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Crisis Center Christmas Tree

Some special children in our community need your help. Domestic violence and sexual assault tremendously affect child victims, and this time of year can be very hard for them. Panhandle Crisis Center serves these victims in our area, and they need the very special people of our community to help them get new gifts for Christmas.

There is a Christmas tree at ALCO in Spearman with gift tags listing personal information about these children. The cards list enough information about the children for the purchaser to be able to buy clothing items as well as other age-appropriate gifts. Please pick up one of these tags, buy a new gift for the child, and return the gift with the tag to ALCO or the First Christian Church at 29 S. Bernice. To make distribution easier, please do not wrap the gifts, and make sure the tag from the tree is with the gift. Dollar General is also collecting stocking stuffers for these child victims. Please have all purchases returned by December 20th, so they can be distributed.

These children deserve to have a Merry Christmas and you can make that happen for them. Be the bright light shining over their holidays and share your caring nature with a child. Thank you for caring.

Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary is asking once again for your donations for our annual fund raiser. This money is used for purchasing supplies and equipment for the hospital and manor. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

You can donate money that you would spend for your greeting cards, and your name will be published in the Reporter-Statesman each week.

Merry Christmas

from

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Your donations can be mailed to operation Christmas Greeting at 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Scarborough Receives Eagle Scout Award

Chad Scarborough, the son of Andy and Janet Scarborough, will be recognized in an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on Sunday, December 16, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Scarborough is a senior at Spearman High School.

During his twelve years of scouting, 18-year-old Scarborough has

earned 56 merit badges. He has served as several positions, including Den Chief, Patrol leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide.

Scarborough enjoys First Baptist Youth activities, football, tennis, basketball, FFA and 4-H. He is currently serving as FFA Chapter President, Top-of-Texas FFA

President, 4-H Secretary, and a member of the Youth Council.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on Sunday, December 16, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary in Spearman. A reception will follow in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.



Chad Scarborough

Holiday Schedule

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday, as well as Monday and Tuesday, December 31st and January 1st for the New Year holiday.

The deadline for the December 27th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Monday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for the

January 3rd issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Thursday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m.

You may submit information by mail (213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081), fax (806-659-3368), e-mail (CathyRSmit@aol.com), or through the dropslot in the window to the right of the door at the office.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434.

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Wildlife Packets Help Establish Habitat In Hansford County

Managing land for wildlife is gaining interest with Texas landowners. Whether it's deer in central Texas or quail and pheasant on the Plains, wildlife seedling packets produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock are available to assist landowners in creating habitat.

"Now is the time for landowners in Hansford County to order wildlife packets from West Texas Nursery before preferred species are sold out," says Brian Scott, Texas Forest Service forester in Amarillo.

Four wildlife packets are available: Quail/Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel. Each packet contains 100 bareroot deciduous trees and shrubs that cater specifically to the habitat needs of their labeled species.

Each packet includes the following trees: Quail/Pheasant: Russian olive, aromatic sumac, nanking cherry and plum; Deer: hackberry, flameleaf sumac, bur oak and fourwing saltbush; Turkey: hackberry, bur oak, aromatic sumac and honeysuckle; Squirrel: little walnut, shumard oak, osage orange and bur oak

Texas Forest Service recommends planting wildlife packets in blocks on grasslands, at right angles on dry corners, in "motts" along playas, or parallel to irrigated cropland.

For example, on a dry corner five wildlife packets can be used to produce a four-row right-angle wildlife planting. The outside angle, that farthest from the circular crop land, would contain 1,250 feet (625 feet on each "leg") of plum trees; the second angle, Russian olive; the third inside angle, aromatic sumac; and the fourth angle, the closest to the cropland, nanking cherry.

For best results, it is recommended 10- to 25- foot spacing between each deciduous tree within a tree row; 6-foot spacing between each shrub within a shrub row; and 20-foot spacing between each row of trees.

Scott encourages landowners to order soon before preferred stock is sold out. To order wildlife packets or windbreak trees and shrubs, contact the Hansford County Soil and Water Conservation District at (806) 659-2330.

December What's Coming Up at Spearman Schools

December 17
Regular School Board Meeting - 7 p.m., HS Library
December 19
2nd Grade Christmas Play - 8:30 a.m. - students, noon - parents;
Elementary School
December 21
Early Dismissal: 1 p.m - Elementary; 1:30 p.m - JH/HS
December 21
Last Day of First Semester/3rd Six Weeks
December 24-January 1
Christmas Holidays
December 27-29
Caprock Basketball Tournament (Varsity Girls) - Lubbock
Crosbyton Basketball Tournament (Varsity Boys) - Crosbyton
January 2
Teacher Workday/Preparation - No Students/Staff Only
January 3
First Day of 2nd Semester/4th Six Weeks

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Gary, Clayton and I had a very good trip to Washington, DC. We really enjoyed spending time with our daughter, son-in-law, and especially our granddaughter Meghan. I checked my e-mail after I got home, and had received this list of "25 Ways We're Different This Christmas" from Gina Gillispie. I hope you enjoy it.

25 Ways We're Different This Christmas

1. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have. This Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have.
2. Last Christmas we were placing wreaths on the doors of our homes. This Christmas we are placing wreaths on the graves of our heroes.
3. Last Christmas we were letting our sons play with toy guns. This Christmas we are teaching them that guns are not toys.
4. Last Christmas we were counting our money. This Christmas we are counting our blessings.
5. Last Christmas we were lighting candles to decorate. This Christmas we are lighting candles to commemorate.
6. Last Christmas we paid lip service to the real meaning of the holidays. This Christmas we are paying homage to it.
7. Last Christmas we were digging deep into our bank accounts to find money to fly home for the holidays. This Christmas we are digging deep into our souls to find the courage to do so.
8. Last Christmas we were trying not to let annoying relatives get the best of us. This Christmas we are trying to give the best of ourselves to them.
9. Last Christmas we thought it was enough to celebrate the holidays. This Christmas we know we must also find ways to consecrate them.
10. Last Christmas we thought a man who could rush down a football field was a hero. This Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real one.
11. Last Christmas we were thinking about the madness of the holidays. This Christmas we are thinking about the meaning of them.
12. Last Christmas we were getting on one another's nerves. This Christmas we are getting on our knees.
13. Last Christmas we were giving thanks for gifts from stores. This Christmas we are giving thanks for gifts from GOD.
14. Last Christmas we were wondering how to give our children all the things that money can buy. This Christmas we are wondering how to give them all the things money can't (peace, security).
15. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the pressure we were under at the office. This Christmas we are thinking about all the people who no longer have an office.
16. Last Christmas we were singing carols. This Christmas we are singing anthems.
17. Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent. This Christmas we are thinking how good it feels to be alive.
18. Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven. This Christmas we know they are right here on earth.
19. Last Christmas we were contemplating all the changes we wanted to make in the new year. This Christmas we are contemplating all the changes we will have to make in this new reality.
20. Last Christmas we believed in the power of the pocketbook. This Christmas we believe in the power of prayer.
21. Last Christmas we were sharing / spreading / listening to gossip. This Christmas we are sharing / spreading / listening to the Gospel.
22. Last Christmas we were complaining about how much of our earnings went to taxes. This Christmas we comprehend that freedom isn't free.
23. Last Christmas we valued things that were costly. This Christmas we value things that are holy.
24. Last Christmas the people we idolized wore sports uniforms. This Christmas the people we idolize wear police, firefighter and military uniforms.
25. Last Christmas peace on earth was something we prayed for on Sunday morning. This Christmas it's something we pray for every day.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26
Catherine :)

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

The Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association put up two mills the first week of December, one at North Plains Insurance, and the other one across the street in the mall parking area of Lowe's Supermarket.

The Woodmanse mill at North Plains Insurance was obtained for the SPWA through the efforts of Walter Woolley, who found the Woodmanse Airmaster abandoned on a tower north of Beaver, Oklahoma. Walter contacted a Mr. McGrew at Guymon, who agreed that the SPWA could have it, and after it was brought to Spearman, Walter restored the mill. Woodmanse mills were very popular at one time throughout this area and around Beaver. The SPWA has an earlier model Woodmanse (the Model S) on the cable tower at First National Bank.

The mill erected at Lowe's on Saturday of last week is a mill in which I take much personal interest. It is a Chandler eight-foot steel wheel mill, open-gearred that had fallen with its wooden tower and damaged the wheel severely.

I have known of this mill for years because it was owned by two bachelor brothers on a farm about 2 miles from where I was raised near Adams, Oklahoma, in the

Oklahoma Panhandle. My brother Maurice, who farms in the area, alerted me to the windmill being down and wondered if the SPWA wanted it. He contacted the present owner who was very willing to give it to the SPWA. Roger Buchanan, Burl Buchanan and I, with my brother's help, managed to jack up the tower and head, back a trailer under it, and get it to Spearman where it awaited restoration.

Terry Schneider of the SPWA has spent several hours restoring the mill, and it is mostly through his work that the mill is now back in its original appearance and working condition.

This particular Chandler mill is unique in that windmill collectors thought that all Chandler mills were built by the Red Cross Windmill Manufacturing Company, but this particular Chandler was built by Butler Manufacturing Company, the same Butler manufacturers that today is known principally for granaries and other farm buildings.

The memories that I associate with the mill are of the owners, Lester and Jimmie Duckett, who each Sunday morning, as dependable as the sunrise, would go by our house in a Model A car, green and black with spoke wheels, to

First Baptist Church of Adams where one was pianist and the other songleader. They did that for years until, for some reason of which I wasn't privy or have forgotten, they were voted out of their positions, quit the church, and, of course, no longer went by the house.

The Ducketts in themselves were a very interesting family--five brothers and a sister who all lived on almost adjoining farms, none of whom ever married but of absolute bedrock dependability and work ethic.

Some of the readers of this column might have been privileged, as I was, to visit the Ducketts' country home where they displayed their alabaster carvings, and if you were a really wide-eyed lad with an interest in Indian artifacts, you could get to go to their basement and see the countless arrowheads they had picked up as they farmed their fields behind teams of horses.

Those carvings and arrowheads were bequeathed to the Panhandle Historical Museum at Goodwell, Oklahoma, and can be viewed there. The last of the Ducketts passed away in the late 1970's or early 1980's, but they live on in the memories associated with the windmill that pumped their water and is now a part of our collection.

One additional personal note, the Ducketts all did many carvings in

alabaster, but Eunice Duckett, the sister, was the only one who carved alabaster into necklaces, broaches, etc. The Ducketts would not sell, nor give, that I ever knew, any part of their collection to anyone, but one day Eunice picked a brooch pin up off the bedspread where she displayed her collection and presented it to my very surprised mother. I today have that pin, and I prize it greatly.

I have wandered far afield in telling about the Chandler mill, but that is its importance to me in that it reminds me of its two brother owners and their siblings who were representative of the men and women who lived in the area during the difficult time of the Depression, Dust Bowl, and the years that followed.

REMINDER: International Windmillers' Convention meets in Spearman June 5-8, 2002!

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Birthday - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leaha Smith
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Birthday - Carl Archer, Dave Hand, Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Kenny, Mr. & Mrs. George P. Odom, Mr. & Mrs. John Purvines

December 17
Birthday - Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerrero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Bobby Novak, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas
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Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Tyler Bounton
Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Karlin
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Birthday - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossett, Pat Dear, Mrs. Roscoe Nelson, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton
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December 20
Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittni Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Bill Whitford
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jones

December 21
Birthday - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tolleson, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Slough, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas
December 22
Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenny, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez
Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Maupin

December 23
Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marty Razor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Beville

December 24
Birthday - Glendon Etling, Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn Edwards, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld
Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Fulkerson
December 25
Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Red Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shook

Thank You

The Gladiola Flower Club would like to thank everyone who came to the Home Tour. We appreciated those who graciously opened their homes: Bill & Lil Turner, Brian & Gina Gillispie, Jim & Martha Jones, and Dorothy Buzzard.

We would also like to thank the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM for the publicity.

We look forward to being able to present a scholarship in May to a graduating senior. Thanks again, and Happy Holidays!

Thank You

Town and Country Extension Homemakers would like to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket for one of our three baskets. The money raised is used for service projects. Thanks to Lowe's for letting us sell chances there and the Spearman school for selling chances there and drawing during the half-time of the boys' game. The winners were: Christmas Basket - Sandy Russell, Children's Basket - Ashley Patterson, Kitchen Basket - Cheryl Sander.

Thank You

I owe so many of you thanks for lifting me to the Lord in prayer. There is no way to express my gratitude to each of you for the prayers, the calls of encouragement, for all the prayergrams, cards, flowers and food. I am at home and recovering, and though I still have some "hurdles" to cross, I know with God's help and your continued prayers, healing will come.

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 Her Christian life showed me the way
 To live for Christ and pray each day.
 She is gone now; her battle she has won,
 But I have many sweet memories to carry me on.
 My memories I'll cherish
 With love, without end.
 I'm glad she was my Sister;
 I'm glad she was my Friend.*

by Dora Womble

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Fund Established For Al Smith Family

A dedicated fund has been established at First State Bank by the Fellowship Baptist Church to help the Al Smith family meet living expenses while Al fights leukemia. For information on how you may help, contact Gene Foster, 659-1713 (evenings) or Cecilia Foster, 659 2231 (Hansford County Library) during the day.

Medical Fund Established for David & Hershey Turner Family

A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank by the First Christian Church of Gruver for David and Hershey Turner. Donations may be sent to Box 458, Gruver, TX 79040 or may be given to Margaret Ralston at Gruver State Bank.

Hansford 4-H Smoke Meats

Hansford 4-H has smoked meats to sell for the holidays. Items available are: smoked turkeys - \$17, smoked hams - \$22, peppered turkey breast - \$16, smoked sausage links - \$13, peppered bacon - \$11, chicken and beef fajitas - \$10. Call the Extension office at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

We would like to thank everyone for helping support 4-H and the programs that the money is used for.

Kids' Korner Holiday Cookie Dough Stock Sale

Kids' Korner will have tubs of frozen cookie dough for sale. Six flavors are available: Chocolate Chunk, White chocolate Macadamia Nut, M&M, Sugar, Peanut Butter and Oatmeal Raisin. Tubs cost \$10.00 each, and make approximately 8 dozen cookies. Cookie dough will keep 6 months to 1 year in the freezer. These tubs make great gifts for anyone on your Christmas list and are nice to have on hand for parties and unexpected guests.

The Sale will be held on Saturday, December 15th at Kids' Korner, 14 S. Haney from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids' Korner is a non-profit organization and we deeply appreciate all the support we receive.

Kids' Korner Toy Drive

Kids' Korner is in great need of toys for our kids to play with. We are having a toy drive during the month of December. Used toys that are in good condition and have all the parts would be deeply appreciated. We really need outdoor and riding toys: tricycles, big wheels, wagons, climbing toys, etc. If you clean out your toy boxes and don't know what to do with it all, please consider bringing them to Kids' Korner. We will certainly put them to good use.

Kids' Korner Christmas Caroling

Kids' Korner staff, children, parents and board members will be spreading Holiday Cheer throughout Spearman on Sunday, December 16th from 4:30 p.m.-?

Hansford County Library Holiday Schedule

Hansford County Library would like to announce their holiday schedule: December 22-25 - Closed; December 26-28 - Open; December 29-31 - Open 10-12; January 1st - Closed.

First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Presents All Is Calm, All Is Bright

The First United Methodist Chancel Choir of Spearman will present special Christmas music, *All Is Calm, All Is Bright*. The public will have two opportunities to see the program at 6 p.m. on December 15, 2001 and at 11 a.m. on December 16, 2001.

Randy Vader, one of the creators of this work, says about it, "This is the world scene on the eve of Bethlehem...this is the world scene on the eve of His second advent. Not much is different - yet, everything has changed. Those that listen will year...those that look will see...those that seek will find. A promise is about to be fulfilled. A King is coming! *All Is Calm, All Is Bright*."

Night Of Nativity

Come and join the Church of the Nazarene in Guymon, OK, when it presents the panhandle tradition of the Night of Nativity. The Christmas story comes alive with traditional costumes and live animals with the seven scenes presented two evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The nativity will allow families to remain in their cars and drive by each scene. Pastor Terry Armstrong invites everyone to the Guymon Church of the Nazarene located 24th and Sunset to enjoy the living drive-thru nativity presented Saturday, December 15th and Sunday, December 16th.

Desperate For God

You are invited to a worship event *Desperate For God* with guest speaker Jon Randles and music by Brian White of Nashville, TN on Saturday, December 15th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 16th at 10:50 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gruver.

Singles New Years Eve Dinner

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on December 31st. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. A photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 22nd. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol- and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

Toys For Tots

Once again Prairie Motors and Spearman Lions Club are sponsoring the TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. In the last several years, this campaign has been a huge success in Spearman. Toys need to be new and they ask that you do not wrap the toys. The various clubs and organizations in Spearman can stop by Prairie Motors, Hwy. 207, Spearman, and give the donated toys to the family that they have chosen to support during Christmas. Any Lions Club member would be happy to pick your toys up and deliver them to Prairie Motors. Games, dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, or baby toys have been donated in the past for infants to about age 13. If you have questions or need more information about TOYS FOR TOTS, contact Dick Gillaspie, 659-2541 or Cindy Blackman, 659-3233.

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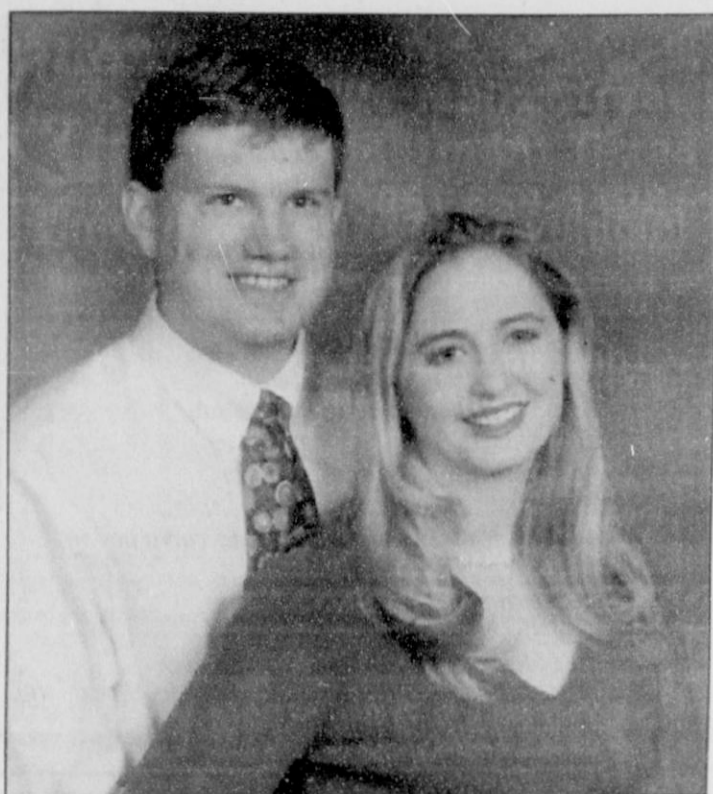
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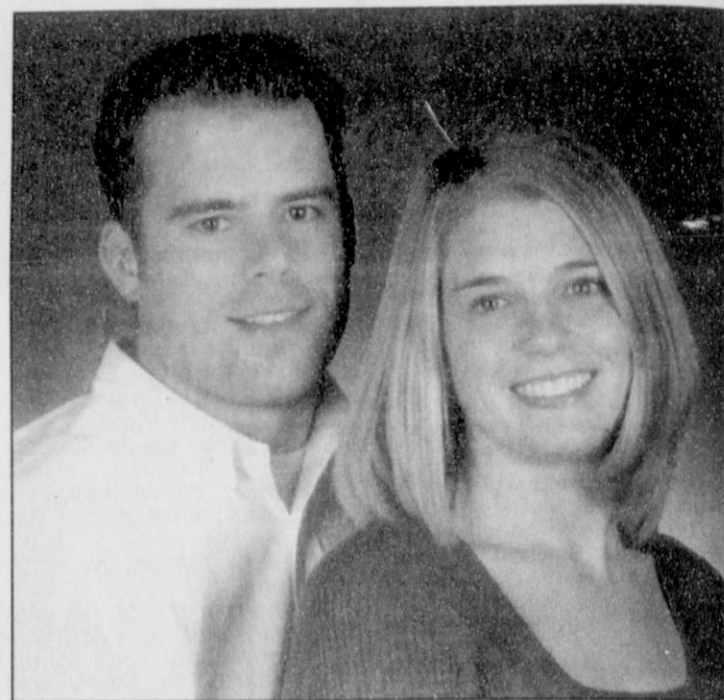


Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loter proudly announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Kenneth Eugene Slough. The couple is planning a December 29, 2001, wedding at the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. Kenneth Eugene is the son of Kenneth and Alice Slough of Gruver. Elizabeth and Kenneth are Doctors of Veterinary medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will reside.



Pictured above is the afghan that Lillian Ralston Cooksey crocheted and donated to the Stationmaster's House Museum. Chances on this afghan are in the process of being sold to give this afghan away on February 11, 2002. You may buy a chance from any member of the Museum Committee. Helen Boyd, president of the Museum Committee is shown holding the afghan, which folds out much bigger than shown.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maupin of Gruver wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wesley Maupin to Brad Thacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Thacker of Roaring Springs. The couple is planning a December 22, 2001 wedding at the United Methodist Church in Gruver. Wesley is a senior Early Childhood Education major at Texas Tech, where she is a member of Pi Beta Phi. Brad is a Texas Tech graduate with a degree in Agricultural Economics and Business. He is employed by Wells-Fargo Financial in Lubbock.

It's A Boy!

Lance and Lori Sparks wish to announce the birth of their son, Rhett Lane Sparks. Rhett was born on November 18, 2001 at 3:35 p.m. in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Dean and Linda Lieb of Morse, Dean Sparks of Gruver, and Karen Sparks of Mineral Wells. Great-grandmother is Edna Mae of Allison, TX.

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Mrs. Chad Webb

Chapel in Norman, Oklahoma. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Arbeta Nobles of Spearman. Grandparents of the bride are Billie Nobles of Gruver and the late Bob Nobles and the late Wade and Dorothea Tackitt.

The groom is the son of Kenny and Melissa Webb of Noble, Oklahoma and Joe and Terry Reynolds of Justin, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Kenneth and Becky Webb of Dibble, Oklahoma, Gary and Carol Monholland of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and the late Orville Commer.

Matron of Honor was Heather Welch of Montrose, Colorado, best friend of the bride. Bridal attendants were Tami Rickie of Wichita, Kansas, friend of the bride; Dawn Brown of Spearman, cousin of the bride; and Tai Webb of Noble, Oklahoma, sister of the groom.

The best man was Lance Baker of Alvord, Texas, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen for the wedding were Johnny Williams of Justin, Texas, Mike Bennett of Dibble, Oklahoma and Casey Nobles of Spearman, brother of the bride.

The flower girl was Paige Commer of Lexington, Oklahoma, cousin of the groom. Ringbearer was Shane Webb of Noble, Oklahoma, brother of the groom.

Ushering guests were Seve Merchant, brother of the groom and Cody Reynolds, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a V-neck formal gown of white lace over satin with hand-beaded pearls and sequins. The long flowing satin train was trimmed with hand-beaded pearls

and sequins also. The finger-tip veil was trimmed with small roses and pearls.

The color theme was navy and ivory. The attendants wore long navy skirts and ivory sleeveless tops. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of twelve long-stem red roses. The bridesmaids carried a

single long-stem red rose.

Something old was the bride's grandmothers single strand of pearls. Something new was the brides gown. Something blue was the traditional garter.

The wedding reception was held in the reception hall of the Ivory Gardens Wedding Chapel. The

brides cake was a three-tiered red velvet cake decorated with pearls and doves. The grooms cake was a double heart shaped german chocolate cake.

After the wedding the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Colorado. They will reside in Lexington, Oklahoma.

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The Adventures of Bob

When Sad Sack Bob attended First Christian Church Sunday morning, all the members noticed how down in the dumps he was. Upon inquiring about his sadness, he revealed that he was disappointed concerning his predictions about the game in Denver City. He thought the Lynx played an excellent game and had a great season. He is looking forward to next year and will now turn his attention to basketball.

In an effort to raise Pouting Bob's spirits, Erin Boxwell asked Nanny Bob to help her in the nursery. Helping E in the nursery did provide some relief but it was the baby Jesus charm she gave him that really cheered him up.

Back To Work Bob reported for duty at First National Bank bright and early Monday morning. He was as proud as he could be of his very own desk, right up front with all of the friendly tellers. Banker Bob felt right at home after he was able to charm one of the tellers out of his very own First National Bank jacket. In a meeting with the management team, Brainstorming Bob outlined his plan for new drive-up window hours. With a unanimous cry of approval (accompanied by enthusiastic whistling, cheering, and prolonged back patting) from the team, the bank's new drive-up hours have been changed to 7:30am till 4:30pm Monday through Friday except Thursday when the window will be open 7:30 am till 6:00pm.

Friday, J. P. Morgan Bob gave some of the tellers computer and investment advice. All of the lucky customers who do business with FNB will surely notice the increased efficiency. Security Bob spent the rest of the weekend as night watchmen in order to closely monitor his most recent home. Job Hopping Bob had a great time at the bank but is looking forward to his next assignment.



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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Let Your Lights Shine
Judging in the Gruver Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest will be December 17, between twilight and 10 p.m.
The three winners of \$50 in Gruver Bucks will be announced in next week's Reporter Statesman.

A limited number of trees are still available in Gruver City Park to be adopted for lighting for the holiday season. Since the trees vary in size, it is difficult to give a total for the number of stings of lights needed for the project; however, six strings would be a good approximation.

Individuals or groups wanting to adorn a tree should contact City Hall. Trees may be decorated in the memory or celebration of a loved one. A list of those adopting trees and those honored by the adopting will be published next week.

Christmas Programs Slated
The public is cordially invited to the GHS Christmas play "Dad's Christmas miracle" to be presented Friday, December 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium.

Following the play, the fifth grade, the sixth grade, and the high school bands will present their annual Christmas concert.

Gruver Elementary students will be treated to Christmas stories read by principal Diane Brown Tuesday, December 18.

A Christmas Cantata will be presented by the United Methodist Church Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Eve Communion will be observed in the United Methodist Church Monday, December 24, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Junior High Names Citizens of Month

Gruver Junior High has named four students as Citizens of the Six Weeks. These students were chosen for their example in typifying the qualities necessary to being a good citizen.

Selected were Kory Jackson-fifth grade, Maydell Ortiz - sixth grade,

Bonnie Frick - seventh grade, and Samantha Myatt - eighth.

Get Well Wishes
Genie Crane has had a recurrence of cancer.

Aubrey Rasor received good news that his recent heart problem was not a heart attack. He is currently taking medication for his condition.

Skeet Ellison suffered a broken upper arm in a recent fall.

Beverly Dorman Bennett underwent a gamma knife procedure last week and will be evaluated in the upcoming weeks on its effectiveness.

Tim Barkley will undergo knee surgery, on December 17.

J.C. Harris had hip replacement surgery in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo on Tuesday, December 11. He is expected to remain in Amarillo for rehabilitation for several weeks.

Elmo McClellan was taken to Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital on Monday, December 10.

Little Cheryka Kelly suffered a broken nose in a gymnastic accident.

Early Dismissal Set
Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 21 for the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 2, 2002.

GJHS Collects Toys
The GJHS Student Council is collecting Toys for Tots. The toys will be distributed through the Amarillo Toys for Tots Association.

A box for girls and a box for boys have been placed near the front door of the junior high, and donations will be accepted through Friday, December 14.

Tournament Highlights
The Lady Hounds took the silver medal and the Hounds, fifth place in the Lake Meredith Invitational held November 29-December 1.

Lady Hound Basketball - Lake

Meredith Tourney - Second Game
Lady Hounds 55, Canadian 52
It was a battle from start to finish as the Lady Hounds narrowly outdistanced the Canadian Lady Cats.
With seven seconds remaining and the score at 53-52, Gruver, post Kaylee Holt sank the winning basket.

Houndball -Lake Meredith Tourney - First Game
Gruver 45, West Texas high 66
Tied at the midpoint of the second quarter with the West Texas Comanches, the Hounds' turnovers and cold shooting in the third quarter led to 45-66 lose.

Second Game - Lake Meredith Tourney
Gruver 42, Perryton 45
Down by 13 points in the third quarter, the never-die Hounds fought back to a four point deficit with forty seconds remaining in the game when an error on the possession arrow cost the Hounds the ball and quite possibly the game.

Third Game - Lake Meredith Tourney
Gruver 69, Canadian 45
The Hounds took their frustrations out in the third game of the tournament with a trouncing of the Canadian Wildcats, coached by GHS graduate Tim Fletcher.

Leading by three at the end of the first quarter, the Hounds upped their margin to 16 at half-time and 22 at the end of the third quarter.

Teams Compete in Sunray
The Lady Hounds took third place in the Sunray tournament over the weekend. Falling in a close battle with the Sunray Lady Cats, the Lady Hounds rebounded with a win over the Des Moines Demonettes.
No report of games provided.

Houndball - Sunray Tourney - first Game
Gruver 51, Dalhart 59

After leading three quarters of the game, the Hounds could not maintain their lead in the fatal fourth quarter.

Leading by as much as seven points early in the second quarter, the Hounds' lead was narrowed to two by the end of the third quarter.

On a happy note, Steven Salazar, who was injured last year in a sliding accident and has undergone two surgeries, made his first debut on the

court since last year.
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Second Game - Sunray Tourney
Gruver 42, Hartley 45
Tied with 38 seconds remaining, the Hounds lost a heartbreaker to Hartley in the second game of the tourney.
Leading the first and second quarters, the Hounds found themselves down by two at the end of the third quarter, making way for the anybody's game fourth quarter.

Third Game - Sunray Tourney
Gruver 38, Vega 24
Playing the Vega Longhorns in the final game of the Sunray Tourney, the Hounds sparked in the final half of the fourth quarter, to take a 38-24 win over Vega who had beaten Gruver in the first game of the season.

After taking an early lead, the teams were tied at the end of the second and third quarters, paving the way for the climactic fourth quarter.

Two Named All-Tourney
Amy Watley and Kade Carthel were named to the all tournament team of the Lake Meredith Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Basketball Roundup
Houndball 11-27-01
Gruver 45, Panhandle 66
Jumping out to a 14 point lead in the first quarter, the Panhandle Panthers kept that lead until a pesky Hound team narrowed the margin to 7 at 3:18 in the fourth quarter to give the Panthers a run for the prize.

Houndball 12-04-01
Gruver 44, West Texas 70
The West Texas Comanches took a commanding 18-7 lead over the Hounds in the first quarter of play. But a hard-fighting Hound team slimmed the margin to a five point deficit by half-time.

A let down the third quarter and cold fourth quarter of shooting gave the Comanches the victory.

Lady Hound Basketball 12-4-01
Lady Hounds 51, West Texas High 37
After a close half characterized by low shooting percentages by both teams, the Lady Hounds broke the game open in the third quarter, taking a nine point lead and capitalized on in the fourth quarter.

Schools Extend Thanks
Gruver Elementary and Gruve Junior High wish to thank the many members of the community to which they are indebted for their help with the UIL academic event, Thursday, November 29. The event went smoothly, thanks to the many people who gave of their time and efforts, or sincere appreciation to Mrs. Brown Mrs. Moore, and the students.

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by Helen Fisher

Ruby Riley is savoring her memories of a drawn-out Thanksgiving and has now resumed her busy schedule of local activities.

She had a very special visit with her granddaughter, Kyra Riley, whom she hadn't seen in years. Kyra is living and working in Homer, Alaska. She is the daughter of Eddie and Paula Riley, now of Nucla, CO. All were guests of Ruby, including their son, Kurt Riley, of Denver.

They returned here with Ruby after spending some time in Beaver with her daughter, Betty, and Tommy Davis. The Davis' children, also of Beaver, joined them for Thanksgiving. They were Terry and Susan Davis and two children; David & Tonya Davis and two children and Tommy's brother, his family from Borger.

After their return Ruby's daughter, Pauline Heinz and her granddaughter from Laverne visited here.

Willard Davis flew back last Wednesday from a long Thanksgiving in Centralia, WA. He visited daughter, Mickey Gribble, and all her family and his other grandchildren. Mickey sends greetings to all her old friends in Spearman.

Guests from Ulysses, KS had a good visit with Olive Pendergraft recently. A college roommate, Vera Gray, was brought by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Gray's nurse came with them as Mrs. Gray is no longer in good health.

Delinda McLaughlin returned last Sunday from several interesting days in Chicago. She attended the Creative Memories Leadership Conference. Other delegates were from many other states.

During her leisure time, Delinda

enjoyed shopping the "Magnificent Mile;" going to the top of the John Hancock building and other Chicago sights.

Daughter Dana kept her dad, Danny, in line during her absence.

Bob Leland, who has been visiting in the home of Joe Copeland, left Friday for their home in Las Vegas, NV. He had been here since before Thanksgiving and will return soon. His wife, Joe Lynn will remain to help care for her mother.

Mozelle Sparks was able to make a brief visit in Spearman Sunday afternoon with her daughter, Sheila Monday. Mozelle has been in Amarillo all fall where she is on daily dialysis. She reports that she is improving and is now able to walk.

She appreciates the cards and letters she receives. Her address is Country Estate Manor; 9th Medical Drive, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Mrs. Cleve Douglas has been visiting in the home of her daughter, Betty and Chalmers Porter for a couple of weeks and expects to be here a couple more.

She had arrived for Thanksgiving Dinner with Betty, but instead all went to Plainview. Their son, Doug Porter had his college basketball team there in a tournament at Wayland College.

Mrs. Douglas is from Garfield, AR.

An unbelievable number of sights were those visited by Donnie and Dwayne Mitchell on their recent nine day trip to New York City. They returned last Monday and no doubt are still getting caught up on resting. They flew via Dallas and

Newark, NJ and had a good flight. Especially pleasant and welcome was their visit with Sally Pittman, a former high school student of theirs. She is now a student in New York City at New York University.

Among the many places they toured and seen were the Christmas Tree; Rockefeller Center; Times Square - watching the T.V. show "Today" being televised; Rockettes, St. Patrick's Cathedral; taking a cruise ship to Manhattan Island. They also saw Yankee Stadium; ground Zero of the WTC disaster, Grants Tomb, Wall Street, Empire State Building, a famous museum, and taking a carriage ride in Central Park.

Whew - who wouldn't be exhausted?

With their usual Texas hospitality Greg and Shonda Odegaard hosted out-of-town friends for hunting the past weekend. Her sister and husband, Stephanie and Ronnie Swan, of Vernon also were guests and assisted.

About 40 hunters came from various Texas cities, mostly the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, with one from Georgia.

The hunters coming early hunted geese and all hunted pheasant - reporting fair results. All enjoyed renewing friendships and the fellowship.

Gloria and Don Knox enjoyed having their granddaughter, Cindy and husband Sammy Al Rimaly of Saudi Arabia, but the important

visitor was three year old daughter, Sara. They were here most of the week.

In observance of the 56th wedding anniversary of Don and Gloria, all attended the Nutcracker Suite performance at the Amarillo Civic Center on Sunday. David and Reta Knox of Hart joined them.

Annually at the beginning of pheasant season, Doug Hohertz, Houston and Hunter Novak, Guymon, high school and college mates, host a gathering of their college friends for hunting. The same group of 16 come from many states and usually camp out in tents for the hunt.

Bob and Marva Hohertz' son Jeff, of Canadian, joined them this year as did their grandson, Ryan Davis, of Amarillo. No report on the hunt results.

Gary, Cathy and Clayton Smith enjoyed a quick trip to Washington, DC last week to visit their daughter (Jennifer), son-in-law (Dave) and granddaughter (Meghan).

Although most of their time was spent spoiling Meghan, they did take in a few sights during their trip. Of special interest to Gary and Cathy was the Holocaust Museum. Clayton especially enjoyed the

flight simulator that his brother-in-law arranged for him to fly at Andrews Air Force Base, where Dave is a Captain for the Capitol Guard.

Weather for the week of December 3rd through 7 a.m. December 10th: the high temperature was on the 3rd at 77 degrees; the low was on December 9th at 25. No moisture.

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Meetings & Minutes

Stationmaster's Museum Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas Dinner for the Stationmaster's Museum was held at the Panhandle Diner N Deli, in Spearman, on December 6, 2001. It was held in the "Diner Car" of the restaurant. This "car" is painted to represent an elite dining car on a train, complete with windows to look out of. The painting was done by Gina Gillispie, Chamber Manager.

We were very honored to have special guests, Marshall Cator, Mary Gardner, and Dorothy Cator, all of Sunray, to attend the dinner. Marshall has been very supportive of our museum through the years. His ancestors were the founders of Zulu, an early days trading post, and some of the first settlers of Hansford County.

Others attending the dinner were members and guests, Johnnie and JoAnn Lee, Charles and Joanne Eaton, Clementine Renner, Rubyjo and J.D. Wilbanks, Reba Hunter, Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey, Irvin and Helen Boyd, Harry and Hazel Stumpf, Ruby and Lester McLain, Don and Wanda Reed, Don and Lyanne Maize, and Lillian Cooksey.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary Meeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met Monday, December 3, 2001 at the Palo Duro Cafe for lunch and a business meeting.

President Jackie Graham presided. She announced that a request had been made for the members to bring items for the Hansford Manor Bazaar, which will be held on December 14th, as well as cookies for the Manor Christmas Party on December 21st.

Treasurer Mary Fern Terry reported that purchases had been made for the Hospital and Manor from the 2000 Christmas Greeting Card Fund. After the regular meeting, members adjourned to the Hospital and Manor to decorate for Christmas.

Those attending are as follows: Mary Fern Terry, Jackie Graham, Lorene Kunselman, LoRee Booth, Mary K. Harbour, Verna Brown, Dortha Keys, Judy Yarbrough, Maria Avila, Betty Davis, Maylyn Ayres, Adalyn Barnes, Patty Sheppard, Rosa Lee Butt, Alva Garner, Frances Cudd, Virginia Trindle, Virginia Head and Muriel Boyd

SISD Introduces "Bigs In School" Program



Kassy is pictured above with her new "Big Sister" Carolyn McLeod.



Christian is pictured above with her new "Big Brother" Jason Cantrell.

First graders Kassy and Christian made new friends on December 4th.

They are the first students to participate in the Bigs in Schools program, the school based mentoring program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle.

Kassy was matched with Carolyn McLeod. "Carolyn was screened and trained to be a volunteer in our community based program and had been waiting about

two and a half years for a Little Sister. She jumped at the chance to work with the Bigs in Schools program and is thrilled to be matched with Kassy," Kimberley Lopez, BBBS case manager explained.

Jason Cantrell is Christian's Big Brother. "Though Jason is new to the community, he was eager to become involved in making a difference in the lives of Spearman's young people," Lopez said.

The matches will meet once a

week during the school day on school grounds. They will spend their time together reading, talking, playing games or even eating lunch. "The goal of the program is to provide students with an additional positive role model, support from a non-parent adult, and a way to help them stay motivated to do well in school and actively engaged in learning," Lopez said.

Bigs in Schools programs like this in other communities have shown that most children do develop more positive attitudes about school, achieve higher grades and develop higher levels of self-confidence. This is the first year that the program has been available in Spearman Elementary.

Volunteers in the program are carefully screened and will devote an average of 35 minutes a week during the school year to meeting with their Little Brother or Sister. "Currently, there are six more volunteers ready to be matched," Lopez said. "No matches will be made after Christmas break, so I'd encourage any parent who has been contacted by the school about this program to complete the paperwork so that their child will be able to participate this year".

Anyone with questions about the program should contact Lopez at 1-877-716-3424 toll free or Cindy Blackman 659-3233.

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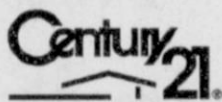
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John L. Hutchison
Attorney for the
Guardianship Estate
1(12-13-01)B

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Lake Depth--December 10, 2001--36.92 feet

The lake level is dropping a little over 2 inches a week now.

Our unknown tree decorator has changed the theme of the annual decorations on a cedar tree growing in a fence 6 miles north of

Spearman on the way to the Lake. This year little American flags have also been placed among the bows and doves.

Max Taylor, one of the regular fishermen, caught a nice 8# catfish this week. Two or three boats were seen on the Lake on one of the

pretty days.

Jim has counted 6 eagles at a time, and the cranes and many white geese are still on the Lake. A red-breasted flicker has been using the window sill of the office for a resting place.

Saturday and Sunday mornings the boom of shot guns could be heard near Gruver as Pheasant Season is on. Jim was Chairman of the Rotary Club sponsored hunt this weekend, so I had a chance to find out some of the details. This annual fund raising event by the Spearman group brought in 30 hunters from Amarillo, Temple, Wichita Falls, and the Dallas-Fort Worth area to try their skill at bagging some of our beautiful pheasant cocks. The \$250 fee for each hunter includes not only a place to hunt with a guide, but 6 meals, starting Friday night through Sunday noon. Ginger Turner and Arbeta Nobles were in charge of the food. The Spearman Boy Scouts, their Scoutmaster, and their parents prepared and served the meals at the Spearman County Barn.

The hunters were divided in two squads of 15 each. Jim guided one group and Justin Boyd of Spearman had the other. The birds were not as plentiful as they had been some years, but Jim said they found birds everywhere they hunted. The hunt for Justin's squad was marred by the sudden death of Willie Sheffer of Rosebud, Texas.

Justin, a paramedic, was unable to save him.

Two weeks ago in the column, I was wondering where the 2100 acres in Hansford County the Amarillo Globe-News reported as being leased for hunters by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service was located. Some of the acreage

is a section that Tommy Salzman leases from Winnie Vernon and her children. Last year was the first time this section was leased for hunting purposes. Since the playa lake on it had cranes, geese, and ducks last year, it was decided to include them this year with the pheasants. As this dry year found

the playa lake without water, the pheasants were all that were hunted.

H. M. Frazier leased a half section of CRP to the Parks and Wildlife, and the Seaboard Farms also are involved.

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