escolares y el gravamen de los impuestos en pago de

Tradition of



project to compile a history of the Clear Creek Community near Lydia in extrmee southeastern Red River County. She would also like to include information about Lydia in this history. She would like to know of any stories that may have been compiled already about these communities. This would include old newspaper articles and related items. Anyone with old photos or stories about these commnities or the families who lived in these areas is asked to contact her.

This week's query is from Martha

Beasley, P.O. Box 282, Palmer,

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

TEXAS BUSINESSES HAVE APRIL **15 DEADLINE FOR FILING** PROPERTY TAX RENDITIONS

(Austin)-Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2002. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinions of their property's value. This ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," said Buddy Breivogel, manager of the Comptroller's Property Tax division. "They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills." Even if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an

incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties.

Businesses annually report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible assets. Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render the business property, the chief appraiser estimates the value. While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner, including homeowners, farmers and ranchers, may render their property with county appraisal districts.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the same prop-erty for school taxes, if the school district is in both counties.

Comptroller Rylander also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. report, which indicates their property's conditions on January 1, 2002. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value

Property owners who can show good cause may ask the chief appraiser to extend the rendition deadline to April 30. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Railroad Commission a filing extension to April 30, and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the

owners request it in writing and show good cause. Taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office for rendition forms, or they may e-mail the comptrollers property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for a general property tax information.

SECCION 4: A todos los residents con derecho de votar del Distrito se les permitira votar en dicha eleccion y el dia de la eleccion, dichos electores votaran en el lugar para votar nombrado recinto electoral del Distrito Escolar en donde tienen su domicilio. Se llevara a cabo esta eleccion y esta eleccion tendra lugar de acuerdo con las estipulaciones del Codigo de elecciones, V.T.C.A., fuera de las modificaciones hechas por la estipulaciones en el Codigo de Educacion de Texas; yu como sea requierido por ley, se imprimarian todos los materiales de la eleccion y los procedimientos para esta eleccion tanto en ingles como en espanol. SECCION 5: Una copia fideditgna de esta resolucion servira de aviso adecuado de dicha eleccion. Se publicara dicho aviso, incluyendo una traduccion al espanol

de esto, (k) al menos una vez no mas que treienta (30) dias ni menos que diez (10) dias antes del dia de eleccion en el periodico de amplia circulacion en dicho Distrito y (ii) se fijara dicho aviso no mas tarde que 21 dias antes de la elección y quedandose fijado continuamente, hasta el fin del dia de elección en el tablon de anuncious, que se usa para figar anuncious de reuniones de la Junta Directiva del Distrito.

SECCION 6: En el caso de que la mayoria de los votos echados en dicha eleccion sea "en pro" la emnisin de os bonos, la Junta Directiva pro este medio promete esta de acuerdo con los votantes del districto que no se emitira ningun bono a menos que al emitir los bonos el distrito (i) haya recibido un comprimiso de asistencia del Estado de Texas, o (ii) haya determinadi que los bonos seran aceptados para conseguir asistencia de estado del Estado de Texas.

Aceptada y aprobada, este dia 19 de febroro de 2002.

Johnny Patterson, Presidente Jnta directova

EXHIBICION A:

NUMERO 1: (Constando todo o parte de los Recintos electyorales Num. 111, 427, 428 y 429 del condado de Lamar situados en el Distrito): Iglesia Metodista Blossom, Faucett St., Blossom, Texas, Sue Clarkson, JoAnn Campbell.

NUMERO 12: (Constando todo o parte de los Recintos electyorales Num. 113 dentro contado de lamar y esa parate del Distrito en el Condado de Red River): Primera Iglesia Bautista, Deport, Hwy. 167, Deport, Texas, Gordon Isbell, Vivian Isbell.

NUMERO 3: (Constando todo o parte de los Recintos electyorales Num. 108 y 115 del condado de Lamar situados en el Distrito): Iglesia Bautista, Cunningham, FM Hwy 196, Pattonville, Texas, Shelby Kennedy, Goergia Oats.

NUMERO 4: (Constando todo o parte de los Recintos electyorales Num. 112 y 1009 del condado de Lamar situados en el Distrito): Escuela Secundaria Prairiland, FM Hwy. 167, Pattonville, T. exas, Peggy Whitney, Peggy Parsons. 4-11

NOTICE

The Detroit I.S.D. is posting the position of Secondary Math/Science Teaching Field with secondary certification. To apply, send resume to DISD, Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas 75436 or call 903-674-6131.

Applications may be picked up at the Administration Office located at 210 Garner, Detroit, Texas. Deadline for all applications is April 15, 2002. Detroit ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment 4-11

PRAIRILAND ISD ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held Saturday, May 4, 2002, for the purpose of electing four (4) board members. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Prairiland Administration Office, Pattonville, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 17 and ending Tuesday, April 30. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Lesa Clarkson, Prairiland ISD, Rt. 1, Box 200, Pattonville, TX, 75468 and must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2001. Polling places on Election Day, May 4, will be located at Blossom United Methodist Church, Deport First Baptist Church, Cunningham Baptist Church and Prairiland High School. Polls on election day will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the above mentioned location 4-18

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Blossom, Texas, solicits applications for the full time position of City Secretary, with the additional duties of City Treasurer and primary Election Officer.

Minimum requirements

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1. Five (5) years positive experience in finance, accounting and/or administrator, preferably with a public entity.

2. Must demonstrate experience and high level of proficiency in: a. Computer operations and automated accounting systems, b. Document creation, and c. Ability to use Internet effectively

Position serves as subordinate officer of the City Council, reporting to and through the City Administrator. Salary dependent upon qualifications.

Applications and resumes accepted at the Blossom City Hall, P.O. Box 2979, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas 75416 or call 903-982-5900 for additional information. Applications close April 22, 2002.

The City is an equal opportunity employer. 4-11

PUBLIC NOTICE-NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held May 4, 2002 for the purpose of 1. Electing Mayor, Full two (2) Year Term; 2. Electing two (2) Council positions, Full Two (2) Year Term.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City of Blossom, City hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas between 8:00 a.m. and

5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Sylvia Lewis Dickson, Acting City Secretary, City of Blossom, P.O. box 297, Blossom, TX 75416. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002. Completed ballots by mail must be received no later than 7:00 p.m., Central time, May 4, 2002. 4-11

REQUEST FOR BIDS-FIRE TRUCK FOR SALE

The City of Blossom solicits sealed bids for used Class "A" Pumper Fire apparatus: 1972 Seagraves, 318 Detroit Diesel Engine w/blower; 5-speed manual transmission; single front seat cab w/open back/two jump seats; mounted light bar with running lights; 1000 gallon tank; maximum 1250 GPM pump. Sealed bids should be received at Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, P.O. Box 297, Blossom, Texas 75416 prior to 10:00 a.m., May 7, 2002. Pumper is available for inspection at Blossom City Hall. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or to waive any technicality benefiting City. For University For Street and Street an dditional information, contact 903-982-5900.

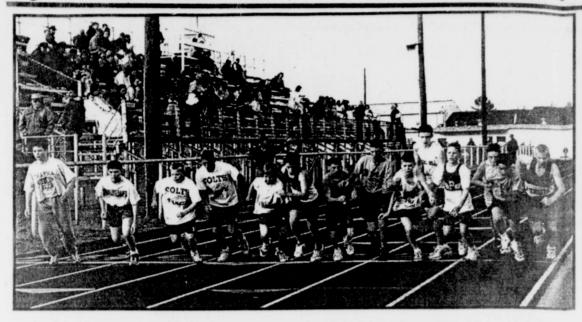
ORDINANCE NO. 02-05

An ordinance to repeal the standard plumbing Code-1994 edition referenced in Ordinance No. 95-09 which was passed and approved on December 11, 1995, effective immediately after passage on march 11, 2002. 4-11

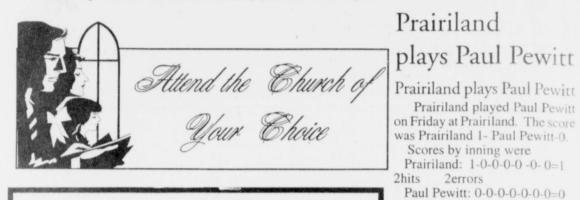
BIDS The City of Deport is accepting bids for the demolition of brick building on the north end of Main Street in Deport. For complete information, call City Hall at 903-652-4086. Bids will be opened May 13, 2002 at the regular City Council meeting.



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THEY'RE OFF-7th grade runners in the 2 mile from Rivercrest, Prairiland, Chisum, Chapel Hill, Hughes Springs and Paul Pewitt begin the grueling race at Fridays District Track & Field competition held at Rivercrest. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



VOTE Wesley W. Davis Place 7 PISD

I have lived in Shady Grove for 9 1/2 years. I serve as an EMT



2errors

3K, 3BB, 4 H, 0R, 0ER

Winning pitcher was Brittany

Losing pitcher was Ellington

Key hitter for Prairiland was Sara Bolton went 1 for 2 at the

Prairiland record 14-8, District

Prairiland will host DeKalb on

HIS WAY TO onnun

7 innings, 24 AB.

4 hits 1 error

Tuesday at 4:30

Ballard:

plate

on Pattonville VFD. I have ranched in Cunningham for 9 1/2 years. I have a daughter that is a Junior at Prairiland High School.

Would appreciate your vote for PISD School Board Place 7

Pol. Ad Paid by Wesley Davis RR 1 box 165-F Pattonvile, Tx. 75468



FIRE STATION TOUR-3 Daisies and 9 Brownie Girl Scouts, plus their leaders Gail Willis and Sharon Ricks, were given a first class tour of the Deport Fire Station by Thomas Nichols and James Whitney last Wednesday. The girls enjoyed learning more about fire fighting and volunteerism. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



PRAIRILAND GIRLS Softball Clinic was held recently with a large group of young ladies participating. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

