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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

The Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center is open, dedicated and ready for use.

The three days of activities this past weekend were thoroughly enjoyed.

I, however, was disappointed with the turnout. If you did not attend, it was certainly your loss.

Fifteen years to become a reality. This is an accomplishment of which to be proud.

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## STORM REPORT

As Reported by...  
Stormie Meriwether,  
Kindergarten Graduate

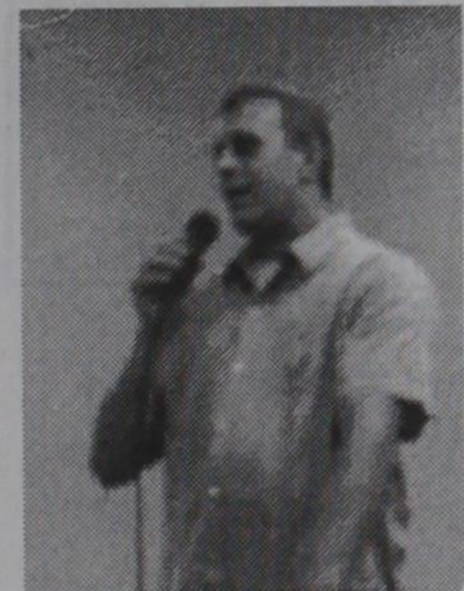
It's the best vacation ever! I check the states on my map. The states are Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, 'Abraska', South Dakota, Wyoming and now I'm in Idaho! My very favorite thing was "The Presidents". It was awesome. We said "Pledge Allegiance", sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and they turned the lights on. It was great!

One time we saw Mammoth bones. They lived a long time ago and fell in a hole and died. Now they dig up the bones. That is so cool!

You can get a passport for the National Parks. Everytime you go to one you can get a stamp for (Continued Page 6)

## Fund Is Established For Daniel Davis

A fund has been set up at the First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler for Daniel Davis the husband of Misty (Jones) Davis. Misty is the daughter of Paula Jones and the late Charles Jones. Daniel has been sick for almost two years. Doctors are not sure what is making him sick. He has been in the hospital numerous times and the ER numerous times. Misty and Daniel have not been able to work much due to his sickness. They are in need of help for medical expenses and daily expenses. Your help is greatly appreciated.



**MERCER:** Aaron Mercer was in charge of the program Sunday at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center. The building was dedicated to the Lord's work.

## Little League Ftbl Signup Is Aug. 1

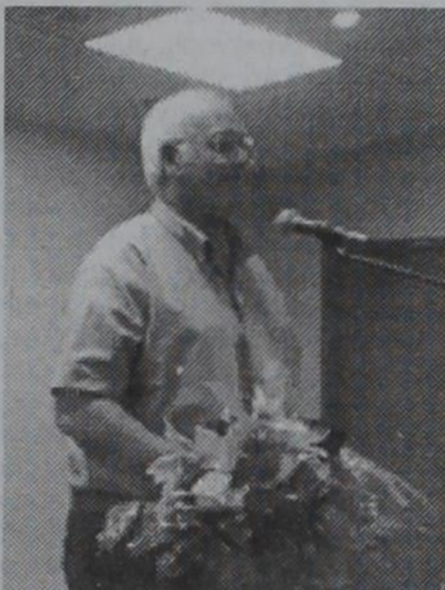
Little League Football (Grades 3-6) signups will be Saturday, August 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the city park gazebo. For questions contact Danny DeBose at 806/826-0051 or 216-0338.



**RIBBON CUTTING:** A large crowd was on hand Saturday for the ribbon cutting and official opening of the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center. Shown here are: (l. to r.) Robin and Ryan Smith, Margaret Kuntz, Ryan O'Brien, Charles Kuntz, Fred Allison, Nick Hardcastle, Karen Tellman, Josh Hardcastle, Kenny Brdecko, Wanda King, Joannie Adams, Judge Hefley, Tim Koetting, and Frankie Jackson



**HILLHOUSE:** Ben Ed Hillhouse opened the program at the Founders' Banquet for the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center. He informed the group that the project had been in the works for the past 15 years. Dave Britt is credited with getting the program started when he learned at a meeting that funds were available through charitable organizations.



**KUNTZ:** Charles Kuntz stepped to the podium Saturday evening, July 18, to tell the story of Neta Standlee Evans, "the impetus to the construction of the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center". "We need to build a community center for our kids and grandkids and ourselves, where we can get together, share one another's friendship and Christian fellowship," is the statement which accompanied a \$90,000 donation toward the construction of such a facility. Many other grants and contributions were received.



**BRDECKO:** Kenny Brdecko stepped up to the podium at the Founders' Banquet for the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center Saturday evening, July 18, 2009. Those in attendance were informed that no taxpayers' money was in the construction of the facility. Plaques were presented to Dave Britt and Charles Kuntz for their time and effort spent in bringing this project to reality. County Judge, Jerry Hefley and the commissioners were recognized for taking on the care and maintenance of the new facility.



**TELLMAN:** Karen Tellman came to the podium Saturday evening to thank everyone for their help in so many ways, especially with the design of the kitchen. Family and Consumer Science Committee—Carrie Gaines, Suzanne Hampton, Laurel Hershman, Lee Ann Hillhouse, Wanda King, Brenda Mitchell and Judy Woollard.

## W. Chamber Joins Elk City AirVac Serv.

At the regular meeting of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, the organization voted to join Air Evac Lifeteam out of Elk City, OK.

The chamber's membership means members, those living in their home and their employees get a \$10.00 discount per membership.

If a member needs to be airlifted, the \$10,000 expense is paid.

Contact the chamber for further information.

## Donations Needed For 4th's Fireworks

Donations are needed to help the Chamber pay for the fireworks used at the close of the 4th of July activities.

Stop and think how much you enjoyed and saved by watching the chamber's display and not having to buy fireworks yourself.

The chamber has a fireworks account at Wheeler Banking Center. You may make a contribution at the bank, send a check to Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, TX 79096 or stop by the office at 505 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd.

## Wheeler I.S.D. Board Approves Depository Bid By W.S. Bank

Unapproved Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting

The Wheeler ISD Board of Trustees met for a scheduled meeting June 30, 2009. Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. All board members were present with the exception of Dr Mike Smith. School personnel in attendance were Stacey Horton, Bryan Markham and Clay Mahler.

Motion by Todd Moore, Second by Kent Vise — To accept the June 8, 2009 board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no bills presented for payment and there were no resignations to consider.

Motion by James Masters, Second by Kent Vise, Upon the recommendation of the superintendent to amend the 2008-2009 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Billy Richardson, Second by Ravonda Hardcastle, Upon the recommendation of the superintendent to set the 2009 tax rate at 1.17. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ravonda Hardcastle, Second by James Masters, Upon the recommendation of the superintendent to adopt the 2009-2010 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent Vise, Second by Todd Moore — To approve the depository bid from Wellington State Bank with agreement that we can seek CD's elsewhere and that no banking service fees are assessed. Motion carried unanimously.

## Angie Taylor Needs Help With Expenses

Angie (Williams) Taylor—Wheeler High School Class of 1985—has recently been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Donation cans have been set up at various businesses to help with expenses and to help them meet the \$1000.00 deductible that has to be paid before she can start her chemotherapy/radiation treatments—five days a week for five weeks; then surgery to remove the tumor.

All help and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to send her some correspondence, her address is:

Angie Taylor  
P.O. Box 300  
Wheeler, Texas 79096

## Volleyball Clinic Set At Fort Elliott

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University volleyball coaching staff will present a clinic on Friday, July 24th. The morning session will begin at 9:00 and end at noon and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 and end at 3:00. Any girls, incoming 6th grade to 12th grades, interested in improving their volleyball skills are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Coach Bo Pagliasotti and assistant Josh Collins of SWOSU, will be addressing basic volleyball tactics and some game situations in effort to improve volleyball skills and promote interest in the game. "We are looking forward to meeting new faces and working with all girls at the Ft. Elliott Volleyball Clinic on Friday. Come by and enjoy the day!" said Coach Pagliasotti.

Again, any girls that will be in the 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome to attend. There will be a \$5 fee for each attendee to help with expenses of the visiting instructors.

Mr. Mahler reported to the board that the roofing contract had (Continued Page 3)

## Wheeler I.S.D. Board Approves Tax Rate

Unapproved Minutes  
Special Meeting

The Wheeler ISD Board of Trustees met for a special meeting June 30, 2009. Dr. LeeAnn Hillhouse called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All board members were present with the exception of Dr Mike Smith. School personnel present included Stacey Horton, Bryan Markham and Clay Mahler. The pledge to the flag was led by Kent Vise and the invocation was offered by Dr Hillhouse.

A public meeting to discuss setting the tax rate for 2009 tax year was held.

Motion by James Masters, Second by Todd Moore to adjourn at 6:36. Motion carried unanimously.

As appropriate, the Board may enter in Closed Meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551. Before any meetings are convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section on the Act authorizing the closed meetings. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meetings.

## James Anderson Services July 18

James "Butch" Anderson, 58, passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with Matt Cook, officiating and Gary McClellan and Jeff Lay, assisting. Interment followed under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian, Texas.

Butch was born April 28, 1951, in Dalhart, Texas, to Mrs. Ada Mae "Sue" Davis Anderson and the late Mr. R.L. Anderson, Jr. He was a 1971 graduate of Canadian High School and attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. He was a lifelong resident of Canadian, Texas, and a member of the First Christian Church. Butch was a truck driver for 30 plus years.

He is survived by one son, Reson Lee Anderson of Canadian, Texas; one daughter, Tiffany Rhea of Amarillo, Texas; his mother, Ada Mae "Sue" Anderson of Pampa, Texas; a brother, Roy Lee Anderson and wife, Barbara, of Geronimo, Oklahoma; two sisters, Roberta Haines of Canadian, Texas, and Eva McClellan and husband, Gary, of Wheeler, Texas, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family.

The family greeted friends at the First Christian Church on Friday, July 17, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Society, P.O. Box 51628, Amarillo, Texas 79159.

Online condolences may be made at [hughsfuneralhome.com](http://hughsfuneralhome.com).



"Butch" Anderson

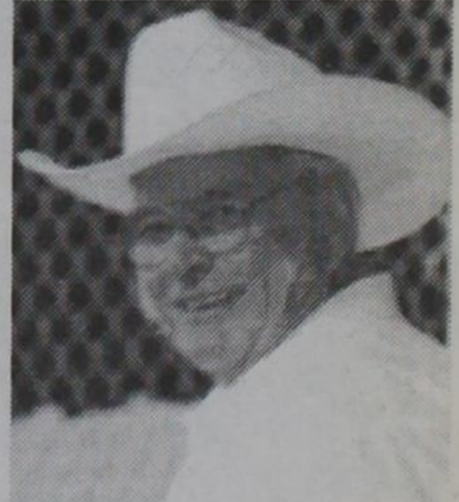
## Old Mobeetie Festival Begins Fri.

The wait is finally over as the Old Mobeetie Music Festival begins this Friday, July 24, and will continue Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26. This year's complete line up includes: Star Canyon, Tiny Duncan & the Magic City Cowboys, The Larry Ford Band, The Batten Family Band, Hunt Family Band, Link Family Band and Saltgrass.

These groups have performed for local crowds all the way up to the Grand Ole Opry and an Inaugural Ball in Washington DC. The first of just two of the outstanding bands performing at this year's music festival is Tiny Duncan and the Magic City Cowboys.

The Magic City Cowboys is truly prenominal and features band members who have played in amazing venues. From Jimmy Young, who has played for Lady Bird Johnson and most recently at the Texas State Society's Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball in Washington, DC, to Western Swing Society's Hall of Fame member "Tiny" Duncan, these groups brings a wealth of skill and experience to each and every performance. Duncan, who has backed up country legends Pasty Cline, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, George Jones, Lefty Frizzell and David Frizzell, just to

name a few, has taken the reins following the loss of band leader John Mann this past year. The band dedicates this year's performance in John's memory and invites you to sit back and enjoy some of the best Western Swing musicians in the history of Western swing.



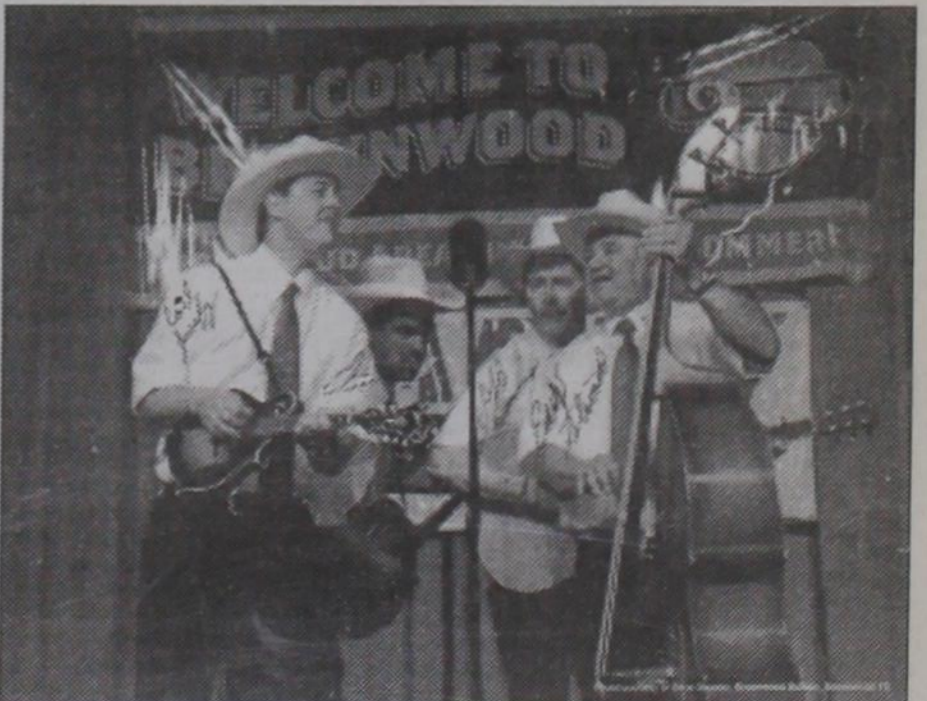
"Tiny" Duncan

Returning again this year will be The Star Canyon Band of San Antonio, TX.

Jeff Simmons, San Antonio TX, has been the leader of The Star Canyon Band since its inception 22 years ago. Having played music for what seems like "forever" (and wanting to continue (Continued Page 5)



**RIBBON CUTTING:** Several individuals were on hand for the ribbon cutting for the Ora Belinda Schoolhouse Early Learning Center at the south edge of Wheeler on Wednesday, July 15, 2009. The facility is a Child Care Service Provider, which is designed to help parents, who need someone to keep their children during the day, and those, who need assistance in paying for child care. Pictured (l. to r.) are Kristi Petit, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Lee Ann Hillhouse, Frankie Jackson, Paul Arganbright, Wanda Herd, Michelle Gallardo, Elizabeth Couch, Kenzie Watkins, Ann Porter, Chad Helton, Bob Stiles, Jarrod Messer, Sue Stiles, David Crockett, Kay Stiles, Bill Stiles, Sandra Christner, Sybil Clark and Yreva Topper—only Yreva's arm shows. The children are Karleigh Wood and Padon Markham. The phone number for information is 806/826-1111.



The Star Canyon Band

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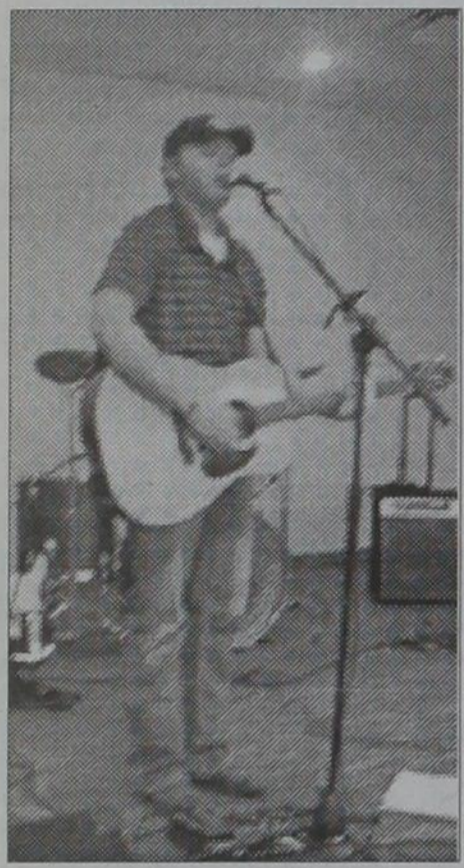
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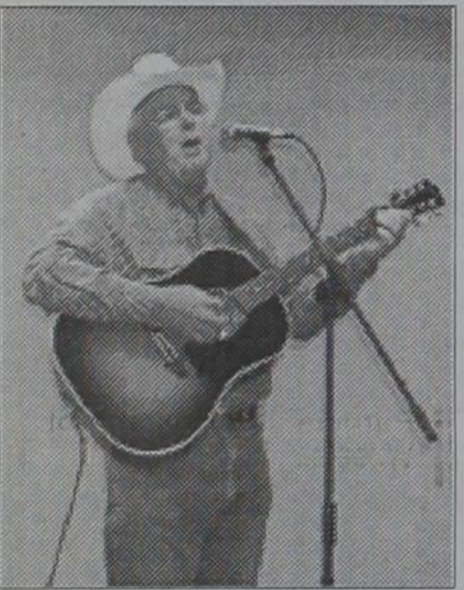
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The Heltons and the Frankenbergs enjoyed a visit while at the opening of the Wheeler County Ag and Family Center Saturday, July 18, 2009.



J. W. Lane and band provided the music for the opening of the Wheeler Ag and Family Center Friday evening.



Keith Reimer performs at the opening of the Wheeler Ag and Family Center Friday evening.



The Wheeler Lions Club served hamburger Friday evening at the opening of the Wheeler Ag and Family Center.



Mr. Bar-B-Q served his usual delicious barbecue Saturday evening at the opening of the Wheeler Ag and Family Center.



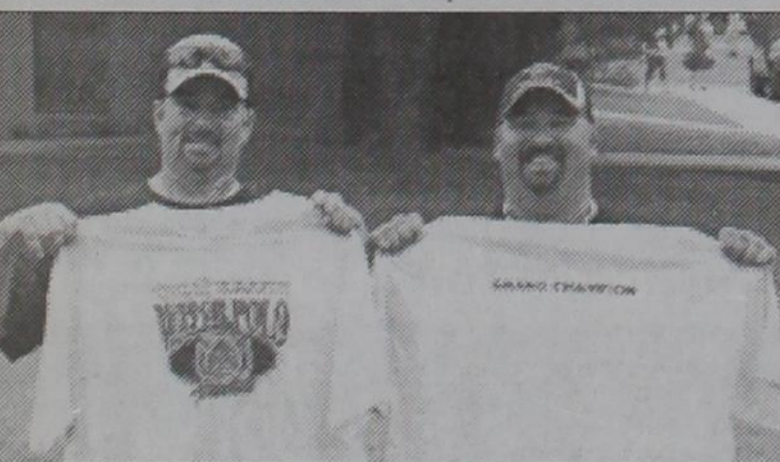
A good crowd was in attendance Saturday evening for the opening of the Wheeler County Ag and Family Center.



The Mobeetie Vol. Fire Dept. went to Canadian, TX for the July 4, 2009, parade. Attending the parade and other festivities were Shelton May (Junior Firefighter), Jackie Don May (Firefighter), Randy Finsterwald (Chief), and Cody Selby (Junior Firefighter).



The Briscoe VFD attended the July 4th Celebration in Canadian. Calvin Helton, Jimmy Nelson, and Charly Helton attended the Parade. Also not pictured is Dave Pearson.



Jackie Don May and Randy Finsterwald participated in the July 4th Water Polo events in Canadian sponsored by the Canadian VFD. They won the Fire Department Division and also the Men's Division. They were presented with t-shirts for winning both divisions.



Shelby Edwards and his children, Jackson and Micah enjoy the kiddy pool on a hot July afternoon.



Brody Richardson (low) and Garrett Andis (high) take a dive at the Wheeler Municipal Pool.

## COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Filligim

"For I am persuaded, that neither life nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

"Happy Birthday" to Donna Rives, Erin Wiggins and Cole Wilson, July 19; Milo Carson, Dakota James, Nicole Brashears, Shannon Horton and Alexis Johnson, July 20; Pam Meadows, Larry Nelson, Grace Robertson, Daniel Roberson, Shonda Rose and Norma Keelin, July 21; Tina Hawley, Candy Hilburn, Matt McCurley, Shawna Hampton, Hal Maddoux, Chad Rives, Jay Gurley and Colton Gates, July 22; Carol Clawson, Twila Devoll, Robyn Johnson, Gary McClellan, Sarah Garner, Jamey Click, Lacy Crompton, Randy Finsterwald, Mendy Bailey, Colby Childress, Dustin Hampton, Kendall Hefley, Aileen Hinojos, Toni Kueler, Casey Taylor, Russell Woollard, Brenton Goerend, Eunice Odom, Keenan Burton, Dana McIlhane, Ashlee Smith, Christene Earl and Karen Tellman, July 24; Gena Zybach, Melody Rodgers, Christian Brown and Jerry Brown, July 25.

"Happy Anniversary" to Matt and Samantha Lindsey, July 19; Troy and Madeline Dunn, July 20; Gene and Sue Harrison, July 21; Jim and Sharon Wright and Kevin and Jona Meek, July 23; Tony and Tonya Jackson and Jason and Rebecca Wesbrook, July 24 and Russ and Kara Woollard, July 25. God bless you everyone!

Pray for James Hardage. He and Carol Gene started to a Hardage family reunion when James got to having much pain. He ended up having to have surgery for a blockage and spend over 3 weeks in the hospital. Keep praying! Hope he will be all O.K. They are now home. Carol and James live at Hideaway Lake. They are active in community and church activities and care about their friends and neighbors. Carol is my niece, the daughter of Valoise and Doc Wilhelm who used to live at Allison.

Just Augusta Brown and Jimmae Hines quilting at Totty Thursday, but think they got one side rolled. Too much else going on.

Several residents out to Care Center Church Tuesday to enjoy the sing-along, message from the Bible and prayers for each one. Some there were Rev. Mark and Danielle Barton; Joyce Wood; Earl and Betty Husted; Martha Meek; Verna; Rosalee Keelin; Rosalie Atwood; Bill Dyson; new residents, Hoyt Larue and Viola Kupka; Ovella Young; Ferne Turnbow; Robert Airstik; Tommy Carr; Verna Alston; Marie Baker and others. Welcome to Viola and Hoyt. God bless you everyone! Mark and Danielle had just returned from a 3-week vacation touring the country. They had a nice trip, but were pretty tired.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own." (By Edwin Markham)

Panhandle Transit has been taking Johnnie Bird from Wheeler Care Center to Pampa 3 days a week for dialysis. Praise the Lord that she is eating better and feeling better. Keep praying for our Johnnie; a sweet lady. Hope she keeps improving. Carson and Jeanette visit her often at Wheeler Care Center.

Donna and David Baker went to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to a funeral for brother-in-law, Tim Shaw, 60. It was a graveside service. He had had lots of health problems. Sincere sympathy to the family. They also went to a funeral for an uncle and cousin at Baltimore. They also went to a funeral for Truma Morris at Balco. They visited Aaron and Misty Stockton at Balco and Dani Hollis at Rocky Ford. God bless you all!

Pray for Von Eva and Billy Robertson; she may have to have some surgery.

Over 20 youth from Wheeler Baptist Church with sponsors, Matt Koen, Wesley Bradstreet and Stefanie Jones, went on a mission trip to Hatch, New Mexico, and were to help with Bible School and other things there. Best wishes!

Visitors to Leon and Augusta Brown over the weekend were their kids: John and Ruth Fletcher and Susan from Colorado Springs and Glenna and Bob Johnson from Rockwall, Texas, to celebrate Leon's 85th birthday with a good visit. Happy Birthday, Leon!

We are thankful for the nice little shower of rain Thursday. Sounded good on the skylights and smelled so fresh. Not a big rain, but every drop appreciated! And it is some cooler this Friday morning; we will take it. More rain on Friday...thank you, Lord!

"You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day,

By the deeds that you do and the words that you say.

Men read what you write, if it's false or it's true

Now what is the Gospel according to you?" (Anonymous)

Preparing Wednesday night's good supper at Wheeler Baptist Church were Kent and Angie



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

*The Dodd family celebrates  
A woman of pioneer stock, strong  
patriotism, and a true matriarch!*

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Mary Margaret  
McCarroll Dodd's

90th Birthday Celebration

August 1, 2009

2:30-4:30 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
Wheeler, Texas

Your presence or a card is your gift.  
(P.O. Box 382, Wheeler, TX 79096)

C. G. and Rosemary Dodd  
Jacquelyn and John D. Foreman  
Diane and Jack Cody

Ware and Vickie and Gene Ferguson. Good! Thanks! God bless you. Some others helped with cleanup.

"Blessed is the man that endures trials: when he passes the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variation, neither shadow of turning." (James 1: 12, 16-18).

Nice to see Steve Walker ("Mr. Barbeque") at Wheeler Thriftway Saturday morning. Steve was to cater a noon meal at Elk City Saturday and supper at the new Family Life Center in Wheeler for a big crowd, with some help from others. He always has a delicious meal prepared and after it is over, it is quickly put away.

Nice to see Bonnie Davidson at Thriftway Saturday. She was buying some goodies and was going to visit her brother, W.J. Lisle, at Wheeler Care Center. Bonnie always looks so nice.

"Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation" (James 1:17).

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Mia Robertson, 76, of Shamrock in her death, Sunday, July 12. Such a sweet and lovely lady! Her husband, Doug Robertson, was so faithful to visit her and show his love for her in spite of other jobs. Her funeral was Tuesday at Shamrock Methodist Church at 10:30. A glad reunion with loved ones in heaven.

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### Note of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, flowers and visits during my stay in the hospital. I am also very grateful for the donations and contributions that have so generously been given. Wheeler County people are the most caring and giving people anywhere. I still have some surgeries and physical therapy ahead and I would appreciate your continued prayers.

Cristen White

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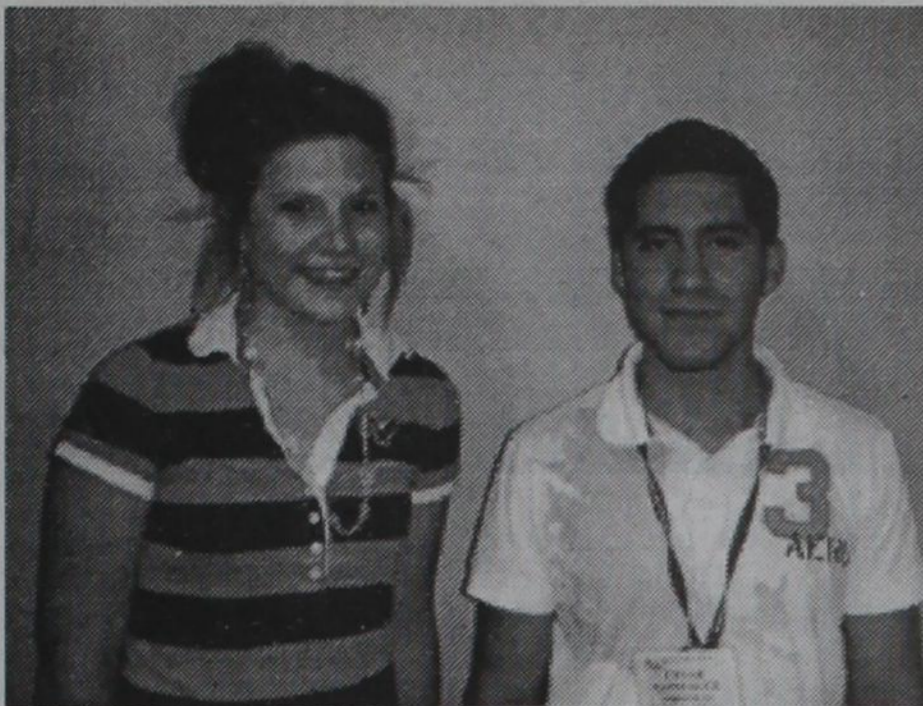
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**ATTEND CONFERENCE:** Local 4-H'ers attending Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference were Megan Horn and Cesar Gonzalez.

## Local Students Attend Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference In June

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 46<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Leadership Conference held at Angelo State University, June 22-26, were Megan Horn and Cesar Gonzalez. The students were sponsored by the Wheeler County Farm Bureau. They joined more than 330 high school juniors and seniors from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the conference is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage, the capitalistic free enterprise system, and to inspire leadership development, according to John McDowell, Jr., president of the Wheeler County Farm Bureau.

During the weeklong event, students discuss topics such as the free enterprise system, constitutional government, Americanism, leadership and goal setting. Students are encouraged to meet with school and civic groups upon their return home to share what they've learned.

A representative of Angelo State University welcomed students to campus at Monday's opening session. At Monday's, Chad Hymas of Utah, a motivational speaker, spoke about "Setting and Achieving your

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been signed and that work had begun on the track renovation.

Motion by James Masters, Second by Todd Moore — To adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried unanimously.

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## MOBEETIE NEWS

By Sue Mayfield

It is a beautiful, cooler morning in Mobeetie, finally. We have had a few like this since Thurs. after having some crazy winds and some showers. It was so nice to be cooled off after all that 100+ weather. We could have done without all the hard winds, but it never seems to give us a choice. The moisture was nice; although the rain east of Wheeler came so hard most of it ran off.

So glad to hear that Peggy Sun is doing better and is recuperating at home. She had a heart cath on Wed. They found that one of her stents was almost clogged up, so they went in and reamed it out. They also found another place that will have to have a stent at a later date. She will have to go back for a 2-week checkup and they will decide then when they will do the other procedure. Hope this finds you feeling much better, Peg.

We saw Donald Farrar for a few

minutes recently. He is looking well, but is having lots of back problems. The muscle relaxants and therapy haven't accomplished as much as they had hoped. He has a bulging disc and is trying to avoid surgery. He has worked for the Pampa ISD for several years. Part of that time was spent as a janitor and then, 5 years ago, he went started driving the activities buses. He really enjoys the kids. He was waiting to see if he was going to have to be a night guard for the high school since they are doing so much construction. It is such a temptation for the kids to try to climb the scaffolding and cranes and lots of other things to get into. He was supposed to know by Tuesday if he would spend the rest of the summer on night duty. His mother, Faye Farrar, is doing well and enjoying retirement. She is on oxygen all the time. The little portable cylinders let her do just about anything she wants to. Glad you're doing so much better, Faye.

Our condolences to the family and friends of James "Butch" Anderson, 58, of Canadian. He was a brother to Eva McClellan of



Wheeler. He was born and raised in Canadian and the surrounding area. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Canadian. He drove a truck for over 30 years. Services were held Sat. at the Edith Ford Cemetery with Matt Cook, Gary McClellan and Jeff Lay officiating. James is survived by his mother, a son, a daughter, one brother, two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Kevin and Cammie Ralston in the death of his stepfather, Rayford Holtman, 79, of Childress. He passed away Thurs. July 16, 2009. Services were held Sat. at the Childress Church of Christ with Trey Morgan and Robert Carter officiating. Burial was in the Childress Cemetery. Rayford has been in

the vending machine business over 50 years. He was fondly known as the "Candy Man" in Childress and surrounding area. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, a son, Carl Holtman, and wife, Lisa of Amarillo, five daughters and five stepchildren of which Kevin was the youngest. Kevin and Cammie and their wonderful family were a great addition to our school and community. They were only here a short time, but they left wonderful memories with many. Kevin taught 5th grade and Cammie was a substitute teacher. They were among some of the favorite teachers. We really miss them.

Hope to see you at the Music Festival this weekend at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum Park. There will be good music, great visiting and a wonderful concession stand with lots of goodies and their famous homemade ice cream. Advance passes for the whole weekend are \$14.00 and can be obtained by contacting someone at the museum or the fire department. Call Sallie at 662-7771 or Virginia at 845-3861 for further information. A 2-day gate pass at the gate is \$16.00, Friday only is \$8.00 and Sat. only is \$10.00. Sun. morning is free with songs and praise. Children under 13 are free. Hope you can come join the fun. Bring a chair and sit under the shade of the trees. Lots of good music, fun, food and something for all!

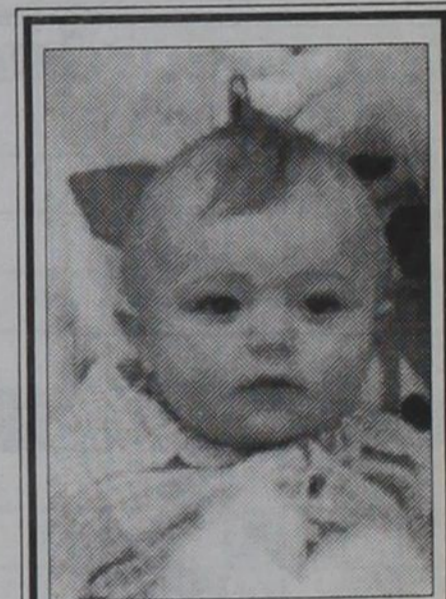
"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness walk through your door."

Have a great week!



Ruby DeeAnn Forrester is the 4-year-old daughter of Gary and Julie Forrester of Broken Arrow, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Patricia Forrester of Wheeler.

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Laudan Blocker is the 8-month-old son of Daniel and Monica Blocker of Los Lunas, N.M., and the great-grandson of Artie Tidwell of Wheeler.

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## A Few Events In The Life of a 14-Mo.-Old

By Jennifer Bryant

Okay, so my 14-month-old kid is smarter than I am. I'm addicted to Sonic Dr Peppers. Well, one day I got a Dr Pepper on the way home and Seth got really upset. I reached for his sippy cup and handed it to him and that wasn't good enough. I now have to order a Dr Pepper for me and a kids water for him. I have to let him take his drinks before I can leave the parking lot. It's pretty cute I wouldn't want anyone telling me I couldn't have a drink of my Dr Pepper until I got home either.

We got home on a Sunday after, July 5, after a trip to Wheeler. As we were getting out of the car, I was trying to get Seth to go into the house. He wasn't having it. He was running right down the drive way. Well of course I went chasing after when he stopped, bent down and picked up the Sunday Oklahoman. He then looked at me and started dragging it to the door to go into the house. He and Pop (Louis Stas) go outside every Sunday morning and gets the paper. I guess he thought it was his job to take in the paper.

Seth had a cup of milk and his dad (Greg) had a IBC Root Beer. Seth wanted a drink of the root beer. I took the bottle and acted like I poured it into his sippy cup. Seth took a drink and looked at me like "that's just my milk what are you thinking mom?" and reached for the bottle himself to try to pour it into his sippy cup. I guess that one won't work again.

When I get onto Seth for going out the dogs door or getting into the dog's water he will walk away for a second, then he goes back to it. But he doesn't just go back to it, no! We have a routine. He gets almost there, stops turns and looks at me with this big smile on his face and starts backing up into it. Like I'm not going to see that he is going backwards. It's really cute. I guess he doesn't out smart me on this one but the fact that he thinks he is really cute.

Standing outside Saturday, July 19, Seth saw his shadow for the first time. This was so funny!!! He would back up slowly, thinking it was going to disappear. Then he ran to the grass really fast but it followed him there. He went back to the sidewalk where he tried to stomp on it. He stomped and stomped and stomped but it wouldn't go away. I guess it took mother nature to out smart my kid.

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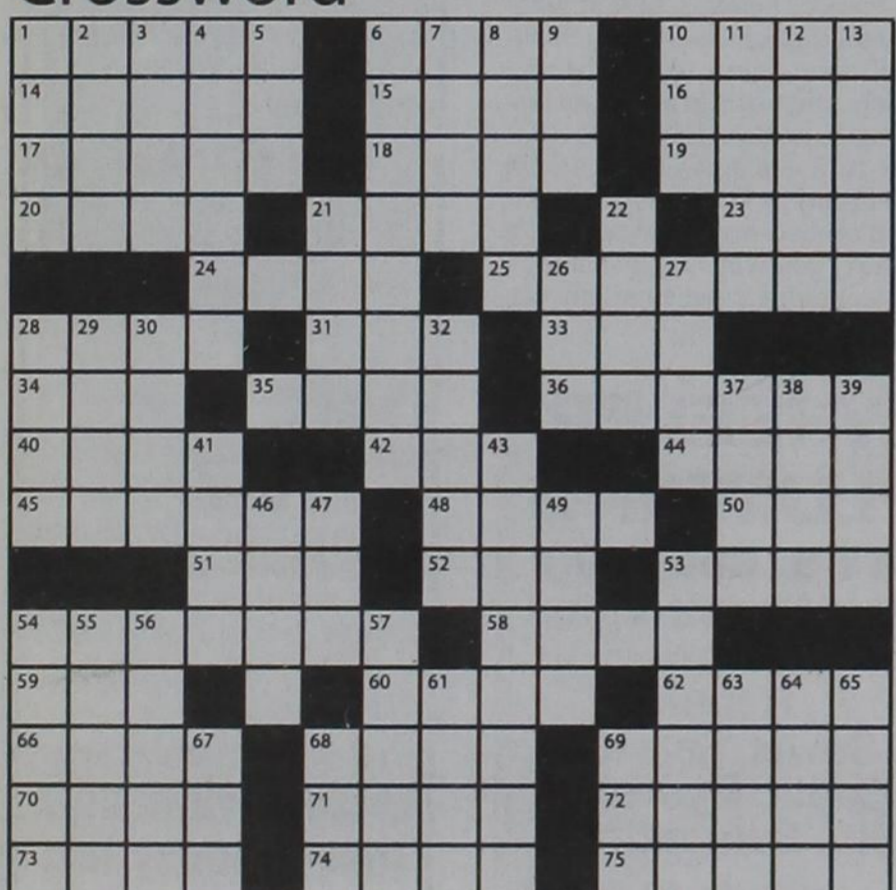
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15. Get \_\_\_ shape  
16. Eye amorously  
17. True up  
18. "Halt!"  
19. Radar image  
20. "Gee whillikers!"  
21. Heroic poem  
23. "The loneliest number"  
24. Cab  
25. Modern sing-along  
28. Impose, as a tax  
31. \_\_\_ de Triomphe  
33. Martini ingredient

(h)ph  
58. Diplomacy  
59. Skirt's edge  
60. Butcher's cut  
62. \_\_\_ liquor  
66. Length x width  
68. Make, as money  
13. Native American tent  
21. Test  
22. Misstep  
26. In the past  
27. Wager  
28. Bread shape  
29. Consequently  
30. Turn sharply  
32. Brittle  
37. 15th of March  
38. Shrek, e.g.  
39. Requirement  
41. Money owed  
43. Precious metallic element  
46. Develop  
47. LummoX  
49. Flair  
53. Extreme  
54. Gorge  
55. Cliffside dwelling  
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Week Ending July 2, 2009  
Week Ending July 16, 2009  
Intentions to Drill  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #4 Wesner '2', 1464' from North & 1631' from East line, Sec. 2, —, ACH&B, PD 14250'.  
WHEELER (ALLEN-PARKER Brown Dolomite) Mobeetie Resources Dev., L.L.C., #2 Bud Hogan SWD '44', 1740' from North & 2378' from East line, Sec. 44, A-5, H&GN, PD 9000'. Injection well  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Apache Corp., #1218 Stiles '18', 220' from North & 1550' from East line, Sec. 3, A-3, H&GN, PD 18000' (BHL: 467' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 18, A-3, H&GN) Horizontal

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #6H.D. Britt '4', 800' from North & 1680' from East line, Sec. 8, 2, B&B, PD 15200' (BHL: 200' from North & 2650' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerks office from July 13, 2009 – July 17, 2009.  
**JULY 13, 2009**  
MD/ROY, D-Virginia Gilmore to Beverly Lynn Cooper, 7-9-09, NW/4 Sec. 33 and SE/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSIGN.-Nancy Staley Rettig to Nancy S. Rettig Trust, 6-16-09, See Instrument.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Ellen Rosaler to Sylvia Trompeter, 5-28-09, Sec. 58, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and Sec. 7, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
EXT. OL-Kendra Megan Porter Easter to Questar Exploration and Production Company, 3-3-09, Pt. E/2 NW/4 Sec. 5, IRR Co. Survey.  
MD/ROY, D- Bishop College to Southwest Petroleum Company, et al, 5-29-09, Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
D-George Gibson to Elvin Meadows, et ux, 7-7-09, E/2 Sec. 54, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
**JULY 14, 2009**  
No Recordings  
**JULY 15, 2009**  
RELEASE ROW- Mesa Power GP LLC to Arden Kenady, et ux, 7-7-09, Sec. 53 and NE/4 Sec. 52, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RELEASE ROW- Mesa Power GP LLC to Mary Margaret Doss, 7-7-09, S/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RELEASE ROW- Mesa Power GP LLC to Shirley E. Dyson, 7-7-09, N 100 acs. S 200 acs. W/2 Sec. 100, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RELEASE ROW- Mesa Power GP LLC to Monroe and Sue Seitz Jr. and Carol Sue Seitz Irrevocable Trust Agreement, 7-7-09, 5.2 acs. SW/4 Secs. 70 & 51, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RELEASE ROW- Mesa Power GP LLC to Todd W. Hammer, et ux, 7-7-09, S 100 acs. W/2 Sec. 100, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #6H Britt '8', 350' from (off lease) & 2631' from West (off lease) line, Sec. 5, 1, B&B, PD 15000' (BHL: 300' from North & 2631' from West line, Sec. 8, 1, B&B) Horizontal  
Oil Well Completions  
ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Texakoma Operating, L.P., #1 North McMordie '124', Sec. 124, C, G&M, spud 12-18-08, drlg. compl 1-4-09, tested 3-18-09, flowed 210 bbl. of 44 grav. oil + 44 bbls. water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 6814, TD 10086', PBTD 9840' —  
Gas Well Completions  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #15 Fillingim '44', Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN, spud 12-4-08, drlg. compl 12-23-08, tested 6-13-09, TD 12800', PBTD 12663'

HEMPHILL (GILL RANCH Morrow 'B') Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Locke 'A', Sec. 37, A-2, H&GN, spud 3-13-09, drlg. compl 4-7-09, tested 5-22-09, TD 11220', PBTD 11133' —  
HEMPHILL (SHREIKEY Granite Wash) Range Production Co., #159 Imagine, Sec. 59, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-22-08, drlg. compl 6-11-08, tested 8-26-08, potential 1790 MCF, TD 11740', PBTD 11276' —  
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #34 Flowers Trust 'B', Sec. 3, —, BS&F, spud 5-13-09, drlg. compl 5-25-09, tested 6-17-09, TD 10890', PBTD 10852' —  
WHEELER (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #103 Hudson, Sec. 3, S.R. Cooper, spud 3-20-09, drlg. compl 4-26-09, tested 5-15-09, TD 15175', PBTD 12700' — Plug-Back  
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Consolidated) Questar E&P Co., #1 Jolly '21', Sec. 21, A-4, H&GN, spud 9-24-08, drlg. compl 11-17-08, tested 1-21-09, potential 6695 MCF, TD 15611', PBTD 15538' —  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Zephyr Lone Star Operating Co., L.L.C., #102 Dobson Ranch, Sec. 2, 2, B&B, spud 10-11-08, drlg. compl 11-5-08, tested 2-3-09, potential 2403 MCF, TD 13450', PBTD 13450' —  
Plugged Wells  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Crown Petroleum Corp., #1245 Wesner, Sec. 245, C, G&MMB&A, spud 6-18-08, plugged 11-4-08, TD 8637' (dry) —  
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3156 State, Sec. 156, 41, H&TC, spud 4-14-83, plugged 5-24-07, TD 7400' (gas) —  
Form 1 in MCR Oil Corp.  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Blue Dolphin Production, L.L.C., #128

Barbara, Sec. 28, M-2, H&GN, spud 9-23-06, plugged 10-7-06, TD 6000' (dry) —  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #12 Britt Ranch 'B' 46, Sec. 46, A-3, H&GN, spud 7-11-06, plugged 2-19-08, TD 490' (junked) —  
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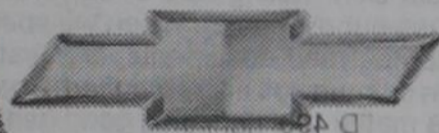


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forever), Jeff plays guitar and sings lead and harmony in The Star Canyon Band. Born in Virginia, his music career began in the country music field, later taking the Nashville route where he shared stages with some of 'the best' before converting to bluegrass music in the early 1980s. To the enjoyment of his many fans, there's still a touch of country to Jeff's music. Onstage, there's no doubt that he loves performing and sharing his God-

given talents with the bluegrass world.

**Tim Tynes**, Burleson TX, is an accomplished artisan on banjo, guitar and dobro. Tim also shares vocal responsibilities of The Star Canyon Band. Though he enjoys different types of music—bluegrass music means the most to Tim. He has lived in the Fort Worth area most of his life and during his 35+ years of playing music, Tim has been a part of several bands, teaches banjo and occasionally assists with area banjo workshops. More recently, Tim has gotten serious with his song-

writing and is spending more time on those efforts. When he isn't picking, Tim is enjoying time with his family, hunting or fishing.

**Eddie Stroud** is an excellent bassist and sings lead and harmony, as well. A native Texan, Eddie was born, raised and works in Glen Rose TX where he still lives today. Eddie has been playing music for over 20 years—starting out on guitar and later learning to play bass because "there never seemed to be anyone to play bass" for the jam sessions he frequented at a nearby bluegrass music park. He'll modestly tell you that there's "nothin' special" about me," but when he starts singing while playing guitar or bass, you'll know right quick that there is, indeed, something 'very special' about him! Eddie readily admits that the thing that he loves most about bluegrass music is the people and 'the people' love Eddie as well.

**Carl Josefy**, from Altus OK, has been playing and singing bluegrass music for over 27 years.

Carl started out singing tenor harmony and lead vocals while jamming with his dad and friends at various festivals they attended. He plays mandolin, guitar and bass and sings tenor, lead, alto and (sometimes) bass vocals. Carl says, "I just like to pick and sing, so I try to play different instruments or sing parts other than what someone else is already doing." Carl played in a country band for several years in the mid-1990s frequenting dance halls and rodeos in the southwest Oklahoma and northern Texas area. Later, he was a founding member of "Truevine", a contemporary Christian music group playing churches and other events. But, through it all, Carl still says bluegrass is his favorite type of music because of its honest and pure sound.

This personable, dynamic foursome came together in this venture dedicated to 'being the best that they can be,' and they are definitely "entertainers"—each member is an accomplished lead



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vocalist and, collectively, they perform some wonderful harmony coupled with one of the best balances of sound that you can hope to find. From the pooling and refinement of individual members' ideas, emerged The Star Canyon Band's own lot of bluegrass, softened with a little country, a touch of folk music added, and a dusting of humor injected here and there. They seem to have discovered the 'mix' that folks want to hear...a fan base of over 1400 households supports their extreme popularity. These loyal fans readily proclaim these fellows to be "some of the most talented and nicest guys that you could ever hope to meet!" Their presence adds a special touch to any event!

Don't miss this star studded event under the shade trees on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie

Museum. Admission for the festival is as follows: Friday - \$10; Saturday - \$12; Weekend Pass - \$18; Sunday FREE; Children 12 & Under - FREE. RV HOOKUPS run \$12 per day; 10 days for \$85 and 7 days for \$65. Dry Camping is \$6.00 per day. For more information please call 806-845-2028, visit the OMTA website at [www.mobeetie.com](http://www.mobeetie.com) or email them at [mjm806@windstream.net](mailto:mjm806@windstream.net). The museum is located in Old Mobeetie, Texas just off Highway 152, approximately 11 miles west of Wheeler or 32 miles east of Pampa.

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The Larry Ford Bluegrass Band . . . to play at Mobeetie Festival

The Larry Ford Bluegrass Band prides itself on being a traditional-sound bluegrass entity. Although it is listed as being from Leedey, the band's only member from Leedey is bandleader Larry Ford.

Larry has been playing old time country music and bluegrass music for more than 40 years, having been 'on local radio and Oklahoma TV stations throughout the years. He also has been a guest on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, having performed with Mike Snider seven different occasions. He played DoBo and sung with Texas based "Flat Mountain" for a number of years, and then formed the Larry Ford band about 16 years ago. He has recorded six albums, four using Nashville musicians, and two with his current band members. The band has performed not only in Oklahoma, but also in Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri at various festivals, churches celebrations and private functions, including entertaining the Oklahoma legislators on three occasions.

The band keeps with bluegrass tradition whether selecting older or newer songs, and likes to do many songs which haven't been covered by every other band, although there always is room for crowd favorites including many of the standards.

Bass player Larry Nance has been playing bass for Larry Ford for 16 years...his total upright bass playing experience. He lives in Elk City and has played guitar or electric bass at church and with one other bluegrass group for about 10 years prior to joining Larry Ford. He also works at writing songs, with four having been recorded.

Mike Bostic, Claremore, is another veteran in the bluegrass field. He is one of the premier mandolin players in the state and has more than 40 years experience. Mike also plays fiddle and guitar, sings lead and harmony. He plays with his own band Heartland Express, and has filled in with many other bands when they need a replacement musician. Mike and his wife Dell have been associated with the Chili Festival in Claremore, and previously in Tulsa and they have connections with almost all recognized bluegrass bands.

Ben Lawson, Chickasha, has been playing and collecting fiddles for 42 years. He plays a variety of styles of music and regularly plays with three other bands besides the Larry Ford Band. He plays country music, and western swing, and has been a part of a half-dozen other recording projects and enjoys playing for senior citizen dances.

The youngest and most recent addition to the band is banjoist John Diamond from Watonga. John has played with other groups as well, but has been a part of Larry's band for five years. He also is an accomplished mandolin and guitar player, plus an excellent at songwriting. John lived and worked in the music industry in Nashville before moving back to Oklahoma.



The Saltgrass Band . . . to play at Old Mobeetie Festival

The Saltgrass Band is based in Lake Jackson, Texas and has played bluegrass music for many years. We try to include a mix of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music with every performance. There is always a gospel song or two and maybe a couple of funnies during the performance.

The current members of the band are:

Jimmy Fischer - banjo, guitar, vocals. Jimmy lives in Lake Jackson, Texas. He has been in the group about 25 years. His "driving banjo technique" provides a foot stompin' sound that few can duplicate. He writes many songs. Just recently, he wrote Stars, Stripes Tattered and Torn. This is the title song of one of their Cd's. John Brockett - guitar, vocals. John lives in Magnolia, Texas and has been with the group about 20 years. His superb tenor voice will definitely get your attention, whether the song is an old bluegrass classic or a mellow gospel tune. John's rhythm guitar playing is terrific. He knows where the

"sweet spot" is on his Martin D-28 Guitar.

Jim Lowery - bass, vocals. Jim lives in Spring, Texas, and has been in the group about 14 years. He does most of the M.C. work. His bass playing holds the rhythm and is rock solid.

Timmy Fischer - mandolin, vocals. Timmy lives in Lake Jackson, Texas and has played with the group about 6 years. He provides another great vocal as well as some fine guitar and mandolin picking. He loves to sing and play bluegrass.



The Link Family . . . to play at Old Mobeetie Music Festival

The Link Family is a true family band, featuring Dad, Mom, five children and two in-laws from Lebanon, Missouri. They are having the "time of their lives" traveling on their Silver Eagle bus and sharing their music in churches, bluegrass festivals, theaters, Silver Dollar City, US Military bases, R.V. parks and misc. events. The family consists of Rachel (21), Kyle (20), Benjamin (13), Aaron (10), John (9), Becky (Mom), Lance (Dad), son-in-law, Landon Keeler and daughter-in-law, Ashley Link. Each member of the family participates in performing. Rachel brings to the group a strong lead and harmony voice while playing mandolin, guitar and bass. Kyle plays all the instruments on stage, mostly fiddle and guitar while singing lead and harmony. Benjamin also plays all the instruments on stage, mostly banjo, sings lead and harmony.

Aaron sings lead and plays the fiddle while John sings lead and is learning mandolin. Becky plays rhythm guitar and bass while singing lead and harmony and Lance brings in the foundation sound on the bass fiddle, sings bass as well as being our bus driver and manager. Landon joins us this year as sound man and Ashley adds twin fiddling with Kyle.

Traveling and singing together has its joys and challenges while giving allowance for The Link Family to learn much about life as a family, to meet the many wonderful people that make up the strong fabric of our nation, and to see the beauty of the American landscape. This family group brings a refreshing performance that will leave you smiling, encouraged and tapping your foot.

These two bands provide just a taste of the great music that awaits you at the Old Mobeetie

To The Editor  
The Wheeler Times  
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,  
July 26 will mark the 4th Anniversary of my brother's death. In honor of his memory I want to share my family's battle with cancer. I say my family because even though my brother was the only one who physically had cancer, we all carried and still carry a piece of it ourselves.

When my brother was a teenager our grandfather told him that dipping would kill him. My mother told him. The dentist told him. But David was invincible. He was an active little boy who could fix and soup up anything with a motor. He was a daredevil. He was a strong basketball and baseball player in high school. As an adult he worked in the oilfield and was solid and tough. David was invincible - until that little white dot appeared under his tongue. That little white dot grew into a vicious cancer and took the life of that big, tough guy and devastated the lives of those who had to learn to live without him.

I could tell you how the doctors first cut a section from under his tongue for a biopsy without deadening it. I could tell you how they pulled all his teeth prior to begin radiation, because the radiation would destroy them and they could become infected later. I could tell you how they put his head in a mask and bolted it to a table to deliver the radiation treatments. I could tell you how he would fall to his knees in the hospital room, coughing and throwing up blood and pieces of his tongue. I could tell you how he was unable to drink a drop of water for the last 11 months of his life and was only able to eat with a feeding tube in his stomach. I could tell you how, as a last ditch effort, he underwent a surgery where the doctors removed his upper and lower jaw, the floor of his mouth, 90% of his tongue and part of his throat. But, I won't tell you about these things. I will tell you about the ending of his life.

Davy was 32, married with a little 4 year old daughter. He had surgery in Jan. 2005 at MD Anderson. The doctor was so confident. He told David, we'll get you to her 5th, 6th, 7th birthday, maybe even her 8th. He barely made it past her 5th, but at least we had that. They send David home saying he had a day, a week, maybe a month, but not long. So, here we thought he was out of the woods for a couple of years, and then the pain returned and that couple of years turned into 2 months. He wanted the entire family to go to the mountains - his favorite place, so my sister, and I and our families and our parents packed up and went.

David never let his cancer slow



Davy and his daughter Adley at 18 months are shown here; they spent a lot of time together fishing and riding 4 wheelers. This photo is one of Adley's favorite because the fish is almost as big as her.

him down. He always wanted company and when they were there he would not rest or go lay down. In the mountains, although he was getting so ill by this time, he insisted on doing things - going out to look at Elk with my sister's husband, taking the little kids fishing, riding go-carts with his daughter. All the while weak, coughing blood, and so very ill. But, he could not be stopped. Once he returned home, he continued to weaken. The first part of July he was able to ride to a fire-works stand and stocked up on fireworks for his little girl. They spent the next week on the front porch, him, lighting and throwing the firecrackers - his hands shook so bad I don't know how he every got them lit. By now the facial swelling began to increase and he had lost hearing in one ear - I

guess from the tumor. About a week after that his eyes began to swell - first just one. He was still a trooper. But a few days later when the second swelled shut, he knew he battle was over. That is what I HATE SO MUCH about this disease. It robs its victims of the ability to eat, to drink water, to speak, to hear and finally to see. When David reached this point he wrote, "It's time to go to Amarillo." See, we live in a very remote area and have to travel 100 miles to Amarillo, Texas to the hospice facility. We took him that night at 2 a.m. I will always be so grateful for his strength and his willingness to let others help us, as we could no longer manage his care on our own and were so scared of "when the time came" and not knowing what to do.

David would remain at hospice one week and two days until he passed. In this time they were able to get the swelling down enough that he could see fairly good. They had little patios right outside the room and David would sit out there a few minutes each day. Mainly, we sat beside his bed and rubbed his hands and feet to let him know we loved him and he squeezed our hands in return. About 3 days before David passed he began to bleed from the trachea. Blood just squirted out. The cancer had begun to eat through the veins in his neck. The doctors gave us a worse case scenario - it would eat into the jugular and David would bleed to death in front of our eyes in just a few seconds. They had us develop a plan to get the children out of the room when it happened. My sister was so scared - because she knew she couldn't mentally see him die that way - that she could hardly go in to visit. She was still trying to function for her own two daughters, 6 and 3, that were at the hospital with us.

The day before David died, he wouldn't stay in the bed. He wanted up. We put him in the wheel chair and pushed him up and down the hall. He would nod off and I would head back to the room, only to have him wake up, shake his head no, and move his finger in a circular motion, telling me to "keep going". So we pushed him up and down the hallways as he nodded off and on. It was a hot Texas day, but we had big thunderclouds building in the sky. To me they are one of the most beautiful sights. I pushed David out onto the sidewalk and he looked at them for a few minutes and pointed. Then he was ready to go back, it was too hot.

The next morning I arrived early and found my brother-in-law had slept in a chair beside David all night and was holding his hand, with his head resting on both their hands. (My sister's husband. She hadn't been able to stay with David at night because she was so afraid of seeing him die, so her husband stayed for her). I went to the other side and sat down and held David's hand, but I could tell it was different from before. He was breathing easily and I watched his chest rise and fall. This went on for a couple of hours then a friend from high school showed up. He is a preacher now and after his visit he asked if we'd all like to hold hands and pray and we did. I was still holding David's hand. He hadn't squeezed my hand all morning and I knew he would not wake back up. After the prayer, I released David's hand to go hug Shawn and thank him for coming. He left and I went back to my brother, then saw my sister sitting on the couch and asked her if she would like to hold his hand for a while. She sat down and said, "He's gone." No, he's not," I said. "Yes, he is," she said. And he was. So gentle, so peaceful, we didn't know it happened. We had not received the miracle of recovery, but we did receive one in that he did not pass as the doctors had feared. I will always believe David heard the prayer and knew we were all there and chose to let go and save us the pain the doctors had told. He died as he lived - living each day to its fullest and always thinking of others. He is deeply missed.

I know many of you are familiar with David's battle but I also know many have children who are just

coming to the age where they "experiment" with tobacco. Tobacco is not sold for your enjoyment, it's there because it is addictive and makes big money. Tobacco is a very successful business. What you're child or son or husband or even daughter may not know is that dipping snuff contains 28 cancer causing chemicals. I know some will shake their heads, but I have researched this thoroughly. It also contains very finely ground fiberglass. The fiberglass roughens the skin inside the mouth and allows the nicotine and other carcinogens to be absorbed more quickly, making the addiction take hold even quicker. Like I said, tobacco manufacturing is a successful business and they use every tool at their disposal to hang on to their loyal customers. I am not preaching, "Stop dipping", I am simply saying, "If you choose to dip, please know this could happen to you." Also, rather you are a current or former dipper, please have regular dental checkups. What may be a little bump today can be a death sentence tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
Tonya Finsterwald, sister of the late David Gilmer II

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## Chat (from Page 1)

It would be impossible to name everyone involved; but, three people come to mind, **Neta Evans, Dave Britt and Charles Kuntz**. Neta Standlee Evans made the first contribution, Dave Britt saw a way to get it done and Charles Kuntz with numerous others 'picked up the ball' and kept it moving.

— cwe —  
It was an enjoyable sound Friday evening at the opening of the program to hear the rain beating on the roof.

— cwe —  
The amounts varied, but I measured 0.19"

— cwe —  
Saturday morning another 0.41" was measured.

— cwe —  
When this and next week's papers are mailed and prepared for mailing, I am gone—on vacation. Scheduled to leave July 22 and return to Wheeler August 3.

— cwe —  
Thanks for all your help in getting everything done.

— cwe —  
I took time out Monday evening to play cards and should have worked. Larry and I were skunked. Patsy and Mike won the first two games and Dwight helped Mike win the third game.

## Storm (from Page 1)

the day you are there. I got my stamp.  
At Yellowstone I did a very hard work to find animals, birds, geysers, mud volcanos and everything. I listened to the Park Ranger tell about the Mammoth Hot Springs. Finally I almost didn't get my Junior Ranger badge 'cause everything closed too early. We went really fast everywhere to find a Ranger. He was talking to a lot of people. After the talk he said, This is our newest Junior Ranger, Stormie Meriwether. All the people clapped. I got my badge. I am so happy to be a Junior Ranger. Now I can help all the animals and the people. That's it.



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**Eating healthy**  
As with any of your body part, one of the best ways to keep your eyes fit and healthy is to eat nutritious food. Fruits and vegetables and rich in antioxidants that help slow down the process of aging and the deterioration of eyesight. Vitamins that are good for the eyes include vitamin C, A, and E. These three vitamins help decrease the risk of cataracts and macular degeneration. Most fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins C, A, and E. Beta carotene are also popularly known to help maintain good eye sight. Some of the fruits and vegetables high in beta carotene include carrots, squash, and yellow and red peppers.

**Pampering your eyes**  
Soothe your tired eyes with cold cucumber slices. Gently press the cucumber slices against the eyes and leave there for ten minutes. You can also use a cool towel in place of the cucumber. Just put it above your closed eyes and leave for a few minutes. This will also help get rid of puffiness and eye bags for more beautiful and attractive eyes.

**Contact lenses**  
If you wear contact lenses, as much as possible, do not wear them for more than 12 hours. At all costs, do not wear your contacts when you sleep. Leaving your contacts on for too long may cause permanent damage to your eyesight as well as cause extreme discomfort.

**Eye drops**  
Use eye drops sparingly as some of these may contain powerful ingredients that will only do worse for the eyes. Opt for eye drops that are made of 'tears,' which can actually be used more frequently. Avoid those that are made to 'get the red out' as these have stronger chemicals. Read the labels of eye drops carefully to know how often you can use them. Chronic daily use of eye drops may just worsen irritation to the eyes. Also take note that when you are wearing contacts, there are many eye drops that you cannot use with them.

**Protection from the sun**  
Exposure to too much sun damages the eyes and accelerates its deterioration and aging. One of the best ways to protect the eyes from the sun is by wearing sunglasses. When choosing sunglasses, get one that has high UV protection and has polarized lenses. Simply getting dark lenses is not enough to protect the eyes as it only makes the pupils dilate and do not anything to stop the UV rays from reaching the eyes.

So take care of those baby blues (or greens, or browns, or hazels, or whatever color your eyes may be).

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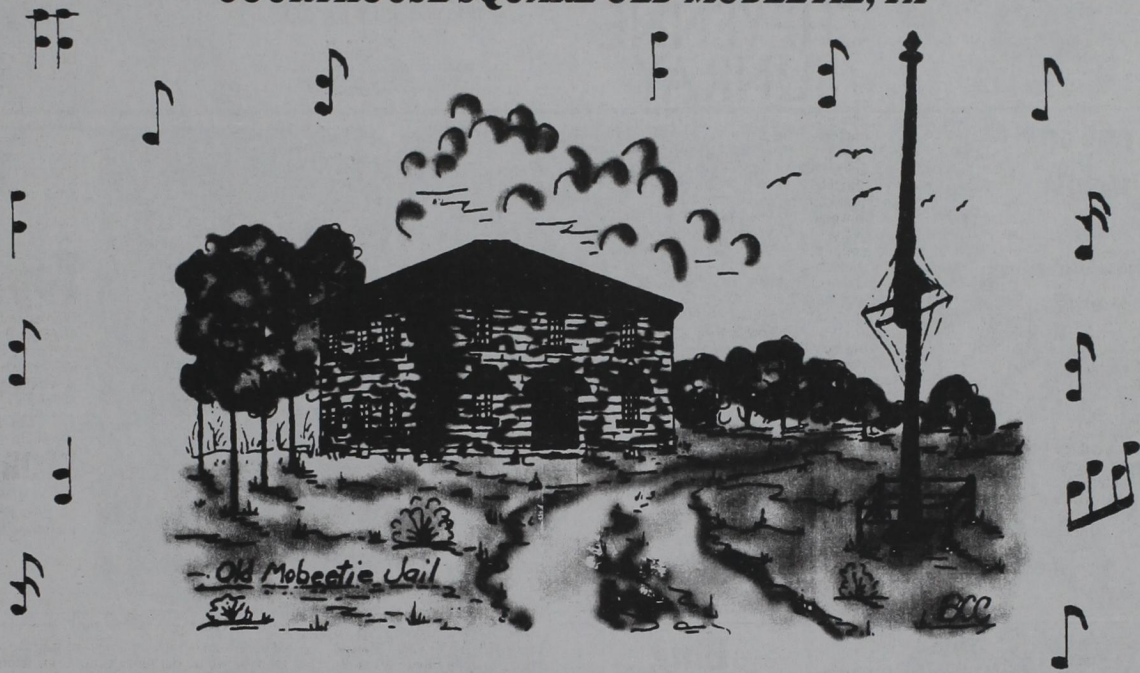
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**Country** (from Page 2)

Glad I got to visit with her a little at the care center when the band played.

Nice to have a phone call from my

"little sister," Mary Ruth Van Sant. She turned 81 July 4 (and she doesn't bother my paper dolls any more. I used to cut them out of the Sears Roebuck catalog after the new catalogs came out.) Mary enjoyed a family gathering to celebrate her birthday with a meal and included Carol and James Hardage, Sunny Keene and some of her family, Casey Taylor, Kenneth Gene Evans and daughter and others. Happy Birth-

day, Mary Ruth. God bless you!

Martha Meek enjoyed having Juanita Fillingim eat lunch with her Sunday and go to the new County Ag and Family Center. Also visiting Martha another night was Kathy Eddens who had brought Colly up to see friends. Kyle Eddens has also been visiting friends in Wheeler area.

Nice to have several from Mobeetie Baptist Church out to Wheeler Care Center Sunday for sing-along and church. Loney Wilson led singing (good job), Gaye Hale played the piano and Rev. Don McElroy had a good message from the Bible. All inspiring. Also helping with singing were Charlie McDerment, Beverly Swift, Sally Adcock and Jayton,

Jade Forward, Marion Grimes, Joyce Wood, Paul Hathaway and Robert Airstik. Some other residents there were Fern Turnbow, Dorothy Walker, Nora Ryan and Joe Shelton who is having therapy following hip surgery and is doing all right.

Cecil Meadows, long-time Wheeler and Briscoe area resident, was honored for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the City Drug Bed and Breakfast in Wheeler on Sunday, June 5th. The birthday party was given by his children and attended by over 80 friends and family. Mr. Meadows' children include three sons and one daughter. They are Dwayne Meadows and wife Betty of Pampa, Dale Meadows and wife Shonda of Pampa, Donna

Hawkins and husband Jerry of Logan, NM and Dean Meadows and wife Shannon of Canadian. Also attending and assisting with the party were several grandchildren and great-grandchildren including Brandi Hawkins and daughter Heaven of Gretna, LA, Bubba Meadows of McLean, Jennifer Brown and sons Landon and Mason of Amarillo, Ashleigh McWilliams of Irving, Tiffany Hawkins of Logan, NM, Leslie McWilliams of Irving, Cassie Goen and husband Travis of Canyon, Michelle Albers and husband Jeremy and son Samuel of Amarillo, and Megan Meadows of Amarillo.

Among the well-wishers were friends and relatives from the lo-



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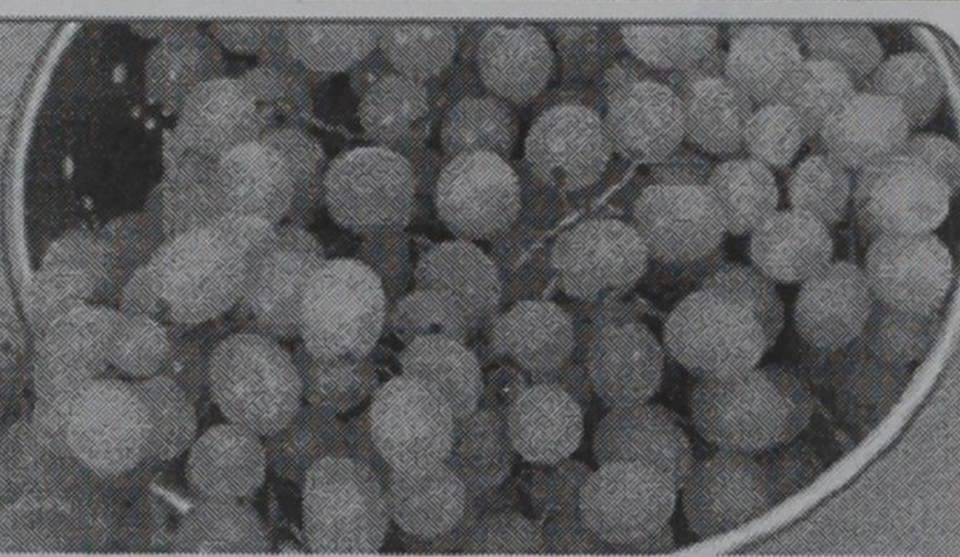
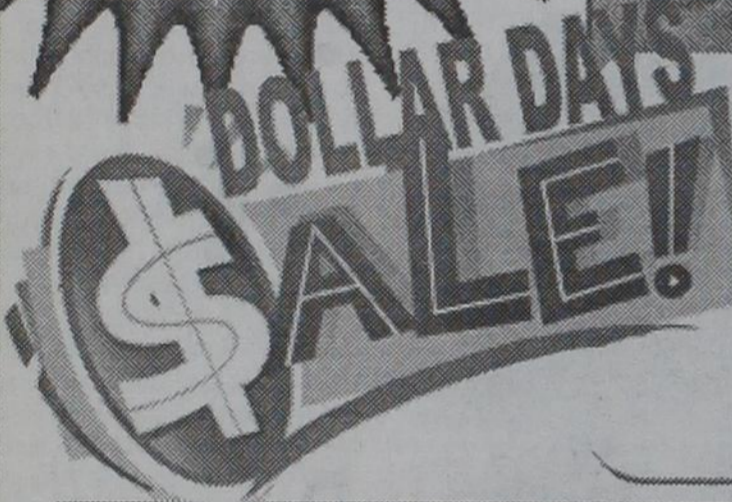
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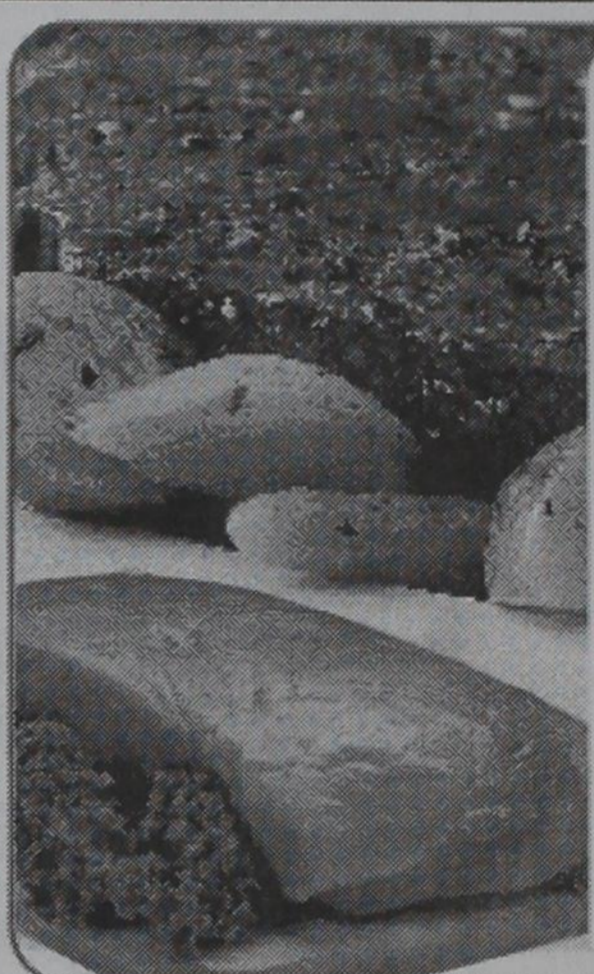


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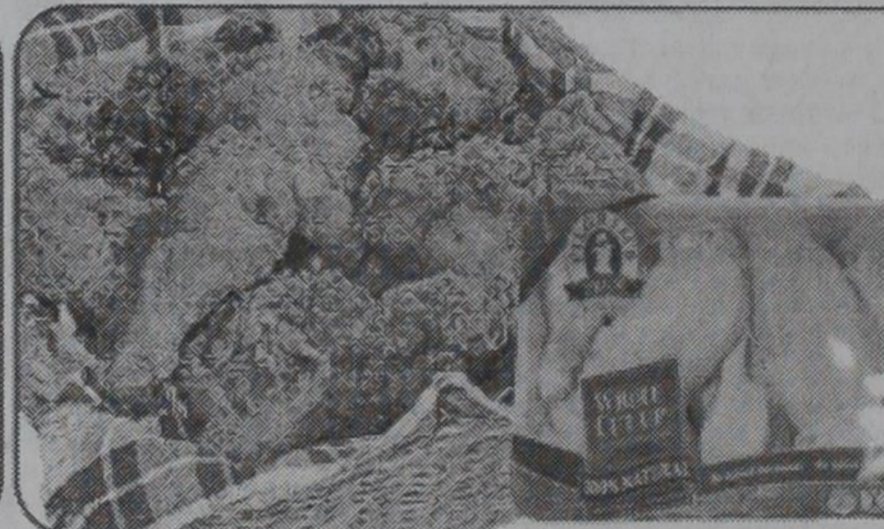
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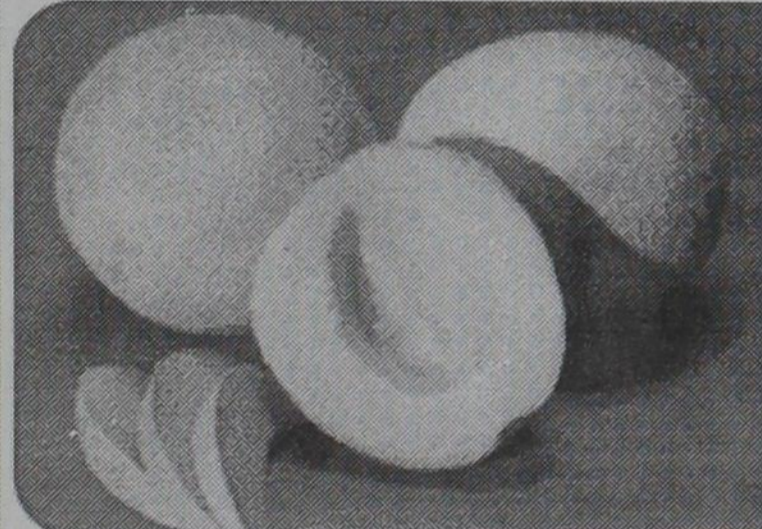
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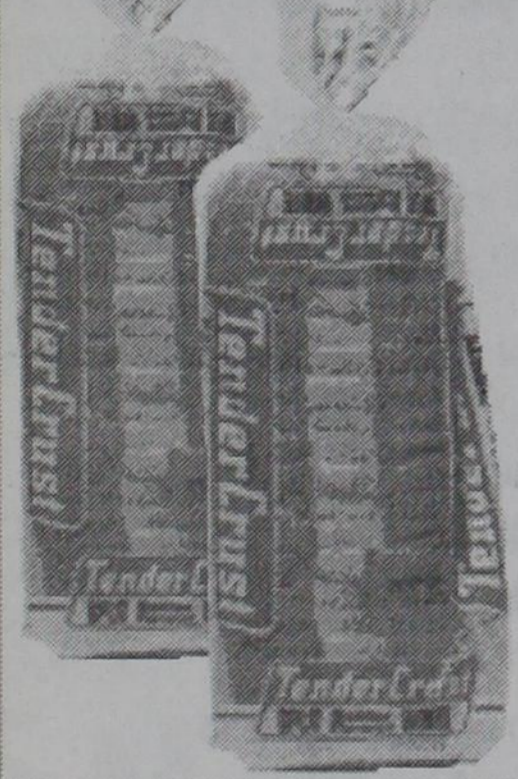
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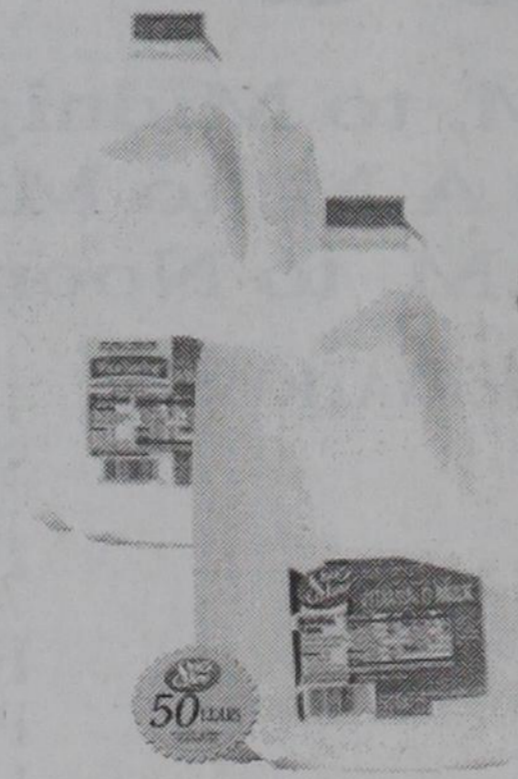
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