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It wasn't quite like you thought!

Sometimes funny things happen. They are funny when you know the real story, but not if you never hear the truth, and only have appearances to go by.

Friday morning some of the Lamar County Jail inmates came down to the Deport fire station to help clean up prior to the department's fund raiser.

They are always very helpful, and this group was no exception. They offered on their own to wash the fire trucks.

So, the trucks were pulled out front, and three men in bright yellow-orange jump suits began to hose them down. They had quite a lather of soap suds going, washing and scrubbing diligently.

A car pulled up. Those of us at the station, clad in our old blue jeans and overalls, could hear what was said, but were unable to get the woman's attention in time to relieve her mind.

The woman, who is unknown to us, pulled up and motioned an inmate over to her vehicle.

"Where is College Street?" she asked.

This poor boy, who had never been to Deport before, didn't have a clue. And, he politely told her, "Mam, I'm sorry, but I don't have any idea".

This woman got a really startled look on her face.

"Well, I certainly hope nothing catches on fire around here! She exclaimed and drove off before we could stop her.

Please, if you are reading this...these were NOT firemen who didn't even know where the streets in their town were!

They were guys doing community service work in a community they have never been in before!

It was really funny at the time, and still is. I imagine the woman thought that must have been the most retarded bunch of firemen in the world...washing their trucks in their bright colored jump suits, but not even knowing the street names in a town of 720 people!

Oh well, sometimes things just happen this way!

Fall back this Saturday night!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour for daylight savings time to end on Sunday morning. Remember, fall back one hour.



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Lamar Electric Board votes to end attempt to merge with Cap Rock

The Lamar Electric Board of Directors has ended a three-year attempt to merge the local electric cooperative into Cap Rock Electric of Midland.

Citing concerns over Cap Rock's inability to consummate the merger while faced with a multitude of legal and financial problems, Lamar Board Chairman Darrell Coats stated that this action was the result of many meetings of the Lamar Board during the last few months.

"At the time of our agreeing to the combination of the two firms, we could see a bright future for the members of Lamar. Based on in-

formation available to us three years ago, we had a method of paying nearly eleven million dollars to our members in the form of "capital credits" that ordinarily would be paid over a 20 year cycle, if then.

"As a result of factor including deregulation, wholesale power sources, long-term financing, legal challenges and other things, the Board was unanimous in its vote to end the association with Cap Rock.

"Our concern has always been reliable, stable, efficient delivery of power to our members. With

the ever-changing market conditions, and electric power pricing as volatile as it has become, the Board has taken this step to remain independent at this time.

"I want to assure the membership that regardless of any 'talk' they may have heard, this Board has worked under some extremely adverse conditions to bring about things change, and it is at such a time that your Board needs your support more than ever."

"We've been through turmoil and ice storms and with your help we'll make it through this," Coats said.

Deport FBC Fall Festival is Saturday

The First Baptist Church of Deport will hold their Fall Festival this Saturday on the church grounds.

There will be a stew supper from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. hosted by the youth group. Donations will be accepted.

A gospel music singing will be

held outside beginning at 6:30. During this time there will be games for the children and youth. The youth, sixth grade through 12th grade, will go on a hayride at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Bring a lawn chair and come for a night of fun and fellowship.



NEW FACE ON CAMPUS Madaline Chance, Lamar County Deputy, is now on the Deport, Blossom and Prairiland school campuses daily. She will be teaching Criminal Justice and Crimes in American as well as making contact with the students and patrolling. She and Principal Jeff Ballard were busy Monday morning getting things squared away. The program is through a four year grant. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

City of Deport will not be switching trash services at this time

The City of Deport will not be switching trash services at this time.

This means that there will NOT be a change in trash pickup days, it will remain on Wednesdays, and there will not be a reduction in prices.

The council had voted to go with SDI out of Oklahoma, which

offers a smaller size polycart, as well as the size currently being used, and a lower rate.

Waste Management of Texas' contract does not expire until October of 2003, however, and the city cannot enter into a contract with.

The contract will be reviewed at date closer to the contract's expiration.

Editor's Quotes
What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other?
George Elliott.

Letters to Editor

To the citizens of Deport:
The City of Deport released an article to the Deport Times last week stating that the City is contracting with a new sanitation company for trash collection within the city limits. We now realize that the contract with Waste Management of Texas does not expire until October 2003. We cannot enter into a contract with another company until the current one expires. The City apologizes to its citizens for this error.
Sincerely,
Gilbert Arriaga, Mayor

Flu shots available

The Paris-Lamar County Health Department, in cooperation with the Lamar County Extension Service, will be offering flu shots on October 25.

The cost is \$10.00 and time for the shots is from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Extension office located at 4315 Bonham St.

An annual flu shot is recommended for everyone 50 years of age or older; residents of longterm care facilities; anyone

who has long term health problems including heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, anemia or other blood disorders; anyone with a weakened immune system; people who provide community services; health care workers; people living in dormitories; anyone who wants to reduce their chance of catching the flu.

For information, call 7937-2443.



GETTING READY! Pictured left to right is Jared Gage, Shawn Steinkamp and Robin Gage as they work on the "Electric Chair" that will be a part of the "Haunted Barn" for Prairiland Project Graduation seniors. The "barn" begins on Thursday, October 24th and runs through Thursday, October 31st at the fairgrounds in Paris. Everyone is invited to come out and support this group of kids with their fund raiser. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

ProGrad to sponsor haunted barn

Prairiland Project Graduation will be sponsoring their "Haunted Barn" at the Lamar County Fairgrounds again this year. The "barn" will open at 6:30 each night beginning Thursday, October 24 and run through October 25th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

Along with the barn, there will be a concession area and games for the youngsters that are too young for the "barn". The price at the door will be \$5.00 per person to enter. Everyone is invited to come out and support this group of kids and parents for this event.

Hay ride will be held this Saturday night

There will be a Halloween Hay Ride this Saturday beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Deport Fire Station. There is no charge for children to take the hay ride.

The event is sponsored by the Deport VFD Bucket Brigade and it will have adult supervision at all times. A parent or guardian must

sign a release for the kids to take the ride.

There will be hot dogs, chips, soft drinks for sale at the fire station.

The hay ride will be fun, and not too "scary" so everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the evening.

It will be cancelled if raining.

Methodists to host annual "Celebration of the Harvest"

The First United Methodist Church in Deport will once again be hosting their annual Celebration of the Harvest, Saturday, November 2, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Deport School Cafeteria.

The annual festival is the primary fund-raiser for the church, and the monies raised are used not only for the general funding of the church, but also in the church's Outreach Programs that benefit the entire community.

In addition to crafts, canned and baked-goods--a silent auction

on several pieces of artwork will be held.

Also, as is tradition chances are being sold on a quilt, which will be on display at Darden-Sparks Department Store in Deport until the morning of the Festival.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served in the cafeteria, featuring turkey & dressing, potatoes, green beans, dessert, tea and coffee. Prices for the meal are \$5.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12. For more information, call 652-5017, or e-mail fisherman@neto.com.



WINNING WAYS-The winners of the Deport Harvest Festival Costume Contest Saturday were: from left First Place, Children, Abby Nichols; 3rd Place, Adults, Tracy Owens; First Place, Adults, Jennifer Drinnon; Second Place, Adults, Stephanie Davidson; In Front, 2nd Place, Children, Kalee Owens and, held in Aunt Stephanie's arms, 3rd Place, Caitlyn Folse. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

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Country Cooking
By Liz Irwin



Can you believe it is already Halloween time again! Time for those ghosts and goblins to make their threats for trick or treating. An alternative to this might be a party for them! Let them do the decorating and whip up some of these delicious snacks for them and maybe a little apple-bobbing and other favorite games.

It is still another week before Halloween, but here are a few recipes that I thought you might enjoy and some can be prepared ahead of time. Keep in mind, if they do trick or treat, to check all candy that they might bring >home with them. Keep them safe and have a happy and careful Halloween!

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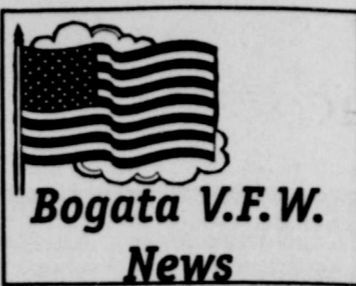
WIGGLE WORMS-candy worms make punch really scary!
STICKS AND STONE SNACK MIX-great for all those little goblins!

BUBBLING CRANBERRY SAUCE LINKS-snack sausages swimming in red and goosey mixture.....they kids will love it!

SHRUNKEN HEADS-caramel apples you design to make your own shrunken heads!

MUMMY WRAPPED SANDWICH LOAF-wrap finished sandwich in thin dough strips and bake to make this ghoulish treat!

SPIDER WREATH COOKIES-black spiders surround these delicious cookies!



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

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

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

*The Post has a shuffle board 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.

Omie Lou Ellenburg dies October 22

Omie Lou Ellenburg, age 83 of Bogata died October 22, 2002.

Funeral services were scheduled for 11 a.m. October 24 with Bro. Randy Lemme and Bro. Gerald Hood officiating. Burial will be in Restland Memorial, Dallas, under the direction of Bates-Cooper Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant.

She was born in Collin County on June 30, 1919 and was a homemaker.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Lester Ellenburg; three brothers; two sisters, her parents, Fletcher and Neley Putman and a grandson, Rusty Carroll.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David Lee and Sherry Ellenburg of Quinlan; a daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and James Carroll of Talco; grandchildren, Gary Lynn Carroll of Midlothian and Stacey Lee E. McCormick of Tyler; a step-grandchild, Shanna Crump of Greenville; and six great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Gene Putman, Eddie Barnard, Larry Turner and Ralph Cawley.



Irene Walker

Irene Walker dies October 19

Irene Walker, age 94 of Deport, died in Christus St. Joseph's South Campus on Saturday, October 19, 2002. Wood Funeral Homes conducted graveside services Monday, October 21, at 11:00 a.m. in Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Ted Willis officiating.

She was born November 17, 1907, the daughter of Jim and Edna Franklin. She married G.E. (Buster) Walker on December 25, 1925. He preceded her in death July 17, 1985. She was also preceded in death by a son, William E. Walker in 1958; a great-granddaughter, Melanie Gatlin on May 31, 2001; her parents; a sister, Edith Fleming; and brothers, Jack, Dulon, Olen, Arthur, Herman and Robert Franklin. Mrs. Walker was a long time member of the Deport United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughters and sons-in-laws, Dorothy Edzards Fry and husband Charlie of Paris and Joyce and James (Doc) Gatlin of Denison; one sister, Opal Fletcher of The Colony; 6 grandchildren, David Edzards of Paris, Kay Raper of Ft. Worth, Jan Temples of McKinney, Susan Pettit of Desoto, Mark Gatlin of Flint and Karen Slavik of Flower Mound; and five great-grandchildren.

under the direction of



The James Wood Family

508 Monroe
Deport, TX

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, food and cards during my surgery and at home. And a special thanks to Bro. Joe Gist for being at the hospital during the surgery with us.

God bless you,
Ruth Varner & family



Vickie Bryant

Vickie D. Bryant dies October 20

Mrs. Vickie D. Bryant, age 48 of Bogata died Sunday, October 20 in East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 23 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata. Wood Funeral Home of Bogata had charge of arrangements. The family received friends from 7 t 9 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church. Interment followed in Cuthand Cemetery.

Mrs. Bryant was born March 20, 1954 in Clarksville, the daughter of Bill and Salestine Alsup Stewart. She attended Rivercrest High School and was a graduate of PJC School of Nursing where she graduated with honors. She was director of nurses at Red River Health Care Center in Bogata. She was also a charter member of Bogata First Responders. On July 23, 1982 she married Kenneth Lee Bryant. He was killed in a motor vehicle accident February 9, 1998.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Wright and husband Shane of Talco; three sons, Jason, Scott and Michael Johnson, all of Bogata; two sisters, Debbie English and Peggy Burge of Bogata; a brother, Dave Stewart and wife Donna of Cuthand; three grandchildren, Alex and Jacob Wright and Brian Johnson and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to Cuthand Cemetery.

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414 N. Main
Bogata, TX

Thursday, October 24, 2002
Halloween Recipes

Fruit Drink with Wiggle Worms
12 ounce can frozen orange juice
12 ounce can apricot nectar-chilled
2-12 ounce cans lemon-lime carbonated beverage-chilled
6 ounce can frozen pineapple-orange juice
chewy fruit-flavored worms
Prepare 6 ounce can frozen pineapple-orange juice and arrange worms in bottom of 4-cup ring mold. Pour juice into mold until almost covering worms. Cover and freeze for one hour; allow no worms to float while freezing. Add any remaining juice to mold and freeze until firm. In small bowl prepare 12 ounce can frozen pineapple-juice and stir in nectar and carbonated beverage. Unmold ice ring and add to punch. Makes 10 eight ounce servings.

Sticks and Stones Snack Mix
3 cups puffed corn cereal
2 cups crispy corn and rice cereal
2-1/2 cups tiny pretzel sticks
1-1/2 cups salted mixed nuts or shelled pumpkin seeds
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 to 1-1/2 teaspoons chili powder or barbecue spice
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoons garlic powder
3 cups crunchy cheese-flavored snacks
In 15x11x2-inch baking pan, combine cereal, pretzels and nuts or seeds. In small saucepan heat butter, Worcestershire, and spices over low heat until butter melts. Drizzle over cereal mixture, tossing to coat. Bake at 300 degrees for 30 minutes, stirring once to coat. Add cheese-flavored snacks, tossing to mix. Spread on foil; cool. Makes 11 cups. Keeps up to 5 days in airtight container.

Bubbling Cranberry Sauce Links
8 ounce can cranberry sauce
1/3 cup catsup
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/8 teaspoon allspice
5.3 ounce package fully cooked sausage links
In medium saucepan stir together sauce, catsup, lemon juice, dry mustard and all spice. Cook and stir over medium heat until bubbly. Add links and cover and cook over medium-low heat about 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Makes 8 servings. Can also be made in slow cooker.

Shrunken Heads
8 medium apples
8 wooden craft sticks
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
21 ounces vanilla or chocolate caramels
3 tablespoons water
6 ounces vanilla-flavored candy coating
2 teaspoons shortening
variety of candies for decorating such as gumdrops, candy corn, M&M's, etc. canned frosting
tubes of writing gel decorating icing
Wash and dry apples. Insert wooden stick into each apple. Place on buttered baking sheet. In heavy saucepan heat and stir caramels and water over medium-low heat just until melted. Dip each apple into hot caramel mixture, coating evenly. Place chopped nuts onto shallow dish. Place apples to coat bottoms in nuts. Set back in buttered baking sheet to firm coating. In heavy small saucepan heat and stir in vanilla-flavored candy coating and shortening over low heat just until mixture is melted. Holding apples over saucepan, spoon melted candy coating evenly over top of coated apples. Return to baking sheet and let stand until firm. Decorate apples to resemble faces or monsters using desired candies and frosting and gel.

Wrapped Mummy Vegetable Sandwich Loaf
3/4 cup chopped green or red sweet pepper
1/2 cup chopped carrot
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 cup sliced mushrooms
3 ounce package cream cheese
1/2 of 10 ounce package frozen spinach-thaw and drain
2 ounces thinly sliced Canadian-style bacon, ham or pepperoni-chopped
1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs
1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
16 ounce loaf frozen white bread dough-thawed
milk
sesame seeds or grated Parmesan cheese
In large skillet, stir and cook sweet pepper and carrot in hot butter for 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook and stir about 2 minutes more or until veggies are tender. Remove from heat and stir in cream cheese, spinach and meats and Italian seasonings. On lightly floured board roll dough into a 12 x 9 rectangle. Carefully transfer to greased baking sheet. Spread the filling lengthwise in 3-inch wide strips down the center of rectangle to within 1-inch of ends. On both long sides, make 3-inch cuts from the edges toward the center at 1-inch intervals. Moisten the end of each dough strip. Starting at one end, alternately fold opposite strips of dough at an angle across filling. Slightly press moistened ends together in center to seal. Cover and let rise in warm place until almost double. Lightly brush with milk. Sprinkle with sesame seeds or cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 slices.

Spider Cookie Wreaths
3/4 cup butter-softened
3/4 cup water
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-3/4 cups flour
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans or almonds
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1/4 teaspoon orange paste food coloring
1 cup sifted powdered sugar
>milk
red cinnamon candies or miniature candy-coated M&M's
In large mixing bowl, beat butter with electric mixer or medium to high for 30 seconds or until softened. Add sugar and baking powder. Beat until combined, scraping sides of the bowl occasionally. Beat in egg and vanilla. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with mixer. Using wooden spoon stir in remaining flour. Place half of dough in small mixing bowl. Stir in pecans or almonds and set aside. To the remaining dough, knead in orange peel and food coloring. Cover and chill both portions of dough about 30 minutes or until easy to handle. On lightly floured surface, shape each dough portion into a 12-inch long log. Cut each log into twenty-four 1/2-inch thick pieces. Roll each piece into a 6-inch long rope. If difficult to work with refrigerate for 10-15 minutes. Place orange and white rope side by side and twist to form wreath. Pinch together ends to seal. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and repeat with remaining dough. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are lightly brown. Cool on cookie sheet. In small mixing bowl stir in enough powdered sugar and milk to form frosting. Tint with favorite Halloween colors. Pipe spiders on tops of cookies and place candies to make bodies of spiders. Makes 24 cookies.



REHEARSAL - Choreographer Patti Swanson, upper left, leads the cast in dance rehearsals for the upcoming production of "Chicago-the Musical", that will begin performances on Nov. 7 in the Ray E. Karrer Theater for the Performing Arts at Paris Junior College. Robin Huizinga (seated) plays Velma Kelly in the PJC Fine Arts Department production.

"Chicago" comes to Paris

Kerri Bradley and John White, Paris Junior College drama student from Bogata, will be among the cast when the Fine Arts Division of PJC presents "Chicago-the Musical", Kander and Ebb's Tony Award-winning production, Thursday-Saturday, November 7-9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Ray E. Karrer Theatre of the Performing Arts on the campus of PJC.

The production, directed by Aaron Adair, features musical direction by Pat Fowzer and choreography by Greenville resident Patti Swanson. Ann Lile, adjunct faculty member at Texas A&M University-Commerce, will portray the role of Matron Mama Morton, with talented students from the Speech and Theatre and Music departments singing, dancing, and acting this classic musical theatre hit now in its fifth year of revival on Broadway, with a film version scheduled for release on December 25th. A satire on media influence in the American judicial system, the musical is based on the 1926 play by Maurine Dallas Watkins, depicting the real life events surrounding the trial of suspected killer Beulah Annan. Jazz, murder, and the Roaring '20s take center stage in a show that has become a classic in American musical theatre. John Kander and Fred Ebb are considered the longest-running collaborative team in Broadway musical history, creating such hits as "Cabaret," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," and "Steel Pier."

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for senior citizens, and \$4.00 for students and may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door the evening of the performance. For reservations and more information, please call (903) 782-0402 or visit the Speech and Theatre website at www.paris.cc.tx.us/finearts/index.htm.

Sandlin endorsed by ag groups

U.S. Representative Max Sandlin has been endorsed by two key agricultural groups, the National Farmers Union Political Action Committee and the Texas Farm Bureau.

"I am proud that both of these reputable groups, who stand up for the farmers in our nation, have placed their faith in me and have stated that I too stand on the side of the farmers," said Sandlin.

According to the National Farmers Union Political Action Committee, Sandlin received this endorsement because his leadership in the U.S. House will make a difference in addressing the challenges confronting rural America.

Key issues weighed when choosing which candidate stands up for farmers include support to eliminate the estate tax, support for alternate energy sources such as ethanol, and opposing overly burdensome regulatory laws such as the Total Maximum Daily Load.

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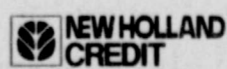
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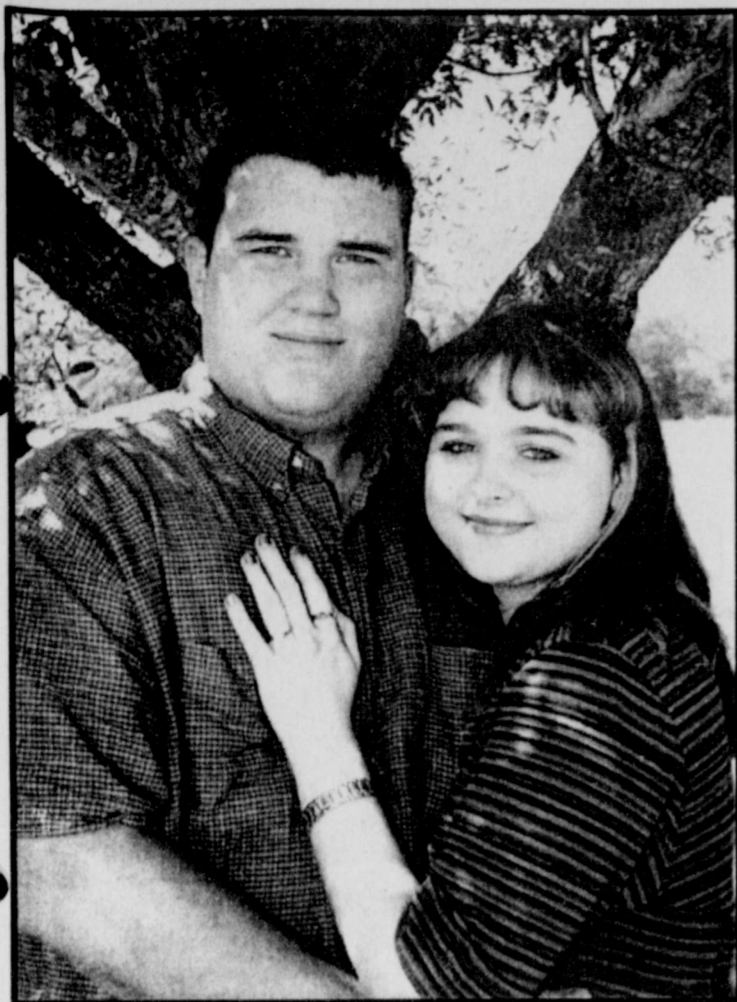
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April Marie Lester with fiance
Allen Dennis Beard Bankston

Lester-Bankston to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Lester of Reno proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, April Marie Lester to Allen Dennis Beard Bankston.

The couple will be married Saturday, November 16, 2002 at seven o'clock in the evening at Bogata Missionary Baptist Church in Bogata. Bro. Rick Holeman will officiate the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Fred and Evon Smith and the late Luther and Jewell Lewis of Clarksville. She is a 2002

graduate of North Lamar High School and is employed by Wal-Mart in Paris as a cashier.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ray Bankston of Sumner and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Dennis of Sumner and Charlotte Bankston of Windom and the late Fred Ray Bankston. He is a 2002 graduate of North Lamar High School and is employed by Wal-Mart in Paris.

Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and reception following.

Prairiland Students Honored

Twenty-seven Prairiland ISD seventh graders have recently been notified that they meet the qualifications required to participate in the Duke University Talent Search Program. Students were selected based on their test scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test that was administered in the spring of 2002. These students are now eligible to take either the College Board's SAT: Reasoning Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program's Assessment (ACT). These tests will be administered on college campuses throughout the nation during December, January and February.

Qualifications for the program require that a student must live in or attend a school in one of 16 southern and Midwestern States, be enrolled in the seventh grade, and score within the top three percent on a nationally normed test. In addition to early college entrance testing experience, students also receive a **Student Counseling Guide** that aids in the interpretation of SAT/ACT test scores and **Educational Opportunity Guide** that lists and describes over 400 summer and academic programs designed specifically for academi-

cally talented students; a "College Guide" which arrives during their sophomore year of high school; "Insights" a newsletter that features articles and information regarding the college experience; and a Certificate of Merit for being selected for the program.

Duke University, located in Durham, North Carolina, seeks to identify very bright students at an early age in order to facilitate the education of those students, to follow and nurture their talents through the critical middle and high schools years and to develop an effective research effort to further understand the nature of the academically talented adolescent.

Students receiving this honor are Susan Anderson, Lauren Ausmus, Ashley Ballard, Joey Ballard, Kayshia Ballard, Lisa Barnes, Cody Burnett, Nathanael Bush, Ben Dickinson, John Davis, John Francis, Paige Freeman, Shane Gonzales, Caleb Goodin, Erika Ham, Reagan Harrell, Morgan Hostetler, Kacey Langston, Paige Martin, Nisha Mitchell, Justin Pitcock, Judd Ramsey, Laura Robertson, Meranda Sessums, Landon Syrus, LeeAnn Warren and Stephen White.

We are all of us guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress.
-Tennessee Williams

Best students name best teachers

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics, their former students, in the seventh edition of Who's who Among America's Teachers, 2002.

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in who's who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List publications.

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who made a difference in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom and many praised their

teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level.

Local educators honored include:

From Blossom: Marilyn Tribbey Fuller, Paris Junior College.

From Bogata: Kenneth L. Haley, PJC; Pamela Marie Verner Hays, Rivercrest HS; Ginger Georgene Jordan, Rivercrest Elementary; Neva Jean Oats, Rivercrest Elementary; Gayle G. Reeder, Rivercrest Elementary.

From Deport: Billie Jo Ford, Prairiland ISD, Deport campus.

From Detroit: Kelley Woodby Ferguson, Detroit Jr/Sr HS; Cheryl Hart Marquez, Detroit Jr/Sr HS.

From Pattonville: Eddie Parker, Chisum; David Calvin Phillips, Prairiland HS.

From Talco: Henrietta King, Talco JH.

Golf course burglary is Crime of Week

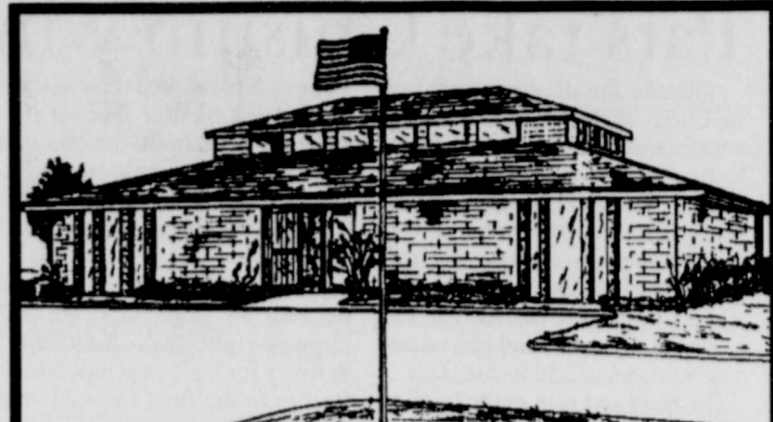
You can earn up to \$1000.00 in cash, by providing Crime Stoppers with the information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following felony crime.

Sometime during the night of Friday, October 4, unknown suspects forced entry into the Paris Golf & Country Club. The suspects stole several golf carts and damaged areas of the golf course. This burglary resulted in over \$20,000.00 in lost and damaged property.

If you have any information on this, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers. If Crime Stoppers receives that information by October 21, an arrest is made of those persons respon-

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Pats take Chisum win

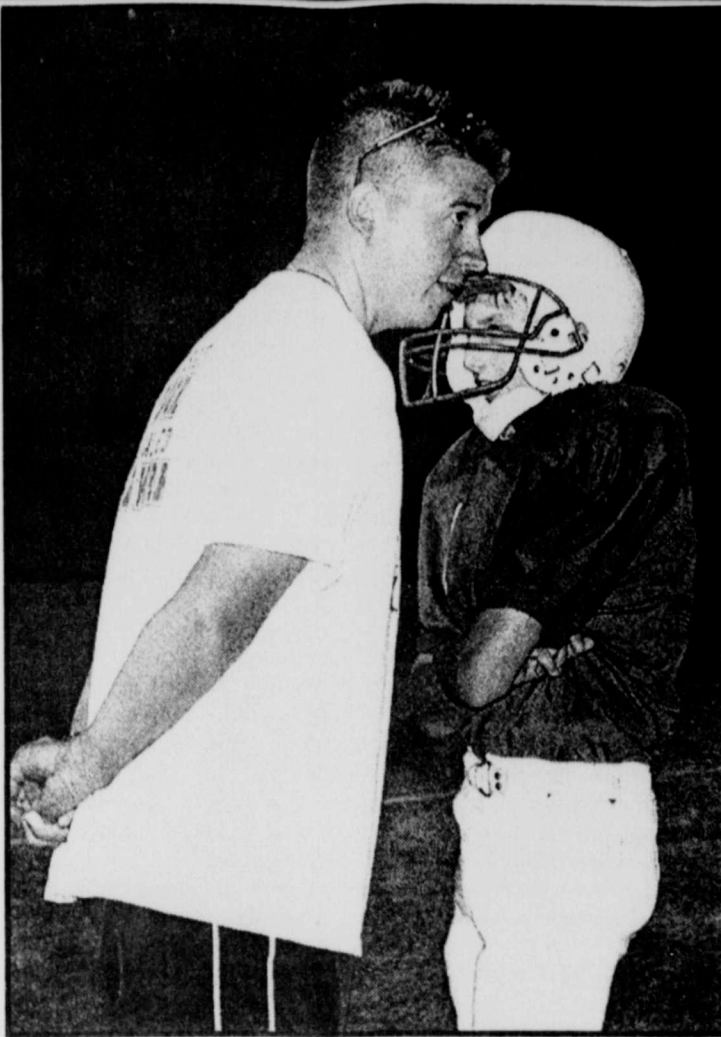
Despite the downpouring rain on Friday night, the Prairiland Patriots routed the Chisum Mustangs in fine fashion to keep the district win, 32-0. Blake Smith, quarterback for the Pats ran for two touchdowns and threw for one more to highlight the night. Senior, Eric Berry, rushed for 172 yards on 27 carries and scored two touchdowns to add to his stats.

The mud and rain made holding on to the ball risky as the Pats lost the ball once and Chisum fumbled twice. The Pats found themselves at the 5-yard line and three plays later, Smith ran a quarterback sneak to score the first run of the game. He also added to two-point conversion to make it 8-0.....and the rain kept coming down!

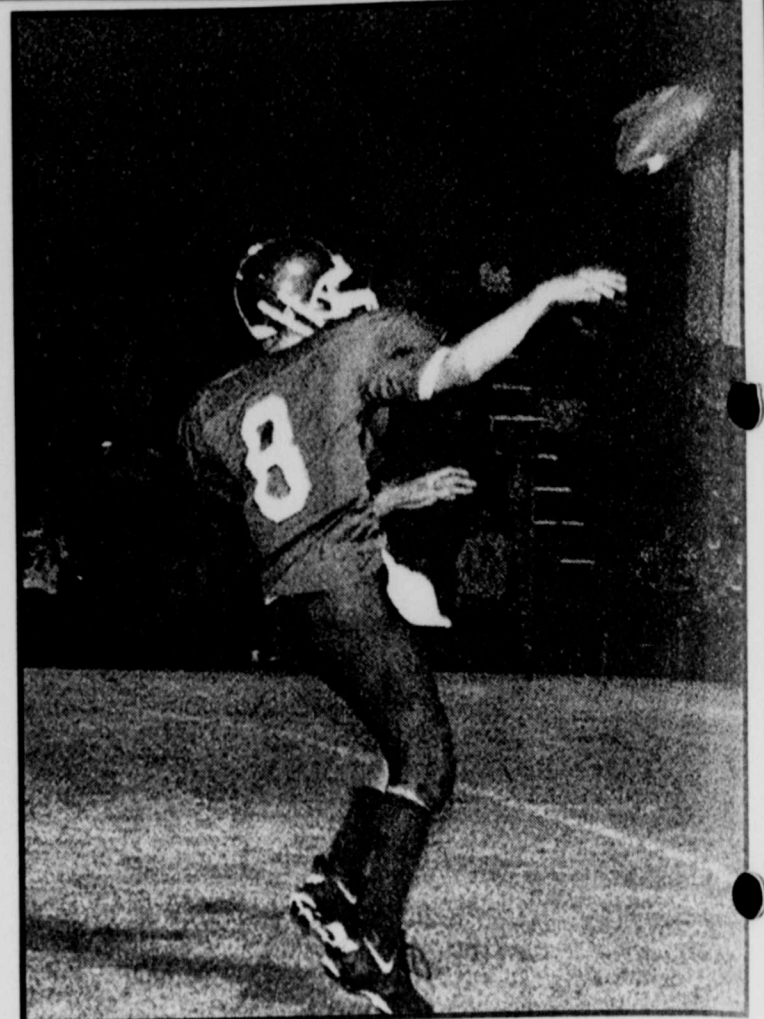
The defense added their skills in the second quarter recovering a Mustang fumble on the one-yard line. Smith once again crossed the goal line to add to the scoreboard. Berry added the conversion point, 16-0.

In the third quarter, the Pats took the ball 78 yards to score once more on eight plays. Smith threw to Berry for a 20-yard touchdown. Berry ran the final touchdown of the game with Cody Upchurch adding the extra points.

The next game will be at home on Friday with the first-ever alumni ex'es game to make up for the forfeit of the Rivercrest game. The win over Chisum takes the Pats to a 6-1 overall season and 2-0 in district.



THE PRAIRILAND 8th grade searched for the right play to post some points on the board in football action against the Chisum Mustangs last Thursday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



PATRIOT JV quarterback Cole White goes back for a pass. The Patriot JV battled with Chisum Mustangs last Thursday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Lady Pats Over Chapel Hill

Everyone saw action when the Lady patriots met Chapel Hill and brought home a victory, 15-5, 15-2.

Emilee Bolton had 6 kills from 11 attempts and 1 block and 1 ace.

Megan Graham 11 assists and 10 service points. Britney Martin had 3 kills from 5 attempts and freshman Chelsey Anderson had 3 kills from 6 attempts and 2

blocks.

Lacy Davis had 2 kills from 4 attempts and 4 assists. Nikki Bybee also had 6 kills from 4 attempts.

The Lady Patriot JV won 15-3 15-0 with Mallory Price leading the way with 3 kills and 11 service points.

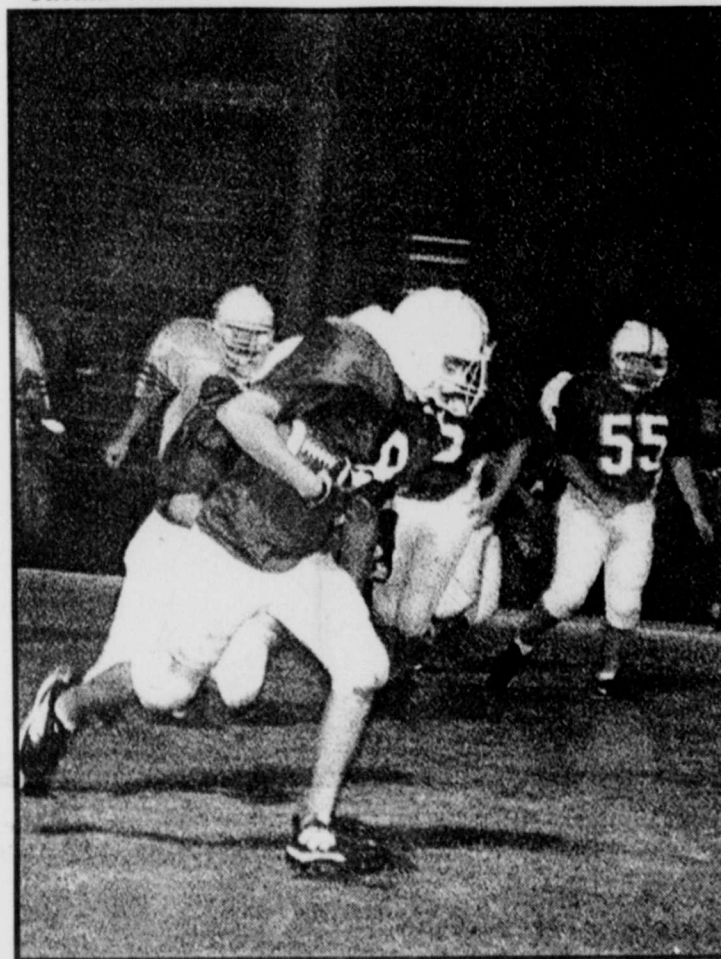
The Lady Pats are 29-4, 5-0 for the season.

JV Pats corralled by Chisum

The Prairiland JV team fell hard Thursday at home against the Chisum Mustangs. Although the young Patriots played hard, they just couldn't seem to get anything working their way. Plagued by fumbles and interceptions The offense struggle to make 6 points against the Chisum's 28.

There were some high lights in the game though, as both Bill

Robertson and Matthew Owen recovered Chisum Fumbles. The defensive players all tackled well with Cody Withers getting a sack and Matt Hostetler, Justin Burchinal, and Cody Flatt getting solo tackles. The Pats have made some adjustments and are now ready to take on Rivercrest at the Swamp on Thursday.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN, or the next stop is the end zone was the look in this young Patriot's eyes last Thursday against the Mustangs. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THE EIGHTH Grade Patriots battled the Chisum Mustangs Thursday night. The Patriots lost the contest 33 to 0. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

9th Lady Pats Over Chisum

The 9th grade Prairiland Lady Patriots won over Chisum 15-5, 15-13.

Chelsey Anderson had 10 kills. Rachel Morton had 8 assists. Lindsey Sugg had 9 service points.

JV Prairiland over Chisum 15-0, 15-2

Mallory Price and Whitney Brook each had 4 kills. Johnna Patterson had 5 assists. Breana Holley had 13 service points.

Cross Country District meet to be held in Prairiland

Schools in District 17AA will send their Cross Country teams to Prairiland on Saturday, October 26, 2002 for the district meet.

The Jr. High Girls/Boys race will begin at 10:00 a.m.; the JV Girls will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by the JV Boys at 11:00 a.m. Varsity Girls will run at 11:30 a.m. and Varsity Boys at 12:00 noon.

The top 3 varsity teams and the top 10 individuals will qualify for the Regional Race in Huntsville on November 2, 2002. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Rivercrest Jr. High Lady Rebels; High School Lady Rebels and Rebels as they work for district championships. The teams are coached by Debbie Williams.

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Sophomore: Ashley Anderson, Lance Connot, Emily Fendley, Josh Osborn, Johnna Patterson, Ashley Taylor, Brandon Wright.
Junior: Brittany Ballard, Heather Barnes, David Beyleryan, Heath Connot, Timothy Cox, Cody Hicks, Amber Philpot, Mandy Weddle.

Senior: Cassie Arrasmith, Megan Graham, Cheslie Loveless, Tifanie Osborn, Lance Westbrook.

A and B Honor Roll
Freshman: Stephen Allen, Leah boren, Whitney Brook, Chelsey Cole, Josh Dooling, Ashley Ebarb, Eva Eckles, Justin Enox, Kelcey Howington, Dakota Hughes, Darren Lane, Brandon Mauldin, Josh McClain, Jay Curt McKee, Michael Middleton, Jacklyn Miller, Lucas Morgan, Amanda Neel, Mallory Owens, Andrew Philpot, Victoria Sawyer, Morgan Searls, Chase Smallwood, Christa Spann, Dana Speir, Amber Sugg, Lindsey Sugg, Kelly Thomas, Cody Upchurch, Hettie Walters, Cole White, Kim Wilson, Shane

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SEVENTHAND EIGHTH GRADERS at Deport enjoyed hearing from Jesse Crawford and Jeremy Paz, both of the United States Army. The two took time from their four day leave to share with the students some of their experiences in Afganistan and answer questions. Jesse is from Deport and Jeremy is from New Mexico. Pictured from left-Pam Norwood, Jesse Crawford, & Jeremy Paz.

The October 26 Lady Patriot game has been changed to Friday, October 25 at Prairiland with the freshman game beginning at 5 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Chapel Hill.



DAWN DARDEN stands in front of the United Methodist Women's quilt. Chances for \$1 are available on the quilt. The Methodist Bazaar is coming up soon.

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THE BLOSSOM DAISY Girl Scouts had a hay ride/wiener roast this past weekend. They had so much fun. The troop leader is Audra Lane and the girls in the picture are: Sarah Talley, Macy Madewell, Katy Wilkins, Sara Lane (Brownie Girl Scout), and Emily Lane. The Daisy Girl Scouts are for kindergartners and 1st Grade girls. Thought you could maybe find room for a picture in the Blossom Times. I've included several different ones if you want to pick from the best.



EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, a utility pole with a transformer crashed to the ground, closing the street east of Pattonville Auto and Truck Repair. Ed Ring, owner of the business, stated he heard a cracking noise and looked at the sound just in time to see the pole fall. The street was closed to through traffic for most of the morning while Texas-New Mexico Power Company made repairs and set a new pole. Businesses on the north side of U.S. 271 were without electric power while repairs were made.

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Jacqueline Amacker of Dallas recently visited her cousins, Betty and Carlys Denison and Buck and Betty Ramsey of Bogata. Also visiting the Ramsey's was Buck's sister, Eula Fay Burk of Allen. All

attended the Turner Cemetery Homecoming at Fulbright. Happy birthday to Jesse Fillkins, Eddie Smith, Julia Rowland, Kelly Ellington, Kevin Keys, Phillip Strickland, Bren

Cobb, Allen Dale Huddleston, Carlys Denison, Kenneth Edwin Guyon, Rachel Dawson Hernandez, Amanda Norman, Elaine Milam, Ally Paige Huddleston, Milow Hume, Brent Bolton, Dorothy Lynn, Ivaleta Edwards, Mary Sue Joiner Farmer, Gary Nixon, Brendan Wims, Donald Day, Hollie Allen, Sheldon Lee, Verta Lynn. Happy anniversary to Liberty and Randy Huddleston, Kandy

and Charles Reavis, Shirlene and Ricky Harrell, Stephanie and Carl Wesley.

Mary Alice Enox, Marianne Ladd, Lucille Pickering, Sue Malone, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons attended a farewell reception for Barbara Kyle Tuesday in Lewis Hall on the Christus North Campus in Paris.

In spite of terrible weather, people came out Friday night for the Broadway Junction Band at

the fire station, and braved the mud and weather Saturday to enjoy the Deport VFD Harvest Festival.

Amanda Kate Dean was baptized by Rev. Sam Rice Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Deport. Parents Garrel and Christy Dean, brothers Joey dean and Chase Dickson and Godmother Tammie Birch participated in the ceremony during regular church services.



Courtney Chance,
2002 All Around Champion

Courtney Chance wins Paris All Around Championship

Courtney Chance of Soper, OK, 10-year old granddaughter of Tony and Patti Chance of Blossom, won the 2002 All Around Championship at the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club in the 7-12 age division.

Sixty-eight contestants competed at the finals on Saturday to collect saddles, belt buckles and other prizes. Contestants in four age groups competed throughout the year in six events to qualify for the finals.

Courtney rode her paint mare "Classy" in all but the cloverleaf barrels, and captured the finals trophy in her age division and completed a clean sweep of all four speed events to be awarded the 2002 championship buckles for cloverleaf barrels, straight-away barrels, flag barrel and pole bending as well as the All Around championship saddle. Katie White of Sumner won the reserve championship saddle in the 7-12 age division.

Courtney will compete next weekend at Coleman, OK for the All Around championship at the Texoma Junior Rodeo Association finals.

Kolton White of Sumner won the reserve championship in the 6 and under and Kelli and Jessi Smith, both of Lamar County, won the championship and reserve saddles. They are daughters of James and Sheryl Smith.

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Revival scheduled at Day Spring House of Prayer

Day Spring House of Prayer in Deport will be holding revival services October 27 through November 2. On October 27 through 29, Bro. Mike Hardin will bring the service at 7 p.m. On October 30 and November 1, the service will be conducted by Bro. Mixam, also at 7 p.m. On November 2, singing will conclude the revival from 3 until 7 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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MARLA EVANS is this week's Employee of the Week at Deport School campus. Marla enjoys going camping and having get-togethers with all her family, reading, gardening and working in the yard. She is a junior high English teacher and is married to James. They have two children, Kati and Trent. She loves working in a small school district with good, Christian co-workers, parents and students. Her favorite book is "Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"; favorite movie, "Remember the Titans"; candy bar, Snickers; flavor, chocolate, time of year, fall; sport, basketball; TV programs, Fox News; music, country; favorite quote, "The attitude of the team reflects the leadership of the captain", from Remember the Titans.

Happy Birthdays this week to James Howard, Kayla Craig, Traci Freeman, Sandra Graves, Tracy Blount, Robbie Nichols, Kelsey Holland, Chris Stone, Kenneth Applegate, Amanda Norman, Brenda Bishop, Brad Osborne, Tara Mizek, Jessica Ebbs, Matt Moffitt, Bennie Baker, Dorothy Ritchie, Norma Huerta, Wendy Anderson Ordorica, Gage Booth, Nicki Bishop, Brad Lee, Davonna Brumley, Russ Rodgers, Jeremy Fox, Summer Sawyer, Cody Adair, Holley Allen, Glen Bryan, Matt Burchinal, Jennifer Himes, Brad Figerola, Haley Trammel. Congratulations to Felicia Taylor and Cody Boehler who were married on Saturday! Best of Luck!
The Blossom Volunteer Fire Department enjoyed a good day on Saturday despite the rainy weather. They did not have the

crowd they hoped for but enjoyed the day anyway.
George and Pam Wood along with Amanda Wood and Matt Wright and George and Nancy Wood of Sherman enjoyed their trip to the NHRA Finals in Ennis recently.
Congratulations once again this week to the Patriots and Lady Patriots on their victories. This brings them closer to the playoffs with each win!
JoAnn Gerringer has returned recently from Lakeland, Florida where she spent time with her grandchildren Courtney and Zachery Mitchell.
Project Graduation's Haunted Barn will be ready for opening by this publish date, October 24 at 6:30.....everyone is invited to come out and support this group of kids with their fundraiser!

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PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to James Winters, Jeff Ballard, Norris Ballard, Kelly Ellington, Sandra Graves, Ivy Fendley, Dorothy Richey, Mark Gray, Brent Bolton, Tammy Stankus, Shawna McCloud, Grady Reid.
Happy anniversary to Kerry and Sandy Murdock, Ricky and Shirleen Harrell.
Larry and Edith Woodall and Clarissa Woodall went on the Winnsboro Trail Ride Wednesday through Saturday, camping at McCrury pavilion the first night and in Mt Vernon Thursday and on to Winnsboro Friday and Saturday.
Steve and Carolyn Ladd were in Dallas Thursday for the Billy Graham Crusade at Texas Stadium.
Losi Kennett of Paris was honored with a birthday luncheon at TaMollys Wednesday with Freeman Safford, Virginia Reed,

Ophelia Payne, Nina Sparks and Peggy Parsons attending.
Congratulations to Jon and Shelly Landers on the birth of their son, Stephen Paul Landers on Saturday, October 19 in McCuistion Women's Pavilion in Paris. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Steve and Carolyn Ladd and Paul and Judy Landers.
Craig and Meredith Ladd and Chandler of Ardmore, OK spent Saturday night with Steve and Carolyn Ladd.
Greg, Alisen, Davis and Karyn Leigh Parsons of Commerce spent the weekend with Keith and Peggy Parsons. Randy and Kristi Boren, Drew and Leah joined them for lunch Sunday to celebrate Kristi's birthday. Others visiting during the week were Nina Sparks, Barry adn Clarissa Woodall, Shari and Megan Stogner of Allen's Chapel.

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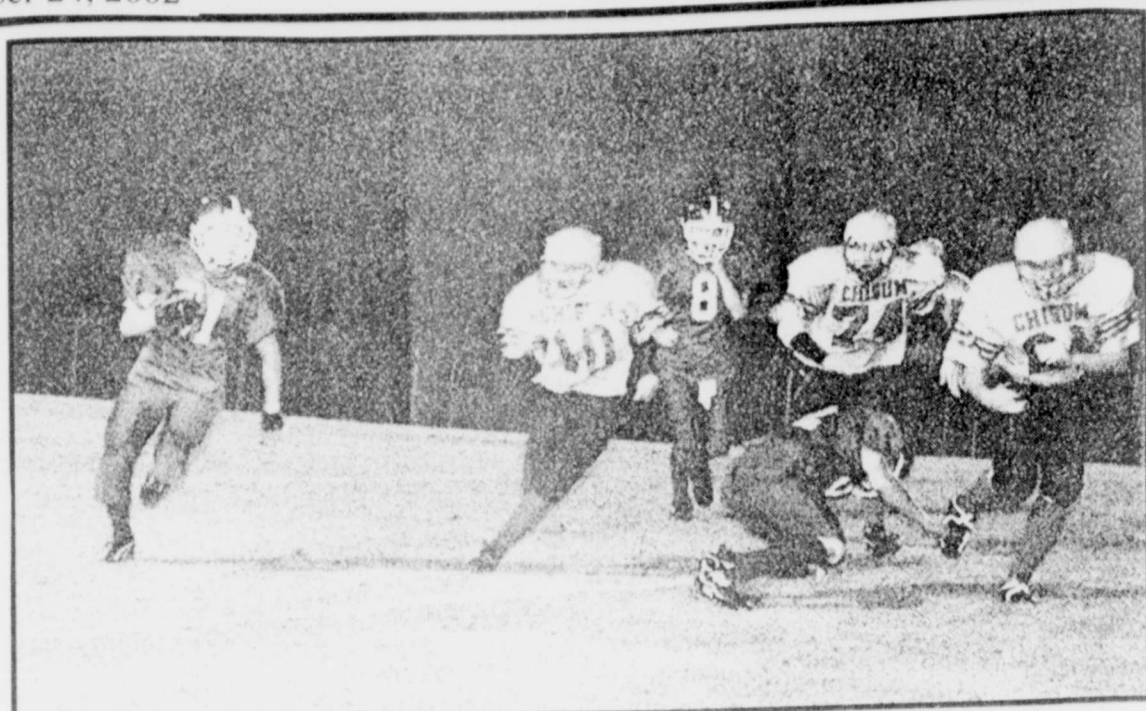
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DARREN LANE raced around the end for some good yardage in football action against the Chisum Mustangs last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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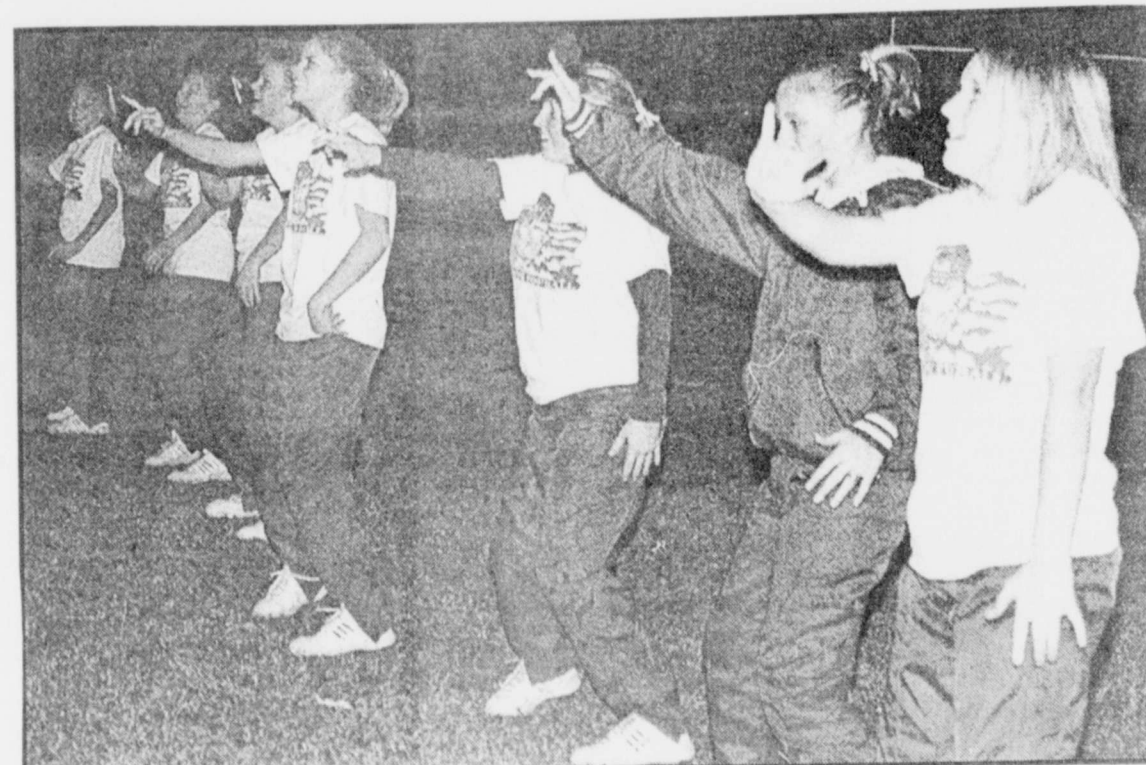
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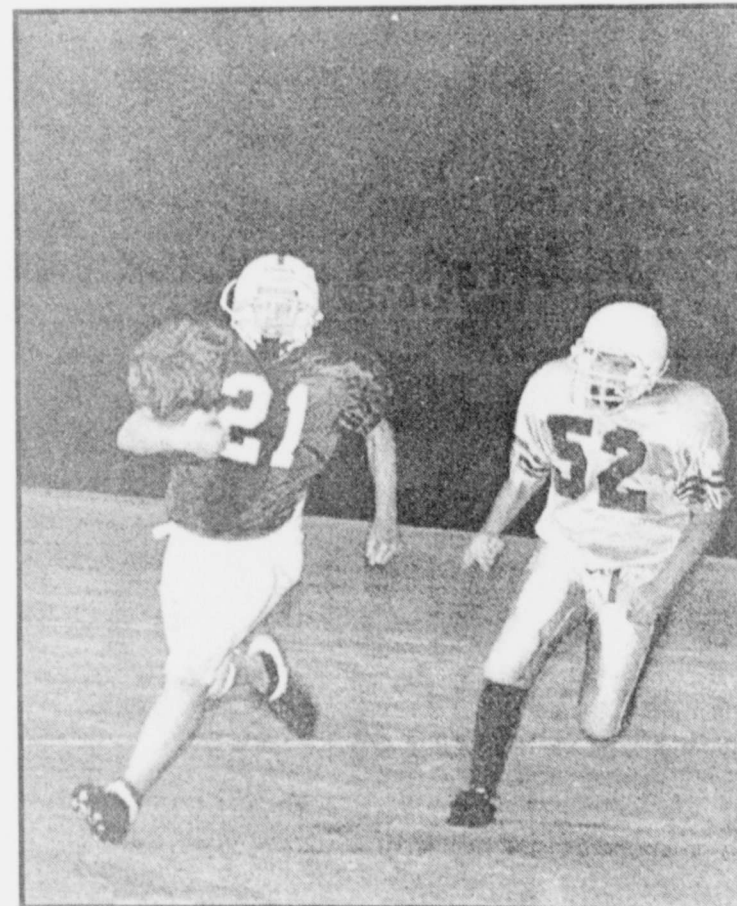
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THE JV CHEERLEADERS for Prairiland were doing some serious cheering at the last football game! (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THIS YOUNG PATRIOT outraced the Chisum Mustang in football action last week. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

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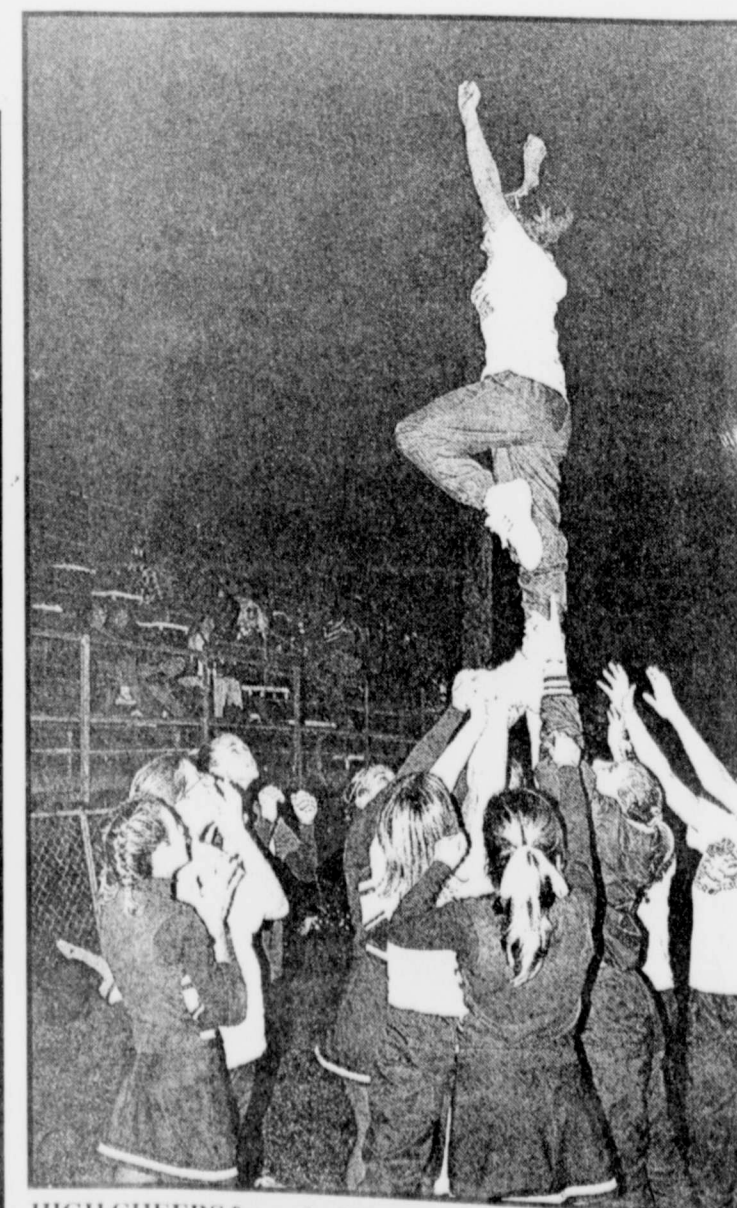
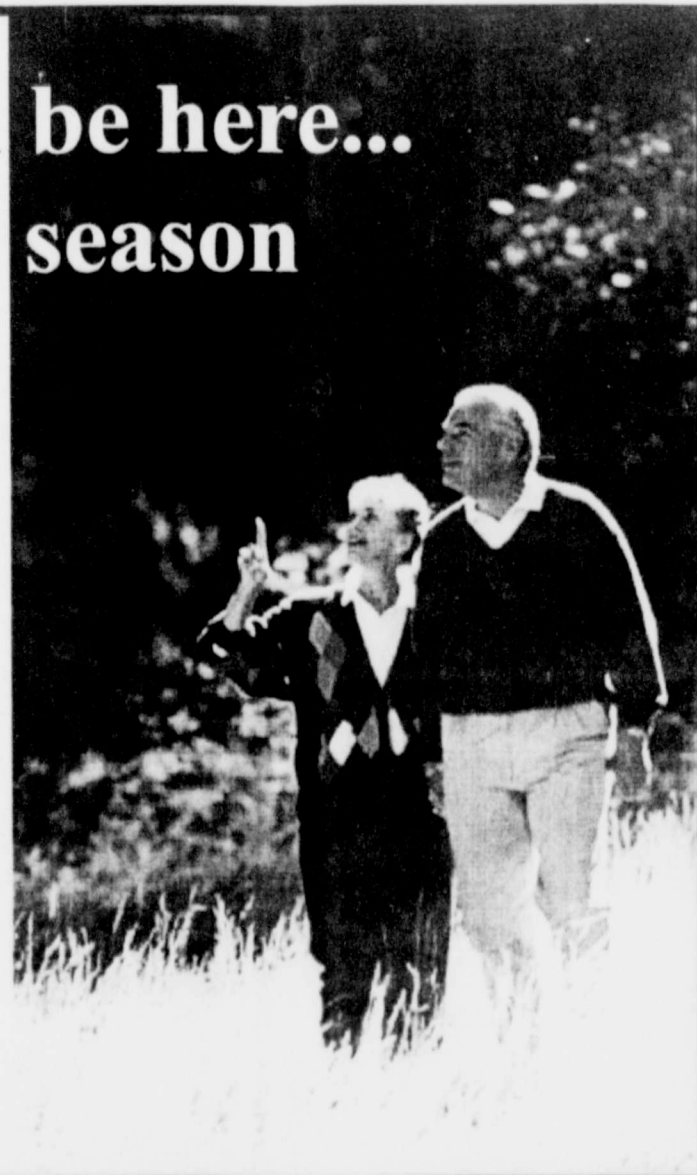
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HIGH CHEERS from the JV and JH cheerleaders last Thursday were the order of the evening as the piled higher and higher. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31

Kids Safety Society Coalition is joining the Texas commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to promote health, drug free lifestyles during Red Ribbon 2002, which is being celebrated October 23-31.

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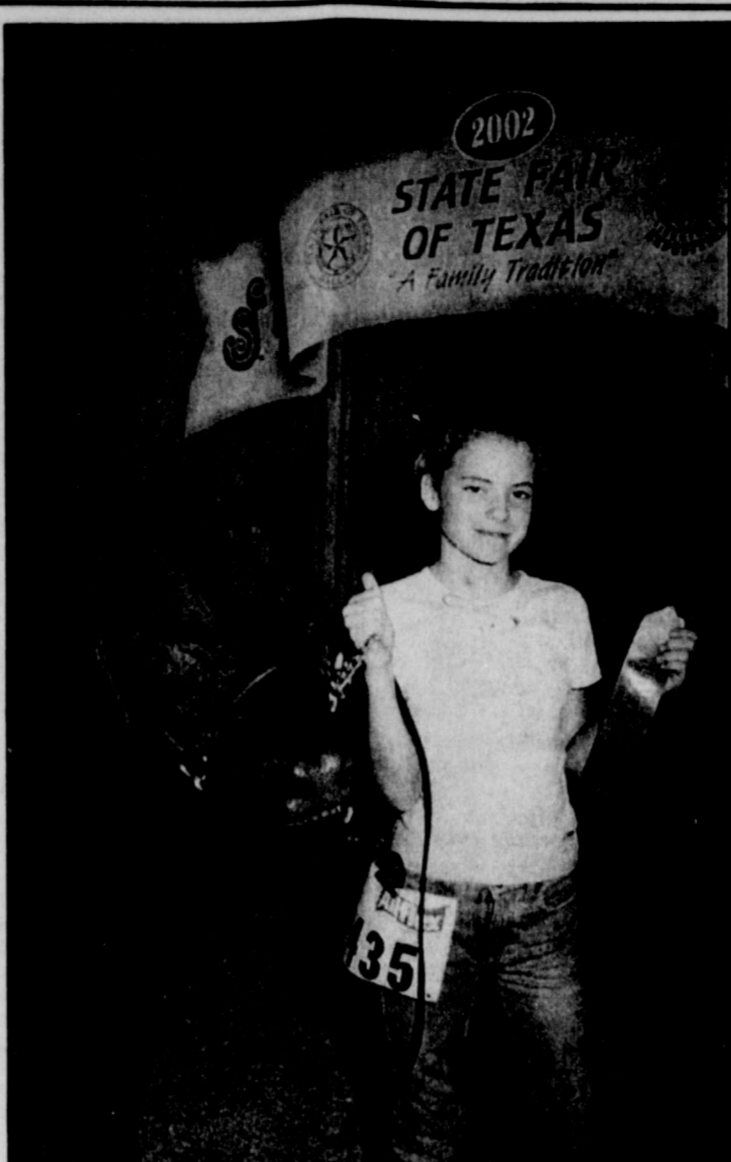
more likely to develop alcohol dependency problems than those who begin drinking at age 21.

There are many myths concerning youth and the usage of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Reality is that parents are the key to the drug problem in communities.

Red Ribbon Week lasts one week each year but the fight against all drug use and abuse should continue the remaining 51 weeks of the year. For more information, log on to www.ksscoalition.org or call 737-4309.



CODY DYKES, Lamar County 4-H, exhibited the first place junior heifer calf at the 2002 Junior Maine Anjou Beef Heifer Show at the State Fair of Texas Livestock Show. The Junior Maine Anjou Beef heifer show, held October 6 was judged by Don Taggart of Oklahoma City, OK. The State Fair of Texas hosted 3,797 entries by Texas youth as a culmination of year-long agriculture educational project in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$81,000.



COURTNEY DYKES, Lamar County 4-H, exhibited the first place late spring yearling heifer at the 2002 Junior Maine Anjou Beef Heifer Show at the State Fair of Texas Livestock Show. The Junior Maine Anjou Beef heifer show, held October 6 was judged by Don Taggart of Oklahoma City, OK. The State Fair of Texas hosted 3,797 entries by Texas youth as a culmination of year-long agriculture educational project in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$81,000.

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Post Oak News
By Geneva Lee
982-5309

There was a good crowd on hand to help Newman and Betty Low celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sunday, October 20 held at the Fellowship hall of the Post Oak MBC. The farthest to come was a couple from Abilene who were neighbors 25 years ago. Also a friend, Rachel Reed and two daughters from Beaumont. Others from the Dallas area and other places close by. Their grandson, Jerald Williams of LeJeune Marine Corp Camp was here for the weekend and also their granddaughter, Katie Williams from College in Denton. We wish them many more years together. It was hosted by their daughter Terri Williams and granddaughter-in-law, April Williams.

Bro. Henry Blackmon, Bro. J.T. McNab and Alvis Bates attended the Mission Rally for the Northeast Texas Mission Council meeting at Old Union MBC east of Mt. Pleasant Friday night.

Bro. Albert Riggs of the Echo Hills MB Mission in Redwater will be at East Post Oak MBC Sunday morning to share the work being done there.

There will be a fall fellowship at the Post Oak church Saturday, October 26 at 4 p.m. There will be games for the children and a supper to follow.

James and Mickie Freelen attended the Thomas family reunion held at the Bagwell community Center Sunday. Two of their children, Jocyne Shelton and James Alvin Freelen and their families attended. All of the Thomas sisters were present as well as a lot of their children.

The Fire Department was called out last Thursday to a care fire at the home of Billy and Rhonda Freelen in Pin Hook. Her car was a total loss.

We had between 4 1/2 and 5 inches of rain last Friday and Saturday.

Milton News
By Mattylu Upchurch

Sympathy to the Irene Walker family, Mary Elaine Lawler and Mattylu Upchurch attended the funeral Monday.

Tim Salter of Paris visited Velma and John Temple Thursday night and they went to the Lonesome Dove in Deport for dinner.

Bonnie Huddleston of Bogata visited Elizabeth Bell Friday.

Kay Preston of Minter visited her parents James and Dorothy Holt Thursday.

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School Menu
Deport Campus
Week of October 28

Monday
Out
Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hamburger
Lettuce, tomato
French fries
Oranges
Milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: French toast sticks
Juice, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers
potatoes, gravy
biscuits
Green beans
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Juice, milk
Lunch: Beef burrito
Seasoned pitno beans
French fries
Yellow cake
Milk
Friday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito
Juice, milk
Lunch: Frito pie
Seasoned pinto beans
Pineapple
Milk



School Menu
Prairiland High School
Week of October 28

Monday
Out
Tuesday
Breakfast: Sausage, cheese biscuit
Juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza
Corn
Salad
Fruit
Milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: Sausage, pancake on stick
Juice, milk
Lunch: Mexican casserole
Beans
Salad
Chips
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Juice, milk
Lunch: Spaghetti with sauce
Salad
Blackeyed peas
Crackers
Milk
Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, milk
Lunch: Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes
Potato chips
Pork and beans
Milk



School Menu
Blossom Campus
Week of October 21

Monday
Out
Tuesday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Juice, milk
Lunch: Tator tot casserole
blackeyed peas
cumbread
apples
Milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito
Juice, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers
Gravy, potatoes
Green beans
Milk
Thursday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon
Juice, milk
Lunch: chili cheese fries
Pinto bdans
Tossed salad
Milk
Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, oatmeal
Juice, milk
Lunch: Hot dog
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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Region VIII Education Center is seeking public comment on a Technology Applications Readiness Grant for Empowering Texas (TARGET) grant which utilizes funds from the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. Information on TARGET grants can be found at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/technology/target/>. If you have comments, please contact Dale McCurdy at 903-572-8551 or you may mail comments to: Region VIII Education Service Center, Attn: Dale McCurdy, P.O. Box 1894, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75456.
10-24

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Deport at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.
To be held November 5, 2002 at the Deport City Hall, 201 Main Street in the City of Deport, Texas. Early voting ballot will begin October 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deport City Hall at the above address.
By order of Mayor Gilbert Arriaga.
10-24

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall establish a boll weevil eradication program in the area designated by rule as the Northern Blacklands Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and pay a maximum annual assessment in the amount of \$13.25 per land acre of cotton each year until costs of the eradication program plus finance charges are paid off, which is anticipated to take up to 10 years, and a nominal maintenance fee thereafter. The initiation of a program at this assessment level is contingent upon obtaining financing and a minimum of 30 percent state and/or federal cost-share funding. If approved, the program and assessment are expected to begin in the zone on a date determined by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program Board of Directors.
The Northern Blacklands Eradication Zone consist of all of Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Cass, Morris, Titus, Franklin, Hopkins, Delta, Hunt, Rockwall, Collin, Denton, Wise, Jack, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Kaufman, Rains, VanZandt, Henderson, Navarro, Ellis, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Hamilton and Hill counties; and those parts of McLennan and Limestone counties north of State Highway 84. If a zone program and assessment are approved by this referendum, growers in the zone shall vote again on whether or not to continue eradication efforts after four years of active program activities.
Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.
The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by November 19, 2002. All ballots cast by mail must be post-marked no later than December 9, 2002, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in 2002 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and if he or she resides in the North-

ern Blacklands Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or share-cropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.
Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election who resides in the Northern Blacklands boll Weevil Eradication Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place his or her name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. The application shall be on a nomination form provided by the Department and must be signed by the applicant and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by November 11, 2002, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.
For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7593.
11-7

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER
PERMIT NO. 10869-001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION: City of Talco, P.O. Box 365, Talco, Texas 75487, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10869-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 125,000 gallons per day. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on July 19, 2002.

The facility is located on the north side of Farm-to-Market Road 71, approximately one mile northeast of the City of Talco in Titus County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed ditch; thence to Prairie Lake; thence to an unnamed tributary of the Sulphur River; thence to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River in Segment No. 0303 of the Sulphur River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life uses for the unnamed ditch and high aquatic life uses for Prairie Lake. The designated uses for Segment No. 0303 are high aquatic life uses and contact recreational.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Talco City Hall, 400 W. Broad Street, Talco, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask

question about the application. Generally, the TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.
OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.** If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on dispute issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from city of Talco at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Jone Clemmons, city Secretary at 903-379-3731.

LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
10-24



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- 30 Band at Kilgore
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MATTRESS SALE: Twin set, \$19 down; full, \$29 down; queen, \$39 down; king, \$49 down. Instant credit, no interest or finance charges and free delivery. Save-More Furniture, 1806 W. Main, Clarksville, TX. M-F, 9-6; Sat, 9-5. *MA t/c*

JOHNNIE'S USED FURNITURE and Appliances: We buy, sell or trade anything of value. We pay top dollar for good used furniture and appliances. Will buy all or portions of estates. West side of Market Square in Paris, TX, 330 Second SW. Phone 903-632-0979, Paris or 903-652-2084, Cunningham, TX. *MA t/c*

BACKROOM FLORAL DESIGN: Get ready for football season. Order your mums & garters. Will deliver to school. 903-632-2003 or Touch of Country, Mt. Vernon, 903-537-2042, next door to Sonic, come by and visit. *MA t/c*

MAIN STREET FLORIST, 105 North Main, Bogata, next door to True-Value. Flowers for all occasions and plants. Many gift items. A dealer for "Super Blue Stuff" as seen on TV. Guaranteed results. We deliver. 903/632-2837 or 1-800-510-9775. We deliver. *MA t/c*

MUSGROVE BAIL BONDS 652-2084 or 737-0979
 In jail... want out? Call Johnny! *MA t/c*

GREAT LOW PRICES! 310 E. 9th @ N. Washington, Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-3700. Tues-Sat, 8:30-5:30. New shipment of hardware supplies. Used & new furniture (household & office) plus lots of other good stuff. Used merchandise shipments weekly. The Garage Sale. *MA t/c*

271 MOTEL - Open 7 days a week, reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome. 903-379-5411. *MA t/c*

THE GARAGESALE, 310 E. 9th @ Washington in Mt. Pleasant, is closed on Mondays. 903-572-3700 *MA t/c*

FOR SALE: Like new kiln and ceramic molds, \$300. Money goes to Deport VFD. 903-652-4205 (Deport Times) or 903-652-2624 Tues.-Sat. (Crazy Quilt). *MANC*

FOR SALE: Queen size mattress, box springs and frame, \$100. 632-9615. *MA 10-24*

WINTER'S COMING! Coverall carports, now on sale for \$595, 18x20', all metal. Call for details. Stanley's Store, Hagensport. Come by and see. 903-632-0956. *MA 10-31*

FOR SALE: Pecan dining table and 6 chairs. 903-632-5329. *MA 10-31*

SEARS ALUMINUM 12' boat for sale, also Sears gas generator, iron bed and lots of other stuff at the Bargain Store, Front St., Detroit, TX. *MA 11-4*

20% OFF EVERYTHING IN the store until November 15. Ya'll come! Signor Art Gallery, Detroit, TX, 674-2042. *MA 11-4*

Real Estate
FOR SALE: Meadowbrook Gardens Cemetery, Lot 90, Section F, spaces 3 and 4. Both lots for \$500.00. 903-652-6052. *t/cnc*

FOR SALE: 36 acres grassland, SW of Bogata on CR1112, \$30,000. Garrison Real Estate, 903-632-4346. *MA t/c*

HOUSE FOR RENT on N. Main in Bogata. Great for business and/or residence. Available after October 15. Power Rentals, 903-427-2644. *MA 10-24*

FOR SALE: 2BR, 2B home at 411 Halesboro St. in Bogata. Sunroom, carport, shop, large lot. Home of Ed and Loyce Huddleston. 903-632-5658. *MA 10-31*

FOR SALE in Blossom: 3BR, 2B, CH/CA, large den, fence, 20x30 shop bldg. \$59,900. Texas Realty, 903-784-8700. *MA 11-7*

FOR SALE: 85 acres, Deport area. Fenced, pond trees, road frontage. \$600 P.A. Texas Realty, 903-784-8700. *MA 11-7*

WE BUY HOUSES: We will pay cash for houses under \$25,000, in the Bogata area. 903-427-2644. Call us if you have a property for sale. *MA 11-4*

COMPLETELY REMODELED 3BR, 2B, double carport and storage, wrap front porch and large lot with pecan trees. 607 Clarksville St., Bogata. Serious inquiries only. Sherry Huddleston, 632-0367. *MA 11-7*

Livestock & Supplies
FOR SALE: New tractor specials, TN5542hp Syncro-Shuttle, 1 remote, WAC \$1530 down, \$230 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

HAPPY JACK SKIN BALM: Relieves hot spots & scratching. Promotes healing & hair growth on dogs & cats without steroids. Available at Buckman Drug, 125 N. Main, Bogata, TX. *t/c*

FOR SALE: T180 66hp, 2wd, 12x4 trans., flat deck, WAC \$2,000 down, \$301 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

FOR SALE: TN70, 57 PTO hp., 2 wd, Syncro Shuttle, WAC \$1740 down, \$262 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

VETCH SEED: 84% vetch, 16% Peas. 90.5% germ. \$50 per 100 lb. 903-785-1083. *MA 10-24*

FOR SALE: TN70, 57hp, 4wd, WAC \$2241 down, \$337 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

FOR ALL YOUR FEED needs, by the sack or ton, Stanley's Store is now a dealer for Martindale Feed, Valley Feed Mill and Ragland Minerals. Call Stanley's Store, Hagensport, 903-632-0956. *MA 10-31*

FOR SALE: TL90, 76hp, cab & air, 2wd, manual shuttle, WAC \$2950 down, \$443 for 72 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc. Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

FOR SALE: New 2002 New Holland balers, models 688, 676, 658, WAC 0% interest for 48 months. Conroy Tractor, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, 903-572-2629.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: \$45 per rick, delivered in Bogata area. Cody Clark, 903-632-5617. *MA 12-5*

Business Services
MAKE DETROIT LOCKER Plant your one stop meat store. We have all cuts of beef and pork which we sell by the piece, quarter or side. All of our steaks are cut to order. We are an authorized distributor for Pilgrims Pride chicken. We also have catfish fillets, french fries, hush puppies & cooking oil to make your fish fry a success. We have freezer packs available with various prices to fit everyone's budget. We accept cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express & Lone Star cards. Located on Hwy. 82 in downtown Detroit. Call 674-6911 or come by for prices or more information. *MA t/c*

ROZELL TREE SERVICE: Tree trimming/removal, 70' bucket, stumps ground. Free estimates. Insured \$2 million. David, Neil & Russell Rozell, 903-632-5617. *MA t/c*

CHARLIE'S HOME REPAIRS: Small job specialist and trim carpentry, all types of wood fencing, 30 years experience. 903-784-3737. Pager 903-783-8608. *MA t/c*

JACK'S TREE SERVICE: Insured with reasonable rates, trees trimmed or removed. Brush clean-up and stump grinding. Edna & Jack Tucker, Detroit, TX. Home 903-674-4945, mobile 903-491-8321. *MA t/c*

J AND L LAWN EQUIPMENT at Rugby, Snapper mowers, Briggs-Stratton, Tecumseh engines, Shindaiwa saws & trimmers, Murray, MTD. 903-632-5377, Monday-Thursday. *MA t/c*

COOPER'S DOZER SERVICE: James Cooper, owner. All job types. Rt. 1, Box 20B, Pattonville, TX, 903-652-5765. *MA t/c*

DOZER WORK: Fence rows, underbrush, driveways, all types of dirt work. Free estimates. Tommy Bove, 903-652-3809. *MA 10-31*

NEED A BABYSITTER? Call Lisa Roach at 632-9615. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 - 5:30. No nights or weekends. References available. *MA 10-24*

HOME REMODELING, additions & repairs, large or small. Decks and house levelling. Call Jerry Carpenter, 903-537-2124 or 588-3149. *MA 10-24*

Sales
CAKLEBERRY'S: Crafts, angels, gifts, lawn furniture, Adirondacks. Hwy. 271 south, six miles from Talco. Open Thursday through Saturday or call anytime 577-7158 or 572-3825. *MA t/c*

PRESTONWOOD Flea Market, inside and outside spaces. Open Th-Fri-Sat-Sun, 8 to 6. Paris' newest flea market. Hwy. 19&24 across from Chisum School. Air conditioned. 783-1656. *MA t/c*

Lost & Found
REMEMBER, we don't charge for free pets, or for your lost or found animals, we want them to have a home! Call 652-4205 or 632-5322.

FOUND: Red cow, call and identify brand. Fulbright, Deport area. 903-652-2006. *10-25nc*

LOST: Black yearling bull calf, red tagged. 903-652-2006. *10-25nc*

LOST: Chihuahua, tan with red collar, answers to Penny. Lost in Deport area. Please, please call 674-3450. *10-24nc*

Vehicles
FOR SALE: Morris Minor, body only, \$125.00 obo. 903-652-9986.

FOR SALE: 1999 Ford Ranger, V6, automatic, bed liner, side rails, \$9,900. 652-2855 evenings or 652-42-5 days. *MA t/cnc*

FOR SALE: 1987 Ford Styleside Supercab 8, 4-wheel drive 1/2 ton pickup, also fishing boat and 75 hp Stinger Johnson motor. 903-632-5658. *MA 10-31*

FOR SALE: 98 Dodge Laramie SLT. Auto, power, 60k miles, \$9,900. 632-9617. *MA 10-31*

Wanted
WANTED: Home health attendant needed in Bogata. 11.5 hours a week, 5 days. Call 785-4070, Red River Health Care Systems. *10-17*

WANTED: Reliable, mature, flexible babysitter for my 18-month old daughter in the Blossom area. Looking for someone to watch her between 7:45-6, M-F; late on most Tuesdays. Must be reasonably priced and have references. Please call Denise at 427-5616 days and 240-6543, nights (no later than 7). *10-24 MA t/c*



Deport Harvest Festival doesn't let rain stop fun



WHAT WILL I GET? Julia Grossman eagerly awaits her prize as Reba Temple assists her with the Fishing Pond at the fire station in Deport Saturday morning. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



THE CHIEF IS ALL WET! Deport Fire Chief Donny Darden awaits the "gong" from Joseph Filkins at the Fall Festival Saturday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



WHO CARES if it rains? Chaz Wilson and Joseph Filkins armed themselves with umbrellas Friday night and escorted people coming to the fire station for the stew supper and dance into the building under the umbrellas. (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)



GOOD, HOT Stew and chili filled up guests at the Deport Bucket Brigade's fund raiser for the fire department Friday night. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



PLAYING THROUGH RAIN- Don Gentry and Broadway Junction band played Friday night to a crowd of hardy, weatherproof people at the Deport Fire Station. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



FLYING DUCKS- Fire Chief Donny Darden launches the duck racers into the rain-full creek Saturday afternoon. The plastic fowl had a really swift race to the finish line!. First Place winner was Robert Bolin, who won \$100; 2nd was Keaton Perry, \$50 and 3rd place went to Freeman Safford, \$25. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



BED RACE WINNERS-The bed race winners at Deport's Harvest Festival were From left: Scott Lamb, Bert Filkins (behind Lamb; Mike Francis Ty Merritt and Steve Miles. In spite of terrible weather, the event was a success, in raising money for the Deport Fire Department. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



THE FASTEST DUCKS IN DEPORT! The rain swollen creek in downtown Deport was a perfect avenue for the Deport Bucket Brigade Duck Race Saturday afternoon. An excited crowd raced along the banks trying to keep their ducks in sight. The finish was particularly exciting, as the net broke as the ducks hit it! Ty Merrit leaped in to collect the three winning ducks, but the rest of the flock escaped. It has been speculated that the plastic ducks may well be at the Gulf of Mexico by now! (Staff photo by Thomas Nichols)



WAITING THE DECISION- old and young alike lined up for the costume contest at Deport Saturday afternoon in front of Guaranty Bond Bank. Judging was really difficult, because there were so many spooky or cute costumes. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY-In spite of the rain, folks enjoyed dancing to country tunes played by Broadway Junction Friday night at the Deport Fire Station. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)