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Out at the Lake

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Lake Level--March 12, 2012--29.77 feet (-0.19)

The office rain gauge showed .34 inch from the recent light rains. A year ago the lake level was about 15 feet higher than now.

Jim had little to report this morning as he had been gone to back to back conferences. He and Jack Lane, president of the Palo Duro Authority Board, drove over to Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Canadian River Compact meeting. Next came the annual Texas Water Conservation Association meeting.

It's great to have a big catfish picture again. Maybe we will have more. **Yellowstone Park in Winter**

Hearing about the unusual trips our local people take has always been a joy for me. The latest story to come my way is a trip that Amy StavloTeBeest originated for her sister Alice Stavlo Satrum. The sisters had to do some convincing on their husbands, Randy Satrum and J.P. TeBeest. Alice and Randy live in Parker, Colorado, and Amy and J.P. live out at Oslo. Amy had read about the guided tours into Yellowstone National Park in Winter in the National Geographic.

After their return from "a thoroughly enjoyable time" Alice wrote they would recommend visiting the Park in winter when only 100,000 visitors compare to the 3,000,000 each summer.



Joey Sharp and granddaughter Aubree, with a 23 pound blue cat, caught last week at Lake Palo Duro.

"Yes, it was cold, windy and snowy--but it was an amazing experience to see 15 types of wildlife in that environment. We saw bison, elk, pronghorns, big horn sheep, two moose, one muskrat, otters, geese, trumpeter swans, bald eagles, ravens, dippers, coyotes, and WOLVES. Our two guides became great

friends as well as the other 25 people in our group. We rode in buses on the main roads, snow coaches on tracks, passenger vans on tracks, and cars on tracks and skis that have been used in the Park for 60 years."

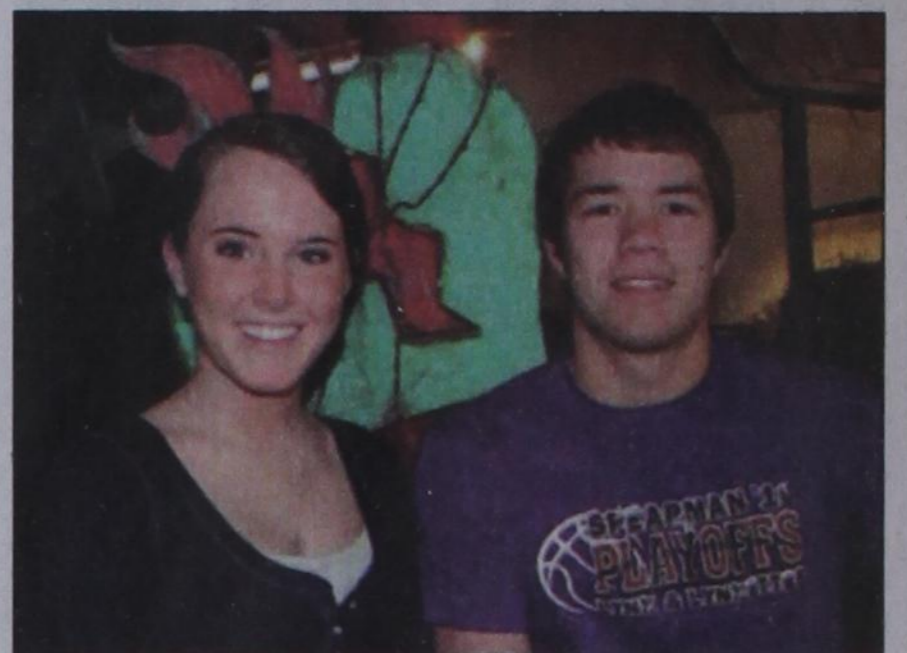
I will follow up on the trip and include some pictures next week.

SHS February Students of the Month

The February Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Cassidy Odegaard and Blaine Pack.

Cassidy is the daughter of Greg and Shonda Odegaard. She has three brothers, Colby, Caleb, and Connor Odegaard. Cassidy has been active in National Honor Society, Spearman Lynxette Tennis, Art, and served as the Spearman Lynx Basketball manager for three years. She is currently serving as the National Honor Society secretary. While in high school, Cassidy has been named to the Spearman High School Honor Roll, was recognized at the Spearman High School Art Show, and was the District Runner-Up in girls tennis in 2011, which qualified her for the regional tournament. In her spare time, Cassidy enjoys reading and hanging out with her friends. Her future plans include attending Midwestern State University and obtaining her teaching degree. Cassidy states the best thing about Spearman is, "Everyone is so close and you establish a strong group of friends." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "You know the name of every person in your class." Cassidy's most influential teacher during her school years is Ms. Beckee Baker.

Blaine is the son of Jay Pack. He has one older brother, Chance Pack, and one younger sister, Jayme Pack. Blaine is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Football, Basketball, and Golf, Spearman Stingrays Swim Team, Future Farmers of America, Art, and the First Baptist Church Youth Group. Blaine served as the FFA Vice-President his



sophomore year, was named Academic All-District in football, basketball, golf, was named All-District Football - Offense and Defense - 2010, 2011, All-District Honorable Mention Basketball - 2011, Swim Team High Point Boy - 2009, 2010, 2011, and has been listed on the Spearman High School Honor Roll. Blaine served as a team captain in football and was a 5th place district medalist in golf in 2011. In his spare time, Blaine enjoys golf, swimming, hunting, fishing, and hanging out with friends. Blaine plans on attending college after gradu-

ating from high school and majoring in zoology or kinesiology. Blaine has also set a goal to try and play college golf. Blaine states the best thing about Spearman is, "It's not too big and it's easy to get places." Blaine says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "You know everyone." Blaine's most influential teacher during his school years is Mrs. Linda Wilkerson.

Congratulations to Cassidy and Blaine on being named the Spearman High School February Students of the Month

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