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Vasquez Receives Help From Lions Club



James Cunningham (Right) welcomes Willie Vasquez to Lions Club on Tuesday, December 21, 1999.

Willie Vasquez of Spearman hopes to enjoy the holiday sights both this year and for years to come. And he is more likely to do so thanks to assistance from the District 2-T1 Lions Clubs.

Vasquez has undergone two surgeries in Memphis, TN, for diabetic retinopathy, the latest surgery was earlier this month. Diabetic retinopathy causes bleeding behind the eye, which can result in loss of vision.

"He figured his sight had improved 50 percent," said Bob Lorenc, past district governor for the District Lions.

The Lions of Spearman, coordinated by James Cunningham, also a past district governor, arranged to have Vasquez sent to Mid-South Sight and Hearing Clinic in Memphis. The clinic is operated by the Lions of Tennessee and financed by Lions clubs in Tennessee and in sur-

rounding states.

John Barnett of Texarkana, Ark., made arrangements for the surgery, Lorenc said. Vasquez will return for further procedures, including another trip scheduled for January.

The clinic provided free services to Vasquez, the Lions District 2-T1 Lions Eye Bank in Amarillo provided travel expenses. A grant from the Panhandle of Texas Lions Foundation will provide future funding, according to information from the organization.

Both granting entities receive funding from Lions members in District 2-T1, which covers the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Qualification for financial assistance from Lions clubs is based on financial need. Vasquez had no insurance.

Tests Scheduled To Be Administered In February

The 2000 Spring TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) and the TEAMS (Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills) exit level tests will be given in February at Spearman High School, 403 East 11th Street, for 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-grade students as well as out-of-school students who have not passed some or all portions of those tests.

Dates for the TAAS are: Writing - February 22nd, Math - February 23rd, Reading - February 24th.

Dates for the TEAMS are: Math - February 23rd, English Language Arts - February 24th.

Only students who are not currently enrolled in Spearman High School who will need to pass the TAAS or TEAMS to fulfill graduation requirements must preregister for the tests.

Registration packets are available from the counseling office at SHS and the Region XVI Education Service Center. Testing site addresses and times are listed in a directory included in each registration packet.

The registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5 p.m. January 21. The forms should be sent by registered mail. Students preregistering for the TEAMS or TAAS must have a picture identification for each testing day in order to be able to take the tests.

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Happy BIRTHDAY

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.

December 30

Birthday - Kelly Blasingame, Julie Meyer, Edith Pipkin, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Fern Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Behne, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Josephson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Thoreson, Mr. & Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Ferguson, Doug & Linda Cummings

December 31

Birthday - Lera Beasley, Scott Houghton Jr., Justin Pressley, JoAnn Schneider, John Gaither, Jerry Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Ray Brandvik, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino Parra, Kare Thompson
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rojas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cluck, Mr. & Mrs. John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Arrington, Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page, Mr. & Mrs. James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

January 1

Birthday - Teresa Boyd, Kenneth Stewart, Daylynn Brummett Johnson, Bill Jackson, Virginia Trindell, Carolyn Cummings, Andy Francis, S.B. Sheets, Alberto Rosalez, Rhonda Ross, Willie Salgado, Craig Vinson, Bertie Frazier, Elizabeth Sumner, Melba Olsen, Audrie Behne, Carl Baumgardner, Colby Odegaard
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wall

January 2

Birthday - John Armes, Dean Cluck, Chelsea Reid, Silvia Holgin, Troy Smith, Lynetta Woodward, Dwight Gillispie, Brian Dillow, Rebecca Dillow, Nelda Winn, Olivia Salgado, Garrett Martin

Anniversary - Lupe & Debbie Trejo, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Pittman

January 3

Birthday - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Daryl Hergert, Lois Shieldknight, Charles Bartz, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick, Cristal Moreno
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Lowe

January 4

Birthday - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight, Mandy Vernon
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago

January 5

Birthday - Brice Lewis, Kent Rimmel, Lynetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Jacinda Perez, Kent Rimmel
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Blan

January 6

Birthday - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kenyon, Lesa Moffett
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Stork

January 7

Birthday - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Baylee Garland, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Crockett Tidwell

January 8

Birthday - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Lera Langston, Amanda Schneider
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan, Bill Etling

January 9

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

Our Deepest Sympathy

Catherine Balentine

Catherine Balentine, 82, passed away on December 23, 1999. Graveside services were held in Lieb Cemetery near Morse, TX on Sunday, December 26, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. Gary Bodine of the Church of Christ in Berger officiated. Interment was under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.
Catherine was born in Angelton, TX on March 19, 1917, and was raised in Albuquerque, NM. She had lived in the area since 1935, moving from Albuquerque. She married J.M. "Mike" Balentine on January 1, 1936 in Albuquerque. He preceded her in death in 1986.
She was a homemaker. She lived on the family ranch since her marriage to Mike in 1936, and soon after his passing resided in Hansford Manor. She loved to garden and was an excellent cook. She brought the first geranium flowers to this part of the Panhandle from Albuquerque.
Survivors include a son, Wes Balentine, and his wife Freda, of Berger; two sisters, Jo Ann Kern of Albuquerque and Eleanor Powers of Carlsbad, NM; 6 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.
She was also preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Barbara Knuckolls in 1994, and a sister, Mary Louise Landes in 1997.
The family requests memorials be to Hansford Manor, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Ruby Jo McAdams

Ruby Jo McAdams, 72, died on December 24, 1999. Services were held at First Baptist Church of Spearman on December 27, 1999 at 11:00 a.m., under the direction of Rick Patrick. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
Ruby Jo was born in Blumound, OK on February 11, 1927. She had lived in the area since 1955, moving from Loraine, TX.
She married Sidney William McAdams on March 3, 1949 in Colorado City. She devoted her life to caring for her husband and raising her children. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spearman.
Survivors include her husband, Sidney William McAdams of Spearman; one son, Kirby Ray McAdams of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Jeanette Gikas of Lubbock and Lori Franklin of Moore, OK; five sisters, Jean Goodman of Oklahoma City, Vera Brannon of Anchoorage, AL, Peggy Holcomb of Fort Worth, Erma Tiger of Indio, CA, and Treva O'Neill of Carbondale, IL; one brother, Hubert Hayes, JR. of Wyoming; Jo Nell Grayson, a special friend of over 40 years; and 7 grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Marie Fulfer

Marie Fulfer, 85, died on December 25, 1999. Graveside services were held at Gruver Cemetery on December 27, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. with Doug Moore officiating. Interment was under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of perryton.
Marie was born in Portland Oregon on October 9, 1914. She had been a long-time resident of Gruver, moving 15 year ago to Midland to reside close to her son.
She married Duane Fulfer in 1938 in Frederick, OK. He preceded her in death in 1978.
She was a homemaker.
Survivors include her son, Jay Fulfer of Midland; two daughters, Joy Moore of Austin, and Sue Smith of Woodward, OK; two sisters, Mabel Landrum of California and Blanche Kelly of Davidson, OK; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Larry Ed Beck

Larry Ed Beck, 57, died on December 28, 1999. Services were held on Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
Larry was born in Spearman on December 17, 1942. He had lived in San Antonio for 30 years, moving from Lubbock. He married Gloria Ricketts on August 27, 1966 in Spearman. He was a Horticulturist. He was a member of the Colonial Hills United Methodist Church of San Antonio. He was active in the Boy Scouts, in special youth projects with Colonial Hills, and a member of the Texas Association of Nurserymen.
Survivors include his wife, Gloria Beck of San Antonio; one son, Trenton Marshall Beck of San Antonio; two brothers, Verlin Beck of Spearman and Gail Beck of Amarillo; and one granddaughter, Meagan Nichol Beck Laughy of San Antonio.
The family requests memorials be made to the Colonial Hills United Methodist Church of San Antonio, the First United Methodist Church of Spearman, or the American Cancer Society.

Thank You

Frontier Feedyard and manager Buddy Thomas would like to thank: Keith Goodman, Roger Close, Jeff Shields, Bill Porter, Derik George, Johnny Ring, Willis Boyd, Arnie Hunt, and Ryan We'll of the Spearman Fire Department and Shane Schneider of Schneider's Welding for coming to the aid of a loaded cattle truck that had turned over on Christmas Eve day. Everyone worked diligently into the evening to help get the trapped cattle out of the trailer. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank You

The family of Jo McAdams wishes to express their appreciation to Pastor Rick Patrick for his inspirational service, the First Baptist Church Women's Group for the wonderful dinner, Jeff Boxwell for making a difficult time more bearable, a heartfelt appreciation for all the delicious food and kind words during mom's illness and passing. Finally, to the people of Spearman, we wish to let everyone know there are angels among us known as Hansford Hospice.
Sincerely,
Sid McAdams & Family

New Year's Eve Praise And Worship Service

A New Year's Eve Praise and Worship Service will be held at the Waka Christian Center on Friday evening, December 31, 1999, at 8 p.m. Communion service will be served at 11 p.m. Members of all churches and the public are invited to come for worship, praise, and fellowship. Please bring your favorite finger food and snacks. The board of directors of Rushing Wind Emmaus will be hosting the service. A nursery will be provided.

Lights of Love Shine Brightly

Hansford Hospice appreciates those who have given to the Lights of Love Tree.
This week these have given:
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Stuff In My Head

by Gary Ellsworth

Wanna know what I think? I think sarcasm has become one of Satan's most effective tools. I've noticed over the last few years that sarcasm has slowly become acceptable as the "thing to do." Especially among teens.

Used correctly, sarcasm can be funny. Used thoughtlessly, sarcasm becomes hurtful, demeaning, and down right cruel. Sarcasm tears down self esteem.

Imagine a teenager helping with some volunteer project, say helping build a house for a needy family and her/his job is handing screws to a person on a ladder whose job is to secure sheetrock to the ceiling with an electric screw gun.

Later, after 6 hours in unbearable heat and humidity, both are leaving the work site happy and excited that they have literally invested time and sweat into something that will benefit one of God's children when another worker overhears that the first girl/guy spent the day handing screws to someone on a ladder.

And then it happens. "O yea, you nearly broke your arm handing up screws all day!" comes the sarcastic comment from the listener.

At that very moment all the happiness is stripped away, the feeling of accomplishment is destroyed, and the memory is tainted forever. By on stupid comment. Probably meant to be funny, the comment leaves one person laughing and another in tears or embarrassed.

And, it doesn't just happen in teen circles. Adults, too, can "cut you to the quick."

In this world of pretty people, entertainment personalities, over-hyped pro athletes, and materialism; we all have some feelings of inadequacy and an uncaring sarcastic remark can/will hit its mark with great accuracy.

Not being a trained theologian, I can't say for sure what Jesus meant when He said, "Simply let your 'yes be yes' and your 'no, no'; anything beyond this is from the evil one." (Matt. 5:37), but I wonder if he meant to be straight-forward and not sarcastic.

Please remember to look for positive attributes in people. And, remember the hedge.

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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
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Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
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Minister - Leonard Harper

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Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
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1021 Cotter • 659-2033
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Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
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Pastor - Ken Cole

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

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Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
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Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
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Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith
gcs@arn.net



Every week, for the past dozen years, I have published a newspaper column in one or more newspapers here in Texas. I have attempted to bring a bit of humor and inspiration into the lives of my readers and friends. I hope, that in some small way, I have brightened your life.

This week's column will be my last, for a while.

I have accepted the position of interim pastor at the First Christian Church in Canyon. This requires me to spend time down south and do a bit of traveling. The little remaining time that I have left is spent with Cathy and Clayton.

Cathy has been running the daily operation of the Reporter-Statesman for the past six months. She will now serve as editor/publisher and we foresee no changes in the way that your newspaper will be published.

We are anticipating a few production changes, but these are all in-house operations that you would not notice.

Cathy has promised me that this column will not die. She intends to publish a column in this spot for as long as we own a newspaper.

I have no idea what she will put in this spot, but I would bet my britches that she could use your help. If you find any humorous/entertaining/inspiring writings that she could copy, steal, borrow, reproduce, please send them to cathysmit@aol.com or drop them by the office at 213 Main Street here in Spearman.

And please, give her the kind of love and support that you gave me. See you in church.

Oh Yea,
Until the next time,
May God Bless.
GCS



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Wayne and Floydean Shook celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 25, 1999 with their family in Sunray, Texas.

Wayne Shook married Floydean Vernon on December 25, 1949 in Gruver.

He is retired from farming and ranching and she is a homemaker. They spend all their time now in Colorado and on South Padre Island.

The Shook's have two sons, Eddy and Mary Shook of Sunray and Rex and Nena Shook of Dumas. They have one daughter, Rhonda and Vernon Stafford of Dumas. They also have ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Bridal Registry

Kristin Dunnihoo & Doug Pack - Jan. 8th
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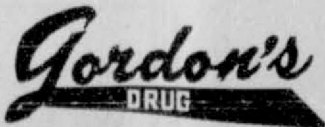
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Gina Kunselman & Cody Coleman



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Look Who's 80!



Marie Newingham Coates

The family of Marie Newingham Coates is having a card party for her in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Marie was born on December 28, 1919 in Medicine Lodge, KS. The family moved north of Waka prior to Marie starting school.

Marie married Kenneth E. Coates in 1940, and they had four sons, Kenneth Coates of Waka, Dean Coates of Spearman, Galen Coates of Spearman, and Pete Coates of Perryton, who passed away in 1995.

Marie has three sisters, Bucky Dunnihoo, east of Waka; Toby Hines of Hobbs, NM; and Billy Newingham of Alexandria, LA.

Please send cards to: HC3, Box 1B8, Spearman, TX 79081.

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.

Important Change to LDP Requirements

Subject to certain conditions, a producer who is otherwise eligible to receive a payment will be allowed to receive a loan deficiency payment (LDP) on any eligible crop produced in 1999, even though the producer has already marketed the commodity. This is a major change from previous regulations, which stated that a producer must retain Beneficial Interest, or still own the commodity, in order to qualify for an LDP payment. If any producer was previously turned down because they no longer owned the crop, or if they have not requested and LDP payment because they no longer own the crop, please contact the local Farm Service Agency office. You may be eligible under the revised regulations!

Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank each of you for your donation to Operation Christmas Greeting. We wish each of you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Instead of mailing Christmas cards, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting, and the money will be used at the Hospital and Manor for non-budgeted items.

John and LoRee Booth, Greenville and Muriel Boyd, Dude and Verna Brown, Rosa Lee Butt, Virginia Virginia Head, Verna Gail Keim, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Dortha Keys, Mary Fern Terry, Dorothy Lusby, Irvin and Betty Davis, Bob and Ruth Crawford, Don and Lynanne Maize, Charles and Maxine Little, Inez Holland, Frances Wilkinson, Clementine Renner, Del and Barbara Cluck, Alva Garner, Grace Simpson, Marvin and Ruth Ann Jones, Betty Lemons, Adalyn Barnes, Willis Clement, J.D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Ralph and Johann Blodgett, Dale and Debby Sanford, Carl and Peggy Archer, Charles Ball, James and Fay Cunningham, Bill and Estelle Jackson, Martha Haden, Grace Kirk, Joe Copeland, Gwen Smith, Billy and Sybil Miller, Rue and Anne Sanders, Gene and Frances Cudd, Freeman Barkley, Dave and Helen Hand, Ruby McCullough, John and Virginia Trindle, Virginia Cates, Dorothy Roden, Kenneth and Margarette Evans, Don and Gwen McLain, Gertrude Archer, Robert and Margaret Novak, Charles and Evelyn Brillhart, Ray and Sylvia Robertson, John and Wanda Brown, Robert and Diane Thorpe, Bill and Klyda Blackman, LeRoy and May Lee Smith, Irwin and Susan Delk, Ray and Beth Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Don Jones, Roy and Ann Flowers, and R.L. McClellan.

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Spearman Basketball

Lynxettes Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec 30-Jan 1	Clarendon Tourney	TBA
Jan 4	Gruver	6:30
Jan 11	@ Sunray*	6:30
Jan 14	West Texas*	6:30
Jan 18	@Canadian*	6:30
Jan 21	Stratford*	6:30
Jan 28	Sunray*	6:30
Feb 1	@West Texas*	6:30
Feb 4	Canadian*	6:30
Feb 8	@Stratford*	6:30

* - District Games

Date	Place	Record
12-17-99	Spearman	11-2
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynxettes	11 25 2 15 53	
White Deer	11 14 3 14 42	

Coach's Comments: We had a nice run in the 2nd quarter. We played solid defense throughout the game and survived some hot shooting by White Deer in the 1st half. We turned the ball over too much in the 3rd quarter and struggled to maintain our lead. Halee got off to a good shooting and rebounding game. Brooke and Amber played solid at the guard spots. We had good moments from the free throw line and fast breaks in the 1st half.

Date	Place	Record
12-18-99	Spearman	11-3
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynxettes	11 14 13 11 49	
Guymon	12 20 13 11 56	

Coach's Comments: The stats are all pretty even. We didn't shoot as well this game as we did the first time we played them. We had a few more turnovers this time. We got behind and just could not get over the hump. Guymon is a good team, but we feel we can play with this caliber of team now. We hope we have a good Christmas break and come back working to improve and getting in the middle of a good district race.

Lynx Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec 30-Jan 1	Clarendon Tourney	TBA
Jan 4	Gruver	8:00
Jan 7	Boys Ranch*	8:00
Jan 11	@Sunray*	8:00
Jan 14	West Texas*	8:00
Jan 18	@Canadian*	8:00
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

* District Games

Date	Place	Record
12-9-99	Hugoton Tourney	2-6
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	13 20 17 12 62	
Hugoton	24 25 24 15 88	

guards provided more offense in this game as Haley Lombard scored 14 and Nicole Lozano had 7. It was a very physical game. Our girls did a good job keeping their emotions in check.

Date	Place	Record
12-10-99	Hugoton Tourney	2-7
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	6 11 10 4 31	
Pratt	23 17 13 11 64	

Date	Place	Record
12-11-99	Dumas Tournament	8-6
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynxettes JV	4 4 3 4 15	
Dumas JV	11 15 10 6 42	

Coach's Comments: Dumas JV is much improved since we beat them in the Perryton Tournament. Our girls gave good effort. It was just one of those games where the ball wouldn't go in the basket.

Date	Place	Record
12-11-99	Hugoton Tourney	2-8
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	16 4 6 9 45	
S. W. Heights	18 15 17 23 73	

Date	Place	Record
12-11-99	Dumas Tournament	9-6
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynxettes JV	7 11 5 9 32	
Perryton JV	8 7 4 5 24	

Coach's Comments: We had no managers for this game so stats are limited. This was a good win for the girls. We finished the tournament 2-1.

Lynx JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec 17	White Deer	5:00
Dec 28	Booker	5:00
Jan 4	Gruver	5:00

Date	Place	Record
12-10-99	Dumas Tournament	4-1
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	3 15 9 14 41	
West Texas	11 13 13 13 50	

Date	Place	Record
12-11-99	Dumas Tournament	5-1
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	15 19 10 15 59	
Boise City	12 5 7 11 35	

Date	Place	Record
12-11-99	Dumas Tournament	6-1
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynx	5 16 17 16 54	
Fritch	14 13 11 10 48	

Lynxettes JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec 28	Booker	5:00
Jan 4	Gruver	5:00
Jan 7	Boys Ranch*	5:00
Jan 11	@Sunray*	5:00
Jan 14	West Texas*	5:00
Jan 18	@Canadian*	5:00
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	Place	Record
12-10-99	Dumas Tournament	8-5
Score by Quarters	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final	
Lynxettes JV	10 10 15 6 41	
Fritch JV	3 5 8 6 22	

Coach's Comments: This was the second game in a row for us vs. Fritch. Our

Freshmen Lynx

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 10	@Boys Ranch	7:30
Jan 17	Sunray	5:00
Jan 24	@West Texas	7:30
Jan 31	Canadian	5:00
Feb 3-5	West Texas Tourney	TBA
Feb 7	@Stratford	7:30

Freshmen Lynxettes

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 17	@Sunray	7:30
Jan 24	West Texas	5:00
Jan 31	@Canadian	7:30
Feb 7	Stratford	5:00

Date	Place	Record
12-14-99	Stratford	6-4


Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynxettes	4	5	6	7	22
Stratford	6	7	4	1	18

Coach's Comments: Our Freshman trailed the entire game. With 2:30 left in the fourth quarter, we went ahead 19-18. From there we were able to run a lot of clock and make our easy baskets. We still need to find some scoring to help Mindee Gillaspie. Have a good Christmas break, Freshmen!

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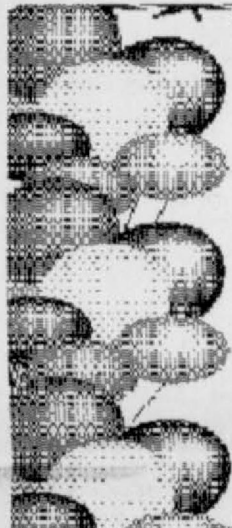
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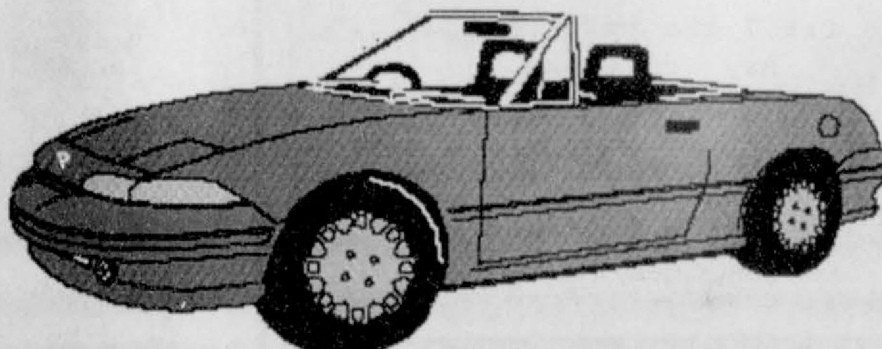
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The Gruver

by Harletta Carthel

1999, like all years, began as a capsule of time to be filled. Joy, tears, successes, failures were stuffed inside its days. New experiences and cherished traditions were sandwiched between the daily rituals of life. Now completed, it is a woven thread in the tapestry of our lives.

Gruver News of the year. Miss Texas visits Gruver and speaks to Gruver students. Lucas Johnson is named Academic All State in Football. Winter storm hits Gruver area (Jan. 29) resulting in massive power outage. GHS Hounds win district in basketball. GHS Lady Hounds take second in district basketball. Seven Gruver men represent Gruver area in Panhandle Day at state capitol. Car/truck accident east of Gruver claims the life of young Gruver man, Juan Arreola. Gruver youth Colby Griffin wins first in Texas State Wrestling Championship. Twin brother Earl takes second in his weight division. Hounds win bi-district championship in basketball. Back to back snow storms in March bring two inches of moisture to area and result in cancellation of Gruver Track Meet and Tennis Meet. Chris Morris is named new police officer for City of Gruver. Lucas Johnson receives \$12,000 Presidential Scholarship from Texas A&M. Gruver School Superintendent Barry Haenisch resigns. Jim Potts and Janae Watley named to all-region basketball team. GHS boys varsity and junior varsity win district track title. GHS boys win area track title. Charlie Stavlo, Luke Johnson, and team of Stavlo, Dallas Henson, and Jason TeBeest advance to state UIL competition. Laura Blassingame named Gruver Schools Superintendent. Terry Sherrill and Jody Irwin win seats on GISD School Board. Matt Watlington advances to state tennis tournament. Jason Shoulders takes fifth in state high jump competition. Holly McCloy and Jennifer named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively of GHS. GHS Principal Tim Garland resigns. Teacher Jim Roberts retires after 25 years of service.

Thunderstorm of June 2 causes extensive hail damage in Gruver area. Kip Bullock of Sudan named GHS principal. Cody Casarres named scheduling assistant to George W. Bush. "Country" magazine tours Gruver area, stopping for harvest demonstration and meal in Oslo. Two thunderstorms (June 29 and June 30) result in large financial loss to crops of area farmers. Bountiful dryland and irrigated harvest reported. Wheat prices set 25 year record low. Quentin Harper and partner win saddles at July 4th Roping Event. Five Gruver residents hurt in pickup rollover east of Gruver (July). Larry Bartee hired as GJHS principal. Gruver Statesman newspaper renews publication August 25. Gruver quilter Gerry Davis has quilt selected for international Quilt Festival in Houston. Senior Krystal Deeds is crowned 1999 GHS Homecoming Queen. Dorothy Hudson is crowned GHS Alumni Queen. Gruver Schools receive exemplary TAAA award. Wes Babbs, 22, is killed in motorcycle/vehicle accident near Fritch. GHS Band wins area marching competition. GHS Band places ninth in regional competition. Junior James Crow places eighth in district cross country and

Grapevine

qualifies for regional cross country competition. Truck rollover on Main Street in November results in one death. Jim Ratliff retires after twenty-five years in service to GVFD. Assistant boys basketball coach Troy named boys interim head basketball coach following resignation of Lonnie Bumam. Gruver Statesman ends publication after two months printing. The Clothes Line, consignment and card shop, is opened. GHS graduate Ross Renner selected for the United States Secret Service. Soybeans hit 30 year record low price. Sylvia Borrunda receives Texas Migrant Education Award. Seniors Bray Arnes and Tyler Barkley named to honorable mention all-state football list. 1999 Highlights of the City of Gruver Widening of Main Street from Sixth Street to Tenth Street. Widening of Fourth Street on north side of elementary school. Sidewalk installed on Fourth Street on north side of elementary school. New waterwell drilled for City Water System with funds from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant. City sales tax up by 4.9% for 1999, to \$102,567.58 in 1999 from \$97,708.01 in 1999. Eighty-three tons of materials recycled at City Recycling Center. City joins Hansford County and City of Spearman to open a new central dispatch at the county courthouse in Spearman.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Hansford County: Spearman. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Vandals,
I just want to let you know we really do not appreciate all the damage you are doing on our Bait Shop. We have been open for three years now, and we have been vandalized and broken into three times.

All Lynn wanted to do was provide a service for the people who enjoy fishing. He felt that there was a need for this business in our area since we do have such a nice lake. He is always willing to help someone who doesn't have quite enough money, because he wants everyone to enjoy fishing. He always believed that if you taught a child to fish, they would be a better person because they had a hobby from a young age. Undoubtedly you were never taught this as a young child.

I feel that maybe we are not supposed to supply the town with this business. Although many of people from other towns come here all summer and spring to enjoy our facilities, and spend several dollars while they are here, maybe the town doesn't need this business as it seems to attract people who are out to hurt others.

If you need some fishing equipment, most customers call if we are not open because Lynn really cares that people can fish when the opportunity arises. He is a pretty understanding person, but it is getting real hard for him to understand why you feel the need to break windows and damage our shop. If you have a problem with us, please call rather than break

into our shop again. We would really appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Lynn's Bait & Tackle

Dear Editor,
This is a Christmas Miracle. Today there's another grateful heart in Spearman. True honesty still remains in our town. This is another blessing that occurred at Lowe's Marketplace last Monday, December 20th.

First of all I thank the Lord for good people like the cashier named Deneke. She played a part in being a servant of the Lord who protected my finances. People at Lowe's are gracious and kind and that's a plus for our town!

Here's my story. I had gone to the bank and cashed a check last Monday morning. It was beginning to snow so I was in a bit of a hurry to get back home. I stopped at Lowe's to pick up a few groceries before returning home. I noticed the envelope with my

money in it on top of my billfold in my purse so I removed it and laid it on the counter. After removing my billfold and paying for the groceries, I put the d back in my purse and left the money on the counter.

It wasn't until Wednesday that I discovered the money was gone. Realizing Lowe's was the only place I had stopped, I called the store. When they answered I said "Could there by any chance have been an honest person that could have picked up an envelope of money last Monday and turned it in?" After a few questions of the amount and description of the envelope, they told me the money was there. I could hardly believe it, but Deneke had found it and turned it in!

Thank the Lord for the honest employees at Lowe's Marketplace. Max, my husband, was a bit thankful, too!

Thanks so much to all the employees at Lowe's!
Carolyn Taylor

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

WHEREAS, § 36.101 of the Texas Water Code provides that a ground water conservation district may make and enforce rules to provide for conserving, preserving, protecting, and recharging of the ground water to prevent waste of ground water and carry out the provisions and duties provided by Chapters 35 and 36 of the Texas Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors duly adopted rules which became effective October 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Rule 24 B. provides that the Board may set reasonable civil penalties for breach of any rule of the District which shall not exceed the jurisdiction of a justice court as provided by § 27.031, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 16, 1999 in the District office to further consider the necessity for and the classification of rules to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 1999 in the District office to give the public the opportunity to appear and present their support or opposition to such penalties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

1. The attached Rule No. 25 is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the District and shall be used to expeditiously and effectively enforce the provisions of the rules of the District which became effective on October 1, 1995, at 12:01 a.m. These civil penalties are in addition to the existing injunction remedy.

2. The General Manager of the District is authorized to publish Rule 25 and make it available for use and inspection at the District's office and provide copies of said Rule 25 to any person or persons upon request.

3. The General Manager is further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

4. The Schedule of Civil Penalties shall take effect at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2000.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED, PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999.

NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
By: David Moore, President
Attest: Thane McCloy, Secretary

RULE 25

25.01 Effective at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2000, all of the District rules will be enforced by injunction and/or by the following civil penalties covering Rules 1 through 24 inclusive, which rules became effective October 1, 1995, and may be supplemented or hereafter amended from time to time.

25.02 The rules of the District are divided into two classes: Class One and Class Two, and the penalties for violation of rules in each Class are as provided in the following penalty schedule:

PENALTY SCHEDULE

CLASS ONE

25.03 The penalty for violation of each of the following Class One rules shall be not less than \$50, nor more than \$5,000, per violation and each day shall be deemed a separate violation.

- 1 - Waste of groundwater.
- 2A - Production of groundwater from any abandoned or deteriorated well as defined in Rule 1.
- 3A - Importation into the District, or movement within District, of toxic and hazardous substances and polychlorinated biphenyls.
- 3D - Failure to timely file sworn inventory of substances prohibited by Rule 3A.
- 5A - Drilling, or increasing the size of, a well without a permit.
- 5C - Failure to register a well exempt under § 36.117 of the Texas Water Code, or to properly equip and maintain such well.
- 7 - Failure to pay a deposit or administrative fee to the District.
- 8B - Failure to obtain a permit to drill a recharge, injection, dewatering or monitoring well, or to file a completion report of such well.
- 8C - Failure to complete and equip a recharge well to protect human life and prevent pollution.
- 9A - Failure to keep records, including driller's and/or electric logs, and file such logs and reports of the drilling, equipping and completion of wells with the District.
- 9B - Producing a well without hav-

ing furnished information about the well on forms required by the District.

9C - Drilling, completing or reworking a well without having a current Texas Water Well Driller's license, Texas Pump Installer's license or failure to comply with the rules of the District, State of Texas, federal or other political subdivision, including the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

10E - Willfully giving erroneous information on a well permit application or producing a well at a higher rate than represented in an application or as approved in a permit.

11. Sec III - Failure to comply with the District's requirements in a Strategic Conservation Depletion Area (SCDA), including failure to install equipment, failure to limit groundwater production, and failure to file reports.

12 - Drilling a well at a location other than an approved location.

13 - Reworking, redrilling or reequipping a well to increase production to raise the well classification without obtaining a permit to do so, or drilling a replacement well without a permit.

15 - Failing to install equipment required for the protection of groundwater quality.

16 - Failing to properly close or cap an open or uncovered well.

17 - Failing to grant entry on land to an authorized officer, employee, agent or representative of the District to inspect or for other authorized purposes.

CLASS TWO

25.04 The civil penalty for any of the remaining rules of the District, as may be supplemented or amended from time to time, shall be not less than \$25, nor more than \$2,500 per violation, and each day shall be deemed a separate violation.

POLICY STATEMENT

25.05 These paragraphs describe the policy of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPGCD) ("the District") regarding the assessment of administrative penalties by the staff prior to a hearing before the Board of Directors. Enforcement actions may result from serious or unresolved violations discovered during an inspection or during a review of the record of information submitted to the District, or from information that concerns violations and is gained from permits or meetings related to permits, or from other sources. This policy statement does not address the consequences which may result after an enforcement action is initiated, but rather how the District staff shall evaluate violations for the purpose of assessing administrative penalties or recommending administrative penalties to the District's Board of Directors.

Penalties sought through enforcement actions initiated by District's legal counsel may be based upon this policy, however, the statutory maximums for civil penalties and injunctive relief may be sought.

Determining the Number of Violation Events

25.06 The number of violation events that will be assessed a penalty depends on the number of times the violation is observed, the specific rule or requirement violated, the duration of the violation, and other case information.

25.07 Certain violations will typically be considered discrete events. For these violations, one penalty event will be assessed for every documented observation. Discrete violations are situations that are observed and documented during a discrete interval in time. These violations involve practices or actions that may not occur continuously. An example of a violation that would be a discrete violation would be the failure to submit documents or reports. For discretely occurring violations, one penalty event will be assessed for every documented observation of the noncompliance.

25.08 Other violations are considered to be continuing. These violations are not constrained by documented observations of the noncompliance. Examples of violations that would be considered to be continuing are the exceeding of permitted groundwater production, groundwater waste or contamination, operating without a required permit, and other such violations. For continuing violations, the number of events will be linked to the level of impact of the violation and the number of days it existed.

The duration of events concerning continuous violations, for the purposes of preparing an enforcement action, may begin with the initial date of noncompliance with a requirement, rule, or permit and extend up to the time that the viola-

tion is eliminated by appropriate action.

In practice, continuous violations will be assessed beginning with the documented date of noncompliance or the date that the violator "knew or should have known", whichever is appropriate, as the beginning point. The respondent will ordinarily be charged with knowledge of permit conditions and rules.

Evaluation Adjustments to the Penalty Amount

25.09 Adjustments to the penalty amount may be made at the staff level or by the Board of Directors and will be based upon the following factors relating to the violator.

- culpability,
- good-faith effort to comply,
- compliance history,
- economic benefit gained through noncompliance, and
- such other factors as may be deemed relevant under the circumstances.

Culpability

25.10 In assessing culpability, staff will determine whether the violator could have reasonably anticipated and avoided the violation(s). This determination will be made on a site-specific basis and will examine a two-year history. In order to answer this question, staff will review the following:

- whether the violator received a written Notice of Violation (NOV), verbal or written, for similar violations;
- whether the violator had submitted compliance plans for prior violations noted in the same program; and
- whether documentation that indicates culpability exists. If the answer to any of the above issues is "yes," then 25 percent may be added to the penalty amount.

Good-Faith Effort to Comply

25.11 When deciding how to apply the reduction for good-faith efforts, it is important to note that the staff will consider the respondent's efforts to bring the facility into complete compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. Thus, any reduction will be applied to all violations and events. The analysis of good-faith efforts involves two factors: the timeliness of the respondent's action and the quality of that action. Accordingly, the respondent is to be given credit for timeliness, quality, or both.

Timeliness is defined by when the respondent took action to correct the violations: whether corrective actions are taken as soon as violations are identified and before the issuance of a Notice of Violation (NOV).

Quality is defined as the degree to which adequate action is taken.

The maximum good faith reduction is 25 percent. Violators who are considered culpable will not receive a reduction for corrective action taken after the issuance of an NOV. Good faith efforts will only be considered if the violator has achieved compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

Other Factors That Justice May Require

25.12 The staff may recommend adjustment of the penalty amount, on a case-by-case basis, upon a consideration of factors unique to

the situation, the respondent's compliance history, and the economic benefits gained through non-compliance.

A downward adjustment due to other factors that justice may require may be appropriate when, for example, the District is notified of the violation(s) by the entity or violator.

Adjusted Total Penalty Amount Recommendation

25.13 The final penalty amount will be checked against the minimum and maximum penalty amounts allowed by these rules and statute per violation per day in order to obtain the final assessed penalty.

Regardless of whether any penalty is assessed, or the amount of any penalty, the District may seek injunctive relief. The District will seek to recover all court costs incurred in any judicial proceeding in accordance with the Rules and the Texas Water Code and Government Code.

25.14 - In determining the necessity for injunctive relief and the amount of the penalty the District shall consider:

- 1. The seriousness of the violation, including the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the prohibited act and the hazard or potential hazard created to the health, safety or economic welfare of the public or pollution of the groundwater;
- 2. The economic harm to property or environment caused by the violation;
- 3. The history of previous violations;
- 4. The amount necessary to deter future violations;
- 5. The efforts to correct the violation; and
- 6. Any other matter that justice may require.

This Penalty Schedule and policy Statement will become effective on January 1, 2000, at 12:01 o'clock a.m.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: December 9, 1999 in the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, published in Hansford County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has applied for a valid Texas weather modification license.

3. The purpose of the weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect the area of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District within the counties of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore and Hutchinson. The requested period of the permit

is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted on behalf of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

5. The proposed weather-modification operations is to be earned out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes a thirty-mile area west of the Texas-New Mexico state line adjacent to Dallam, Hartley, and Oldham Counties; a thirty-mile area north of the Texas-Oklahoma state line adjacent to Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb Counties; a thirty-mile area east of the Texas-Oklahoma state line adjacent to Lipscomb and Hemphill counties; and the counties of Carson, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, and Potter.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as: The area included within the boundaries of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. That is, the target area includes all or part of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, and Hutchinson Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuliiform or other appropriate clouds for seeding, using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analysis, forecast techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material into selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailings a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for

hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-0087, (512) 239-6363.

In addition, individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice for the proposed weather modification program may contact Richard S. Bowers, General Manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, 603 East First, P. O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795, (806) 935-6401.

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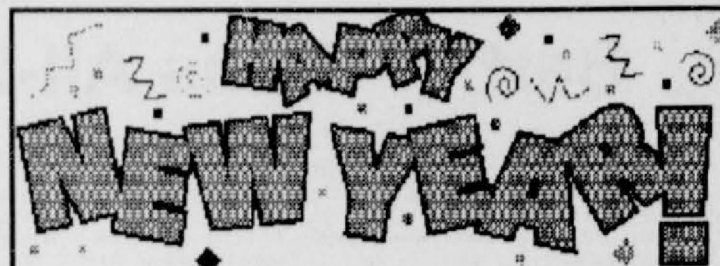
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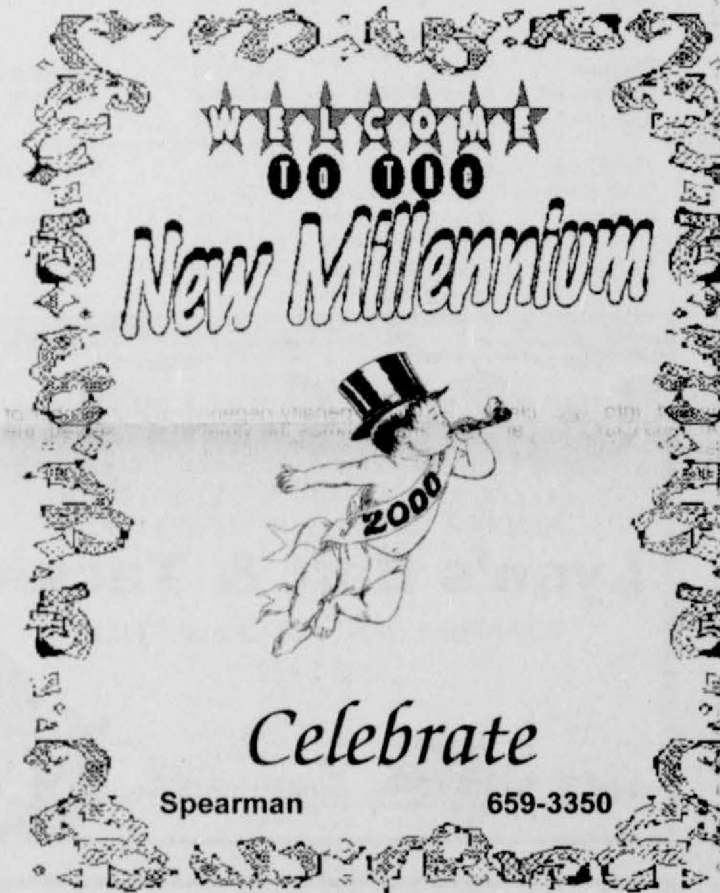
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Barber Earns All-State Honor

by Jeff Beedy

Spearman's Dusty Barber has been named Honorable Mention All-State in class 2A at linebacker. This is a very prestigious honor that is well deserved.

Dusty had a great year at linebacker for the Lynx who finished 8-5. The Lynx made it to the regional game before falling to Sonora. Dusty had a good regular season, but he really came to life in the playoffs. He was the anchor and team leader and was a force to reckon with on defense.

His total tackles increased each year since he was a sophomore. In 1997, Barber had 23 solo tackles and 114 assisted tackles for a total of 137 tackles and also had 3 fumble recoveries. His junior year (1998), he had 36 solo tackles and 122 assisted tackles along with 3 fumble recoveries for a total of 158 tackles.

Then in 1999, which was Dusty's senior year, he had 51 solo tackles and 119 assisted tackles for a total of 170 tackles and had another 3 fumble

recoveries.

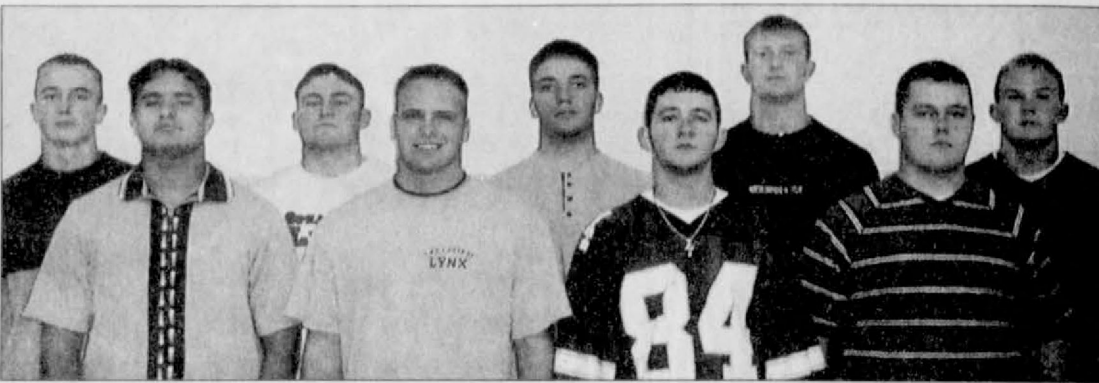
Barber was named both second team all-district offense and defense this year as a senior. So you can see Barber got better each year and the opposing teams hated to see Barber filling the holes because the knew they were fixing to get tattooed! Barber was named the defensive player both his sophomore and junior year. He was also a team captain this year for the Lynx.

Dusty always has a smile on his face every time I see him, but you get him on the football field, and he is all business. Dusty is a fierce competitor and he is going to be greatly missed. Right now, his plans are to attend North Texas next year along with his sister Shayla.

Dusty, you have made your mark in Spearman High School Football and I just want to wish you the best of luck in everything you do!



Dusty Barber



Spearman Lynx All-District Football Players: (L-R) John Brock, Homer Munoz, Clayton Vanderbug, Dusty Barber, Aaron Winegarner, Clayton Vanderburg, Jordan Brock, Teddie Whitefield, and Kelsey Henton.

All-District Football Announced

Offense			Defense		
Position	Player	Selection	Position	Player	Selection
Quarterback	Aaron Winegarner	2nd Team	Linemen	Clayton Vanderburg	2nd Team
Run. Backs	Dusty Barber	2nd Team		Homer Munoz	Hon. Mention
	John Brock	Hon. Mention	Ends	Kelsey Henton	2nd Team
Tight Ends	Jordan Brock	1st Team	Linebackers	Dusty Barber	2nd Team
Wide Receiver	Clayton Wilkerson	1st Team		Jordan Brock	2nd Team
Linemen	Clayton Vanderburg	1st Team	Secondary	Aaron Winegarner	1st Team
	Teddie Whitefield	2nd Team		John Brock	Hon. Mention
Kicker	Teddie Whitefield	2nd Team	Punter	Aaron Winegarner	1st Team

by Waurayne Cope

My snowman ran away! I guess the urge to explore the neighborhood, coupled with the fierce winds, proved to be a stronger challenge than he was able to resist!

As I left for Sunday School on December 19th, I saw the poor little guy lying in my "northern" neighbor's yard. However, since there was no noticeable wind at 9:40 on this particular morning and since every second is precious on Sunday mornings, I trusted the wind and my snowman to behave themselves for the 30 and a quarter hours that I would be away. Therefore, I hurried on to Church, and yes, I stayed focused on Bible study during the Sunday School hour and on Brother Rick's sermon on Luke 2:1-20 during our Worship hour. However, at the end of our church service, I came straight home to retrieve my wayward snowman. Unfortunately, the wind was definitely a factor by this time.

As I drove slowly past my neighbor's house, I didn't see my snowman, but I was hoping that she or her husband had seen it and picked it up when they took their house dog out for her morning break. I rushed into my house, changed my clothes, then called Bonnie. No, she had seen nothing of my silk "Frosty."

I then made a search through my property and she made a thorough search of hers. No luck. I then scoured the Rocket Slide Park and drove around the surrounding clocks... all to no avail. I came back home and called Charlotte and Dan. They had seen nothing of "Frosty" either. Neither had Toni or Bobby. By now, I was losing hope, and anyway, it was time to return to Church for our Angel Tree gift fellowship.

Possibly some good Samaritan driving down Blodgett Drive spotted this wayward little snowman and gave him a lift. If this should be the case and you're wanting to return him, I will be most grateful to have him back. My "Frosty" is approximately two feet tall. He's made of a white silk-looking kite-type material. He's wearing the traditional black felt hat with a red

ribbon trip; he has a green silk neck scarf, a big orange nose, and big round eyes. His smiling orange mouth adds to his happy expression, as do the three large jingle bells arranged vertically down his body. His free-moving "arms" add to his charm. He is designed so that the wind automatically inflates him and makes him all the more appealing. I paid my "adoption" fees for him to Avon products about six or so years ago, and he had brightened my winter decorations ever since. Also, he was a unique and special addition to my snowman collection. I miss him! If anyone knows the whereabouts of this wayward little guy, please call his "adopted" parent, Mrs. Cope, or bring him by his home at 1010 Blodgett Drive, Spearman, TX. Thanks ... and Merry Christmas!

Now, speaking of "Merry Christmas," I want to say a big "Thank You!" to two special young friends, Cody Eslick and Alex Mires, for putting up my outside decorations. I had decorated inside my home, but I chose to conserve my physical energy by foregoing the outside decorations, and I was okay with the decision. How I thank God for the excitement and consideration of our most precious national resource, though ... our young people! Cody and Alex would not hear of an "undecorated Mrs. Cope" residence. So, I showed them where the decorations were, and they skillfully and responsibly took it from there. What a wonderful job they did ... and just for the joy of helping! Thank you, Alex and Cody!

Then, as an added bonus, I was outside admiring their work when Frank Salgado, another former student of mine, drove by. He saw me, pulled into my drive, and I received a wonderful Christmas hug! He was just home from

Military Service! How wonderful it would be if there would be a job in his field available for him right here in Spearman! I like to keep our young men and women here whenever possible! Frankie, it was great to see you! Thank you for stopping and visiting. Stop by anytime!

Also, another big "thanks again" to my two young "angel" friends. And you know?

I even feel my repentant snowman may make his way back home. I'm sure he's frolicking around the neighborhood, totally oblivious of my concern for him. If any of you see the little guy out and about anywhere, please tell him to get home fast! Not only do I miss him, but the other members of his "snowman" family are wondering about him, too! Thanks for any clues anyone might have!

I join Clement Clarke Moore in saying, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



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