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I think I take it back!

Well, I think I've gotten what I wanted, how about you guys? Spring sprang! Yep, and that grass began to grow, and the weeds began to grow faster, and the rain fell and oh, yes, everything is beautiful.

But, I guess during those long, cold winter months I forgot that the green stuff has to be mowed...and trimmed, and weeds must be removed from flower beds, and flower beds must have flowers planted, and on and on and on!

I'm starting to recall these things as I spent a chunk of time last week running around in my huge yard deciding which things needed doing the most.

Out of shape and trying to play "catch up" after days of rain, I began to question the wisdom of wishing for this so fervently!

My muscles are sore, my back aches and I'm beginning to think I'm too old to keep up with the pace that spring endows growing things with! I wonder at the wisdom of taking pride in doing my yard work myself, and think perhaps I'm too darn old!

Of course, in a flash all of this fades away when we sit down to survey our place with good friends like Tom and Midge Foley, rocking on the porch and watching the birds nesting, the dogs galloping around sniffing at the grass, and a cat or two somnolently lazing on the sun-warmed steps!

This week it will all be to do over again, and next week also, and the week after that.

But, it's good for me physically and mentally, and I know I'll keep on doing it.

Still I've been thinking about goats...nice, weed eating, tree trimming goats. Or sheep? Or a whole flock of geese? I'm already using the cows part of the time...but cows consider day lilies and daffodils to be absolutely the most delicious candy in the world!

I suppose goats or sheep would feel the same way about things. So, I'll probably just keep right on mowing and trimming, fertilizing and working. Pretty soon it will be hot, dry summer, and I'll be fussing because things aren't growing fast enough!

It's one more example of "be careful what you wish for, you might get it".

Parents Meeting set for May 9th at Prairiland

There will be a meeting for Parents 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 of students from both Blossom and Deport campuses and its 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.

People 'N Things

The Pattonville VFD breakfast is this Saturday, 7-10 a.m. at the Community Center. AYCE for \$4.00.

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Crowd attends meeting on bond issue

Concerned citizens of the Prairiland ISD met with the school board, Superintendent and other dignitaries last Thursday night to discuss the possibility of voting on a 9.8 million dollar bond to build new facilities at Pattonville.

School Board President Johnny Patterson called the public meeting to order.

A series of slides with information about the cost of the project were presented.

If the bond is adopted on May 4th, the school board will apply for funding for the 9.8 million dollar project. The state is expected to pay for 50% to 70% of the total building program.

If the public votes in favor of the project on May 4th, the application with the state will be made. It will not be made if the bond issue doesn't pass.

The project would consist of three phases, first to build a new school on the 90 acres at

Pattonville, with a new double floor gymnasium; upgrade the sewer system at Pattonville and enlarge the Cafeteria at the high school into a cafeteria.

The second phase would bring new buildings on the Blossom and Deport campuses. Blossom would get six classrooms, a library and principals office and Deport would get six classrooms, library and a new principal's office.

A pre-K program will be implemented at Deport and Blossom if the bond is approved.

The two story buildings at Deport and Blossom will be replaced with new buildings.

A new track and football field will be built at Pattonville, the Vocational Ag Building would be renovated and a new metal roof would be put on the existing gym.

Questions concerning operating expenses were fielded and the reasoning behind moving the football field were questions that were

asked. Comments relating to the savings of energy expenses with the new building were also discussed, and projected savings for the school system not having to bus students from campus to campus for practices were mentioned.

The cost to tax payers in the Prairiland District were laid out by Patterson and Buddy Freeman, assistant superintendent.

Using as an example "if a resident of the school district has a home valued at \$35,000 taxes could be expected to increase \$78.40 per year for the total cost of the project.

All board members expressed their endorsement of the project as well as Superintendent James Morton.

Nothing can be done until the election on May 4th. Voters in the district will have the opportunity to vote for or against the proposal



PRAIRILAND school board president Johnny Patterson discussed the bond election issues with Blossom residents Britt and Amanda Barnard last Thursday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Clean Up Days set for April 19-20 in Deport

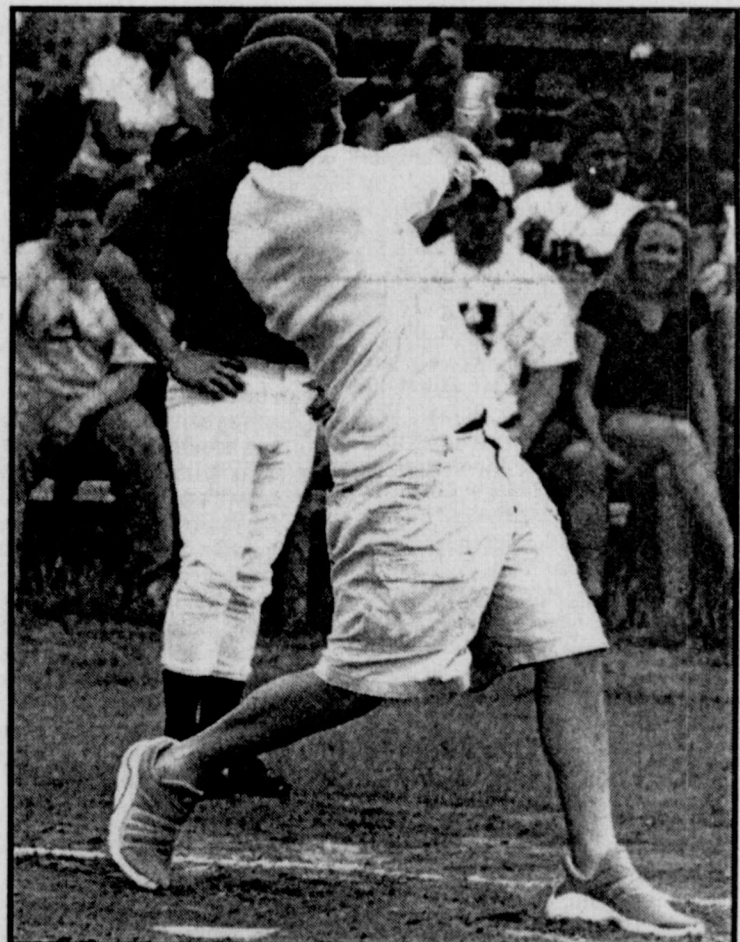
The City of Deport will have two clean up days for the citizens of Deport on April 19 and 20. The hours for the 19th will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M., and on the 20th hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M..

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.



SPRING SUNSHINE on the face of a young T-Ball player who lifts his face up to enjoy the warmth while parents and grandparents keep an eye out for their special player. T-Ball fans across the area watched Saturday's game between the Deport Rangers and Titans against Detroit. (Staff Photo)



FORMER PRAIRILAND STANDOUT DAVID FORD is up at bat at the benefit baseball game for him held on Saturday at Patriot Field. David was on hand for one of the first bats of the ballgame. The weather cooperated, folks came out in numbers and enjoyed the day for this worthy cause. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



DPS Trooper Johnny Williams presented the program for the Deport VFD monthly training meeting Monday night. Members of the Deport and Pattonville VFD questioned Williams about driving regulations pertaining to emergency vehicles. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Soapmaking shop to be held at Maxey House

The Friends of the Maxey House are presenting the second in their speaker's series, Cindy Jones, owner of the Paris Soap company, who will present a discussion and demonstration on techniques of natural soap production.

Come join the Friends of the Maxey House on Sunday, April 21 at the Maxey House State Historical site in Paris from 2 to 3 p.m. for an informative presentation on the wonders of natural herbal soap.

There is no charge for the program, reservations are requested, but not required. Call 785-5716.

Deport May 4

Trades Day coming up

The Deport Volunteer Fire Department and Bucket Brigade are getting ready for the May 4th Deport Trades Day and their own giant garage sale. They need items for the sale.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the garage sale that benefits the fire department may do so by contacting the Deport Times at 652-

4205, or calling James & Sunny Whitney at 652-9986, or simply dropping the articles by the Times Office.

Also, anyone wishing to set up a booth on May 4th is welcome to do so anywhere on Main Street. There is no charge for the booth, and all sales are kept by the booth holder.

Ford benefit is Sunday

A benefit for David Ford of Cunningham, sponsored by the 1998 Senior Class, will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2002 at the Prairiland Cafeteria. He is a member of the 1998 class and has recently been diagnosed with cancer. David has no insurance and all proceeds from this event will go toward medical bills that are associated with his illness.

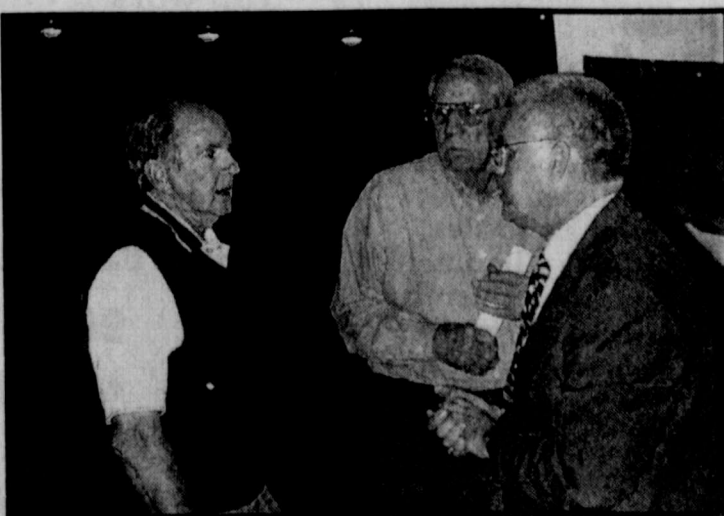
So make plans to come out to the Prairiland Cafeteria after church on April 28 and enjoy a barbecue lunch with all the trimmings for the small fee of \$7.00 per ticket.

Serving will begin at 12 noon with donations also being taken at the door. To-go lunches will also be available for take out.

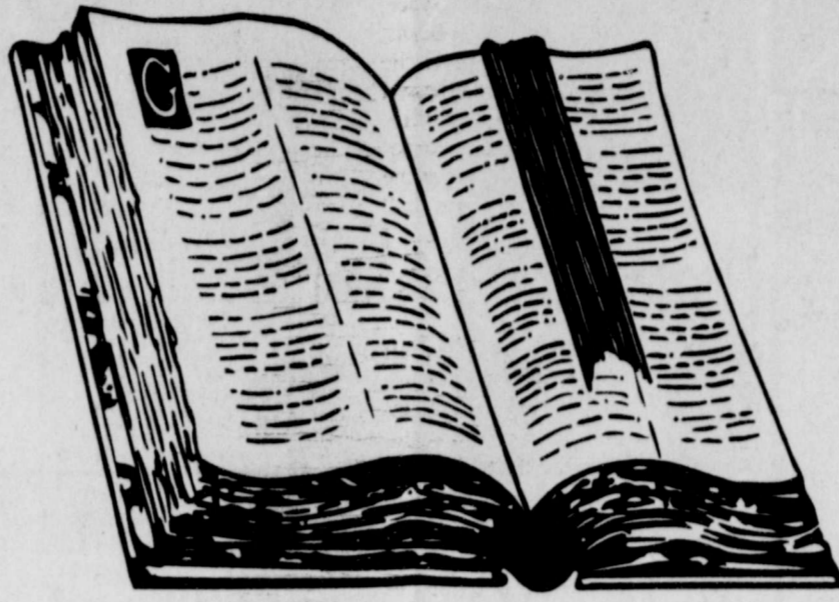
An auction with baked items and other items donated by area businesses will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the 1998 seniors, Triple C Gas and Grill in Blossom, M & M Food Mart in Pattonville, Blossom School, Deport School or Prairiland High School. If you would like to donate a baked item or any other item for the occasion you may contact 903-982-5829 or 903-982-7070.

Members of the various school classes and Blossom Volunteer Firemen will be selling raffle tickets after Spring Break for a 2 carat tennis bracelet to be given away for David. The bracelet is valued at over \$850.00 and has been donated by M & M Food Mart. All proceeds will go toward his medical expenses. This would make a perfect Mother's Day gift. You may buy a ticket at either M & M Food Mart or Triple C Gas and Grill.



FORMER SCHOOL Superintendents Dr. L.C. Stout (left), "Buddy" Taylor and present Superintendent James Morton talk about the 9.8 million dollar bond election coming up. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



Attend the church of your choice this Sunday

Fellowship Baptist Church
Pastor, Neil Higginbotham
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Faith Baptist Church, SBC
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Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Class 7 p.m.

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Children's Church-ages 6-11-Bill Higgins
Teen Class-age 12-18
Young Adult Class * Sr. Adult Class
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
For Information, 632-4311

First United Methodist Church
202 N. Main, Bogata, TX
903-632-5610
Rev. Joe Gist
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Blossom Church of Christ
Hwy. 82 W, Blossom, TX
982-5667
Service Times:
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Pastor Evan Butler, 982-6083

Bogata Missionary Baptist Church
Hwy. 271, Bogata, TX 632-9922
Pastor Billy Daniels 632-9948
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Discovery Bible Clubs 6:45 p.m.
Teen Discovery 6:45
Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.
Other Youth Activities as announced

Detroit First Assembly of God
Pastor Claud Plunk
Service Times:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wed.
Whiz Kids 6 p.m.
Bible Study & Royal Rangers

Day Spring House of Prayer
Pastor Buddy Hines
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
115 Church St., Deport

Deport First Presbyterian Church
Visiting Pastors
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Pattonville Methodist Church
Pastor Ted Willis
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Daycare M-F, 6:30-5:30
Pastor Michael Bolton

Deport First Baptist Church
Pastor Freddy Burden
Service Times:
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship . 10:50 a.m.
Sunday evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
177 Pecan St., Deport, TX
Service Times:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

Cuthand United Methodist Church
Hwy. 1487, Bogata, TX
Rev. Joe Gist
Service Times:
Church 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday nights, Youth
John Purviance, Youth Leader

First Baptist Church Detroit, TX
Pastor, Danny Robbins
Youth Director: Jody VanDeaver
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Youth 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening Worship 7 p.m.

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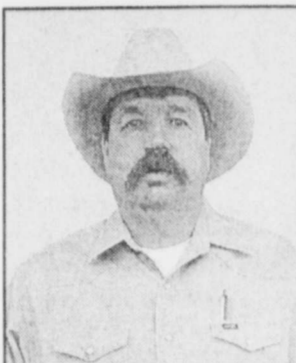
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I Would appreciate your vote for PISD School Board Place 7

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McTaggart Children, then and now

McTaggart's host reunion

On April 11-14, James and Martha McTaggart, Sr. of Deport hosted a reunion of his sister, three brothers and their wives, D' Alice Cahill of Ft. Worth, Lester and Rosemary McTaggart of Galveston, Bill and Liz McTaggart of Millsap and Wes and Judy McTaggart of Dickinson.

This was the first time in 22 years they have all been together at the same time and place.

The reason for this gathering was to plan a future family reunion

which would include all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. McTaggart.

The P.E. McTaggart's originally grew up in Mississippi and moved to Texas in 1929 and lived in Houston, Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Joining in the activities have been long-time family friends, Susie Moore from Florida and her daughter Christina Tobin from Chicago.



ZACHARY MAX, son of Doug and Monique Pennington, San Antonio, was born April 1, 2002 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz., 19 1/2" long. His sisters and brother are McKenzie, Zoe and Ian. Grandfather, Emilio Rico was there from Los Angeles as well as grandparents, Bill and Joyce Pennington of Houston. Zachary's cousins are daughters of Craig and Angela Pennington of Houston, Emily and twins, Bethany and Grace.



FOURTH PLACE STEW WINNERS were the team of Buddy Freeman, Bobby Winters and Freddy Reep. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



SWINE SHOWMANSHIP went to Alecia Lang. The exhibitors received JAWKETS for their efforts.

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR PRIZE MONEY went to the FFA member who sold the most tickets for the trailer that was given away Saturday night. Pictured is FFA vice president Jessica Stapleton as she presents Alecia Lang with the \$100 dollar bill for her efforts. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Callie Nixon is award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Callie Nixon of Deport has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics.

Callie, who attends Crockett Middle School, was nominated for this award by Sandy Cox, a teacher at the school.

Callie will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official yearbook.

She is the daughter of Raymond and Lynn Nixon of Deport and granddaughter of Gary and Carole Nixon of Deport and Bill and Helen Keeling of Paris.

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JASON BAILEY has earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, the highest rank possible. He organized and directed his fellow Scouts and repainted all goals and parking lot fence at the Paris Kiwanis Soccer Field as his community project. He is a senior at Paris High School and a member of Troop 2. He is the son of Chris and Karen Bailey of Paris and grandson of Bob and Dot Bailey of Blossom and Frank and Molly Homer of Paris and great-grandson of Hettie Mae Bailey of Blossom and Lonnie E. Clement of Paris.

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

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BROTHER AND SISTER Harley and Raynie Skidmore, are pictured with Coach Vicki Chapman after a day of District competition in Hughes Springs. The pair will be going to Regionals for competition. As junior varsity players, they both won their District matches.



WHO'S ON FIRST.....WHAT'S ON SECOND? Pictured is the group of Prairiland Alumni who showed up to play in the benefit for David Ford on Saturday. All were former athletes from Prairiland and came to lend their support for this fund raiser. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

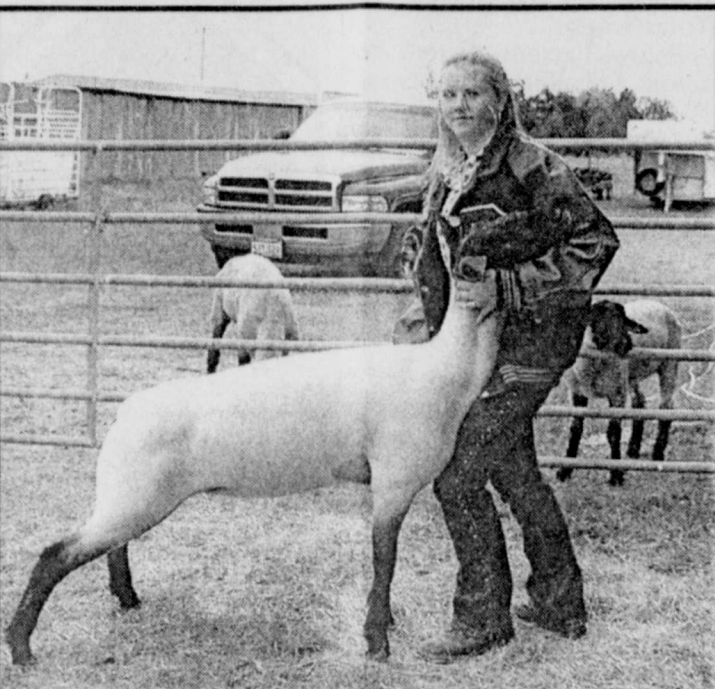
Girls lose to Dekalb

Prairiland lost to Dekalb 7-4 on Tuesday at Prairiland.
 Scores by inning:
 Prairiland 0-0-0-2-1-1-0 = 4
 Dekalb 2-1-1-0-0-3-0 = 7
 Losing pitcher was Kara Screws. 7innings, 35AB, 1K, 3BB, 5H, 7R. Nichole Dodson 7innings, 26AB, 14K, 2BB, 6H, 4R, 2ER.

Key hitters were Megan Graham 2 for 4 with 2 doubles, 2K, 1RBI; Brittany Ballard 1 for 2 with 1 SAC, 1K, 1RBI, 2 stolen bases; Sara Bolton 1 for 2 with 1K, 1BB, 1 RBI.

Prairiland Record 14-9 district 5-4.
 Prairiland will be at Chisum on Friday at 4:30.

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GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB and Showmanship was Sabrina Sexton at the Prairiland Livestock Show.

Lady Pats hold chance for playoff

The Prairiland Lady Patriots held on to their hopes of maintaining a chance for the playoffs as they defeated the Lady Mustangs from Chisum 12-1 on Friday at Mustang Field. This leaves them with a record of 6-4 and 5-9 for the season.

Megan Graham singled in the 1st inning and stole second base to come home with a hit from Brittany Ballard's RBI. Sara Bolton then hit an RBI to make it 2-0.

Graham came thru once again in the third with a three-run homer. Amanda Nichols then tripled to

left and scored from a Bolton bobble to make the game 4-1.

Seven more runs in the fourth had the ladies taking a big lead with Nicki Bybee walking, Ashley Athas taking base with a bunt and Graham once again taking base on a fielder's choice to load the bases. Nichols hit a line-drive to knock in a run. Ballard hit a double with two more runners coming across the plate. Bolton assisted by bringing in two more runs holding a record of 4 RBIs for the game.

TLC PONY PARTIES
 Absolutely unforgettable children's birthday parties and other special events are going on right now at the TLC Miniature Horse Farm!!

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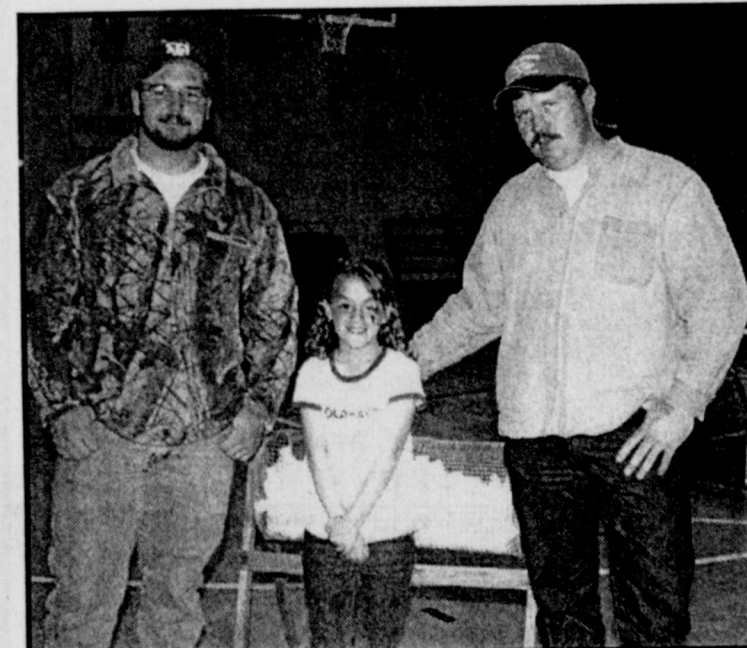
- Cowboy hat, bandana & "bag of loot" for each child to keep
- Pony Rides with photo to keep
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Our party area is right in the middle of fenced, private property - no worry of strangers intruding or children wandering out of sight or getting lost in a crowd. We do all the work and take care of all the details so you can have a totally stress-free, enjoyable time with your family and friends...

You just bring the cake and the kids - we provide all the fun!

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



TRAILER WINNER-The winner of the trailer from the Prairiland FFA that was made by the members was Mike Ragan. Pictured here is FFA President Brad Hunt, Bailey Ballard who drew the winning ticket and Mike Ragan. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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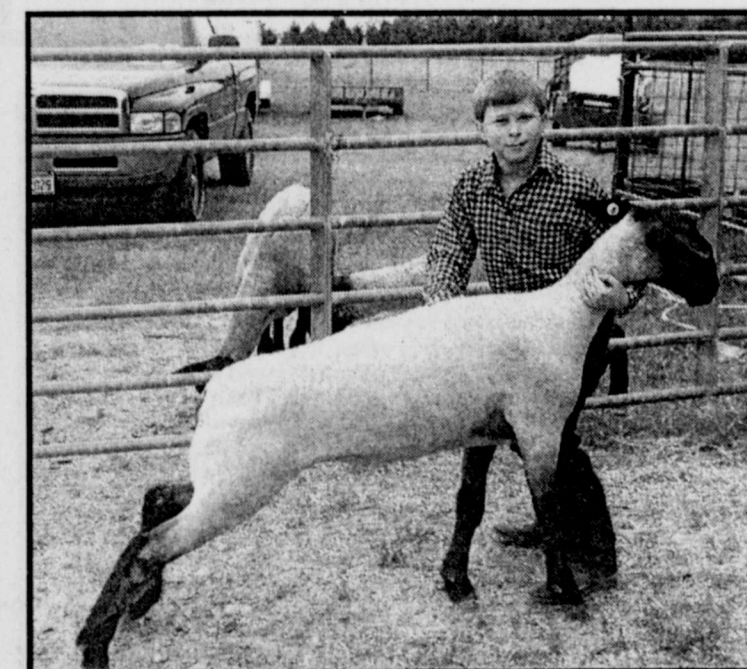
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GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SWINE-Dakota Mitchell received Grand Champion Swine award at the Prairiland Livestock Show.



RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMB honors went to Joey Ballard at the Prairiland Livestock Show.



THIRD PLACE STEW TEAM winners were Leonard Ford and James Morton. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons



MARCUS RANDALL WOLF celebrated his 10th birthday on April 9 with cupcakes and Koolaid, his third grade class and teacher, Mrs. Navia. David and Angie Wolf of Milton had a party for him on April 13 and had cake and ice cream. Celebrating with him were Allison and Aaron Wolf and Blaze Burns of Milton, Cindy Filkins, Stephanie Wolf, Jasmine Garmon and Donna and Jeremiah Winkler, all of Deport, Tami Birch of Blossom and Wayne Birch of Paris.

Happy birthday to David Ballard, Rebecca Murdock, Wes Winters, Ryan Harrell, James Earl Bell, Scarlett Harvey, Tom Fults, James Mazy, Brad Bassano, Thomas McGee, Keith Mitchell, Troy Ashby, Micah Fry, Juanita Streety, Joel Dale Ballard, Myrtle Singleton, Brittany Ladd Gant, Trase Christian, Kelli Clarkson.

Happy anniversary to John and Velma Temple, Howard and Sara Higdon, Shad and Amy Day.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Morris Lawler of Milton who died April 9. He leaves his wife, Mary Elaine Lawler.

Jerry and June Burdine of Sylvan, Nina Sparks of Deport, Keith and Peggy Parsons visited Mark and Tonya Parsons and family in Rowlett Thursday. They attended Ty's second grade musical "God Bless America" at Dallas Christian.

Dee Betenbough of New Mexico has been visiting his son, Donnie and Cassie Betenbough and family in Paris and Pattonville.

Virginia Reed and Ophelia Payne of Paris, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons had lunch at Texas Belle Wednesday.

We are happy to report that Freeman Safford of Paris, who has been in the hospital with three

broken vertebrae, is recuperating at home and slowly improving.

Glen and Jo Biddle have been visiting Justin Armstrong, Linda and Michael Winters and family.

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

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

S.C. Short is in rehab at Christus St. Joseph's. He visited Elois Sparks via telephone last week.

Nina Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons were visitors of Elois and Mike Sparks during the week.

Staci Skidmore, daughter of Craig and Donna Skidmore, won second in District 14 AAAA UIL competition in Mt. Pleasant. She is the granddaughter of Floyd and Lucille Tully. Staci is a senior at North Lamar and is a 2001-02 Texas Scholar.

Peggy Parsons visited her cousin, Lois Kennett in Christus St. Joseph's Tuesday and Wednesday where she underwent surgery.

Pattonville VFD Breakfast is Saturday, April 20 from 7-10 a.m. AYCE for \$4.00.

A large number attended the reception honoring James and Faynell Cooper on their 50th anniversary Sunday at the Pattonville Community Center.



2002 PRAIRILAND PATRIOTS PLAN THEIR STRATEGY before the game on Saturday against the Patriot Alumni who came to aid in the cause for David Ford. The vent raised around \$1600 for the family. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
Call Your News To
(903)-982-5829



Happy Birthdays this week to Kelli Clarkson, Wes Winters, Lacey Hines, Jack Thomas, Jon-Erik Hearn, Brian Gifford, Trey Gifford, Rylee Crawford, Rachel Dowd, Mikel McLaughlin, Carl Boren, Nicholas Gilpin, Casey Fendley, Justin Burchinal, Josh Nation, Kerri Deupree, Angel Rocha, Zachery Horton, Landon Woodall, Ashley Anderson, Brent Hyde, Daphney Mayes, Amy Adams Helms.

Happy Anniversary this week to Betty and Sid Johnson.

Johnnie and James Savage, Kim Savage and Savannah Johnson all of Amarillo were here this past weekend visiting with Billie Henry. Staying with her this week is grandson Jaymion Henry.

The men's and women's fellowship of the Oak Hill Baptist Church will be held this coming Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. with everyone invited to attend. Host church will be Rocky Ford Baptist Church of Roxton with the Rev. Johnson bringing the mes-

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Mib and Jo Myers of Post Oak visited with Emma and Lloyds Willard and Kaleb Long on Friday.

Juanita Harrison enjoyed a visit with Minnie Lee Shands last week.

Special get wells this week to Margaret Whitley.

The bond hearing that was held at Prairiland on Thursday night was well attended with the election being on May 4. Everyone is urged to get out and vote!

Marleena, Bryan and Landree Proffer of Dallas were here over the weekend visiting with Irene Bryant.


Bro. and Mrs. Larry Bridges were honored on Sunday with a special 20 year anniversary celebration for the couple in their honor at the Blossom Church of God.

Spring Break begins next week with TAAS testing going on this week.

Bessie Garrett has returned home from visiting with Jerry and Patty Garrett of Quinlan for a week.

Some people seem as if they can never have been children, and others seem as if they could never be anything else.
-George Dennison Prentice

Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.
-Erica Jong



PATTONVILLE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2002

4 PM - 8 PM

Where: Pattonville Firestation and Community Center
FM 196 (1/4 MI. South of Hwy 271)

\$6.50 (Adult) ————— DONATION

\$3.00 (Child 4-12) ————— DONATION

Children Under 3 Free with an Adult

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Drawing will be held for a 4' X 8' Utility Trailer, see any Pattonville Fire Department member to purchase a chance on the trailer.

All Proceeds Benefit Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2001, you won't need to reapply for 2002 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2002. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2001, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: Red River Appraisal District P.O. Box 461 Clarksville, Tx (903) 427-4181. For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:
Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.



Post Oak News

By Geneva Lee
982-5309

East Post Oak Baptist Church was well attended Sunday and they received two new members, Tim Dudley and wife Terri. He is the son of Fran Seay and grandson of Mrs. Hazel Cleveland.

Marshall and Minnie McNabb have moved back from Launburg, NC where he has been working several years for Campbell Soup. They are living in Reno and he will work some in Sacramento, CA for Campbell's, commuting by plane. They attended church here Sunday morning.

Bro. and Mrs. Calvin Permenter had lunch with the Wilbourne Lees Sunday.

Ora Blessingame of Ft. Worth returned home Saturday after

spending a week with relatives, Willie Lee, Frank Lee and Ellen Tuck and staying some with her twin sister, Nora Tyler, who remains in the hospital in serious condition. Rosetta, her daughter, brought her and came and took her home.

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School Menu



Prairiland High School
Week of April 29
Monday

Breakfast:
Breakfast burritos
Fruit juice, milk
Lunch:
Corn dogs
Beans
Corn
Cookies
Milk

Tuesday

Breakfast:
Sausage, cheese, biscuit
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Sloppy Joes
Pickle spears
Baked beans
corn chips
Milk

Wednesday

Breakfast:
Cinnamon rolls
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Enchiladas
Salad
Refried beans
Fruit
Milk

Thursday

Breakfast:
Breakfast pizza
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Beef and cheese nachos
Mexican beans
Salad
Cobbler
Milk

Friday

Breakfast:
Cereal
Juice, milk
Lunch:
Hamburger on bun
Lettuce, tomatoes
Pork and beans
Chips
Fruit
Milk



THE PRAIRILAND JV SOFTBALL TEAM won third place in the Prairiland JV softball tournament in March. Pictured, back row: Nikki Bybee, Mandy Woodall, Susan Whittle, Ashley Anderson, Mallory Price, Lindsey Peel, Ashley Taylor and Jodie Bybee. Front row: Whitney Brook, Kayleigh Connot, Whitney Turner and Britney Martin.



NEW BUSINESS IN BLOSSOM is Electric Sun Tanning and Massage located on Highway 82 in Blossom behind Triple C Gas and Grill. Owners are Skipper and Amy Chapman. Pictured are, left to right, Trystan Chapman, Amy Dabbs, Cheslea Loveless, Jennifer Draper, Carena Covington and Amy Chapman. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

Deport Locals

Call Your News To 652-4205

Juanita McDivitt stopped by the *Deport Times* office on Monday with her two sons, Jim and John for a pleasant visit. She was in town on business and to visit with old friends. She left *Deport* in 1936, moving to Lubbock with her family, where she resides now.

Happy birthday to John Stephen Farmer, Josey Francis, Lucretia LaRue, Tony Erwin, Britany Filkins, Zachary Tyler Rambin, Ryan Harrell, Debbie Campbell, Wes Winters, Mary Yoder, Laura Wright, Laura McKunkel, Trey Gifford, Charlotte LaRue, Joe Dale Ballard, Joseph Filkins, Myrtle Singleton, Donna Kunkel, Barbara Minter.

Happy anniversary to Amy and Chad Day.

Philip Dodd of Paris High School won first in Prose at District 14AAA ULL at Mt. Pleasant recently. He is the son of Skip and Connie Dodd and grandson of Sam and Suzy Kelsey.

Joe and Marianne Ladd, Lucille Pickering, Nina Sparks, Ophelia Payne and Peggy Parsons were among the many volunteers attending the RSVP 28th annual Recognition Banquet at PIC last Tuesday.

Tom and Midge Foley of Choudrant, Louisiana, were in *Deport* Friday, Saturday and Sunday to visit with friends.

They spent Friday and Saturday night with Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and attended church Sunday.

Visiting Mrs. Ruth Cheatham this week were Mrs Rebecca Conner of Irving, Mrs. Mabry O'Keef of Mt. Pleasant and Faye Bell of Bogata.

Deport Housing Authority News

call Melba Ladd

Those attending the march 27 birthday bingo were Maud Webb, Eulene Nicholas, Frances Franklin, Lloyd and Irene Grogan, Alpha Barnard, Eunice Sugg and Phyllis Gifford.

The monthly tenant meeting and luncheon was held in Community Room #1 on April 10. Juavane Carpenter attended for the Housing Authority and related to the tenants preliminary plans for improvements over the next five years. Plans are to replace water cut-offs at the Mustang I and II sites; additional landscaping; and replacement of counter tops at all sites. After October 2002, it is hoped the community room at the Mustang sites can be replaced with a new one. Tenants were pleased with these plans and had one additional request. They would like the parking spaces at the C.B. Glover site be widened for better access to their vehicles. In attendance were Evelyn Roach, Maud Webb, LaVerta Westbrook, Estelle Cheshire, Frances Franklin, Juanita Primm, Eulene Nicholas, Venice Bryson, Eunice Ervin, Willie Mae Speir, Ruth Murrell, Alma Scaff, Ruth Cheatham, Phyllis Gifford and Hazel Relford.



KRISTEN PATTERSON, *Deport* Titan T-ball player, sees action in Saturday's game against Detroit.

CUNNINGHAM NEWS

By Neva Jean Oats

Happy Birthday to Danielle syrus, Reanna Barnette, Cindy Barnette, Weston Drinnon, Dewayne Drinnon, Matt Galloway and Billie Lindsey.

Happy Anniversary to Heath and Missy Kennedy, Stacy and Linda Musgrove, James and Pat norwood and Darold and IdaMae Norwood.

Scotty and Treda norwood honored matt Galloway on his 20th birthday with a party at the Fish Fry in Paris Friday night. Those attending were Spur and Amber norwood, Laura and Ross Miller, Stacy, Linda, Stoney and charity Musgrove, Geneva Norwood, Chance Bankhead, Scotty nichols and Casey and Chinee Galloway.

There wre 46 children and grandchildren of C.W. and Nina Anderson who met at the home of Sam and Sharon Speirs in Greenville for Ester. Those attending from Cunningham were Ricky, Linda, Rusty, Cindy, marty, Susan and Kerri Anderson and Wendy, Carlos and Cord Ordorica.

Linda, Rusty, Cindy and Kerri Anderson and Wendy Ordorica went to Kilgore Saturday to watch Susan Anderson play softball. Susan's team won third place in the tournament.

Ricky Anderson and Carlos and Cord Ordorica went to Tawakoni

fishing this weekend.

Sunday guests of Bobby and Shelby Kennedy were Jeff, Cindy, Taylor and Asa Kennedy.

Sunday guests of Johnny and Nelta Musgrove were Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, Shane and Zarinska Morton, Lynn and Betty holeman, Alice macPhearson an Wilma Reagan.

Lessie Stuart, Willie wilson and Jean Wilson visited with Billie Joe and Georgia Oats Saturday. MJames and Pat norwood went to Carthage saturday to watch Lacy Cole and Haley Norwood play on the Tuff E Nuff softball team. They won 3rd place in the tournament Saturday night they went to Dekalb to watch Erika Norwood participate in the Miss Dekalb Pageant. Erika was 3rd runner-up.

Billie and Leonard Ford accompanied David Ford to Scott and Whie Hospital in Temple last weke.

Velma Cox visited with Walker Dvelin and Dora Hester last week. MBilly Ray and Neva oats attended the Rivercrest Talent and tyle show Saturday night. Brandon Oats was the emcee for the Talent Show and Brayden Oats was in the Style Show.

Geneva Norwood had all of her children and grandchildren eating with her sunday.

Milton News

By Mattylu Upchurch



Out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral of Morris Lawler were Mary McCoy of Eastland, Trey Lee of Wichita, Kansas, Jerry Harvey of Plano, Nick Maudsley of Benbrook, Jean and Herb Nunley of Aubrey, Thelma and Andy Krawzyk of Irving, John W. Harvey, Sherli Bentz, of Greenville, Mike and Ann Harvey of Garland, Kathy Johnson of Whitesboro, Leah and Russell Schroeder of Grapevine, Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR, Rev. Cheif and Betty Warden of Brookston, Clyde and Ruby Fay Harvey of Clarksville, Mary Elba Graves, Lena Mae Ham, Ruby Whitten, Randy Whitten of Petty, Hattie Hobbs, Helen Temple, Doris Wooldridge, James Cunningham, Sue and Buddy Malone, Don Upchurch, Wes and Margie Watson McKee, all of Paris.

Ollie and Ruth Lee of Paris visited Frank and Edna Lee Friday.

Tim Parks of Faught had dinner with his grandparents James and Dorothy Holt Sunday. Kay Preston of Minter visited in the afternoon. Ora Blasengane of Ft. Worth, Ellen Tuck of Bogata, sisters of Frank Lee and Kathy Williams of Bogata visited Frank and Edna Lee Friday.

Harvey and Jean Bell and Kelby Burton of Winstboro spent Sunday with Elizabeth Bell.

Kay Price and daughters and David Smith spent Sunday with Frank and Edna Lee.

Frances Thompson of Faught visited Mary Elaine Lawler Wednesday.

Bobbie and Ed Hill of Little Rock, AR and Leah and Russell Schroeder of Grapevine have returned home after visiting with Mattylu Upchurch and Mary Elaine Lawler.

Edna Lee, Ruth Johnson and Nita Bowling attended a O.E.S. meeting in Sulphur Springs Monday night.

John Us For Our Third Saturday Dinner From The Heavenly Delights Of First United Methodist Church



177 Pecan St., *Deport*
Saturday, April 20, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Price \$8 Menu: Baked Chicken Breast in Wine Sauce, Rice, Green Salad, Green Beans, Praline Sweet Potatoes, Garlic Bread, special Chocolate Dessert with Cool Whip, Tea & Coffee. Seating limited to 50, by reservaton only for reservations call: Rena Good-652-2665, T.H. Glover 652-3995, Juanita Sparks, 652-4211 by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18

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Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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<p>NABISCO PREMIUM CRACKERS 1 Lb. All Kinds \$1⁶⁹</p>	<p>FRESH GROUND CHUCK \$1⁹⁹ Lb.</p>	<p>HONEY BOY PINK SALMON 14 Oz. \$1¹⁹</p>	<p>BETTY CROCKER CAKE MIXES All Kinds 18 Oz. \$8^{9¢}</p>	<p>BLUE BONETT MARGARINE 4 Stick 2/\$1</p>	<p>PRINGLES All Kinds 5.5 Oz. 99¢</p> <p>PARADE CREAM CHEESE 8 Oz. 79¢</p>	
<p>SCOTT PAPER TOWELS Reg. Roll 79¢</p>	<p>OAK FARMS ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. All Flavors \$2⁹⁹</p>	<p>NESTLE'S SEMI SWEET MORSELS 12 Oz. \$1⁶⁹</p>	<p>BAKER'S COCONUT 14 Oz. \$1⁴⁹</p>	<p>OSZARKA WATER 1/2 Liter 8 Pk. \$1⁹⁹</p>	<p>PARADE BUTTERMILK BISCUITS 4/\$1</p>	<p>CAMPBELL'S Cream of Mushroom & Cream of Celery 10 Oz. 69¢</p> <p>KRAFT BARBEQUE SAUCE 18 Oz. All Kinds 89¢</p>
<p>EGGS Grade A Large 69¢ Dozen</p>	<p>GOLDEN ROYAL MILK Gal. 2% & Homo \$2⁹⁹</p>	<p>TOWN TALK BREAD Lrg. Loaf 69¢</p>	<p>NABISCO OREOS & DOUBLE STUFF OREOS 1Lb 4 Oz. \$2⁶⁹</p>	<p>MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING 32 Oz. \$2²⁹</p>	<p>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Plastic Bowls Storage Containers \$1 Kitchen Utensils Measuring Spoons</p>	
<p>LAY'S POTATO CHIPS Reg. \$1⁴⁹ All Kinds 99¢</p>	<p>DORITO CHIPS All Kinds Reg. \$3²⁹ \$2⁶⁹</p>	<p>HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH DRESSING 16 Oz. Squeeze Btl. \$2²⁹</p>	<p>TIDE LAUNDRY DETERGENT 31-40 Ld. \$6⁵⁹</p>	<p>TOWN TALK HAMBURGER & HOT DOG BUNS 8 Pk. 69¢</p>		
<p>BANANAS 49¢ Lb.</p> <p>CARROTS 1 Lb. Bag 39¢</p>	<p>PRODUCE POTATOES 10 Lb. Bag \$2⁴⁹</p> <p>TOMATOES 99¢ Lb.</p> <p>RUSSETT POTATOES 49¢ Lb.</p> <p>GREEN ONIONS 3/\$1</p>	<p>FRITO LAY BEAN DIP 9 Oz. \$1⁷⁹</p>	<p>TOSTITO QUESO SALSA DIP 10 Oz. \$1⁷⁹</p>	<p>COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE DR. PEPPER, DIET DR. PEPPER</p> <p>2 Liter 99¢ 3 Liter \$1⁷⁹ 12 Pk. \$3⁴⁹ 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls. \$1⁹⁹</p>		