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Neff Wins 500 Games



Superintendent Rodney Sumner (right) presents Coach Wendell Neff with a plaque honoring his 500th win as a basketball coach.

Little did Wendell Neff know thirty-three years ago as a senior at McAdoo High School that he would win 500 games as a head basketball coach and leave his mark in the state coaching record book.

Wendell was born in McAdoo, Texas and attended South Plains Junior College on a basketball scholarship. He later attended Texas Tech and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in mathematics. He started his teaching and coaching career in Spur. He was in Spur for three years and served as head basketball coach for two out of the three years.

The next stop for Coach Neff was at Jayton. He stayed at Jayton for fourteen years. While at Jayton he had the opportunity for five years to be both the head boys and girls basketball coach. Upon reflection, Coach Neff said he fondly remembers one of his girls teams at Jayton that went 32-4. He said that three out of the four losses that year were to three different state champions. He added that one of his former players, Bridgett Hamilton, an All-State forward, sent him an e-mail congratulating him when she heard about his 500th win. It has been over 20 years since he last saw her, and she now lives out of state in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In 1990, Coach Neff loaded up his family and moved to Spearman. Coach Neff said his first team at Spearman was one that stands out. This team went 3-25 the previous year before he got here and in his first year won the District Championship and went to

the Area playoffs. With a big smile on his face, Coach said, "it was a real fun year!" Over the next ten years at Spearman, Coach Neff posted 156 wins against 119 losses. His teams advanced to the playoffs six times during this period.

Probably the biggest game of his career came on December 28, 1999 against Booker. It was in the Spearman Varsity Gym where his Lynx team beat Booker 73-49 for his 500th win of his career. Coach Neff said that he was pleased with the win and that it put him in a situation to recall what happened in the past. He said many ex-players contacted him, and it gave him a chance to visit with them and reminisce about past teams and players.

Coach Neff said that he was particularly proud that several of his ex-players are now basketball coaches themselves. He said that he coached Trey Richey, the boy's basketball coach at Borden County and Bobby Edwards at Ira. Both of these coaches had their teams in the regional basketball tournament last year.

Along the road, Coach Neff married his wife Jenny whom he has been married to for 25 years and raised two children. Clay and Jennifer are both students at Texas Tech. On any game night, you will find his wife Jenny on the sidelines keeping the game stats. It seems basketball is a family affair in the Neff household.

Throughout his 28 years of coaching there have been some ups and downs. Coach said that what he has stressed the most to his players is that they should

never quite trying to be a responsible person and to value hard work! Wendell said that he started coaching 28 years ago because of the love of the game. He said he was unsure on how much longer he would coach but said that as long as it still remains fun that he will be a coach. Coach said that there is still lots to do in Spearman. He wants to get back into the playoffs and said the district race is going to be a tossup. "We are going to be in some close games, and we are going to have to win some of the close ones to make it to the next level," he stated.

It is easy to see the love Coach Neff has for the game. Without batting an eye he said, Toby Thompson, best guard I ever had. He could score and play defense. Cody Pipkin was the best post player I ever had. The 1994 team was one of my best boys teams. They had over-all good height, good post and good guard play. But don't forget the 1993 team that went 22-9 or the 1997 team that won 21 games and only lost 6 games.

For the love of the game! Five hundred wins as a head basketball coach! As Coach Neff has left his mark in the record books, he has also left his mark on his players, teams and the town of Spearman. How fortunate we were to witness the excitement of his players when they knew that they were the ones that won this very special game for their coach, a memory that will last a lifetime. Thanks, coach, for the memories and congratulations on your 500th win!

PET Network Information System Saves Irrigation Water

A team of state and federal scientists and engineers, Thomas H. Marek, L. Leon New, Gerald J. Michels, Brent W. Bean, Terry A. Howell, and Donald A. Dusek, whose pioneering work led to the establishment of a network of weather stations benefiting agricultural crop production across the Texas panhandle was honored by the Texas A&M University System's Agriculture Program.

Water use information is disseminated to growers, crop consultants, media, and agencies daily by fax and through a dedicated site on the internet. In 1998 alone, over 118,000 faxes were sent to sub-

scribers, and results indicated between 350,000 and 400,000 acres of irrigated crops were managed using the North Plains Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) Network information, saving more than 20 billion gallons of water, \$5 million in related pumping costs, and 130 million BTUs in pumping energy. 1999 results are being tallied.

The group, all based in the Amarillo area, was recognized with the Research Team Excellence Award by A&M Vice Chancellor, Edward A. Hiler at ceremonies held today during the annual System's Agricultural

Program facility conference.

Marek, an agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is also superintendent of the Station's North Plains Research Field near Etter. New is an agricultural engineer specializing in irrigation management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Michels is an A&M entomologist at the Experiment Station's Bushland facility. Bean is an Extension agronomist with a joint appointment in the Experiment Station.

Both Howell and Dusek are with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation and

Production Research Laboratory at Bushland. Howell is research leader of the water management research unit and an agricultural engineer, and Dusek is an agronomist.

Work by this team has also been recognized recently by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission with its environmental excellence award. In addition, the Department of Energy and the Federal Interagency Energy Policy Committee also honored the multi-agency team with its water management award in Washington, DC.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

Panhandle Community Services announces that they will begin taking applications for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program known as CEAP in February. This program provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly and handicapped people. CEAP assistance is not automatic. Application doesn't mean assistance. Assistance will be provided only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix system as most in need. Many clients have received these services repeatedly over the years; therefore this year's plan from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs focuses on outreach and service to new clients and serving those most in need.

To apply you must bring Social Security cards for everyone in your household, proof of income, current electric and gas bill, and a 12-month history of your electric and gas bill. You must be a resident of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford or Hemphill county to qualify. If you have any questions, call: Johnanna Dear at 435-2478 in Perryton.

You may apply at any of the following locations:

- Hansford County Courthouse, February 8, 2000, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
- Lipscomb County Courthouse, February 15, 2000, 9:00-11 a.m.
- Hemphill County Courthouse, February 15, 2000, 1:30-4:00 p.m.



Gruver High School student of the six weeks, Shea Lowe, completes an FFA bulletin board. The junior student is a class officer and is active in FFA, golf and UIL academic events. She is the daughter of Marsha and Buddy Lowe.

Windmill Association Receives Grant



New Century Energies representative Joe Harris, presents Gina Gillispie with a \$2,500 check for the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association.

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association (SWPWA) met January 10, 2000 at noon at the Palo Duro Cafe.

Members present were: Roger Buchanan, Orville Latham, Steve Benton, Joel Lee Lackey, and Gina Gillispie. Absent were: Britt Jarvis and JL Brock.

President Roger Buchanan called the meeting to order.

It was the general consensus of the board that the association looks into building a facility on site. Orville has received bids from several different companies on cost. Orville will contact Charles Elliott to acquire a hard bid, as the board

would prefer to do business locally if possible.

The next step will be funding.

Gina reported that the SWPWA was in receipt of a grant from New Century Energies (SPE) in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Names to be put on the ballot for new board members are: Dwayne Mitchell, Irene Snider, and Irvin Boyd. Gina will contact them to see if they will be willing to serve on the board. Upon their approval, she will send out ballots to the membership for a vote. Two of the three will serve.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Happy Birthday

Our Deepest Sympathy

Harrington Cancer Center's Community Calendar

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

January 20
 Birthday - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Virginia Head, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brienne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit McKee, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Blankenship

January 21
 Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Wilkerson, Marcus Vasquez

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Remmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

January 22
 Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Armes

January 23
 Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Louise Archer, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan

January 24
 Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smith

January 25
 Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mabel Jameson, R.L. McFarlin, Travis Davis, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks

January 26
 Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia

Anniversary - Bill & Jody Harnish

January 27
 Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lynette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirk Patrick, Francis Hathaway

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gus Vargas

January 28
 Birthday - Brooke Bevell, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr., Eddie Papay, Melissa Donahue, Mavis Collins, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burrese, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Howe

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Clark Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, Bill & Joyce Johnson

January 29
 Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaitheer, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estrella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Dee Allen

January 30
 Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pete Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez

January 31
 Birthday - Breanna Dearin, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Ruiz, Mr. & Mrs. John Shields, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hintergard, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Mathews

February 1
 Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. George C. Lowe

Betty M. Witcher Finch
 A memorial service for Betty M. Witcher Finch, 86, will be held at Union Cemetery at a later date, officiated by Max Janzen. Cremation arrangements are by Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home of Hennessey, OK.

Betty King was born December 13, 1913 in Quinlan to R.J. "Bob" and Belle Kee King and died Sunday, January 16, 2000 at the Hennessey Care Center.

She graduated from Alva Teachers College and was a schoolteacher in the Quinlan area and in Spearman, TX. She married A.R. "Ray" Witcher in Quinlan on October 21, 1937. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Albuquerque, NM. She moved to Enid from Albuquerque, in January 1998.

Betty is survived by two daughters, Dianna and husband Harry Mason of Enid and Mae Belle Pendleton of Albuquerque, NM; one son, Robert W. "Bob" Witcher and wife Thersa of Tulsa; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ray Witcher, and one sister.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to Circle of Love Hospice with the funeral home serving as custodian of the fund. Memorials may be mailed to: Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 125, Hennessey, OK 73742.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center recently released the January Community Calendar.

Dialogue

Thursdays, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Dialogue is a patient/family education support group sponsored by Harrington Cancer Center and American Cancer Society. January 20th - "Getting Back on the Road of Life" - Turning problems into challenges - not reasons to give up Stan McKeever, LMSW-ACP. January 27th - "Advanced Care Planning" - How advance directives can help you, your family and your doctor, Martha Martinez, LSW.

The Women's Center Breast Screening will be at Hansford County Hospital, 712 S. Roland, Spearman on January 24th.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for mobile mammography clinics to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Space is limited, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information, or to register.

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We, the family of Eunice Spivey, wish to thank the community for their generous gifts of thoughts, prayers, food and flowers. The time and efforts of all those who helped us during this difficult time have meant so very much. We will be forever grateful.

Tom Spivey and Family


Thank You

I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to Harletta Carthel for her accurate report in "The Gruver Grapevine" regarding my grandmother's (Eunice Spivey) "gallant" fight with illness. A truer choice of words was never spoken. My grandmother was the most gallant spirit I have ever known. She was a pillar of strength for me right up to the end. Your acknowledgement of her strength and love is deeply appreciated. I will live out the remainder of my life and never find as extraordinary a person as my grandmother. I will forever miss her.

Jennifer M. White

*You are cordially invited to an
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 Central Communications
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 Friday, January 21st
 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Coffee & donuts will be served.*

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 Department of Public Safety*



**World Help Presents
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World Help presents *Mission*, a group of young adults who are seasoned ministers and vocalists. They will be appearing in concert on Sunday, January 23, 2000, at 10:45 a.m., Perryton Full Gospel Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th Avenue, Perryton, Texas.

This inspiring international ministry will be presenting, "To The Ends Of The Earth," a challenging concert utilizing a unique video presentation featuring recent World Help evangelistic campaigns to India.

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by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Friend Sheri Benton sent me the following illustration. I really enjoyed it and hope you do, too.

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high powered over-achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?"

He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?"

By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied.

He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Your children... Your loved ones... Your education... Your dreams... A worthy cause... Teaching or mentoring others... Doing things that you love... Time for yourself... Your health... Your significant other?

Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. If you sweat the little stuff (the gravel, the sand, the water) then you'll fill your life with little things you worry about that don't really matter, and you'll never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks). So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this story, ask yourself this question: 'What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

May God Bless Each of You,
Catherine!)



The Kid's Korner Day Care Center recently had a ribbon cutting, celebrating their new facility. They are now located at 14 S. Haney in Spearman. Kid's Korner offers tools for development of oral language and literacy, age-appropriate learning activities and lots of fun! Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, call 659-3179 or 659-3399. Drop-ins and after-school children are welcome.

Walk For Kids' Sake 2000

Walk for Kids' Sake 2000, benefiting the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, Inc., will be held on Saturday, February 19th in the Ochiltree County Expo Center.

Following is a schedule of events:
8:00 a.m. - Senior Walk - Early Birds & 55+
9:00 a.m. - Heart Healthy Walk for the serious about exercise crowd (and wannabes!)
10:00 a.m. - Family Walk - fun, family time, strollers welcome
11:00 a.m. - Fish Walk - featuring Christian music
Noon - Party Walk I - let the good times stroll!
1:00 p.m. - Party Walk II - the sequel

There are six ways to have fun and help Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, Inc. serve children ages 6-14 from single parent homes in Hansford and Ochiltree counties. In addition to that warm and fuzzy feeling, you'll get a t-shirt, food and (maybe) a door prize! Call 434-0016 or 1-800-687-8282 for more information.

Bridal Registry

Gina & Matt Jones - Jan. 22nd
Jennifer Phillips & Monte Beck - Mar. 4th
Abby Johnson & Cody Pipkin
Maria Ochoa & Luis Carbajal
Kara Townsen & Jason Bentley

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Barnes Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for Doug and Shannon Barnes.

Farrar Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established by First Baptist Church at First State Bank for Shawn Farrar.

Davis Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for the family of Chad and Tara Davis.

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CRP Sign-Up Dates Announced
The 20th Sign-Up Period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be held January 18-February 11, 2000 at the local offices of the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). The Sign-up 20 Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) is very similar to the EBI for Sign-up 18, except that the Federal or state-listed threatened and endangered species subfactor of the wildlife habitat component has been strengthened and clarified. The 5-point category was eliminated. In some states water quality area designations have been modified, and a few additional state conservation priority areas may have been approved. For more information, call the Hansford FSA Office at 659-3036.

Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp
Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antwan Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Bobson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Raleigh, NC, Boiling Springs, NC, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, and Farmville, VA. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610 anytime.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 South Roland, in Spearman on January 24, 2000. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

After 55 years in Spearman, Cleo George packed her bags, and left her hometown last week.

She moved to the Clairmont assisted care facility in Amarillo. Cleo had come to the conclusion that it was the most practical solution for her health and physical abilities. Her daughter, Patsy Isham, of Denver, has been here assisting her.

The George family, Cleo and husband, Dennis, with three children, Jerry, Patsy and Benny, came to Spearman from Newcastle when the children were small. All graduated from Spearman High School. Mr. George, Jerry and Benny, are all deceased.

Cleo was employed by the former ASCS for many years. She leaves many friends here - and will be sorely missed - always accommodating, pleasant and helpful, she was active in community affairs.

Cleo's address is: 4707 Bell St., Apt. 108, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Loree and John Booth had a pleasant trip last week when they drove to Lake Charles, LA to visit his brother. They left on Saturday and returned on Friday.

Notes of the ill: Mrs. Rosa Parks is recovering in the Hansford Manor from a broken hip. She makes her home with her daughter, Jewel, and Arthur Dawes here. On Sunday, January 9th, she fell in the home and broke her hip. She was taken to Amarillo by ambulance, where she was hospitalized for several days before being returned to Spearman.

During her stay in Amarillo her sons of Cleburne and Amarillo were in attendance as was a grandson from Cleburne and granddaughters from Canyon and Guymon.

Grace Kirk is back at home after two hospitalizations in Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton and several days in the home of her daughter, Jeanette Kirk in Perryton.

She was suffering from the flu and a variety of complications. Her son, Roger, was here during the weekend. He is from Oklahoma City.

David Swan has recovered from his recent hospitalization here for three days. He was able to return to his duties as a pumper for J.H. Huber Company.

Family members report that Kip Pittman is recovering from surgery performed at Kansas University Hospital in Kansas City on January 11th. He had 3 1/2 inches of bone removed from his jaw and replaced with bone from his arm. He is expected to be hospitalized another ten days.

His wife, Melissa, and parents, Frank and Lucy, are with him.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Local Stock Show Slated

The Gruver Stock Show will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, in the Gruver Ag Barn. Order of the show will be lamb judging followed by steers and then swine. FFA Advisor Clay Montgomery expects over 100 entries for the show. The Hansford County Stock Show is set for February 11 and 12 and will also be in the Gruver Ag Barn.

GISD Board Meets

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, January 10. All seven board members and Superintendent Laura Blessingame were present.

In a motion that carried 7-0, Superintendent Blessingame was employed for the 2000-2001 school year.

Other motions that carried by unanimous vote were approval of the minutes of December 13, 1999; acceptance of the budget amendments for Technology Allotment, the Tech Prep Grant, and the Accelerated Reading Program; and the district plan to

apply E-rate money when received towards updating the district phone system. The group also accepted the annual performance report from TEA on TAAS testing.

After entering executive session for one hour and seven minutes, the group reviewed several discussion items including the first reading of Policy Update 62, the need for Policy Review Seminar of Localized Policy Manuals, a request from Shelia Watley for re-assignment, the superintendent's report, and legal fees.

Before voting to adjourn, members approved payment of bills of \$29,145.11 with members Terry Sherrill, Benny Wilson, and Mike Yanke abstaining.

Etling Honored

William F. D. Etling was honored on his 85th birthday with an open house celebration in his home on Sunday, January 15. The event was hosted by Mr. Etling's children Janice Etling Adams, Jim Etling, and Mary Etling Batzel.

Gruver Welcomes New Family

The Nareesh Panday family will

be residing in Gruver until August. Nareesh is working with Bob Adams. The family which includes two young sons was in attendance at the Gruver/Adrian basketball game last week.

Basketball Scoreboard

Varsity Hounds
Gruver 72, Adrian 49
Armes 12, Barkley 9, Cone 16, Shoulders 11, Odom 5, Hart 4, Schneider 4, Henson 6, Villalobos 5.

District Opener

Hounds 59, Wheeler 46
After trailing most of the game, the Hounds tied the game at 44 in the closing seconds of the third quarter with a three-pointer by Dallas Henson. In overtime, three Mustangs fouled out leaving only three players in the final minute. Armes scored 9 in the first half to pace the Hounds while Henson rallied the Hounds in the second half with 13 points.

Cone 12, Barkley 4, Armes 11, Henson 14, Odom 9, Shoulders 5, Hart 4.

Junior Varsity Hounds (Black)

Gruver, 46, Wheeler 20
Swink 10, Harris 4, Weller 3, Carthel 4, Ehrenberg 2, Hernandez 14, Salazar 3, Reid 4.

Eighth Grade Hounds

Gruver 19, Morse 18
Individual scoring N/A.

Varsity Lady Hounds

Lady Hounds 50, Lady Mustangs 59
The Lady Hounds welcomed back from the injured list Janae Watley, Janie May, and Sammy Stavlo. The Lady Hounds found the going tough against a physical Lady Mustang team in their district opener. Although the Lady Hounds narrowed the margin to three early in the fourth quarter, the Lady Mustangs capitalized on free shooting opportunities to take the win. Individual scoring will be listed next week.

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds

January 13
Lady Hounds 33, Morse Junior High 10
Watkins 2, Finley 3, Grotgut 2, Burnam 14, Huerta 4, Montgomery 8.

Spearman Tournament

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds
Take Third Place

First Game
Lady Hounds 37, Spearman 12
Reid 2, Watkins 2, Finley 2, Grotgut 8, Burnam 7, Huerta 16.

Second Game

Lady Hounds 26, Perryton 31
Reid 2, Grotgut 11, Burnam 11, Huerta 2.

Third Game

Lady Hounds 27, Dalhart 11
Reid 5, Grotgut 8, Burnam 10, Huerta 4.

Sympathy Extended

Albert Zimmer of Stratford, the father of Bob Zimmer, died January 11 in Amarillo.

TAAA Prep Scheduled

Preparation for the TAAS test to be taken by sophomores February 22-24 will begin this month. Prep classes for writing, math, and reading will begin January 26 and will run through the first three weeks of February during tutorial periods of the school days.

Get Well Wishes

Betty Williams of Albany, the mother of Ginger Barteel is ill. She is to undergo tests this week in Midland to determine the cause of her illness and the appropriate treatment.

T. C. Harvey is now home after spending time in Ochiltree Hospital with pneumonia.

Polly Jones has also returned home after a stay in Hansford Hospital.

John Robinson had knee surgery on January 10 in Amarillo.

Olene Cluck was scheduled for surgery to remedy heart blockage at Baptist St. Anthony's this week.

Cute Kid Sayings

When a Gruver school official began to notice the misbehaviors of an unsupervised four-year-old boy at a Gruver football game, the official strongly suggested the youngster should find his parents and sit with them.

The official's heart quickly melted when the youngster looked up with big, sad eyes and proclaimed "I don't have any parents."

"You have no parents?" the sympathetic official asked.

"No ma'am, I only have a mom and dad."

College News

Frank Phillips College

Frank Phillips College recently released its President's and Dean's Lists for the 1999 Fall Semester.

President's List - Mandi M. Lusby of Spearman was enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of non-developmental courses with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0.

Dean's Honor Roll - Regina Biggers, Gale Mayfield Womble, and Cody McGaha, all of Spearman, and Eva Schick of Morse were listed below were enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of non-developmental courses with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5-3.9.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Oklahoma Panhandle State University recently announced the list of fall 1999 graduates. The following are the students whose graduation was posted December 22, 1999: Cameron Don Kunselman, BS - Agronomy, Spearman and Amy Nicole Russell, AA - Social Studies, Gruver.

Sul Ross State University

Sul Ross State University named 215 students to its fall semester Dean's List, the academic honor roll.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or greater are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

Norma Isabel Hinojos of Spearman was listed on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.5.

University of North Texas

Kristin Beedy received a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the 1999 Fall Semester. In recognition of her outstanding academic work, her name was placed on the President's List. Only students who have earned a grade point average of 4.0 on a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester were accorded this distinction.

Seward County Community College

Seward County Community College recently named its 1999 fall semester President's Honor Roll, Dean's Honor Roll, and Part-time Students' Honor Roll.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes those students who maintained a 3.5 or greater grade point average and completed at least 12 credit hours. Teresa Henson of Spearman was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

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Superintendent's Corner

With the beginning of a new century and millennium, we have had the unique opportunity to reflect upon the past and consider what the future holds in store for us. I have thought about writing this article for almost a month and have spent some time pondering the implications the new century has for us in the field of education.

Being an "old" history teacher, I firmly believe that before we can look to the future we must look to the past. The 20th century was an exciting time. I think most of us can agree that the changes of the past 100 years have affected mankind more than any other time in history. The Industrial Age probably had the biggest impact on our schools. It became important to have workers able to work on the assembly lines. The basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic dominated the educational system. The one room classroom of the 19th century gave way and was eventually replaced by larger schools based on Carnegie Units and divided into grade levels and subjects. These distinctions grouped all students by age and common subjects were taught by grade level. To exit the system, the student accumulated credits based on seat time. This "one-for-all" model dominated the system. However, as the Industrial Age gave way to the Technology Age very few notable changes occurred in the educational system.

Most of you can agree that schools look about the same today as they did when you were in school. Sure we have computers now and other forms of technology, however, the entire system of seat time, one-for-all instruction and learning in a vacuum still dominates how we are doing business. The big criticism that we have received over the past twenty years is that we are not preparing our students for what they need to be successful in the real world. I think that there may be some truth to that statement.

Not to make any excuses, but our educational system is dominated by traditions. It is not uncommon to hear someone from the older generation say, "if it was good enough for me, it is good enough for my children." This way of thinking is one of the reasons schools still do the same things that we did when I was a student in the 1960's. In today's volatile and changing society if this way of thinking dominated the business community, I venture to say that our economy would be suffering, and we would not have seen the mind-boggling advances and changes that we have seen in the past twenty years. I can only think that when I went to school the manual typewriter was good enough for me and how much time I spent with correction tape trying to line up and make sure I had room for the footnotes at the bottom of the page. I think most of

you can recall how much time we spent typing and retyping papers. It was good enough for me then; however, it is not good enough for my children. The computer and word processor have eliminated all that I once had to do by hand and has given our children a better tool to eliminate this once mundane practice.

The 1990's were a time of reform in the educational community. Much discussion centered on the return to the basics and in other circles providing students with real world standards with practical applications to learning. Not much real change occurred but it did force us to draw some attention to what we are doing and why we are doing it. Futurists began challenging us to "think outside the box" and to consider if what was good enough for us, is still good enough for our children? I don't know for sure; however, I do know that I want the best for my children and if the best means doing something different, then so be it. Someone once said, "if you do the same old things, you are not going to get anything but the same old things." This statement is looking truer and truer the older I get.

The challenge we face in education today is how to better meet the needs of the students that we teach. We are expected to teach more and more. For those who have been out of school for awhile, you would be simply amazed what kids are being taught today. In most situations it is so much more advanced and complex than when I was in school. I believe schools are doing a better job than when I was in school, however, we still have a long way to go.

It is going to take some real pioneers to be able to look at the system and to either tweak or redesign how we deliver instruction. With the advent of the computers and the Internet, will textbooks or teachers be replaced? For some it might be the answer but for others a classroom setting might be appropriate. I will admit that it is sometimes hard for me to look outside the box because I have spent the past 35 years either in school or working in schools. The challenge is to look at the students we teach and determine what works best and to modify what we are doing to meet their needs. In some circles this is quite a radical statement and idea. We teach one way and if the kids don't get it, it is not our problem, the kids are just unmotivated. Frustrating but a reality. With the changing composition of our student population, the state legislature has tried to focus our attention on these special population students through the current accountability system; however, it has not caused us to do anything really different. We still treat all kids alike and ignore the circumstances they bring with them to school. Some feel that these circumstances are only excuses.

I am not trying to step on anyone's toes or point blame. For all that is wrong with education, there is a lot right! We still have a lot of dedicated teachers who care about their students. My attempt in writing this article is to draw attention to and state how important it is what we do in the classroom. The future of this generation and our society will depend on the students we are currently teaching in our classroom.

I take this challenge very seriously. I don't have all the answers; however, I am willing to stop and look at what we are doing and ask some very telling questions. Why are we doing what we are doing and what are the results we expect? Is there a better way? The 21st century is also going to be an exciting time. Now is the time for all of us to start thinking the direction we want to go. We can either go kicking or screaming or accept the changes that are inevitable. I will not be around for the 22nd century; however, I wonder what teaching and education will look like in another 100 years. Hopefully the questions we ask and the decisions that we make today will help shape the system for the next 100 years. It is my hope that our schools will be a better place for my children than they were for me!

Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson
Lake Depth—January 17, 2000—51.86 feet

Jim's Report: There was more activity this week, as there were 5 RVs-2 campers at the hookups on both sides of the Lake and one that camped on the edge of the Lake. Fishermen were out, but no good catches were reported.

In a month or two, five more RV spaces will be built on the circle on the office side.

"The Prairie Horned Lark," newsletter of the Panhandle Bird Club, gave Hansford County as a place to find a really good bird. Reports of black-billed Magpies on Coldwater Creek near Gruver hit the Internet and consequently Texas birders hit the road, hoping

to put this bird on their Texas list. Several birders reported seeing one magpie, but Barbara and John Ribble of Austin saw three."

I have yet to hear from anyone in the County that has seen the Magpies this winter. This issue also reported a bald eagle at Palo Duro Lake on Dec. 17 by Rudy Cadra of Borger.

Two Inca Doves were sighted on Christmas Day in Stratford. Incas are rarely seen in the Panhandle, but the John Trindles of near

McKibben had one killed when it crashed into one of their windows recently.

This dove is making a move northward from Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley. The dainty little dove has dark tipped feathers that give it a scalloped or scaled look. When it flies, the reddish brown wing tips can be seen.

Another creature making its way slowly northward is the nine-banded armadillo. The first report on armadillos in this column was Jan. 15, 1996 when Joel Lee Lackey reported seeing one south of Gruver. There were others seen for while, and then nothing until last fall when a friend said they had found one digging in their yard north of the dam. Last week Jack Smith, a grandson of the early settler, Jim Cator, told me he and his nephew Billy Smith spotted six of these animals along the Palo Duro Creek south of Gruver in one day. Wes Whitaker of Gruver and Amarillo had taken some pictures of one in the same area. Our pictures today are one of those.

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Lynxettes Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
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Jan 28	Sunray*	6:30
Feb 1	@ West Texas*	6:30
Feb 4	Canadian*	6:30
Feb 8	@Stratford*	6:30

Date: 1-12-2000 Place: Sunray Record: 16-4 (0-1)

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynxettes	12	10	9	22	53
Sunray	13	15	12	16	56

Coach's Comments: We did not play as well as we would have liked to, but give Sunray credit. I thought they played well. We did not play defense and rebound well and was playing catch up most of the night. Shooting better, blocking out and fewer turnovers could have been the difference. We will need to win at home on Friday vs. WT to get us back in the district race.

Lynx Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 21	Stratford*	8:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	8:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	8:00
Feb 1	@ West Texas*	8:00
Feb 4	Canadian*	8:00
Feb 8	@Stratford*	8:00

Date: 1-7-2000 Place: Spearman Record: 7-10

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	10	12	18	20	60
Boys Ranch	16	9	13	12	50

Date: 1-11-2000 Place: Sunray Record: 8-10

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	12	14	11	17	54
Sunray	13	8	10	18	49

Lynx JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 21	Stratford*	5:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	5:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	5:00
Feb 1	@ West Texas*	5:00
Feb 4	Canadian*	5:00
Feb 8	@Stratford*	5:00

Date: 1-11-2000 Place: Sunray Record: 10-3

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	18	11	17	10	56
Sunray	13	3	7	10	33

Lynxettes JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 21	Stratford*	5:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	5:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	5:00
Feb 1	@ West Texas*	5:00
Feb 4	Canadian*	5:00
Feb 8	@Stratford*	5:00

Date: 1-7-2000 Place: Spearman Record: 12-7

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynxettes JV	19	15	15	11	60
Boys Ranch JV	4	4	4	10	22

Coach's Comments: Good effort. We played pretty good defense and were able to force some turnovers and get lay-ups. The girls pushed the ball up the sideline well which produced some easy shots. Haley Lombard and Nicole Lozano shot well from outside. Our free throws could be better but we did get good balanced scoring.

Freshmen Lynx

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 24	@ West Texas	7:30
Jan 31	Canadian	5:00
Feb 3-5	West Texas Tourney	TBA
Feb 7	@Stratford	7:30

Date: 1-10-2000 Place: Gruver Record: 4-5

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	6	16	31	49	49
Gruver	5	19	27	32	32

Freshmen Lynxettes

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 24	West Texas	5:00
Jan 31	@Canadian	7:30
Feb 7	Stratford	5:00

Junior High Games To Be Played Thursday

The Junior High Lynx and Lynxettes will play their games this week on Thursday instead of Monday. These games have been moved because Sunray had a conflict on Monday. Be sure and go and support your Junior High Lynx and Lynxettes this Thursday against Sunray. Go Junior High!

Spearman Practice Show Results

The Spearman Practice Show was held Sunday, January 16th at the Spearman County Barn with Brock Burch from Casper, Wyoming judging.

Steer

Light Weight
Bailey Reid 1st; Tracy Brown 2nd; Kyna Shields 3rd; Melody Shields 4th; Misty Brown 5th; Kalli Shields - 6th

Medium Weight
Travis Brown 1st; Rhett Renner 2nd; Tracy Brown 3rd

Heavy Weight
Reagan Renner 1st; Reagan Renner 2nd; Travis Brown 3rd; Brenna Reid 4th

Grand Champion - Travis Brown
Reserve Grand Champion - Reagan Renner
Senior Showmanship - Melody Shields
Junior Showmanship - Kalli Shields

Sheep Results

Class I
Cory Graves 1st; Misty Brown 2nd; Josh Lackey 3rd; Brenna Reid 4th; Marshall Heaton 5th

Class II
Dustin Mackie 1st; Tara Shields 2nd; Chase Schubert 3rd; Jenny Diaz 4th; Zack Murray 5th

Class III
Blayne Baker 1st; Tim Bynum 2nd; Bobby Lujan 3rd; Tayshia James 4th; Noemi Rodriguez 5th

Class IV
Jeremy Mackie 1st; Kalli Smith 2nd; Kalli Shields 3rd; Tabatha Shields 4th; Lanie Graves 5th; Bailey Reid 6th

Class V
Kyna Shields 1st; Nancy Flores 2nd; Eric Flores 3rd; Melody Shields 4th

Grand Champion - Kyna Shields
Reserve Grand Champion - Jeremy Mackie
Senior Showmanship - Kyna Shields
Junior Showmanship - Bailey Reid

Swine Results

Chester White
Blayne Baker 1st; Brad James 2nd; Melody Shields 3rd

Duroc
Class I
David Sharp 1st; Kylie McGaha 2nd; Casey Cator 3rd; Blayne

Baker 4th; Jared Lozano 5th; David Sharp 6th

Class II
Austin Benton 1st; Kalli Shields 2nd; Lanie Graves 3rd; Tim Bynum 4th; Tim Bynum 5th

Champion Duroc - David Sharp
Reserve Champion Duroc - Austin Benton

Hamps
Class I
Chasity Thomas 1st; Justin Eslick 2nd; Ty West 3rd; Kaylee LaClair 4th

Class II
Travis Brown 1st; Brenna Reid 2nd; Tyler Cator 3rd; Dakota Cator 4th

Class III
Ty West 1st; Bailey Reid 2nd; Kyna Shields 3rd; Kyna Shields 4th

Champion Hamp - Chasity Thomas
Reserve Champion Hamp - Ty West

York
Class I
Preslee Baker 1st; Trent Goodheart 2nd; Ricky Garcia 3rd

Class II
Kalli Smith 1st; Misty Brown 2nd; Joey Duby 3rd

Champion York - Preslee Baker
Reserve Champion York - Trent Goodheart

Cross
Class I
Timber Thomas 1st; Tracy Brown 2nd; Tate Batton 3rd; TJ Vasquez 4th; Wayne McCubbin 5th

Class II
Dustin Mackie 1st; Jordanna Lozano 2nd; Eric Vasquez 3rd; Jeremy Mackie 4th; Wayne McCubbin 5th

Class III
Jeremy Mackie 1st; Cody Benton 2nd; Dustin Mackie 3rd; Bobby Lujan 4th

Grand Champion - Jeremy Mackie
Reserve Grand Champion - David Sharp
Champion Cross - Jeremy Mackie
Reserve Champion Cross - Cody Benton
Senior Showmanship - Jeremy Mackie
Junior Showmanship - Blayne Baker

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
One day last week the door bell rang. When I opened it, there stood a friend with the magazine "Texas Techsan" in his hand. In the *Alumni News* was this short article:

Buddy Dossett (BBA Management, JD '78 Law) San Benito, completed his term as President of the North Harlingen Rotary Club in June.

The article may not interest most people, but of course it did me. But the point I want to address is that this person drove all the way across town to bring it to me. He didn't have to come by, but he

chose to, knowing I would be interested. Thank you, my friend!

There are so many good and kind people in Spearman, and of course I have the privilege to have him as a friend.

Buddy graduated from Spearman High School in 1971. He went to Texas Tech and earned his degree in Law, and is now an attorney in Harlingen. His wife, Becky, teaches first grade and has for over 20 years. They also adopted four girls, and that in itself is saying a lot - don't you think?

Buddy's mother,
Sara Dossett

Top Of Texas Show Results

The Top of Texas Show was held January 8th and 9th in Pampa, TX. Listed below are the results for those showing from Hansford County.

Lamb Results

Tabatha Shields - Reserve Grand Champion medium wool
Tara Shields - 2nd place medium wool
Bailey Reid - 9th place in two different classes medium wool

Steer Results

American Cross - Kalli Shields - Reserve Breed Champion - light weight
English Light Weight - Kyna Shields - 1st Place; Brittany Morris - 2nd Place

English Medium Weight - Tracy Brown - 1st Place
English Med. Heavy - Clete Vanderburg 3rd Place
English Heavy Weight - Bailey Reid - 1st Place English
Reserve Grand Champion - Tracy Brown
Class I Exotic - Taylor Williams - 1st Place
Class III Exotic - Tucker Williams - 2nd Place; Bailey Reid 3rd Place
Class 5 Exotic - Clayton Vanderburg 4th Place; Britta Vanderburg 7th Place

Class 6 Exotic - Travis Brown - 1st Place
Travis Brown - Grand Champion Steer
Kyna Shields - Champion Senior Showmanship
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Bids will be opened and awarded on Monday, January 24, 2000 during the regular Commissioners' Court meeting, which starts at 10:00 a.m.
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Hansford County Hospital District is accepting sealed bids on the wiring project for a new fire alarm system in the Hospital at Spearman, Texas. For specifications, contact John Kunselman or Leon Beck at 707 S. Roland or telephone 806-659-2535. Bidders performing the work are required to be electricians certified by the State, bonded, and have proof of commercial liability insurance coverage.

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Sealed bids for the purchase of a one-half ton, long wheel base pickup truck with standard cab and wide bed will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, up until 11:00 a.m., February 4, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the closing hour will be returned unopened.

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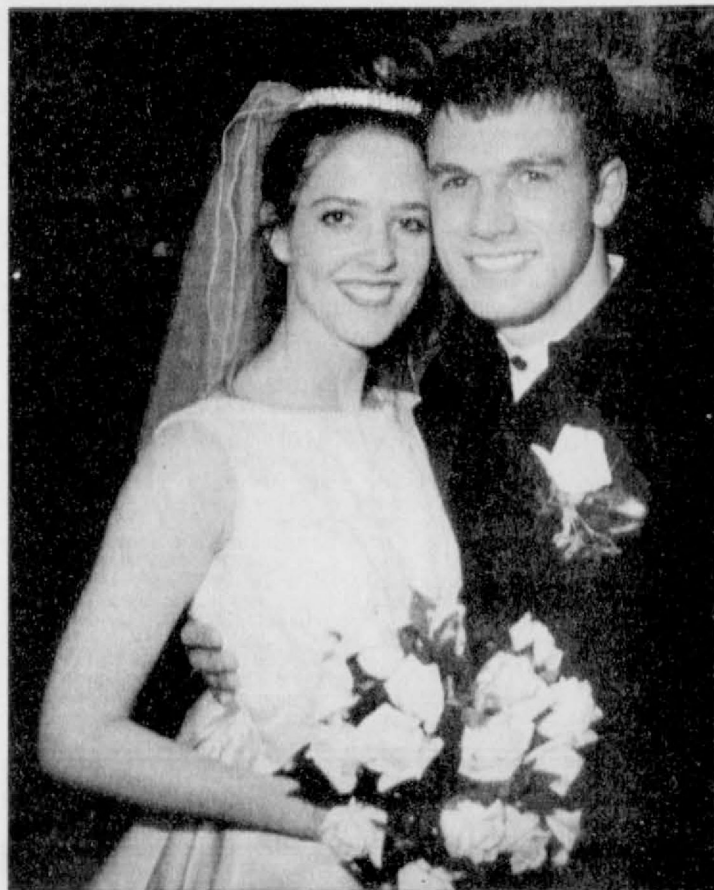
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Beasley/Wilkerson Wed



Samantha and Chad Wilkerson

Samantha Necole Beasley and Chad Carlyle Wilkerson were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, January 8, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ranch House Bed and Breakfast in Canyon, Texas, with Mr. Joe Garcia officiating.

Samantha is the daughter of Ed and Jan Williamson of Spearman and Jim Beasley of Gruver.

Chad is the son of Anthony and Linda Wilkerson of Spearman.

The best man was the groom's father, Anthony Wilkerson and the matron of honor was the bride's mother, Jan Williamson. The groom's attendant was his brother, Scott Wilkerson. The bride's attendant was her sister, Halee Beasley.

The usher was Chris Williamson, brother of the bride. The Flowergirl was Morgen Williamson, niece of the bride, and the ring bearer was Seth Williamson, nephew of the bride.

Grandparents of the bride in attendance were Mary Lou Wysong, Lera Beasley and Velda Williamson. Not in attendance

were Allan Beasley and the late Sam Wysong and Charles Williamson. Grandparents of the groom in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hand and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilkerson.

Samantha is a graduate of Spearman High School and is currently a student at West Texas A&M University, majoring in Pre-Veterinary and Biology. She is employed at Parking Services at the WTAMU Police Department.

Chad is also a graduate of Spearman High School, and a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. He is currently a graduate assistant and personal trainer with the WTAMU Wellness Services.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony. Reception attendants were Jennifer Neff, Kelly Sheildknight, Lindsey Smith and Mandi Lusby.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Canyon, Texas.

Extension Service Computer Courses

The popular 'have computer will travel' software training workshops sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be returning to the Panhandle next month. Area farmers and ranchers can start registering now for upcoming courses.

The Extension Service uses its 'traveling laptop computer laboratory' to teach farm and ranch operators records management and the use of futures and options in marketing agriculture commodities. Each short course will be taught by Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist.

This year's series will feature Quicken 2000 for Windows, a convenient, easy-to-learn financial management tool, widely used by producers, offered in two-day workshops. Also offered are one-day workshops with BUDPRO for Windows. The BUDPRO program aids producers in making key management decisions for profit in their operations.

"There's always a high level of interest in these particular programs," Amosson said.

Each session will begin at 9 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. The software applications are powered by the WINDOWS 95 operating system.

The two-day Quicken 2000 course fee is \$75. The one-day BUDPRO course is \$50 which includes the software, a \$100 value. All fees cover teaching materials for the courses and computer lease payments. Payment must accompany the registration form to be accepted. Forms are available through Amosson or any county Extension office in the Panhandle.

"We also encourage couples to come as a team. They can pay one registration fee when sharing a computer," Amosson explained. Registration will be limited to 14, in order to provide hands-on experience for all participants.

The Quicken 2000 workshops begin in Dumas on February 2nd and 3rd, then moves to Perryton on February 14th and 15th, and to Dalhart on February 17th and 18th. Amarillo will be the site of the final two-day session on February 21st and 22nd.

"Quicken is an inexpensive, easy-to-use record keeping program that is now widely used by agricultural producers," Amosson said. Participants will use a case study to learn in a hands-on setting. Tasks include entering transactions in the register, write check screens, categorized by type of income and expense, split and saving transactions to help develop meaningful financial reports. No prior computer experience is necessary.

The BUDPRO is a stand-alone, menu-driven package, containing six 'user friendly' programs to project budgets for corn, wheat, sorghum, cotton, stocker cattle and cow-calf enterprises." It also addresses the question of "to make or not to make money."

"This program calculates break-even prices, provides sensitivity analysis for varying prices and quantities produced," he said. Among the software's many capabilities is an irrigation cost calculator.

To register, send a check with the registration form to reserve a place in the workshop. Checks should be made payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service and sent to: Steve Amosson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M Research Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Information about these and future classes with the Extension Service traveling computer lab is available through any county agriculture agent in the Panhandle, or by calling the Extension Service District Office in Amarillo at (806) 359-5401 and ask for Elizabeth Cagle.

The Adventurous Snowman Comes Home

by Waurayne Cope

Yes! My snowman is home....as of December 31, 1999...just in time to celebrate New Year's Eve with me! There is much rejoicing in this 1010 Blodgett Drive home!

As soon as my plea came out in our Hansford County Reporter-Statesman newspaper, he, with the encouragement of an extremely kind benefactor, Jane Henton, was at my door bright and early that Friday morning.

You know how a child who has gone astray is somewhat intimidated, by the thought of returning home? I think that's how my snowman felt. He had a bit of a sheepish look about him, and he was somewhat disheveled, but so great was my joy in having him back, that all I could do was rejoice! I spent the better part of that day untangling his hanging mechanism, making a repair or two and cleaning him up a bit, but my heart was jubilant to have him home again. For the time being at least, he is grounded to my living room, where the rest of his snowman family reside. I don't know that he'll ever enjoy full outdoor privileges again.

I can understand why he would want to explore the Lynx and Lynxette track, band, and football field. Lots of exciting things take place over there. And yes, he had seen me head out over there many times in years past for a two-mile trek around the track prior to a blood clot that left my left leg extremely weakened. He had also heard the band, the cheers, the excitement, the fun, etc., that vibrated from that general locale. I'm sure he envisioned himself as a track star, a drum major, a Lynx quarterback, or maybe even the Lynx or Lynxette mascot! And why not? If we're going to dream we need to dream big, don't we!

Furthermore, I'm sure he would do any team proud!

In the meantime, a great big "Thank You" to you, Jane. You're the "Good Samaritan" of this lost snowman incident. I am indebted to you for your kindness.

I was too excited to see my snowman to grasp all the details Jane shared with me. My understanding is that she found him at or near the track as she went on her own daily fitness outing. (I have a pair of twin snowmen who came to me wearing track shoes. However, this particular little runaway "Frosty" wasn't so well equipped. Needless to say that didn't deter him!)

Jane had no way of knowing from whence this runaway had come, or who the owner might be. Therefore, she posted him on her own gate or fence thinking the owner might walk or drive by, see him, and thereby claim him. However, the minute she saw his story and picture in our local paper, she brought him straight home. As I said earlier, there was and is much rejoicing in this Cope household to have this adventurous little guy home again!

I love stories with happy endings. From my perspective, this one definitely has just that. As for my "Frosty's" perspective? Surely he understands there are many things much worse than being grounded!

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Hansford Hospice Met

Hansford Hospice met in their regular meeting on January 10, 2000. The meeting was held in the Gruver State Bank.

Peggy Winegarner gave the program on health tips for the new Millennium. It was a very fun and informative program.

Doyle Jackson presided in the business meeting in Verna Lee Shirley's absence. The treasurer's report was given.

Beginning preparations for the "Stew and Chili" lunch were

begun.

The following members were present: Charla Hargis, Rosetta Barrera, Carolyn Hicks, June Jackson and Doyle Jackson, Connie Gammill, Anita Marquez, Beth Phelps, Ruth Bryan, Mary K Harbour, Edith Eddleman, Muriel Boyd, Jo Linda Hutchison, Pat Sutterfield, Joan McClellan, Garland Hopper, Maylynn and I. W. Ayers, Sandy Russell, J. C. Harris, Opal Wallin, and Ken and Roberta Cole.

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