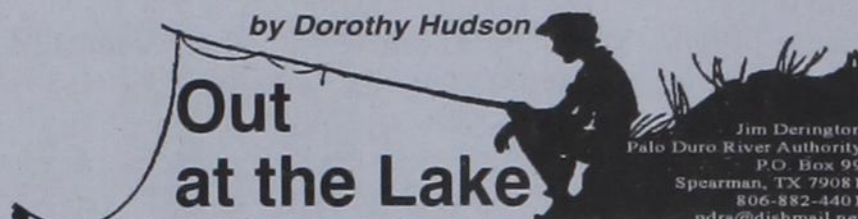


Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
We are in the last stages of our submissions to the publisher on our book.



Out at the Lake
Lake Level- July 12, 2010--59.74 feet (-0.77)
The rain July 8 left .55 inch in Jim's office gauge.

Anna Lee did the math before we published the book.
We are traveling to Amarillo for a seminar tomorrow (Tuesday) on planning for the future.

by Dorothy Hudson
Jim Derington
Palo Duro River Authority
P.O. Box 99
Spearman, TX 79081

where they have been seen. These melanistic cats are all called black panthers.
Since I heard Greg's story, Angela Harris told me to talk to Robbie Reid of Morse to learn of someone else seeing this rare animal.

Continuation on Black Cougars
Last week's column with a story on the black lion seen by Greg Slough and Kristy Synatschk at the north boat ramp opened up a mystery.

Thank You!
Thank you to everyone that helped us after the flood that damaged so much of our home and belongings.

LaGeal Dixon about Mr. Zollars. In his column of July 1, 1965, he wrote the following about Harry:
"Zollars was a good man and really enjoyed life. He was always looking on the bright side of life.

They usually had these fights at one of the livery stables. The men would take sides and some would bet on the dog and some on the badger. Sometimes there would be a big argument after the fight was over.

Have a good week.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum
Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.
Special hours upon request.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
by Ed Sterling

Texas responds as first Deepwater Horizon tarballs wash ashore

AUSTIN — Tar balls washed up on Crystal Beach on Bolivar peninsula north of Galveston on or about July 4. The U.S. Coast Guard soon after confirmed the presence of five gallons of the stuff.
On July 5, the Texas General Land Office confirmed those tarballs came from BP's Deepwater Horizon well.

ported its biologists are sampling the Texas coastline for evidence of Deepwater Horizon spill impacts.

Perry, White stump in San Marcos

Incumbent Republican Gov. Perry and Democratic challenger Bill White were both in San Marcos on July 8 to speak at the Texas Farm Bureau County Presidents' Conference.
High on the list of attendees' concerns in the race for the governorship are property rights and eminent domain.

'Ready or Not?' events to come

Although Hurricane Alex and following storms have flooded the Rio Grande Valley from Brownsville to Laredo, there's no time like the present to prepare for disaster.
The Texas Department of State Health Services along with state and local officials on July 8 launched this year's "Ready or Not?" multilingual public education campaign to encourage Texans to prepare for emergencies.

"Whether it's a hurricane, tornado or flood, a disaster can strike when we least expect it, and we want people to be prepared," said Dr. David Lakey, health commissioner.

The agency plans to stage 18 free Ready or Not campaign events in 15 cities, using a 20-foot by 20-foot tent filled with informational displays, sample disaster supply kits and an interactive kiosk where visitors can begin or continue their emergency planning.

ARRA: how it has helped Texas

The federal government's \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act protected the Texas economy and helped families and communities recover from the recession, according to July 2 report by the non-partisan, Austin-based think-tank, the Center for Public Policy Priorities.
In the first quarter of 2010, the report said, ARRA programs helped Texas gain 79,000 jobs; and without ARRA, Texas would have lost 126,000 jobs.

Tax totals continue to increase

Comptroller Susan Combs on July 8 announced state sales tax revenue in June totaled \$1.61 billion, a 2.2 percent increase compared to June 2009.
She said total sales tax collections have now slightly exceeded year-ago levels for a third consecutive month.

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1. Dance named after horse's gallop
6. *National gardening organization, acr.
9. Wood file
13. Description for twins
14. Loud noise
15. Ski run
16. Technical term for human body. pl.
17. Female reproductive cell. pl.
18. Twig of a willow tree
19. *Bell ____, pl.
21. Wealthy person, slang
23. International trade organization
24. Halo
25. Woman's undergarment
28. Opposed to
30. Principles of right and wrong
35. The Tramp's companion
37. *Like the skin of an eggplant
39. Should
40. Pavarotti's song
41. Catalog purchase
43. Arctic floater
44. Gives a certain impression
46. *Fruit grows on it, not veggies
47. Golfer's warning
48. Worthy of belief

- 50. A third of thrice
52. Old-fashioned over
53. Done to benefits?
55. They're hotly anticipated during Super Bowl
57. *It doubles as a name for a sport
60. *Source of Popeye's strength
64. Islamic beauty of Paradise
65. Choose instead
67. Handsome like Marcello Mastroianni
68. Done to wheels in an auto shop
69. *Back To The Future" actress
70. Disclose or reveal
71. Ignorant person
72. A light touch
73. Wear away
DOWN
1. Breath after a punch in the stomach, e.g.
2. Medicinal house plant
3. *Quality of overcooked asparagus
4. Similar to graffe but smaller
5. Former unit of money in Spain
6. *Without further ____, pl.
7. T-cell killer
8. State of complete confusion
9. Reduced instruction set computer
10. *Continent that gave us bok choy
11. Proofreader's "disregard" word
12. __ capta
15. *It inspired a classic toy
20. Mozart's "Turkish March," a.k.a. "Turkish"
22. They __ or they're
24. Parachute delivery
25. "__ from the past"
26. Less common than rare
27. Farewell in Paris
29. *The French use veggies in this pastry or pie-like dish
31. A state of irritation
32. Eskimo hut
33. House work
34. "__ clear"
36. *Not quite sweet potatoes
38. Incisive or nifty
42. Summary
45. Flu variety
49. Nod up and down
51. *Like a white mushroom, unlike a toadstool
54. Near the wind
56. Express contempt
57. Unaccompanied
58. Witty remark
59. Strong desire

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Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

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Ted & Barbara Scroggs Fund

One couple experienced excessive flooding of their home during the recent rains and flooding. Ted & Barbara Scroggs home, located at Old Hansford near the Palo Duro Creek, was flooded not only in the basement, which was full to the top, but also the water went up to about 13" in the main part of the house. Ted & Barbara have also experienced good out of this flooding experience, help from friends and neighbors. Much as in the "Old Days," when neighbors all pitched in to help in times of natural disasters Our area has always been very good at helping neighbors. Barbara had tried to buy flood insurance many times but could not get it due to the government rules on flood areas, the government had placed their home in a non-flood area. A fund has been set up in their name at the First State Bank of Spearman. If you would like to contribute to this fund take or mail your contribution to The First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, Tx 79081. Thank you.

10th Annual Benefit Rib Cook-Off

Hansford County 10th Annual Benefit Rib Cook-Off will be held Saturday, July 17th at the Z Ranch (maps to the Z Ranch are available at Hansford Implement, Five Star Equipment, Farm Supply, Gruver Parts & Supply, Spearman City Hall, Gruver City Hall and the Hansford County Courthouse). Judging of Ribs, Side Dishes and Dessert will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Donations will benefit Donald Cotter, Jim Reeves, Louis Ortega, Carla Willimon, Mandi Lusby, Kathy Lindsey and Camp Hope. Live music will be provided by "Odie & the Dawgs." Anyone wishing to attend is invited to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert! Meat donated by local citizens. For more information, call Barbara or Paul Stavlo at 733-2600 or Mike Cudd at 659-5030.

Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot

The Hansford Gun Club holds a .22 rifle shoot on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the gun range (located on Hwy. 15 between Spearman and Gruver). Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Perryton Elks Poker Run

Perryton Elks Lodge will be having their Elks Angels Benefit Poker Run on Saturday, July 17th. Registration will held from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Perryton Elks Lodge, 9th and Main. For more information contact Brenda Frantz at 806-435-0021.

Computer Basics

A basic computer class (for those who have no idea what to do when you sit down in front of a computer), will be held June 14th and 28th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Spearman High School computer lab. The class will be \$50, and will be taught by Treva Braun. To register, contact Cindy Blackman at Spearman High School, 806-659-3233.

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles

The Hansford County Golf Club has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time is at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams are drawn. For more information, or to sign up, call 659-2233.

Your Bridegroom Awaits

His Heart's Desire Ministries will be hosting a "Your Bridegroom Awaits!" Women's retreat, high school age and up, July 16-18 at the Waka Christian Center. Call 435-5575 or go to www.hisheartdesireministries.com for more information.

Spearman Church of Christ Hosts VBS

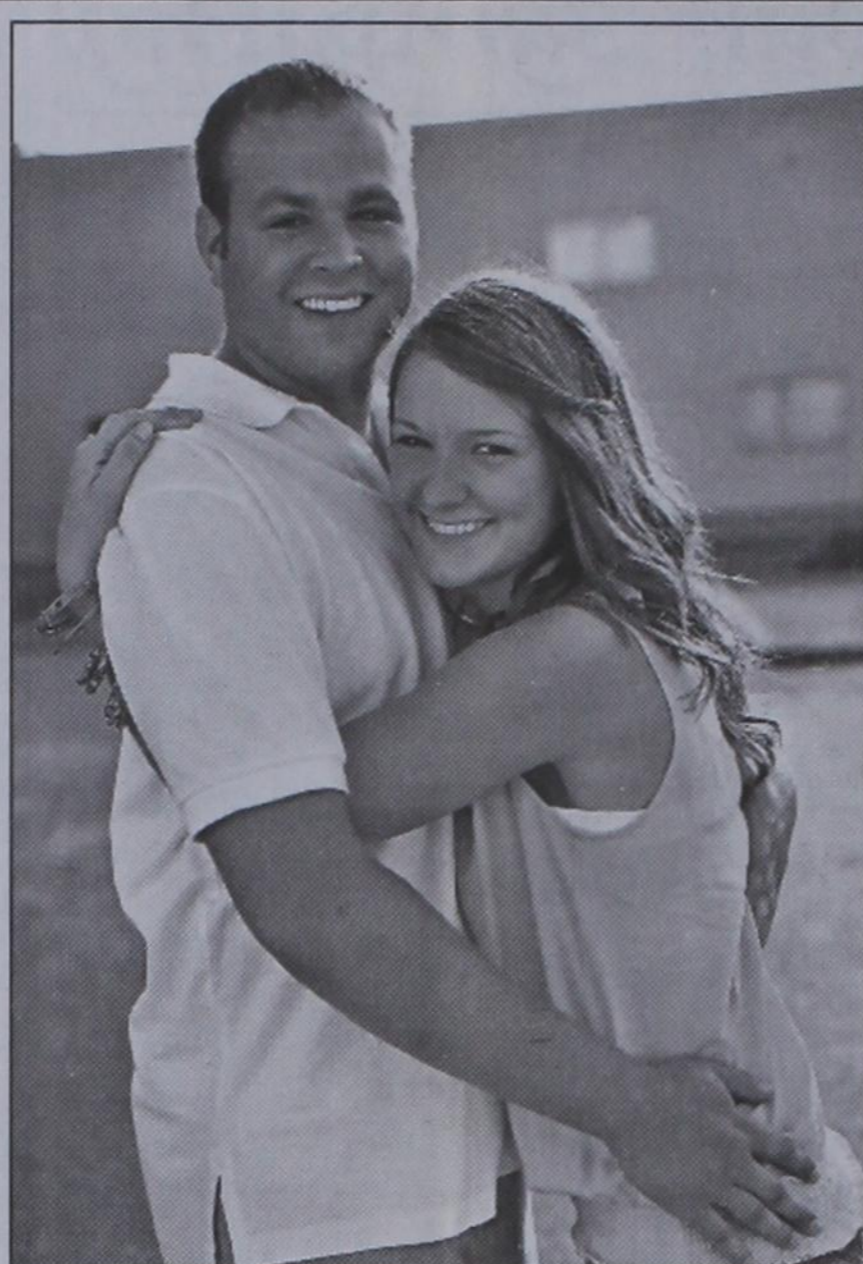
The Spearman Church of Christ will host Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 25th-Wednesday, July 28th from 6-8:30 p.m. each night. Anyone interested is invited to attend!

Office 07 Computer Class

Learn the most popular components of the Microsoft Office package. Instruction will be customized to meet individual's needs in the class for their personal use. * Pre-requisite: Must have basic computer knowledge. The class will be held July 10th from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. in the High School Computer Lab. The cost will be \$50. The instructor will be Treva Braun. To register, please contact Cindy Blackman at Spearman High School, 806-659-3232.

Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2010-2011 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - September 18 - An Evening With Kenny Thames, January 11 - Pianofiddle, March 8 - Riders in the Sky, and May 6 - Jim Witter. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to reciprocity concerts in Pampa and Plainview.



Engagement Announcement

Terry and Brenda Lechinger of Cypress, TX wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Taleigh McCale Lechinger, to Lance Douglas Smith of Spearman. Lance is the son of Bobby and Dixie Smith of Spearman.

Taleigh is the granddaughter of Opal Hill of Houston, TX. Lance is the grandson of Bert and Patty Sheppard and Gwen Smith, all of Spearman, TX.

The couple plan a wedding day of October 23, 2010 in Lubbock, TX at the Merket Alumni Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Taleigh is a 2006 graduate of Cypress Creek High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2010 with a degree in Retail Management. Taleigh is currently employed by T.C. Elli's in Lubbock.

Lance is a 2003 graduate of Spearman High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2008 with a degree in Restaurant and Hotel Management. Lance is employed by Stock Building Supply in Lubbock as Inventory Control Specialist.

After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Engagement Announcement

Buddy and Marsha Lowe of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter, Shea Lyn to Brian Gregory Lair, son of Greg and Marsha Lair of Canyon.

The couple is planning a September 4th wedding in Gruver, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Shirley Lowe and the late George C. Lowe Sr. of Gruver and Opal Wallin and the late Oliver P. Wallin also of Gruver. She is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She also has a Post Bachelors degree in Education from Texas Tech. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She currently teaches 3rd grade at the Woodlands in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Winnie Fred Lair and the late AW Lair of Canyon and Bettye Clark and the late Bobbie Clark of Amarillo. He is a 2001 graduate of Canyon High School. He graduated in 2005 from Northwood University in Michigan with a degree in Automotive Marketing and Management. Brian is a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He is currently a manager at Greg Lair Buick, GMC in Canyon.

After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

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During the fall of 2000, Coach Watkins was the October ESPN Coach of the Month, Dallas Cowboys and the National Football League 2000 Coach of the Week, and one of the top ten Texas coaches recognized in the television special as "The Coach that Made a Difference." September, 1996. In the 2009 50th Edition of the Dave Campbell Football Magazine, Tommy Watkins was listed as number 36th football coach among the top 50 Texas NFL, AFL, college, private colleges and schools, and high school coaches.

An article from The Garland News, October 8, 2000, it stated:

"Teams, coaches, and programs are measured in football by wins and losses, but there is more to the game than that. Most coaches will tell you that in addition to success on the field, they want success for their players and fellow

coaches off of it. Watkins has achieved that, from victory No. 1 to No. 298 and beyond.

Along with all the great victories, playoff appearances and state titles he has won, Watkins has developed a legacy in another area as well—he has made a positive difference wherever he has gone, on and off the field.

That 300th victory should come for Watkins in the near future. When it does, those who acknowledge it should celebrate it just as much as the first 299. Just like Watkins will."

He achieved the victories, but for him personally, they were just another victory; it was not his goal to be the top winning coach in the state of Texas.

In another article that followed one year after his retirement in the Dallas Morning News, October 26, 2001, he responded to the question about the highlight of his career, he said, "It's hard to say, because I was fortunate enough to be a part of so many good teams. But I guess that first state championship in 1962 would be one. But every year was great. Every time we won a game, it was special. It was very rewarding."

There was fuel left in the tank when he retired in 2001. His recipe for longevity in the profession is simple.

"Have your mind made up that this is what you

want to do," he said. "You're never going to get rich doing it."

Coach Watkins is an active member of the Pettit Baptist Church in Gustine, TX, and is on the golf course two to three times a week with his pastor and other friends. He enjoys fishing with his coaching friends.

Tommy relaxes today by enjoying his country living with his wife Sylvia, and her soon to be 97 (July 24th) year young mother, Floriene Stephens, five miles from Gustine, Comanche County, Texas.

They have five daughters, Tanya Dorris, Terri Burnett, Paige Cadenhead, Shana Barger, and Sharla Coursey along with their respective spouses. These girls have given Tommy and Sylvia 18 grandchildren (11 girls and 7 boys) and one great-granddaughter.

Tommy has a large and loving extended family. He is the son of the late Yvonne and George Watkins. He has two brothers, Johnnie Watkins and wife, Delores of Midland and Jerry Watkins of Fredericksburg, and a sister, Sandra Ann Ritchie and husband, Gerald of Granbury, a sister-in-law, Connie Watkins of Waco, and many nieces and nephews, including Catherine (Ritchie) Smith and husband, Gary, of Spearman. He has lost a sister, Gloria "Snookie" Burkhalter and a brother, Bill Watkins, to cancer.

Tommy is also the nephew of legendary Ole Miss football coach Johnnie Vaught.

Vaught led Ole Miss to six Southeastern Conference titles and 18 bowl appearances during his coaching career (1947-70, 1973). The NCAA also lists three of Vaught's teams

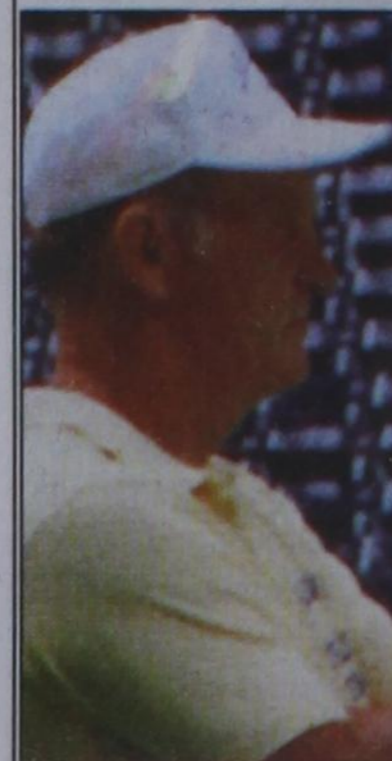
(1959, 1960 and 1962) as having won at least a share of the national championship.

Vaught compiled a 190-61-12 record as Ole Miss coach and was inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 1979. He was selected SEC Coach of the Year six times by the Associated Press, twice by United Press International, twice by the Nashville Banner, and twice by the SEC Coaches. In 1993, he was

chosen by Ole Miss fans as the "Coach of the Century" (1893-1993) when the University of Mississippi celebrated the school's first 100 years of football.

Vaught football at Ole Miss became the model for many college and high school mentors. His 25 years as a college head coach produced a record that ranks among the most productive at any institution across the nation ... in any era.

Tommy G. Watkins - Achievements



- Career Record: 301-153-8
- Three state football championships - Rotan, 1962; Iowa Park, 1969 and 1970
- One state track championship - Rotan, 1962
- District championships at all schools except Rowlett High School which was a new high school
- Elected to coach Texas High School Coaches All-Star football game in Houston, TX 1972
- Selected to coach Texas All-Stars Oil Bowl game, Wichita Falls, TX, 1980 and 1993
- Texas-Conference honors four seasons, McMurry University, 1953 -1957
- Little All-American honorable mentioned, 1956
- All-Methodist All-American team, 1956
- Southwest Texas Coach of the Year, 1985
- Metroplex Coach of the year, 1988
- McMurry Coach of the year, 1964, 1988
- Garland Sports Hall of Fame, 1994
- October ESPN Coach of the Month, 2000
- Dallas Cowboys and the National Football League Coach of the Week, 2000
- Top Ten Texas coaches televised special for High School Extra, Fox Sports Net, "The Coach that Made a Difference," September, 1996
- 1969-70 Iowa Park Hawks State Championship Sign unveiling and dedication, Coach Tommy Watkins, bond fire and cutting of the ribbon, Sept. 10, 2009
- Garland Sports Hall of Fame, recognizes 1988 Lakeview Centennial High School football team, "The Dream Team", as the Honor Team for 2009, Sept. 19, 2009
- Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine 50th Anniversary, Best of the past 50 years, (50 Most Memorable Coaches), Tommy Watkins, #36, December, 2009

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the appraisal district office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$344,257
The total amount of increase from the current year's budget	+ 13,047
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	4
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	4

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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