

Christmas - 1975

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Hi,

Once again the Holiday Season is upon us. The past year has passed so quickly.

Our past year has been good once again. William and I are both still working at the Santa Fe Railroad. I still work at the Horse Sale at Fowler the last Saturday of each month. William and I both still help with area rodeos and gymkhanas, when called upon. William is still sponsor of the College Rodeo Club. They keep their livestock down at our arena. William goes on "high" all of the time.

Suzi is seventeen years old now and a senior in high school. She was a candidate for Homecoming Queen this year. She works as a dietary aid at the La Junta Medical Center. Hopefully, she will graduate in May.

Wyatt is fifteen years old and is a sophomore. We have been busy getting his pickup fixed up, as he gets his driver's license in January.

Jerrilea is fourteen years old and is a freshman. She participated in several rodeos this past summer. She was in the top ten for the Kids Rodeo Queen Contest. She was queen of the "Ace of Spades Saddle Club". She was on the High School Gymnastics Team.

We did not do much to the house or yard this year. I got the bathroom and kitchen painted. We had a big vegetable garden, so I canned and froze alot of food. William, Davy, and Wyatt butchered a big steer last Sunday so we are set for the winter as far as eating goes.

William and I got snowed in at Brush, Colorado, last February on our way to South Dakota. We looked up some old friends, The Francis Segelke Family, while there, they really showed us a lovely time.

Treava and Jennifer spent a few days with us in June. We had a real nice visit, wish they would do it more often. Dr. and Mary Pinkenburg from Kansas came by in September for a visit, which was very enjoyable. Debbie, Ralph and Tracey Daggett visited in June for a few days, and helped us celebrate William's and Jerrilea's birthdays.

We went to Odessa, Texas, on our vacation to visit Sammi and Russell Cranson. From there the Cransons and us went to El Paso and Juarez. We really had a great time together. We then went to the Caverns, then to Truth or Consequences where we were guests of Gladys Inskeep and Artis and Emory Faulkner. We met many nice people and had a very good time while there.

We celebrated Grandma Karney's birthday at our house. Those present were - John and Edna Daggett, Calvin Christenson and Family, Rick Christenson and Family, Lloyd Cuckow and Family, Buddy Karney, Lucille, Mary Linn and Shane Frost plus our family. It was nice being all together.

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Cattle are cheap
Grass is gone
But we're still trying
To carry on

At making cards
It's not too daft
Empty feed sacks
Is all that's left

Merry Christmas Happy New Year
William, Judy, Suzi, Wyatt & Jerrilee

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September it was rainy and dreary, so our whole family, including William, Wyatt, Jerrilea, William's Mom, Kent, Davy and I got busy that weekend and canned two hundred quarts of tomatoes and juice. We also canned two dozen quarts of hot sauce. We are about ready to butcher again so we'll have our tummys full, if nothing else.

William and I spent a weekend at the Four Seasons in Colorado Springs last February to celebrate my birthday. We also got to visit my folks and Aunt Ruth and Uncle Dennis.

Treava and Benny have a new baby boy, born in July. She, Jennifer and Benjy spent a few days with us which was a pleasure. Ralph and Mary Linn spent some time with us during the summer. Edna, Lucille and Shane were here for a week last month. Buddy got married this summer. He married a widow with four darling children.

We had another successful Kids Rodeo this year. William, Wyatt, and I worked very hard this year to help put it on. Suzi usually helps but was in California. We had some sadness this year, noticed especially during the rodeo, our long time friend and supporter of the rodeo, Roger Lewis, passed away last June. The rodeo just wasn't the same without Roger at the microphone.

My good friend, Bertha, has been trying to retire from the Chamber of Commerce secretary job since September 30th. They just can't find anyone to replace her. I don't think they ever will be able to replace her.

We still have quite a bit of company on week ends. William and Davy bought some steers and calves, so each week end they rope and I cook. Kent is the official gate opener for the ropers.

Sandy moved back to La Junta after being gone several years. She and Greg share a house south of La Junta. They prepared Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Sure was nice.

My folks are retired and live in Colorado Springs. My mother is slowly getting over her broken hip. They went to Stillwater, Oklahoma to spend Thanksgiving with Linda and Joe. Cheryl is in the eighth grade this year. Genie and Roxanne live at Colorado Springs, also.

William's Mom is still flying around the country. I took her and Aunt Vina to the airport at Pueblo a couple of weeks ago so they could fly to San Francisco for the holidays. They will be in San Francisco for Thanksgiving with Aunt Cecil. Then they will spend Christmas at Sarah's and her family. Debbie and Cliffie both have new babies this year.

We still have a menagerie of animals. Suze had five puppies recently during a bad snow storm. She always times it just right. Jerrilea has bought two new horses this year. William got him a new pick-up horse. Davy's mare had a colt, his name is Rhett Butler. We have a bunch of goats, calves, steers, cattle, chickens, guineas - you name it, we've got it!

Well, Christmas Dinner will be at our house again this year, please

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active in rodeo and gymnastics. She was queen attendant at Rocky Ford Little Britches this year. We went to the State High School Rodeo Finals in Denver in June. She ended up second in pole bending, which qualified her for Nationals. The first of August, she and William left for the National Little Britches Rodeo in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota for a week and then they went on to Helena, Montana, for the High School National Finals. Her mare messed up at both places, William said "just like a woman", so she did not place, but she and William had a good time and met alot of good people.

We had a good Kids Rodeo this year - William received a beautiful plaque for all of his work and dedication, Jerrilea received a nice belt buckle for out-going queen and then on Sunday night I was the recepiant of a beautiful trophy. Boy was I ever surprized and thrilled

William and I also were involved with three Little Britches Rodeos, College Rodeo and Colorado State Girls' Barrel Racing Meet.

Aunt Ruth and Uncle Dennis spent a week-end with us recently which is always enjoyable! The Pinkenburgs were also here this summer but we missed them - seems like we are always home - until someone comes.

The kids' big brother - Davy - and little brother - Kent - spend most every weekend with us. If Davy is out of town, William can't get a thing accomplished on weekends, so I guess they make a pretty good team! I don't think any of them - William, Davy, Wyatt, or Kent get anything done except chew and spit Copenhagen! Ha!

Last April I had a bump (about the size of 1/2 golf ball cut out of my head. Then in October I had a virus, I was in bed a full week. Lucille, Edna and Shane came the week I was sick, so I really didn't get a good visit in with them. William's Mom went home with them, so she is now in Utah with Lucille.

Several of our friends and loved ones passed away this past year - Kim Moore, Jerris Wood, Mr. Engle, Bessie Felps, Ida Wiseman, Hoot Harrington, Dick Moore, Harry Rarick, Jake Giest, George Venard, Claudine Avara, George Barrington, Frances Weaver, Florence Herron and John Blakney.

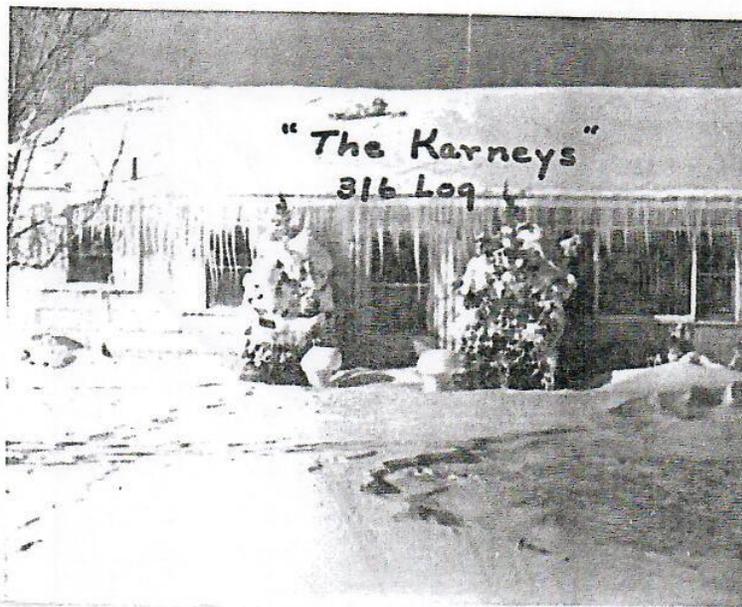
Frank Phebus had an accident in early September, resulting in his foot being amputated. He got to come home November 27th from hospital.

Mary Linn Frost graduated from high school, Penny Russell graduated from Practical Nursing School. Several of our friends retired - Ted Cady, Silas Padilla, Eleanor Lacy, and Bill Bemiss.

Several marriages - Mary Linn Frost & Jesse Blanchard; Bev Burkhalter & Andy Amaran; Denise Pletcher & Eddie Cranson; Rhonda Martinez & Pat Karney; Anita Lawyer & Rod Sommers; Pat Schneider & Charles Batalia; Sandy Lower Greaser & Ernie Miller; Rita Schneider & George Riley; Lois Stjernholm & Kenny Bishop. Several anniversaries - Gladys & Freeman South, 50th; Linda & Les Zigler, 50th; Flossie & Jim Shugart, 67. Guess this about takes care of another year, if you are in our neighborhood, please stop!

Judy

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By the time we've paid
our dog tax, an' our
horse tax too; sales tax
on mail tax to get this
message to you.

Income tax, inheritance
tax, an' tax on stuff
we've et. Even dumb tax
like thumb tax, an'
carpet tax (we bet),
sur-tax, gas tax an'
Watergate (we believe)
Sometimes we think they
oughta tax the air that
we breathe.

By the time we've paid
all these taxes

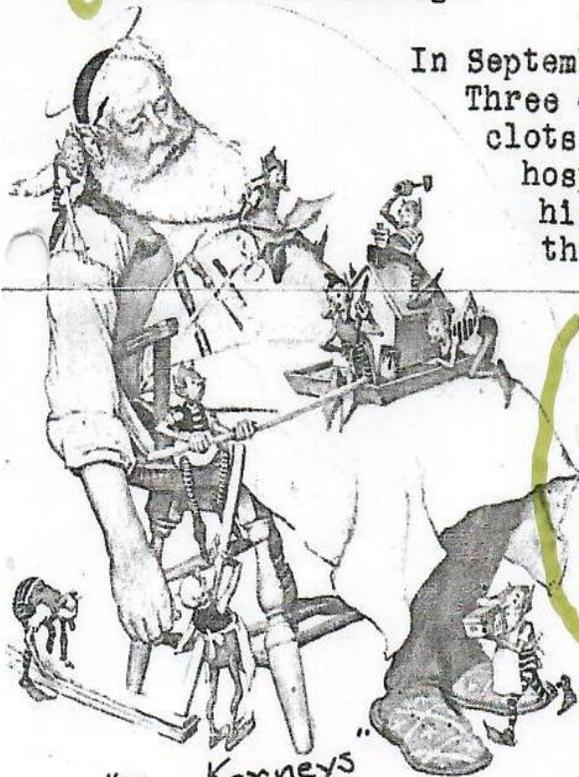
Dog-gone we're beasted
flat!

But we can still wish
you

"Merry Christmas"
cause there aint no tax
on that!

Ya' ll come
see us now,
ya hear?

Jerrilea is still a very busy little gal. She is a senior in high school this year. She is a cheerleader, participated on the parallel bars in gymnastics, High School Rodeos, Little Britches Rodeos, was among the students honored in "Who's Who in American Students", was named "Student of the Month" in September at La Junta High School, In January, she will model for the local photographer "Bratvold's Studio" and be featured in photographs for his advertising. She qualified for the State High School Finals, which was held last June in Durango, Colorado. She also qualified for the State High School National Finals which was held in Huron, South Dakota. She and William went to both of these week-long shows. She won the Queen title for Tri-County Little Britches Rodeo. In August she and I went to North Platte, Nebraska for National Little Britches Rodeo Finals. She tried out for national queen on Sunday and Monday. This involved speaking, modeling, personality, barrel racing, goat tying and horsemanship. A week later the queen was announced, imagine the anxiety, these girls had! Well, it was worth the wait, as Jerrilea was named "NATIONAL LITTLE BRITCHES QUEEN, 1979". She was so happy she could not turn off the tears, her Dad had arrived Saturday morning, and I saw him brush a few tears away too. With this title we have a busy year ahead of us. She will travel throughout Colorado and surrounding states promoting Little Britches Rodeo, by riding in parades, giving seminars, speaking etc. Next fall she will enter Otero Junior College and after two years she will go on to a Chiropractic College. 1978



In September, William woke up with a "Charley Horse". Three days later he was in the hospital with blood clots in his right leg. He spent 12 days in the hospital and is still taking medicine. This is his third month off of work. Goes back to the the hospital tomorrow (Dec. 12th) for more tests.

Our cousin, Penny Russell and Chris Graham were married in June of this year.

All was not happy during the past year - In June we lost our Uncle Roy Lower in a tragic automobile accident. We also lost Aunt Cecil McKinley and a friend, Mrs. Jim Shugart this past month.

As for myself, I keep very busy, there is usually a few extra here on week-ends (I sure miss them when they aren't here) so by the time I cook, wash, sew and work at the Railroad another year is gone.

"The Karneys"
316 Log Avenue
La Junta, Colorado
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Merry Christmas from "The Karneys"

William, Judy
Suzi, Wyatt
Jerrilea

Huron, South Dakota

August 1979



JERRILEA KARNEY and her parents, William and Judy Karney of La Junta, Colorado, as her cheering section and assistants, have logged many miles as Jerrilea, National Little Britches Rodeo Queen, has reigned at several states. Eclipse and Smokey are the horses she will use to

compete in national finals events — barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying. Although her family supports her, Jerrilea is the only one of the three children who has participated in rodeo events and plans to continue her rodeo career in college.

(Plainsman Photos by Brian Goehner)

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Jerrilea Karney was named National Little Britches Rodeo Queen August 19, at North Platte, Nebr.



Jerrilea Karney

gust 19, at North Platte, Nebr. Jerrilea's duties as National Little Britches Queen will be to promote Little Britches Rodeos. She will spend much of her time representing national events, attending rodeos, personal interviews on Little Britches and attending Denver Market in January as a representative of LBR. Next summer, she will reign over the National Little Britches Rodeo and assist with the queen and princess contest. The queen contest consisted of personal interviews which covered rodeo and current events, brunch, banquet, modeling, speech, horsemanship, reining pattern, barrels and goat tying. Jerrilea is the 17-year-old daughter of Judy and William Karney of La Junta. She is a senior at La Junta

High School where she is a cheerleader and active in gymnastics. Jerrilea's mother, Judy, is file clerk in the division office building and her father, William, is a pipefitter in the B&B&WS department.

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Little Britches Rodeo

Queen ends reign in LBR

By KAREN MADSEN

Family Living Editor

She's giving up her crown after a year of reigning as National Little Britches Rodeo Queen, but Jerrilea Karney of La Junta, Colo., says she's still the same person she was before she was crowned last year at North Platte, Neb.

Jerrilea, who competed several times before she won the queen title, believes "no one is really a loser. If the circumstances were different someone else could have been a winner. So there's no reason to get a big head over winning."

The "greatest thing is the people you meet" says the queen of her past year. And her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William (Judy) Karney, add that not only do the families get to know each other but everyone knows all the horses, dogs and goats that are part of the rodeo caravans.

Jerrilea, whose parents, older sister and brother, work

for Santa Fe Railroad, is the only one in the family who fell in love with horses and rodeo and has ridden horses as long as she can remember.

"I have to save all my money for rodeoing," admits Jerrilea. She has a couple dozen suits made by her mother and great-aunt and that helps lessen some of the expense. But she and her parents agree that gas has been the big expense factor as they've been traveling to rodeos every weekend since April.

The Karney entourage includes two horses, Smokey and Eclipse, and a goat. The Karneys confess that the three people get a little crowded in the small pickup camper and sometimes boiling points are low. "Then somebody just gets out."

Jerrilea, who is competing in barrels, pole bending and goat tying at the national finals, prefers goat tying because "I have to rely on

myself instead of a horse." Her greatest frustration is calf roping. "I work and I put my heart into it but it's really hard for me."

Self-taught in horsemanship, Jerrilea has just "stood around and listened to people talking and asked questions" about riding and rodeo. "In fact, I ask so many questions I get on people's nerves."

The 18-year-old queen says she will miss the hustle and bustle of attending all the rodeos but her rodeo career is not ending when she crowns the new queen.

She's looking ahead to the Miss Rodeo Colorado contest in two weeks and plans to attend Otero Junior College at La Junta where she will participate in college rodeo.

Then, however, Jerrilea, who rides horses every day, will bid her steeds goodbye when she attends chiropractic school in Chicago for a couple years.

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Jerrilea is now eighteen years old and graduated from high school in May. She got a scholarship and is attending Otero Junior College and rodeoing. She recently got a job at United Parcel Service, so she keeps busy. She had a very busy past year as National Little Britches Queen. She traveled lots of miles, made a lot of public appearances and helped with several queen contests. William and I took turns going with her, but a lot of the time she had to take her horses and go by herself. She flew to Las Vegas, Nevada last March where she was guest of the Larry Vaughn's. In August, William, Jerrilea and I went to Huron, South Dakota for her final Little Britches Rodeo. While there she crowned the new 1980 National Little Britches Queen - her good friend - Tammy Vaughn. The next week after returning from Huron, Jerrilea tried out for "Miss Rodeo Colorado." She ended up 7th overall and tied for 3rd in personality. Competition was terrific and she certainly got a lot of experience.

We had several weddings this past year - Glenna's two older girls got married - Diane married William New Year's Eve and Carol married Paul May 19th. Can you imagine two weddings in one year!!! Also getting married were: Rhonda Headrick and Wayne Garner, Alma Beth Carroll and Dave Kaess, Dave Hill and Janet Jobe, Casey Barber and Kerri Poulignot, Laura Wheeler and Jim Stokes and Darla Chantala and Bob Willbanks.

Several of our close friends passed away during the year: Walt West, Mrs. Vade Robinson, Eddie Bennett, Bill Day, Jim Shugart and Goldie Amerine.

As for myself, I had a great year. In April, Jerrilea and I went to Vera's in Illinois to visit her family. While there we attended open house at Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa. Then in May, I had the privilege of being the coordinator for Carol Walter's wedding. Oh yes, we also had eight fellows as our guests during her wedding from Arkansas. In June, I attended my 20 Year Class Reunion in Rocky Ford. TWENTY YEARS--- had better quit on that.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the Karneys
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Jerrilea is nineteen years old and is now in her second year at Utero Junior College. She works at UPS part time. She moved into her own apartment last January. She has since moved two more times. Her address is 707 Cimarron, here in La Junta. Jerrilea and I went to Chicago last March where we were the guests of Richard, Linda and Justin Hinderliter. While there we visited the National College of Chiropractic. She hopes to go there in 1982. Then in July we took a trip to J or C, New Mexico, where we were guest of Gladys Inskeep and Emory and Artis Faulkner.

We had a bunch of weddings this past year: Libby & Greg Lower; June & Jay Felthauer; Lynn & Jim Newton; Lyn & Vance Hill; Rae Ann Schneider & Tom McIntosh; Lanette Davis & Gary Hall. The anniversaries were: Glenna & Tommy Walter - 25th; Uncle Dennis & Aunt Ruth - 60th; Mr. & Mrs. John Coffied - 50th. George Boyle, Chet Powell and George Benich retired from my office at the Santa Fe.

Several of our close friends passed away during the year: Albert Day, Mike Tejedo, Susan Coerly, Harold Klein, Primo Martinez, Steve Young, Kelly Broce, Mary Rowland, Boby Scielson, Dutch Caswell, Charles Long, Lee Bilder, Helen Cowan, Marty Hains and Jean Cowan. We also lost one of our Collie dogs - Sally, and the golden retriever, who was twenty-two years old.



As for myself, I had a good year. William and I went on our first vacation alone. We camped in the mountains and had a lovely time.

We also went to some rodeos.

In September, we went on a fruit drive, which was a lot of fun.

We went to the "Inskeep Family Reunion" in Longmont in July.

Met a lot of our family that we had never seen before.

Well, that about takes care of another year. Hope you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"The Karneys"
William and Judy

316 Log Avenue

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Suzi is twenty-three years old and still bringing the trains over the mountains. She still lives in Raton with her two dogs - Jamima and Lindsey - and her bird - Tiki. She spent two weeks on the beach in California, took a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada and went to the state of Washington this year. She is also on a softball team and volleyball team, swims, skates, water and snow ski's in her spare time.

William and I are still working for the railroad.

William has taken an interest in barbequing. He dug two big pits and made two large pans for barbequing. In May we had a barbeque at our place for about one-hundred people. We did this again in October and had two hundred forty-seven people. In August we had a "Karney" reunion, William barbequed two goats for this - good! In September William barbequed the meat for the annual Santa Fe picnic - nearly 1500 people attended this.

In September, La Junta celebrated it's centennial. William and Tommy Richards led the parade with the flags. I followed wearing my "red" dress and riding side saddle - I felt so elegant! We also had a rodeo, which I was secretary of. The Santa Fe also had a float in the parade - I was in charge of the float and we won first place - how about that! I am still secretary of the Kids Rodeo. I also helped with the College Rodeo and Las Animas Rodeo.

As for the "Karney Farm" we lost three of our animals this past year. Rosie, our brown mare, Vandy, Suzi's collie, both died of heart attacks. Freddie, my parakeet, escaped out the back door - never to return. For Mother's Day, Suzi gave me a white poodle - Kirby Sue. In September we bought another collie pup - Kasie Lea. William still has his pets - cows, horses, peacocks, guineas, ducks and oh yes - those ___ goats! t keeps him out of trouble.

We were saddened this year by the deaths of several friends and loved ones: William's mother - Mary Karney passed away in October; Birdie Brumit last February; also Ralph Quick, Jack Malott, Jim Pullin, Virginia Jones, Mildred Nimmo and Willard Rafferty. *Loretta Haragan*

Several marriages this year - Karen Denny and Dave Williams, Clinton and Dawn Jones, Lynette Anderson and Terry Reeves, Ruthie Kenner and Bob ~~Catierrez~~, Mitch and Margaret Harmon, Terri and Tom Walter.

As time goes by we realize that family and friends like you are the important things in life..... And at this Christmas time we're thinking of you and wishing you and your family a joyous holiday and happy 1982.

Happy Holidays

William and Judy

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Twenty-fifth wedding anniversaries this year - Bob and Arlene West, Joe and Lucille Frost, Caroline and Marvin Kibler, Richard and Jean Eveatt. Fiftieth - Ray and Gertha Yates, Pauline and Mike Smith and Ruby and Ralph Yates, Foggy and Sylvia Beardsley. Merle and Stanley Loeffler - 25th.

Marvin Kibler was 1983 Kids Rodeo Chairman. La Junta Elks bought old Santa Fe Hospital for their future home. Dee Quicksall, Albert Matt and Les Reynolds retired from Railroad. Dr. Dave Dutton opened his own private chiropractic clinic. Pat (Schneider) and Charlie Batalia moved to - General Delivery, Athol, Idaho 83801.

Alana Jones - Princess 1983 Phantom Riders Saddle Club. Clara Jones - Attendant to "Mrs. Horseman" Phantom Riders Club. Father Mike McCleary - Outstanding Young Religious Leader. Rhonda Karney - Outstanding Young Worker with Youth. Uncle Lloyd Cuckow - Elk of the Year.

Janice McCullough - President of Does. Colorado Bank and Trust built a brand new building. Joe Pence honored for his long time law enforcement. Arkansas Valley Journal saluted - George Hill, Dub Couch, Pat Willis. Angie Neugebauer - Goat Tying Champ, World Championship Youth Rodeo. Weddings this year - Carla Wheeler and Terry Doll, Jaime Hudspeth and Scott Larson, Raelynn Jones and Gary Darnell, Wendy Russell and Willie Patterson, Patty Reandeau Karney and Chuck Hansen, Dave Huddy and Gloria Pina, Kathy Carlile and Russell Verquer, Sonja Beamen and Patrick Grazioli, Twilla Kibler and Carl Anderson, Lori Kesterson and Leonard Hinkley, Cathy Haberman and David Powers, John Lowe and Wanda Russell, Carol Russell and Jim Bender, Jo Ellen Orr and Greg Reeves, Rhonda Christensen and Steve Horner, Sandy Lower and Roy Veirs, Jeanette McLain and Jerry Martinez, Tammy Mueller and Gail Evett, Steve Loeffler and Christine Schumachec, Sissy Hill and Mike Mishou, Sandy Lopez, Randal Lewis and Marybeth Spaid, Eddie King and Pat Dougherty, Helen Kuhn and Jim Robinson, Sonja Loeffler.

Kent Lower, Tammy Barber, Justin Jones and Kandi Patterson graduated from high school. Kathy Dawn Karney graduated from University of Colorado.

We were saddened by the deaths of many friends and relatives - Kenny Eberhart, Johnny King, Joe Carrica, Norma Smart, Wayne Smart, Flora Trumble, Grandma Gladys Inskeep, Rick Jobe, Junior Strandberg, Tom Stuckey, Jack Harrington, Babette Cranson, Les Honey, U. L. Hiatt, Bob and Grace Place, Loie Nichols, Tom New, Mr./Mrs. Dudley (Tramp) Schneider, Ivy Creech, Rose Griffith, Dan Burger, Barbara Schweizer Blakney, Andy Russell, Glenna's Uncle Theo, Zella Mills, John Kiser.

New Babies - new baby colt - Russell and Sammie Cranson, Dustin Cody - Tim and Laura Wheeler Stokes, Peter III - Pete and Jane Danko, Levi David - Almabeth and Dave Kaess, Kendra Jean - Sandy and Roy Veirs, Jennifer Leigh - Andy and Bev Amparan. Glenna and Tommy will become "GRANDPARENTS" in April (Carol and Paul are expecting!!!)

We enjoy hearing from all of you!

William and Judy

attending chiropractic school - two more years to go. "The little Country Girl" loves Chicago.

We had our second family reunion in August - it was great!

1982

My Aunt Jean Lower fell and broke her hip in May - she was on crutches all summer; she is doing great now.

We lost several of our friends and loved ones this past year - Mayme Walter, Harold Berry, Mona Webb, Riley Thomas, Pat Leroy, Mike Yocam, Hank Edes, Barney Mallot, Al Hunyadi, Margaret Honey, Lonnie Argo, C. L. Cox, Bob Swentzell, Lloyd Jackson, Della Amerine, Pauline Munoz, Lola Meeks, Frank Scarlett, Floyd Inskip, Pete Griffith, Glenn Hall

Wedding Anniversaries - Artis and Emory Faulkner, 25 years; Bill and Alma Morrow, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Adin Palmer, 60 years.

Tillie Autry received "1982 Colorado Extension Homemaker of the Year" award. L. L. Chubby Durbin - Mayor of Swink

George Hill received "Community Service Award for 1982".

Diana Walter Cole received her "Master of Science Degree".

Debbie Daggett received her Bachelor of Science Degree.

Lots of weddings this year (but none of our kids!)

Michelle Smith and Randy Weaver, Leslie Peters and Ed Chavez, Pat Danielson and Harry Willis, Jimmie Shasteen and Joyce Chang - married in Alaska on my birthday February 14th, Pam Bamber and Jim Sisson, Robbie and Dawn Day, Jay Johnson and Nida Sabourin, Paige Todd and Mitchell Minnerly, Robbie and Gayleen Springer, Tracey Tague and Terry Tompkins, Libby Lowe and Ed Hiza, Carla Aragon and Claudio Quintana, Sherri West and Keith Vincent, Linda Bales and Bob Smith, Leroy and Lisa Anderson, Janice Clark and Willie McGuill, Patti Brumit and Ron Nimmo, Kevin Petramala and Eunice Rosales, Kathy Melchior and Scott Keifer, Jamie Houser and Steve Davis, Mike Laino and Toni Elliott, Janine LaFever and Mark Ward.

Last but not least - the new babies

Jonathan Petramala - Joe and Janie; Tyler Patrick Karney - Pat and Rhonda; Shayne Michael Wheeler - Carla Wheeler; Patrick William Hill - Dave and Jane; Kristopher Jesse Blanchard - Jesse and Mary Linn; and triplets - Natalie, John and James Stotts - Larry and Marie.

Well, this just about does it for one more year; oh yes, one more thing - come and see us.

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December, 1983
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1983 Holiday Greetings from "The Karneys"

At this time of writing the tree is up, stockings are hanging and the packages are wrapped - all I have left to do is make the candy, do the baking and fix Christmas dinner, whew!

This year we celebrated our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a lovely dinner prepared by our neighbors, Walt and Una. William and I are still working for the railroad. William and Jerry Davidson were the chief cooks for the Firemen's Centennial Fun Day. He and Bill Laycock won the Century Team Roping at Early Settlers Rodeo. He attended the Karney Family Reunion at Osborne, Kansas with Russ, Mary Lou, Uncle Dennis, Aunt Ruth and Bill. You should hear their wild stories! He went elk hunting, didn't even see one. Last January I broke my right arm roller skating. In August a jar fell on my toe and broke it! In June, Suzi, William and I went to Chicago to visit Jerrilea by train. Missed seeing Linda (she had come to La Junta). The first morning in Chicago, William fixed pancakes for about twenty of Jerrilea's friends. Tommy Richards, William and I led the Early Settlers Parade. The "farm" is still surviving. We gave Kirby's five puppies away - no family needs 6 poodles! We still have Kirby Sue and Dog. In August we got a new collie pup - Spanky. We went on Aldreds' Annual Santa Fe Trail Ride. This is always fun and we meet new people. We had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner with Jean.

Suzi is twenty-five, still living in Raton with her dog, Jamima. After being out of a job for 1½ years, she is running trains over the mountain once again. In October she had surgery on her gums, bone grafting, as her gum bones were deteriorating. She bought a new 4-wheel drive Nissan (Datsan) pickup, recently. Her address is P.O. Box 834, Raton, NM 87740 and her phone number is 505-445-9132.

Wyatt is twenty-three and lives in Colorado Springs, sharing an apartment with Jeana and Bruce Fellhauer. He is still working as a sheetmetal worker apprentice and going to school at night. He just bought a pretty blue chevy pickup. His address is 4260 Morning Sun, Apt 17, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 and his phone number is 598-2966.

Jerrilea is twenty-two, living in Chicago and going to chiropractor school. She will graduate in 1985. Last spring she flew to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and in July went to Nashville. She was home in August and spent her time water skiing and resting. Two of her friends, Mark and Dale, visited us in August. Her address is 1306 South Finley, Apt. 2I, Lombard, Illinois 60148 and her phone number is 1-312-629-1479.

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Clara Jones - Attendant to "Mrs. Horseman" Phantom Riders Club.

Father Mike McCleary - Outstanding Young Religious Leader.

Rhonda Karney - Outstanding Young Worker with Youth.

Uncle Lloyd Cuckow - Elk of the Year.

Janice McCullough - President of Does.

Colorado Bank and Trust built a brand new building.

Joe Pence honored for his long time law enforcement.

Arkansas Valley Journal saluted - George Hill, Dub Couch, Pat Willis.

Angie Neugebauer - Goat Tying Champ, World Championship Youth Rodeo.

Weddings this year - Carla Wheeler and Terry Doll, Jaime Hudspeth and Scott Larson, Raelynn Jones and Gary Darnell, Wendy Russell and Willie Patterson, Patty Reandeau Karney and Chuck Hansen, Dave Huddy and Gloria Pine, Kathy Carlile and Russell Verquer, Sonja Beamen and Patrick Grazioli, Twilla Kibler and Carl Anderson, Lori Kesterson and Leonard Hinkley, Cathy Haberman and David Powers, John Lowe and Wanda Russell, Carol Russell and Jim Bender, Jo Ellen Orr and Greg Reeves, Rhonda Christensen and Steve Horner, Sandy Lower and Roy Veirs, Jeanette McLain and Jerry Martinez, Tammy Mueller and Gail Evett, Steve Loeffler and Christine Schumachec, Sissy Hill and Mike Mishou, Sandy Lopez, Randal Lewis and Marybeth Spaid, Eddie King and Pat Dougherty, Helen Kuhn and Jim Robinson, Sonja Loeffler.

Kent Lower, Tammy Barber, Justin Jones and Kandi Patterson graduated from high school. Kathy Dawn Karney graduated from University of Colorado.

We were saddened by the deaths of many friends and relatives - Kenny Eberhart, Johnny King, Joe Carrica, Norma Smart, Wayne Smart, Flora Trumble, Grandma Gladys Inskeep, Rick Jobe, Junior Strandberg, Tom Stuckey, Jack Harrington, Babette Cranson, Les Honey, U. L. Hiatt, Bob and Grace Place, Loie Nichols, Tom New, Mr./Mrs. Dudley (Tramp) Schneider, Ivy Creech, Rose Griffith, Dan Burger, Barbara Schweizer Blakney, Andy Russell, Glenna's Uncle Theo, Zella Mills, John Kiser.

New Babies - new baby colt - Russell and Sammie Cranson, Dustin Cody - Tim and Laura Wheeler Stokes, Peter III - Pete and Jane Danko, Levi David - Almabeth and Dave Kaess, Kendra Jean - Sandy and Roy Veirs, Jennifer Leigh - Andy and Bev Amparan. Glenna and Tommy will become "GRANDPARENTS" in April (Carol and Paul are expecting!!!)

We enjoy hearing from all of you!

William and Judy

November 28, 1984
316 Log Avenue
La Junta, Colorado 81050

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34 Holiday Greetings from "The Karneys",

It's that time of year again! My how the year does fly. I have my tree up, all of the packages wrapped and the stockings are hung.

This year has been a good one - all of our years are good. I think you could make a calendar by our schedule. William and I are still working for the railroad. For Mother's Day, Suzi gave me a beautiful diamond and ruby ring. William and Bob won "The Century Team Roping" at the Early Settlers Day Rodeo. I was in the ribbon roping at "Old Timers Rodeo", I fell flat on my face!! We managed a weekend in Raton with Suzi and a Sunday in Colorado Springs with Wyatt. As you know we do not get out of La Junta very often. Betty, Marilyn and I went to Santa Fe to visit Marie and Victoria. Suzi and I went to Diane's to visit Lucille, Mary Lynn and Kristopher in November. Had a good time. William managed to chop his toes, while chopping wood last winter. Jerrilea, my doctor???, passed out! Carolyn, Marvin, Twila and I all managed to make the front page of our local paper - picture and all - for our work with the Kids Rodeo. I spent Thanksgiving in Orion, Illinois with Vera, Jim, Mark, Evelyn, Wayne and Jerrilea. Suzi spent the day skiing in Angel Fire. William and Wyatt spent the day with Libby and Greg and their families. While in Chicago, Jerrilea and I attended the stage play "The King and I" with Yul Brunner. Hope you like the picture on our Christmas card. Have you ever had a family picture made? I thought someone would surely get killed before we were finished!!!

Suzi is twenty-six, still in Raton with her dog Jamima and two parakeets. She is still an engineer. She went to Mazatlan and Puerto Vialto, Old Mexico, on her vacation. Last week she totaled her new pickup out, no one was injured. Her address is P.O. Box 874, Raton, New Mexico 87740 and her phone number is 505-445-9132.

Wyatt is twenty-four, still in Colorado Springs. He and Bruce Fellhauer share an apartment. They took a Caribbean Cruise this year. He is still working as a sheet metal apprentice. His address is 4260 Morning Sun, Apartment 17, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907. His phone number is 598-2966.

Jerrilea is twenty-three, still living in Chicago and going to chiropractor school. She will graduate a year from April. She has four jobs - security guard, works in gym at school, gives massages, and works in a lounge. Pretty busy little gal. She went to Tennessee and to Sarasota, Florida this past year. She was home for Christmas and three weeks in August. She spent this time water skiing, riding her horses and resting. Oh, yes, she did enter a couple of rodeos and won 2nd in the barrel races. In August she brought a friend home from California, Gene Parker. Her address is 2211 South Stewart Apartment 4A, Lombard, Illinois 60148. Her phone number is 312-629-1479.

Taleen Jenkins is the new "1985 Miss Rodeo Colorado".

Wendy Fellhauer is the new "1985 Arkansas Valley Fair Queen".

Tootie Walter is the new Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

Edna Daggett is "Color Bearer" for the Does.

Alex Aldred was featured in Arkansas Valley Journal.

My good friend Bertha Fritz moved to Huron, South Dakota to be near her family.

The old Santa Fe Backshop Building was torn down; it was built in 1904.

The Karney family had their annual family reunion in August.

The Ridennoure family had a family reunion, the first time all eight children had been together in several years. Lynn Ridennoure retired as La Junta Tribune Democrat

correspondent after many, many years. She also sold the farm and moved to Fowler.

William and I attended my 25th Class Reunion. Does not seem possible.

Cindy Morgan, Tommy Reandeau Karney and Alan Horn graduated from high school this past year. Sue Arnold and Sandy Morrow received their nurses' degree.

Friends retiring were Glenn Young, Una Harper, Jimmy Thomas, Don Lowman, Lloyd Morgan, Dean Sommers and Frolian Rosales from La Junta. Vera and Jim Simpson retired from the government, in Illinois.

New babies this year - Kyle Burton Shasteen, Joyce and Jimmie Shasteen; Daniel, Wendy and Willie Patterson; Jennifer, Joe and Mary Lynn Verne; TWINS - Tiffany LeAnn and Tonya DeAnn, Tony and Carla Doll; Sarah Christine; Carol and Paul Kerr; Irvin Phillip (Little Phillip), Cheryl and Sonny Anderson; Kyle Lee, Laura and Tim Stokes; Katherine Yvonne, Joe and Laura Ager; Kimberly Ann, Kathy and Scott Kiefer; and Stephanie, Gary and Raelynn Darnell.

We were saddened by the deaths of so many friends and relatives this year; seems like every year there are more and more - Uncle Dennis Karney, Bill Morrow, Wally Strack, Aunt Flora Schneider, Walter Goff, Anna Harrington, Eddie Root, Bill Spangle, Ernest Mead, Geno Chaparro, Mildred Quick, Betty McNeff, DeLoss Patton, Butch Montgomery, Dorothy Barksdale Lower, Johnny Wisemon, Olin Richert, Floyd Widup, Floyd Bradfield, Stella Werick, Frank Phebus, John Wallis, Eddie Frank Hollar, Max Hilton, Gil Sinks, George Hill, Stacey Storey, Herbert Gillespie, Johnny and Frances Like and Loyd Smart.

25th Anniversaries celebrated this year - Joyce and Nels Larsen Jr., Delita and Norman Fleischacker and Betty and Bill Morrow. 50th anniversaries - John and Irene Marlin, Lela and C. B. Kurtz, Hank and Lydia Miller, Tommy and Dorothy Richards.

Weddings this year - a bunch!! Lori Smith and Frank Ritter; Smiley Schroeder and Matt Shawcraft; Laura Walter and Joe Ager; Mary Sue Bugas and Dick Carroll; Gloria Van Hee and Chuck Moore; Verleen Horn and Kevin Karney; Gayle Danko and Ken Eveatt; Sherri Smith and Mike Haberman; Roberta Goodrich and Clifford Patton; Jo Ellen and Greg Reeves; Rose Perez and Chuck Cowdrey; Twyla Reandeau Karney and Darren Grap; Tina McNeff and Kris Follmer; Cindy Morgan and Kent Lower; Janice McCullough and Loyd Smart; Ruth Thiessen and John Hall; Donna Delaney and Ross Harmon.

Well, that about does it for another year for us. If any of you are in our vicinity over the holidays or any other time of the year do stop by; the door is always open.

We enjoy all of your letters, pictures and cards each year. I frame all of the pictures and hang them on my wall in the family room, keep them coming.

May God Bless.

William and Judy

William and Judy Karney

Kids Rodeo Secretary Judy Karney Has Been Helping For 28 Years

It's been 28 years and La Junta Kids Rodeo secretary Judy Karney says — "This is it!" After this weekend's rodeo Judy claims she's through. But, that could be questionable. That's usually the way all of the staunch rodeo workers feel right before the event — but once it's over they start talking "next year."

Judy has been rodeo secretary since 1969. Prior to that time she assisted in a variety of "jobs," from writing checks, typing, assisting the secretary, etc.

It's understandable that Judy might feel when this show is over she's through. She's had a tough spring and summer.

Her husband, William, was severely burned in an accident in the Santa Fe Railroad yards on May 23. For several weeks he was in critical condition in Intensive Care Unit at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. He is still hospitalized and has had many complications and set-backs in his recovery but Judy reports the doctors say he seems to be doing better and she may bring him home in a couple of weeks.

If that wasn't enough to worry about, Judy's mother, Opal Steidl became ill and died in Colorado Springs this July.

Made of "strong stuff," Judy has "hung right in there," continuing her work as a file clerk (a job she has had for 17 years) at the Santa Fe, managing her home and also getting things ready for the 1985 Kids Rodeo.



JUDY KARNEY

IT DIDN'T TAKE JUDY long after she took over as the rodeo secretary to figure out there should be an easier way to handle the tallying of points.

For years, none of the final tallying for the Sunday night show was done until after every event was completed. Workers, cowpokes and parents would converge on the Chamber of Commerce office building where points were tallied. This meant a bunch of tired folks usually left for home between 3 and 4 a.m. on Monday.

It was suggested to Judy that since points were posted through the Saturday night show, scorekeepers could be working during the Sunday evening rodeo posting final points as events ended. Judy said, "Lets do it" — and they did. Most of the time during her

secretary term the awarding of trophies and saddles has taken place in front of the bucking chutes at the rodeo grounds 15 to 30 minutes after the final rodeo event.

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ACTUALLY, JUDY HAS been involved with the rodeo more than 28 years. She was a contestant in the Kids Rodeo back when it was held at old Potter Park. "I might not have done very good but I sure had alot of fun," says Judy.

This will be the first time for her husband to miss a rodeo in "who knows how many years," says Judy. First he was a contestant and the next year after becoming to old to participate he started working the rodeo.

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WHEN ASKED IF SHE had any hobbies, Judy responded, "If you call cooking a hobby I guess that would be one." On Saturdays and Sundays it's nothing for 10 to 15 people to be at the Karneys for a good home-cooked meal.

The Karneys have raised many foster children. "There have been lots of kids go through our home," says Judy.

Judy doesn't let any "grass grow under her feet." She cares for 80 rose bushes, and presently three dogs, guineas, peacocks, geese and goats, cattle and horses.

The Karneys have three children — Suzi, 26; Wyatt, 25 and Jerrilea, 24.

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1985 Holiday Greetings from The Karneys,

most of you know this has not been one of our favorite years. Everything was going well until May 23rd. At 3:30 P.M. our world literally went up in flames. William, along with five other men, was in an explosion in the Santa Fe yards. William was burned the worst (he is always in the middle of everything) over 60% of his body, all second and third degree burns. The only part not burned was his feet. I spent four weeks in Colorado Springs with him, coming home on weekends to work at the railroad and do what I could at home. Jerrilea flew in the first week and Suzi and Wyatt were with me. William went through seven major surgeries - grafting to cover his body with skin. He was flat on his back for eight weeks and in the hospital for seventy-one days. He went through a crisis weekly. The doctor said that every patient that he had that was burned as badly as William had died, but he did not know what MAN he was dealing with.

Just about the time we were feeling comfortable about William, my mother, Opal Steidl, passed away. I did get to spend a lot of time with her as she and William were both in Penrose Hospital.

August 9th was the Big Day, William came home. He had been in intensive care unit until the day they released him. The first few days he kept Joe, Lucille, Suzi, Wyatt and I all jumping - he still thought he was in intensive care!! I stayed home until after Labor Day with him. Edna came over evenings and stayed with him while I worked at the railroad.

William is improving steadily. We bought a hot tub which he enjoys two baths daily. He goes to a reflexologist daily from 8-12. He gets around al well but still has little use of his hands and arms. Nancy Fenno stays with him every day until I get home at 4:00 P.M.. One thing he is good at and that is giving orders. He keeps us all hopping.

On Labor Day one of our dear friends, Donis Hughes, was in a horse accident. She died a week later without ever regaining consciousness.

Halloween, Lucille's husband, Joe Frost, was killed in a head-on collision in Wyoming. We had just gotten back from Utah and our good neighbor of twenty years, Lucy Roberts, died of a heart attack.

We were also saddened by several more deaths of our friends this past year - J. C. Thompson, Ernie Stjernholm, Bill Inskeep, Virginia Durbin, Effie Fleischacker, Emory Jones, Floyd Strong, Reuben Walter, George Benich, Jerry Skinner, Herman Schweizer, Ed Garlington, Doramartinez, Kenny Bishop and Margaret Holbrook.

I am going to Jerrilea's for Thanksgiving again this year. Edna will stay with William at night while I am gone. I did secretary the 48th Kids Rodeo, which was dedicated to William - in my spare time. Tommy Richards and I led the Kids Rodeo Parade. Wyatt and Tommy led the Early Settlers' Day parade, with me right behind them riding side-saddle.

Suzi is still running trains over Raton mountain. She worked for Colorado and Wyoming a few months last spring.

Jerrilea is still in chiropractic school in Chicago. She did get to go to Washington D. C. this year for her vacation. April 19, 1986 is the big day - GRADUATION DAY.

Wyatt is in Colorado Springs and will graduate from sheet metal school in April. He had a ten-day vacation to Baja, California last spring. He and Tom Cody had their hands full this summer taking care of the livestock and other chores that had to be done. In fact, they still do!!

Gladys and Freeman South celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kerr, their 50th this past year.

Ruth Goodrich was appointed "Colorado State President of National Association of Bank Women"

Shane Frost was Utah State Wrestling Champ in his weight division
Jo Carroll Dutton was "Conservationist of the Year"

Evelyn Brumit attended her 50th Class Reunion

Sean Logan - 1984-85 Outstanding Future Business Leaders of America

Treava Mann was in the Top 10 for Avon Sales

Emory and Artis Faulkner sold their business C&F Oil Company

Kim Wood, Sean Logan, Pam Kaufman and Shane Frost graduated from high school.
Kathy Verquer graduated from the University of Northern Colorado and Tom Walter graduated from National College of Chiropractic in Chicago.

Weddings this year - Lane Frost; Jan Millard and Dexter McNeff; Shelby Mitchell and Ross Bender; Donna Snyder and Kevin Mosher; Audrey Jones and Gerald Whiteway; Karen Wilson and Ron Goodrich; Francine Znidarsich and Rod Albrecht; Tracee Gilbert and Michael Thomas and Sally Russell and David Peterson.

Well, that about does it for another year. Be sure and stop by to visit, William is house-bound and really appreciates visitors.

We are so thankful that William is still with us. I am sure this holiday season will have a very special meaning. May you and yours have a wonderful season and remember count your blessings and not your troubles.

Until next year.

William and Judy

William and Judy

We would like to thank each and everyone of you that offered help, food, cards, concern and prayers after William's accident and my Mother's death.

We received calls, letters and cards from about 2700 friends. You do not know how many friends you have until you need them. It would be such a terrible thing to go through an experience like ours by yourself. Thanks to all of you, we were not alone. May God bless you.

We found these two poems that express our feelings and we would like to share them with you.

MY THANKS!

People everywhere in life
From every walk and station,
From every town and city
And every state and nation
Have given me so many things
Intangible and dear,
I couldn't begin to count them all
Or even make them clear...
I only know I owe so much
To people everywhere
And when I put my thoughts in verse
It's just a way to share
The musings of a thankful heart,
A heart much like your own.
For nothing that I think or write
Is mine and mine alone...
So if you found some beauty
In any word or line,
It's just your soul's reflection
In proximity with mine.



THANK GOD FOR LITTLE THINGS

Thank you, God, for little things
That often come our way -
The things we take for granted
But don't mention when we pray -
The unexpected courtesy,
The thoughtful, kindly deed -
A hand reached out to help us
In the time of sudden need -
Oh make us more aware, dear God,
Of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet surprise
From never-dreamed-of places.

PERSONAL

To all our friends
and family,
We could not have made it
without you. It is going to take
time but William (Bill) will make
it.

THANK YOU."

The Karney Family
William, Judy, Suzi,
Wyatt and Jerrilea

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Weddings this year ----

Bill Hanagan and Dolores Harmon; Paula Wood and Rick Klein; Jaime Hudspeth and Jeff Bailey; Rhonda Karney and Doug Johannes; Mary Ann Cranson and James Nichols; Kathy Dawn Karney and Tim Carey; Kelly Miller and David Nagy; Karey Dellinger and Buddy Mueller; Ray Veirs and Roxanne Mast; Marilyn Ritter and Dick Mast; Kim Wood and Dave Frankmore; Rita Schneider and Jerry Bay.

New babies ---

Ryon Taylor Anderson - Carl and Twilla
Lacy Folmer - Tina and Kris
Brock Darnell - Raelynn and Gary
Joshua Dean Patterson - Wendy and Willy
Adam Bickell - Katy and Lyle
Steven Verne - Mary Lynn and Joe
Timothy Richard Hill - Janet and Dave

Retirements ---

Spence Burtis, D. K. Spencer, Chris Lopez, Doyle Elyea, Les Anderson, Clyde Barnes, George Deihl, Kenny West, Francis Egbert, Nick Sanchez and Mert Turner.

We were saddened by many many deaths this year ---

My little sister Linda's husband was killed in a tractor accident in August. In March Uncle Lloyd Cuckow passed away. Other deaths were Nancy Jane Russell, Pauline Smith, Sandy Kibler, Mildred Waggoner, Harley Nimmo, Adin Palmer, Edith Johnson, Ed Engler, Alma Bemis, Dr. Chris Pinkenburg, Dale Ninemire, Cindy Lopez, Mike Stewart, Deke Lower (Jean's beloved poodle), Virgil Carlile, C. D. Singer, Joe Verquer, Jr., Clint Lenard, Joe Autry, Chris Cook and Pearl Walter.

The City of La Junta made a nice improvement on First Street this year. We now have "The Santa Fe Plaza" - a real pretty park. We also got a new water tank on our side of town which should improve the water pressure considerably.

1986

Another year has passed!!! 1986 was a much better year for us, although it started out badly. Last January our tools and saddles were stolen, however, most everything was recovered.

William is improving steadily. There are some things that he still cannot do by himself such as taking a bath or taking his pills. He had surgery this past May on his right hand. We have sold most of the cattle as William is unable to care for them by himself. He still goes to therapy daily for two hours. He has applied for a disability pension. In July he and Jerrilea went to Utah to visit Lucille and her family. He and Tommy Richards led the Early Settlers Day Parade. According to the Tribune Democrat - the parade highlight - Sam Petramala and Larry Hall serenading Bill Karney with "Back In The Saddle Again." William said he almost cried--I did. I heard there were several tears among the crowd!!

I am still working at the railroad. In August William and I were able to go to the XIT 50th Reunion Rodeo at Dalhart, Texas. We also visited Artis and Emory at Truth or Consequences, NM. I gave up my job with the Kids Rodeo this year. I thought it was time for some of the "younger set" to take over. The committee presented Carolyn, Marvin, Ronnie and I with an appreciation plaque. They did an excellent job putting on the rodeo!! I did put together an exhibit on the Kids Rodeo for our new museum's grand opening in September.

Suzi quit the railroad in September and moved to Denver. She plans to go back to school in January to work toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She attended her 10 year high school class reunion in July. Last February she gave me a SURPRISE 45th birthday party. It was a lot of fun and I was really surprised!!

Wyatt is still in Colorado Springs. He graduated from sheet metal school last April. He comes home two or three times a month to help out at home. Wyatt had knee surgery last March and was off of work for several months. He and Jerrilea went to Nashville in May.

Jerrilea finally graduated from chiropractic school in April!! Our whole family was able to attend. She has her license in Illinois and Tennessee. She will take her Colorado Boards in February. She is living at home, breaking some of her horses and helping William. Her friend, Steve has visited several times from Chicago. We told her she could live with us until she repaid her school loans, she said that would be at least 10 years!!

Elberta and Harold visited this summer, also Aunt Hilda and Lucille. We were able to have some nice family gatherings for the occasions.

Ronda Horn and Bernadette Lucero graduated from high school this spring. Glenna Walter received an Associate of Arts Degree from Otero. She is now attending college in Pueblo. Dr. Tom Walter is now associated with Dutton Chiropractic in La Junta.

Terry and John Fargerson opened the "Hogs Breath Saloon".

Special recognition was given to Kathy Dizmang and Judy Hermanson in our local paper. Shane Frost received the highest FFA degree that one can receive - "American Farmer" award which was presented to him in Kansas City, Missouri in November.

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Wyatt will turn 28 in January. He still lives at 4260 Morning Sun, Apartment 17, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. His phone number is 598-2966. He lost his job this year; his company took out bankruptcy. Hopefully he will be able to find another job. He is also attending business school.

Jerrilea got her licenses to practice chiropractic in Utah and Colorado last February. In March she went to work with Dr. Tucker in La Junta. On September 24th she and Mark Grasmick announced their engagement. Thanksgiving they decided to get married December 12th!! So December 12th we had a wedding in our new house. Monday they left for Old Mexico for a week's honeymoon. They will live in our old house at 316 Log Avenue.

The Kids Rodeo celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Tommy and I led the parade. Queens were Renee Honey, Shawna Mosher and Jody Mosher.

In November the kids gave Jean Lower a surprise 60th birthday party. It was fun and was she ever surprised!!

This year we were saddened by so many deaths, each year there seems to be more - Gilbert Hartless, Mary Ellen Thuleymeyer, B. O. Bernard, Erma Rains, Paul Johnson, Lucille Lowman, Esther Frankmore, Velma Cowdrey, Gladys Bollinger, Al Burtis, Cleo LaFever, Laura Coffield, Tom Rose, Tommy Shasteen, Johnny Harsch, V. A. Palmer, Buck Burshears, Larry Berg, Danny Kibler, John Russell Pickering, Juanita Carlile, Brownie Wynne, Oscar Boulton, Floyd Bacon, Charlie Brunner, Alvin Blakney, Chuck Cowdrey and Hilda Karney Reyher.

Graduates were Tracey Wood, Gene Parker, Troy Ketchum, Clyde Himes, Michelle Snyder and Amy Smith.

Special recognition was given to Verona Hill, Skeeter and Wayne Mincic and Bob Carrica by the newspaper. The Lowers won second in the Christmas Lighting Contest, December 1986. Doug Dizmang became an Eagle Scout in the Koshares. Janet Hill was appointed by Governor Romer to his economic development action council. Mary Lou Karney received "Patriotic Citizen Award". Tom Walter opened his own chiropractic office in Rocky Ford. Roy and Erlene Hughes were honored as Colorado's Conservationists.

Retirements were Santos Werick, Charley Fitzpatrick, Lloyd Hinderliter, Mert Turner, Johnny Wimer, George Deihl, Ralph Guerrero and Clyde Barnes.

Anniversaries - 25th, Rose and Randall Hayden; 40th, Harriett and Ward Watkins on December 21, 1986; 45th, Roy and Bertha Root; 50th, Edith and Galen Horn, Mickey and Paul Tate, Tom and Sophia Coffield, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sandoval, Jenny and Joe Verquer; 60th, Freeman and Gladys South.

Weddings - Tammy Huff and Cody Ridennoure, Rita Riley and Jerry Bay, Kris Wilder and Kurt Hall, Rhonda Goodrich and Tracy Pepper, Janice Lusk and Jimmy Kauffman, Megan Anderson and James Lewis, Mary Mincic and Jeff Allen, Alan Horn and Cindy Short, Ellen Light and Bret Hall, Keith Ritter and Pam Gloria, Mick Brubaker and Linda, Tom Reandean and Ellie Mae Fullbright, Wendy McClure and Raymond Jewell and last but not least Jerrilea Karney and Mark Grasmick.

New Babies - Twins born to Roberta and Clifford Patton - Mary Ann and Robert William; Norman Rourke - Jamie and Jeff Bailey; Sky Mae - Lanette and Butch Bogner; Charles Thomas - Patty and Chuck Hansen; Kyle Alan Veirs - Sandy and Roy Veirs; Sara Elizabeth Erickson - Brian and Toni; Allison Paige Kerr - Carol and Paul; Whitney Marie - Dan and Denise Wallace, Sammy - Katie and Lyle Bickel and Greg and Libby Lower are waiting very impatiently for Number 2 to arrive!!

Well that about finishes my newspaper for another year. I hope this finds all of you in good health. May God bless you. Until next year -----

William and Judy

William and Judy Karney
and Kirby - woog!

December 20, 1988

Season's Greetings from The Karneys!!

Another busy year. Two weddings in one year! Wow! As most of you know Jerrilea and Mark Grasmick were married last December 12th. Then Suzi and Michael Chierchie were married July 23rd in New York City, three days before Suzi turned 30, she did not want to be an Old Maid!

February 1st, Jerrilea opened her own business "Ark Valley Chiropractic" and Mark opened his own business "VALCOM", commodities. They also have two spoiled "kids" - a poodle, Ozzie and a 130 pound Rottweiler, Profit.

Suzi and Michael live in Long Island, New York. Wished they were a bit closer. Jerrilea, Mark, Wyatt, William and I went to visit them this summer. Can you believe 5 Karneys in one two-bedroom apartment for two weeks and no fights!!! Suzi is teaching 12 emotionally disturbed junior high age students, or are they teaching her??? Michael drives a cement truck in the City of New York!! Can you imagine driving in all that traffic? They will be home Christmas Eve for a few days, we are all so excited!

We about have our house and yard completed. Wyatt put in a waterfall and a fish pond, it will be complete when I plant 200 rose bushes in that area next spring. William and I planted 734 trees (very small) around our place last spring. We also put in 23,000 square feet of sod and a sprinkling system. Guess what William got for Father's Day? You are right - a riding lawn mower. I told him to pretend every week he was cutting a field of alfalfa.

On August 1st they moved Santa Fe offices from La Junta to Albuquerque and Newton. I did not want to move so after 20 years I quit the railroad. Elsie, Burch and Bernie went to Albuquerque. Muriel, Jo and Bob went to Newton. They kept three jobs in La Junta for a skeleton office, Marge, Connie and Lois got to stay. Marilyn, Bonnie and I quit. People have asked me what I do in my spare time? I have never worked harder!!

William was busy helping with his class reunion this year. It was alot of fun. He also barbequed for several different organizations this year. If I can get the energy we will have a barbeque at our house this next summer. He spent a week in Pueblo at the National High School Rodeo Finals and a week in Dalhart, TX at the XIT rodeo.

In November we spent a week at Lucille's in Utah. She and Ron Kendall were married November 18th. William gave Lucille away and we stood up for them. While in Utah, William and Shane built a barn.

William, Jerrilea, Mark and I went to Kim this year to cut our own Christmas trees. I put four trees up inside our house and a huge one up outside. I love Christmas trees. On December 10th our house was one picked to be in a "Holiday Tour" for a money making project for the Hospital Auxiliary. We had 257 people tour our house, it was such fun seeing so many people that we had not seen for a long time.



So many of our friends passed away this year -

Shirley Jones, M. E. Bonewell, Lloyd Tortorice, Betty Hight Ritter, Mattie Strandburg, Bessie Barrington, George Gemmecke Jr., Babs Miller, Lethia Wright, John Bechtold, Thad Bickett, Pat Gilbert, Nig Russell, Pat Schneider Batalia, Russell Loflin, Mable LePlatte, Mike Laino, John Driscoll, Eddie Ragsdale, Floyd Evers, Lawrence Adcock, Jody Ballard, Donald Keith, Tip Leonard, Don Carter, Bob Mapes, Cletus McNew, Brock Chapman, Larry Jenkins, Steve Gaither, Jack Marshall Sr., and Mary Malott Scott. We also lost some favorite pets this year - Bugs Lower, Jessica Shasteen, Jamima Karney, Bootsie Dizmang and Maggie Veirs.

Retirements - Glen Powers, Dick Weakley, John Harsch, Don McClure, Dick McIntyre, Jim Browning, Gil Dreiling, Clint Kearns, and Milan Brumit. (Jim Browning died shortly after retirement)

Graduates - Chawntee Ketchum, Kimberly Warren from high school. Glenna Walter got her degree and has just finished her student teaching - isn't she just fantastic!! Carol Walter Kerr has just gotten her "Masters" - fantastic just like her Mom, Carol also has a husband and two small daughters to take care of. Darwin Stjernholm graduated from chiropractic college in California.

Honors - Lee Henry, June Sunshine Award; Lane Frost, World Champion Bull Rider; Scott Cuckow, All-State Football Team; Patrick Karney, 1st Vice President Bent-Prowers Cattlemen's Assn.; Ronnie and Jason Kibler, went wild animal hunting around the world; Kathy Dizmang, president Ark Valley Regional Medical Center Auxillary; Ruth Goodrich, Consumer Sales/Service Representative Rocky Ford National Bank; Tim Carey guided his team to 17-5 record; Mary Beth and J. H. McCuistian became a "Five Star Group Home"; Ardith Sneath became the First Woman Mayor in the City of La Junta; Alison Bay won a trip to New York for her essay; Kent Lower was named Lecturing Knight in the Elks; Noel and Jewell Kerr were named Parade Grand Marshalls for Santa Fe Trail Days; Janice Jones received an award from Fort Lyon VA Hospital. Barbara "Tootie" Martin became head bookkeeper for L. J. Livestock Commission Co.; Tommy Yeargan Jr. opened his own business in La Junta "Black Diamond Sataellite TV; Tosha Hidinger won several Grand Champions at both AV Fair and State Fair; Charley Fitzpatrick, Rotary President - honor or work, Charley??; Doug Dizmang head Koshare Chief; Jack Lowe, Sunshine Award; Bill Schneider, winner of Draft Horse Racing; Albert Matt's sister visited from Estonia; Kevin Karney, will go on a six week study of South America this coming spring; Janet Hill was recognized in the Tribune Democrat for all of her accomplishments; Marty Fleishacker was also recognized for his new company, "Country Happening"; Eva Jean Willbanks, World Champion Break Away Roper in NARC Coors World Finals - hope I did not leave anyone out, we have so many neat people in our little town.

Weddings - Dean Goodrich and Phyllis Miller; Ratena Bland and Chad Brumit; Pamela Ness and Steve Carlile; Gina Perez and Ronnie Gonzales; Suzi and Michael Chierchie; Marty Lowe and Shawn Mills; Elizabeth Duran and Tom Schiro; Debbie Carrica and Craig Phillips; Brenda Scholoman and Rocky Mueller; Kendra Santos and R. D. Karney; Sam and Gayla Mitchek; JoAnn Reandeau and Roy McGuire; Pauline Bard and Buddy Creech; Lucille Karney Frost and Ron Kendall

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Anniversaries - Carolyn and Marvin Kibler - 30th; Ben and Lenore Bair - 73rd; Jack and Nadine Waits - 40th; Lois and Norris Anderson - 60th; Evelyn and Doug Bellar - 50th; Boyd and Dottie Rose - 50th; Ed and Zella Trent - 50th; H. L. and Aroloine Wentworth - 50th and Alice and Lyman Edgar - 50th.

New Babies - Trevor Joe and Trenton James - Tracy & Sherri White; Bryson - Troy Rogers; Megan Michelle - Kathy and Scott Keifer; Thomas Roy - Gregg and Libby Lower; Sammy - Katie and Lyle Bickel; Brice Matthew - Jim and Carol Bender; Lucas Cole - Mark and Janine Ward; Braxton - Paige and Rex Bamber; Roberta Lynn - Mick and Linda Brubaker; Clayton Eugene - Rhonda and Frankie Broce; Jestina Rae - John and Twyla Pickering. Hope I did not miss any - what a joy all of the new babies!

I have certainly enjoyed receiving our Christmas cards this year, so many of you have written letters. So nice to know that all your families are well and also some of their activities.

Well enough news from the Karneys for another year. Hope this finds you and yours in good health and hope if you are in La Junta, you will all come by for a cup and a visit!

Love
William
Judy
Kirby Sue

William
Judy

P.S. You can tell that we are doing one thing well and that is eating!! They say pictures do not lie!!



Kirby's Signature



La Junta, Colorado 81050
December 1, 1989

Holiday Greetings from The Karneys

Another year almost gone. We have had such nice weather that I just cannot get into the Christmas Mood - 80 degrees weather in November!! It is so dry, we really need some rain. We are still watering our lawn and trees daily!

This year we will be spending Christmas in Manhattan, New York City!! This will be the first time I have not cooked for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for twenty some years. Suzi and Michael have all kinds of exciting things lined up - one night we will go to a Broadway Play to see "Meet Me In St. Louis", will also take a carriage ride through Central Park that evening. I am not even decorating the house this year, I will put up ONE ceramic tree vs. five trees last year.

I went back to work last March after being retired for seven months for Dr. Jerrilea Karney as bookkeeper and "jack of all trades". We work alot of hours but it is such a rewarding job working with all the patients! William and I celebrated our thirty first anniversary this past year. Does not seem possible, where have the years gone?? Our house and yard is pretty well finished, I got my 200 pink rose bushes planted last spring, they bloomed all summer long. We also got a deck built around our swimming pool - it is an above ground one. I will probably have to add a few more rose bushes next spring - guess that is the farmer in me.

William is doing well. He barbequed for several organizations this past year - about twenty. He and Jerrilea are pretty proud of their two paint colts - one black and white and one red and white. William was able to go to several rodeos this summer and spent a week at Pueblo High School Finals, Dalhart, Texas, Pikes Peak or Bust; Abilene, Kansas and The Colorado State Fair. November 30th, William, Bill Baker and Buck Kenner decided to cut Jerrilea's new "Stud" very gentle four-year old horse. They got the job done - with Bill ending up kicked two places in the head and a broken left arm!! These fellows still think they are 25 years old!!

William and I went to Roosevelt, Utah for a week in September to attend Shane's wedding. William barbequed for the rehearsal supper. We always enjoy spending time with Lucille and Ron and family.

Labor Day Weekend, William, Jerrilea, Mark and I took the motorhome for the long weekend and went to Syracuse and Trinidad Rodeos, it was a nice way to end the summer.

Jerrilea was in charge of the Arkansas Valley Fair Queen this year. Mark is trying his hand at "announcing", not too bad, either. Jerrilea celebrated her tenth year reunion from high school. Her barrel horse died in September so she will be starting a new horse again this spring. Jerrilea and Mark bought Dr. Vandiver's office building. They get possession today. We are going to paint, remodel, carpet and pull up some trees and hope to be ready to open in Jerrilea's new office on Tuesday, January 2, 1990. We have our work cut out!

Jerrilea and Mark are vacationing at the "National Finals Rodeo" in Las Vegas today through Tuesday of next week.

Suzi and Michael are doing well in New York City. Michael still drives the cement truck and Suzi is going to college. They are "expecting" their first in May, 1990!! They got their first dog last February - Trixie Lee Chierchie". They got to come home in July and we celebrated Suzi's thirty-first birthday with a barbeque at our house with about sixty-five guests.

Wyatt is doing fine. He lives in La Junta with Timmie Salazar and commutes during the week to Canon City where he works for a sheet metal shop.

We were honored this summer with a visit from our good friend, Bertha Fritz and Lucille and Ron were able to come in September for a couple of days.

Family and friends who passed away this past year - Our Cousin, Bill Karney; Barney Steele; Pete Samaniego; Russell Verquer; Manual Medina; Jasper Bryant; Lenore Blair; Charley Maxday; Weldon Thompson; Tommie Yeagan; Lee Donegan; John Powell; Lane Frost; Trudy O'Leary; Harvey "Bud Chute, our cousin; Grant Walter; Loretta Boucher; Newt Henson; Richard Chaparro and Fred Muth. Our beloved pets were our collie, Spanky Lou Karney; our rottheeler, Bear Karney and Jerrilea's barrel horse, Cowboy.

Our friends who retired this year were Ardith Sneath, Bernie Carroll and Marjorie Sommers.

Graduations - Glenna Walter from college and is now teaching school, pretty remarkable for a "50" year old with a large family!!! Clyde Himes from college and Doug Dizmang and Shauna Riley from high school.

Honors - Ark Valley Journal saluted Lynn Ridenoure, Ward Watkins and The Karneys. Bob Smith was "July Sunshine Winner", Tribune Democrat saluted Ardith Sneath and Delbert Fleischacker; Tim Graves made the "Enquirer" and "New York Times" with his "helicopter" prisoner escape from Ordway prison; Bob Carrica and Lynn Ridenoure were "Parade Marshalls" for Early Settlers Day Parade.

Weddings - Wes Odneal and Linda Beaman; Janey Robertson and Bobby Swentzell; Bernadette Lucero and Melvin Rael; Twyla Reandeau and Kelly Hyatt; Talley Benavidez and Terri Tracy; Donna Barbee and Denny Creech; Guy Winters and Jean Hefner; Lisa Karney and Terry Lower; Josie Lucero and Rick Salazar; Marilyn Leikam and Gary Waits; Lisa Samuels and Shane Frost; Bernie Carroll and Elnora; Frank Gilbert and Shirley Pointon; last but not least Dr. Tom Walter and Patricia Morgan!

Anniversaries - 50th - Henry and Martha Grasmick, Doris and Dutch Watters, Virginia and Elmer Elholm, Vie and John Rider and Walt and Una Harper! 40th - Loren and Bernice Carlock, and Richard and Juanita Helsel. 25th - Dean and Deanie Fellhauer, Larry and Kandy Bohrer, Martha and Bert Stoker.

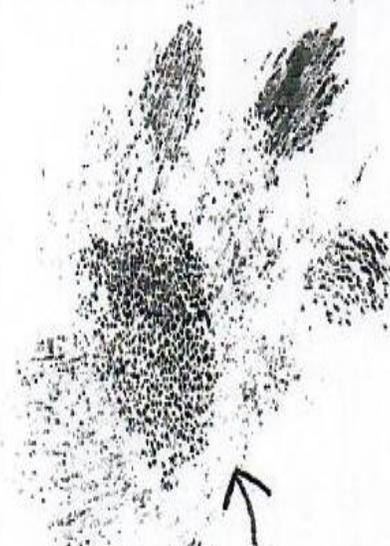
Tommy Richards celebrated 55 years at "Richard's Electric". Bob and Maxie Lu Carrica 20 years with Culligan's and Russell, Pat and Kevin Karney held the La Junta Mills 100th Anniversary!

Pete Schneider attended his 50th Class Reunion!

New Babies - Matthew - Wendy and Willie Patterson; Kelsey Karney-Rhonda and Doug Johannes; Amanda Sue - Kelly and Twyla Hyatt; Hanna Leah - Wes and Linda Odneal; Katie - Tracee and Mike Thomas and Elizabeth - Greg and Laura Compton.

Well, that about does it for another year - hope I did not leave anyone out, I am getting so forgetful and unorganized.

We sure do look forward to all the letters and cards and pictures we receive each year. Do come by and visit if you are in our area. Hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season and a wonderful year in 1990.



Kirby's Footprint

Love

William

Judy

William, Judy and Kirby Sue

1990

Lucille and Family were home this summer, we all attended "Lane Frost induction into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame". It was very impressive. Suzi and Cassi Jo were home for two weeks. Treava's family made it down for a week. Russell and Marla Cranson got to come home. Kathryn and John and Aunt Ruth were down. Last but not least Thelma and Bertha were able to come by. We love all of you to come - so come!!

We attended an old fashioned barn dance at Kenny and Betty Clark's and at Jo Carroll and Barbara Dutton's. They were fun! Oh, yes I attended my 31st class reunion at Rocky Ford.

We were saddened by the deaths of so many this past year - Kenny Crane, Alvoree Burr, Vera Eveatt; Randall Hayden, James Bowser, Erma Hedlund, Pearl Hicks, Melvin Engler, Terry Kim Bullard, Clay McGlothlin, Nathan Schlegel, Ralph Cheney, Pat Inskeep, Sammy Frankmore Sr., Sammy Frankmore Jr., Marguerite Arnold, John Weimer, Doc Tillotson, Shields Eichelberger, Mildred Harr, Norma Proctor, Mary Robinson, Mario Montini, Juanita Duncan, Mark Daniher, Jack Johnson, Frances Samaniego, Cordy Tafoya, and our cousin from Kansas, Pat McDanel.

Alanna Mae Jones graduated from high school, just received this one announcement this year.

Raymond Jones received a liver transplant last week and at this time is holding his own - our prayers have been with the Jones family.

Our old Fox Theater closed last December 31st. The first time La Junta has been without a theater since the beginning!

Several of our friends were honored this past year - Joan McBee, employee of the month at Boys' Ranch; Verleen Karney, passed exam and now is "Certified Professional Legal Secretary"; Denny Best Hill celebrated her 95th birthday; Wayne Brumit, Pueblo's Elk of the Year; Odessa Brown turned 90; we attended surprise birthday parties for Ed Salazar, 50th; Ron and Kathy Dizmang, both 50; Lois Stjernholm, 60; Louie Chantala, 63; and Geneva Carrica Akers' Big 60. They were all alot of fun!! Ward Watkins and Dell Aldred both celebrated their 80th. Sunshine Awards this year - Mollie Cranson, June; Mary Lee Messick and Sheila Clodfelter, July; and Tillie Autry, August. Joe Pence and Pete Schneider were honored at the 53rd Kids Rodeo. Virginia Ekholm took 1st place in acrylic painting at Kansas State Fair; Jaylene Himes was State Champion Break-Away Roper (Himes Family are on a cruise to Jamaica for Christmas this year); last but not least - Carol Bender started her new business - "Unique Interiors".

Weddings - John and Nathalie Daggett; Mary Pinkenburg and Robert Staab; Wyatt Karney and Timi Salazar; Terri Kimsey and Jim Goff; Rae Ann Bartlett and Jim Lynn; Luaine Verquer and Virgil Weed; Missy Fellhauer and Everett Jones; Jackie Lovato and Leroy Lucero; Phyllis Perez and Dana Beal; Marlene Yeargan and Marty Fleischacker; Linda Whorton and Lyle Taylor; Debbie and Josh Horn.

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Anniversaries - John and Agnes Driscoll, 50th; Ed and Beverly Kite, 25th; Pat and Josie Romero, 50th; Clarence and Marie Long, 50th and Charley and Stella Sommerfield, 50th.

And now for my favorite part - new babies -
We had a race in the Karney Family this year - Verleen, Robin and Suzi were all racing for the same day - Katelyn Rae Karney, Kevin and Verleen, was born May 16, 1990; Erin Karney, Pat and Robin, was born May 17, 1990; Suzi was due the 16th of May but Cassi Jo did not come until May 25, 1990. Kristin Leah, Connie and Steve Halverson; Kaycey Kristine, Bob and Janey Swentzell; Kylee Marie, Audrey and Jerry Whiteway; Mason Thomas, Jean and Tom Armstrong; Kalen Bryce, Janine Ward; Miranda Leanne, Terry and Carlene Dowell; Tommy Lee, Troy and Amy Ketchum; Isaiah Patrick, Jackie and Leroy Lucero and Nicole Lynn, Don and Brenda Rafferty.

That's it for another year -

This picture on the Christmas card was taken in our rock garden while Suzi was home in August with our little granddaughter Cassi Jo, Jerrilea's Ozzie and of course Kirby Sue.

Am looking forward to letters and pictures from all of you and if you are in the area, please stop by.

Love,

William, Judy & Kirby Sue

William, Judy and Kirby Sue

1991

sure missed Greg and his family. They moved to North Platte.

We had alot of new babies this past year - Trevor Dylan Karney, Wyatt and Timi; Holly Rae Odneal, Linda and Wes; Drew Thomas Lower, Lisa and Terry; Seth Johannes, Rhonda and Doug; Jennifer Leigh Bogner, Mike and Debbie; Tyrel Hall, Lanette and GARY; Cade Logan Walz, Teresa and Clark; Shay Dixon Carroll, Dick and Mary Sue; Rebecca Lynn Morrow, Randy and Angela; Jamie Marie Carey, Kathy Dawn and Tim; Matthew Curtis Reeves, Lynette and Terry; Garrett William Grasmick, Mark and Jerrilea; Aislyn Lenae Karney, Verleen and Kevin.

Several of our friends retired - Bobby McComas, Gene Conditt, Don Armstrong, Rose Ann Ong, Don White, Lois Stjernholm, Dottie Bryan, Norman Fleischacker, Nadine and Jack Waite.

Edker Wilson was surprised on his 70th birthday at Calahan, where he produced his first rodeo. Dell Aldred celebrated his 80th with a big affair. Bonnie Swentzell was surprised on her 58th. Citizens Utilities honored Rose Ann Ong by naming their building after her. Lorraine and Ted Bradley won the April Sunshine Award. A surprise picnic was held to honor Norris Anderson on his 86th. Tribune Democrat wrote a nice article on Verleen Karney. Barbara Dutton had 22 years accident free driving the school bus. Walt and Una Harper held an auction - that was an undertaking!! Ronnie Hoss was saluted in the Arkansas Valley Journal. Kids Rodeo dedicated this year's rodeo to Tommy Richards, he was also the September Sunshine Award winner. Lucy Rizzuto, Raymond and Lynn Jones were "Employees" of the month. Jeremy Mann broke his ankle and spent two weeks in the hospital, will have a cast on until late January.

Weddings - - Kathy Carlile Verquer and Mark Mullins' Bettie Mann and Earl McCurry; Kathy McCoy and Ken Kimsey; Nancy Logan and Robert Willingham; Kathryn Martin and Steve Malers; Tammy Davis and Larry Trimble; Brandi Carson and Tim Beebe; Ann Marie Clauser and Kyle Crosswhite; Diana Walter Cole and Pat Connors; Dorothy Spaccamonti and Ryan Sallee; Kako and Russ Bender; Michelle Houtchens and J. D. Heaston; Bernice Miller and Jasper Bryant; Sandy Morrow and Jon McCall; Nettie Fazekas and Cecil Gribble; Shelly Radacy and Jonathan Kenline.

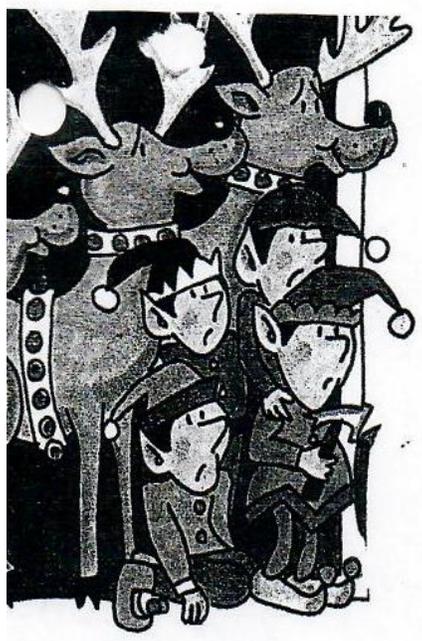
Glenna and Tommy Walter celebrated their 36th anniversary; Lois and Howard Holter their 40th. 50th anniversaries were: Renee and Mike Brumit; Zack and Helen Palmer; Bill and Mabel McDivitt; Lloyd and Edith Hall; Russ and Yozelle Arensdorf; Lyle and Lucy Rizzuto; Wendell and Dixie Igou.

High school graduates were Tina Bullard Loeffler, Michelle Houtchens, Merrienne Grasmick and Tracy Harper. Clyde Himes graduated from South-western Oklahoma State University.

So many of our friends passed away this past year - A. P. Brown, Jim Hill, Hank Holman, Ed Leikam, Ben Bair, Shirley Mast, Clyde Stewart, Cecil Vulgamore, Allen Loeffler, Frank Bravo, Roger Ratzlaff, Ray Yates, Junior Eversole, Charles Reed, Mike Smith, Grace Stango (Michael's Grandma), Jum Reed, Forest Wickham, Rick Crow, Pomp West, Rose Cannon, Verona Hill, Denny Best Hill, Jimmy Ross, Morry Holscher, Lucille Knighton, Milsene Bay, Don Chronister, Leona Lott, Tom Coffield, Mary Alice Smart, George Ramsey and Ethel Tarwater.

1992

La Junta, Colorado 81050
December 6, 1992



GREETINGS FROM THE KARNEYS

It's that time again - my trees are up, packages are wrapped and the stockings are hung.

This year started out routinely until May 30th. William was gathering cattle, got bucked onto the saddle horn, breaking his pelvic, fell off the horse, got back on and rode three miles. By the time they got William to the hospital, he had bled 10 pints of blood internally and was dead on arrival. The doctors worked on him for 11 hours continually, he died again on the operating table at 3:00 P.M. The doctors revived him; that evening they gave him 48 hours to live. **HE MADE IT!!** After spending a month in the hospital he is again as ornery as ever.

We attended "Cowboys Reunion" in July at LaVeta. It was lots of fun seeing all of "the old bunch" from the 50's and 60's. Since the reunion, Bunkin Bryant has passed away for those of you who had not heard. One weekend this summer, Jerrilea, Mark, Garrett, William, Ozzie, Holly and I loaded up and went rodeoing for three days in the motorhome. Then Labor Day weekend we all went to Trinidad, Suzi and Cassi joined us down there. So we had two fun weekends. William did get to go to Dalhart's XIT Rodeo the first of August for a week.

As for me my summer was spent working for the "Doc", taking care of my yard, water skiing and enjoying my "new" dogs. William gave me the ultimatum on Lady and Patches, they were killing geese - so I found good homes for them. I now have Holly, my poodle, Heidi who is part Australian Shepard and Airdale and Tillie who is an English Mastiff, she will weigh about 150 pounds when full grown, she is a lovable doll. My highlight for the summer was having Cassi Jo for a couple of weeks. She is a "Little Suzi". I refurbished our bedroom and my bathroom this year - it was needing an uplift just like me! Tommy and I led the Kids Rodeo Parade again and William and I the Early Settlers Day Parade - Tommy was gone to a wedding.

Over the 4th of July, Lucille and Ron came for a visit. We always have a fun time with them. This year it was really fun - some dogs got into our goats, killing five of them, so we were pretty busy - chasing and shooting dogs on the prairie, talking to the sheriff, rodeoing and visiting!!

Suzi, Cassi Jo and Michael are still in Denver. Suzi bought a restaurant along with other stockholders so she is busy with it. Her family got to go to New York in September for Michael's sister's wedding. Cassi Jo was flower girl.

Wyatt is still working at DeBourgh's Locker Plant. His family is involved in baseball. Little Trevor turns two on December 12th.

Jerrilea and her family are busy. Jerrilea takes care of the Arkansas Valley Fair Queen Contest and is a board member of the Fair Board. She goes to Iowa once a month to take classes on "Chiropractic on Animals". Garrett celebrated his first birthday with a barbeque at our house. Mark has acquired more trucks and a Feed Lot since my last year's letter. Mark and Jerrilea had a Christmas Party for all of their employees last Saturday night - it was alot of fun. They are "expecting a "new little Grasmick" in March.

Now for the fun part of my letter - **NEW BABIES** - Kimberly Marie - Tom and Tina Cody; Shian Sallee - Ryon and Dorothy Sallee; **GAYLORD IS A GRANDPA!!** - Erin Michelle - Russell and Marla Cranson; Leilani Mae - Kathy and Mark Mullins; Twin Girls - Jamie May and Kaysie Rae - Melinda and Jim Walter; Kara Dearn - Shawnette and Dale Fellhauer; Elise Renae - Renae Verquer and her husband; Amanda Jean - Mark and Donna Simpson; Elizabeth Cay Ann - Rae Ann and Jim Lynn; Roy Thomas - Joann and Roy McGuire; Joe Ferd - Lisa and Shane Frost - **LUCILLE FINALLY GOT HER 2nd grandchild**; Cassandra Elizabeth - Pat and Dr. Tom Walter; Wesley Joseph - Wes and Linda Odneal; Bo Tate - Pat and Robin Karney; Lane Santos - R. D. and Kendra Karney; John Rhett - Yvette and John Proctor; Jeffrey Rhea Marshall - Terry and Carlene Dowell; Joshua Jay Jr. - Josh and Debbie Horn; Patrick Taylor - Savella and Patrick; and last but not least Amber Louise - Tim and Sheena Rinestine. What a bunch - **increase in the population!!**

RETIREMENTS - Gary Montgomery retired from the railroad after working 43 years! Bob and Linda Smith are moving to Grand Island, Nebraska. Bill McDivitt, OJC President also retired.

RECOGNITIONS - Sunshine Awards - Jean Anne Hudspeth, Jerry Fleischacker. Arkansas Valley Journal recognized - Dr. Don Klinkerman, Mary Ann Allsworth and Joella Hill. Don Lowman and Tom Welch were given the "Community Service Award." Alanna Jones won "Miss Arkansas Valley." Dave Hill was given the honor of **ROTARY PRESIDENT**. Mark Smith had the lead part in "Elephant Man". Kendar Veirs had the lead part as "Queen Isabella" in the Christopher Columbus Play. Tom Armstrong was named "Faculty Member of the Year at OJC."

Betty Morrow celebrated her big "50" this year with a trip to Greece. Dean Fellhauer celebrated his big "50" with a barbeque. Tillie Autry celebrated her 80th with an Autry Family Reunion.

Jennifer Mann and Teradette Morlan graduated from highschool this year. Lynn Jones attended her 35th class reunion and Russell Karney his 45th.

ANNIVERSARIES - Bill and June Schleich, Jim and Linda Adkins, Linda and Dr. Dave Trujillo, Manuel and Jeanette Olguin and Virginia and Bill Tague celebrated their 25th. Ralph and Floriene Claunch and Lloyd and Betty Hinderliter their 50th. John and Stella Sedillo their 40th. Lena and Manuel Eckerdt their 60th.

WEDDINGS - Kay Fleischacker and Keith Williams; Kim Yates and Norris Patton; Lisa Chierchie and Scott Westrack; Florence Hunter and Clinton Burns and Wendy Fellhauer and Jesse Tatman.

We lost so many freinds this year - Gerald Bryning, Veda Jones, Gene Norris, Eva McFatrige, Juanita Hall, Velma Minniear Foster; Gilbert Dreiling; Harvey Gene Mayo; Creeda Bechtold; Pearl Oldham; Bill Hanagan; Loren Bickel; Clinton Kearns; John May; Alice Eberly; Ruthie Davis Elliott; Edna Morgan; Judge Lawrence Thulemeyer; Leora Kibler; Bill Schleich; June Schleich; Kenny Root; Les Zigler; Jean Ward; Vincent Grace; Libby Honey; Henry Miller; Frances Bradley; Tommie Gail Yeargen; Ted Ridenoure; Bill Bemis; Marie Schweizer; Juni Gearhart; Bob Buller; Omar Pooley and George Andrews.

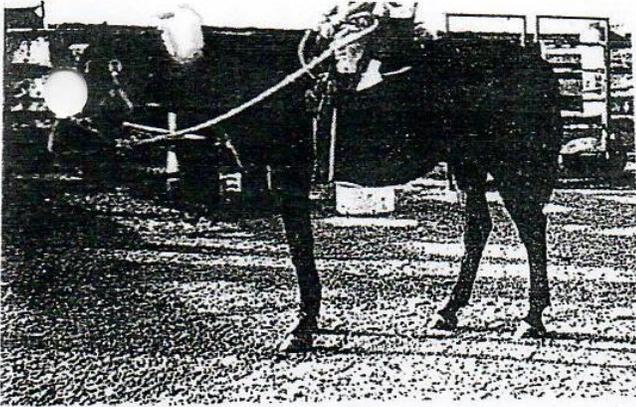
Dave's old horse "Coolie" died of old age - he was the horse William always rode in the parades. We all felt the loss of Coolie when parade time came up. Patrick did get to ride him in the Kids Rodeo this year.

The picture on my Christmas card is our pasture looking west of of my kitchen window with Tar Tar and her new baby.

That about does it for another year - am looking forward to hearing from you or seeing you during the holidays - May God Bless -

Love

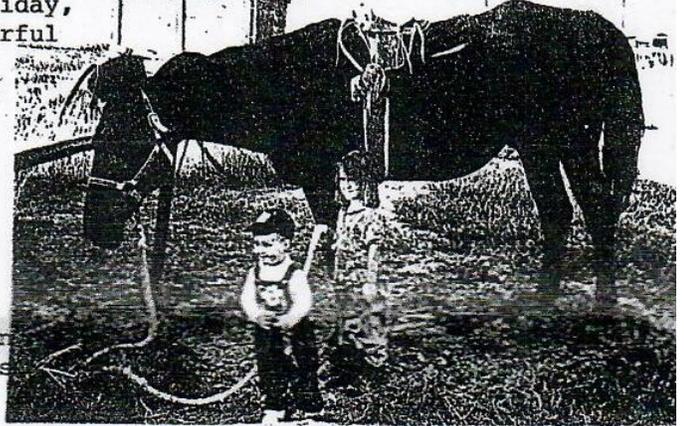
Judy, William & Halley



Wyatt and family are still in La Junta. Wyatt is at DeBerg's Locker Plant; he works in the office on the computer. Timi works in the office at Prior Western Wear. Timi and the children are active in softball. Wyatt is digging a basement under their house; they do need more room with three children. Trevor turned three yesterday, he is a big boy; Wyatt says he weighs 50 pounds, he is a cutie. Aaron and Aimme are doing well in school.

Jerrilea and Mark had a new baby girl, March 9th - Bailey Karney Grasmick. A big name for such a

little girl. Garrett is a little tease "wonder where he gets that from?" Whatever Grandpa Karney does, Garrett copies - "Little Karney - oh no!!" Mark is still selling commodities; has several trucks on the road - if you see Valcom, Inc. on anything, that is Mark. He still has the feed lot; has even done a little "horse trading" this past year. Jerrilea had an Associate, but October 31 was his last day. Jerrilea works Monday, Wednesday and Friday, about twelve hours each day. She has a wonderful woman, Sadie, who comes to the house to take care of the children. Jerrilea rodeos in the spring, summer and fall. She won all-around in Ace of Spades and runner-up in SCBRA this year. She made three trips to Fort Byron, Illinois for her animal chiropractic classes. She is now certified to do this type of work. I went with her to Illinois in March, a week after Bailey was born, to babysit. It was fun meeting chiropractors and veterinarians from all over the States and Foreign countries. Jerrilea has had many "animal" patients, including a little baby chick.



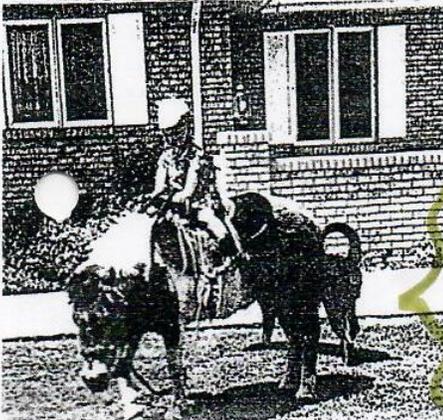
Garrett and Smokey

Ron and Lucille came in July for Lucille's 35th class reunion. William and Ron made a fast trip to Odessa, Texas to get some flat bed trailers; while there they got to visit Russell Cranson and his family. Phyllis Davis from New Jersey surprised us with a visit. Robert and Mary Staab stopped in and we had lunch and visited with them. Layla and Debbie were here for a couple of days. Peggy and Jimmy came down to see their new colt. Linda, Cheryl, Phillip and Kensey Lee also dropped by for a short visit. We made it up to Suzi's a couple of times. Jerrilea, kids, Holly, Ozzie and I went to Westcliffe Rodeo and spent the night at Alpine Skiing Lodge; that was alot of fun. As you can see we are not the "World Travelers"

Lots of new babies this year: Kensy Lee - Linda Price and Jim Slavens; Jace Dylon - Sandy and Jon McCall; Rhet Daniel - Dan and Lisha Wallace; Quint Allen - Roy and

Garrett & Navy

JoAnn McGuire; Bailey Karney - Jerrilea and Mark Grasmick; Taylor Mae -



Troy and Renee Ketchum; Daniel Lee - Shauna Riley and Clayton Martinez; Dylan Autry - Lisa and Terry Lower; Brandon Tate - Ron and Pattie Nimmo; Ricky Sterling - Stacey and Dale Root; Riane Dawn - Tim and Kathy Carey; Cade Joseph - Ryon and Dorothy Sallee; and Nicole Renae - Mike and Stephanie Haberman.

Arkansas Valley Journal saluted our following friends: Kacee Willbanks, Roy Hughes, Harry Vold, Louie Chantala, Jim "Mac" Like and Kathy Shannon. Rae Ann Lynn became the Town Clerk for Cheraw. Rogene Smith was "Lady of the Year" for Eta Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Our good neighbors Curtiss and Doris Clymer moved to Grand Junction to make their home near their family.

1993

Glema held her 4th Annual "House Fancy Holiday Extravaganza". Stella Stanlick was "Health Department Employee of the Year." Sunshine Award winners were Janet Hill, Vernon Steele and Don Honey. Mandy Engle, Norma Jean Turpin, Elsie Horn and Burch Ritter are enjoying "retirement"! Graduating from college were Kimberly Warren and Libby Barnhart. High School graduates were Ami Wilson and Kim Urioste.

We were invited to several weddings: Katrena Bland and Dan DiRezza; Kody Lynn Newman and Clyde Warren Himes; Mindy Deines and Shawn Goemmer; Yvonne Kleinhans and Daniel Mack Myers. On New Year's Eve we will attend John Steele and Suzanne Galt's wedding. Lots of anniversaries - Jim and Mary Lou Coffelt 40; Gene and Martha Brown 50; Charles and Cappy Phillips 50; Ray and Mae Schneider 50; Ross and Florence Vulgamore 50; Ada Beth and Kenny Finkner 50; Lois and Norris Anderson 65; John and Kathryn Maher 50; Tom and Thelma Dillon 50; Kathy and Randy Wilson 25; and Chuck and Patty Haberman 45.

We had a lot of deaths of friends and relatives: the last of December my good friend and neighbor Una Harper had a massive stroke; then D. H. Clark, Harry Johnson, Leo Kipper all passed away. We started out January 1st with my Aunt Jean Lower then on January 20th my Aunt Faye McNew; then Harry Riffle, Joe Dorenkamp, Alvin Prickett, Norm Murphy, J.J. Like; Narvey Larrew, Barbara Kranz, Tom Sisson, Jim Garner, Cousin Galen Horn, Eannie Sue Barber, Charlie Barber, Cousin Irma Inskeep, Myrl Mason, Eelan Allen, Rocky Petramala, Ralph Yates, Steve Davis, Bob Baublits, Barbara Joan McComas, George Shoop, Nelson Corbin, Warren Wickham, Marge Jaynes, Nester Whatley, Glenn Toppin, Jim Carlock, Janice Snyder, Jerry Erikson and Dennis Simpkins. In May Jerrilea brought our 35 year old pony, Navi, up to the house for Garrett to ride - that was on Wednesday - I guess she did not want to raise any more "Karney" kids - she died the next day. Jerrilea's colt "Skate" got hung up in a fence and died, Twinkle Toes, our goat died at 15 years. The other day "Frisco" our two year old colt slipped at the feedlot and broke his leg. Not much luck with our animals this year.

That about does it for another year - as you can see we do not lead a very exciting life; but it is a busy one and we do **enjoy!** If any of you are in the vicinity, please drop by - the door is always open; we may not be home but the door is open.

The picture on the Christmas card was taken on my 52nd birthday, February 14th.

The Karneys

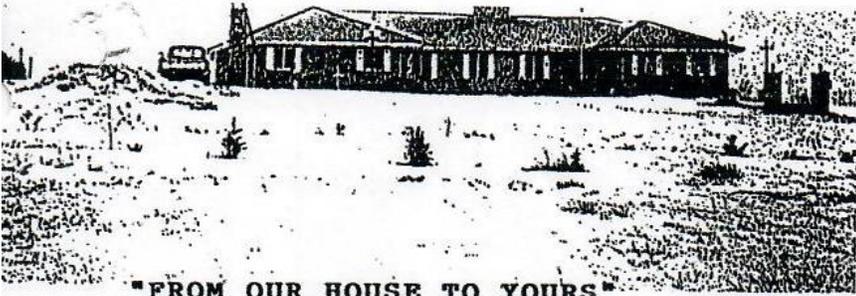
William, Judy
William, Judy and Holly Lee



*Hope you're snowed
under with happiness...*

*...at Christmas
and all year through*





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"FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS"

316 PIKEVIEW AVENUE

LA JUNTA, COLORADO 81050

December 13, 1994

Hi Everybody,

Well, I guess it is that time of year again - I have gotten three out-of-state telephone calls wondering where my newsletter is. For some reason, I cannot get with it this year. I do have the tree up and the inside decorated - did not even get lights put up outside this year - talk about lazy - I guess that is me!

As for the Karney house, things have went pretty smooth this year. The bad thing that happened is - my little dog "Holly" got stolen out of the pickup at Walmart's September 8th. She had her name tag on; so someone deliberately stole her. The reward is up to \$600.00 but no Holly. I could write a book on lost dogs - I have went to look at so many and heard stories on all of them. This morning I went to Manzanola to look at one - just like Holly but had black eyes - Holly has green eyes. On my birthday this year I got a Saint Bernard, his name is "Jake"; he is a gentle giant, we just love him. Did a lot of babysitting for Garrett and Bailey; they are getting at a fun age - I can tease them and get a response. We had three big birthday parties at our house for grandkids - that is what we get for having a big house. I learned to operate "THE COMPUTER" this year - not nearly as bad, as I thought it would be. It is hard to teach an "old dog" new tricks, ha. Got 500 more trees planted with William's and Bill Baker's help. We finally got a drip system put it, saves a lot of water. William and Wyatt put shelves in my store room - it is wonderful to get that room organized. Memorial weekend, Jerrilea and kids, myself and Cassi Jo and of course Holly and Ozzie all went to Lucille's. Debbie and Layla were there so we all had a good visit! Enjoyed it so much. In June, Jerrilea and I had a big playhouse built for the kids. It is wonderful, it even has a loft. The kids love it. I had my 35th Class Reunion over the 4th of July. William and the Grasmicks all went rodeoing in the motorhome, so I held down the fort. In July, Jerrilea and I bought a new horse - "Cash". He is real nice, but hurt his leg the first week - so he has been out on pasture every since. In July, William, Holly and I went to Stillwater, OK to visit Dad, Linda and Cheryl and their families. Then we went on to Wichita to pick up a sleeper camper for Jerrilea's truck. In August, Jerrilea, kids, Ozzie, Holly and I went to Liberal, KS for Kansas State Rodeo Finals. Had a good time, eveything is "Wizard of Oz" down there. Jerrilea won a 3rd in the average in barrel racing. Then in September Labor Day, we all went to Trinidad for the weekend. In November I took care of the kids so Jerrilea and Mark could go to El Paso for Finals Rodeo. Jerrilea didn't do any good, but they sure had a good time.

Fixed Thanksgiving Dinner this year, Suzi and family were down - we had a house full and a good time.

As for William, he is still keeping very busy. We had five new colts this summer, which we kept in the pasture west of the house so we enjoyed them all summer. Eclipse, our palomino mare, died in September of a twisted gut, she was 19 but we are never ready to lose our horses. William did a few barbeques for organizations. Went to Dalhart for XIT Rodeo first week in August. He celebrated his 45th class reunion in September, it was sure a lot of fun - Mary Lou certainly did a good job organizing it! I talked him in to putting a split rail fence in up by the rock garden, also planted a whole new yard with grass. He had to hire the holes dug - the tractor could not even do it in that shale! Sure looks nice now.

On Wed. July 6, someone attempted to burn Mark's office down and then on August 4th they got the job done. No clues. Right now they are working out of a construction worker's trailer for an office. Jerrilea rodeoed all spring, summer and fall. She still handles the Queen contest at Arkansa Valley Fair. Mark's grandpa, Henry, was hurt in a tractor accident on September 10th, he is doing well now. The kids are growing, Garrett is 3 and Bailey will be 2 in March; they could almost pass for twins.

Suzi, Michael and Cassi Jo are still in Denver. They went to Grand Lake for a week's vacation this year; they don't get away very often. Michael flew to New York City last week - his Mom had a stroke; we are all praying that she will get better. Cassi Jo stayed with us for the week. William and I took her home last weekend.

Wyatt and family are doing okay. Wyatt is still at DeBourgh's Locker Plant. Trevor turned 4 this year.

Now for all of our "out of Town" friends -

There were so many deaths of friends and family this year - Dorothy Fullmer, Harold Gress; Frankey Schneider; Russell Shugart; John Thomas; Mick Brubaker; Haley May; Jo Schwien; Homer McCanless; Ross Belew; Bill Wilder; Ruth Russell; Alva Robinson; Joe Cox; Bud Larrew; Hazel Jones; Randy Albrecht; John Rider; Bonnie Swentzell; Freeman South; Deannie Bridges; Odessa Brown; Anne Walter (Bob's wife); Mary Gin Lee; Sandy Morrow McCall (Betty and Billy's daughter); Lola Purdy; Dwain Hamm; Junior Cheek; Milan Brumit Sr.; Joe Pence; Mickey Tate; Danny Wilker; Liane Givan; Florence Hunter. Dorothy and Tommy Richards were in a car accident last week. Tommy passed away last night.

Several of our friends moved away this past year. Shenna and Timmy and Amber Rinstine moved to Oklahoma City. Artie and Linda Schilling moved to Pennsylvania and Mary Gayle and Bill Baker moved to Limon - Bill is now a brand inspector. Bill and William keep the telephone lines burning!

Arkansas Valley Journal "Saluted" several of our friends:

Brenda Daniher - art work; Barbara and Jo Carroll Dutton - 1994 Agriculture Hall of Fame Award; and Ronnie and Linda Hoffman - "Farm Family of the Year Other honors - Lloyd and Edith Hall - ranching; Connie Elder - 1993-1994 Faculty Member of the Year; Julie Worley - all her donated work to various causes and her "catering business"; Sonny Adkins - volunteer "announcing rodeos, etc." Connie Elder was the Catholic Bazaar Queen; April Sunshine

Sally Kappel; July Sunshine Award - Cal Cranson; Family of the Month, Catholic Church - Leroy and Frances Lucero; Sophia Coffield - Silver Queen at AVF; Mary Ann Allsworth - Best of Show Flower Entry at Early Settlers Day; Bob and Maxie Lu celebrated their 25th year as "Hey Culligan Man"; Brenda Daniher - 1st place at Colorado Mother's Inc, for her art work; Dr. Tucker sold his business and moved to Arizona; Dottie and Bob Bryan just got back after "Work & Witness" session in Africa; Edith Hall - Best of Show for her art work here in La Junta just last week. Don't we have a lot of wonderful people in our little town??

We had a nice visit with Jerry Ridenoure, who lives in Canada; he came for Lynn's 90th Birthday. They had a wonderful reunion for friends and relatives.

Marriages this year: Lanette Davis and Jim Trainor; Jennifer Kinkade and Keo Honey; Teradette Morlan and Jason Wilson; Stella Benavidez and Don Martin; Kathy Shannon and Terry Tompkins; Chester Bay and Elizabeth Cass; and Laura Renee Walter and Toddy Hillstad.

We attended a wonderful celebration held by the Jeffer's, celebrating "50 years for Jeffers Drug" Dinner and dance; it was fun!

Retirement: I know I missed some of these: Doris Houghton; George Elder; and Billy Patton.

Graduations from high school:

Mandy Kaufman; Heath Klein; Brett Smith; Justin Cope; Benjamin Mann and Layla Marie Bastiansen. Semms like they should all be about 4 years old!

Oh, yes, Davy celebrated his 25th Class Reunion!!

Doyle and Peg Davidson and Bill and Ruthie Frye celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year. Joan and Don Norris their 40th and Tom and Margaret Hawkins their 67th!

And for the new little ones: Whitney Lynn - Sonja & Scott Beamen Grusti; and the Horns got 2 new grandkids within 24 hours - Bailee Rae Yochum - Darrek & Ronda Yochum, 12-26-93 and Brody Alan - Alan & Cindy Horn 12-25-93; Daniel Mark - Wayne and Sherry Walter; Sara Annabelle - Wendy and Willie Patterson; Laurel Ann - Tommy and Pat Walter; Loren and Logan - Rhonda Martinez Karney; Kendra Brook - Katrena and Dan Direzza; and Lynda and Jimmy Urioste became grandparents to a baby girl - 9/6/94.

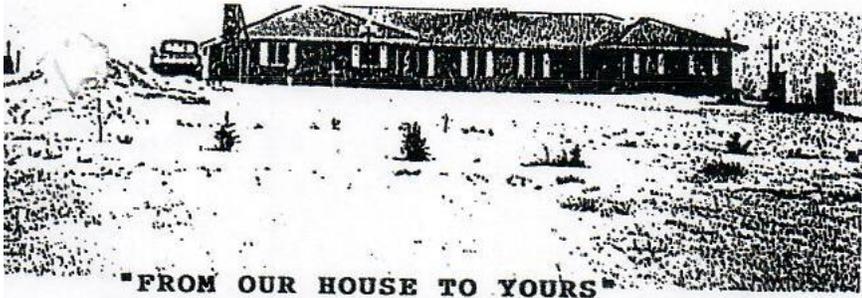
That about does it for one more year. Oh, yes - I now have a little black poodle. She weighs 3 pounds and her name is Crickett. She has not taken Holly's place but helps take some of the pain away. Do come by if you are in the neighborhood.

The picture on the Christmas card is William's flock of geese down in our pasture - aren't they pretty?

I am planning on Christmas Dinner at our house with a house full - so come by - always room for one more plate.

The Karnéys

William, Judy and Crickett



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December 12, 1995

Seasons Greetings:

Are you ready for 1996?? We better be - it is almost here!!

The weather this fall has just been beautiful, but we do need some moisture, the pastures are just like fine powder. Our year started out with a water leak in the basement. We found out that inferior pipe had been used when the house was built. William decided that we should have the house replumbed. The plumber finally finished the Friday before Easter. The following Friday I got home about 8:00 PM. The basement was flooded!! A coupler was defective and had split - they pumped out 4000 gallons plus we have two floor drains. It ruined the ceiling, floor and walls. Michael and Cassi Jo came down and spent a week re-doing the walls and ceiling; also put tile floors in hot tub room and bathroom. Real nice. Jerrilea and I did all the painting and cleaning - what a job! When I got the basement finished, I decided to start upstairs. I painted and wall papered and put up some new window treatments. Just finished about a month ago - Thanksgiving. We had Thanksgiving Eve at our house. Then Thanksgiving Day, Jerrilea, the kids, dogs, and I went to Denver. Friday was a baby shower for Suzi and Saturday was a wedding reception for Jennifer and Kenny at Treava's. Both were real nice.

As for me, I have had a good year. I never did find my little dog "Holly", but can you believe I am still getting phone calls on "found poodles", I keep praying she will find her way home. My little "Crickett" is a sweet little poodle. She has adjusted well going to the office every day with Jerrilea, Ozzie and I. In August, I went to Tubec, Arizona, just north of Mexico Border, with Suzi and family. Her boss opened a restaurant down there. We stayed at a beautiful resort - I could handle living there all year long - ha. We also went to Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Truth or Consequences - we got to see Emory and Artis - Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde. The last of August I went to Liberal to rodeo finals with Jerrilea, the kids & dogs. Easter weekend I got a new black great dane - Toby Ray - he is such a nice dog. We now have a mastiff, Tillie Marie; saint bernard, Jake O'Rourke; Toby Ray; Spook, blue heeler and Wrangler, red border collie. People are not too anxious to run up to our door, I wonder why.

William has had another busy year, although Arthritis is sneaking into his body and he has a terrible time getting up and getting started. He, Buddy Creech, Delvin and Benny built a hay barn and a new goat pen. Our goats have never had such luxury! William and Buddy also rebuilt the arena and have been rebuilding some of the pens. They do good work! William did a few barbeques. He has a good goat crop - 20 new babies right now with more to come. They are the cutest babies there are. He has a few fainting goats and Nubians. Also, had a good colt crop, depends who you talk to (Jerrilea or William) as to who they belong to. But when it comes time for paying for the feed they are Mark's and mine! William did sell 2 colts and the horse that bucked him off three years ago.

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For Suzi and her family they are waiting for Cassi Jo's "baby brother" he is due December 20th. Suzi is still manager at Tosh's Restaurant. Michael is doing carpenter work and Cassi Jo is growing like a bad weed - she is in kindergarten at a Catholic School.

Mark and Jerrilea are still busy. Mark bought a new office after his other one was burned. One of his trucks got hit by a train - no serious injuries. Jerrilea got a new horse trailer and she is busy rodeoing and working. Garrett is 4 and goes to Christian pre-school. Bailey is 2½ and does she have a mind of her own - paybacks are hell, Jerrilea. Today is their 8th wedding anniversary. They are headed for Amarillo to spend a couple of days.

Wyatt is still at DeBourgh's Locker Plant. We do not see him very often. He keeps busy. Trevor is 5 today and doing well.

Artie stayed with us last February, then he and Linda both came in September. We sure miss them. Bob and Glen Bell, King Bullard, Treava and family also dropped in for a visit. Lucille and Ron came for Early Settlers Day - we had a small "Family Reunion". Diane and John, Suzi and family, Wesley and Sarah, Buddy and family and Edna all got together for a dinner - it was fun.

Now for all of our "out of town" friends -

Alot of deaths this year - Bill Bellar, Teresa Salas, Sarah Baker, Sylvia Beardsley, Foggy Beardsley, Byron Hanagan, Joan Lano, Henry Loeffler, Martin Vasquez, Maxine Smith, Pinky Rollins, Katherine McNulty, Pearl Geist, Roy Poole (he celebrated his 100th birthday in February, then died in March), Elizabeth Johannes, Russell Bosley, Jonathan Bellar, Earl Bennett, Petra Solis, Ivan Gillen, Dr. Bill McDivitt, Tammy Jean Barber (Pat and Dwain's youngest), Darrell Mort, Cousin Mary McDaneld, Raymond Strandburg, Sophia Russell, Sarah Bowser Shelly, Martine Salas, Mildred McCanless, Mabel McDivitt, Noel Kerr, Dorothy Blakney, Beverly Hilton, Karen Allen, Roger Fellhauer, Jack Daguersey, Walter Bland, Marie Mass Gatlin (she was 55, my best friend when I went to Pueblo County High School), Clara Carrica, Aunt Lora Shasteen, Ralph Bridges, Floyd Pantier, Jack Salisbury, Dell Aldred, Charlie Hancher, Shirley Fargerson, Bertha Will Samuelson, Charlie Wanger, Bob Sneath, Kenny Barnhart, Linda McCracken Prentiss, Bill Bridges, Don Ramsey, Harley Miller and Dee Quicksall.

Anniversaries - 50th - Jenny and Ralph Kaufman, Jeannie and Ivan Headley, Tuffy and Joan Matthews, Arlita and Larry Beebe, Walt and Midge Cranson; 40years - Gene and Barbara Broce, Bob and Maxie Lu Carrica, Glenna and Tommy Walter, Bob and Ardith Sneath, Don and Clara Markus; 35 years - Bill and Rita Yates, 25 years - Guy and Rena Turrentine, as for William and I we have made it 37 years - who says people don't stay married these days??

Weddings - Alisha Massie and Steven Posegate, Merianne Grasmick and Mark Milenski, Jenny Petramala and Bob Walter, Tracy Harper and Stan Bilyeu, Alanna Jones and Kevin Smith; Vonnie Voss and Larry Blasingame; Ruby Taylor and Alvin Bartlett; Amber Dutton and Dean Thompson; Leeann Massie and Jo Wyatt; Jamie Streett and Lance Baker; Deanne Grover and Cade Hughes; Jennifer Mann and Ken Fincham.

Recognition: Sunshine Award - April, George and Connie Elder; Bert Stoker - August; Julie Worley - October; Bonnie Carlile "Friend of Future Homemakers of America; Linda Blakney - AVRMC Associate of the Month; Jessica Gasser sold \$1509.00 pledges for Bowling Mircle Telethon; Silver King Catholic Parrish - John Givan; C.J. Schneider Pete's granddaughter - Miss La Junta and Erin Bartlett, Pete's granddaughter Miss Chamber of Commerce; Patrick Hill pitched entire 7 innings in baseball tournament in Ohio; Jane Danko - School Board President; Mary Ann Allsworth and Tammy Mosher Schlegel have both been doing well in the art world; Glenna had a private showing at Picketwire Theater for her handmade Christmas Craft work.

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Retirements: Lois Holter; Doris Malott; Illene and Jeff Black; Alex Aldred and Billy Morrow.

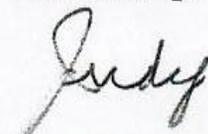
Buck Bond celebrated his 80th birthday this year and Nellie Kenworth her 90th. Deanie Fellhauer celebrated her 50th in June.

The best for last - new babies - Shiann Marie - Kim and Norris Patton; Kathryn JoAnn - Joann and Roy McGuire; Josh Shane - Shane and Lisa Frost; Lexi Rachel - Alanna and Kevin Smith; Drew William - Merriann and Mark Milenski; Courtney Pearl - Troy and Irene Harper (Walt's great grandchild); Wyatt Cole Robin and Mark Muggli (Elsie and Clyde's grandbaby; and Shauna and her husband had a baby girl just recently (Pete's great granddaughter).

As for Christmas this year - at this point we do not know if we will be in Denver with a new baby grandson or in La Junta - whatever, we are pretty flexible.

Well, that about does it for another year, hope this finds all of you healthy and wise and ready for a new year filled with many blessings. May God Bless.

The Karneys



William, Judy and Crickett

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS:

Thanksgiving is over and guess what? No left-overs. We went out to dinner with Bill and Mary Gayle - very nice to be waited on and "no dishes"!! I cannot believe another year is almost gone - I think I will leave my Christmas tree up all year - it sure would save a lot of hassle.

Since my last letter we have had a new grandson, Nicholas Michael Chierchie. He was born last December 22, 1995. We went to Denver for last Christmas and had a lovely dinner with Diane and Calvin and Family and Suzi and her family. The day after Christmas Suzi, Cassi Jo and Nicholas came to my house for a week of rest. The next Saturday Suzi and kids went back to Denver, that night Nicholas went to the hospital with an unknown virus. They nearly lost him, but today he is a year old healthy baby boy.

Lucille and her family came in May; it was wonderful having them but it was for a sad occasion - Aunt Ruth Karney passed away at 93. The last of May, Jerrilea, kids and poodles and I loaded up and went to Stillwater, Oklahoma to visit my dad, Linda, Cheryl and families. Dad had had a tumor removed from his nose - he is getting along great. We had a great time visiting, they all have nice homes, kids and pets.

This summer, Jerrilea and I found a little poodle that we thought might be "my Holly", it wasn't, he was a little boy and so skinny and neglected; we could not leave him, so we took him home, noone ever claimed him. He is the cutest and nicest little dog - "Mr. Rags" is claimed by Garrett and Bailey.

My good friend, Bertha Fritz, passed away in South Dakota, she was 85. I miss her very much.

In June, Garrett and I, along with Suzi's family flew out to Long Island for a couple of weeks. We stayed with Michaels' sister Lisa and her husband Scott. Great hosts! Saw several points of interest while there. Thomas and Carolyn had a party for Michael and Suzi, so we got to see all of the family; then Joseph Chierchie graduated from high school and Nicholas was christened - so there was another party!! Highlight of our trip for Garrett and I was riding in a stretch limo to the airport. Just don't sit with your back to the driver - I got sick!!

In July I went to New Orleans for a week. Great fun, even held a baby alligator. When I got back, Mary Gayle and Bill had moved in. They bought their old place back in Rocky Ford. They wanted to paint and get it cleaned up before they moved in. Then while they were at our house, Lance and Jamie (their son and daughter-in-law) came for a week. We all had such a good time that month; Jerrilea and family ate their meals with us, so we had a table full, ha.

We also made it out to Holbrook Lake several times, which is always fun!! The first of August, Jerrilea and kids, 3 poodles and I loaded up to go to Newton, Kansas for Chystal's (Mark's sister) wedding. On the way we found a turtle in the middle of the highway, so we picked him up and took him with us. Garrett had been wanting a turtle for the turtle race in Rocky Ford during the fair. Good thing we were staying in a motel! Mark flew his Grandma and Grandpa Grasmick down, on Saturday for the wedding. They really enjoyed it - the first time to fly for both of them.

In September we loaded up the kids and the dogs and husbands into the motor home and at to the Trinidad Roundup for our yearly tradition. The next week after that, Mary Gayle and I (also William, Mark and Bill helped) put up a hundred quarts of salsa.

Jerrilea and Mark had a new kitchen and bathroom put in their house. It sure is nice. 1996
Jerrilea won a saddle in polebending and reserve champion in barrel racing in COBRA
this year. One of her colts died in the spring. Out of 5 colts from her old mare
Switch, only one has made it so far. Someone broke into Mark's Shed two different
times this year and stole all of his tools, I said if he didnot have bad luck he would
not have any luck at all! They went to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in October for some
more schooling. I kept the kids. They are both in pre-school this year.

Enough about us - now for our out of town friends -

Deaths of friends and relatives since last December 13th - George Gemmecke SR., Dale
Brown; Bertha Bryant; L. D. Ward; Alice Bland; Dave Ritter; Sam T. Musso; Bruce Beaman;
Ward Watkins; Buddy Weir; Jack Cox; Tom Leroy; Ava Estep; Frank Powers; Darwin Jenkins;
Greg Apodaca; Judy Mueller; Eunice Prickett; Dutch Watters; Elvin Hall; Bob Hunter;
Russell Hicks; Aunt Ruth Karney; George Reed - George's wife Bernice Brandfas Reed;
June Lindsey; Bertha Fritz; Rueben Inge; Frances Klein; Noel Jenkins; Doris Pesses
Clymer; Maufie Tigner; Anne Jacob; Richard Ehrlich; Lee Gwyn; Vivianita Martinez
(Vidal's mom); John Weigel and his wife Ruby Wiegel; our neighbor Simone Shoemaker;
Mary Young; Edna Marble; Herb Green; Roger Owen; Larry Pearson; Carl Ritter;
Richard Lucero; Ted Wall; Wammy Wiechman; Lorene Salzbrenner; Betty Roberson;
Burl Miller and his dad Russell Miller; Ellsworth Miller; Georgia Frye; Dorlas Eddy
and just this week Donald Thomas.

Retirements - Jim Grasmick from Ranchers Supply; Ray and Louise Snelson; Cal and
Mary Cranson; Beulah Russell; and railroaders - Dick Mast, Delos Hinkley; Tom Blair
and Bill Hutchins.

Anniversaries - George and Johnnie Casebolt - 60th; Paul and Bernice Scott - 50;
Mary and Cal Cranson - 50; Lucille and Herman Yergert - 50; Harold and Grace Scofield
50; Gene and Viola Allen - 50 and last but not least Marilyn and Dick Mast - 10th.

Weddings - Ami Wilson and Boyd Valverde; Renee Honey and C. L. Morgan; Young Brown
and Denise Giadone; Scott Cuckow and Dorothy Eckhart; Crystal Fitzpatrick and Steve
Brown; Kerri Torrez and Anthony Romero; Sarah Kelly and Todd Larrew and Connie
Beaman and Jack Clifton.

Recognition - Kent and Cindy Lower were 1st in Lighting Contest, Christmas 1995;
Peg Davidson - Community Service Award; Ronnie Honey - Agriculture Hall of Fame;
Barbara Dutton - Top School Bus Driver; Benny Marquez and Joe Venturi - award for
BNSF; Heath Klein - Griffin Foundation Scholarship, only 8 given in Colorado;
Jean Anne Sabin - Silver Queen 77th Catholic Bazaar; Rich Simmons - Grand Champ Mare
AVF; Lynn Ridennoure - parade marshall in Early Settlers Parade; Evelyn McCoy -
September Sunshine Award; The paper honored the following with articles:
Mark Grasmick and Brett Grimsley; Janie and Joe Neil Petramala; Rusty and Julie
Worley; Tuffy and Joan Matthews. Clyde and Elsie opened a "Back At The Ranch Store"
for a catalog write to PO Box 205, Lane, OK 74555 or 1-405-889-6487.

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Pat Karney celebrated his big "40" and Cindy Lower her big "30"! Suzi and Kevin attended their 20th Class Reunion. Where does time go??

The best for last - new babies - Zoiee Kay Dowell - Jennifer Dowell; Autumn Renea - Deb and Tracy Warren; Adam Dean Wilson - Jason and Teradette; Karlie Kathryn - Lisa and Terry Lower; Ryon and Dorothy Sallee have a new little girl also.

We plan on having Christmas Dinner at Jerrilea and Mark's. Suzi and family are planning to come down.

The picture on our Christmas Card is of our grandchildren.

Cassi Jo Chierchie - age 6

Garrett William Grasmick - age 5

Bailey Karney Grasmick - age 3 3/4

Nicholas Michael Chierchie - age 9 months when picture was taken

We wish all of you happy holidays and a health and love filled 1997.
May God Bless



The Karnéys

William
Judy



William, Judy and Crickett

December 7, 1997

Holiday Greetings from the Karneys!

They say time passes fast when your having fun! Are we having fun yet?? Thanksgiving is over and the trees are up - the shopping is done - time to write my one letter a year.

We had a tornado in the Valley October 11th; hit the Higbee Valley pretty hard. No human lives were lost, but some horses and cattle died. Then on October 25th a blizzard hit, first one like this since 1946, the "old timers" say. Two human lives were lost, plus lots of livestock. As for me I lost my goldfish, they suffocated I was unable to get to the pond to shovel the snow away so they could get some air. We could not get out three of our doors; we could however, get out of the deck door. The first day after the storm, we tried walking to the arena, we rolled, walked, crawled; but we got the animals all taken care of. Then the next day, Mark brought the back hoe down and dug us out - we could then drive to the corrals!

As for us, we really did not do anything exciting this past year. William got both of his knees replaced August 5th. Then for the next three months we traveled to Trinidad two times a week so that he could get acupuncture with the needles; this helped his body accept the foreign knees much sooner. As of now, he is back riding horses and he and Buddy Creech are building a new "Goat" shed. He did a couple of barbeques this year with the help of the organizations. Outside of that, he pretty much sat around, he hurt so much.

As for me, about all I have done is worked for Ark Valley Chiropractic. I did go to Laughlin last December right before Christmas. Then in February I went up to Suzi's and we went to visit Aunt Maida Inskip in Loveland, what a delightful time we had. In April, Cassi Jo helped me plant 150 Juniper trees, hope William does not burn them down! I got a new collie pup, his name is Whiskey. Bailey, Garrett, and I went to Denver for Cassi Jo's 7th birthday party. We went roller skating - I had not been on skates for years, was I ever shakey; wish we had a nice roller rink in La Junta. In June I went to Waco, Texas, that was a lot of fun. In July we took the motorhome to LaVeta over the 4th for the rodeo. Bailey and Garrett went with us. We did not go to Trinidad for Labor Day weekend this year, account William was recuperating. Ron and Lucille came and spent that week with us. We had a lovely time. Wish they lived closer.

Suzi and her family still live in Denver. She quit her job as manager at Tosh's in November. The job was demanding too much of her time. She and the children went to New-York City for Thanksgiving. Michael held the fort down. Michael was real sick last Christmas. They finally found out that he was

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allergic to wheat. Since he has changed his diet he is doing much better. They got their kitchen finished and it is just beautiful. Cassi turned seven and Nicholas will turn two in December.

Wyatt and Elaine are in Amarillo; they seem to like it and they both have good jobs.

Jerrilea and Mark are busy as ever. Mark went to Daytona for car races this year. In September they went to Disney World. They are now getting ready to go to Old Mexico for Christmas, Mark's Mom is taking her whole family for a week! Aren't they lucky? Jerrilea is taking acupuncture courses; it takes 120 hours, so she goes to Denver one time a month for classes. The kids are growing like bad weeds, Garrett is in kindergarten and Bailey is in preschool.

Enough on us!

Now for our out-of-town-friends ----

Deaths of our friend and relatives since last December is: Roger Igou; Bill Zimmerman; Curtis Clymer; Doris Miller; Dale Wookey; Leonard Hannebaum; Leta Blackford; Ann Jenkins (Pepsi's wife); Garth Grenard; Susie Russell; Russell Rose; Melvin Eagle; Myrtie Rush; Lillian Miller; George Parrish; C. A. Perkins; Wendell Owens; Dorothy Grimsley Crawford; Beverly Barnes; Ross Anderson; Florence Hunt; Elmer Holbook; Frieda Basham; Winnie McKenzie; Mary Ann Rains; Hiawatha Griffith; Punch Hankla; Franklin Hanagan; Butch Setchfield; Zola Chapman; Ron McNichols; Doug Kaess; Rita Davis; Roy Root; Doris Malott; Bret Bond; Clyde Holland; Norris Anderson; John Liming; Rodney Davidson; Lorraine Bradley; Karen "Shorty" Ward McCloy; Lena May Jerby; George Pickering; Cousin Elvin Bollinger; Cousin Bill Wallis; Harley Hawkins; Al Liddell; Jack Austin; Vade Jack Robinson; Bob LePlatt; Rod Young; Leroy Mickey; Ruby Wilson (Edker's wife); my good friend Janice Cope (48 years old); Tillie Harwood; Les and Thelma Bohrer; Aaron Turner; Katherine Sasse Thompson; Boyd Rose (Elsie Frost's dad); Raymond Dodge; Gerry Deatherage; and Jean Aragon Magdaleno. The list gets longer every year, needless to say we attended many funerals.

The lucky retirees this year were: Sachi Fujimoto; Janice Cuckow Jones; Barbara Dutton; Luaine Weed; Diane Willhoite and Jerry Keffeler.

Anniversaries: 50th - J.R. and Rogene Smith; Deloma and Cecil Perkins; Charlie and Eleanor Schiro; Albert and Erna Matt; Joe and LaGurna Norton; Joe and Jennie Rocha; Beulah and Ewell Hunnicutt; Jackie and Margaret Crowder; Leonard and Nona Stephan; Jo Carroll and Barbara Dutton will celebrate their 50th December 21st. Lydia and Manuel Eckerdt celebrated their 65th; Sally and LaVern Johnson their 40th;

Lela and C.B. Kurtz their 63rd; and Gloria and Paul Romero their 25th, as for us we celebrated our 39th, can you believe that? Ha.

Weddings: Debbie Daggett and Bob Newby; Cassie and Brian Elder; Cynthia Faus and Monty Canfield; Dawn Marie Smart and Brett Brisendine. We will be attending Melvin Emerson and Patricia's big day on December 20th.

Tina Harper, Heidi Klein and Jodee Smith all graduated from highschool.

Birthday parties we attended were for: Harold Lee Lewis 70; Walter Harper 80; Don Martin 60; we had a blast at all of them.

Recognitions: Gula and Lloyd Adams, Bent County Citizens of The Year; Joela Hill - Editors Choice "Ode to a Cowboy"; Tim Hill - Leading the Way at West School; Mitzi Swentzell - president of "Women's Professional Fast Pitch"; Lloyd and Edith Hall - June Sunshine Winners; Shane Frost - Las Vegas Bull Riding Title riding "Featherlite Mike" for 86 points at 6-19-97 show; Jerrilea was featured in paper for her "Animal Chiropractic" work.

The best for last - new babies Raegan Elizabeth Honey - Keo and Jennifer; Austin Lee - Monique Smart and her hubby; Nicholas Paul - Wendy Fellhauer and her hubby; Joshua Lee - Jennifer and Ken (Treava's daughter); Micaly Shay - Brenda Brisending and her hubby Joey; Tommie Marie and Madison Lea - Donnie DeYoung and his wife; Kaleigh Joanna - Jamie and Lance Baker; Cory Pearl - Troy and Irene Harper and Lisa and Scott (Suzi's sister in law) just had a new baby girl!

The picture on the Christmas Card is The Karneys, can you believe we got our pictures taken together!

We will be spending Christmas at our house this year, so if you are in the neighborhood, drop by, we would love to see you.

The Karneys

William & Judy

William, Judy and Crickett



"From Our House To Yours"

316 Pikeview Avenue
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December 7, 1998

"To those we love and see each day
And other loved ones far away
To all good friends whose friendship means so much
And those with whom we're somehow out of touch"

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Another year has come and gone - time just passes so fast!

Our fall has been wonderful this year - shorts'weather until yesterday when we got a skiff of snow. And of course the well at the pasture went kapooey - Buddy and William are out pulling it today. The first sign of snow and all of William's nannies start having their kids! So far we have about twelve - but he has ninety more nannies to go.

Last year we had the blizzard - this year the tornado; it struck Memorial Weekend. Not much damage at the house but it blew the roof off all the horse stalls, part of the hay barn and saddle shed. Finally got all of the roofs put back on - cleaning up trees, etc. was the worst part of the storm it was scary!!

William had a hernia surgery in September. He is doing well. While he was healing we spent some time with Bill and Mary Gayle in Tatum, New Mexico. On our way home we came through Truth or Consequences and had dinner with Artis and Emory.

Garrett, William and I went to LaVeta for a few days and also Trinidad Roundup. Had lots of fun. Always good to see our friends at the rodeos.

I bought William two Great Pyrnees puppies to watch over his herd of goats last spring. They go to the pasture each day and stay with the goats all day long - better than a goat herder! They are a delight to watch.

As for me - Jerrilea moved my office to my house in May. I like it! The first time in about forty years that I do not have to comb my hair, put make up on and put hose on - it's great.

I got a couple of new horses this year. I lost my throughbred mare to the blizzard last year. I got a new

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bay mare and black gelding. Made one trip to Laughlin, did not win much money but had a good time. Jerrilea, the kids, poodles and I spent some time out at Holbrook Lake in the camper, that was fun! Had a couple of Mark's jet skis. They had a hot air balloon at the kids' school and we all went up in it, took my breath away, I do not like high places. Suzi, kids and I made a trip to Raton, Folsom etc in the spring, visiting old friends. We have lived in our house eleven years now - had the deck redone just before the cold weather; also had a new floor put in my kitchen and utility room and one bathroom and new carpet in the family room. Sure looks pretty!

I spent a week in Denver and had Thanksgiving Dinner with Suzi and family. We went roller skating that evening - I fell flat on my ---, boy did that hurt! Cassi and I went to the zoo, which is just across the street from them. Suzi is now keeping books for Wyncoop Restaurants. She loves it. Michael is still in construction work. Cassi Jo is in third grade. Her soccer team just won second place over all the schools in Denver. Nicholas will turn three December 22nd and all he knows is cars, cars, cars. Nicholas and Cassi both spent a week with us in August.

Jerrilea and Mark just left for Las Vegas Rodeo Finals, Sunday. Jerrilea is having her office painted and new carpet while she is gone, she has already been in that building eight years. She is now certified to give acupuncture; although she still has two more years of school to get the degree she wants in acupuncture. She goes to Denver once a month for classes. Mark is busy as ever - he is now selling golf carts, jet skis, cellular phones, etc. besides all of his other businesses. I told Jerrilea she better be careful, he would sell her if he could get the right price, ha. Bailey and Garrett go to Pioneer Christian School. Garrett is in the first grade and Bailey is in kindergarten. They both love riding horses and driving the golf cart down to the arena to do chores.

That's enough about us - now for all of our out of town friends and relatives:

We were saddened by so many deaths this past year: .
Carlile Todd, John Carrica, Harry Nesselhuf, Tom Van Hee,
Amy Blair, Phil Caponera, Mary Willbanks, George Lopez,

Viola Rider, Barbara Salas, Iva Pence, Howard Poteet, Oscar Smith, Ed Powers, Lawrence Johnson, Aunt Evelyn Vina Cuckow, Guy Turrentine, Olen Evett, Jim McDonald, Jewell Kerr, Paul Tate, Frank Fleischacker, Marilyn Spinger, Chip Van Galder, Linnie Engler, Stan Roberts, Monk Thomas, Bill Lorenz, Orville Jones, Fran Griffee, Leo Anderson, Ollie Bender, Sue Bernard, Florence Vulgamore, Barbara Capps Johnson, Bob Ricken, Carl Harvey, Thelma Reed, Bud Owens, Linda Amerine, Lorene Wynne, Cal Cranson, Dollie Grasmick, Hank Arnold, Don Norris, Kathryn Bullard, Bobby Romjue, Lloyd Rains, Stan Jeffryes, John Daggett, Virgil Mirando, Ester Moseley, Al Wright, Henrietta Poe, Betty Williams, Karrie Ann Majors, Jess Carson, Ed Garcia, Alec Richards, Bud Sabin, Norma Jean Turpin, Floriene Claunch, Johnny Givan, Thelma Skinner, Frank Milenski, Carol Reed, Bill Stanton, and Bruce Chandler.

Wedding Anniversaries:

60 -

Barbara and Bob Johnson

57 -

Ralph and Floriene Claunch

51 -

Evelyn and Wayne Brumit

50 -

Dick and Dorothy Simmons, Bill and Gay Hart, Pat and John Miller, Gene and Joy Scobee, D.K. and Dot Spencer, Faye and Bill Rains, Wayne and Stella Seat, Jack and Nadine Waits, and Kenny and Norma Romjue.

45 -

Mary Lou and Jimmy Coffield, Vera and Jim Simpson, Mary Lou and Russ Karney,

40 -

Melvina and Tommy Skinner and Judy and William Karney

Weddings:

Mary and Johnny Leikam, Carlene Beaman and Arthur Thompson, Andrea Simmons and Lee Hancock, Ruth Wood and Dale Shoemaker, D. J. Jones and Michelle Dutro, Mandy Kaufman and Ross Allsworth, Renee Rose Honey and Hal Holder, Edker Wilson and Pat Winters, Janelle Peters and Travis Murphy, Kaitlyn Thatcher and Derek Carroll, Lizzi Huffman and Benjy Mann.

Graduations from high school - Monique Smart and Geesta Marquez.

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We were really excited this year - Kevin Karney ran for County Commissioner and won!!

Amber Graham was named to Four States Honor Band.
Bob Klinkerman - Ag Award "Agriculture Hall of Fame."
Dean Jones was Sunshine Winner in April.
Sky Bogner was 1998 Bent County Princess.
Pete Danko Sr - "Man of the Decade" Men of 90's Retreat
Addie Knowlton - Colorado State High School Rodeo Queen
Renee Honey Morgan - Reserve Champion Break Away Roping
AQHA World Championship Show
Oklahoma City, OK.
Colten Creech Mast - top popcorn seller for Boy Scouts
\$2500.00

We celebrated quite a few birthdays this year -
Edna Daggett - 79; Johnny Givan - 82; Suzi - 40; Marvin
Kibler - 60; Dorothy Schultz and Sandi Veirs - 50;
Walt Harper - 81; Cecil Coffman - 97 and last but not
least Patrick Hill - 16.

Betty Grasmick got to retire this year and she is having
a blast, does not know how she had time to work!

And now for the most fun part - New Babies

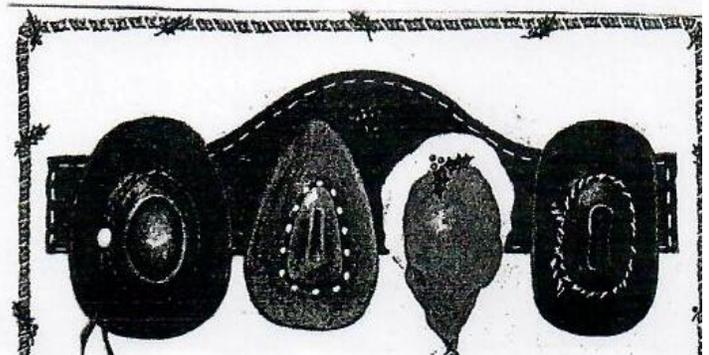
Cheyenne - Dawn and Dustin Eddy
Wyatt - Tracy and Stan Bilyeu
Kameron Robert - Kathy Dawn and Tim Carey
Emmelie Diana and Ariena Kay (twin girls) Stacy and Dale -
Edna's great-great grandchildren and Diane's great grand.
Shay Ann and Chy Ann (twin girls) Tommy Reandeau and wife -
Buddy and Mary Karney's grandchildren

That about does it for another year. Remember I am working
at home now, so stop by and have a cup --

Love

Judy, William

Judy, William and Crickett



"FROM OUR OUTFIT TO YOURS"

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December 13, 1999

Merry Christmas and Happy 2000!

Here we are at the dawn of a new century! Would you have done anything differently if given the chance? Probably not!

This year God has been good to us - the first year in many that William has not spent time in the hospital. He is feeling good and gets around very well. He barbequed for quite a few organizations, which he enjoys. Memorial weekend, Tar Tar had a colt and then layed down and died. William and Jerrilea took turns feeding him, "Noah" the survivor, every hour, then every 2 hours, he was finally weaned at 6 months. They fed him on a nanny goat. Jerrilea bought a colt the same age, "Hope" so Noah could socialize, he thought he was a goat. William's 50th class reunion was this year, he elected to go to a rodeo instead, can you believe that?

Last New Years Eve, Jerrilea, Bailey and Garrett, the poodles and I spent the night at the "Holiday Express Inn", you can see our house from the swimming pool's window. We had a blast - William and Mark had to check up on us, they thought we were crazy but we had fun. In January, I went to Lane, OK with Lucille and Ron to Elsie and Clyde's 40th Anniversary party. Their anniversary is actually November 30, but that is close to Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas, so Robin planned a surprise party in January. And were they surprised, all of their families were able to attend - even Gary from Canada. Lucille stayed a week with us upon return so she could get treatments from Jerrilea.

The kid's babysitters, Sadie and Marie moved to Texas in May, so I took over their duties. I also take care of Sarah Gunkel. The kids all go to "Pioneer Christian School" I pick them up, feed them supper and listen to them fight - 2 eight year olds and 1 six year old.

Cassi stayed over spring break with us, we had fun shopping.

Diane and Suzi planned a surprise 80th birthday party for Edna in June. She was really surprised! All of her family

was able to attend. We had a barbeque for family and friends at our house. Our beds were full, but we had fun!! Cassi and Nicholas stayed a couple of weeks in the summer, we went water skiing and shopping and to some rodeos. Cassi, Garrett and Bailey got up on the skis first time they tried. Next summer should really be fun. In April, we had some Japanese men visit us, they had never seen a horse up close, they had fun on the horses and on the 4-wheeler; like little kids at Christmas. I managed to get one bedroom, bathroom and closets painted this year - I figured if I got one room a year painted, I would get finished in about 25 years! Lucille stayed 2 weeks this summer for treatments. We had a good time - the first time that she had visited for years that I was not working full time. We went to the Ag Appreciation Day and Lucille saw many of her old friends from Kim and Las Animas. Treava and Benny were here for Early Settlers Week End, we had a good time and they saw friends they had not seen in years. Maybe we can do it again in 2000.

In May, North La Junta flooded, we were so thankful that we were no longer living over there. We were there for the "65 Flood". Many of our friends' homes were condemned and many had to move out and are just now getting back in and settled. Our hearts go out to them.

Suzi and her family are still in Denver. Suzi is still a bookkeeper full time. She also cares for her family, works her turn in a "Soup Kitchen" and this past weekend, helped at church delivering food and gifts to the homeless and poor. Cassi Jo made her "First Communion". Suzi and Michael rented a restaurant and we had a lovely party with friends and families. Michael is still in construction work. Wyatt moved in with them for about 3 months and works for Michael. Michael's folks spent the month of September with Suzi and Michael, as Michael's sister, Lisa, Scott and Dahlia, were relocating to Arizona. They are now settled in Arizona and they made an apartment so Michael's folks can live in the same house with them. Nicholas will turn 4 December 22nd. We plan to attend his birthday party. He is happy to play with his little cars and dinosaures.

Jerrilea and Mark are still busy as ever. Jerrilea is certified in acupuncture, but upon completion of her "National Board Test" in July she will be an "Acupuncturist", having completed several years of schooling. She was not able to barrel race this year, her horse had a lump removed and it was malignant - Jerrilea has been doctoring him with natural remedies instead of chemotherapy - the horse is doing great. Mark bought her a horse trailer with living quarters a couple of weeks ago - so she is anxious to start rodeoing again. Bailey and Garrett rode in gymkhanas this past summer.

Bailey won runner up at Ace of Spades and was high point winner over all divisions at Cockleburr Combers. She was awarded the C. D. Singer Memorial Award for this. We were very proud of her. Garrett participated in his first Kids Rodeo, he got to go to the finals and won a little money. They also were involved with gymnastics and swimming. Bailey is now taking ballet.

I was able to go to Sedona, Arizona with Jerrilea and Dr. Low from Trinidad in October. They had school for a week and the poodles and I rested!! Then I went to Phoenix with Suzi and family for Thanksgiving week. We had a wonderful dinner at Scott's sister Cindy and Mike's. We also got to meet all that side of the family. Scott and Lisa's home is just beautiful!

That is about enough on our doings for the year, hope you were not too bored!

We went to many funerals this past year - I guess the older you get this happens but you are never ready -
December 1998 - Shaun Robinson (Dianne and Harvey Adkin's son 13; Rick Babb; Pam Miller (Bub's wife, she was killed in an auto accident); and Viola "Tootie" Patton.
1999 - Helen Gasser; Don Cobb; Jim Hennigan (Mary Gayle's brother); Agnes Driscoll; Glen Winters; Sophia Blecha; Otto Miller (Roger and Litza's dad); Charlie Holderman; Elaine Pearsall; Irene Marlin died 2-16-99 and then John Marlin died 3-31-99; Dr. Davis; Anna Carter; Ann Davis Belier; Mike Kolomitz; Darlene Merwin; Dennis Thompson; Dick Green; Lloyd Adams; Harold Lee Walker; J. Henry Bagwell; Bud Cole; Thelma Conty; Lena Eckerdt; Duane Engler; Janice Baker Williams; Albert McCracken; Santos Werick; Edith Johnson; Freddie Brandt; Charlotte Strandberg; Norman Sallee; Verda Rose; Gary Caponera; Bill Broce; Ethel Williams; Howard Bogner; George Raymond; Cristina Cruz Navarro; Dorothy Chapman; Mary Ellen Cole; Carl Ellerman; Betty Knowlton (Ralph's wife) and Lela Minniear.

Now for Happy Happenings!

Graduations: Heath Klein from Colorado State University; Lonnie Kaufman, Jeremy Mann and Jennifer Rose from high school.

Birthdays:

Henry Grasmick 81; Walt Harper 82; Jerry Bay 50; Herb Trumble 80; Johnnie Dee Casebolt 80; Edna Daggett 80; Rueben Salas 100; Aunt Maida Inskeep 91 (Dec 15th); and Donna Records 41.

Weddings: Sara Janzen and Dave Worley; Sally Soden and Jimmy Cope; Jodee Smith and Ryan Phillips;

Danyell Land and Hale Hughes; Lanette Trainor and Shane Pritchard.

Anniversaries:

Clyde and Elsie Frost 41; Lynn and Raymond Jones 41; Allen and Melba Knowlton 50; Hans and Gerry Hansen 50; Henry and Martha Grasmick 60; Dean and Bonnie Wilson 50; Bernice and Loren Carlock 50; Lena and Manuel Eckerdt 67(Lena died later this year); Gale and Joan Casebolt 50; Richard and Anita Helsel 50; Herb and Jean Green 50; Carl and Charlotte Weaver 45; Elmer and Virginia Elkholt 50; and Nancy and Bill Compton 50. We did not get to attend all of the above's parties, it seemed we were out of town for most of the celebrations.

Important Events for our friends:

Desiree Moreno Eisert opened her own real estate office in Pueblo and La Junta.

Nice write up in paper for Buddy Creech and Jerrilea.

Sunshine Winners: Roger Maddux, May; Bob Cody in October.

Rick Klein was appointed new City Manager taking Dan Noler's position.

Employees of the month: Dan Kaufman VA hospital at Ft Lyon. and Heidi Klein at Charamonties Wake up Breakfast.

Michelle Schweizer won a trip to Washington DC in 4-H.

Arkansas Valley Fair - Tyler Karney "Reserve Grand Champion" Dairy Goat and Kately Karney "Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship - Rabbits.

John Eberly - Law Officer of the year.

Barbara McNichols and Stan Stanlick retired this year.

Russ and Mary Lou had a big party celebrating their retirements from the "Mill" and from teaching. It was lots of fun - got to see a lot of friends and family.

Robin and Pat bought the "Mill". Then they sold it to the Eldon Stoker Family in October. They are just retired ranchers now (ha ha).

Don Klinkerman also retired from veterinary clinic in October, he also had a celebration party!!

We also had some sad happenings this year -

Lois Anderson had a stroke in February and is in AVRMC nursing home in La Junta. Pete Schneider was hurt shoeing a horse in May. He barely got recovered from this accident and he had a stroke in August. He is now recovering at Bent Count Memorial Nursing Home in Las Animas. Ethel Miller was in an auto accident and is now in AVRMC nursing home. Frank Woyewodzic is now in nursing home - his address is 120 S Madison, Madison House, Cortez, CO 81321.

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New blessings and babies this year:

Dally Kay Goemmer - Shawn and Mindy Goemmer
Nicole Danielle Emerson - Melvin and Pat
Zebulon Eskiel Jacquart - Rhonda and Rollie
Hayden Lee Honey - Jennifer and Keo
Sheldon Loren Rinestine - Timmy and Shenna (born 10-11-98)

That about does it for another year; hope I did not leave anyone out.

May God Bless all of you in 2000.

Love,

William, Judy &

William, Judy and Crickett



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Happy Holidays!

We have about made it through 2000 and all of the computer problems - thank goodness! How the year flew by.

This has been a good year for us - no hospital stays. William has been doing well, but the last three weeks he has had the flu - chills and fever. Guess who gets to do the chores? He did several barbeques for organizations. He was presented a plaque in July from the Chamber of Commerce for his "dedicated service". He celebrated his 70th birthday June 5th. He got a new Nissan pickup. We raised Ashley, a calf, on goats. She now thinks she is a goat and runs with the goats, not the cattle. Over July 4th weekend we went to LaVeta Rodeo, Bailey and Garrett went with us. We went to the dance Saturday night and watched all the kids dance. There dances are not near as wild as the ones we used to go to (Thank Goodness!)

In January, our dog houses caught fire in the middle of the night (from a heat lamp), but none of our dogs were injured. Guess, I am getting old, we fenced off part of our yard so the goats could graze. Won't have quite so much to water and mow. We had three new colts, but had to put one down, he broke his leg. Cassi Jo and Nick stayed with us for a month, had a great time. They will be down the week before Christmas for another vacation! One day I was cleaning out my fish pond, slipped on algae and could not get out of pond my St. Bernard, April, pulled me out, glad I have big dogs!

In August Tillie and Edna had a picnic, Edith Horn and her daughter and son in law were here from Kansas. Katherine and John were also here, so we had a small family reunion. Santa Fe Railroad has a reunion picnic in September each year, it is good to see "Our Santa Fe Family". Janice Jones had a Cuckoo Reunion at the swimming pool. It was a lot of fun with swimming and food! Kent and Trish Waggoner had a barn dance to initiate their new barn - what fun! Treava and Ben spent time with us and also Ron and Lucille.

Suzi and her family are still in Denver. Suzi is bookkeeper for Wynkoop Restaurants. She has started a home business also, billing for doctors. Cassi Jo takes violin and Nicholas started pre school this year. Michael is still in construction and carpentry work. Michaels' folks spent the summer with them. Suzi had a wonderful birthday party for Cassi Jo in May; she is a fabulous cook! Nicholas' party will be at Chucke Cheeses in December.

Jerrilea and Mark are busy. Jerrilea has just recently started barrel racing again. Mark likes to go snowbiling and car races. Bailey won 3 or 4 all around buckles in rodeo this year and was runner up to Tiny Tot Queen at Kids Rodeo. Garrett did well rodeoing, he also likes 4-wheelers. Their family spent Labor Day Weekend in Utah with Shane and Lisa and boys. Garrett broke his arm calf riding. Bailey takes dancing lessons 2 nights a week. They will start on basketball soon. Keeps me hopping getting them where they need to be.

That is about enough about my family - now the news for all of our out of town friends and family.

We went to many funerals - something we are never ready for.

In November we had just gotten back from Panhandle, Texas for a funeral when we got a phone call that my little brother, Genie Steidl (49) had passed away, natural causes. What a shock - we have still not gotten over that.

December 1999 - Harry L Wentworth; Jacque Webster; Margaret Tom's wife, Hawkins. 2000 - William's blue heeler, Spook; Joe Elliott; Dean Wilson; Betty Jo Hinderliter (Lloyd's wife); Frank Cole; Pete Caponera; Gene Brown; Duane Graham; Martha Russell Smith died 01-29-00 and her husband Wayne Smith died 03-02-00; Jay Lightcap; Dale Munson; Jerry Russell; Irene Klein; Bob Walter; Don Barnes; Paul Casper; Olga Hennis; Jeralyn Mills Trout; Loretta Broce; Leamond Franks; Albert Boyd Rose; Betty Burtis (Betty Lowe's Mom), she died 03-21-00; the Betty Lowe passed away 05-22-00; Alfonso Monroy; Coleman Daniels; Tiny Doherty; Larry Rangel;

Swentzell; Viola Wilder Wilson; Dave Lewis; Tony Mascarenas; Cordelia Hindman; Manuel Snider; Helen Elliott; Jesse Cope's wife; Chuck Martinelli; Jon Coffield; Kyle Holderman; Monte Vernon Eckerdt; Nicki Chierchie (Suzi's dog); Terry Lee Pickering; Bill Snow; Tom Hawkins (his wife died 12-12-99); Carl Stephens; Ralph Guerrero; Carol Barnhart; Isabel Prather; Dorothy Chantala; Thelma Fisher; Sally Anderson; Sam Cordo; Delbert Wallace; Rowdy Yates; Lois Anderson; Barbara Ginther Norris; Roy DeWeese; Ren Monaco; Lawrence E Bell (cousin); Cowboy (one of our colts); Lela M Kurtz, she died 08-26-00 the C.B. Kurtz passed away 10-21-00; Steve Bogner; Butch Hall's Mother-in-Law was hit by a train just before Labor Day; John Brownlee; Mabel Brandt; Herb Green; Richard Morgan (Janice Hall's husband); Letha Jenkins; Dorothy Bollinger, cousin; Lester L Reynolds; Terri Don, my black lab pup; Jessie Pauline Creech (Buddy's mom); "Gordo" Elaine Ward Bixby (L.D.'s daughter); Bill Porter; Rose Murray; Don Ward; Maurice Kenworthy; Charlie Head; John Doenges; Howard Munsell; O. R. Parsley; Don Clem; Esther Atencio; and John Henry Schneider. Needless to say - we went to a lot of funerals. Such a sad time.

Now for "Happy Things"

Graduations: Keeley Patton from 8th grade. This is the first year in 42 years that we did not get any announcements from kids in high school or college.

Weddings: We started out the year on January 1, 2000 going to Aaron Emerson and Kristina Harmon's wedding. Other weddings - Rick Stwally and Jennifer Beamen; Charles Smart and Barbara Kelley; Jeremy Dutton and Audrey Watts; Beverly Roberts Van Dyk and Dr. Rick Tucker and Jaylene Himes and Layne Ingle.

Birthdays: Annie Eversole 75th; Walt Harper 83rd; Ruben Salas 100th (received "Life of a Century" award; Philip J Steidl 83rd; Walt Cranson 80th; Jo Carroll Dutton 75

Anniversaries: 40th - Sheila and Jake Norton; Clara and Leon Jones. 50th - Eddie and Sam Peacock; Jimmie and Ruthie White; Dick and Betty McIntyre; Louise and Ray Snelson; Travis Corbin and his wife; Bea and Don Armstrong; Ronnie and Ellen Jane Anderson; Marv and Bev Williams; we will attend Roy and Frances Broce's and Steve and Audrey Benson's in December. 60th - Clarence and Marie Long; Red and Velma Richardson. Joe and Jenny Verquer will celebrate their 63rd this month.

Lloyd and Edith Hall - Ag Hall of Fame; Russell Karney - Vocational Programs; June Miles - April Sunshine Winner; Ray Snelson - May Sunshine Winner; Michelle Schweizer - Wal Mart Scholarship; Margaret Hanagen - Teaching Award; Tillie Autry - Life Membership to Colorado Cattle Women; Barbara Dutton - June Sunshine Winner; Bailey Grasmick - Miss Lions Club; Fort Bent Feeders - Beef Quality Assurance; Garrett Grasmick - 3&4 goats AVF; Aaron Karney - Athlete of the Week; Mack Burtis - September Sunshine Award; Sarah Gunkel - All Around Cockleburr Combers; George Elder - Cancer Society; Tyler Karney - All Around Cowboy at Kids Rodeo; and Tammy Mosher Schlegel - Artist Show, later this month.

George Boyle is now in an Assisted Living Home in Pueblo - his address is 1201 W Abriendo #110, Pueblo, CO 81004-1003.

New blessings this year:

Chance Kyler - Ryan and Jodee Phillips
Danielle Parker Lynn - Karena and Tom McCurdy
Kessie Nicole - Travis and DeAnne Hughes
Riata Faith - Shawn and Mindy Goemmer
Kobe Alan - Cathy Dawn and Tim Carey
Jessica Marie - Twyla and John Ramirez
Bridget Mary - Lance and Jamie Baker
Kar Lynn - Troy and Irene Harper
Shaleigh Kay - Dawn and Justin Eddy
Colt Brook - Leslie and Jace Honey
Tamatha - Tom Reandeau
Skyler Morgan - Michelle and D. J. Jones
Cody - Angie and Darryl Hoss
(Hope I got all these names right)

Good news - Mary Gayle and Bill are moving to Clayton, New Mexico this weekend!! Also, we now have a Super Walmart - not many other stores, but we have Walmart!

That about does it for another year, if you are in the vicinity, come over for a cup of coffee.

May God Bless all of you in 2001.

Love,

William, Judy &
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February 8, 2002

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND VALENTINES DAY !!

We are as busy as ever. On August 24th, I was trying to bridle a pony at the fair, he reared up, kicked me in the head and threw me against a wooden fence. It didn't hurt my head, but my knees were badly sprained. Thanks to treatment with Jerrilea, they were getting better. Her advice was to stay off my feet, can you imagine me doing that? The reason my letter is late - on Dec. 4th, the llamas got out (someone left a gate open), my big dogs attacked them, I called the dogs off, the llamas jumped up - they were scared - they did not even see me and ran right over the top of me, stepping on my back and I landed on my face!! My left wrist was shattered and my knees were hurt again. I had to go to Pueblo (No doctor in La Junta) I had a cast clear up past my elbow. I could not do much with one arm, not even fold clothes. William learned to do alot of honey does. I want to thank everybody, that brought food in, sent flowers and cards and called me, keeping my spirits up.

William has done well this year, no hospital stays and no flu. He now has a new title - Nicholas (Suzi's little boy) his kindergarten teacher (he goes to a Catholic school) asked him if he knew who GOD was? Nicholas answered - he said "God is my grandpa and he lives in La Junta." William said he had been called a lot of names, but this was a first!!

In August, the Kids Rodeo was dedicated to us - what an honor. It was a surprise!! Lucille, Ron, Shane, Lisa, and boys came from Utah, we did not know they were in town, until they announced it at the rodeo. Then in October, the AG Journal did a nice article on us.

Last Dec. 23, 2000, we went to Flagler to celebrate Steve and Audrey's 50th Anniversary. Lucille, Jim,

Darlene and Monty Frost came, had a good visit.

Cattlemen's Associaton has started having a Cowboy's Ball, the first since 1985. It is a sit-down dinner with a D.J. - alot different than the "Good old days"

I celebrated my 60th birthday, with a family dinner, Suzi fixed her famous spaghetti. I will celebrate my 61st Feb 14.

To celebrate the end of school, we went to Waterworld. We came back through Ellicott where the tornado had hit - how sad.

Suzi's family is doing well, Suzi started her own business, dealing with computers and consultations. Cassi Jo is now in middle school. Both she and Nicholas spent a couple months with us. Nicholas is a wild cowboy!! They took a family trip to California.

Jerrilea and Mark are in the Bahamas this week. Garrett won runner-up in Ace of Spades, he got his 1st belt buckle!! Bailey was all-around in Cockleburr Combers.

Jerrilea lost her beloved poodle Ozzie March 1st. She was 13. In June we lost Rags (the lille guy we had found in 1995). We also lost Smokey (the big black horse that I rode side saddle) in the parades, he was 35.

July 4th Jerrilea and I went to Pueblo, I bought her a standard poodle (Lilly) for her 40th birthday. The Kevin Waggoner family had a barn dance in Kim to celebrate Jerrilea's 40th, what fun and what a crowd!!

In August, I went to McPhearson, KS, with Lucille and Ron, we visited cousins Edith Horn and Virginia and Elmer Ekholm. Also went to cemetery where the Karneys' grand-parents are buried.

Linda and her family stopped by for a short visit in August.

Garrett got GRAND CHAMPION marget goat at the fair, he was sure tickled. My horse won 2nd in the open horse show.

This year I have Bailey and Garrett, no Sarah or Zack - I miss the little stinkers.

Sizi gave me 2 little finches - I now have 10 - talk about rabbits multiplying!!

In October, Jerrilea, Denise, Sonja and I went to Me'sa, AZ

for a week, had a great time.

Suzi and family, Jerrilea and family. Herb and Joy and Merriann and Drew had Thanksgiving Dinner with us.

Gaylord got bucked off a horse and was split up the middle he is doing pretty well, is now able to drive.

That is enough about our family - now the news for our out of town friends and family -

So many deaths this year - from December 2000 thru February 8, 2002.

Jim Like, C.F. Frazer, Margrete West, Don Clem, Ivan Headley, Glen Brown, Emma Whatley, Margrete Sciumbata, Douglas Riffel, Adolph Brown, Zachory Dorenkamp (Bernard's grandson), Bill Adkins, Johnnie Sandoval, Wilbert Beaman, Lenora Goodrich, Jerry Keffler, Roy Klein, Elizabeth Kulp, Al Monaco, Thomas Bollinger, Kenny Romjue, Bob Jones, Ozzie (Jerrilea's beloved poodle, Dale Wilson, Freda Wanger, George Casebolt, Alice Blackford Frantz, Darrell Ellis, Kasa Killarney Hanagen, Josephine Matern, Charlie Money, Fluffy (Suzi's little dog), Florence Tapscott, Alta Inskeep, Dorthylee Inskeep, Winnie Venn, Frances Ward, Judy Carroll, Fran Hill, Wilma Bush, Gordon Wellen, Dick McIntyre, Jimmy Rains, Estell Robinson, Punky Mccanless Becker, "Little Rags" our poodle, Martha Grasmick (Mark's Grandma), Charlotte Benschmidt, Miles Chapman, Don Jackson, Robert Muth, Judy Fawcett, Walt Harper (our neighbor for 30+ years), Smokey, Daryl McCurry, Bob Mickey, Harry Roselle, W.M. Gaskill, Correne Carter, Sadie (our old goat), F.A. Conley, Margaret Milenski (Vic's wife), Kenny Allen, Sarah Jobe, Pete Peters, Sister Rihh Ellen Bradley, Betty Schleigh Nance, Beatrice Hill (Bobby's mom), Ralph Yoder, Judy Miller Argo, Neil Davidson, Glen Stowers, Skeeter Mayo, Leona Woodring, Floyd Norris, Charlei Wilson, Warren Arbuthnot, Frances Elliott (my 1st grade teacher at Lincoln School), Harriet Marshall, Don Buck, Hazel Munson, Nadeine Schlinder, ll Gordon, Dorothy Carter, Helen Adcock, Virginia Buckhaults, Charles Bollinger, Frankie Steidl (Dad's brother), Ray Ritter, Linda Gleason, Jim Driscoll, Sherri Wyckoff, Kenneth Geist, Bill Nichols (Mary Ann Cranson's little boy), Ron Panda, Tom Welch, Ethel Miller, Uncle Harold Ross, Nadine Waits, Charlie Jones, Jim Lynn (Pete Schneider's son-in-law, Rae Ann's husband) Ginny Kaufman, Ray Youngren, Iona Like (Tommy's mom), Carl Maier, Elmer Elkholm, Mel McLain and Gene Canfield.

Happier Things -

Graduations from high school - Dustin Stokes, Shayne Doll,

Patrick William Hill, Kendra Jean Veirs, Kristopher Jesse Blanchard and Heidi Klein from college.

WEDDINGS - Karen Webb and Thomas Beery, Janice Kaufman and Dennis Huff, Janice Hall and Franklyn Price, Shawna Rae Mosher and Justin Wayne Madill.

ANNIVERSARIES

60TH

VIC and Margaret Milenski, Russ and Yozelle Arensdorf, Zack and Helen Palmer

55th - Marge and Dean Sommers

54th - Lois and Wilbur Springer

50th

Dick and Audrey Weakley, Johnnie and Tina Allen, Nancy and Dale Casebolt and Pat and Dwain Barber

26th - Sheila and Kelly Clodfelter

25th - Buddy and Mary Karney

RETIREMENTS - Caroline and Marvin Kibler, Benny and Treava Mann, Mary Beth and J.H. McCuistion, and Ardith Sneath from Mayor of La Junta.

BIRTHDAYS - Alma Morrow- 87th, Bailey Kaufman-10th, Lena Hill-90th, Cecil Coffman-100th, Donna Record-43rd.

RECOGNITIONS

Kristopher Blanchard represented Utah in 4-H Congress in Atlanta; Mose and Opal Russell - Cattlemen of the year; Dorothy and Dick Simmons - CofC Agricultural Award; Lindy Nelson - Community Service Award; Wes Sterner - Ag Salute; Doug Bellar - April Sunshine Award; Ag Salute- Evelyn and Carson McCloy; Bailey Grasmick - Miss Congenialty in dance and Miss Tiny Tot Chamber of Commerce; Juanita Helsel - May Sunshine Award; Jerre Church - Sunshine Award in July; Addie Knowlton - Miss Rodeo Colorado; 2002 Community Service Award - Roger Maddux and Agriculture Award - to R. J. Nelson, Zane, Barbara, Andrea and Zack - Conservationists of the year. Katelyn Karney - Grand Champion in clothing, Erin Karney - Reserve Champion; Ashley Karney- Grand Champion; Tybre Kaufman - Grand Champion Waterfowl at State Fair.

Last but not least - NEW BABIES

Dylan Walter Westrack - Scott and Lisa

Fallon Katherine and John "Kade" Goemmer - Sherrie and Shane

Hallie Victoria Hughes - Hale and Danyell

Jacy Rayann Hughes - Justin and Susan

Jate Frost - Lisa and Shane

Maddie Lynn Thompson - Amber and Dean

Hayden Russell Peterson - Sally and David

That about does it for another year - I promise I will

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December 7, 2002

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2002!!

We are busy as ever. I promised last year that I would get my letter out sooner this year - here it is - This was the shortest year I ever remember!! I have recovered (almost) from my horse and llama accidents last year. I have a deformed left arm and legs that do not walk very well. But they are usable - enough to pitch hay to 300+ goats daily. The Valley is in a drought situation, this is the first time since William and I were married, 44 years, that we have not had pasture. We barely get through feeding in the morning and it is time to feed in the evening. We have lots of horses plus our two llamas and goats. Hay is running \$150.00 and up per ton. On September 29th my black horse, Black Jack died of a massive heart attack, then on December 4th my great dane, Toby died also of a massive heart attack. Suzi took Randi, my black labador home Easter, so we now only have 9 dogs. I love them all, William cusses them!

William did several barbeques this summer. Mark had to move his cattle off of the ranch to Oklahoma, so they have been down there a couple of times, working them. He also goes to Bill and Mary Gayle's to work cattle at Folsom, NM. We went to Lucille and Ron's in Utah in March for a short vacation. While there Ron took us over to Park City, Utah where the Olympics were held. It was beautiful!! Suzi and I went to Raton to visit old railroad buddies in April. In June, Suzi, Cassi Jo, Nicholas, Crickett and I went to Stillwater to visit my Dad and sisters. We really had a good time. Both girls have lots and trailers at the lake, so we had a relaxing time. Hope to return in 2003, if everything works out. William and Garrett spent a week in Pueblo at the "National Dairy Goat Show", Garrett was 16th over all with his goat "Milky Way", which was pretty good, considering there were goats from all over the USA. Garrett purchased

150 goats this summer, so chores keeps him busy, plus he and Bailey have registered goats, also. William and I went to Tead and Anita's wedding reception at their ranch in Monte Vista this summer. It was really nice, lots of relatives and friends from La Junta attended. Cassi Jo and Nicholas stayed with us during the summer, William took Cassi Jo and Garrett to La Veta for 4th of July weekend rodeo. William and I went to Trinidad over Labor Day weekend by ourselves - no kids, a first, ha!

We had lots of out of town visitors this past year, which we always enjoy. Treava and Benny were down, Treava fell out of their motorhome onto my lawn - broke her bad leg and her foot, was in the nursing home for awhile. She is doing better now, especially since Jennifer and Joshua have moved to Las Cruces, NM from Hawaii.

Suzi's family is doing well. Bailey, Crickett and I went to her house for Thanksgiving - she is a wonderful cook! We also took in Cassi Jo's basketball game. At this time Michael is working up in Vail, construction work. Suzi is doing computer consulting, etc. She loves it.

Jerrilea and Mark are also doing well - except for the drought. Garrett, Ki Lynn and Brett Proctor won Grand Champion at the Colorado State Fair for their skit "I Should Have Been a Cowboy". Both kids did well at 4-H Arkansas Valley Fair with their goats. Garrett was "Pole Bending Champ" at Kids Rodeo. Bailey won Tiny Tot All-Around at Colorado Junior Rodeo Association in Greeley (on Black Jack).

Bill Baker got bucked off a horse in July, broke his right leg. He is finally up and about again.

Enough about our family - now the news for our out of town friends and family.

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Chuck Haberman 75; Johnny Proctor 78; Roger Price 56; Norman White 62; Harold Wyckoff 82; Jim Robinette 56; Jerry Varner 37; Dodgie Calonge 73; Bea Driscoll 71; Joe Graham 62; Leona Backman 91; Evelyn Lopez Salazar 45; Ronnie Honey 62; Clara May Blakney 91; Ross Leyba 59; Mae Mass Rogers 85; Evelyn McCloud 88; Charles Freidenberger 52 (B&B railroad); Harry Janes 81; Beulah Edwards 84; Barbara Jean Busch Summerville 61; Mary Lou Wallace 73; Frances Petramala Hancher 83; Steve Klein 57; "Beef" Eddleman 73; Marlene Kay Houchens 51; Gene Grooms⁷²; Russell Arensdorf 83; Oleta Yoder 84; Dr. Clayton Weber 97; Erna Eberly 95; Agnes Norris (Floyd's wife) 80+; Ginny Houghton 48; Virgil Carlile 69; Roxa Ann Gasser

Hinkhouse 55; Lawrence Bollinger; Juanita Freidenberger 74; Fern Waddelow 93; Dorothy Bowles 68; Alice Gillen 91; Eddy Trent 98; Gus WEbb 77; Ruben Salas 102; Ethel Sarr 93; Lynn Ridenoure 97; John Gillen; Barney Nichols 76; Jean Mosher 61; Wes Ramsey 25; Charlie Houghton 89; Steve Garrett 54; Dan Crawford 52; Leland Curtsinger 73; Cheri Cosand Bailey 53; Willie Mendenhall 93; Christine Herndon 90; Doris Watters 84; Paul Scott 79; Ted Stites 57; Melvin Lockwood, Betty Dunn 81; Dealey McClure Frazier 48; Chuck Hiatt 79.

We also lost my cousin, Vera Jean Brumit Simpson 67; William's cousin David Elkholt and my Great Aunt Maida Inskeep 93.

Ki Lynn, lost her beloved horse, Baldy; Suzi lost her dog BoBo; Sonja lost her "Lucy" and Treava lost "Gypsy".

Happier Times -

Graduations from high school - Daniel Patrick Patterson and Sarah Christine Kerr (Glenna's granddaughter)

Weddings -

Tead Cranson and Anita Olme; Victoria Shultz and Wayne Walter; Ryan Worley and Lisa Verth; Laura Ann Cuckow and David Mendenhall; Jennifer Rose and Sean Nyberg; Michelle Grasmick and P.J. Marquez; Ryan Wayne Mosher and Kristy Rossi; Joy Root and Dave Tapscott and Tracy Harper and Lawrence McClain Jr.

Retirements -

Greg and Mary Mullins; Bob and Bobbi Wallace, Dale and Ruth Shoemaker and Ardith Sneath.

Anniversaries -

50th - Kip and Margie Patton; Elbert and E. J. Heatwole; Ramona and Paul Story and Frank and Rhonda Broce 25th.

Birthdays - Dale Shoemaker 75; Bailee Kaufman 11; Jean Anne Hudspeth Sabin 80; Buddy Karney 66.

Recognitions -

Tillie Autry - "Award - Devotion over a lifetime", Lincoln Day Dinner; Otero Museum 18 years; Peg Davidson, April Sunshine Award; Tybre Kaufman "International Waterfowl Breeders Assn, Person of the year"; Kristopher is on his mission for his church in New York City for two years; Ellen Jane and Ronnie Anderson, honored for their "ranching and flying; Rita and Jerry Bay held a barn dance to initiate their new barn. Emily Waggoner was 2nd attendant to Princess at Trinidad.

*(Lucille's
grandson)*

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Class Reunions -

50th - Raymond Jones, Dave Tapscott, Calvin Kennedy and Jerry Church.

Last but not least - New Babies -

Morgan Joy Bollacker - Joshua Bollacker and Brenda Brisendine; and Blayz Jay Ingle - Jaylene and Layne Himes Ingle. We had 5 new baby colts this year, they are - Pistol; Cassi; Billy Bob; Wild Bill, and Ginger.

Well that is about all the news for 2002.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2003!!

LOVE

William, Judy &

William, Judy and Crickett

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December 10, 2003

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2003!!

These years go by too fast, seems like I was just doing this. I had just barely recovered from my llama and horse accidents, when my feet flew out from under me on the steps in my south yard. when I landed, it twisted my leg backwards. Jerrilea and Cassi Jo took me to Pueblo, they put me under and twisted my leg back where it belonged, then I had surgery three days later for a shattered ankle and broken leg. Now I have a screw in my ankle and a rod in my leg. I am getting along great - back to pitching hay to Garrett's goatherd and feeding the horses, also help clean horse stalls everyday. This happened July 24th, I was down for almost three months.

We are still in a drought situation, we pray for moisture constantly. It is really sad, our animals would sure like to have green grass, but thank God for hay.

William is still doing several barbeques a year. He sold all but 5 of his goats, so he is busy helping Garrett and Bailey with their herd. So far William has not had any accidents or been real sick this year, I am keeping my fingers crossed.

We had several out-of-state company this year, which is always a delight. Kensy, Linda's little girl, stayed with us for the month of June, she loves riding horses and cleaning stalls, ha. Suzi, Nicholas, Crickett and I took Kensy home to Stillwater over the 4th of July. We enjoyed the lake on the 4th. My Dad and family are doing well.

We visited Carla's family in Guthrie, Ok and Peavy in Tyron, Ok.

We attended a buffalo barbeque, recently, hosted by Glenda and Burton Wright, Marvin and Mary Jane Caine and Jack and Cinda. It was alot of fun, got to see people we had not seen in years. We enjoyed eating "Cajun" food at Kevin and Trisha's during hunting season, prepared by some Louisiana hunters, that was an adventure!@

Suzi's family is doing fine. Cassi Jo and Nicholas staved with us during spring break and were here when I broke my leg. They were so much help, I do not know what I would have done without them.

Jerrilea's family is also doing okay. Bailey and Garrett are now going to public schools, which they like much better than the church school. Bailey was Tiny Tot Queen at the Kids Rodeo and Garrett had Grand Champion Dairy Goat at the Arkansas VALley Fair. They also did well at the Colorado State Fair with their goats. I missed out on all the rodeos and fairs this year, what a bummer!!

We spent Thanksgiving with Nelda and Ed Bender. What fun!

That's enough about our family - now the news for our out of town friends and family.

We attended so many funerals this year --
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Ray Parsons 77, railroader; Michelle McKampson Moore 42; Martha Spate Muth 91; Delbert Lee Huff 66; Elizabeth Muth 88; Dr. Dean Girard 78; George Ed Deahl 77; Susan Russell Deane 45 (Tead and Earlene's daughter); George Schleich 72; Eldon Brown 84, railroader; Jim Lancaster 74; Hershel Carey 57; Sophia Coffield 85; Juleveda Van Galder 68; Ernie Aragon 68; Ethel Walters 79; Charlotte Weaver 67; Dorothy Lute 89; Jesse Cope 91; Neal Marlin 86; John Munoz Sr 64; Rubv Dunsworth 89; Henry Minor 89; Yvonne Darnell 65; Cora Pullin 84; Garlin Herron 90; Marie Ross 85; Oscar Avara 97; Marqie Burtis 82; Jack Harson 88; Ralph Tixier 72; Larry Beebe 79 railroader; Josephine Johnson 70; Van Strain 61; Bill Burrows 64; Marvin Muth 62; Steve Daniels 53; Pete Aragon 93; Emory Stanlick, "Stan" 68; Mary Pinkenburg; Dick Klett 85; Ralph

Chierchie (Michael's Dad); Dareld Horn 77 (Elsie's husband)
Lee Foste 74; Clay Hughes 81; Bill Willis 82, railroader
chief dispatcher; Russell Glover 70; Wayne Campbell 68;
Frank Jobe 77; Robert Bell, cousin; Jerry Wilson 51;
Chris Mora 63 railroader; LaGurna Norton 75; Alma Morrow 89;
J.R. Smith 77; Rosalee Palmer 65; Shawnette Fellhauer;
Everett Brown 65; Art Massey 83; Grace Henson 93; Gladys
South 96; Debbie Mc Nerney 51; Lois Wickham 83; Katie Hall 88;
Miles Seat 78; Mae Edwards 81; Bob Lewis 81; Ozella Thomas
89; Buster Aldred 73; Rex Clark 79; Dotty Rose 82; Paul
Waner 85 and his wife Mary Quicksall Waner 85; Clark Harriman
83; Marcella Trujillo 79; Mack Callahan 101; John Cook 71;
Cleda Rixe 90; and George Stoker 82.

We lost my Aunt Evelyn Brumit, she helped raise me, on
February 17th. We all miss her so much.

My little Crickett had a severe heart attack in September.
We thought she was a doneer, but guess she wasn't ready to
go - she is still with us. The doctor said to give her an
aspirin everyday.

Jerrilea lost three dogs this year - Heidi, Betty and Lucy.
Michelle lost Paco. Gaylord lost his beloved Cooper. I
lost Barney, my Rottweiler, the day before I broke my leg.

In June I helped move Sandi and Kendra to Arnold, NE. Kent
and Greg and his family live in Grand Island, NE. That was
a fun trip, I drove the truck with all the dogs.

Recognitions -

Bob and Bunny Patterson "2002 Colorado Cattlemen's Assn Beef
Improvement Award"; Jo Carroll and Barbara Dutton "Volunteer
Citizens of the Year Firemen"; Joyce Bond "Employee of the
Quarter Southeast Mental Health"; Yozelle Arensdorf June
Sunshine Award; Jackie Lusk July Sunshine Award; Tybre
Kaufman Champion Black Wyandotte - Nationals in Ohio;
Marvin and Caroline had an exhibit at the Kiva as did Ronnie
Kibler.

Retirements -

Johnny Eberly, Bob and Shirley Cody, and Doyle Davidson.

Birthdays -

Stella Mead 90; Greg Grenard 40; Rocky Mueller 40; Bailee
Kaufman 12 and Wendell Igou 90.

Graduations -

Tiffany LeAnn Doll; Tonya DeAnn Doll; Brittney Kinslow;
Natalie Jane Lower; Kyle Lee Stokes; Erin Nichole Bartlett
and Garrett from 5th grade, now in middle school

Weddings -

Amy Leigh Graham and Jonathan Eric Bartee (Beulah's granddaughter); Layla Bastiansen and Brandon Bridge (Debbie's daughter); Lois Stjernholm Bishop and Freddie Freidenberger; Colleen Carter and Ron Stjernholm; Sarah Rae and Mike Worley; Ashley Karney and Brandon Elam; and Dennis Courtney and Barbara Brown, *Suzie Stone Street and Dave Craighead*

Anniversaries -

Doug and Evelyn Bellar 65 years; Lyman and Alice Edoar 65; 60 Years - Charlie and Cappy Phillips; Ada Beth and Kenny Finkner; Tom and Thelma Dillon; 56 years Wilbur and Lois Springer; 50 years - Mary Lou and Russell Karney; Leonard and Barbara Hurrelbrink; Bud and Eleanor Quick; Ed and Betty Harris; Jim and Mary Lou Coffield; Shirley and Bob Cody; Darrel and Claudine Nimmo; Don and Beverly Jones; Marion and Juanita Blasdel; Ken and Charlotte Fair; Don and Osa Amend; Jodie and Jens Hansen and Jim and Opal Hollenback; 40 Years - Pete and May Danko; Bill and Marilyn Jenkins; and Treava and Benny Mann. William and I had our 45th this year. I don't know where the years have gone, do you?

New Babies -

Jolie Grace - Miles and Brianne Bond
Meghan Rose - Aaron and Tina Emerson

My mare Fancy had a roan colt July 1, 2003 - Sparky
Rosie had a colt June 20, 2003 - Peanuts
Someone dumped "Buffy" in my yard Memorial Weekend, she is a honey.

Well that about does it for 2003.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2004!!!

Love,

William, Judy and

William, Judy and Crickett

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2004!!

Another year almost gone. They sure go by fast. This year started out on a sad note. On January 1st, my little Crickett passed away, she was 10 years old. Then on August 20th my Dad passed away, he was 87 years old. For my 63rd birthday, Jerrilea and Suzi bought me a "Maltese" puppy, we named her "Miss Kitty", she looks like a little mop. Then in May, I bought a Maltese/Poodle mix and named her "Miss Taffy". She developed "Leggs Perves" a disease so she had hip replacement in November. I call the girls my "bopsie" twins. In March, Jerrilea, Bailey, Garrett and I went to Stillwater and visited all my family then we went to Ft Worth Texas to visit Sadie and Marie Tribble. What a nice time. In September, my dogs and I went to Stillwater and visited my family. Then in November Treava and I went to Edmond, OK and visited all our families. I took several trips with the Koshare Members. I attended my 45th Class Reunion in Colorado Springs. William and I attended Kristopher's wedding in Utah and stayed with Lucille and Ron. William has been busy all summer hauling onions to 300+ goats. Keeps him out of trouble. In September we were "BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN", Wayne Survant, William and I led the Early Settlers Day Parade, we had not done this for the past several years, see picture. We spent Labor Day weekend in Trinidad. We had several out of town guests this year, which is always a pleasure.

Jerrilea's family is very busy. The Kids Rodeo was dedicated to Mark this summer. Mark turned the big "40". He opened an Artic Cat business in Trinidad. Jerrilea has once again started barrel racing. Garrett is busy raising his goats and visiting the Morriss' in San Angelo. Bailey is busy with rodeoing and dancing. She performed in the "Nutcracker

Ballet" in November. In July she was 1st Attendant to the National Little Britches Princess in Colorado Springs. She was Princess at the Kids Rodeo and also won an All-Around Saddle.

Suzi's family is very busy also. They had a big party for Nicholas' Communion and Cassi Jo's Confirmation in May. Nicholas spent the month of July with us. Cassi Jo elected to go to Phoenix and stay with her Aunt Lisa. Suzi is still giving seminars and teaching billing on computers and Michael is busy in construction. I spent Thanksgiving with them. William went to Nelda and Ed's.

Enough about my family - now the news for our out of town and out of state friends -

Went to one retirement party this year - Kent Waggoner.

Birthdays - Jeanne Headley 80; Lloyd Morgan 80; Frances Shasteen 98; Lyman Edgar 90; Bessie Rockwell 100 and Bailey Kaufman "big 13".

Graduation: - Ryan Anderson, Brock Darnell, Eric Goff and Keylee Yates all from 12th grade.

Anniversaries - Lyman and Alice Edgar, 65 years, Alice passed away 12-18-03; Janet and Dave Hill 25 years; Almabeth and Dave Kaess 25 years; Paul and Carol Kerr 25 years; Darla and Bob Willbanks 25 years; Bobby and Joella Hill 45 years; Leland and Molly Brubaker 60 years and Jay and Luella Miller 50 years.

Marriages -

Jimmie Shasteen and Lisa Hawkins; Jeremy Dutton and Shelby Barnhart; Deena Downey and Richard Goodrich; Jasper Bryant and Pat Kobylinski; Carlene Dowell and Rusty McDonald; Carol Russell and Larry Alexander; Tarali Goodrich and Kristopher Blanchard; Charity Brown and Kyle Stokes; Shayne Doll; John McComber and Erin Day; Joi Carrica and Martin Rogers.

Recognitions -

Maxie Lou Carrica - Republican Women of the year; Marilyn and Dick Mast - Sunshine Award June; Tressie Knowlton - Miss Rodeo Colorado 2005; Tanaye Carroll - State High School Rodeo All Around; Jonathan Petramala - News Commentator KGWN-TV in Cheyenne; Wayne Brumit - Pueblo Bowling Assn Hall of Fame Assn; Merriann Lowther - Employee of the Month in April; Benefit Dinner for Daylon Elder to help with his numerous surgeries (Don and Janet's grandson); Ki Lynn, won dog obedience class at AVF; Erin Bartlett -

Soprano in choir at Hesston College; Lloyd Morgans donated their "Santa Fe Calendar Collection" to Otero Jr. College; Lloyd and Edith Hall's party - a time to see old friends; Emily Waggoner - jockey Champ, runner up and 1st attendant at Kids Rodeo; Jennifer Goff - Kids Rodeo Queen and Hannah Fief- Attendant; Janet Hill opened new business "Curves"; Billy Schneider was Employee of the Month; Jane Danko October Sunshine Award; Mary Alice Frazier Employee of the Month in October; Bailee Kaufman won the local Lion's Club Poster Contest and Jack and Margaret Crowder received the Cattlemen of the Year award.

We attended lots of funerals this year from December 11, 2003 through today -

Railroaders and families - Anna Dusing 91; Frank Woyewodzic 93; Clayton McClure 45; Paul Skotek 68; Leon Cosand 84; Norma Carroll 71; Linda Stephan Goodwin 55; Bobbie McComas 77; Elsie Horn 77; Ted Lewis 71; Lucille Thomas 87; Paula Ramirez 77; Betty Brown 72; James W Crane 87; Bret Brisendine 32; Dick Mast 70; Rose Hayden 70; Flossie Harvey 82; Carl Hoover 87.

All our other friends - ranchers, cowboys and farmers - Rosalee Palmer 65; Dr. J Alan Shand 87; Carol Ann Scofield 50; Cecil Coffman 102; Alice Edgar 83; Pat Miller 75; Jimmie Hiraki 82; Pete Harmon 86; Howard Casebolt 82; Margorie Berndt Bay 86; June Monroe 74; Margaret Bollacker Reynolds 83; Bill Lundahl 70; Esther Fancher Wookey 89; Joe Buckhaultz 61; Doris Ehrlich 75; Danny Baker 71; Clarence Williams 69; Cousin Margaret Scarlett 86; Efton Duncan 93; Cliff Rizzuto 78; Pete Ward 55; Bertha Root 81; Annie Eversole 78; Carl Weaver 72; Betty Goodwin 79; Robert Clarke 74; Dale Van Galder 71; Ralph Claunch 82; Cappy Phillips 79; Willie Munoz Sr. 69; Alex Malers 79; Lydia Miller 85; George Hiraki 77; Ronald Bollinger 42; President Ronald Reagan 93; Afton Harmo Frank Gilbert 76; Ed Drysdale 52; Joanna Russell 95; Emma McBee 85; Patti Miller 64 and husband Larry Miller 66; Gloria Willingham Nelson 40; Pete Trujillo 68; Betty Inge 94 Emily Knight 87; Tuck Mills 86; Donald Blakney 69; Ruth Rafferty 85; Delbert Lusk 72; Ruby Jean Tarwater McCall 75; Linda Eversole Locke 56; Lucille Barnes 94; Donna Owensby 58; Luis Chantala 77; Philip J Steidl 87; Roy Newins 80; Alvara Torrez 74; Kathy Warren 62; Peggy Hankla 75; Lloyd Hershey; Lena Hill 92; Margaret Kingery 100; Billy Powers 74; Leonard Rains 55; Frosty Harmon 88; Carl Kreider 57; Hudson Hyatt 70; Van "Chuck" Strain 64; Dick McQuire 56; Helen Palmer 84; Dolores Survant 74; Louise Bennett Boling 82; Billy Goodwin 74; Jean Cheek 77; Martha Baldrige 89; and Mike Brodrick 46.

Suzi's "Trixie" died - she had gotten her in New York. Mary Gayle's Frijole also died.

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The Good News for 2004 - New Babies

My mare, Lulu had a colt on Mark's Birthday, so now we have a "Little Mark"!!

Karisa Jean Lower - Kent and Allison
Sheridan Lee Honey - Jace and Leslie
Morgan Rhea and Kevin Donald Dowell - Wyatt and Missy
Riggin James Dutton - Jeremy and Shelby
Jacelyn Frost - Lisa and Shane
Natalie Ann Marie Emerson Neeley - Melanie and Joshua

Taffy 6 1/2#

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2005

Love

William & Judy

William, Judy Kitty and Taffy

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FROM OUR OUTFIT TO YOURS

December 8, 2005
316 Pikeview Avenue
La Junta CO 81050

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2005!!

It's that time of year again! My one letter for the year! This year passed by so quickly. We had several out of town guests this year, which we always enjoy having. In June we were host to Linda Losey from back East. She was riding the American Discovery Trail in honor of her son, who passed away. She followed the Santa Fe Trail from California to the East Coast on horseback. She stayed with us for five days. We did not make very many out of town trips this year, guess we were too busy. Bill Baker got bucked off a horse in September and was in intensive care in Amarillo hospital for over a month - we did get down to see him and Mary Gayle. He is doing a lot better now. I got a new floor and countertops in my house this year - badly needed. I lost several of my "old" dogs this year - Ruby, Randi, Tilly, Dominoe and April. In October, William, Garrett and I went to Crawford, Nebraska and got "Lacey", a harlequin great dane with blue eyes. I also got Radar an English/Bull mastiff from Liberal, Kansas. So now all the outside dogs are pretty young with the exception of Wrangler, who will be 10 Christmas. In April, my friends, the Stephans, called and asked if I knew anyone that would take their little poodle, as Nona was to have hip surgery and could not take care of her. So now I have a little bundle of joy (5 pounds) - named "Libby Jean"; also still have "Miss Kitty" and "Taffy". I love them all. Jerrilea, Bailey and I attended "National Little Britches" Rodeo in Pueblo the last of July. Bailey was runner up to the Princess and 7th in goat tying. The next week was Kids Rodeo - Bailey was "Jockey Champ" and Garrett was "Small

Pony Champ" won on Pedro. This was Pedro's 18th year of winning at the Kids Rodeo small pony race. William and Wayne Survant and I led the Early Settlers Day parade again this year. We spent Labor Day Weekend in Trinidad, as we do every year. We attended the 3rd Annual Buffalo Barbeque in Boone hosted by Jack and Cinda Kent, Glenda and Burton Wright and the Jeff Froman Family. It is a good time to see friends that we do not see often. Lucille, Ron and Sarah came in October, we had a mini family reunion - William's brother Buddy and his sisters all got together. Nicholas, Suzi's little boy spent the summer with us - he is alot of fun! In November, Suzi and Michael brought Cassi and Nicholas plus three extra boys and one extra girl and we went to Bents Fort and Vogel Canyon - which was fun! William did his usual barbeques this summer, also for Tyler and Kashlee Karney's wedding reception. Can you believe it has been 20 years since William was burned??

Jerrilea and her family is very busy. They just bought 500 more goats right before the cold hit this week. So with the 300 they already had - we are all busy! Garrett bought me a pitchfork for Christmas last year - was that a hint or what?? Bailey is busy with horses and dancing. We attended "The Nutcracker" Russian Ballet Group in Colorado Springs, it was absolutely beautiful. They will go to Phoenix first of January and Stock Show in Denver to show goats.

Suzi and her family is also very busy. They are all into computers. Suzi is busy giving seminars and working. Cassi Jo is a sophmore and Nicholas in 3rd grade. Cassi is getting straight A's. She will go to Italy with a group in May. Michael came down and did some work on our house, also installed my countertops - does such a nice job.

That is about enough on our family - now the news for our out of town friends -

Recognitions -

Bev Williams - Sunshine Award for August; Diane Willhoite - Sunshine Award for October, Wayne and Tori Walter started a new business in Rocky Ford - "Ark Valley Tire", Robert Shannon - Cattleman of the Year, Tressie Knowlton - "Miss Rodeo Colorado", then was crowned "Miss Rodeo America" in Las Vegas this past week, Emily Waggoner was Junior All-Around champion at the Kids Rodeo, Cassandra Walter was 12th in "National American Pageant", Mark Grasmick 2005 La Junta Development President, Joe Neil and Janie Petramala "La Junta Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Hall of Fame", Don Klinkerman Sunshine Award in April

Graduations -

John David Christensen, Charles Thomas Hansen, Jennifer Goff,

Timothy Hill, Joshua Patterson, Tristan Waggoner, Allison Kerr, Emily Jean Tucker from high school.

Erin Bartlett - Associate Degree, Heston College, Kansas
Kendra Veirs - Bachelor of Science in Broadcasting, Political Science at University of Nebraska at Kearney, Nebraska.

Birthdays -

Michael Chierchie - 50th, Jennie Verquer - 90th, Rogene Smith 75th, and Buck Bond - 90th.

Marriages -

Peggy McNew and Glen Knight, Ben Ridennoure and June Cocks, Tyler Karney and Kashlee Hughes, Lori Clodfelter and Pedro Peralta and Meredith and Bengy Mann.

Anniversaries -

Barbara and Gene Broce - 50th, Tommy and Glenna Walter - 50th, Bud and Margaret Roberts - 67th, Babette and Sam Fief 25, Dave and Peggy Gearhart - 50th, Don and Margaret Hendrix 55, Clarence and Marie Long 65, Melva Jean and Floyd Rains 50, Charlene and Warren Snyder 60 and Bob and Maxine Travis 65 years.

We said good bye to many friends this year -

Buddy Matern 69, Carmie Sarlo 82, Russell Bundy 52, Norman Lloyd 64, Jane Danko 46, Manuel Eckerdt 91, Cindy Klinkerman 40, Joe Verquer 87, Rocky Lorenzo 93, Mabel Britton 64, Bob Johnson 88, Jan Spangler 64, Lee Corbin 62, Vevia Vanhook 95, Willie Herrick 73, Mickey Dorsch 89, Dorothy Richards 89, Tano Ozzello 71, Mary (Tano's mother) 96, Erva Gambrel 76, Toni Arnold 45, Jean Gemmecke 80, Lyle Eddy 93, Sam Sedlak 92, Emma Lou Lusk 78, Terry Greaser 55, Nancy Mata 48, Irene Barbee 85, Lloyd D Hall 18, Glen Eberly 95, Gloria Willingham Nelson 45, Allen Knowlton 82, Shirley Thomas Crocker 63, Steve Malott 52, Kenneth Woods 51, Cousin Virginia Ekholm 91 Toni Fleischacker 65, Alva Mason 81, Pearl Allen 85, Ralph Russell 101, Richard Dick Vawter 65, Walt Cranson 84, Helen Crane 91, Mack Staley 90, Beryl Robinson 89, Bill Hutchins 70, Sandy Clark III 59, Fern Doherty 84, Bob Hughes 83, Kenneth Clark 77, Billy McIntosh Jr 40, Kellie Gean Yates Ortiz 0, Stormy Cornay 11, Warren Hill 84, Bernice Carrica 75, Duane Fox 64, Connie Allen 85, Ruth Riffel 91, Lana Prather 42, Jim Miles 80, Judy Wollert 51, George Sturgess 85, Art Hughes 88, Roy Hughes 78, Huldah McDonald 85, Bush Reid 87, Jackie Jones 52, Betty Ward 85, Frances Tetley 90, Vernon Cutrell 89, Alta (Mary Gayle's sister) 64, Raedean Quick Hiner 58, Zola Walker 69, Don Murray 81, Joan McCombs 64, Rena Turrentine 86, Stella Seat 72, Donald Cranson 74,

Bobby Goodrich 68, Ronnie Norris Anderson 75, Donald Frantz 42, Bonnie Wilson 76, Juanita Rusher 73, Dalton Kerr 22, Brandon Entenman 20, Loren Carlock 80, Dallas Davis 36, Mickey Wiley 84, Dick White 81, Delta Harrison 93, Murrel Stephen 75, Donald Wright 69, Ida Belle Carlock Eberly 95, Don Davis 64, Genevieve Bishop Showalter 86, Esther Avara 72, Esther Baker 83, Donny DeWeese 48, Ronald Williams 53, Willy Conty 88, Ed Harris 73, Larry David Hall 54, Maxine Barber 80, Henry Grasmick (Mark's Grandpa) 87, Sam Milenski 57, Janie Couchman Brooks 67, Melba Ragsdale 95, Irene Torgler 82, Bob Gerler 78, Ricky Lewis 52, Charlie Phillips 82, Mae Richards 89, Mitzi Swentzell 46, Gene Wagner 83 and John Tate 65.

Now the best for last - New Babies -

Blayne Anthony Dean Doll - Shayne and Carlie Doll
Tristin Kendall Himes - Clyde and Kody Himes
Cooper James Elam - Brandon and Ashley Elam
Brayden Earl Stokes - Kyle and Charity Stokes
John Wayne Rusher - Heath and wife Rusher
Baylea Reign Harris Doll - Tonya Doll
Caleb Ryan Stokes - Dusty and Stephanie Stokes

That about does it for another year.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2006

Love

William and Judy

William, Judy, Kitty, Taffy and Libby Jean

December 16, 2006

Recognitions -

Darlene Blackford "Who's Who" National Academic Affairs - America's Teachers Honor Roll; Dave Hill - Community Service Award; Jake Norton - Agricultural Award; Patrick Karney - Life Member Award Bent Prowers Cattle Assn; 8th Annual Cowboy Reunion in Fowler, Co; Swink celebrated 100 years; June Wake Up Breakfast honored Walt Cranson; Rick and Jo Simmons - Corriente Bull wins national championship; Rogene Smith - Grand Marshall 86th Missouri Day Parade; Suzi had her 30th Class Reunion; Frances Shasteen celebrated her 100th birthday; Bessie Rockwell her 102nd birthday; Norma Romjue - Newspaper Carrier of the month; B.J. Thomas 80th birthday, Melba Knowlton 85th birthday. Bailey and Garrett were both all-around winners in 4-H Gymkhana; Anita Purugganan - Arkansas Valley Silver Queen; Doug Bellar - Grand Marshall in Early Settlers Day Parade; Marvin Kibler had his 50th class reunion; Hans and Gerry Hansen - King and Queen for Cheraw Community Day; Dortha McLain was September Sunshine Winner and Cassandra Walter was National American Miss Colorado 13-15 Cover Girl. Congratulations to all!

Graduations -

Tybre Kaufman; Haley Kaye Larrew; Chance Honey; Thomas Lower; Grant Seeley and Jacob Tucker from high school and Ryan Anderson from Jr. College.

Retirements -

Judy Trujillo; Connie Rogers; Jerry Church; Jean Eveatt; Mary Alice Frazier; and Dorothy Schultz.

Anniversaries -

Davy & Dodi DiRezza 50; Donna and Jerry Sitton 50; Judy and Bill Miller 25; Howard and Rita Luehring 50; Lucille and Herman Yergert 60; Dixie and Harold Lutz 50; Jim and Bette Grasmick 50; Viola and Gene Allen 60; Billie and Sharron Johnson 40; Vernon and Cindy Steele 50; Jim and LaVerne Davis 50; Mary and Vernon Gutierrez 50; Chuck and JoAnn Jones 50.

Weddings -

Johathan Neil Petramala and Ericka Ten Eyck; Nettie and Bruce Boyer; Brandy Schlegel and Joshua Sas; Natalie Lower and Ryan Huber; Kristi Bohrer and Jay Downing; Michael Evans and Meg Casey; Amber Lynne Graham and Dennis Wray Grier Jr; Rae Ann Schneider Lynn and Kevin Waggoner; Heidi Lyn Klein and Christopher Moreno; Serinity Markus and Keith Lewis

We said good by to many friends and family this year.

Wayne Seat 83; Ralph Knowlton 78; Pat Rizzuto 75;

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Deaths -

Melba Ragsdale 90; Lucille Heidt 88; Lillian Beaman 97; Dixie Igou 81; Wendell Igou 92; Janie Basham Greer 67; Rusty Allred 83; Phil Peterson 61; Earl Blevins 88; Agnes Blevins 85; Betty Jo Ridennoure Hart 83; Roy Powers 71; Maggie Franklin 49; Billi Hively 94; Maxine Travis 88; Bob Griffee 87; Helen Meyer 92; Ed McIntosh 66; Floye De Weese 93; Dr. Vandiver 86; Steven Miller Morgan 17; Ralph Grasmick 65; Shirley Huntsman 82; Jerrie Head 77; Lloyd Morgan 81; Reggie Goodwin 80; Fritz Bender 76; Kevin Franks 44; Robert McNutt 89; Sam Dunn 85; Charlie Huff 52; Willie Norris 67; Leroy Schindler 78; Dennis Powers 78; Pat Willhoite 42; Allan Bennett 64; Margaret Fountain 93; Archie Gwyn 84; Ralph Jones 90; Audrey Jones 92; Alma Sexton 94; Eleanor Swetnam 71; Dick Hilla 60; Danny Higbee 56; Norman Miller 66; Nima Lee Frost; Virgil Trotter 76; Calvin Hixon 79; Evelyn Bellar 87; Orlando Salazar 81; Suzi Cosand Bamber 54; John Harsch 76; Margaret Gutierrez 73; Corky Whatley 80; Anna Carson Lange 84; Jose Armendarez 78; Jammie Brice Shasteen 45 (Tommy & Lora's boy, our cousin); Phil Leyba 84; Jennifer Dowell Stwalley 27, Janice Jones; granddaughter our cousin; Buddy Monroe 83; Bert Edwards 88; Charlotte Poland 71; Dwight Dale 80; Martha Lowe 90; Sharon Tewes Mintz 89; Viola Wright Stalze 94; Crocodile Hunter - Steve Irwin 44; Brenda Romjue Bryant 52; Anne Thompson 86; Lois Daniher 87; Henrietta Wilks 80; Billy Ludihier 69; Don Jacob 74; Judy Hermansen 64; Dorothy Starr 73; Larry Entenman 68; Sandy Hoss 84; Dale Elliott 54; Opal Davis 76; Nina Phillips 81; Floyd Hines 91; Virgil Lawson 80; Dave Batterton 74; Ann Shoop 76; Alberta Clodfelter 73; Stan Newlin 87; Montini Wadleigh 76; Doris Ritter 72; Brenden Hanagan 20; Velma Blazer 87; Ralph Boone 85; Dr. Dick Tucker 70; Buck Kenner 78; Eddie Rooks 57; Terry Daniher Heaton 32; Toddy McIntyre 57; Nat Ramirez 78; Stubby Sturges 88; Mary McGlothlin 91; Carl Phillips 85; Joann Caponera 78; Patrick DeLeon 62; Paul Storey 74; Nacho Hernandez 96; Jack Waits 77; Florence Hall 108; Ben Ridennoure 80; Rose Lee Pisciotta 94; Margaret Anderson 90; Joan Reeves 60 and our cousins - Aunt Maida's kids - Mary K Inskeep Davidson 74 and her husband Jimmie Davidson 77 and Ruby Inskeep Erickson 78.

Needless to say we attended alot of services this year.

Several new babies this year -

Caleb Russell Bartee - Amy and Jonny Bartee - Beulah's grandbaby

Blake Allan Elam - Brandon and Ashley Elam

Nathaniel John Kelly Neely - Josh & Melanie Neely

James Philip Steidl - Philip and Jackie Steidl

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

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December 3, 2007

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2007 and the coming year!!

This year started out with a blizzard on 12-20-06 and another one hit 12-29-06. It was a bad one. I lost my parade horse, Bailey, in the blizzard. Lots of goats died. We could not even get down to our corrals, just over the hill for a few days. The Grasmicks were in Phoenix - we were glad when they got home. We could not get out to the pasture to bring all the horses to town until February. Hope we don't have another blizzard for a few years. Now we are back in a drought. We need moisture badly.

Suzi and I took a road trip to Boise, Idaho to see our Aunt Elberta and cousins, Ralph and Loren and families. On the way home we came through Utah and visited Lucille and Ron. Lucille is in the nursing home, but she is getting better. In October, I went to Oklahoma to visit.

I bought a new palomino horse - Buttercup. William and I led Kids Rodeo Parade and Early Settlers Day Parade along with Wayne Survant.

William is still barbequing for organizations, which he enjoys doing. We don't go very much, but it seems like we are busy all the time.

Suzi and family are doing well. Cassi will graduate from high school this year - she works at "Old Navy". Nick is a 5th grader and enjoys Boy Scouts. He spent a month with us this summer. Suzi's job takes her to Vegas and Phoenix once a month. Michael is still hanging commercial doors.

Jerrilea's family is busy. Bailey is in volleyball, rodeo, and diving (Swimming). Garrett turned 16 in September and got a pickup. Sure saves miles for Grandpa Karney, ha. Mark and Garrett have about 1000 goats, so that keeps them busy. Jerrilea stays busy with work, barrel racing and going to Bailey's activities.

That's about all the news for our family.

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News for our out of town friends -

Recognitions -

Isabella Lucero Hill - 1st place in baby contest at Fowler Missouri Day; Linda Kroschel - favorite seamstress; Garrett Grasmick - Reserve Champion/Lamb at Ark Valley Fair; Bailey Grasmick - 5 belt buckles at Little Britches finals; 9th Annual Cowboy Reunion at Fowler; Wayne Survant - recognized Farm Ranch; Hannah Odneal - recognized as a journalist and skier; Kimmi Lewis - Agriculture Hall of Fame; Hal Holder - Rocky Ford Chamber Pride Award; Ted Bradley - community service; Kelsey Ridenoure - Cattlegirls Scholarship; Lynn Jones - Multi Housing Champion of the Year; Clarence and Marie Long - Cheraw Community Day King and Queen; Lee Sarlo - September Sunshine Award; Ray Snelson - Antique Cars'; Joe Frost - Junior Bull Riding Champ at Junior High National Finals in Gallup, NM; Skyler Jones - won several All-Around titles riding William's pony Pedro. Rita Schneider Bay was named "Cattlegirls of Year". Congratulations to all!!

Graduations from high school -

Matthew David Patterson; Hannah Lee Odneal; Linda Reynolds

Anniversaries -

Howard and Laura Norris 45; Betty Jo Richards and Frank Johnson 50; Sally and LaVern Johnson 50; Charlie and Eleanor Schiro 60; Leonard and Nona Stephan 60; Joan and Bob Selvage 50; Lois and Wilbur Springer 60; Orville and Dorothy Thomas 70; Don and Helen McClure 55; and Barbara and Jo Carroll Dutton 60.

Weddings -

Becky Jo Holman and Mark Alan Brittain
Terrie Perue and Jake Leonard
Candy Miell and Patrick William Hill

Birthdays -

George Deihl 80; Shane Frost 40; Carlene McDonald 51; Janice Jones; Zella Wilder 90; Dale Shomaker 80 and Doug Bellar 90.

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We said good bye to so many of our friends and family this past year - this is from December of 2006 forward

Russell Donegan 55; Louie Peteque 66; Larry Quick 63; Marvin Williams 76; Frank Ogden; Billy Lopez; Alfred Salas 83; Frank C Lane 90; Mickie Miller Knight 92; Ronald Grap 71; Clarence Golden 67; Kris Folmer 47; Joe Masias 69; Harriet Campbell Pointen 87; Jo Burtis; Jackeye Karney 85; Merle Lower 84; President Gerald Ford 93; My uncle Wayne Brumit 81; George Boyle 87; Clara Ann Fosdick 62; Willard Smith 75; Elsie Satterfield 83; Lloyd Petramala 47; Elizabeth Marshall 90; Juanita Salazar 77; Abe Eggert 96; Zella Trent 94; Maxine Eveatt 80; Pat Donegan Walter 64; Susan Unger 90; John Blazer 87; Rudy Herman 79; Nick Vargo 55; Dale McComas 57; Joy Johnson 71; Nancy Schneider Hartless 64; Shirley Carrica Hartless 68; George Riley 58; Jerry Denton 65; Marie Lewis 86; Anna Belle Wadhams 89; Richard Lindsey 57; Doyle Davidson 88; Raymond Matern 93; George Wright 98; Gabe Fernandez 77; Perfecto Hajar 85; Jesse Like 86; Anita Purugganon 76; Phil Hirsch 79; Thomas Canaday 77; Elva Tull 82; Jim Shoulders 79; Alan Clemmensen 48; Clell Miller 89; Charlotte Donley 69; Grant Fosdick 74; Tommy Martinez 56; Jack Clifton Sr 79; Marion Roberts 86; Nettie Roman 86; Ed Wood 73; Lowell Compton 79; Maurice "Doggy" Lindsey 87; Alvie Looper 85; Dean Rusher 80; Rollin Hendrie 77; Beulah "Pete" O'Neal 85; Roger Dean Prather 45; George Littlewood 80; Antonio Aragon 81; Bill Stjernholm 86; Don Sarlo 77; Twilla Kibler Anderson 48; Vic Milenski 95; Helen Bowser Hobbs 82; Carol Allen 64; George Blackburn 86; Frances McKensie 86; Henry Manifor 84; Bob Travis 88; Troy Lee Epps 38; Anthony Cortese Sr 89; Helen Harrison (my Grandpa Inskeep's last surviving sister 96; Blanche Eickelberger 97; Don Kuhn 75; Mary Blakney 86; Ray Schneider 83; Velma Carter 93; Bobbie Maes; Maurine Bradshaw; Emma Otero 87; Julia Amparan 89; Roy Snover Jr. 60; Bob Gonzales 75; Rex Quackenbush 74; Opal Russell 86; Dan Sarton 76; Lucille Kirkpatrick; and Howard Norris 78, 11-13-07 and Laura Norris 77, 11-24-07.

Sympathy to all of their families.

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The best for last - New Babies

Larry Travis Bohrer - Kristi Bohrer
Cooper Mason Stokes - Stephanie and Dusty
Calvin Richard Hill - Candi and Patrick Hill
Matthew David Dowell - Wyatt and Chris Dowell

That about does it for another year.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2008!!

Love

William and Judy

The Karneys
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and "The Girls"
Kitty, Taffy and Libby Jean



FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

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December 6, 2008

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR 2008 and HAPPINESS IN 2009

This year started out bad - my little sister, Linda, died December 10, 2007 from lung cancer. Then on January 14, 2008, I found out I had cancer (head) had surgery on January 18th - 3x3 hole - had a plastic surgeon. He said he got it all. Had to shave my hair, when my hair grew back, it was white!! The rest of the year has been good to us. The girls had a 50th Anniversary Party for us, had 400+ guests. It was so nice to see everybody. Had a mini reunion with family from Denver and Utah and other out of town guests. We had our 10th Cowboy Reunion in Fowler. Linda's daughter, Kensy, spent two weeks with us - she lives in Oklahoma. August 3rd, Suzi, Nicholas and I went to "Floyd Inskip" Reunion, we met lots of cousins! William and I were the Grand Marshalls for Kids Rodeo Parade, nice honor. Then we, along with Wayne Survant, led the Early Settlers Day Parade. Our project for the year was enclosing our deck on the west side of our house. Michael, Frank Wood, William, Garrett and Mark did the work. It has a roof and screened in. Will be nice next summer. For Thanksgiving this year Suzi's family and I worked in a "Soup Kitchen", serving 300 homeless people. I really enjoyed it and the people were so thankful. Lucille and Ron came for her 50th Class Reunion Labor Day weekend. Jan and Jerry Ridenoure also came. Garrett has decided he wants to ride saddle broncs, so he and William and Frank have been rebuilding the bucking chutes at the arena. They have not been used since the college kids used them - 20 or so years ago.

Suzi and her family are doing well. Cassi Jo graduated from highschool and is attending "Metro College" in Denver. Nicholas will turn 13 in December got on "Principals Honor Roll". He spent time with us this summer. Suzi turned the big "50" in July and she and her friends went to Miami, Florida and The Keys to celebrate.

Jerrilea's family is doing well and busy. She has been

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attending classes in California about once a month this year. Garrett won Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb at Arkansas Valley Fair. Bailey is busy playing basketball and rodeoing. Mark and Garrett still have alot of goats!

News for out of town friends -

Retirements - Tom Cuckow and Dean Fellhauer

Recognitions -

Ark Valley Chiropractic - 20 years

Muth and Hanagan Families - Centennial Farms Award

Town of Ordway - evacuated in April - 2 people died - *Five*

"Yard of the Week" - William and Judy Karney

Marvin Kubin - Chamber of Commerce Community Award

Otero Museum - Community Service Award

Fox Theater reopened - Joy and Christina Johnson

Marge Roscover - Rocky Ford Citizen of the Year

Tillie Autry - Lifetime Devotion to Agriculture -

Bent-Prowers Cattle Horse Growers Assn

Dale and Dean Fellhauer - One-million miles - no accidents

Marilyn Russell - August Sunshine Award

Bailey Grasmick - All Around Champion 4-H Gymkhanas

Koshares - 75th Year

Kathy Dizmang - People's Choice - Prairie Pieces Quilt Show

Marvin and Caroline Kibler - Parade Marshalls - Early

Settlers Day Parade

George and Connie Elder - Appreciation "Friends of Library"

Joe and Janie Petramala - 4-H Adult Meritorious Award

Joy Klein - Administrator of the Year - Public Defenders

Bobby Patterson - Cattleman of the year - Las Animas County

Skylar Jones - Tiny Tot Princess - Kids Rodeo

Hannah Odneal - journalist for Palisade Newspaper

Holly Odneal - trip to Austrailia compete in track

Graduation from High School

Miranda Dowell, Kristin Clifton, Katelyn Karney, Erin Karney,

Kylee Whiteway, Heath Proctor and Cassi Jo Chierchie

Graduation from Utah State University - Kristopher Blanchard

Birthdays

Hattie Beegles - 100; Johnny Leikam - 80; Fred Freidenberger

80; Harriet Watkins - 91; Tillie Autry - 96; Elberta Ross 90;

Ray Snelson 80; and Suzi Karney 50

Weddings

Kerry Lewis and Chase Carter

Sandi Lea Vigil and David Wood

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Anniversaries

William and Judy Karney 50; Caroline and Marvin Kibler 50; Bill and Barbara Scantlin 50; Dick and Dorothy Simmons 60; Jim and Mary Lou Coffield 55; D.K. and Dot Spencer 60; Freddy and Roxana Darnell 35; Sharon and Dick Reeves 50; Maxine and Bob Lyons 60; Gerald and Donna Menges 60; Merle and Stanley Loeffler 50; Don and Peggy Klinkerman 50; Bob and Bunny Patterson 50; Tommy and Melvina Skinner 50; Jim and Rose Ward 60

We said goodbye to so many of our friends and family this past year - from December forward 2007-2008

Rex Quackenbush, Linda Kay Steidl Price (my sister) 58; Betty Wiley; Bill Carter 92; Gay Hart 86; Deana Brown 74; Opal Mayo 88; Cole Miller 75; Kenneth Shull 95; Joe Belier 72; Leydon "Chubby" Durbin; Lynne Wolf 64; Nellie Kenworthy 102; Lois Blasdel Cortese 82; Babe Wilson 89; Cap Smedema 90; Marie Thomas 80; Jean McCracken 73; Tiny Hartless 49; Don Martin 70; Kay Miller 97; Ernestine Robinson 94; Andrew Canterbury 90; Mamie Miller 101; John "Skeets" Casebolt 74; Howard Anderson 90; Jake Erickson 89; Clarence Long 90; Mable June Smedema 87; Jo Lynn Dutton Peters 56; Dixie Kiem Baker 79; Don Zavislan 74; Ruth Pringle Boone 83; Grant Stansberry 81; Wilbur Springer 91; Mavis Bickel; Nellie Palacio 86; Ralph "Buck" Ethridge 84; Ron Apodaca 56; Dorothy Lusk 80; Gladys Roath 85; Wilma Bailey 92; Earl McCurry 83; Irene Groves 90; Charlie Lane 77; Albert Ehrlich 76; Finley McRae 90; Jennie Verquer 92; Peggy Mitchell 77; Josie Gyurman 93; Mike Laino Jr 51; David Frantz 60; Darrell Hunter 47; Sterling Clark 86; Georgia Doherty 90; Alta Maye Showalter Augimere 95; Deborah Inskeep Tryon 48; Adaline Inskeep 76; Raymond Jones 73; Leland Pearl 86; Thelba Dee Johnson 79; King Bullard 78; Elaine Williams Morris 67; Dick Simmons Sr 81; Marjorie Richert 88; Tom Monroe 62; Dorothy Rooks 80; Debra Ann Hurrelbrink Wilson; Patrick Gleason 43; Fran Ritter 69; Betty McCurry 85; Susan Carter Minjarez 52; Leona Martin 71; Ralph Prather 76; Bertie White 94; Evangeline Gutierrez 84; Bill Hanagan Jr 61; Jeannie Jolly 71; Jake Armour 94; Frances Amerine Holman 94; Mary Frances Gerlock 79; Bob Harwood 87; Manuel Quintan 68; Hattie Lee McDonald 91; Terry Wills 66; Millie Keim Cook 69; Helen Dillon 89; Leonard Hannebaum Jr 71; Frank Holder 82; Charlie Schiro 86; Robert Smith 71; Edward William Powers 46; John Maher (our cousin); Marlene Stansberry 69; Harold Hancock 91; Alvin Bogner; Helen Barrington Johnson 86; Rose Ann Payne 100; Sadie Tribble 78; Helen Kravig 84; Jerry Ellis 79; Larry Taggart 59; Don White 75; Nellie Duff 76; John O'Neil 75; Gavin Gutierrez 88; Ralph Wadleigh 76; Olive Farthing 92; Alice Denise Kravig 52; Elsie Hall 91; Floyd Rains 79;

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Nancy Kay Vold 47; Georgia Belle Hollingsworth 89;
Joe Gleason 44; Ezra Guthrie 81; Irene Jones 91; Keith
Terry 86; Norman Banks 71; Keith Hunter 60; Quentin Kravig
86; Alberta Joy Scobee 77; Everett "Tad" Marble 73;
Ronnie Martinez 70; Berna Seamans 73; Alice Ice 89;
Kordova Lockwood 88; Lillian Jackson 80; Mae Schneider 84;
Elmer Stjernholm 81; Edith Horn 96 our cousin; JJ Walker 23;
Virginia Davis 93; Delta Holmes 92; Jim Sumpter 60; Ed Kranz
81; Virginia Edmundson 88; Dorothy Bollinger Cerny 88 (our
cousin); Merle Hixson 84; John Richert Jr. 91; Rich Helsel;
Leroy Morlan 72

The best for last - New Babies

Jagger Lee Stokes - Kyle Stokes

Taylor Jean Mendenhall - Laura and Dave

Navea Olivia Lynn Hyatt - Mandy Karney (Buddy's grandbaby)

Jennifer Rae Ann Gardner - Matthew and Michelle

Payton Elizabeth Doll - Shayne and Karlie Doll

Allison Grace Elam - Ashley and Brandon

Acoya Nathan Bartlett - Erin

Lincoln Jesse Blanchard - Kristopher and Tarali

That about does it for another year.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2009!!

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December 5, 2009

"Christmas is a lovely link between old years and new that keeps the bonds of friendship and of love forever true." by Helen Steiner Rice

This year sure slipped by. My life was filled with basketball games, volunteer work and 50th Class Reunions. For my 68th birthday, Suzi and Jerrilea took me to Pueblo. We had lunch at the "Star Bar", eating their famous hamburgers and green chili. We played pool (a first for me), went to a movie, did a little shopping and then back to the hotel for margaritas and the hot tub!! I attended four different high schools, so beings this was the 50th year since graduation, William and I attended four reunions - Gallup, Pueblo County, Rocky Ford and La Junta - good time renewing friendships. We also attended William's 60th. William and Frank did their barbequing for different organizations. We had 11th Cowboy's Reunion, Santa Fe Railroad reunion, Pig Roast at D.J.'s and Michelle's, White Rock Oyster Fry and Trinidad Roundup. On June 26th, Edna celebrated her 90th birthday. We had a mini reunion with all the family on the Karney side. We had the pleasure of several out of town guests - Lucille and Ron, Sarah Daggett, Greg Lower, Debbie and Layla Daggett, B.T. Frost, on their way back from Guthrie, OK, R.D., Kendra, Taylor and Lane Karney spent a few days. Always nice to see everybody. William and I spent a sad day Thanksgiving, November 26th, Pedro, William's parade horse, Pedro passed away, he was 24. Skyler Jones had been using him to rodeo, so he had a happy life to the end. Jennifer, Treava and Benny's daughter, is taking nurse's training at OJC. She bought her a house in La Junta, so we are happy to have her and Joshua close by. As information, this is the first year in 50 years that I have not had kids in the summer time!

Suzi's family is doing well. ~~Cassi Jo is in her second year~~ of college and works part time at a hotel gift shop. Nicholas will turn 14 this month and is on the "Principals Honor Roll" at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. We gave Suzi and Michael our pickup and camper, as Nicholas is in boy scouts and they do alot of camping. Suzi hated sleeping

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in tents. Michael is really not into camping, but he goes along as driver.

Jerrilea's family is well and busy. Garrett was into saddle bronc riding until he got several stitches in his head - I think he has given that event up!! Garrett works at Tri-County GM, part time. He has sold most of his goat herd. Bailey plays basketball, rodeos and works part time at Southeast Colorado Power Assn. She was the 72nd Kids Rodeo Queen this year. Garrett had Grand Champion lamb and Bailey had first in her class goat champion at the Arkansas Valley Fair. In October, Mark had a heart attack, 99% blockage in one artery, he had a stint put in and was back to work the next day. Jerrilea keeps busy with her practice and going to seminars to keep up with new things. She hopes to start barrel racing again, she has some horses she is training.

As for Wyatt, he has moved back home. So now I have a 50 year old living in my basement!!

News for our out of town friends -

Retirements - Barbara Thimgan, Jake Klein, Leo Montanez, Dave Kerster, Sallie Hibbs, and Valerie Conder, congratulations!

Recognitions -

Ace of Spades Roping Club - 61 years - William was a charter member; Johnnie and Tina Allen, Cheraw 2009 Silver Homecoming Royalty; Cattleman of the Year, Buddy and Kay Feemster; Neva Jean Herrell, October Sunshine Award, Wes Sterner, Iowa High School Hall of Fame; Kimmi Lewis, Cattlewoman of the Year; Jim Crowder, Colorado Cattlemen's for exemplary service; Garrett Grasmick, represented Colorado on the Youth Leadership Council of National Rural Electric Assn; Lyman Edgar Family, Centennial Farm Award; Pat Babb, September Sunshine Award; Shirley Churchill, inducted into Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame; Dave and Brenda Daniher, honored for their bloodhound dog work; Don Burkpile, honored for all his bike repairs and donations; Shay Carroll, All Around Cowboy Colorado State High School Finals; Rick Klein, honored for 10 years service as City Manager; Melba Knowlton, Missouri Day Parade Grand Marshall; Rhett Dutton won first place baby contest at Missouri Day, he is the grandson of Mike and Denise; Maryann Davis, June Sunshine Award; Barb Leninger, OJC Faculty of the Year; Debbie Phillips, Republican Woman of the Year; Candi Hill, made Publisher of Tribune Democrat; Pat Karney Family, Bent Conservation District Year Award; Lloyd Labrier, Brand Inspector of the Year; Glenna and Tommy Walter, first place Christmas Decoration for Christmas 2008;

Gary and Margaret Hanagan, 2009 Agriculture Award from Chamber of Commerce; Tano Paolucci, Community Service Award; Gloria Thomas, "Making A Difference" Award, AVRMC; and last but not least - Barack Obama - President of the U.S.!!!

Graduations -

Ryan Taylor Anderson - Colorado State University
John David Christensen - The University of Colorado, Boulder
High School Graduates - Holly Rae Odneal, Drew Thomas Lower;
Lindsay Bonadona; Sarah Elizabeth Gunkel; Jaimie Marie Corey;
and Tyrel Davis Trainor.

Birthdays -

Lloyd Hall 90; Bernice Carlock 80; Judy Karney 68;
Jewel Carter 85; Millie Clawson 95; Edna Daggett 90;
William Karney 79; Virgil Weed 80; Tillie Autry 97;
Frances Shasteen 103; Linda Lowman Smith 60; Pearl
Torgler 95; Russell Karney 80; Bessie Rockwell 105;
Caroline Kibler 68, Sherri Bryant 44; and Rita Bay 60.

Weddings -

Tonya Doll and Hugo Zamora
Jacey Renee Honey and Tyler Lee Glover

Anniversaries -

Sam and Wanda Fosdick 50; Jan and Bob Blair 50; Alfred
and Dorothy Muth 50; Paul and Wanda Enns 65; Bob and
Joella Hill 50; Chris and Joyce Larsen 50; Harold and
Linda Yoder 40; Betty and Bill Morrow 50; Delita and
Norman Fleischacker 50; Joey and Karen Dellinger 50;
Frenchy and Mary Langley 65; Molly and Leland Brubaker 65;
Karlene and Don Scofield 50; Bud and Rosie Broce 50; and
Bill and Ruthie Frye 65.

New Babies -

Kaydence Paige Billings - Tiffany Doll.
Jocie Jo Holder - new addition to the Hal and Renee
Holder Family

We said goodbye to so many of our friends and family
this past year - from December 2008 forward -

Shirley Russell 68; Leroy Morlan 72; Emory Faulkner 76;
Emmitt Faulkner 76; Larry Perue 61; Ethel Hoke 86;
Richard Helsel 83; Dick Inskeep 78; Laura K McKampson 56;
Jim Peters 84;
MelvaJean Rains 74; Betty Gumke Munsell 71; Jerry Mumm 58;
Ruby Yates 91; Lon Jackson 46 and Darla Jackson 47;
Betty Jo Cooper 71; Red Heath 81; Marcile Baker 93;
Chuck Pullin 72; Francie Davis 76; Marcia Mapes 64;
Doris Holt 68; Luella Marie Harmon 89; Jim Ward 83;

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Don Eddleman 85; Chester Bay 83; Gary Love 40; Waneta Goff 84; Lucille Barnhart 84; Sarita Gallagher Holbrook 56; Hilda Jackson 91; Karen Sue Hawkins Williams 59; Esperanzer Carrillo 91; Juanita "Stubby" Fleming 81; Florence Williams 98; Joe Hobbick 70; Grace Christensen 92; Walt Rusher 88; Ed Allen 88; Nellie Burr 95; Phoebe Ann Eaton 77; Abi Ann Abert 81; George Schacterle 82; Becky Robbins 85; Carolyn Peek Conner 78; Darlene Bay 82; Rosalie Schmidt 68; Udonna Sinks Henville 60; Carlyle "Short" Watters 84; Floyd Cordova Jr 72; Emma Giese 93; Peggy Gearhart 73; Walt Glasco 95; Madeline Gibson 88; Bobby Lee Anderson 74; Jim Kerr 63; Amelia Hoke 91; Willard Lantz 81; Vera Shand 92; Herb Trumble 90; Pete Schneider 87; Mary Ellen Sanford Cash 98; Richard "Horsebite" De Long 60; Alice Carson 87; Doris Houghton 85; Gerard Munoz 44; Tom Dillon 89; Sarah Katherine Stoval Hibbs 94; Martha Ola Keen Jackson 95; Mary Alice Chaparro 76; Leonard Eveatt 80; Carolyn Keim Thompson 72; Donald Crane Sr 74; Mary Aguilar 63; Juanita Blasdel 75; Mearle Guthrie 68; Martha Weimer 84; Dorothy Savage; Patricia Zimmerman 77; Dorothy Abert 78; Rose Padula Giordano 68; Ross Vulgamore 85; Audrey Moore 94; Helen Strain 92; Don Segotta; Leon Jones 70; Loyd Dillon 94; Delona Perkins 87; Lloyd Bunting 75; Jack McCall 58; Eva Mary Scott 88; Tony Dolene 97; Norma Cox 77; Bob Bauserman 79; Darlyn Richardson Frye 57; Marilyn Power 54; Modest Lane 95; Virginia Davis 94; Leona Broce 77; Johnny Goff 64; Jim Simpson 80; Evelyn Rhodes 81; Sheila Rhodes 50; Floyd Radebaugh 71; Angelina Tortorice 90; Ralph Bollinger; Dale Lee Huffman 64; Shirley Frost; Agnes Stuckey 81; Robert "Bob" Buhr 85; Larry "Chip" Gutierrez 35; Aubrey Thomas 3; Jim Coffield 77; Joan Seberson 71; Daniel Kasza 21; J.Y. Johnson; Billy Wayne Cox; Freddie Pearl 83; Ed Cortner 72; Carl Schiffer 81; Ila Mae Kreider Jensen 99; Millard Holland 90; Orville Thomas 94; Clara Hoover 92; Sharon Rozelle Yates 68; Jerry Lear 77; Thelma Wheeler 91; Pearl Torgler 95; Joe Trujillo 68; Armando "Mando" Torres 68; Stella Sciumbato Stancato 100; Vernon Steele 76; Anna Belle Walter 82; Gary McBee 68; Barbara Petramala 73; Kenny Anderson 62; Harold Mcnight 69; LaVern Johnson 74; Floyd Rogers 68; Tammy Mosher Schlegel 50; Rose Mary Beman Allmendinger 70; Betty Kay McCanless; Amy Mae Goodrich Little 29; Ben Marquez 83; Frank Bradford 89; Arlene Presley; Marguerite Lopez Phelps; Mickey Bowser 63; Lawrence Hammitt 81; Larry Ridenoure 84; Ed "Sonny" Smith 69; Elmer Tempel "ET" Matthews 90; Viola Allen 87; Charlie Jones 67; Joyce Paugh Hannaebaum 78; Gerald Cummings 70; Edwin Waugh 90; Buck Bond 94; Jerry Macklin 80; Barbara Marriott 63; Larry Madsen 68; Allen Bair 93; Conda Lantz 67; Nels Larson 70; Judy Shiplet 69; Sharon Loeffler 62; Juan Aragon 93; Barbara Lantz 93; Bobbie Jean Killinger 67;

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Bob McClain 80; Trivia Marson 90; Ralph Daehn 80; Lee
McConnell 94; Ewell Hunnicutt 86; Barbara Miller 89.

As you can see we went to a lot of funerals and we
donated to Hospice for all of the deaths listed.
I guess the older you get, the more people you know
and the more passes.

That about does it for another year.

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Another year has slipped by. We had a perfect spring and fall, but we really need moisture. With moisture in the spring, brings lots of tumbleweeds. So I have been burning tumbleweeds! I have kept busy doing volunteer work and taking short road trips. William and Frank have done several barbeques. I did paint my garage and the flagpole this year. We celebrated 12th Cowboy's Reunion in Fowler, Santa Fe picnic, pig roast at D.J.'s and Michelle's, White Rock Oyster Fry and Trinidad Roundup. In Trinidad we enjoyed a barbeque at Billy and Pat Adams and took a tour of their ranch. Oh, yes, I was attacked by wasps in my yard, good thing I am not allergic!! William goes to the sales each week - don't think they could run without him, ha!

Suzi's family is doing well. Suzi's job consists of a lot of traveling, which she enjoys. Cassi Jo is still in college and works part time. We celebrated her 20th birthday in La Junta. Nicholas is active in Boy Scouts. Suzi brought his boy scout troop to our house in April for two nights. They visited Bent's Fort and dinosaur tracks. We had about twenty extra for meals which I prepared, it was fun and the boys were so well behaved. Michael went through a sick spell, but has it under control with diet changes.

Wyatt was with us for a year and moved out in February.

Jerrilea's family is well. Jerrilea has expanded services at her office. She went through a sick spell, but now, she is doing fine. On days off, she keeps busy down at the corrals with her herd of goats and horses. Mark worked with onions this summer, he is always busy. Garrett is going to college in Lubbock, Texas. He comes home every chance he gets. Bailey is cheerleader and a senior. She has been up for queen royalty for homecoming and hi-teens. As yet, she has not been queen. She is still rodeoing and

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she has to do chores everyday.

That's enough about us - now news for our out of town friends.

Retirements - Sharon Wallace, 27 years with Otero County 4-H; Sharron Johnson, 32 years at Colorado Bank and Trust; Tommy Goff, truck driver forever.

Recognitions -

Harry Vold - 2009 Legend of Pro Rodeo Award; Stella Stanlick 35 years with Health Department; Garrett Grasmick - Vice President District 4-H; Joy Grasmick, 35 years at SECPA; George and Connie Elder, Community Service Award; Melanie Hudspeth Myron - Koshare Indian Museum artist of the month; Garrett Grasmick - National Rural Electric Coop Assn, represented Colorado and SECPA in Atlanta, GA; B. J. Thomas and Amy Konishi - Citizens of the Year Award; Don Goebel - Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year; David Mendenhall - Master of the Year, Masons; Dan Ballard - artist of the month; Donna Aldea - May Sunshine Award; Katelyn Karney - All American Award High Individual Judging Team at Redlands Community College in El Reno; Bill Dutro - June Sunshine Award; Ki Lynn, FBLA; Bailey Grasmick - youth director International Finals Youth Rodeo, Shawnee, OK; Bette Grasmick, July Sunshine award; Burton Wright, featured in Rodeo News; John Canady - August Sunshine award; Carolyn and John Doherty - Ranch Stewardship award; Johnnie Allen, tribute for his "Junkrassic Park"; Eldon and Dorean Gierhan, September Sunshine award; Barbara and Gene Broce - Cheraw Community Day Queen and King; Bill and Francie Haberman - October Sunshine award; Clyde Frost - Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City; Joe Frost (Shane and Lisa's boy) - High School Bull Riding Champ; Karen Goemmer - Old Timers Cowboy Hall of Fame; and last but not least - "Wick", steer wrestling horse of the year at NFR owned by Wade Sumpter and Ken Lewis.

Graduations -

Bailee Kaufman from La Junta High School and Otero Jr. College; Cassie Walter, attending US Merchant Marine Academy Superintendents Appointment; Garrett William Grasmick; Aislyn Karney; Emily Waggoner; Erin Michelle Cranson; Alex Guisti; Victoria Shultz - Associates of Paralegal, Janelle Lusk - LPN Nursing; Shaylee Jae Honey - Bachelor of Arts and Science Business Administration.

Birthdays - Sadie Crouch 107; Betty Bean Igou 80; Uncle Dave Hill 90; Jake Norton 70; Rae Ann Waggoner 50; Ki Lynn 18; Erin Bartlett 25; Lee Bunting 80; William Karney 80; Lois Freidenberger 80; Barbara Brown Courtney 70;

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and Letha Bond 90.

Weddings - we did not attend any weddings in 2010.

Anniversaries -

Joyce and James Autry 60; Squirt and Danny Wright 50;
Judy and William Karney 52; Pat and Patti Bennett 50;
Jake and Sheila Norton 50; Claudette and Virgil Lindsay 50;
Francis and Gwen Segelke 60; Danny and Donna Johnson 60;
Max and Janice Yocam 50 and Linda and Nelson Corbin 50.

New Babies -

Emily Christine Shultz, Tim and Karen Shultz; Lyla Renn
Mayo, Jake and Kristi Mayo.

We said goodbye to so many of our friends and family, this
is from December 2009 forward -

Leo Large 77; Bernard Knapp 87; Glenn Young; Ross Burkepile;
Rosa Goemmer 94; Gilbert Bryant 62; Clyde Bud Grant 80;
Cleo Wadleigh 90; Reed Martin 43; Beverly Allison 63;
Frances Shasteen 103; Eleanor Milenski 97; Ruthie Frye 83;
Spence Burtis 88; Cecillia Sanchez 93; Bob Klein 86;
Joe Norton 86; Betty Van Buskirk 80; Delores Hanagan 86;
Leonard Butch Dodge; Pauline Reyher; Henrietta Hank Johnson
54; Charlotte McDonnell 87; George Strain 93; Diana Goebel
56; Jeannie Baldrige Casebolt 59; Grover Sturgess 84;
Robert Pearson 76; Marlin Turner 72; Dorothy Lamb 89;
Linda Grant 63; Mercy Cardenas 49; Scotty Grasmick 102;
Leota Seifried 84; Jerry Casebolt 64; Roy Reed 69; Ruth
Fellhauer 68; Paul Fritz 82; Virginia Miller; Zola Sullivan
Bynum 83; Alice Pauline Dietz 91; Melvin Seeley 80; Mark
Petramala 48; Eddie Rhodes 55; Velda Widup; Grace Lorenzo 96;
Bill Keck 87; Joshua Gardner 16; Rick Grasmick 64; Patty
Basham Knudsen 69; Jerry Willhoite; Christina Allen 79;
Keith Stewart; Frances Laino Roe 79; Lou Ann Lantz 51;
Sadie Crouch 107; Trudy Wallace 95; Butch McDonald 65;
Charles Darnell 74; J. Lane Brown 81; Jay Showalter 87;
Hattie Beegles 102; Eleanor Hancock 89; Betty Jo Zimmerman
67; Sylvia Hughes 73; Janet Garner 70; Delorse Stroud;
Joan Foster 72; Shirley Dawson 53; Jack DiSanti 48;
Eugene Scobee 82; Squirt (Velma) Hall Wright; Joana Pratt 76;
John Griffith 74; Pete Vigil 57; Mike Brann 52; Warren
Snyder 86; Paul Mascarenas; Paul McDonnell 89; Emitio
Gonzales 78; Don Markus 79; Judi Wood 63; Ward Mendenhall 55;
Steve Archuleta 78; Shirley White 76; Shirley Garlington 87;
Rosie Platt; Loretta Blower 76; Rick Seberson 49; Lorraine
Herrell 96; Paul Enns 88; Lonnie Milburn 73; Lydia Johannes
89; Robert Elliott 81; Frank Trujillo 61; Leonard Harmon 71;
Jimmy Bob Richards 68; Richard Holms 69; Bud Ogen 84;
Ellen Goodwin 79; Delvin Boone 89; Gene Allen; Kay Werner 67;

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Roy Roberson 71; Andy Otero; Maxine Freemyer 98;
Gary Montgomery 59; Robin Handman 45; John Robertson 88;
Marjorie Sommers 82; Ruth Brewer 91; John Ross 96; Victor
Fenter 86; Don Lagergren 69; James "Hot Rod" Ashida 79;
Anne Chierchie 86; Ruby Eckhart 83; Robert Tafoya;
Jimmy Clementi 70; Bill and Tina Repola; Sheila Armour 68;
Eddie Torrez 58; Bill Hart 85; John DiSanti 69; Bill Hill 79;
Marie Pantier 91; Val Apodaca 57; Gwen Hollis 77;
Mary Margaret Abbott 73 (our cousin); Mary Anne Neale 82;
Duane Wright 85; Donald Dillon 88; Wanda Brisendine 81;
Jerry Phillips 75; Jim Hollenback 77; Sonny Meyer 72;
Bill Schafer 79; Rudy Weaver 76; Leroy McKinney 90; Karen
Ogden 57; Peggy McNew Inskeep 69 (our cousin); Dale Lohrey
62; Fred Gerlock 85; Louis Salazar 81; Stanley Bilyeu;
Maxine Lyons 83; Beverly Williams 80; Tara Ann Cesar 36;
Bobbie Hollingsworth 70; Yloanda Ojeda 54; Richard Hayes 67;
Charles Pullara 69; Junior Foster 78; Joe Fazio 96;
and Harold Lewis 83. We do not send flowers, but we do
donate to "Hospice."

That about does it for another year.

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Where has this year gone?? We have had such a nice fall, could not have been better, except for the wind. Had all the tumbleweeds cleaned up, but now they are back, maybe the wind will blow them away! I have kept busy doing volunteer work. Suzi and I took a short trip to Raton to visit old friends. Suzi, Nicholas and I went to Aspen and Glenwood Springs for a nice weekend. William and Frank have done several barbeques. William's hot tub died after 26 years, so had to buy another one. Guess what, they do not make them to fit through standard doors anymore, one inch too wide. So William, Frank, and Bill Woods made a new room on the patio to set it in. We celebrated 13th Cowboy's Reunion at Fowler, Santa Fe picnic, pig roast at D.J.'s, White Rock Oyster Fry, and Trinidad Roundup, where we enjoyed a barbeque at Billy and Pat Adams'. William goes to all the sales, he thinks they cannot run without him!! In April, Suzi brought her boy scout troop down once again, we had thirty some over night guests, what fun! We had a 50 through 59 Class Reunion at Rocky Ford. I was in charge of 59 class. It was so nice to see everyone from our 59 class and also all the other classes. We had a lot of fun planning the reunion with Donna Abert in charge of the whole thing. She did an out standing job. Suzi and I attended the Broadway play "Billy Elliott", it was very good. We had lots of over night company through the year which we always enjoy. William loves it - it's the only time I cook breakfast!

Suzi's family is doing well. Her job consists of a lot of traveling, which she thoroughly enjoys. Michael is still in the construction business. Cassi Jo is in college. Nicholas finally graduated from the eighth grade! He is very active in boy scouts.

Jerrilea's family is doing well. Jerrilea has a new lazor machine in her office that dissolves fat WOW! On her days off, she still rides - she has some young horses she wants to start training. She and William have a small herd of goats. Mark and Garrett are out of the goat business!! Mark keeps busy with meetings etc. Garrett is still in school at Lubbock, Texas and sells cars for a GMC dealer. We had Thanksgiving on Wednesday at Joy and Herb's as Garrett had to go back to Texas on Thanksgiving day. Bailey is in her first year of college at Weatherford, Texas on a rodeo scholarship. She won five belt buckles at NLBRA in August.

Enough about my family -

Retirements - I finally retired from Ark Valley Chiropractic in March. Joy Grasmick from SECPA, Peggy Powell from City of La Junta, Jean Justice from CSU Extension Director, and Bill Records from phone company.

Graduations – Chance Honey from Texas Tech, Nicholas Chierchie and Jessica Martinez from 8th grade, from 12th grade – Ki Lynn, Daniel Martinez, Bo Karney, Riane Carey, Bailey Grasmick, Dylan Lower, Lane Karney, Rhett Proctor, Joe Frost, Joey Odneal, and Kensy Price.

Birthdays – Cassi Jo Chierchie, Erin Karney and Katelyn Karney – big 21, DK Spencer 85, Hazel Goebel 90, Jerrilea 50, Barbara Patton 70, Tilly Autry 99, Melba Knowlton 90 and Cletis Martin 80.

Weddings – Sky Bogner and Tyson Pharo, Clara Jean Schneider and Sean Detar, Erin Cranson and Joshua Smith.

Anniversaries – Van and Joan Williams 60, Harry and Ruth Ann Voss 60, Bill and Wanda McCanless 50, George and Carol Norton 50, Linda and Nelson Corbin 50, Ralph and Janice Rogers 50, and Tommy and Teresa Goodrich 50.

Recognitions – Debra Gunkel, Baca County Court Judge; Jerrilea has been in practice for 23 years; Bailey Grasmick was IFYR Director rodeo in Shawnee, Oklahoma; Community Service Award – Mack Burtis; Pat Lowe – Lady of the Year 2011 Eta Tau Sorority; Shanna Riley – 1st place OJC Pie baking contest; Jeffrey Dowell – Athlete of the week at Las Animas; Shanna Riley – president PHI Theta Kappa Sorority, named most distinguished chapter in Colorado; Devin Patton to Iraq; Madison Cuckow – Arkansas Valley Fair Princess; Bill Buhr honored in “Rodeo News”, Kelsey Ridenoure – Dean's Honor Roll; David Mendenhall – new CCA president; Verleen Karney – July Sunshine Winner; Chris Fleischacker named Bent County Clerk of Court; Phyllis May – July Sunshine Winner; Brandon Nimmo signed with New York Mets; Pat Perue – honored by Pueblo Chieftain for her 4-H service; Tyrell Goff – Cheraw Homecoming King; Rita and Bill Yates – Mr. and Mrs. Hasty (Rita died 11-13-2011); Betty Lou Valdez – Working cow horse – Reserve Champion AQA Oklahoma City; Garrett Grasmick, Brad Maier, Cody Kitch – American FFA Degree in Indianapolis 10-19-2011; Gail and Millie Allen – Conservationists of the Year; John and Carolyn Doherty Cattleman of the Year for Las Animas County.

New Babies – Cheston – Jessica Gasser and Nathan King; Copper – Cheyenne Wisemon; Lavendar Grace – Otis and Jennie Adrian, proud grandparents; Jackson Chas Parrish - Zack and Questa Parrish.

We said goodbye to so many friends and family (this is from December 2010 to December 2011).

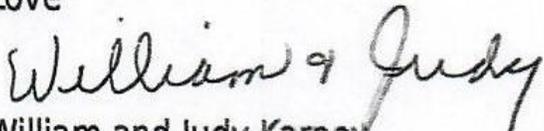
Clara Chamberlin 96; Joe Harris 66; Ruth Hasty 82; Jo Minor 85; Kenny Cranson 63; Richard Vawter Jr 53; Thelma Rose Kloss; Bill Scantlin 78; Thomas Inskeep 66; Iona LaFever Hunter 91; Ronnie Stangl 58; Gerry Churches 88; Margaret Crowder 89; Michael Casebolt 64; Albert Matt 88; Skip Rogers 83; Telesforo “Polo” Medina; Julia Lucero 83; Lela Rae Watkins 90; Bob O'Riley 71 (our cousin); Bill Daniels 84; Garth Cranson Stillwater 61; Aloha Montgomery 78; Pat Madrid 50; Jose Aragon 35; Elijah Martinez; Rae Ballard 100 Jenny Taylor; Lois Skipper 84; Frances Lucero 64; Gladys Franklin 83; Jeanette Olguin 63; Ken Heizer 87; Howard Holter 82; Les Anderson 85; Melvin Wayne Emerson 59 (our cousin) Ralph Kaufman; Vernon Gutierrez; Dwight Sechrist Jr 84; Curtis Ball 68; Dennis Hall 88;

Joe Buckhaults 88; Nelda Gay Segotta 69; George Schneider 88 (our cousin); Mabel Enns 94; Merrill (Crazy Legs) Pyle 79; Frances Rogers; Carroll Donelson; Wanda Enns 87; Elizabeth R Taylor 79; Steve McLain 49; Jack Baublits 90; Reva Venn 96; Virginia Tague 73; Irene Gleason; Beth Lay 83; Charles Cornelius 63; Jack Babb 81; Laura Steadman 78; Marvin Davis 76; Luella Baker 98; Dean Sommers 89; Bobby Hill 71; Margaret Roberts 93; Frances Bollinger 80 (our cousin); Nancy Holland 75; Bob Cornelius 89; Jodie Hansen 78; Margaret Showalter Hornbeck 94; Fritz Rundell; Phyllis Hesse; Ella Bauer 94; Esther Weimer 97; "Osama Bin Laden - 05-02-11 - yeh!!; Dick Bartholomew 80; Mary Salimeno 93; Lefty Loeffler 88; Sylvia Spinuzzi 98; Robert Seamans 11 27; Leland Brubaker 91; R J Dillingham 21; Brandon Dellinger 21; Barbara Hurrelbrink 74 and Leonard Hurrelbrink 79; Joe Clay 67; Shirley Gerady 92; Jake Johannes 77; Thelma Corbin Sumpter 92; Fern Maier 80; Wanda K Smith 92; Jerry Sullivan 70; David Mayo 56; Raymond Oxandaburu McMillan 95; Doris Cady 87; Jack Kappel 74; Alden Knapp 86; Jesse Jaynes 100; Loretta Scott 77; Shirley Sharp Wise; Gladys Womack 91; Johnnie Laucus 73; Lavolia Jones 87; Erva Thaxton 95; Isabel Reyes 60; Huey Hughes 68; Rick "Teo" Whatley 56; Aleen Zupancic 86; Cody Buffalo; Helen Garcia; Jerry Ridennoure 71; Terry Dean Allsworth 64; Antoinette Scaplo; Eltjo Visker 87; Iva Lea Goodwin 84; Bonnell Goodwin Edmunds 55; Howard Luehring 80; Jim Turner; Pete Power 71; Francie Heizer Tate 83; Harry Himes 87; Claudette Berry 71; Jeremy Seberson 25; Ed Norris 78; Ray Snelson 82; Bette Hunnicutt 85; Beverly Proctor 58; Skip Spurrier 78 (Kathy Parrish's dad); Joe White 80; Kuhl Karney (infant son of Tyler and Kashley) Eddie Gerlock 81; Johnny Steele 72; Robbie Springer; Ada Peggy Willhoite; Ken Jenkins 88; Keith Webb 84; Sam Landrum 87; Ethan Bush 22; Billy Powers 72; Kerry Rogers 49; JoAnn Jones 79; Carolyn Bellar Horner 96; June Miles 82; Vicki Porterfield 78; James Arness aka Matt Dillon aka Gunsmoker 87; Carl Hedlund 97; Leonard Stephan 87; Evelyn Jacob 77; Brian Cowdrey 39 (war victim/hero); Buddy Mayo 91; Virgie Berg 82; Mabel DeLeon 90; Rolland Lusk 82; Stella Harrington 94; Toad Broce 70; Merle VanMeter 82; Winford Bean 78; Patricia Henry; Marjorie Ann Jackson; George Fazekas 66; Jay Miller 90 (the banker); Domie Aragon 89; Eunice Lewis 83; Rita Yates 68; Eddie Peacock 81; Ada Beth Finkner 89; Alvin Russell 76 (Pueblo); Ralph Broce 88; Clara Carter 90.

That about does it for another year. Hope all of you have a nice Christmas and a good year in 2012.

MAY GOD BLESS!!

Love


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and

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"In the quiet moments of a winter's day, may you reflect on the grace and beauty of Christmas"
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Another year has slipped by. We had a beautiful spring and fall, but really need some moisture. I spent March, April and May burning tumbleweeds along the pasture fence. At the end of May, I had a badly sprained neck and back, thank God for Jerrilea. I have done some volunteer work this year. Took a few short road trips. Went to Weatherford, Texas for Bailey's first spring rodeo. In August I got really sick. Had surgery September 19th at Colorado Springs. Had my first chemo treatment 10-11-12 and have had two more treatments since then. I am doing well - sick some days - good other days. Three more chemo treatments to go, then we will go from there.

Jerrilea and I cooked the meat for the annual Santa Fe picnic, but I was unable to attend the picnic. William is doing well, had cataracts removed from both his eyes, got his new glasses today. He goes to all the sales each week, that and doing chores and making his rounds each day keeps him busy. He went to Trinidad for the rodeo and the White Rock Oyster Fry, I was unable to go this year. We had guests from Kentucky, Nebraska and Denver which we enjoyed.

Edna, our 93 year old sister, got pneumonia in March, then fell down in May and broke her hip, then got pneumonia again. She had lived by herself until then. Diane, her daughter, moved her to Denver to her house in June. This week they are cleaning out her house in La Junta to sell and Edna will move to Denver permanently to live with Diane. They are leaving today.

Suzi's family is doing well. Her job consists of a lot of travel. Recently, she was in Dallas TX on the elevator she heard a familiar voice - it was Larry Hagman aka J.R. Ewing of "Dallas" fame. A week later Mr. Hagman passed away. Suzi was with me before and after my surgery for a few days. Cassi Jo is still in college and works part time. She will Graduate in May, then go on for her Master's degree. Nicholas is preparing for his "Eagle Scout Badge".

Jerrilea's family is doing well. She had an open house at her office in March, celebrating 25 years in business. She has expanded her services well beyond chiropractic. She has been a big help since I got sick, she cooked for us for two months! And she said she did not know how. Mark moved to Dalhart, Texas, to manage a sweet potato farm. Bailey graduated from Weatherford, TX college and she and Garrett are both going to Texas Tech in Lubbock. Garrett will graduate December 15th. He plans on going ahead and get his Master's degree in Lubbock. Jerrilea and Mark are in Mexico celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, December 12th at this time.

Enough about my family – now news for our out of town families and friends.

RETIREMENTS – Bobby Gleason – 30 years BNSF Railway Company; Mary Jane Gearhart-Colorado Bank and Trust; Norma Romjue – 17 years Tribune Democrat; and Jon Kolomitz will retire from Chief Judge, February 2013 – 28 years.

GRADUATIONS – Loren Alexis Karney and Logan Taylor Karney from La Junta High School; Jeffrey Dowell from Las Animas High School; Malachi Jacquart from Walsh High School; Shanna Riley from Otero Junior College; Terrie Perue Leonard, Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health from Adams State College; Nathan Knapp from CSU; and Kathy Parrish got her CNA license from Walsenburg.

MARRIAGES – Sandra Conway and Kenny Sample; Billy Frye and Clara Henderson; Erin Jones and Timothy Hill; Shaylee Honey and Dr. John Estes IV; Brett Grimsley and Lorna; Kayla Danae Nimmo and Tybre James Kaufman; Samantha Turnbull and Thomas Lower; Freckles Bustos and Rita Mauro and Erin Cranson and Jack Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES- Jerrilea and Mark Grasmick 25 years; Don and Janet Honey 50 years; Alvin and Diane Davis 50 years; Larry and Linda Phelps 50 years; Jo Carroll and Barbara Dutton 65 years and La Junta Kids Rodeo and Race Meet 75 years.

BIRTHDAYS – Tillie Autry 100; Barbara Thimgan and Diane Willhoite "Big 70"; Marie Long 90 and Garrett Grasmick "BIG 21".

NEW BABIES – Aponi Detar – C.J. And Sean (Billy Schneider's granddaughter; Braylee Pharo – Sky Bogner Pharo's daughter and Sarah Patricia – Aaron and Laurel Korbitz (Glenna and Tommy Walter's great granddaughter.

RECOGNITIONS – Mabel and Johnnie DeLeon – April Sunshine winners; Harold Yoder and Mark Grasmick – Beef Producers Magazine; Shay Carroll and Tyler Schnauffer – National College Team Roping winners; Joe Frost – Rodeo News; Old Kit Carson Hotel demolished; Gayle Eveatt – August Sunshine winner; Tom and Darlene Coffield – Queen and King, Cheraw Days; Sunshine winners in October – River Bottom Crew, consisting of John Canady, Roy Fritch, Rose Ward, Bud Quick, Ben Hall and Darrell Nimmo; Edker Wilson - Rodeo News; We had a blizzard 12-19-11; Shanna Riley and Emily Waggoner -Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Academic Team; Eddie Yaklich Eldon – Rodeo News; Higbee Cemetery Otero Register of Historic Places made possible by Ed Stafford; Russell Karney honored by Bent Prowers Cattlemen Assn; Gerald DeLong – Inducted Conservation Hall of Fame.

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I lost my Harlequin Great Dane to cancer; Jerrilea lost 4 of her dogs to old age – Beauty, Buffy, Sky and Tippy; Kendra lost her Mollie – 16 years old. Our pets are family. We lost our Aunt Elberta Ross, 93 – she was the last of the six Inskeep girls. Joshua Patterson 25, Wendy and Willie Patterson's son (Beulah Russell's grandson, our cousin)

December 8, 2012

Eleanor Bollinger Ausbun 78 (our cousin); Marilyn Proctor 80; Betty Gutierrez 87; Dick Thomas 77; Albert Muth 76; Jack Rydberg; Esther McNeerney 83; Clarence Roberson 75; Alice Torres 69; Erma Nuane 80; Leroy Schleigh 83; Joe Neil Petramala 69; Charlie Fitzpatrick 86 (railroader); Carolyn Headrick 74; Patty Haberman 81; Nicholas Wickham 25; Lois Barber 77; Bessie Rockwell 107; Virginia Price 102; Everett "Babe" Jackson 98; Bee Martinez 73; Mac Johnson 72; Nancy Allen Dixon 65; Robert Roe 76; Rita Luehring 84; Tena Huff 71; Lori Caponera Bellis 52; Steven "Bucky" Grasmick 44; Herman Yergert 89; Ruby Turner 90; Bonna Hammond 96; Freida Amerine 84; Ronald Geist 73; Bill Sisson 92; Jack Fazekas 64; Gene Conditt 84 (railroader); Edsel Rhodes 77; Pat Barber 75 on 02-25-12 and Dwain Barber 80 on 04-24-12; Jerre Church 77; Sarah Welch 90+; Don Wilkins 81; Martin Andrews 88; Mary Lucero 92; Harriet Watkins 94; Paula Jorene Bishop 47; Kathy Frankmore Aikin 50; Ann Like 81; LaVerne Davis 73; Josephine Diodosio 95; Ross Turner 50 (Bertha Autry's son); Betty McCall 82; Donald Lantz 82; Nancy Russell 70 in 2010 and Wayne Russell 73 in 2012; Shirley Gunkel 90; Ted Carnal 78; Joe Shelley 79; Veral Hines 76 (Ruth Bryant's husband); Donna Shutts 60; John Brenizer 94 (railroader); Johnnie Dee Casebolt 93; Jens Hansen 81; Darlene Ormsbee 86; J.E. Zwick 94 (railroader); Lucy Valdiviez 91; Tim Schiro 56; Renee Brumit 90; Lois Lloyd 98; Chuck Dodge 78; Vidal Martinez 93; Virginia Stoker 82; Molly Brubaker 87; Sammy Peacock 88; K.O. Wilson 80 (railroader); Bobby Reed 81; Duane Martin 83; Margaret Selvage 104; Raymond Winter 78 (Winter L/S); Mike Barto 64; Andy Carrillo 72 (railroader); Ronnie Rein 64; Bob Lyons 91; Lee Hancock 93; Dana Ragsdale 66, Keith Records 90 (railroader); Lealyn Perko 65; Sherill Taylor 74 (railroader); Dola Whorton 85; Beth Leuris 83; Shirley Roberts 82; Peggy Deihl 81; Stella Ruby Mead 99; Vernon Eckerdt 76; William Bill Thatcher 75; Mildred Clawson 98; Kenneth Finkner 92; Tom Blair 74 (railroader); Lola Peters 85; Robert "Bob" Guess 71; Herb Mosher 74; DeAnn Montini Moore 62; Beverly Vance 81; P. J. Marquez 48 (Mark and Jerrilea's brother-in-law); Jodie Long 78; Billie Johnson 70; Jovanna Jo McBee 49; Jim Rafferty; Tom Denton 80; Dorothy Grenard 86; Vernon Casady 79; Stinson Daniels 25; Evelyn McCloy 83; Gerald Carter 73; Vicky Snyder Warren 66; Darrel Jones 69; Jean Johannes 85; Evelyn Watters 88; Gary Montgomery 82 (railroader); Mose Russell 93.

I want to thank all of you who have had me in your prayers, sent cards, visited me, and brought food during the last 5 months and all the telephone calls. Don't think I would have made it without you!!!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN 2013!!

Love

Phillip and Judy
The Karneys and "The Girls" - Kitty, Taffy and Libby Jean

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"The more you give, the more you get, the more you laugh the less you fret; the more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly; the more of everything you share, the more you will always have to spare; the more you love, the more you'll find that life is good and friends are kind; for only when we give away, enriches us from day to day; so lets live Christmas through the year and fill the world with God, Love and Cheer.

Another year has flown by. We had a gorgeous spring and fall and we all are praying for moisture and with God's help eventually we will get moisture.

I sat down to write my annual Christmas letter and looking over my journal, the only thing we did this past year is go to doctors. Never thought that would happen in our family - guess it happens to the best of us, ha.

I finished with my "chemo" treatments. Now I take a cancer pill three times a day and go for blood work and CT scan every three months. Next on the agenda is knee replacement to both knees, can hardly walk. Once again I cooked the meat for the Santa Fe picnic; the picnic turned out well, the biggest attendance we have had. I do some volunteer work and am active at Cowboy Church, Higbee Club and Cattlewomen. Also meet with friends at Rocky Ford and La Junta once each month for lunch.

William stays busy, he and Jerrilea have a few head of goats and he is building up his herd of fainting goats. He attends all the sales (thinks they can't run without him) ha. He went to Trinidad rodeo - I didn't go. In March he had his left kidney removed in Colorado Springs. Suzi and Jerrilea spent the week with him. I did not go, as I was taking Chemo and did not want to be exposed to all the germs in the hospital. He came through surgery with flying colors. Just recently he had all of his teeth pulled and got dentures. He is having trouble eating with them, he says the bottom pops out. He got him a different pickup in January - bright red.

We had Thanksgiving dinner at jerrilea's. I did not have to do anything!! She and Bailey did everything! Then Suzi's family came down the day after for a couple of days. Just as I started writing this letter, Jerrilea came over, she had sliced the pad off of her middle finger, so we spent three hours in the emergency room!

Edna Daggett, William's oldest sister died August 16, 2013 at the age of 94. She was at her daughter's home in Denver and died peacefully. I inherited her little black dog, Chloe.

Suzi's family is doing well. She was offered a job at Valley Wide in La Junta. So she stayed at our house during the week and traveled to Denver on weekends. This was from July 1 through October. She was then offered another job from a much larger company and a considerable raise, so she is now working there. She does most of her work at home (computer) and then does some traveling. Last week she went to Baltimore and this next week to New Hampshire. At least she is at home part of the time. Michael installs doors on commercial buildings. Cassi Jo graduated from college in May. She works for YMCA. Nicholas is finishing up for his Eagle Scout Badge that he will receive in December. We are all very proud of him.

Jerrilea's family is doing well. She still has her business in La Junta. Mark is working for a big farming company in Dalhart. They take turns visiting each other., Mark does a lot of traveling, already on his second pickup. Garrett will get his Master's in May. He has been interviewing for jobs. He flies to Georgia tomorrow for an interview. Bailey and Garrett are both in Lubbock - Texas Tech. She will turn 21 in March - we are planning a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate. She comes home about every other week. Their family is going to Costa Rica for Christmas and then to Florida Keys.

Enough about my family - now news for out of town families and friends.

RETIREMENTS;

Keith Brisendine - 12-14-12 - from the railroad; Malle Schindler - 32 years - secretary school; Barb Leininger - teacher Otero Jr. College; Jimmy Baird - St. Farm Insurance.

GRADUATIONS;

Cassi Jo Chierchie from college; Derek Patton from college; Andee Leininger from college and Joshua Frost from high school.

MARRIAGES;

Gracie Muth and Benny Johnson, 12-12-12; Bailee Kaufman and Collin Goodwin , 3-14-13; Sharron Johnson and Jim, May 2013; Joella Hill and Ken Kirkham, 05-17-13.

ANNIVERSARIES;

60 YEARS - Joe and Shirley Baublits; Beverly and Don Jones; Johnny and Annie Mestas;
50 YEARS - Bernard and Helen Heguy; Jeanne and Don Heltibridge; Pete and May Danko;
Robert and Barbara Shannon; Treava and Benny Mann; Judy and Leonard Walgren;
Bill and Marilyn Jenkins. Barbara and Rick Patton - 33 years. William and I have been married 55 years.

BIRTHDAYS;

Braylee Mae Pharo - 1 year old - 01-27-13; Burton Wright, 80; Edith Hall, 90; Alan Lewis, 60; Donnie Adams, 80; and Clarence Groves, 100.

NEW BABIES;

Isabel Lynn Blanchard - Kristopher and Terralee - 09-23-13
(Lucille's great granddaughter)

RECOGNITIONS;

Bob and Shirley Cody - Community Service Award; David Mendenhall - Honorary Life Membership, Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn.; Cheyenne Eddy - Best of Show, pencil drawing; Jeffrey Dowell - Grand Marshall Las Animas Parade; Erin Karney - interview in "Fence Post"; David Mendenhall and Mindy Goemmer - article in Western Horseman; Mary Belew - May Sunshine Award; Rick Klein - June Sunshine Award; Jan Blair - July Sunshine Award; Garrett Grasmick - 1st place Demolition Derby Trucks at Ark Valley Fair; Terry Clodfelter - 1st place Demolition Derby Cars division; Gail Allen - People's Choice Preacher; Lyman Edgar - Honary Ark Valley Fair Parade Marshall; Clara Lee and Ed Stafford - August Sunshine Award; Pat and Patti Bennett - Colorado Centennial Farm Award, 100 years in the same family; Leroy and Alice Elam - King and Queen Cheraw Community Day; and Candi Hill - October Sunshine Award.

WE SAID GOODBYE TO SO MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS PAST YEAR- December 2012 forward:

-Kitty
I lost my little Maltese dog on January 3rd; Jerrilea lost Lilly, her standard poodle and Rowdy, her horse - 30+ years; Ollie Mae Ridley 72; Cecil King ; Bud Miller; Bud Colletti; Mark Downare 58; Michael Bennett 51; Arlita Beebe 85; Nancy Jo Rose 70; Lloyd Sache 85; Lorena Bogner 76; Tab Ramsey 56; Clayton Stephenson 49 (Susie Muth's brother) Whitey Richard Burnett 78; George Draper 86; Harmonie Jean Hilton 48 (Justin Jones' wife); Billy Kreider 96; Freida Steed 91; Verla Haller 69; Hattie Allsworth Saban 89; Peggy Davidson 90; Chuck Moore 74; Bill Willhoite 76; Ricky Christensen 56 (Edna Dagget's grandson); Caleb Medley 26 (Johnny and Annie Mestas grandson); Bill Miller 75; Frank Freidenberger 76; Dave Tapscott 78; Grace Ehrlick 69; Guy Rorick 92; James Hart III 67(William's cousin); Lucille Vanhook 87; Dennis Waggoner 72; Lena Carter 69; Ernie Orahod 96; Kay Mahoney 51; Bettie Miell 84; Fred Sisroy 60; Vidalia Cordova 97; Polly Harsch 86; Clayton Bear Warren 78; Dolores "DoDo" DiRezza 76; Rosanne Ong 87; Robert Kimsey 84; Earl Highland 73; Linda Topliss 65 (Jessie Redd's daughter); Glen Redd (Eldon Redd's son); Edna Campbell 76; Gwen Lantz 85; Susan Long 62; Eva Hall 89; Dennis Morgan 62; Tom Driscoll 57; Dottie Estep 91; Buddy, Donna Records' dog; Betty Larrew 87; Mamie Sisson 87; Johnny Leikam 88; Marcel Martinez 89; Darrell Miller 78; Janice Monaco 76; Margaret Schultz 82; Aline Stewart 87; Polly Dugan Gregory 78; Irene Carrillo Pantoya 68; Kittie Hiatt 88; Ethel Snooks Poteet 97; Hilda Siegried 86; Donna Sitton 77 (Jerry's wife); Jim Bruning 89; Wanda Yeargan 80; Harold Duff 80; Don Seamans 78; Rick Newlin 52; Carl Ray Olander 77 (cousin - Shirley Inskeep's husband); Alan Walter 76; Tillie Autry 100; Ikey Harrington Ethridge 89; David Hiatt 67; Dr. Rudy Hofmann 70; Tom Powell Jr 60; Herman Trujillo 68; Frank Trujillo 72; Harold Rizzuto 85; A.D. Cauthon 94; J.D. Pettyjohn 79; Justine Sabin Lloyd 98; Brad Maier 21; M.R. Bud Bamber 88; Vernon Proctor 79; Tom Heil 42; Pam Carlile 48; Frances Keck 96;

Deaths - 2013

Tom Blair 77 - died 09-07-12; Alice Unwin 84; Harold Duff 80; Leota Nielson 85; Robin Jacquart 71; Stella Navarro 85; Lilly 12 (Jerrilea's poodle); Janie McGuire Crow 69; Edna Daggett 94 (William's sister); Rowdy 30+ (Jerrilea's barrel horse; Reverend Edward G Pettit 85; Al Garcia 83; Margaret Mata 90; Silford Torres 79; Geneva Veirs 87; William "Dollar Bill" Bryant 80; Gary Switzer 75; Beans Simpson 38 (my cousin); Galen Sears 93; Barbara Hutchins 70; Zack Hernandez 75; Alfred Muth 76; Susie Muth 51; Jane Round 75; Tammy DiRezza 56; Sharon Repola Shelter; Edna Eagle 93; Jimmy Hannebaum 63; Grant Hunt 72; Vic Aldea 84; Bill Seibel 61; Jo Carroll Dutton 88; Guy Sorley 80; Frank Foster 76; Larry Reif 69; Michelle Marquez lost her beloved rottweiler; Gail Walter 60 (Poncho's wife); Victor Moreno 75; Preston Kaess 83; Frank Bissey 75; Ray Hunter 90; Lawrence Powers 56; Barbara Roberson 72; Sandy Chapman Hyatt 66; Steven Jaynes 57; Gennie Lindsay 96; Ruth Snelson Conyers Leroy 89; Phil Peters 80; Leroy Elam 78; Blanch Keith 86 (Karen and Bill Buhr's mom); and Bob Bemiss 65.

Thank all of you who have had William and I in your prayers, sent cards, brought food, visited and telephone calls this past year. Next is knee replacement!!

May God Bless all of you in 2014!!

Love

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“Love begins in a moment, grows over time, and lasts for eternity.” Author Unknown.

Another year has come and gone! We had a gorgeous spring and fall, didn't turn sprinklers off until November 1st. Then the weather turned cold!! We had some moisture, which we are always thankful for – but now we have tumbleweeds.

We have had another year of doctor's appointments, this old age is for the birds. I had total knee replacement on December 10th 2013 and April 9, 2014. Have got along well, but walk like I am drunk – my equilibrium is off. Have blood work done every three months – so far everything is good!!! I am active in Higbee Club, Cattlewomen, NARVRE, Church, help at the Anniversary sales at Winter Livestock and La Junta Livestock. Also help with the museum's bean supper. Once again I cooked the meat for the Santa Fe picnic. I meet once a month with my Rocky Ford friends and once a month with my La Junta friends for lunch. WE had our 55th Class reunions this year at La Junta and Rocky Ford, they were both so much fun – can't believe it has been 55 years. I sold my parade horse this year so guess I will not be riding in any more parades. My old Rottweiler Bob died of old age. I had found him down in the pasture when he was just a pup, 13 years ago.

William is still doing well. He had eye lid surgery last month and has recovered. He still can't keep his teeth in when he eats so he just takes his dentures out to eat. He and Jerrilea still have a few goats. I think he sold all of his fainting goats. He still goes to all the sales, seems like there is one almost everyday, keeps him busy. He went to Trinidad Rodeo over Labor Day.

We spent Thanksgiving with Rita and Jerry Bay and their family, so nice I did not do anything. I am sure getting lazy in my old age.

December 7th, Mark called to see if I could take Jerrilea to the hospital she had cut her finger to the bone washing a glass that had broken. This was almost a year to the day that I had taken her last year for cutting another finger – that girl!!

Suzi's family is doing well. Right now they are in Phoenix visiting relatives and family. The big event of the year – Nicholas got his Eagle Scout Badge. Cassi Jo works at YMCA on Saturdays and is teaching school during the week. Michael installs doors on commercial buildings. Suzi works at home and travels – next week when she gets back from Phoenix she has to go to Ohio for a week and then she goes to Atlanta once a month to her company's headquarters. Oh, yes Suzi and I went to Mexico for a week for Bailey's wedding in November.

Jerrilea's family is doing well. They got to go to Puerto Rico and Costa Rico last year. Mark is still working in Dalhart, Texas. Jerrilea has her business in La Junta. They take turns visiting each other. Garrett got his Master's in May. He took a job in Georgia as an “Analyst”. He really likes it. Mark turned the big “50” in April with a surprise birthday party. Bailey turned 21 in March and got engaged that day to Nathan Knapp. They were married in Can Cun Mexico on

November 22nd in front of 115 guests. It was a beautiful wedding. Then on December 6th they had their reception in Rocky Ford. It was wonderful.

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GRADUATIONS

Garrett Grasmick, Master's Degree from Texas Tech; Bailey Grasmick from Texas Tech; and Karlie Katherine Lower from high school in Iola Kansas

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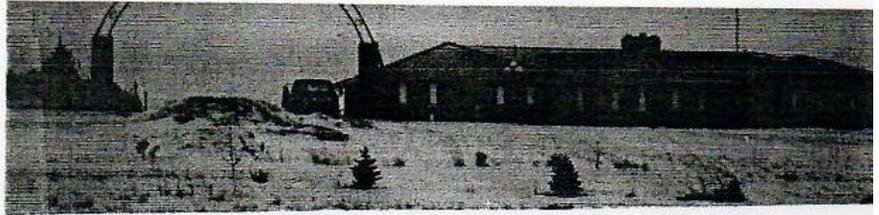
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“May peace, joy and happiness be yours this Christmas season!”

This year sure went by fast. We had a beautiful spring. I spent the spring burning tumbleweeds. We had moisture this summer so it looks like I will spend next spring burning tumbleweeds.

We still spend time at the doctor's offices. William goes once a month to keep his blood under control. My appointments have been cut down to every six months. I have to have blood work and go to two different doctors. I am active in Higbee Club (us old ladies clean the cemetery every spring to get it ready for Memorial Day.) Cattlewomen, NARVRE – retired railroaders, church, help at the Otero Museum's Bean Supper and also at La Junta Livestock and Winter's anniversary sales. In September I cook the meat for the Santa Fe picnic, then that evening we go to WhiteRock for the annual oyster fry. I meet once a month with my Rocky Ford friends and once a month with La Junta friends for lunch. Mark's Anatolian guard dog Joe died in September, he was twelve years old. After they sold most of the goats, Joe moved up to my house. I sure do miss him. Over Easter Jerrilea, Suzi, William and I made a road trip to Utah to see our family up there. We were sorry we did not get to see Mary Linn, Jesse, and Lincoln. They went to Grand Junction that week-end. Lisa fixed a wonderful supper for all the rest of the families. Jerrilea and I went to Durango for a wedding. In July Higbee Club combined their picnic with the Ridennoure reunion. We had a time capsule at Higbee Park which had been put there fifty years ago, we elected to open it. It was fun reading the things that were in it. I once again helped with Kids Rodeo, I have helped in one capacity or another for fifty seven years. I keep a Kids Rodeo scrapbook and help judge the races. The last of July, Suzi, Nicholas and I took a road trip to Cimarron, NM to take Nicholas to the Philmont Scout Ranch, he went on a hundred mile trek the following week. We also visited Bill and Mary Gayle Baker in Capulin and several of Suzi's friends in Raton. We then went to Taos and made a circle back home. August 1st, Suzi and I went to Cambridge, Nebraska and picked up my Saint Bernard puppy. I named him “Hoss” he weighed 10 pounds when I picked him up, he is six months old now and weighs sixty pounds. I took care of Carroll Thompson's little dog, Bear, for two months while she recuperated with a broken leg. He was a delight! Johnny Silas stopped by in October. I had a viral infection September and October, finally had to go to Emergency Room – could not breathe – that was scary. We had Thanksgiving with Bob and Shirley Benz. Shirley, Jerrilea and Joy did all the cooking, it was wonderful. Guess we will have Christmas at Jerrilea's.

William is doing well. He still can't keep his teeth in, so goes without them all the time! He goes to a sale almost every day, keeps him out of trouble. He and Jerrilea have a few goats. He goes to Trinidad Roundup every September for three or four days.

Suzi's family is doing well. Nicholas is now going to college and working. Cassi is still teaching school. Suzi has the same job, she works at home and travels. Michael still installs doors. He had been sick this year, he has several problems.

Jerrilea's family is doing well. Jerrilea spent a week in Can Cun. She still has her doctor's office.

Mark is still working in Dalhart, but comes home almost every weekend. Garrett got a job in Boston, MA doing the same thing as he was doing in Georgia. The only difference is that he gets to travel. He got to come home for Thanksgiving. Bailey and Nathan are doing well. Nathan works for Knapp Farms. Bailey works for Diamond A Farms in the Hemp part of it. She just got home from Florida where she spent two weeks. Nathan is still down there. In the spring she found a little puppy in the field. Of course she adopted it. Her name is Freckles.

That's enough about my family – now news for our out of town friends and families.

RETIREMENTS

Greg Lower from Santa FE Railroad, Charles "Muggins" Smart from the Santa Fe Railroad, Phyllis Showalter from her pre-school, Gloria McKinney and Bob and Linda Smith.

GRADUATIONS

Dr. Ryan Anderson – Doctor of Dental Medicine

Ki Lynn from Kentucky College

Jake Walker – Colorado State University – grandson of Rick and Barbara Patton

Betty Blanco – Masters Degree in Education

High School Graduates – Autumn Evans, Joshua Fincham, and Nicholas Chierchie

MARRIAGES

Jessica Martinez (Rita's granddaughter), Kylee Whiteway and Timothy Bailey, Kelsey Johannes and Andy Schweizer, Kristin Clifton and Travis Carpenter, Aislyn Karney and Tano Miell will get married in Can Cun on January 6, 2016.

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy and William Karney – 57 years

Caroline and Marvin Kibler – 57 years

Mary Lou and Russell Karney – 62 years

JoAnn and Tuffy Matthews – 70 years

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Waggoner – 50; Michael Chierchie – 60; Russell Cranson – 65; Dorthea McClain – 80;

Tommy Walter – 80; Ardith Sneath – 80; Beulah Russell – 84; William Karney – 85; Geneva

Thaxton – 85; Luaine Verquer Weed – 80; Midge Cranson – 90; Chris Lopez – 90

Frank Wood will celebrate his 75th birthday January 1, 2016 with a party at

Inspiration Field in La Junta at 2:00 January 2, 2015. All friends invited.

NEW BABIES

Trinity Skye – Nika Gonzales and Drew Milenski

Freckles – Bailey and Nathan Knapp

Hoss – Judy and William Karney

Audrey Lucille – Terralea and Kristopher Blanchard

Adrienne Stella – Kerry and Joshua Froese

Body – Gayla and Jeb Brown

rimm – Emily and Nathan Cranson

RECOGNITIONS

Joyce Larson – Volunteer of the Year AVRMC;

Sunshine Awards – Otero Museum Board, Chris Casper; Shirley Cody; Wilma Collins; Aaron Mata; and Toni Cook. Norma Adler – Mother of the Year; David Mendenhall – appointed by Governor Hickenlooper representative of confinement cattle industry on State Board of Stock Insp. Commissioners; Jonathan Petramala – 3 awards from Edward R Murrow; Delbert Jones – Outstanding Frontline Tourism Workers; Bette McFarren – Employee of the month in June; Dr. Shand – write-up in Tribune Democrat; Andy Schweizer – 2015 People Choice Firefighter; First Church of God celebrated it's 100th Anniversary (we got married in this church). Clarence Groves – AVF Silver King; Louise Snelson – recognized for her yard work; Erin Karney named Director of Industry Program; and Gayle Eveatt – article in Tiger's Tale.

We had several out of town visitors this year, which we always enjoy.

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Billy Gene Bryant 65; Ricky Lantz 56; Mildred Fritz 87; Bob Fritz 90; Ray Miller 68 cousin; Carson McCloy 92; Margaret McCray 91; Blake Brumit 45; Tommy Stjernholm 77; Julia Ortiz; Suzi's cockatiel Oscar died 12; RO Bob Marston 89; Max Dutton 87; Dale Muth 53; Carlye Yocam 16; Jerre Swink; Shirley Gilbert 70; Pat Siegfried 81; Paul Johnson 80+; Diane Adkins 65; Don Schauer 79; Mae Weir 100; Darrel Radacy 48; Bea Armstrong ; Janis Edwards 65; Vada Phillips 100; John Davidson 73; Shannon Torgler 72; Don Fulton 82; Randy Rose 59; Ben Apodaca; Young Brown 52; Guy Watters; Faye Westerman; Rebecca Lewis 86; Freddie Benson 79; Ernest McFatridge 55; Shirley Constancio 86; Bernie Carroll; Lyle Taylor 64; Bingo 18, Jerrilea's barrel horse; Gwen Bickel 92; Molly Rosales 85; Kathleen Vargo 88; Paul Bacon 72; Ken Fair 80; Debra Lynn Pearson Brummer; Francis Hollingsworth 76; Louie Cusimano 92; Terry Laney 65; Grace Eddy 86; Darlene Foste Allen 83; Norma Thompson 62; Natasha Davis Trujillo 27; Sandy Weihing 71; Ross Lucero 74; Matt Webb 55; Wesley Wallace 78; Billie Ringle 86; Carolyn Vandiver 99; Christopher Boffill Jr; Louis Turner 93; Gladys Schultz 77; Dorothy Roberts 84; Kim VanHee 57; Ruby Ridennoure 86; Irene McCallister 89; Thelma McGinnis 95; Clifford Headrock 85; Barbara Jean Broce 75; Bill Skuderna 95; Tally 13, Jerrilea's little dog that the kids found at McDonald's and brought home; Luther Britton 78; Kenny Crosswhite 75; Sarah Bonds 83; Joe Spaccamonti 84; Barbara Skinner Scantlin 78; Irene Morlan 87; Marion Pennington 76; Walt Chamberlain 84; Sherry Harris 64; Helen Clark 78; Leonard Proctor 88; Cayle Hoss; Bulls Eye, Mark's horse that we raised; Ron Sales 64; Christy Whalen 46; Priscilla Pryor Miller 74; Casey Barber's son 30+; Marshall Fulbright 91; Bob Karle 84; M.L. Fowler; Jim Rogers 60; Joyce Harmon 82; Paul Dickey 74; Les Guthrie 74; Roger Wadleigh 86; Dan Noller 80; Don Hutchins 76; David Buikema 80; Gary Fisher 75; Art Lennon 85; Truett Carroll 81; Wanda Smith 91; Kenny Campbell 75; Kris Swentzell 49; Janice Cuckow Jones 79 cousin; Donnie Adams 82; Mickey Bradfield 75; Bert Nesselhuf 72; Frank Milenski 53; Rosemary Davis; Richard "Spider" Burnett 67; Harrison Miller 82; Pat Singleterry Ballou 71; Paul Lopez 88; Mary Jane Hesslink; Dickie Saar 69; Darryl Klingman 59; Ella Mae Yochum Burns 74; Ernest Jimenez 93; Elbert Heatwole 85; D K Spencer 89; Manitou, Cheryl's big dog; Sandra Vigil Ramirez 52; Harvey "Sonny" Adkins 74 (his wife Diane died 1-21-15); Dr. Baumgartner 77; Helmut Kienitz 78; Bill Rogers 80; and Carol Clifton 80.

We are looking forward to hearing from all of you. You are in our prayers. May God Bless all of you in 2016.

Love

Judy and William and "The Girls" - Taffy, Libby, and Chloe and HOSS

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2016

It's Christmas again! May yours be a joyful one and your New Year happy!

This year we had the most beautiful fall, never remember a fall being as long as this year. We did not turn the sprinklers off until the middle of November.

We have some good news – Bailey and Nathan had a baby girl November 30th. They named her Kennedy Lee, she is a very pretty baby – black hair and olive skin. Our first great grand child!!

We also have some sad news – we lost William's baby sister, Lucille; she was 76 and had been in the nursing home for 10 years. We lost our cousin, Mayda Nel Strong 74 and also a cousin, Andrew Johnson 25.

I lost "Happy" one of our Great Pyrenees, 12 years old and one of the donkeys - "Juanita" 20+ years and one of my little house birds – 15+ years.

We spend some time at doctor's offices. William goes once a month and I go every 6 months to the cancer doctor. I am active in church, Higbee Club, Cattlewomen, NARVRE, railroad group, Otero Museum Bean Supper, La Junta Livestock and Winter's Livestock Anniversary sales in March. In September I cook the meat for the Santa Fe picnic, and always go to "Oyster Fry" at White Rock, I meet once a month with Rocky Ford group that graduated together and once a month with La Junta group. Twice a year we have an alumini Rocky Ford group luncheon. I have helped with Kids Rodeo for 58 years.

For my 75th birthday, Jerrilea's family and Suzi's family, we met in Pueblo went to "Coors Tavern for sloppers then went down on Union Street for ice cream, we really had a nice day. William is busy – he goes to all of the sales and Trinidad Round-up. He sold his last horse this year, said he had had horses for 86 years.

Jerrilea and William still have a herd of goats. Bailey bought 3 head of calves for William to feed and butcher. So he keeps busy.

We had several out of town over-night visitors which we always enjoy.

Suzi's family is doing well. She and Nicholas left for New York City last night for a week's vacation. Michael changed jobs recently, but still doing same type of work. Cassi is working and Nicholas is working and going to school. They lost Romeo this year, they had hatched him from egg fifteen years ago, he was a turtle dove. C.J. the little dog they rescued also passed away, she 18 years old. Suzi works at home and does alot of traveling.

Jerrilea and Mark are now Grandma and Grandpa! As I said before, Nathan and Bailey had a little girl Nov. 30th. Mark got to move home September 1st. He was offered a job in a Dodge Dealership. Jerrilea is glad now he can do all of her honey dews! We are really glad to have him home after five years.

That's enough about my family – now news for our out of town families and friends.

RETIREMENTS

Monie Stites, Pat Finkner, Nelda and Ed Bender and Bob Blair.

GRADUATIONS

Shanna Riley, college at Alamosa; Kameron Robert Karney, 12th; Alexis Nichole Hext, 12th and Dahlia Westrack, 12th. *- Carey*

WEDDINGS

Aislyn Karney and Tano Miell, married in Mexico January 6, 2016

Missy Allen and Austin Kuhn married January 1st

Kelsey Ridenoure and Jess Price on June 4, 2016

Zeke Shoop, just recently

ANNIVERSARIES

Van and Joan Williams, 65 years; Audrey and Steve Benson, 65 years; Jim and Bette Grasmick 60 years; Russ and Mary Lou Karney 63 years; and M.B. and Marge Anderson 50 years.

BIRTHDAYS

Frank Wood 75; Bill Frye 90; Olive Warner 100; Mary Lou Karney 85; Caroline Kibler 75; and Gene Broce 80.

NEW BABIES

Shanna Riley adopted a little Yorkie that she found and named him Charley;

Cassi adopted a little black lab and named her Billie Jean;

Travis and Kristin Carpenter had a baby girl – Connie Violet Carpenter;

(Jack and Connie Clifton's grandbaby)

Jessica Fetzer and her husband had a little girl – Riley Marie (Jerry and Rita Bay are great grandparents);

Amy and Kip Proctor had a little boy – Jake

Billy Townsend had twin girls – Katie and Josie;

Bailey and Nathan Knapp had Kennedy Lee.

RECOGNITIONS

Nicholas Chierchie – Eagle Scout Badge

Isiah Chapparo – Eagle Scout Badge

Tribune Democrat recognized Clara Lee and Ed Stafford

Mayhoffer Family Farm – Conservationist of the year

Ag Appreciation Award went to Frank Milenski, in memory; Community Service Award – Bob Fowler

Patrick and Robin Karney – Colorado Cattlemens 2015 "Outstanding Commercial Producers of the

Year

Mack Myers – Inductee in CSU Hall of Fame

Barbara Dutton wrote a book Journey Through the Roses, Memories of a Farmer's Wife

Sunny Jim Orr – Inductee into the American Quarter Horse Assn Hall of Fame

Kimmi Lewis – Colorado House District 64 Representative

Jan McNeff – April Sunshine Award

Steve Ptolemy – Honary Life Recipient Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assn

Delbert Doc Jones – Outstanding Colorado Frontline Tourism Worker from Governor

Harry Vold – Inductee Bull Riding Hall of Fame, Ft Worth Texas

Ryan Anderson purchased his first dental practice

Jeff Black – Parade Marshall, Missouri Day Parade at Fowler

Joella Hill Kirkham wrote a book “Memories of a Cowgirl”

Jerry Gonzales Gonzales – July Sunshine

Ruth Anne Viscar – Grand Marshall AVF Rocky Ford

Gerald DeLong – Silver King AVF Rocky Ford

Bob Fowler – Story of Bob Fowler in Tribune Democrat

Gayle Danko – Early Settlers Day Parade Marshall

Judy Hensley – September Sunshine Award

Mark Grasmick – Tri County General Manager Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep

Suzi Karney – celebrated her 40th Class Reunion

La Junta Livestock, Honey Family and Van Williams Family were recognized by Hospice

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James McDonald 54; Rudy Salas 67; Richard Schlee 73; Beulah Hunnicutt 87; Burton Wright 82; Joe Lay 68; Betty Buckhaults 86; Emery Murray 77; Bill Nelson 89; Freddy Jones 79; Lloyd Hall 97; Alice Schultz 95; Charley Montanez 80; Dwight Rhiner 57; Loyde Gardner 96; Eli Adams 41; Clifford Walter 71; John Herrera 70+; Angela Bratum 95; Jack Wisemon 78; Darlene Coffield 72; Bill Rains 85+; Brook Pearce 23; Richard Jaynes 57; Vick Vickroy 94; Gary Lee Snyder 63; Merle Baublits 77; Robert Jackson 83; Marie Tribble 90; Loyd Goodwin 89; Frances Anderson 89; Gula Adams 93; Sharon Holms Martin 73; Wes Barnhart 73; Syble Morley Blocker 70; Gale Williams 76; Gary Johnson 69; Louise Fosdick 75; Austin Adkins Sanders 20; Charlie Lewis 88; Hostalia Sanchez Magane 75; Bill Sayre 77; Red Hinman 88; Max Lowry 70+; Bill Inskeep 84; Richard Eveatt 77; Jerry Hayes 75; Lance Walls 46; Craig Harada 48; Nancy Herrick 79; Nancy Compton 85; Claudette Lindsay 74; Peggy Roweth 76; Helen Showalter 93; Margie Ustick Roscover 75; Justin Buster Klein 36; Donna Menges 85; Helen Smith 88; Mary Trainor 61; Albert Siegfried 93; Amy Konishi 90; Margaret Musso 75; Doris Miller 82; Kenny Wickham 76; Geraldine Henson 82; Finis “Boog” Trainham 86; Gerry Gray 88; Alice Toppin 79; Jo Foste 84; Don Amend 88; Sean Trainor Griffith; 20; William Taylor Wilson 90; Jeanette Garner 51; Jordan Munoz 25; Jean Munoz 76; Tom Thomas 66; Sherrie Bilyeu Davis 50; Jeff Lease 64; Ed Wright 88; Mac Hadaway 68; Charlie Strandberg 83; Peggy Bates 95; Tony Aragon 94; Tom Fitzpatrick 61; Frank Huddleston 86; Mayda Nel Strong 74; Otis Adrian 85; Harold McDonald 68; Lyman Edgar 101; Shirley Ann Radacy Wilson 79; Rusty Walter 45; Jim Barr 83; Calvin Kennedy 82; Raymond Duran 84; Todd Orcutt 50+; Evelyn Spangle Amadei 97; Norman Dorenkamp 73; Willard Clark 85; Ozzie Spangler (Terry' Little dog); Ed Winters 83; Tim Danielson 65; Albert Salas 89; Zola Bamber 85; Allen Whorton 90; Andres Johnson 25; Roger Roath 60; Daniel Rusher 71; Donald Shriver 57; Lucille Karney Frost 76; Marvin Kubin 77; Abbie Stangle 40; Billy Lee Zumwalt 75; Jim Sullivan 64; Vernon Schwab 80+; Charlie Nichols 57; Vernon Hensley 92; Mary Alice Radacy Kratzer 87; Sonja Taggart 43; Kenny Zwick 66; T.J. Hunt 46; Jennie Lopez 77; Daryl Carlock 52; Dick Lynn 84; Christy Lynn Tucker 39; and Denny Wall 70+.

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2017

It's Christmas time again!

May God's Love light the way this Christmas and always.

We have had another beautiful but dry fall. We still do not need coats and it is the first of December. We had a one-day wind blowing in November. Now we have tumbleweeds! William and Jerrilea spent all day last Saturday burning, but the wind is blowing today, so it will blow in more tumbleweeds.

We lost Tiny (Great Pyrnees) on William's birthday. Treava and Benny lost Molly (Boxer), fifteen years old. And Saturday we lost Einstein (Garrett's goat that he had since he was a little boy. We love our animals so much, so it is so sad when we lose one.

We keep a calendar so that we know where we are supposed to go on which day. We have several doctor's appointments. I am active in twelve organizations. William still goes to all the sales each week. For my 76th birthday, Jerry Bay and I celebrated together at their house with a potluck supper. William and Jerrilea has a herd of goats. That keeps them busy, especially when they are kiddin'. In February I went to get my driver's license renewed, did not pass the test, found out I couldn't see. Had cataracts removed and finally got my driver's license in September!

We had several out of state visitors from Massachusetts, Utah, Texas and California. Always enjoy the company.

Suzi and Michael are doing well. Michael still hangs commercial doors. Suzi works at home and does a lot of traveling, which she loves. Cassi Jo works at YMCA and for a lawyer part time. Nicholas is an EMT.

Jerrilea and Mark are busy being Grandma and Grandpa to Kennedy!! Jerrilea works at her chiropractic office four days a week and Mark is busy with Tri-County Dodge Dealership. Garrett still works for an agricultural company in Boston. He is bringing Charity (his girlfriend) home for us to meet at Christmas. Bailey and Nathan are busy with Kennedy. Bailey has her business that she works out of the home and Nathan works in the family owned farming business. I finally got to baby sit with Kennedy last Saturday. Last Friday, I was gone in the afternoon, when I got home there was a beautiful decorated Christmas tree in the family room! I called Glenna and told her thank you -- she said she was not guilty. Come to find out it was Bailey and Nathan -- what a nice Christmas present.

Enough about my family – now news for our out of town families and friends.

RETIREMENTS

Bob Malden – 40 years BNSF Railway; Sandi Veirs – Southern Pacific Railway; Jerry Smith – 29 years Black Hills Energy; Candi Hill – editor of La Junta Tribune Democrat; Sue Hall – North La Junta Sanitation District; Wayne Mosher – 41 years BNSF Railway.

GRADUATIONS

All from high school – Sabrina Evans Mann; Nicole Emerson and Stephanie Marie Frantz.

WEDDINGS

Myrna Conditt and George Deihl
Kylee Jo Cahoy and Joe Ferd Frost

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Linda Adkins – 50 years; Russ and Mary Lou Karney – 64 years; Joe and Shirley Baublits - 64 years; Leland and Joanne Goodrich – 60 years

BIRTHDAYS

William Karney – 87; Hoss Karney – 2; Martha Bradfield – 100 and Doug Bellar – 100

NEW BABIES

Scarlett June, John and Shaylee Estes
Mckenzie Lou, Kelsey and Andy Johannes

RECOGNITIONS

Flo and Everett Jackson – saluted by WW Feed and Supply; Kimmi Lewis – Leaven Award, AAW highest award; Darlene Blackford – Instructor of the Year OJC; Brian Knapp – First Irrigated Divn National Growers Assn; Eldon and Doreen Gierhan – Service Award; Matthew Family – Conservationist of the Year; Winter L/S recognized Tribune Democrat; La Junta L/S recognized by Hospice; Rancho Largo, Grady Grissom – 2017 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award; Caryl Pearce – April Sunshine Award; Caroline Kibler – Best hat at Kentucky Derby party; John Haberman - May Sunshine Award; Harold Yoder – recognized in “Fence Post”; La Junta L/S recognized in “Fence Post”; Carol Wheeler recognized in “Pueblo Chieftain”; Geneva Thaxton – Yard of the Month Rocky Ford; Susie Sarlo – Sunshine Award in July; Nancy Bennett – Sunshine Award in August; D.J. Jones and Tri County GM - Arkansas Valley Fair Parade Marshall; Darnell Farms and Pearl Family Farms - Colorado Centennial Farms; Willie Rogers – Arkansas Valley Fair Silver King; Martie Schlegel - Arkansas Valley Fair Runner-up Queen; Al Guadagnoli – October Sunshine Award; San Jose Ranch, Bette Ann and Tim Erickson – Southern Colorado L/S Cattleman and Cattlewoman of the Year; and Judy Reyher – replaced Navarro House District 47.

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December 1, 2016 through December 4, 2017

Bob Berg 89; Joan Casebolt 85; Tivi Hernandez 94; Joe Dubois 89; Shirley Ann Ehrlich 82; Theodore Kuhns 87; Joey Sciumbato 73; Barby Darby 91; Phillip Patterson 64; Thermon Connally 67; Brothers Richard Lynn 84 and Don Lynn 87; Janice Keenan 84; Alice Elam 82; Carl Watkins 75; D.D. Mew Sr. 89; Richard Spaccamonti 50; Glen Kreft 64; Dave Zimmerman 89; Bryce Knowlton 61; Walter Westrack 80; George Bender 90; Judy Stephan Ginther 66; Judy Johnson 76; Manuel Raso Sr 78; Jimmy Dean Frost 76; Carlos Cornay 87; Jim Harper 75; Bill Buhr's Mom; Patricia Vulgamore 75; Ich Suto 91; Mary Fowler 91; Opal Holman 82; Clarence Groves 103; Gerald DeLong 84; Maxine Harper 90; Beulah Russell 85 (our cousin); Betty McIntyre 86; Dot Spencer 90; Sam Ramsey 87; Joe Bernal Jr. 47; Kit Ring 68; Ed Lee 84; Mark Estrada 91; Rose Marie Bollinger 86 (cousin); Patrick Staley 64; Loyal Stephens 81; Wayne Whittaker 86; Garth and Barbara Thingan's grandson; Clinton Jones 55; Rea McDonald 80; Linda Martin 65; Yancie McCuiston 19; Donna Mae Allen 88; Vaughn Downare 85; Harry Vold 93; Hadley Barrett 97; Eddie Cranson 60; Wendy Hilton 67; Opal Hollenback 79; B.T. Frost 85; Janice Massey Schultz 64; Lyle Davis 93; Korey May 27; Ellen Howard 92; Bonnie Jones 77; Dorene Love Clark 75; John Miera Jr. 55; Susie Wadleigh 87; Bonnie Jaynes 89; Bea Scott 92; Betty Wood 78; Joe Eagen 86; D.L. David Ruegg; Bruce Place 74; Kay Harmon 83; Carol McCoy 76; Rosella Smith 85; Eleanor Griffith 94; Bette Hershey; Muriel Wood Telfen 84; Pauline Sturges 93; Joshua Hannan 29; Augustin Franco 82; Vi Adams 79; Jerry Robbe 83; Preacher Paul Scholtz 68; Donald Brandfas 70; Patricia Waggoner 65; Louis Fuller 73; Joan Norris 83; Kay Verquer 78; Wayne Hartless 90; Bill Munger 75; Viola Dellinger 55; Patrick Etchart 65; Johnnie DeLeon Sr 75; Mary Ann McFall 64 (cousin); Paul Smith 68 (cousin); Corky Korinek 89; Billy Patton 86; Linda Root 67; Hazel Goebel 96; Gene Broce 80; Franklyn Heatwole 89; Howard Amerine 89; Bryan Goodwin; Norman Morgan 69; Ronald Morehead Jr 59; Fontella Gardner 95; Art Alsbaugh 76; Frances young 94; Barbara Bravo 89; Herb Schwien 87; Johnny Romero 69; Tead Russell 84; Roy Carlin 69; Arloine Wentworth 100; Leo Carroll 79; Theo Kelley 97; Eric Sterner 52; Virgil Weed; Huey Jones 87; Kay Ricken 82; Clara Smith 99; Retha McCray Hensley 94; Ann Kuebbeler 78; Charles Swann Jr 57; Johnny Dee Maher 73 (cousin); Don Honey 74; Jerre Ricken 84; Jack Dixon 88; Leota Burger 84; Kenton Harper 69; Alfred Bezzone 88; J.H. McCuiston 85; John Snelson 75; Jan Kazar 70; Carolyn June Harriman 96; Margaret Carrica Pults 81; JoAnn Keck 84; Barbara Eye 87; Carolyn Willhoite Thomas 72; Mac Jones 67; Thomas Fief 61; George Ansley 99; Frank Wood 76; Mary Ozzello 84; Sylvia Edwards Nipper 77; Charlie Gee 83; Bill Mizer 94; Chester Brewer 74 and Pat Gomez 83.

The list gets longer the older I get.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. We love the pictures and news letters!! May God Bless all of you in 2018.

Love

Judy and William

Taffy, Libby, Chloe, Marlie and Hoss

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“As the world celebrates in the wonder of His birth, may you be blessed with a joyous Christmas, and peace and happiness in the new year.”

We have had another beautiful but dry fall. We had a lot of wind last spring. On April 17th, Mark's birthday, we had a horrible wind storm. It completely tore up our sun porch. Michael came down and repaired the damages, now we have a veranda!

The tumbleweeds were horrible. Mark, Jerrilea and I spent most of spring burning them. Michael and Suzi came down one week end and helped burn. There were lots of fires because of them. On April 8th, William was pulling up trees with the tractor, that evening, he parked in front of the house, got off the tractor, slipped and fell and broke his hip, so he was out of commission for three months. Janie Petramala was a huge help, taking him to the pasture to see the horses (getting him out of my hair)

We keep a calendar so we know where we are supposed to be on which day. Seems like we have a lot of doctor's appointments. The last of November I went to the doctor to have my ears checked. He was more concerned about a little sore by my nose. Turns out, it was cancer so December 5th Bailey took me to Pueblo and I had surgery for that – will have a two inch scar by my nose.

I am active in twelve organizations. William still goes to all the sales each week. We celebrated our 60th Anniversary with a week end at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, compliments of the kids. In August “Kids Rodeo” surprized me with the rodeo being dedicated to me for my 60 years of volunteer work. I am retiring from working at the rodeo, but will still help with Queen's luncheon and the lunch on Sunday that Cowboy Church fixes for rodeo contestants. William still goes to Trinidad Roundup every year, takes the pickup and camper, leaves the motorhome at home. We don't take many trips out of town, but on Easter Mark, Jerrilea, William and I went to Raton to visit Mary Gayle and Bill.

I lost my little Taffy September 4th, she was 14. The vet said she was going to die 3 years earlier. We had her grave dug 3 years prior. Jerrilea lost Zane and Mia.

We had several out of state visitors this past year coming from Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Utah, Denver, Kentucky, and Texas. We always enjoy everybody coming.

Suzi and Michael are doing well, Michael is installing locks on doors at schools, so with a press of a button the schools will lock down against intruders. Suzi works at home on 5 computers and she travels a lot with her job. Cassi is working for a group of lawyers and she loves it. Nicholas and Bella moved in together last January. Nicholas is an EMT and Bella does book work.

Jerrilea and Mark are busy being grandparents to Kennedy. Jerrilea works at her chiropractic office four days a week. Mark is busy with Tri-County Dodge Dealership. They took several out of town trips this year. Jerrilea got a new miniature schnauzer, his name is Hooper. He is a character! Jerrilea spent her summer growing flowers for Garrett's wedding in August. Garrett and Charity got married in August at Encore in Rocky Ford. It was a beautiful summer wedding. The bridesmaids all stayed at my house, which was fun. On Friday night before the wedding, Ed and Nelda had the rehearsal dinner at their house for about 50 guests. When I was getting ready to go home, Nelda, Mark's mom, walked me to the car, so I wouldn't fall down. Later in the evening, Nelda fell down and broke her hip – bummer.

Garrett and Charity are getting ready to make a move to Austin, Texas. Garrett can work from home living anywhere. Right now they are in Boston. Charity will continue her education in Texas. They bought a house and right now Jerrilea and Charity are in Texas, cleaning the house and getting it ready to move into shortly after Christmas. I am dog sitting with Hooper and Sadie, Garrett and Charity's golden doodle.

Bailey and Nathan are busy with Kennedy Lee and working. Bailey works part time for a bank, sells chemicals and Hemp. Nathan is busy with farming and volunteer work. Kennedy celebrated her 2nd birthday November 30th, with a big party. Bailey is an expert at planning parties and decorations.

This catches us up to date on our family -- now news for our out of town families and friends.

RETIREMENTS

Joe Kelley – City of La Junta; Kevin Karney – 20 years County Commissioner; Pete and Betty Petersen – Air Conditioning and Heating; Jim Rizzuto – Otero Junior College President; Michelle Boggs - Safeways Pharmacy and Rhonda Horner – government.

GRADUATIONS

Shanna Riley – Master's Degree; Koby Alan Carey and Dally Goemmer from High School.

NEW BABIES

Eli David – Kerry and Jacob Froese

Brenden Jones – Kylee and Tim Bailey (Clara Jones great grandbaby)

ANNIVERSARIES – Milestone Anniversarys

65 years – Bill and Mary Gayle Baker; Russell and Mary Lou Karney; Darrel and Claudine Nimmo; Joe and Shirley Baublits; Don and Beverly Jones; Dottie and Bob Bryan.

60 Years – Caroline and Marvin Kibler; Judy and William Karney; Merle and Stan Loeffler; Melvina and Tommy Skinner; Bob and Jan Blair;

50 Years – Jean Kerr and Bill Turner; Audrey and Bill Varner.

45 Years – Denise and Mike Dutton

30 Years – Suzi and Michael Chierchie

4 Years – Catelyn and Cade Lockett

WEDDINGS

Charity Jewell and Garrett Grasmick; Svetlana and Ryan Anderson; Joshua and Shannon Fincham; Abbie Tanabe and Bo Karney; Jaime Carey and Taylor Hobbs; Michele Marquez and Johnny Yuterman

BIRTHDAYS Milestones

90 – Jeff Black; 89 – Russell Karney; 88- Geneva Carrica Thaxton; William Karney; 86 – Mary Gayle Baker; 85 – Bill Baker; 80 – Dorothy Muth; Max Grenard; Marvin Kibler; Donna Abert; Billy Morrow; Stella Martin; Al McGrath; Diane Christensen; Cathryn Anderson; 70 – Sandi Veirs; John Hostetler; Rita Bay; Dorothy Schultz; 62 – Jack Clifton; 60 – Rhonda Karney; Suzi Chierchie; Kevin Karney; Donna Records; Mary Linn Blanchard; 65 – Debbie Daggett; Hal Holder; Michael Chierchie; 40 – Shanna Riley; 25 – Bailey Knapp; 21 – Kayleigh Baker

RECOGNITIONS

Allen Hill – ARPA Board 8 years; Rick Klein – Community Service Award; La Junta Livestock - Agricultural Reward; Randall Roberson – new Chamber of Commerce President; WW Feed Co - World Federation Golden Book; Dave and Almabeth Kaess – Otero CO Conservation of the Year; John Hostetler – new County Commissioner; Rebecca Goodwin – Dana Crawford Award Preservation Award; Jack and Sylvia McCumber – recognized in “Western Horseman”; Teresa Willy – qualified National Barrel Racing Assn 2 years in a row; Jacelyn Frost recognized in “Rodeo News”; Jan Blair – Hospital Auxiliary 15 years; US Hiway 50, Swink to La Junta, named “SSG Brian Cowdrey Memorial Highway, he died in service to others; Wayne Walter – erected flag poles at La Junta Livestock, Train Hill and Swink in memory of Don Honey and Tom Walter; Rogene Smith – Grand Marshall of Missouri Day Parade in Fowler; Picketwire Players celebrated 50 years; Curtis Peacock – July Sunshine Winner; La Junta Mill - “Best of the Best” Farm and Ranch Supplies; Bob Fowler - “Best of the Best” Pharmacist; Nick Knapp – Best Firefighter; Pat McGee – August Sunshine Winner; Matt Buhr and Yancie McCuiston (deceased) honored at Colorado State Fair; Tom Cuckow and Mary Ann Allsworth attended 58th school reunion; Jody Harrington – October Sunshine Award; Garth Thimgan – recognized as an International Officer IAAO International Assn. Of Assessing Officer; Carrie Cutrell – 40 years at the hospital; and Ed Stafford – wrote poem about antelope, which hangs in La Junta City Council Chambers.

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December 4, 2017 through December 9, 2018

Erika Bryant 26; Sam Denton 70+; Eleanor Bar 70+; Michelle Trujillo 48; Norton Bender 80; Kitty Long 92; Lowell Goemmer 80; Ray Bryant 80; Doris Rizzuto 87; Gary Quick 75; Ted Bradley 90; Harry Sutliff 76; Nettie Morley 68; Anna Pointon 91; Leroy Lucero lost his little dog; our neighbor Barbara Jones 83; our other neighbor Dale Shoemaker 90; Linda Garrett 66; Josephine Davis 97; Martha Bradfield 100; Robert McClain 62; Mack Burtis 84; Squirrel Earlene Miller 79; Robert Branson 84; Wilma Tillotson 101; Donna Broce 83; Bob Hinkhouse 73; Evelyn Kinkade; Doug Bellar 100; Don Kaza 70+; Bob Rose 74; Tommy Walter 83; Melba Knowlton 96; Bernice Ortiz 72; Ken Kesterson 81; Bruce Schiffer 62; Leland Goodrich 83; Sylvia Page 89; Ralph Terry 74; Doris Ball 72; Ray Carter 83; Faye Manweiler 88, our neighbor; Tyler Yates 27; John Miller 92; Robert Schwingerer 77; Scott Pittullo Jr 71; Don Argo 60; Donald Martinez 60; Zane Grasmick 14, Jerrilea’s dog;

Deaths continued

Deb Vawter – 58; Michael Cannon 61; Vincent Greer 80; Roma Stanton 95; Susan Pieper 64; Janie Petramala's Dad 94; Barbara Kuhns 86; Frances Lay 89; Ann Clem 76; Donald Goebel 77; Penny Russell Graham (our cousin) 59; Hazel Corbin 94; Alvin Gutierrez 90; Leah Martin 93; Vernon Kuhn 64; Dona Aldea 83; Lee Bunting 87; Roger Hernandez 80; Danny Johnson 87; Charlotte Denton 77; Bill Lutz 77; Peggy Anderson 84; Dennis Munger 74; Chuck Denny 85; Russell "Ppie" Dionisio 76; Lucy Rizutto 96; Phyllis Geist 75; Betty Jean Bender 89; Jennifer Hanagan Baldwin 46; Dexter Hess 90; Lucille Ansley 87; James Autry 88; John Horber 71; Wes Sterner 80; Jeanette Sisroy Snyder 87; Richard Burr 84; Ronnie Inskeep 73, a cousin; Jeanie Ballard 81; Gene Shelton 74; Edker Wilson 97; Alice Selvage 89; Casey Barber 60; Sue Hall 86; Jean Anne Hudspeth Sabin 95; Mary Harwood 92; Aunt Olive 102; Faus Boy 21; Tommy Like 87; Tom Tanabe 76; Henry Aaron Miller 38; Rita Fuller 76; Sharon Murphy 81; Matt Buhr 44; Donald Kuhns 54; Lloyd Labrier 83; Karen Snyder-Estep 61; My little Taffy 14; Mary Jane Ward 60+; Allene Eagen 83; Joe Baublits 89; Polly Jessie 82; Phyllis May 80; Norma Price 85; Joanne McCune 91; Don Eddy 74; Bonnie McCurry 76; Dicky Malouff 60; Jerrilea's Mia died 8; Lorna Nichols Jenkins 90; John Stewart 98; Matthew Munoz 39; Ruth Muth Grenard 80; Francis Roberson 84; Jerry Chapman 78; Mary Hurtado 98; Jim Miller 78; Norma Cannon 80; Marie "Toots" McKampson 101; Linda Duff 77; John Haines 77; Gale Phillips 94; Rick Tucker 58; Marguerite Schlegel 95; Shirley Erickson DeLong 83; Dale Casebolt 89; Esther Lusk 90; Margaret Deahl Walters 65; Thelma Dillon 95; Frances Schlegel 90; Jack Pearce 84; Jane West 83; Cruz Munoz 73; Eleanor Jackson Pope Beaty 92; and Bill Russell 81.

The list gets longer every year, unfortunately.

At this time we are waiting anxiously for the NFR Finals to be over to see how our nephew does in the bull riding.

Joe Frost

We are looking forward to hearing from you. We love the pictures, news letters and cards!!
May God Bless all of you in 2018.

Love
Judy and William

and dogs Libby, Chloe, Marlie and Hoss

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

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2019

“May every Christmas Wish be yours this season and always”

Where has this year gone?? We had a nice fall, but dry. We did not have the wind and tumbleweeds as bad as we usually do, but bad enough!

We were busy (I don't know what we accomplished, ha) but we were busy. I keep a calendar so I know where we are supposed to be each day. I am still active in several organizations. Keep scrapbooks for clubs and family. Our biggest event was the birth of Brenden Crosby Knapp, our second great grandchild. On January 26, 2019, William fell off a different tractor from last year and broke his arm. So he was out of commission for a while. He went to the White Rock Oyster Fry in September, I did not make it as I was cooking the meat for the Santa Fe Picnic, which is the same day. The first of June, Bailey, Skyler Jones and I took a trip to Austin, Texas to visit Garrett and Charity and see their new home. In August I celebrated my 60th Class Reunion with my Rocky Ford Class and September I celebrated my 60th with my La Junta Class. My little Libby Jean (poodle 15,) died in May. The last of July I got two puppy schnauzers – Roscoe and Roxanne. Then in October, I lost Marley (my 12 year English Mastiff). In November wild dogs killed my llama (she was 19). In November William got his upper and lower eyelids fixed on both eyes. On Labor Day weekend William made his annual trip to Trinidad for the rodeo. This time he came home with a broken heart – Bill Baker, his best friend, was ran over by a bull and killed. In November I was gone for an hour, I came home and was going to do my chores, I went out to get on the golf cart, it was gone! Someone had stolen it in that hour that I was gone. Thanks to Suzi and facebook we got it back. Tune in next year for the continuing saga of the Karneys.

We had several out of state visitors this year and Geno Salas came from Canada. Always enjoy everyone.

Suzi and Michael are doing well. They invested in a Condo in Phoenix this year. Suzi still works at home and travels for her job from east to west coast. Michael is semi-retired. They went to San Francisco and the wine country recently. Suzi and some girlfriends are going to New York City December 18th for a “girls week”.

Cassi and Billie Jo, her labrador retriever, still live at home. She recently changed jobs – working for a light company – she got tired listening to the lawyers.

2019

Nicholas and Bella are doing well. Nicholas got his EMT Certification this year. Della is doing Data Processing. They recently purchased a condo in Aurora, CO. They went on a cruise in the fall. They rescued Finley, a shelter dog. They will pick up their Great Pyrenees puppy this next week.

Jerrilea and Mark are busy being grandparents!! Brenden was born October 21st. Kennedy turned three November 30th. They took several small trips this year. They are getting ready to go on a cruise to St. Thomas Islands in December. She lost one of her horses, Sweet – 22, in September. She bought Noah (20 year old horse) back for the third time. He was a colt that his Mama died the day he was born and one of the goats raised him. She also bought a new barrel horse – Paycheck.

Garrett and Charity bought a house between San Antonio and Austin. Garrett works at home and travels all over. Charity is still in school. They have acquired three dogs – Sadie, Macy and Murphy. They have another one they are dog sitting. They lost Lexie, 13 years old, this year. I think our whole family has gone to the dogs! They will be home December 26th for Christmas.

Right now, Bailey and family are in Florida enjoying the sunshine. They welcomed Brenden Crosby Knapp into the world October 21st. Kennedy is proud of her new baby brother. Nathan farms and Bailey and he has a herd of cattle to take care of. Bailey started a new business this year - "Wild Flowers Design", she makes fresh flower arrangements and decorates for formal affairs, weddings, etc.

This catches us up to date on our family – now news for our out of town family and friends.

RETIREMENTS

Peggy Martin (one of my cancer nurses); Sharon Sisroy (County Clerk/Recorder); Libby Lower (school district); and Joyce Watters Bond (South Mental Health); Kevin Karney – 20 years County Commissioner.

GRADUATIONS

Sarah Gunkel – Washburn University School of Law in Topeka Kansas
Jennifer Fincham – Registered Nurse – Kentucky
Skylar Jones and Jate Frost from the 12th grade.

NEW BABIES

Carter Jo Fincham – Joshua and Shanna (cousins)(Treava and Benny's 1st great)
Hazel Layne Johnson – Jeremiah and Katelyn (cousins) (Anna and Leroy Smith's 1st great)
Lucy Jo Kuhn – Missy and Austin (Gail and Millie's great)
Milana Illa Anderson – Ryan and Svetlana (Marvin and Caroline's 1st great)
Charlotte Elizabeth – Sarah Kerr (Glenna's great)
Layla Star – Daniel and Chelsey Walter (Glenna' great)
Brenden Crosby Knapp – Bailey and Nathan (Judy and William's 2nd great)

ANNIVERSARIES

20 Years – Darla and David Youngblood

30 Years – Lisa and Shane Frost

40 Years – Alma Beth and Dave Kaess; Darla and Bob Willbanks; Dave and Janet Hill

50 Years – Harold and Linda Yoder; Rick and Gloria Thomas

51 Years – Eddie and Jodi Hughes

60 Years – Loretta and Tano Paolucci; Betty and Bill Morrow; Don and Karlene Scofield

66 Years – Russ and Mary Lou Karney; Dottie and Bob Bryan;

Hope I got everybody and got it right!

WEDDINGS

For the first time in 61 years we were not invited to any weddings – guess we are getting old

BIRTHDAYS

30 Years – Nathan Knapp

50 Years – Michelle Grasmick Yetterman

70 Years – Denise Carrica; Jerry Bay; Jeannie Johannes; Gaylord Sallee; Rita Bay

80 Years – Melbra Bryant; Jake Woody; Garth Thimgan

90 Years – Don Armstrong; Russell Karney; Gale Casebolt

(Hope I got these right)

RECOGNITIONS

Rogene Smith – Pueblo Chieftain; Matt Burr Family – 2018 Chamber of Commerce Ag Award;

Skylar Jones – Swink Prom Queen; John Carson – Colorado Tourism Office Honor;

Wayne Walter – Citizen of the Year by Rocky Ford Elks; Betty Blanco – Patriot Spotlight Ark Valley Tea Party; Charlie Carson – May Sunshine Award; John Carson – one of 8 Top Frontline

Tourism Worker in Colorado Bent's Old Fort; Melbra Bryant - \$2000.00 level Elks National

Foundation; Dally and Riata Goemmer – Western Horseman; Harold Yoder – threw first pitch at Colorado Rockies Game against Baltimore Orioles during Beef Day at Coors Field in Denver;

Barbara and Rick Patton – Colorado Springs Gazette; Bette McFarren – July Sunshine;

Todd Adams and daughter Grace – Western Horseman, Boss at Hitch Ranch Panhandle, OK;

Alisha Knapp and Stephanie Frantz – front cover of The Fence Post July 22nd;

Marvin and Betty Harris – Grand Marshalls Missouri Day Parade; Brian and Katie Abbott Knellinger,

cousins of ours – Pueblo Chieftain Royal Gorge; Acoya Bartlett - 1st 3/8 and flag at Kids Rodeo;

Rebecca Goodwin – August Sunshine; BJ Thomas – runner up Silver Queen AVF;

Linda Senor – art exhibit and recognized by 4-H; Andy Schweizer – favorite electrician;

Charlene Garcia Simms – Inspiring woman of the Southwest; Josh Frost – Linderman Award;

Freckles Bustos – front page Pueblo Chieftain Veteran's Day; Billie Mack and Pat Adams -

2019 Cattlewoman and Cattleman, Southern Colorado Livestock Commission.

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Mamie Rene' Ede 88; June Daniels 89; Ann Smith (Las Animas) 93; Betty Harris (Eddie Harris Jr 86); Laura Stokes (my cousin 57); Irene Kenner Gee 86; Anna Showalter 95; John Eberly 79; Rose Skinner 92; Dean Bickel 80+; Pat Murray Drange 71; Gary Lynn Elliott 79 BNSF 79; Bill Haberman ATSF 81; Wendy McClure Howe Schneider 49; Summer Johnson Phillips 23; DeLoss Hinkley 84 ATSF; Leona Hinkley 79; Doris Mills 93 Terry son; Dale Corbin 74; Billy Jo Foste 77; John Estep 68; Steve Benson 86 Clyde Frost's brother in law; JoAnn Matthews 90; Gary Cramblet 66; John Stavely 97; Cecilia Miera 85; Anthony Chaparro 31; Ruth Malott 97' Gerri Hansen 88; Joyce McMichael 75; Deanie Fellhauer 73; Robert Dietz 74 Mary Cu ckow's brother; Dolores Martinez 81; Barbara Bouchie 87 Bertha Fritz's daughter; Don Lowman ATSF 94; Jimmy Trent 75; Bill Clark 82; Dale Rusher 92; Debbie Daggett Williams niece 65; Jan Yates 79; Sue Bewley 85; Georgia Ellis 89; Doris Hjelmstad 101: Delia Garcia 78; AJHall 58; Kay Kenner 89; Clarence Skipper 89; David Didier 55; Billy Frye 93; Sylvia Gobin 86; Eleanor Schiro 90; Betty Wooten 80; Elmo Raymond 102; Ronnie Schafer 85; Buddy Creech 77 (my childhood sweetheart) such a gentle man; Lon Robertson 61; Mr. Hirakata 91; Anna Willard 99; Dorothy Sirko 93; John Wiley 78; Carolyn Stutzman 91; Buster Norris 92; Anita Connally 64; George Dellinger 92; Betty Jean Igou 89; Sue Lewis 83; Richard Little 61; Jay Jolly 82; Wilbur Love 81; Jean Petrie 88; Joy Root 85; Clyde Grantham 91; Denise Dutton 69; Rosalean Jenkins Hadaway 71; Benjamin Springer 32; Cathie Huddleston 76; Charles Walker 96; John Miller 59; Merlyn Noe 75; Brother Mayo 83; Tom McFatrige Jr. 61; Jerry Spangle; Garrett and Charity's dog Lexi 13; Mr. Neugebauer (Buford's dad 99); Perry Venard; Jerry Lee Hall 82; Becky Inskip 85; Snooky Rorick 96; Melissa Hindman 39; Pat Kesterson 78; Don Perko 77; Judy Spaulding 78; Harry Voss 89; Tommy Allsworth Step-Dad 90+; Billie Sue Pantle 78; Ruth Whorton 78; Mae Bartholomew 79; Roxie Hoss 69; Ty Ingo 28; Darlene Blair 82; Sonja Barnes 80; Vernon Schulz ATSF 97; Donna Waugh 95; Wilda Carver 88; Will Rogers 89, Sandy Leonard's dad; Ruth Anne Monaco Boone Visker 87; Ramona Story 86; Billy Romjue 62; Luann Driscoll Petramala 60; Bill Baker 85; Tianna Yocam 27; Mike Cox 59; Eldo Miller 99; Dale Davis 75; B J Thomas 93; Sweet 22 Garrett's horse; Gerald Menges 92; Earl Hollis 88; Jean Burkhalter 81; Johnny Graves 86; Lenora Horn 87; Nadine Martin 86; Liz Greaser 70; Marley 12 my English Mastiff Dog; Marilyn Clark 89; Gene Frantz 80; Mary Ann Salas' Mom; Larry Holbrook 69; Jim Mihalek 80; Sissy Hill 67; Julio Rodrigues ATSF 95; Jodi Hughes; Tony Fosdick 83; T.L. Henderson 76; Jean Vasquez 72; Marge Riggins 84; Mario Hernandez 83 ATSF; Mary Pequete 93; Harold Scofield 93; and my llama Georgia 19 killed by wild dogs 11-24-19.

The list gets longer every year, unfortunately.

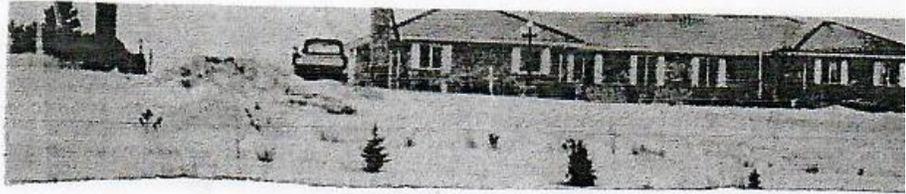
Rose Leu Hennigan and Jamie Baker put together a wonderful tribute to share with Mary Gayle on Bill Baker's birthday November 26th. Thank you for sharing it with the Karney Family.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. We love the letters, pictures and cards!!
May God Bless all of you in 2020.

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2020

This Season, "May your home be a place where miracles gather"!

Boy, another year has come and gone!! Had a lovely fall, did not turn lawn sprinklers off until November 1st. Didn't have tumbleweeds until the middle of November when a windstorm hit, could not even get through the gates.

Our biggest event this year was the marriage of our grandson Nicholas Chierchie to Bela Christensen. Account of the "Pandemic" we did not go.

We were not very busy socializing this year as most all events were canceled. Jerrilea and I took a road trip in May over to Durango, she had a seminar. Suzi spent the first week in July with us. Kids Rodeo had a dinner and dance in July, this was the only open event for the year. In October I baked a birthday cake for senator elect, Cory Gardner, however he lost the nomination. I lost little Chloe, the dog I inherited from Edna, William's sister. Chloe was sixteen years old. In July one of my little birds passed away. He was 20+ years old. I still have his little brother. In March a little black dog showed up down at the corrals with the goats.

He had a choke collar on that was too big. His front leg was through the collar and he walked on three legs. The collar was cutting into his skin. In October, I finally was able to get ahold of wild-life and Joey came out and trapped the dog and we got the collar cut off. He is doing well, although he still will not let us pet him. In October Ace of Spades had a dinner dance at their annual awards ceremony. William was honored as the only surviving charter member. This was the Club's 72nd Anniversary.

Even though the country was shut down, we still had visitors from Texas, Utah and Nebraska.

We had a lovely Thanksgiving Dinner at Jerrilea's and Mark's. Their were just eight of us. Unlike the usual bunch of twenty or so.

Tune in next year for the continuation of the Karneys'saga.

Suzi and Michael are doing well. Michael is semi-retired. Suzi still works at home and travels. She goes to San Diego next week. They traveled the day after Thanksgiving to their condo in Phoenix. They will spend the winter down there. Cassi and Billie Jo, her lab, are still in Denver, where she works at a light company. Nicholas and Bela got married October 10th and bought a condo in Denver. They have two dogs, Luna and Finley. She is a bookkeeper and he is a paramedic. Nicholas received a letter from the Mayor on his excellance work.

Jerrilea and Mark are doing well. She still has her chiropractor's office. Mark still works as Dodge Dealer Manager. Tri-County recently sold to Perkins at Colorado Springs. Jerrilea bought a new horse – Payday. They are going to the rodeo finals next week in Texas. They will meet Garrett and Charity. Garrett and Charity still live near Austin Texas. They have three Dogs – Sadie, Macy and Murphy. They lost Maggie, their pit bull this year. They got to come to Colorado for two months in the spring account of the pandemic. Bailey and Nathan are still farming. Bailey has her flower shop, she does a lot of weddings and funerals. Kennedy just turned four and Brecken turned one. They are just returning from a vacation in Mexico.

This catches us up to date on our family – now news for our out of town family and friends.

RETIREMENTS

Danny Chaparro – Signal Department BNSF
Karen Menges – SECPA
Ed and Beverly Kite – First Church of God
Ron Kendall

GRADUATIONS

Cameron Eugene Frantz – High School Salutatorian

NEW BABIES

Aubrey Lea and Brynley Joan Knapp – Danielle and Nick
Caylin Fincham – Joshua and Shannon
Adalynn Froese – Kerry and Jacob
Luella Rose Frost – Joe and Kylee
Lincoln John Schweizer – Andy and Kelsey
Gail Wade “G.W.” Kuhn – Missie and Austin

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ann and Tommy Allsworth - 60th
Jimmie and Ruthie White 70th
Dottie and Bob Bryant - 67th
Russ and Mary Lou Karney - 67th
Barbara and Rick Patton - 40th
Nelson and Linda Corbin - 60th

RECOGNITIONS

Steve Milenski – wrote a book - “Just Me”; Tano Paolucci – honored Colorado High School Activities Assn – Wrestling; Suzi Chierchie – employee of the month in February; Kimmi Lewis - Muddy Valley Ranch 2019 Conservationist of the Year; Weston Burr – Creativity Award Youth Program Communities That Care; Weston Burr – FCCLANational Vice President of Community Service “Family, Career and Community Leader of America; Aspen Autry – World Champion Junior Girls Barrel Racer Little Britches Rodeo; Reece Wadhams and Beto Cisneros – NHSR Assn Finals Reserve Champ Team Roping.

BIRTHDAYS – MILESTONES

1 year old – Brecken Knapp and Grayson Bacon

16 year old – Jacelyn Frost and Karisa Lower

20 year old – Bridget Baker

25 year old – Charity Grasmick and Nicholas Chierchie

30 year old – Sarah Gunkel + *Cassi Chierchie*

60 year old – Chris Gutierrez, Rae Ann Waggoner

65 year old – Michael Chierchie

80 year old – Bill Yates, Denny Salzbrenner, Mary Ann Spangler, Carolyn Smith, Don Scofield

85 year old – Osa Amend and Betty Danielle

90 year old – Geneva Thaxton, Burch Ritter, Peggy Stayley, Bonnie Casper, William Karney and
Lois Freidenberger

*70 years - Russell Cranson
Dave Hill*

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Peggy Lewis 91; Kathryn Karney Maher 95; Kimmi Lewis 62; Margaret Beattie 80; Patsy Barber Kerr 60+; Bud Quick 87; Joe Pat Day 66; Buddy Feemster 82; Mary Cranson 92; Kelly Edgar Clodfelter 89; Gale Root 84; Loretta Paolucci 82; June Robertson 86; Ila Frances Adams 89; Linda Blazer 78; Pauline Huff 97; Edith Hall 96; Homer Kenner 85; Tim Abel 59; Dr. Ray Estep 93; Bill Donnell 68; Nelda Bender (Jerrilea and Mark's Mom) 76; Dub Couch 90; Davey Fraser 61; Clyde Frazier 79; Peggy Moorehead 83; Connie Wickham 76; Ronald Darcey 70; Cheryl Freidenberger 70; Franklin Price 82; David Youngblood 80; Mary Gayle Baker 87; Lynn Jones 81; Nancy Inge Baker 86; Letha Bond 99; Rogene Smith 89; Lyndell Bickford 72; Terry Rusher 66; Vickie Johnson Salas 56; Neva Herrell; John Jaure 80; Charlene Nielsen 93; Milton Sommers 72; Ruby Moreland 99; Forest Harmon 86; Stanley Loeffler 81; Solomon Torrez 85; Gerald Jensen 91; Mary Sandoval 102; Sylvia Ehrlich Grasmick 83; Bob Cody 92; Illene Black 86; Frank Zanetell 86; Doris Fellhauer 88; May Jane Moreno 90; James O'Neil 72; Jeanette Taliaferro 95; Dennis Busch 64; Pat Landrum; Shelly Hollenback 54; Deborah Vigil 56; Rose McClain 86; Jimmy Hindman 78; Larry Funderburg 78; Gigi Givan 66; Chope Archuleta 63; Haile – Sheila Schlegel's little dog; Larry Fisher 78; Conrad Gerlock 79; Judy Daniel 82; Earl Martin 92; Gaylord Sallee 70; Ruth Ann Russell Voss 89; Donald Groves 78; Kenny Brumit 73; Billy Schneider 69; Wayne Clemenson 89; Ellis Weir 78; Sally Bender 54; Jovie Kuhn 43; Eva Luna 82; Julius Johannes 99; Ward Mills 70+; Eleanor Logan Pearson 93; Lavonne Miller Huffman 83; Tommy Erickson (Ruby & Rick Inskeep's son) 64; Nelda Ridley 85; Alma Jane Inskeep Lewis 89; Leonard Vance 88; Homer Jenkins 88; Paul Jenkins 80+; Paula Malott 78; Kenneth Campbell 69; Nick Correy Horton 34; Dave Blevins 73; Darrel Fenter 77; Lois Springer 92; Gary Dougherty 77; Midge Cranson 94; Robert Leo Walker 80; Jeannie Heltibridle 76; Buster Walker 89; Marvin Norris 64; Sharon Cox 72; Chris Johnson 62; Roy Adair 97; Floyd Adair 80; Donald Marks 44; Dorothy Kubin 84; Bonnie McCleary 89; Buddy Karney 83 (William's brother); Jim Hardman 80; Ralph Rogers 76; Allen "469" Dean Tucker 78; Charlie Murray Barber 80; Dave Kuebbeler 83; John Vandetti 93; Jolene Brewer 76; Keith Dodson 50+; Suede Hanson 91; Beverly Jones 87; Carl Zimmerman 71; Georgia Thorp 97; Dexter McNeff 86; Gary Darnell 59; Mark Miller 60; Lora Jean Groves Moore 56; Mike West 76; Larry Tanabe; Ned Little 80+; Leroy Smith (cousin married Anna Inskeep) 86; Carolyn Chierchie 57; Donnie Henson 84; Randy Mosher 60; Ronnie Nava 81; Jack Crowder 96; Olen Page 94; Leon Love 80;

Deaths – 2020

Bob Smith 92; David Grasmick 73; Johnny Mestas Sr 91; Larry Warinner 82; Russell McDonald 62; Arnold Mondragon 65; Jimmie Sterling 86; Luella Miller 82; Janice Bacon Eckerdt Walker 80; Gus Gearhart 85; Joe Rocha 90+; Virginia Wilder Barnes 105; Connie Rogers 78; Bill Blecha 74; Alex Trebec 80; Bill Riggins 86; Ethel Oquist 89; Barbara Hendrie 85; Lonnie Davis 80; Ed Hunnicutt 74; Johnny Bradshaw 77; Carolyn Lee Mayo Doherty 79; Dixie, Dianne Willhoite's little dog; Maria "Concha" Calvillo 82; and Erlene Hughes 89.

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Open your heart at Christmas
And not just for one day
Open your heart at Christmas
Let this beautiful feeling stay
For caring, generosity and love
we treasure through the year
Don't wait until Christmas
to share it with those you hold dear.
(S.M. Carne)

Another year has come and gone!! We have had lovely fall weather and still are. Turned the sprinklers off last of November.

We did not do much socializing this year account of COVID. Remember the little black dog that I rescued last year. Last January 1st our goat dog, Gracie, presented us with eight little puppies. You never saw such a litter! Well, Gracie passed way in June, so we kept three of the pups for our goat dogs. Two of the pups went to Gilette, Wyoming, two to Rocky Ford and one drowned in the stock tank. In March, I brought Tedi up to the house. My other Little Bird passed away – 21 years old – no more inside birds! I still kept busy with all my organizations. I just finished with a 2-week bout with the flu. No COVID! Now William is sick with it. He still has a herd of goats and has had to haul water to the horse pasture. He takes in all of the local sales. Last year for my 80th birthday and Jerrilea's 60th birthday, Suzi flew us down to Phoenix for a week. What fun – no work and no chores. I love Phoenix.

Suzi and Michael are doing well. He is semi-retired. Suzi and a friend just opened an antique store last week in Denver. Suzi works at home and travels. As I am writing this, she is in Hawaii. Cassi Jo is working for a high-end furniture store. I guess they will be going to Phoenix for the winter soon. Nicholas is an EMT and Bella is a bookkeeper. They just got back from Maine.

Jerrilea and Mark are doing well. As I am writing this, Jerrilea is in Penrose Hospital having a hip replacement. Mark is still with Perkins Motors. Mark's Dad passed away last week – Parkinson's. Garrett and Charity are doing okay. Charity was in a "razor" wreck and hurt her right foot, ankle and arm. Garrett has done an excellent job taking care of her. They are expecting in March. Bailey and Nathan and kids are doing good. As I am writing this, they are in Old Mexico.

Now news for our out of town friends and family -

RETIREMENTS

Almabeth Carroll Kaess from Otero College

Cody and Tammy Ridenmoure from Rocky Ford School District

Shirley (Dr. Shand's Nurse)

Joe Frost (our nephew) retired from bull riding account of blood clots, to pursue other jobs
father and husband, rancher, dog trainer "Frost Stock Dogs" and announcer

GRADUATIONS

Charity Grasmick from college with a nutritional degree

WEDDINGS

Joshua Frost and Erika Chartrand

ANNIVERSARIES

Lance and Jamie Baker – 25 years

Rita and Jerry Bay – 35 years

Bill and Donna Records – 40 years

Brenda and Dave Daniher – 50 years

Ernest and Judy Trujillo – 50 years (Wichita, KA)

Mary Lou and Russell Karney – 68 years

Dottie and Bob Bryan – 68 years

Joan and Van Williams – 71 years

BIRTHDAYS

Bridget Baker – 21 years

Garrett Grasmick – 30 years

Jeremy Mann – 40 years

Carol Russell – 60 years

Jerrilea Karney Grasmick – 60 years

Classmates and friends turning Big 80

Pat Hayashi, Jan Blair, Judy Karney, Karlene Scofield, Jean Eveatt, Barb Patton, Patti Bennett,
Caroline Kibler, Joella Hill Kirkham, Don Grasmick, Wayne Johannes, Judy Miller, Geno Salas, Mary
Ann Allsworth, Donnetta Warinner and Barbara Thingan

Mary Lou Coffield – 90 years

Mary Lou Karney – 90 years

Kenny West – 90 years

William Karney – 91 years

Russell Karney – 92 years

NEW BABIES

Tillie Lou Luckett – Cade and Katelyn – Mary Lou and Russ's greatgranddaughter.

RECOGNITIONS

Joanne Goodrich Family – Cattlewoman of the Year at Kim; Julie Clark Sumpter – Top hand of the year, Stockman's Ball Trinidad; Melbra Bryant – 2021 Elk of the year – La Junta; Rebecca Goodwin's Japanese-American project – award from Colorado State Historical Preservation Office; Zane Leininger – Platinum sponsor OJC Ag Scholarships; New York Mets Center Fielder Brandon Nimmo honored by MLB Network; Alex Aldred Adams wrote her autobiography "Alejandra: First Lady of the New Bent's Fort"; Brenda Daniher wrote "Sparky and Friends"; Don Moore recognized in "Journal" on his retirement; Andee Leninger is new recruiter OJC College; Dawn DiPrince – executive director History of Colorado; Jay Johnson – Grand Marshall Crowley County Parade; La Junta Hall of Fame Class of 1949 – Jerre Church, Ron Davis, Homer Jenkins, Harris Mendosa, Jim Rizzuto, Dean Strain, and Jim Wallace; Pat and Billy Adams – Grand Marshalls of Trinidad Round-Up Parade; Cindy Lower Smith – recognized as school photographer and Technical Specialist; Ground Breaking for La Junta's new nursing home "Blue Stem Village", and Josh Frost 2019 and 2021 "Bill Linderman Award".

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Deaths continued

Larry Damron 65+, Lisa Montoya 90, Robert Montoya 89, Don Deaton 80+, Janice Clark 63, Tommy Goodrich 84, Raymond Gonzales 73, Les Horn 91 (Verleen Karney's dad), Frank Givan 65, James Yett 80, Don Overmyer 75, Robert Frazier 65, Freckles Bustos 89, Bill McCanless 79, Sheila Burns 75, John Marlman 83, John Beal 83, Sharon Markus 82, Bonnie Carlile 87, Bill Butler 77, Sandra Foulk 70, Danny Mallott 64, Norma Jean Lloyd 87, Joy Shoup 89, Eva Phillips 90, Larry Hiraki 63, Cheryl Ann Crosson Hellmann 77, Clyde Stewart 72, Truman Lusk 94, Fred Justice 93, Ruth Abel 83, Jerry Stephenson 81, Butch Hall 83, Herb Grasmick 79 (Mark's Dad), Norman Fleischacker 89, Bob Carrica 88, John Powell 79, Kenneth Williams 76, Delores Cox 84, Russell Smith 71, Donna Schwartz Roberts 76, Willie Miller 63, Ann Coker, Cora Mae Johnson Vandetti 90, Donna Honacker 88, Christine Bryant Chapman 78, Roxana Darnell 70 and Jake Woody 82.

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We are hoping that Josh Frost does well in the bull riding at the NFRA!

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Beautiful spring and fall!!

Garrett and Charity gave me my third great grandchild – March 8th – Adalyn J Grasmick.

Then as most of you know my best friend and husband, Karney, passed away on March 27, 2022. He was ninety-one, working on his Ford tractor down at the corrals. What a blessing – no hospital no nursing home. He had sold his last horse and all of his goats and paid his hay bill. His best friends, Bill Baker and Bob Karney were in “Cowboy Heaven” and he was ready to go. Over 300 people came to his service to say good-bye.

After greeting 300+ people my right leg was sprained. I suffered extreme pain in that leg and was on a walker until I had hip surgery, August 11th. The pain went away, but still on a walker. Two weeks ago, I was in the garage and fell hard on the cement floor, back to the hospital in the ambulance for xrays. Fortunately, my low back was sprained no breaks. Back on the walker!!

Kept active in most of my organizatiions. Darla Youngblood, Jerrilea and Rita have been my chaeuffers. In July, Joy’s sister, Angela and John remodeled my kitchen which was long over-due.

I had lots of out of state company the past few months and lots of people dropping by to visit.

November 15th my Saint Bernard, Hoss, passed away with cancer.

I had Thanksgiving Dinner at my house. I cooked the turkey and everybody brought the rest.

Suzi and Michael are doing well. Suzi is traveling a lot with her job. Michael is still hanging doors and helping Suzi at her store. Suzi stayed with me two weeks after my surgery. Chaz popped the question, he and Cassi will be getting married in the near future. Nick and Bella are doing well - Suzi and Michael are going to be grandparents, Nick and Bella are expecting! Suzi and I spent two weeks in Phoenix in June. We got to go see cousins Patsy and Wes in Gilbert, R.D. in Wickenburg and Lisa and Scott in Chandler.

Jerrilea and Mark are doing well. Jerrilea checks on me daily and does chores for me that I am unable to handle. When she is gone, attending seminars, Mark steps in. Jerrilea is still having hip problems from her surgery last December. Mark is getting a new office at "Perkins Motors".

Bailey and Nathan are busy all the time. Bailey has a herd of cattle that she takes care of. They work at the Knapp Market all summer. They are remodeling their future home at this time. Will spend Christmas in Florida. Kennedy started kindergarten this year, taking ballet and gymnastics. Brecken is all boy – 3 years old. Bailey checks on me daily.

Garrett and Charity purchased a beautiful home in Ordway and had it remodeled. Jerrilea, Joy and I went to Texas before they moved, to their baby shower. After they moved, Charity had surgery on her foot after her July 2021 accident. They are both doing well. He works from home and travels. Charity takes care of Adylyn. They make it over to visit at least once a week.

Now news for family and out of town friends.

GRADUATIONS

Karissa Lower, Connor Frantz and Jacelyn Frost all from high school.

RETIREMENTS

Gayle Danko Eveatt – 28 years school district

Mary Belew – 34 years – school teacher

Gloria Thomas – many years – hospital

Dennis Smith – 40+ years Otero County Treasurer

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Lou and Russell Karney – 69 Years

Bob and Dottie Bryan – 69 years

Diane and Alvin Davis – 60 years

Judy and William – 64 years

Millie and Gail Allen – 50 years

Mary and Tom Cuckow – 50 years

Karen and Bill Burr – 50 years

Mary Linn and Jesse Blanchard – 45 years

Jerrilea and Mark Grasmick – 35 years

BIRTHDAYS

18 years old – Karissa Lower and Jacelyn Frost

21 years old – Jate Frost

25 years old – Sydney Bacon

30 years old - Ki Lynn, Joe Frost, and Kensy Price

55 years old - Shane Frost

60 years old – R.D. Karney and Carla Wehr

65 years old - Jesse Blanchard

70 years old - Melinda Rusher

75 years old – Allen McCloy

80 years old – Dianne Willhoite, Leroy Lucero, Linda McComas, Treava Mann, Betty Morrow, Benny Mann, Clara Jones, Tom Cuckow, and Judy Trujillo

BIRTHDAYS (cont)

85 years old – Glenna Walter and Regena Carroll

90 years old - Barbara Dutton, Sachi Fujimoto, and E.J. Heatwole

95 years old - George Deihl

NEW BABIES

Lanae Rae Frost – Joe and Kylee

Atalyn J Grasmick – Garrett and Charity

Koher Lee Hatch – Keaton and Aislyn

Sophia Anderson – Ryan and Svetlana

Bexton Wayne Bailey – Kylee and Tim

RECOGNITIONS

Jan Blair – Chamber of Commerce Community Award

Kevin Waggoner and Teresa Walz – Chamber of Commerce Ag Award

Dusty Tuckness – Lane Frost Award

Erin Karney – Vice President Colorado Cattlemen's Association

Sheridan Honey – Prom Queen at Cheraw

Colby Jones – Prom King at Cheraw

Ardith Bruce - "Loyalty to the Sport of Barrel Racing, Fence Post"

Debbie Carrica Phillips – Artist of the Month – Pueblo West library

Ardith Bruce – inducted Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Barrel Racing

Acoya Bartlett – won steer riding Fowler Missouri Day

Knox Proctor - 1st place Baby Contest Fowler Missouri Day

Raymond Winter (Winter Livestock) Cattle Marketing Hall of Fame

Gracie Lowman – Silver Queen Arkansas Valley Fair

Harakata Farms – 100 years award – Colorado State Fair

Catherine Anderson - 1st Attendant to Colorado State Fair Queen

Taylor Mendenhall – Arkansas Valley Fair Queen

Margaret Oxandabura Lewis – Southern Colorado Livestock Assn. "The Legacy Award"

K.C. Jones - recognized in Nov. 22 "Rodeo News"

Kristen Vold – Inducted National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Texas

Rita Schneider Bay – resigned from duties of President, Higbee Get Together Club, after serving well over 20 years

Carol Russell – new president – Higbee Get Together Club

I SAID GOODBYE AND SENT SO MANY CARDS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

December 1, 2021 through December 1, 2022

Willie Darnell, Larry Trimble, Marilyn Ritter Mast 86, Clyde Dell 83, Geraldine Dell 82, Donnie Grasmick, Johnny Mestas 61, Don Wren 82, Daryl Fritch 67, Bill Tague 89, John Rooks 83, Mike Buckner 78, Marjorie Hiza 96, Ronnie Lucero 62, Freddie Freidenberger, Alma Kuhns, Jackie Pacino 70, Judy Albrecht 75, Cindy Huff 68, Denny Salzbrenner 81, Lawrence Romero 65,

DEATHS (cont)

Jim Chancellor 80+, Al McGrath 83, Gene Long 75, Florence Barber Price 71, Lucia Arrellano 86, Jimmy Engle 91, Hildegard Malers 91, Davy Direzza 86, Dean Prull 78, Loretta Goode 95, LaVaya Cox Garrett 85, Polly Inskeep Benson 90 (Cousin), Clyde Armstrong 87, Bob Montoya 75, Eleanor Hergenrader Quick 87, Janet Castaleno 62, Mary Jane Gearhart 89, Loretta Schwartz 83, Bob Karney 89 (cousin), Don Armstrong 92, Jim Herrell 70, Betty Yergert 81, Ronnie Wadleigh 79, Wesley Daggett 90 (Brother in Law), Johnny Verquer 81, Sharon Kay Winfrey 68, Mary Ellen Hawker Inskeep Erickson 71 (cousin), Leonard Butch Waldron 74, Shirley Jean Blazer Quarles 81, Dan Maes 59, Tom Trumble 63, Tommy Giadone 57, Celia Rangle 95, Burch Ritter 91, Leona Roberts Seal 81, Nelson "Pete" Corbin 80, Louis Snelson 89, Billy Ray Boggs 72, Pat Danielson, Cindy Watters Roher 79, Nancy Casebolt 88, Jessie Redd 96, Jay Scott 73, Sarah Clawson Damgaard 74, Barbara Powers 92 (Joy Klein's Mom), Fern Morlan 84, Rudy Masias 80, Stoney Stonestreet (Emmett Lee) 79, William Karney 91, Barbara Rosales 70, Calista Schneider Graves 88, Leonard Yergert 71, Jack Marshall 94, Norman Bailey 84, Mike Miller 71, Fred Dorenkamp 90, Larry Proctor 84, Della Merwin 89, Bob Freidenberger 73, Paul Gonzales 83, Judy Hannebaum Eden Miller 80, Willie Miller 64, Greg Grenard 59, Peggy Allen 98, Priskey (my border collie) 1, Justin Jones 58, Janet Schiro 64, Sharon Phillips 61, Lillian Malouff 90+, Mac Harrison McCune 96, Delbert Norris 81, Eva Jean Apker 94, Donna Mae Osmani Like 81, Rod Hoffmeyer 65, Kip Patton 90, John Reed 48, Heath Grantham 46, Don LaCrue 83, Rose Marie LaCrue 76, Ron Kendall 87 (brother in law, Lucille's second husband), Mike McDonald 67, Benny Gonzales 75 M/O railroad, Albert Manchego 103, Eldon Gierhan 86, Van Williams 86, Earl Munsell 91, Tony Sigala 81, Rick White 72, Skyla Jean McKee 65, Darlene Moenck 64, Jake Freidenberger 66, Cotton Rosser 93, Ardith Bruce 90, Lloyd Mueller 88, Larry Stark 87, Nadine Mann Deane 74, Shirley Cody 90, Linda Adkins 75, Marge Anderson 75, Virginia Lee Goodwin Wood 74, Bert Huff 84, Donnie Grasmick 80, Irene Bonadano 91, Josie Palacio Gutierrez 81, Stuart Mendenhall 59, Cheryl Richert 64, Jeannie Hart 72, Muriel Morgan 95, Gilbert Groves 84, Kay Cole Russell 81, Richard Lantz 85, Willie Olson 84, Marlene Wills LeBlanc 83, Dale Kesterson 94, Eunice Bogner 88, Mary Yoder 79, Shirley Walter 86, Gina Salazar 61, Jim Giadone 66, Nancy Rudolph 90, Cockle Burr (Bailey's shetland pony) 25, Alvin Bender 87, Chris Armstrong 25, Fred Schulz 71, Lance Aschermann 82, Robert Aschermann 81, Maxine Fisher 75?, John Milenski 71, Judy Davidson Lusk 85, Vern Giltner 70, Zelma Klingman 92, Hoss (my Saint Bernard) 7, Chris Lucero 84 (Chief of Police in Rocky Ford), Delbert Smith 81.

The list gets longer every year.

I hope you all have a very good new year!! I am looking forward to hearing from you, I love letters cards and pictures and phone calls.

I am hoping Josh Frost does well in the bull riding at the National Finals in Las Vegas.

May God Bless all of you in 2023.

Love

Judy

Judy and my 4 legged buddies – Roxanne, Roscoe, Tedi and Buddy

Thank all of you for attending Kalmepi service, cards, phone calls, flowers, food, & visits. I do appreciate everything.
Judy

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Kids Rodeo Secretary Makes It Go

By GAIL PROAPS

The 47th annual Kids' Rodeo is just around the corner. Entry deadline has come and gone, and it's time to get event schedules drawn for the August 3-5 rodeo.

And who is chosen for that job?

Judy Karney has been the Kids' Rodeo Association secretary for 16 of the 27 years she has been affiliated with the organization. "If there are any goof-ups out there," she said, "it's always my fault. I'm the one in charge of scheduling.

As the secretary of a rodeo association, Mrs. Karney has many duties not found in most office jobs — like in her regular work as a secretary for the Santa Fe.

For example, in the days and weeks prior to the rodeo she could be among the volunteers who chop weeds, paint fences, clean toilets, check to make sure all help have their passes, wash and iron racing vests and judges' vests.

For the secretary, there are the late hours at the Chamber of Commerce, and always lots of phone calls to answer.

"During the rodeo," she added, "I always have a hanky ready for some little tyke that didn't win and comes up to me crying. You put your arm around them and try to soothe them — almost crying with them.

"Then there are the happy ones you have to put your arm around and congratulate. That's what makes my job worthwhile and keeps me coming

back every year — the kids; they are just wonderful and now I am in my second generation."

What it takes, according to Mrs. Karney, to get the rodeo together each year is "lots of hours and lots of people!"

"We work year round, meeting together five times during the year. The greatest difficulty experienced by the board of directors is finding a chairman for the year. We have to beg, borrow and cheat to get a chairman," she said.

This year, the committee begged, borrowed and cheated Carolyn Kibier into the chairman's seat. The Kibier family has been with the Kids Rodeo many years.

About 115 kids from all over Colorado as well as from California and Pennsylvania, are signed up for this year's rodeo. Contestants can have up to eight entries in timed events and races.

In addition to daily prizes of gifts certificates and points accumulated for finals, four saddles will be awarded to the "All-Round Champions" — junior and senior boy, and junior and senior girl. Saddles, worth about \$800, are donated by Otero Savings and Loan, Colorado Bank and Trust, La Junta State Bank, and the Gene Broce family.

The La Junta Chamber of Commerce donates money for gift certificates. Trophies are donated by Chamber members and individuals.



JUDY KARNEY

The Minsic Brothers from Model, have provided the livestock (bulls, brones and roping calves) for many years. Said Mrs. Karney, "The Minsics have provided the stock for so long, they will provide the 50th Kids Rodeo (1987) for free."

Many folks have been involved

with the rodeo over the past 47 year. Newt Henson and Tommy Richard have been with the Association the entire 47 years and, says Mrs. Karney with some awe, they still attend every meeting.

Which almost makes Judy Karney a Kids Rodeo "kid" — only 27 year

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Two Critical After Santa Fe Explosion

La Junta men are in critical condition in Colorado Springs' Hospital Burn Unit as a result of an explosion of diesel fuel in the Santa Fe yard Thursday.

Tom Karney, 54, 316 Log, was in "critical and unstable" condition by Penrose Hospital Friday. Tom Karney, a grand division metal worker for the Santa Fe, was treated for second and third degree burns over 53-percent of his body including face, trunk and arms. Tom Jacobs, 53, 303 Barnes, was in "critical and stable" condition by the hospital. Jacobs, a mechanic with the Santa Fe's bridge building department, is being treated for burns over 31-percent of his body, including face, hands and

others also remain hospitalized with burns from the explosion.

Charles Shaw, a 32-year old grand sheetmetal worker from Lawrence, Kans., was listed in "critical but stable" condition at St. Mary's Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

Shaw is being treated for second degree burns on his torso and face. Tom Clark, a 53-year-old

electrician from Higbee, was listed in stable condition at La Junta Medical Center.

Treated and released Thursday afternoon by the La Junta hospital were Jack Bell, 31, La Junta, and J.C. Browning, 54, Rocky Ford.

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A TOTALLY UNRELATED accident Thursday at Nibco of Colorado's plant at the La Junta Industrial Park resulted in serious burns to 39-year-old Louis Pantoya, 518 Bradish.

Pantoya was listed in stable condition Friday morning by St. Mary's Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, suffering from second degree burns to his arm and side.

Nibco safety director Doug Hoffman said Pantoya, a casting machine operator, was burned when water from a leak in the coolers got into molten copper and caused a "steam explosion."

Pantoya was taken to La Junta Medical Center by Nibco emergency personnel. He was transferred to Pueblo by La Junta Fire Department ambulance about 11 a.m. Thursday.

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SANTA FE INVESTIGATION to determine the exact cause of the explosion about 3:30 Thursday of

the afternoon is underway, Barry Henry, assistant to the division superintendent, said Friday morning.

Three of the injured men were working in a 14x6-foot pit just north of the depot, installing a new six-inch diesel fuel line, part of what Henry called a special project involving running the new six-inch line inside existing ten-inch lines.

The old east-west line, located about two-feet, eight inches from the surface had been cut, in preparation for teeing in the new line from the north. The old line was capped off and an air pressure test had been completed satisfactorily, Henry said.

Shaw was using an acetylene torch to cut the new line to proper length for the tee when the explosion occurred. One focus of the investigation is to determine whether the cap came off the pressurized line, allowing the fumes to escape and cause the explosion, or whether the explosion blew the cap off the line.

First reports were that four men were working in the pit, with all but one blown out by the force of the explosion. Henry said initial Santa Fe investigation indicated three (Clark, Bell and Browning), who had no contact with the fire, were working

project, were standing alongside the pit talking when the explosion occurred.

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL mobilized quickly in response to the explosion.

"They come out of the woodwork when something like this happens," observed Assistant Fire Chief Todd Davidson, referring to almost immediate turnout of twelve ambulance crew EMTs.

"On something like this, we're able to rally a lot of people in a hurry," said La Junta Medical Center administrator Elbert Detweiler, who was somewhat at a loss to state precisely how many extra hospital personnel and doctors responded to the "secondary disaster" call.

The net result was that injured men were at La Junta Medical Center within less than 15 minutes after the first call was received by the dispatcher - Davidson in charge of one ambulance and senior fireman Jerry Bradfield the other.

And within two hours, two La Junta ambulances were enroute to Colorado Springs with Karney and Jacobs and a Pueblo ambulance

balance, called in under the mutual aid agreements between Valley towns, was enroute to Pueblo with Shaw.

Davidson said any fire from the explosion was out when emergency crews reached the scene. The least-burned victims (Clark, Bell and Browning) were taken to the hospital in private vehicles.

Both Karney and Jacobs were on their feet when ambulances arrived, and both walked to the ambulances, Davidson said. Shaw was on the ground covered with dirt, used by people at the scene to extinguish the clothing on fire. All the victims were conscious and talked to the emergency crews.

Ambulance crews stripped the clothing from the burned men, covered them with sterile sheets, which were then soaked with a saline solution.

At La Junta Medical Center, burns were cleaned using the physical therapy Hubbard Tank and the burns wrapped to avoid exposure to air before the most seriously injured were sent on to the Colorado Springs and Pueblo hospitals.

In Victim Karney Has Rebuilt His Body, Life And Home

Bill Karney's life literally went up in flames at approximately 3:30 p.m. on May 23,

then a sheetmetal worker for the Santa Fe, and five of his fellow workers were injured in an explosion in the railyard. Karney sustained over half of his injuries and permanently lost his left hand.

It took him a year to recognize Karney's injuries. The first was taken of him soon after the fire — at one point his face was so swollen that it could not be removed from a basketball.

He was in a hole marking the fittings would go for a rized diesel line when the came off, causing an explosion. Whatever little fuel the line blew all over Karney said, vividly describing the near-tragic incident.

He wore a heavy work shirt and a pair of Wrangler jeans. It was all but the cuffs off my hands, which are now useless and no longer have any function, which are essential for gripping.

Karney, who worked as a clerk for the Santa Fe, knew the instant she found out about the accident that her husband was involved.

She knew that William was hurt. He is in the middle of recovering," she said.

"I heard (the report), I went to the file room to finish up so when they called to tell me William was hurt I went to the hospital," she

said, explaining her initial response to her husband's life-altering accident.

According to the couple, who have been married 33 years, they didn't immediately realize the severity of his injuries.

"When they took him to the hospital here they wouldn't let anybody in the room. But when he was getting loaded in the ambulance to take him to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, he told me how to do the chores and what to feed what calf and to stay home and take care of things," Judy Karney said.

She did not know her husband's doctors gave him little chance to survive.

"Everybody kept saying he was bad, but he didn't die in the explosion, so I didn't have any fear of him dying," she recalled, adding, "Ignorance is bliss."

Judy Karney did as her husband had requested, taking care of things with the help of numerous relatives, friends and the assistance of the couples' three grown children: Suzi Karney Chierchie of Denver; Jerrilea Karney Grasmick and Wyatt Karney, who both currently live in La Junta.

"It isn't until something like this happens that you realize how many people care," she said gratefully. She also noted that her husband received more than 2,500 cards and letters and that mail call was the highlight of his days during his hospital stay.

A burn victim's chances of

survival, Karney explained, are determined by adding the percentage of the body that's burned and the age of the burn victim. At the time of the accident he was just days away from turning 55 and 60 percent of his body was burned. His chance of living was a negative 115 percent.

"In burn units visitors are very limited because of the possibility of spreading infection to the patient. William had more than 250 visitors the first two weeks he was in intensive care. They didn't figure it mattered, they (doctors) thought he wasn't going to make it," Judy Karney said with a quiet laugh.

"But God had other plans and William isn't the type of man to give up. He has an incredible amount of willpower," she said in admiration for her husband. She said her husband returns to Penrose Hospital burn unit occasionally to encourage other burn patients — one reason she feels God spared his life.

"The devil didn't want to be second in charge and the Lord had other plans," he remarked.

Working to rebuild a life hasn't been an easy road for the Karneys. It meant he had to stay in intensive care for 71 days, which included daily body scrubs to get rid of dead skin cells, a painful experience.

It meant skin graft operations.

It meant 18 months of physical therapy.

It meant that he couldn't be

left alone for a year after coming home.

It meant that Karney, a man who was used to working with his hands and had always made good use of his physical strength, coming to grips with the reality of his limitations.

"Something like this has got to change you. It takes a while to get over it. My patience level is probably what has changed the most in me. I used to not have any and now I have a little," said Karney with a laugh. "It took me an hour-and-a-half to put an alternator on my tractor. It used to take me less than 30 minutes," he compared.

"For a while I went through a period where I'd get mad because I couldn't do what I wanted to. Now I am able to do about anything I want to do, it just takes a lot longer," Karney emphasized.

His wife said she and her husband have always enjoyed life, but until the accident they didn't realize how easily life can be taken away. Because of their realization, they did something that they'd been discussing for years — building their dream home.

The Karney home, which is both beautiful and expansive, includes a hot-tub room where Karney spends part of each day loosening up his limbs.

Six years after the tragedy, Karney is able to do most of the things he loves. He is known around the area as an avid horseman and is again riding his own colts.

The Karneys, along with



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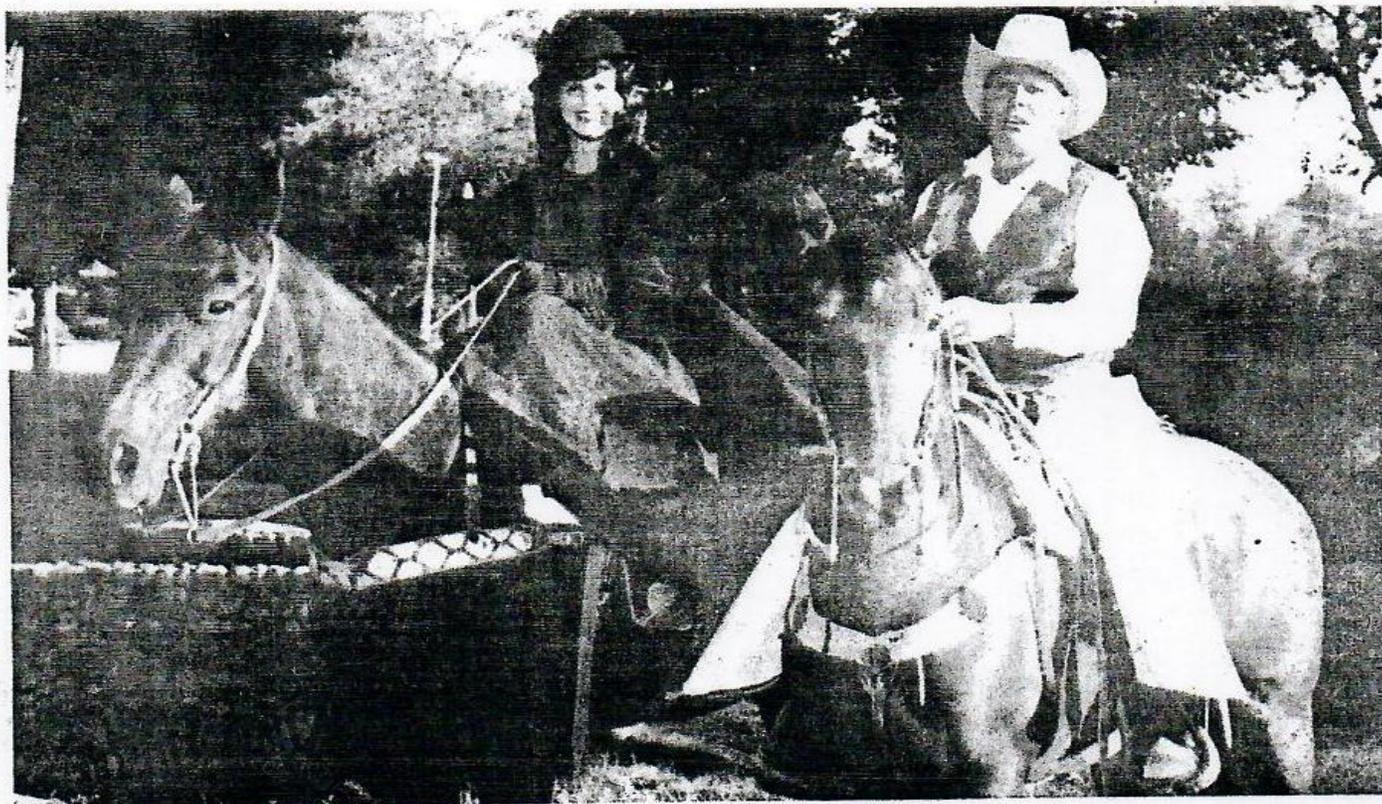
—Bill Karney

their friend Tommy Richards, have led the Kid's Rodeo Parade for 25 years and Early Settlers Day Parade.

"I remember that after I came home they took me to a parade and Larry Hall sang 'Back in the Saddle,' to me. I damn near bawled," concluded Karney, who is definitely back in the saddle.

—Wanda Lowe

The Journal Salutes



Judy and William 'Wild Bill' Karney

by Marilyn Stangl

OTERO COUNTY — Most La Junta Kid's Rodeo "old timers" will tell you that the rodeo's longevity can be attributed to the hard work of a handful of dedicated folks. In the next breath, they will mention Bill and Judy Karney, along with a few others such as Tommy Richards and Pat Schneider. When the 1989 edition rolls around, odds are that Bill, Judy and Tommy will once again lead the parade of youngsters down the La Junta streets. It's tradition.

The trio also leads the Early Settlers Day parade in early fall. Judy always rides sidesaddle on her beautiful black horse wearing a beautiful long dress she makes just for the occasion.

Bill, a former Kid's Rodeo contestant himself, started helping with the show at age 16. He was a member of the board of directors for many years and has put in many hours building fences,

putting in waterlines and painting bleachers at the rodeo grounds, north of La Junta.

Many a youngster that managed to stay his full six seconds on a young Kid's Rodeo bronc, found William the one taking him safely off his wild mount. Bill was a pickup man for many years until his retirement from the rodeo association in 1985. The 1985 show was dedicated to him.

A charter member of the Ace of Spades Saddle Club, he is one of the very few original members who is still active. Karney served as president of the Ace of Spades for three and one-half years following an extended stint as vice president. Only threats of departure by his wife ended his involvement as an officer.

Horses and kids are synonymous with Bill Karney. He was an avid sponsor of the Otero Junior College rodeo club for many years. Wild Bill, as most know him, kept rodeo stock for

the students to practice on at his arena southwest of La Junta. He hosted a big barbecue at the end of each rodeo season for his college buddies. The festivities always included exhibitions on rough stock and barrel racing.

Bill participated in amateur rodeos for many years and served as a judge and pickup man on many occasions. When his own rodeo action slowed a little, he hauled his daughter to her own High School and Little Britches rodeo competitions.

Since retirement, Bill keeps busy with a few head of cattle, a herd of horses and his specialty — pit barbecuing for special events and organizations. Old friends, worrying that he may not have enough to do, often call for help with their cattle.

Retirement came a little early for Bill Karney. That he lived to retire at all is a "bit of a miracle." Bill received second and third

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WILLIAM KARNEY has been recognized for his "expertise and help" by the members of the Santa Fe La Junta-Dodge City Positive Action Committee. Karney prepared the beef barbeque for the picnic held by the active and retired Santa Fe employees of the La Junta-Dodge City group on October 7 at Potter Park. Karney (left) is pictured receiving his 'thank you platter' from Frank Wood, president of the committee.

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degree burns over 60 percent of his body in a railroad accident on May 23, 1985. In intensive care for 71 days, one doctor told him upon his release, "Bill, you scared me more than anyone else has ever scared me before, but everyone else that was burned, as badly as you were, all died."

Many people, except for Judy and a few others, nearly gave up hope for Bill Karney's survival. The 1985 Kid's Rodeo, dedicated to him, was in many people's minds — a memorial. "He'll never come home," was the usual response from those not well acquainted with him.

Bill has a quick answer to comments like that, "The Lord wasn't ready for me and the devil wasn't ready to be second in command!" Close friends can only shake their head and grin at that statement. It's probably true.

As a boy, Bill worked at every sale ring in La Junta. Several years were spent working for Roger Lewis at his ranch and sale barn.

Bill also worked at the old sugar factory in Swink for several years before it closed. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 25 years until his retirement in 1985.

Farming and ranching have always been part of Bill Karney's life. The accident and long recovery period forced him to disperse of most of his cattle. There is still a regular menagerie in his corrals — plenty of horses, dogs, goats, peacocks and geese. A true nature lover, Bill spends hours watching his animals and caring for them.

Judy Karney claims her biggest accomplishment is "riding herd over 'Wild Bill' for 32 years." While that may be a full-time job, Judy has several other accomplishments to her credit.

Judy particularly loves horses. It was only natural that she

★Rodeo

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Pat Schneider, long-time rodeo secretary, with the Kid's Rodeo in 1958. In 1969, she took over the job of rodeo secretary, retiring at the conclusion of the 1985 rodeo.

Kids have always held a warm spot in Judy's heart and she and Bill took in several foster children in the past. "Four red-headed, four blackheaded, two blonds and one brunette," she smiled, "ages 1 to 13."

Several OJC students also called the Karney home their own for brief periods. "For a period of 22 years, we hardly ever sat down to a meal without from 12 to 20 people," Judy laughed.

"It amazed some of the kids that there was always room for one more." Judy said that she now finds it difficult to cook for just two or four. "It's not even worth the effort!"

Judy, a 32-year member of the Ace of Spades, has held every office except president. She recalls that in the club's earlier years, there were many amateur rodeos. She began working as a timer for those and then progressed to rodeo secretary. She has served in that capacity for many area shows through the years. "I even tried my hand at announcing at Lamar one year!"

Judy's face was familiar in area auction barn offices for several years. She worked at Winter Livestock, La Junta Livestock, the R. P. Lewis Auction and Fowler Auction. She said, "My favorite was the once a

month horse sale." She explained, "Each month was like a family reunion. People came from several different states and all over Colorado."

Judy worked at the Santa Fe Railroad as a steno-clerk for 20 years. She retired August 1, 1988 because the job was moved to Newton, Kansas, and she preferred not to. Following a seven-month retirement, she works in her daughter's La Junta chiropractic office as bookkeeper and receptionist.

Judy enjoys working in her yard — a good thing since the Karneys have planted some 800 trees and 200 rose bushes there. Beautifully landscaped, the yard includes two goldfish ponds and a waterfall.

Most summer evenings, Judy can be found riding her horses or having coffee with her neighbor. Another project takes her time during long winter evenings. Judy works diligently on a scrapbook for the Kids Rodeo museum display. She is dedicated to keeping it current.

Scrapbooks are important to Judy and she keeps many albums full of important happenings in La Junta and the

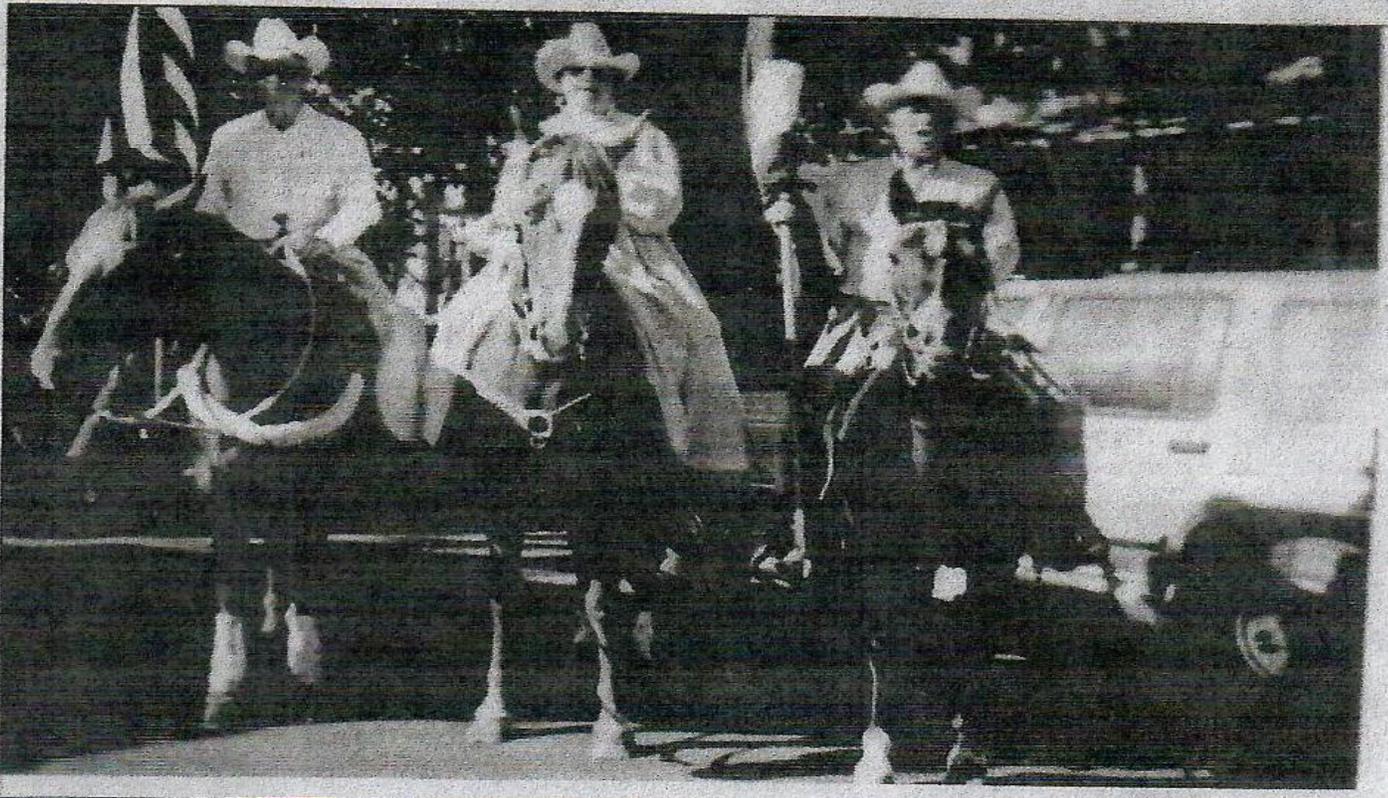
country. "I have stacks and stacks of them," she said. Karney's three grown children are undoubtedly appreciative of their mother's zest for local and family history.

"We have three children and two sons-in-law," Judy said proudly. Eldest, Suzi, is married to Michael Chierchie and lives in Long Island, New York. Michael drives a cement truck in Manhattan and Suzi is attending college, majoring in art. Wyatt works for a sheet metal business in Canon City. Jer-rilea, who is married to Mark Grasmick, is a chiropractor. Mark owns a commodities business in Rocky Ford.

Bill and Judy have made many acquaintances over the years and value the lasting friendships that have developed. "William and I have yet to go somewhere and not be greeted with 'Hi Wild Bill and Judy'."

Those who happen to be in La Junta to take in the 1989 editions of the Kid's Rodeo or Early Settlers Day should watch for the parade leaders and give them a wave. Just say, "Hi Wild Bill and Judy!" ☐

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William and Judy Karney, Wayne Survant lead the Early Settlers Day Parade. [COURTESY PHOTOS]

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Schneider, in the office.

She remembered making contestant back numbers on oil cloth, using a black magic marker with stencils and pinning on a couple of safety pins. When Pat retired, Judy took over the secretary position for 17 years - back in the day when there were 300 plus contestants! The rodeo had well over 100 queen and princess contestants.

The queen contest was held on Thursday night and the queen contest interview and luncheon on Friday morning. The rodeo and race meet had Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night performances and of course the Sunday afternoon Finals. It was go-go-go all weekend long! And don't forget the parade on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. sharp! She lined the participants up with

all those 100 girls who tried out and fied for those coveted titles of the royalty! After the parade, she did take a break and went to the Hickory House for the all-so-famous Hickory Burger and fries.

There has always been a chairman, but Judy pretty much told every person what to do, where to go, and when to be there throughout the years, so as to have a successful Kids Rodeo and Race Meet annually.

Many of the people she worked with only showed up during the weekend, but she always counted on them to be there. Judy worked diligently all through the year, but when June and July came, she was at the chamber office working nights, figuring out everything by hand.

Jerrilea stated she was so happy when her mom finally got the back numbers donated - so she wouldn't have to help make all those numbers by hand! Those two months she sent out hundreds of entry blanks and as the entries returned, Judy started setting up the contestants. She

the racing and arena events.

When a parent asked for certain days for their children, she worked to accomplish the set-up. Judy always strived to have the final tally of the rodeo correct. All the figuring was done on big poster boards with lines and names as contestants started placing throughout the weekend.

The helpers added and re-added and added again to prevent a mistake. A mistake or tow must have happened, but she always made it right. When Jerrilea was dead last in a race on Sunday afternoon, but the judges placed her second or third. She would have won the saddle, but Judy knew her daughter was dead last and gave the points to the appropriate contestant.

Judy also had a few ties throughout the years, so she devised a new point system to avoid ties, making it fair for all of the contestants. She always wanted the Kids Rodeo and Race Meet to be a place where the kids would have fun and would know they were put first. The Kids Rodeo and Race Meet has been



William and Judy Karney, who led the Kids Rodeo parade for several years. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Judy Karney honored for 60 years with Kids Rodeo

By Jerrilea Karney

A veteran of 60 years service in the Kids Rodeo, Judy Karney is retiring from the position of race judge, but intends to continue keeping scrapbooks.

She was honored at this year's rodeo for her years of energetic service. A tribute to her mother was written by Jerrilea Karney and read by Son-in-Law Mark Grasmick at the 51st annual La Junta Kids Rodeo.

Here they are: Judy Karney Kids Rodeo and Race Meet 1950? to the present and into the future: Judy started her Kids Rodeo career when she was just a teenager - before there were entry fees and a whole lot of prizes! She recalled the first time she entered was with her future sister-in-law, Lucille Karney Frost.

They each wore a bright blouse, suitable for the queen contest, wide brimmed hats with a flat crown and jeans dyed to match, but so tight they had to lie on the bed to zip them up! After a few years as a contestant, she started helping the secretary, Pat

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Judy and William Karney, ready to lead the parade, circa 2007.

William, worked before and during the rodeo helping her and the association have a successful rodeo. Her three children, Suzi, Wyatt and Jerrilea participated.

The only thing that scared Judy was Jerrilea racing! Jerrilea only wanted to be in the races, but mom and dad told her she had to be nine years old - that's the rule! Her son-in-law, Mark Grasmick, announced the rodeo for 16 years.

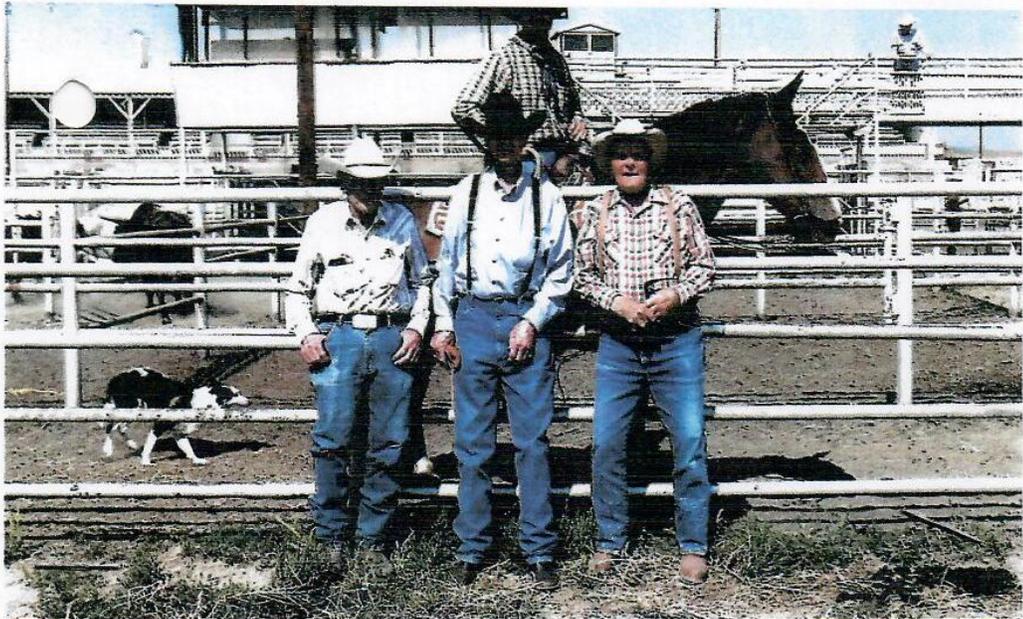
Later, her grandchildren, Garrett and Bailey, joined the ranks. And hopefully, in a few more years, her great grandbaby, Kennedy, will participate, too. After Judy retired as secretary, she became a race judge. She truly enjoyed watching all the kids, grandkids and great grandkids participate just as she had watched their parents as

children participate in the Kids Rodeo and Race Meet.

One year she was called on her race judging by grandson Garrett. He thought he had won but he was second. He still doesn't let grandma live that one down. Now Judy helps Millie of the Cowboy Church with the queen and princess contest on Thursday, baking her delicious cakes. Judy has now retired as a race judge, but does plan on coming and watching all the action of the Kids Rodeo.

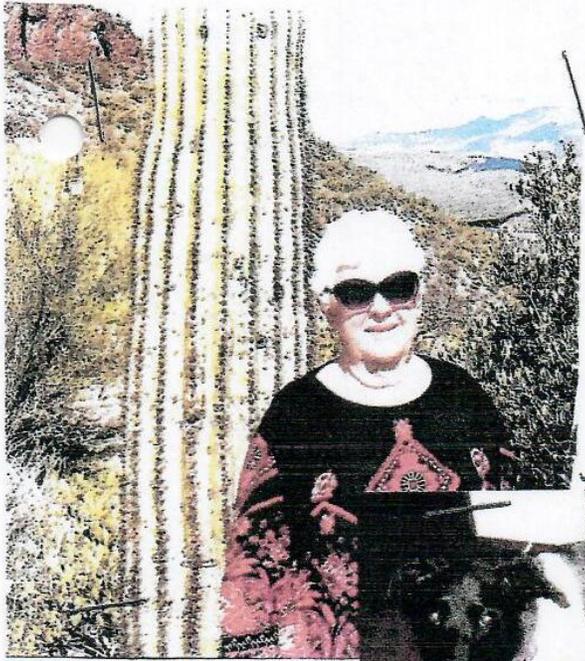
She is the official historian of the rodeo. Anything you want to know about this historical event, just ask her. She'll find the answer, if she doesn't already know it. Congratulations Judy and thank you for all of your years of service for this wonderful Kids Rodeo and Race Meet.

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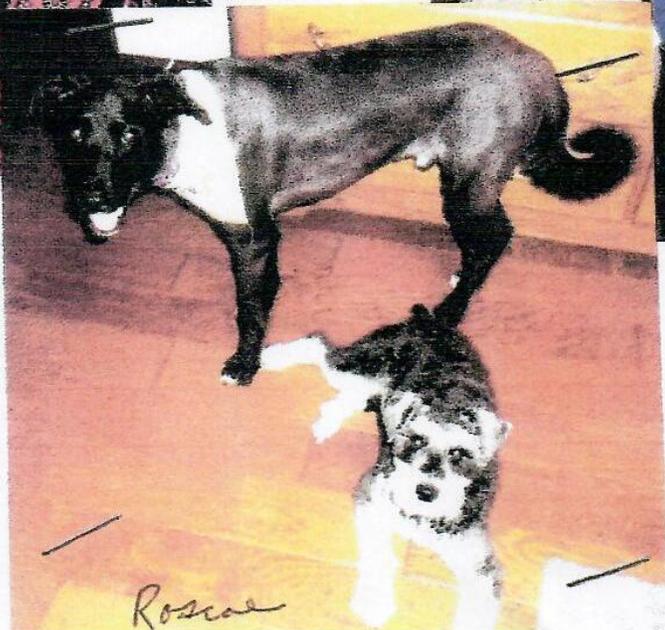
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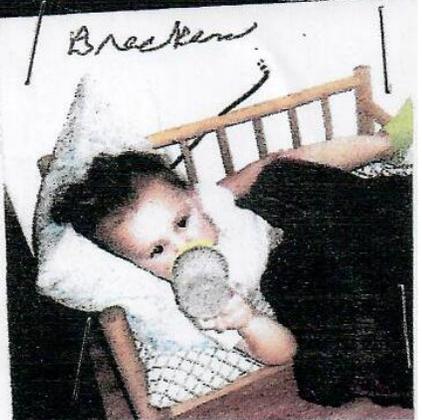
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VJP Farms, Vernon John and Yvette Proctor, sponsored a race at the 2022 Arkansas Valley Fair in honor of Bill Karney and his many contributions to the Fair. Judy Karney was unable to attend because of hip surgery, but she identified family members in this photo with the winning horse as from just left of the banners, Jerrilea Karney Grasmick, Mark Grasmick, Bailey Karney Knapp, and Garrett Willam Grasmick. The others pictured are the horse's owners, trainers, race officials and the jockey.

(Courtesy Photo by Stan Oswald)

Tribute To The Life of William "Wild Bill" Karney

By ^{Jerrilea} Judy Karney

In the past few years, we have lost many of the old timers who started and kept running and attending events here in the valley that we enjoy yearly that make up our proud rural America!

This year we lost 91-year-old William Karney. Also, known as: Wild Bill, Bill Karney, dad and grandpa. Karney was a constant fixture at the Arkansas Valley Fair. When he was younger, he was in the middle of most of the rodeos and races, being a pickup man and other jobs running a rodeo. When his grandkids, Garrett and Bailey Grasmick competed in the 4-H rodeos and livestock shows, he always attended and was their biggest fan. Wild Bill

loved all kids and enjoyed watching and helping them throughout his life. I don't think he missed very many rodeos, horse races or 4-H livestock events in the last 91 years. After each performance, he'd come home and tell us about the rodeo and horse races with a big smile on his face.

The family has received many letters with wonderful stories from his many friends. He didn't know a stranger. He was their hero! William taught many young men lessons of life and probably didn't know it. William was always ready to visit. He loved to joke and tell a tale or two. If he was a kid today, he'd probably have been in prison from all the stories we have been told. And

how did he survive all the accidents? We told him God wasn't ready for him and the devil didn't want the competition. Wild Bill really enjoyed his life, but loved his family and friends more than we will ever know.

William was a Cowboy's Cowboy! I always referred to him as one of the last living, walking John Waynes. I just do not think they make them that tough anymore. Tough but with a big heart, willing to help who ever needed help, even before he helped himself.

We are sure that there is a big cowboy reunion in Heaven this year when he arrived. They are raising hell in Heaven and loving the rain the valley has received



this year.

The Arkansas Valley Fair, the valley auctions, the Kids Rodeo and the Arkansas Valley community will not be the same without Wild Bill Karney.

