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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

We heeded the warning of the impending winter storm and headed for OKC to be there for Seth in case the daycare was closed on Thursday and Friday.

Jennifer called to advise us to bring groceries, as the shelves were being emptied in preparation for the storm.

In taking her advice, we found lots of local people shopping Thriftway in preparation.

We arrived with the food and began cooking all the good stuff that makes winter bearable—ham, beans, soup, etc. If we lost electricity, the meals would only have to be warmed up.

The Meriwethers were at their 'lake home'. They have a fireplace and gas cookstove; there would be our refuge if necessary.

OKC also escaped the worst of the ice and was not out of electricity.

Jennifer got off work early both Thursday and Friday and Seth stayed home with us, so he did not have to be out on the icy streets.

Leroy, Rhonda and Stormie came over and we made the best of the situation; we got in several games of cards.

We started the storm off with the most essentials food; Rhonda brought over chili. This was followed by cornbread, cherry cobbler and chocolate cake.

The Windstar was coated with ice and I had to crawl in through the back to get inside.

We made preparations to leave Sunday afternoon and called Wheeler to learn you were fogged in here and there was still ice on some of the highways. Visibility was about a car's length.

Monday morning dawned with some fog and the roads once again frozen.

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by... Stormie Meriwether, First Grade Student

Dear Friends, The snow is great! We don't go to school. We just stay at home and eat. Sometimes I go to Seth's house. Jennifer let us paint. I loved it! We can paint with a brush or our hands and our feet. Jenna won't let me mix the colors. Only Seth can mix the colors 'cause he's a baby. I like to mix the colors too. I love to paint.

I want to go to Texas, Wheeler. I miss my Cupcake. My dad let me ride him without a saddle. It was so fun! I can ride like an Indian girl. I know Cupcake is ok 'cause my cowboys take care of him for me. My cowboys are the best!

My Suzy dog was chasing Mason (dog). Mason ran to the dock, jumped on the boat and slid in the lake. We didn't see him. We called the dogs to come in and Mason wasn't there. We called and called. Then we saw Mason on the outside of the fence by the water. He saved himself and climbed on the dock by the boat. We saw the tracks in the snow and where he slid down the boat. He was wet and cold. He was so happy to be safe he ran and played in the snow. Then I took him inside and rubbed him dry with a towel. I'm so happy Mason is safe. That's it.



WORK BEGINS: Repair work has begun on the old American Legion building, the future home of the Wheeler Historical Museum. The first step in restoring the building is repairing the roof.



SNOW PILE: A pickup drives past the pile of snow at the west end of 100 E. Texas in Wheeler on Tuesday morning. The official moisture measurement was 2.03".

Snow, Ice Slows Wheeler Down

Wheeler, the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma received warnings of the winter storm headed their way in advance.

City To Elect Mayor, Two Councilmen

The City of Wheeler will hold an election May 8, 2010, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and council members. The positions will be for a two-year term. The first day for filing of an application for a place on the ballot is February 6, 2010. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot is March 8, 2010.

Anyone interested in filing for an application for a place on the ballot should come by City Hall 505 Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas. Office hours: 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday - Friday.

Wheeler High & Jr. HI.

First Semester Honor Roll

7th Grade-All A's-Abby Bond, Mitchell Ford; All A&B-Stefany Barboza, Don Butler, Troy Duncan, Brenda Garcia, Justin Hardcastle, Aileen Hinojos, Kori Howard, Destrie Kinnaman, Taylor McClendon, Guili Mendoza, Zulema Mendoza, Bryan Parra, Brittney Robinson, Chisum Ruth-erford

8th Grade-All A's-Stormy Moore; All A&B-Payton Leffew, Tre McElveny, Megan Reed, Brody Richardson, Kylie Schubert, Andrew Soto, Hannah Stiles, Juan Torres, Gabriela

Amarillo College Scholarship Awards

The Ora Belinda School-House Early Learning Center is very excited and thankful that we have staff members that have been approved for Amarillo College scholarships to continue their education in Child Development and Early Childhood through the Panhandle Workforce Solutions Child Care Services.

These team members include: Rebecca Orient, Lead Teacher Elizabeth Couch, Lead Teacher Lakeisha Applewhite, Assistant Teacher Ann Porter, Director



CONTINUE EDUCATION: The Ora Belinda School-House Early Learning Center Team Members continue their Early Childhood training by attending the PAEYC (Panhandle Association for Education of Young Children) Conference in Amarillo, TX on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Those attending included: Rebecca Orient, Chris Clayton, Elizabeth Couch, Ann Porter, and Krystle Brady(not pictured)

Wheeler was not hit as bad as some of our neighbors. A 1 1/2" of ice and sleet first covered the ground, followed by 2-3" snow. A amount of 10-12" was reported in the northern edge of the county.

Fortunately, the ice coating was not too heavy on the trees and highlines.

Area citizens were stocking their shelves, preparing for the worst on Wednesday.

The courthouse and schools were closed Thursday and Friday. The weekend brought a dusting of snow. Sunday dawned with fog throughout the area, which coated trees and hindered traffic. Black ice was present in the area Sunday morning.

The fog remained, but lightened during the day on Monday.

The process of "digging out" began immediately.

Early Voting Will Begin February 16

Early Voting in person will be at the County Clerks office in Wheeler and Shamrock City Hall in Shamrock beginning February 16 and ending February 26, 2010.

Early Voting by mail for those absent from the county or over 65 will be conducted by the County Clerks office only. Applications for ballots need to be MAILED to Margaret Dorman, Wheeler County Clerk, Box 465, Wheeler, Texas 79096. The last day to apply by mail is February 23, 2010. Must be received by County Clerks office on this day.

- The requirements are:
1. Each person has to apply and sign their own separate application.
 2. Each application must be mailed separately.
 3. If the applicant is not over 65, the ballot must be mailed outside the county, unless confined in a hospital or care facility

Air Evac Lifeteam Presentation Made At Lions Club Meeting

On Tuesday, January 26th, 2010, Christy Bell, Membership Sales Manager for Air Evac Lifeteam out of Elk City Oklahoma presented information to the Wheeler Lions Club regarding the services provided by the membership-based air ambulance service.

The service started in 1985 when a group of businessmen in West Plains, Missouri met to discuss the plight of their rural community and its lack of access to adequate trauma care in the event of a life or limb threatening medical emergency. Their solution was to establish a helicopter air ambulance service. However, rather program, the helicopter would be placed in the rural community where the people live and work. This concept made good sense, but required financial support on an ongoing basis. Thus, the founders established their program based on a membership-based model operated by Rega, a Swiss air ambulance company.

Air Evac Lifeteam is the largest independently owned and operated membership-supported air medical service in the United States, conducting its operations through more than 89 bases mutually-supporting air medical bases across 14 states. The company operates the world's largest fleet of more than 100 medically-equipped Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopters and has safely flown more than 200,000 people who were in critical need of care. The Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopters are the safest in the industry and travel up to 150 mph. The pilots must follow FAA guidelines in order to determine if weather conditions are safe for any flight. They now use night vision goggles and the pilots are all commercially-certified to fly by instruments or visually. There are three crew members on each flight-pilot, flight nurse and flight paramedic along with 1 patient at a time. The current local service area includes operations in Oklahoma and Texas, including the entire panhandle of Texas.

Air Evac Lifeteam, Eagle Med and Med Trans (DBA Northwest Texas Lifestar) are all now owned by the same parent company, Air Medical Group Holdings (AMGH). Northwest Texas Lifestar does not currently have a membership program, however, if you have the membership with Air Evac or Eagle Med your flight will be covered if flown by any of the 3 (Northwest Texas Lifestar, Air Evac or Eagle Med). The average cost for a flight is around \$20,000. Your membership fee will cover the cost of the flight. To find out more information contact Christy Bell @ 580-497-7992.

1 Year Membership Prices:

Wheeler Chamber Requesting Nominations For Recognition

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is once again taking nominations for the "Outstanding Individuals", who will be recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet.

It is the desire of the Chamber to recognize the most deserving individuals in each of the categories. The public is being asked to nominate a man, woman and employee to be recognized.

There are a number of men and women in our community, who give of their time for the community's benefit. Often time the number of people aware of their work is very small and they go unrecognized. The chamber would like for the awards to go to the most deserving and ask your help in identifying these individuals.

You as a boss, co-worker or customer know of someone who goes out of their way to be friendly, helpful and informative in performing their duties at their job. Once again the 'chamber' may not be aware; fill out an application form and nominate a deserving employee.

The chamber has placed application form at different locations around town for anyone to nominate the person they feel most deserving. Please make your ideas known and remember to list the reasons why the individual should receive the award.

All nominations will be considered by the committees appointed to select the respective individuals to be named.

It is necessary that the nominations be returned by 5:00 p.m. February 18, 2010. Nominations

may be taken to the chamber office at 505 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd in Wheeler; mailed to: Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096 or e-mailed to kristi@wildlifetexas.com.

The "Outstanding Teenager" and "Farmer/Rancher" will also be named; these are selected by committees.

The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Center, N. Hwy. 83, Wheeler, Texas. Tickets will be available; make plans to be in attendance.

ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:4-13

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, Lord hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in thy works of thy hands. O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. Psalms 92:1-5

The weather this Tuesday morning, PRAISE THE LORD for the SUNSHINE!! We have been socked in ice, snow and FOG for so long, it is so wonderful to have some sunshine. Don't matter that it is on ground hog day. So what if the ground hog sees his shadow, we are thankful for the sun. Thursday, the weather began with freezing rain and then changed to sleet and it kept that up for some time and then when ice was covered several inches thick over everything, then it came a blowing snow and we received drifts of snow everywhere on top of the ice. But THANK the LORD that we didn't lose our electricity!! God is so good to us. But after five days of no sun, it makes you so thankful and grateful for the sun. Praise be to Jesus!!

On January 22 and 23rd, Bret Begert was in Austin, Texas for Board of Directors Meeting for the Texas Association of School Boards. Bret represents Ft. Elliott CISD and all sixty three school districts in the Texas Panhandle on that board.

Tuesday, Opal and Juanita Boydston did some shopping in Wheeler, Texas and picked up some medicine for Peggy Chandler.

Wednesday, Curtis and Lillian Boydston visited in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Wednesday afternoon, Juanita Boydston visited in the home of Vance and Carol Boydston and watched the State of Union address given by our president, Obama. They had refreshments and a good visit.

Then of course everything came to a screeching halt as we received our ice storm and blowing snow. No one went anywhere for a while, especially on Thursday. WOW!! What a storm we

Trees Are Available Through Local SWCD

The Wheeler County SWCD will be taking orders from now through February 26, 2010 for fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and vines.

Fruit trees sold in 5 gallon pots for \$37 each are fuji apple, gala apple, golden delicious apple, granny smith apple, moorpark apricot, montmorency cherry and stella cherry. Chokecherry trees are in bareroot bundles of 25 for \$43 per bundle. Nanking cherry shrubs and golden currant shrubs come in bareroot bundles of 25 for \$43 per bundle.

Ornamental trees of aristocrat flowering pear, Krauter Vesuisius flowering plum and eastern redbud come in 5 gallon pots for \$39 each.

Shrubs of dwarfed wing burning bush for \$33 each, pink rose of Sharon, purple rose of Sharon, white rose of Sharon for \$30 each and Chinese wisteria for \$31 each come in 5 gallon pots. Common lilac shrubs come in bareroot bundles of 25 for \$43 per bundle.

Grape vines of your choice of flame seedless red, himrod seedless white or mars seedless blue come in 2 gallon pots for \$21 each.

If you would like to place an order, please come by the Wheeler County SWCD office at 1410 S. Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, TX. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All orders must be paid for when you order. If you have any questions please call 806-826-3565 ext. 101.

Backpacks For Kids

In the small town of Clyde, TX, where most of the population live at or below the poverty level, the Backpacks for Kids program is making a difference. The program identifies food insecure kids with the help of their school system and discreetly delivers a backpack of food full of nutritious, kid-friendly nonperishable items to these children each Friday. Rachel Laughlin connected with the Food Bank of West Central

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living:
Annie Ruth Lee
Marcilla Payne
Mary Whitener

Admissions:
12/30 Ernestine Holmes
1/24 Barbara Beard
1/25 T. J. Cole, Jr.
1/26 Tiffany Moon
1/31 Rowdy Clark

Dismissals:
1/26 Jannell Dunnam
Dena Brown
T. J. Cole, Jr.
Kenneth Frankenberg
Tiffany Moon

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OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

SHOOTIN' FROM THE HIP

After going to as many cowboy picture shows that I did as a kid; I couldn't help but notice some things that consistently happened to "Gene Autry" and "Roy Rogers."

In nearly every movie, they'd be clippidy-cloppin' along, having a really nice day; so nice... that they would break out singing. Just about the time they finished their song, without fail, there'd be some bad guy, hidin' behind big rocks close to the road, who would start shooting at them. He obviously, wasn't a music lover, in addition to being a poor shot with a pistol.

Pretty soon, the bad guy would run out of bullets, jump on his horse, and tear down the road, dust a flying. Roy or Gene, would always catch up with him; right where the steep, sandy, bank was at the edge of the road. He'd jump from "ole Trigger," or "ole Champion," grab the bad guy, and both would tumble down the sandy bank. When they stopped rolling, they'd jump up and start swinging fists! The bad guy always lost, and got taken to jail.

The other shows that were just as consistent, was where the wagon train was surrounded by Indians. The cavalry always came tearing up on their horses, bugles blaring, and saved the day! The only one I ever saw where the cavalry lost, was a movie about "General Custer." Several times, there'd be a cavalry man, that would shoot his rifle from the hip, because he didn't have time to put it up to his shoulder. This scene, began to set me thinking...

This "hip shootin'" might be a

good technique for me to master, just in case a coyote jumped out of the bushes, and I didn't have time to get my .22 up to my shoulder... Yep, I'd give it a try.

It didn't turn out to be as easy as I'd thought, but I did take every opportunity to practice. The way I liked best, was to turn about ninety degrees away from what ever I was going to shoot at, then spin around and let it have it... I really should have stuck with tin cans, pie melons, and dirt clods.

One day, I whirled around and shot at the fender of an old, model "A" or model "T" car, that was lying on its side behind our barn. The bullet slid around the inside of the fender, came right back, and hit me just below my belt! It sort of stung a little, but since I'd never been shot before, I didn't know just how bad, getting shot was supposed to hurt.

I stood there for a few seconds, to see if I was going to start bleeding. After not seeing any blood, I looked to see if there was a bullet hole in my pants, but there wasn't...

When I finally raked up the nerve to pull my britches down and look, there was only a small pink spot where I got hit. Then I looked on the ground and right there in front of me, was the bullet.

It was kind of flattened-out looking. I put it in my pocket and kept it as a souvenir for a long time. This was yet another lesson, learned by bad judgment and good luck; don't shoot at metal things!

COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"What a mighty God we serve! Angels bow before Him; Heaven and Earth adore Him...What a mighty God we serve!"

"Happy Birthday" to Lonny Kenney, Doyle Pond, Seth McClellan, Kevin Shields, Noah Singleton, and Duane Bradford, Jan. 31; Dean Lane, Amanda Childress, Jackie Lane, Jacob Swigart, and Mike Westbrook, Feb. 1; Madison Shields, Daniel Schmid, Devin Diebel McDaniel, Daniel Benefield, Jace Brooks, Cathi Gillette, Shelley Hudgins, Jack Norman, and Mark Whitaker, Feb. 1; Jamey James, Justin Bryant, Kay Stiles, Brett Buckingham, Emma Fain, Mary Jones, Josh Hardcastle, Nick Hardcastle, David King, Jessica Masters, Andy King, Rachel Reimes, Dan Trimble, Melinda Wharton, Micala Bailey and Ray Brazeal, Feb. 2; Gavin Boydston, Matt Johnson, John Shields, Jean Jenner, Tom Bible, Sonya Hudson, Carol DeArment, Bobbie Emmert, Brittney Robinson, Jaret Moore, Cory Barr, Tess Markham and DeAnna Vandiver, Feb. 4; Delise Atwood, Jim Calderon, Juanita Stas, Shelby Jones, Sherilyn Toelle, Cindy Bradstreet and Shirley Jolly, Feb. 5 and Kandi Jones, Feb. 6.

"Happy Anniversary" to Joe and Sherry Wagoner, Feb. 1; Bobbie and Micah Edwardo, Feb. 2; Eddie and Jodie Hughes, Feb. 3 and Jackie Don and Kellie May, Feb. 5.

Graveside funeral services at Kelton Cemetery for Hawk Alls, Wheeler, were Monday with

Wheeler Methodist Church serving dinner at the Kelton School for the family and friends. Sincere sympathy to the family. Many there.

Joyce Walker was moving her mom, Vera Crane, into Wheeler Care Center Tuesday at her mom's request. Go by and greet this sweet lady. Hope she'll enjoy the fellowship and activities and other people. God bless you, Vera. See you soon. Vera seems to like it O.K. at the Care Center. Girls are sending cookies to soldiers if you want to help.

Coming to church at Care Center Tuesday morning were Mark Barton, Joyce Wood, Earl and Betty Husted, Martha Meek and Verna for good sing-along, message from the Bible by Earl and prayers for all. May God bless you all!

Girl Scouts are getting money together to send cookies to troops. Want to help?

Howdy to William and Annette Newman and family in Alabama. Hope all is well with all of you.

Some residents out to Care Church Tuesday were Dorothy Walker, Marie Baker, Rosalee Atwood, Bill Dyson, Stanley, Edith Adams, Wayne Stanton, Robert Airstik, Rosalie Keelin and others to hear the good singing and messages.

Gene and Vickie Ferguson visited her daughter and husband in Montana. They got back Friday, but had to rest up a little. Lots of snow in Montana and hear much is expected in Texas! No thanks. We missed Gene and Vickie at church at Wheeler Baptist. Glad you are back!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Betty Jean Lewis, 80, of Wellington in her death. Services Wednesday at Methodist Church in Wellington. Betty was married to my cousin, Carthel Lewis, who was also a cousin to Jimmy Morgan of Wheeler. Betty was also preceded in death by a son, seven brothers and a sister. I used to enjoy playing with Carthel and his brother, Tommy, many years ago or visiting his mom, Aunt Johnnie. Johnnie Lewis was my mom's sister.

Dolores Simmons and Stephanie Jones prepared the good Wednesday night supper and many people there to enjoy it at Wheeler Baptist Church. Thank you! Some others brought desserts. Visitors always welcome. God bless you all!

David and Rita Pearson went to Amarillo and Canyon one day to see Dagen, 5 yrs., play basketball at half time of a basketball game. Dagen enjoyed it so much that he did not want to quit. Sounds like fun!

Trees here at Wheeler are covered with ice. So thankful that we still have our electricity and a warm place and food. I don't plan to venture out. This Monday is my 5th day in, but am thankful for a warm place. Some cars still moving in spite of the sleet and snow on the ground. Thank you to those who venture out to care for others.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By Sue Mayfield

Oh! Mother Nature certainly got her point across this last week. We believe it now. It is definitely winter. The only time I could have cared less if the weather forecasters turned out to be way to right to suit me. Thanks to them though, we all were better prepared for the snow of 2010. That's what many are calling it. I hope they are right and that was the worst we will get. The white stuff was beautiful, but sure made it hard on alot of people. The rumblings of thunder sure got some peoples attention. In South Dakota the area Indians said that 6 months after the first thunder in a new year there would be a hard freeze. I sure hope that the Texas and Oklahoma Indians have better news for us, or we will be getting a freeze in June, after all those hard working gardeners have a beautiful start on an abundant harvest. Thank the good Lord and the electric company guys. We got through the whole thing with just a few good flickers and then it was just set and watch it sleet and snow. We were very fortunate and only got a good base of ice and sleet and then just a few inches of snow, compared to the 8"-16" in other parts. People in part of Oklahoma weren't quite as fortunate as we were. Part of Lawton has been with out electricity since last Thurs. nite. Tanya Stuart's offices at the Merry Maids building has been out the whole time. Wal-Mart is on. The Stuart family had electricity on the whole time. Jarid's house is in Marlow and has been out the whole time, so he has been staying with Mom and Dad, Nanny and Todd. They got the electricity on at Duncan so Chad and his family have been host to Sheena's family until they can get the electricity on at their house. Sheena's little brother is just about the same age as her oldest son, so all the boys all think that this camping out at the house is pretty cool.

Poor Harley, I'm afraid she got (Continued Page 5)

Hear the... "Abundant Living Broadcast" **KPDR-FM, 90.5** WHEELER, TEXAS Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to Noon



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Thank you to city guys with maintainers who are working to make it better. They have cleared a lot of snow and sleet off and dumped it in the field north. Thanks, Wes Bradstreet!

Briscoe Fire Department was called to help monitor a wreck Friday night when a vehicle slid on ice and someone was injured. An ambulance out of Canadian was also there to help transport a lady from Perryton who was injured. Hope all will be all right. Think it happened on Holland Hill.

Leona Coates enjoyed a recent visit from daughter, Lee Ann Brown, from Krum and granddaughter, Amber, from Denison. Nice to have them all out to church and our Sunday School class. Come back soon! They all also visited Preston and Elsie Glazner for a good visit with their relatives. It sleeted and snowed Thursday

and ground still covered on Monday. What thick fog...and sleet! I haven't been out except to get Amarillo paper at garage door.

So nice to have a phone call from long-time special friend, Peggy Thompson, from Olathe, Kansas. Peggy and Dennis Thompson lived for a time at Wheeler and then at the gas plant in our area and had two boys, Jeff and Kelley, who attended Briscoe School. They all came to Gageby Church and we enjoyed fellowship with them. They still get the Wheeler Times. God bless you everyone! Peggy loves fixing hair and has her own beauty shop in Kansas five days a week. Hope all is well! Their address is 16261 S. Warnirck, Olathe, Kansas 66062. Peggy's mom even reads the Wheeler Times. Sweet lady.

"God be with you till we meet again."



First United Methodist Church

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Tom Carter, Pastor

Sunday Schedule:

Donuts & Coffee: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.

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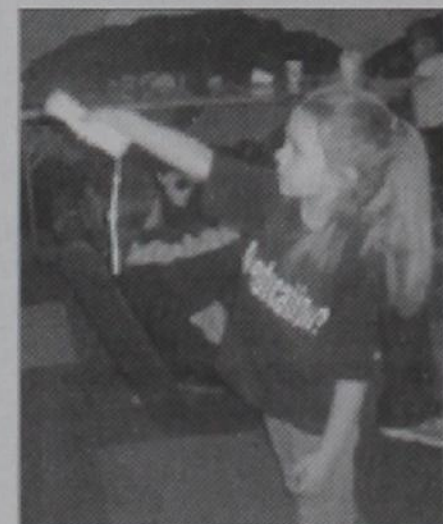
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Sarina Alvarado & Michael Shortnacy are playing Air Hockey.

LION'S DEN!!! The PK students look forward to playing in the Lion's Den at the end of each 6 weeks. They do their best to collect as much Lion Loot as possible during the 6 weeks so they will get to enter the Lion's Den. They have fun playing board games, air hockey, and bowling on the Wii. It's a great experience and the students have so much fun playing the games together. Each 6 weeks they get better at playing the games and bowling.

Right: Serenity Mendez is playing bowling on the Wii.



Left: Tanner Reynolds, Aaron Perez, and Donovan McDermott

The Kelton ISD students in the photos shared are participating in the "Lions Den Program." The students earn "Lion Loot" which busy time in the game room. Students must turn in completed homework, get to class on time, etc.

Below: Cecilia Guerero, Rachel Blackburn, Reonna Dyck, Cody Stephenson, Felisha Butler, and Vanessa Scales



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Automotive and/or diesel experience is appreciated, training will be provided. The ability to work independently is mandatory. Applicant must have a clean driving record and must provide own tools. Pay proportionate to experience.

Position is full time employment with benefits. Great Plains Gas Compression, Inc. offers a competitive employment package, including insurance and 401(k) plan. A pre-employment physical and drug screen are required. Applications or resumes may be faxed to the Great Plains Gas Compression office (620) 544-4141 or call 620/544-4191 for more information.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from January 20, 2010 - January 26, 2010.

OL-Huberta A. Powell to Bob J. Weatherly, 1-12-10, SE/4 Sec. 25, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-Achsa Blake Brothers to Bob J. Weatherly, 1-12-10, SE/4 Sec. 25, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-Lee C. Lee Revocable Trust, et al to Bob J. Weatherly, 1-12-

10, N/2 SW/4 Sec. 25, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-Gene B. Caperton Trust, et al to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 11-17-09, NE/4; SW/4 Sec. 5, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey; N/2 Sec. 7, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
 DT-Jana Whaley Gregory to National Bank of Commerce, 1-

11-10, Pts. Sec. 32, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 SHERIFFS DEED-Shamrock ISD, et al to Bo Rawlins, 12-11-09, 7.26 acs. Sec. 39, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN.-Apache Corporation to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-7-10, SE/4 Sec. 19, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 PARTIAL ROL-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, et al to Steven Bradley Hale, et al, 10-15-08, See Instrument.
 OL-B. Steven Dearien to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-9-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-David H. Dearien to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-9-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Rita Smith to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-23-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Rick Dearien to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-23-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Sandye L. Allen to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-9-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-E. Imogene Walters, et al to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-23-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Janice Norman to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-10-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Barbara Dearien to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-23-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Verda Carter Franz to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-18-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Barbara Jane Fortenberry to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 10-26-09, S/2 Sec. 54, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-Shiela France to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-16-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Benny Risner to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-9-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 OL-Barbara Jane Fortenberry to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 10-26-09, S/2 Sec. 54, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-William E. Lancaster Testamentary Trust to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-17-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.



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ROW-Boyd Huff to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 12-21-09, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 33, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 STL-State of Texas to Buddy's Country Store, 1-15-10.
 SHERIFFS DEED-City of Shamrock, et al to City of

Shamrock, et al, 12-11-09, Pt. 135' x 150' Outlot 28, Shamrock. RDT-Wells Fargo Bank NA to Sterling M. Sloss, et ux, 1-11-10, W/2 Lot 3; E 1/3 Lot 2 and W 75' S 50' Lot 4, Blk. 38, Shamrock. JANUARY 22, 2010

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WIN TOURNAMENT: The Alpha Omega Academy Junior High "A" team took home the 1st Place Championship Trophy from the TCS Jr. High Basketball Tournament in Houston on Saturday, January 23rd. The AOA Lady Lions were undefeated in this three-day, double elimination tournament. Pictured here (back row, l. to r.) are Kendall Coburn, Dorcie Gillette, Coach Andy Flack, and Coach Stan Straughan, (front) Bailey Wakefield, Destiny Monteagudo, Robbi Flack, Naomi Harsh, Sarah Heaton, Naomi Straughan, Annie Smith, Katie Vincent, and Courtney Wyatt.

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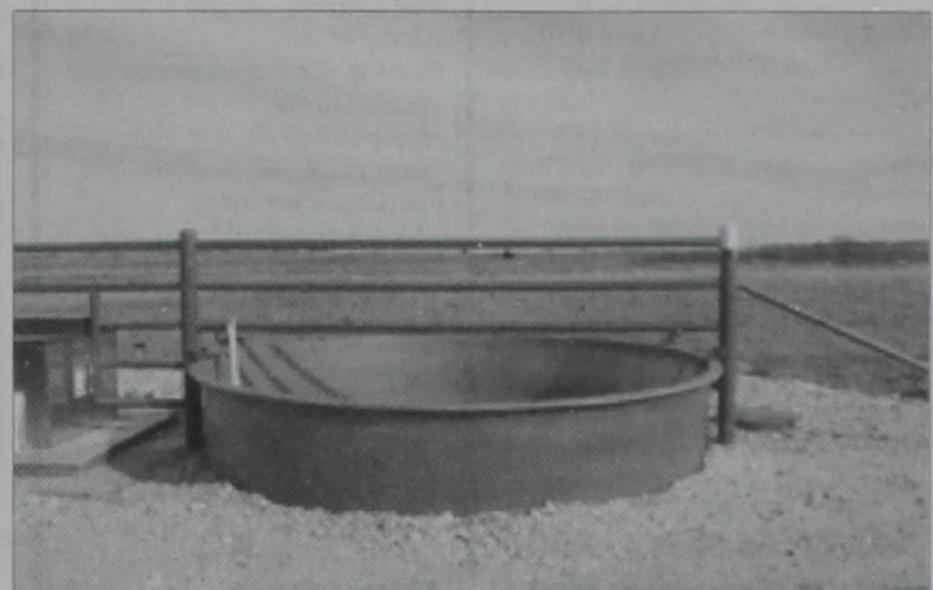
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OL-Melody Welty Jones to Bob J. Weatherly, 11-7-09, S/2 Sec. 30, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL-Phyllis A. Tucker to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-16-09, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.
 MEMORANDUM OL-Billy Wayne Finsterwald to PAC Production Company, 1-16-10, Pt. Sec. 3, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson and Pt. S. A. Stephens Survey.
 MEMORANDUM OL-Doris Fay Finsterwald to PAC Production Company, 1-16-10, Pt. Sec. 3, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson and Pt. S. A. Stephens Survey.
 MEMORANDUM OL-Bobby Gene Finsterwald to PAC Production Company, 1-16-10, Pt. Sec. 3, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson and Pt. S. A. Stephens Survey.
 CORR. D-R. L. Zybach, et ux to Melody R. Goad, 12-4-09, Sec. 14, Camp County School Land.
 CORR. D-R. L. Zybach, et ux to Royce W. Zybach, 12-4-09, Sec. 10, Camp County School Land.
 ROW-Gary Hall, et ux to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 1-15-10, Pt. Sec. 25, Camp County School Land.
 ROW-Gary Hall, et ux to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 1-15-10, Pt. Sec. 25, Camp County School Land.
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 ASSIGN. BS CONVEY.-Barker Production Co. to Barker Production Co. LP, 1-19-10, See Instrument.
 JANUARY 21, 2010
 ASSIGN. DEED BS-Oak Valley Mineral and Land LP, et al to Noble Royalties Access Fund IV LP, 12-28-09, See Instrument.
 HOME EQUITY DT- Jimmy Morgan, et ux to SunTrust Mortgage Inc., 1-14-10, N 20' Lot 10 and all of Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 3, Vise Sub.-Div., Wheeler.
 HOME EQUITY AFF.- Jimmy Morgan, et ux to SunTrust Mortgage Inc., 1-14-10, N 20' Lot 10 and all of Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 3, Vise Sub.-Div., Wheeler.
 ASSIGN. BS CONVEY.-Shamrock Oil and Gas Inc. to Natural Gas Futures Inc., 1-19-10, Sec. 4, J. Poitevent Survey.
 ASSIGN.-ASEM Company to Zephyr Operating Co. LLC, 1-12-10, Pt. Sec. 2, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
 ROW-Wendy Land Assets Ltd. to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 12-22-09, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 68, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.



NRCS Can Offer Financial Assistance

NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) is a branch of the USDA that provides landowners and operators with technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices on their land. There is a local NRCS office in almost every county in the state of Texas. The local NRCS office for Wheeler County is located at 1410 S. Alan Bean Boulevard in Wheeler.

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Democratic Primary For County Judge
Jerry Hefley
For Co. Commissioner, Pct. 1
Gary Davis
Dean Lax
Bob Hink
For Co. Treasurer
Jauna Benefield
For Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Nikki Hathaway
(Subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary, Tuesday, March 2, 2010.)

Republican Primary For District Judge
Steven R. Emmert
For Co. Commissioner, Pct. 1
Dale Clawson
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #201H Lohberger, 250' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 1, — B&B, PD 14000' (BHL: 350' from North & 1980' from West Sec. line) Horizontal
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #3 Begert Trust '6', 2209' from North & 590' from West line, Sec. 6, 41, H&TC, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #4 Elm Creek Ranch '6', 520' from South & 1177' from West line, Sec. 6, 41, H&TC, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #7 Helton '6', 1173' from South & 653' from West line, Sec. 6, A-1, H&GN, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Granite Operating Co., #9 Huff '9', 2522' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 9, M-1, H&GN, PD 13700'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarron Energy Co.,

Court (from Page 3)
AMEND. UCC DT-Matt Moore to First National Equipment Financing Inc., — — —, 280 acs. W/2 Sec. 58, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
D-Howard Lohberger Living Trust to William J. Ridgway, et ux, 1-22-10, SW/4 Sec. 95 and N/2 NW/4 Sec. 86, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN./CONVEY.-Robert H. Kraus Sr., et al to Fairway 2001-1 LLP, 11-25-09, N/2; E/2 SW/4 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN. CONVEY. BS-Azalea Properties Ltd. to Modano Oil & Gas LP, 12-22-09, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO OL-Black Stone Natural Resources LLP to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-30-09, NE/4 Sec. 28, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.-8 Way Oil & Gas Inc. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-18-09, SE/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-ADW Petroleum LP to PAC Production Company, 1-14-10, NE/4; N 200 acs. W/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
MEMO. OL-ADW Petroleum LP to PAC Production Company, 1-14-10, SW/4 and NW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
MEMO. OL-West-Miller Trust to PAC Production Company, 12-18-10, NW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
MEMO. OL-West-Miller Trust to PAC Production Company, 12-18-10, NW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
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#1770 Hobart Ranch, 50' from South & 1250' from East line, Sec. 70, A-2, H&GN, PD 12800'.
ROBERTS (MORRISON RANCH Upper Morrow 9470') Davis Operating Inc., #3183A Morrison, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 183, 42, H&TC, PD 9700'.
ROBERTS (PAN-PETRO Cleaveland) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1451H Wilson, 457' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 145, 13, T&NO, PD 8900' (BHL: 467' from North & East Sec. line) Horizontal
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co. L.P., #2012H Bach, 200' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 12, RE, CCSL, PD 14000' (BHL: 375' from North & 660' from East Sec. Line) Horizontal
**WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Atoka) Sanguine Gas Exploration L.L.C. #2036 Davidson, 1800' from South & 1846' from West line, Sec. 36, Blk. A-7, H&GN, PD 16900'.
Recompletion
Plugged Wells
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Latigo Petroleum Inc., #1 Hayhook Ruidosa, Sec. 154, B-2, I&GN, spud 10-9-08, plugged 11-5-08, TD 9850' (dry) —
WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Basa Resources Inc., #201 Reneau, Sec. 2, 24, J.M. Carpenter, spud 4-21-06, plugged 4-28-06, TD 170' (dry) —**

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Peggy J. Higgins to Thelma C. Barnard, 11-23-09, Sec. 23, Camp County School Land.
RMML-Guy's Plumbing Heating & Air Ltd. to Bill Stiles, et al, 6-12-09, No Land Listed.

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40. Rub out
41. Feel concern or interest
44. "Rocks"
45. It has a certain ring to it
47. Arise
48. The post at the top or bottom of stairs
51. 40 winks
53. Role player

Down
1. Big fuss
2. Apple variety
3. Give off, as light
4. Metal workers bond
5. Abreast (of)
6. Old Finish money
7. "I" problem
8. In addition
9. "Gladiator" setting
10. Indian turnover
11. In ___ of

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21. Cliffside dwelling
23. Not square
26. ___ asst.
27. Booze
28. Pitched
30. Cuban dance
32. Gush forward quickly
33. Argentine dance
34. A deadly sin
36. Gallery display
38. High card
42. Astound
43. Lately
46. Lacking of standards or principles
49. Catch, as in a net
50. Chop (off)
52. Thick creamy soup
55. Blush
57. Title holder
58. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
59. Waikiki wiggle
60. Treaty subject
62. The Magi, e.g.
63. Calendar span
66. Flower starter
68. Shortly before?

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Backpack (from Page 1)
Texas in 2008 to start the program in Clyde, which serves over 70 children. As of 2009 the overall program serves over 550 children at 23 locations in west Texas.

The school teachers identify children who are eating meals at school, but are showing signs of hunger and possible not eating at home in the evening. A notice is sent home to the parents for permission for their child to participate, as well as to find out about any dietary restrictions or allergies and any other siblings that are living at the home - Backpacks for Kids sends a sack of food home for each child living in the house. The teachers have reported an

increase in attendance and attentiveness in the children once they start receiving the backpacks. Rachel says, "This past year, there was a child whose teacher told me that he was a handful and that most teachers didn't know what to do with him... I got a phone call on the last day of school for me to come by. I went to our room and in walked some of our backpack kids with a giant thank you banner where they had all signed their names... That one little boy came over and just laid his head in my lap and didn't want to leave the room. This is why I love this program. These kids are being changed just by giving them a basic necessity - food. I don't want any child to go

through what I went through, and I also want them to know that they don't have to stay in that place. I want these kids to know that someone cares that they are hungry."

To learn more about this program, visit the Backpack for Kids section of the Food Bank of West Central Texas' website.

This article appeared on Rachael Ray's website.

Rachael Smith Laughlin grew up in Wheeler and graduated from Wheeler High School. Maybe it would encourage others to start a program similar to the one she has started or might give a donation.

This was sent to the Wheeler Times by Beverly Smith. Rachel

Laughlin's parents are Joe and Beverly Smith. She is the daughter-in-law of Roy and Marke Laughlin and is the granddaughter of Patsy Smith and Bob and Mary Cornell.

Chat (from Page 1)
We left OKC around 1:30 and arrived home about 4:10. The highways were pretty much cleared. The trees were heavily coated with ice around Elk City and Sayre.

- cwe -
More winter is predicted for Wednesday, through the weekend.

- cwe -
I called Wheeler from the OKC



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