

Allison, Ft. Elliott, Wheeler Sr. Parents Take Notice

There will be a meeting March 17 at 7:00 PM in the Wheeler School Cafeteria. We will be making more plans for the Chemical Free Party.

Wheat, Grain Sorghum Production Meeting

Grain producers in Wheeler County will have an opportunity to get their questions answered at a Wheat and Grain Sorghum Production Meeting Tuesday, March 18. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Coin &

Copper Room of the Wheeler Banking Center.

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist from Amarillo, will discuss wheat and grain sorghum varieties, fertilizer program and diseases that affect the crops.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist, will cover insect damage and identification, insect control and integrated pest management.

Participants in this meeting will receive two CEU's toward the renewal of their commercial, non-commercial

and private pesticide applicators licenses.

This meeting is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Wheeler County Agriculture Committee.

For more information contact Joe Don King, County Extension Agent-Ag at 826-5243.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Ledbetter Awarded Cattlewomen, Ivomec-Merck College Scholarship

The Texas Cattlewomen and Ivomec-Merck jointly presented scholarships of \$1000.00 each, to area college students in a nationwide program entitled "Generation Excellence". Scholarship recipients must be at least a junior, have an agriculture related major and maintain a 2.5 grade point average or better. The Yellow Rose Cattlewomen of the Amarillo-Canyon Area awarded their scholarship to Joe Dan Ledbetter, formerly of Wheeler. Joe Dan attends

West Texas A&M University where he is a member of the Meat Judging Team and participates in the University's Beef Carcass Data Collection Research. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science, and is a 1993 graduate of Wheeler High School. He is currently employed by Sears as a sales associate and he and his wife Bobbie live in Canyon. Joe Dan is the son of Gail and Sally Ledbetter and the grandson of Ruth Ledbetter and Yreva Topper, all of Wheeler.

Graveside Services Are Wed. for Oden Hudson

Oden Lester Hudson, 80, died Monday, March 10, 1997.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Wheeler Cemetery, with the Rev. Mike Dyer, pastor of the Maranatha Church at Briscoe, officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Hudson was a longtime resident of Briscoe. He was born in Childress County, and his family moved to Wheeler in 1925. He married Lois Vaughn in 1933 at Wheeler. He was a self-employed trucking transporter all his life. He was a Methodist and member of the Moose Lodge at Pampa. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Annette Hudson, 1942, and by a son, Phillip Jesse Hudson, in 1946.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Melvin "Leeroy" Hudson of Arlington and Ray Hudson of Briscoe; a daughter, Sharon Grandstaff of Amarillo; his mother, Mary Hudson of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggest memorials to Harrington Cancer Center or a favorite charity.

Hospital Notes

- New Admissions**
 3-1 Bud Simpson
 3-3 Hazel Batenhorst
 3-4 Beckey Zybach
 J.T. Tidwell
 3-7 Jerry Billingsley
- Dismissals**
 3-5 Pierce Walker
 3-7 Bud Simpson
 3-8 Hazel Batenhorst

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

The youth of First Baptist Church are sponsoring a Parents Night Out on Friday, March 21, 1997. The youth will have a full evening planned at the church for children up to the 5th grade, beginning at 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM. The cost per child is \$5.00.

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Brooks played as a medalist and shot a 139.

Both teams will play their next tournament at Wellington. The Lady Mustangs will play there on Monday, March 17th, and the Mustangs will play on Tuesday, March 18th.

Jay Godwin

J. Godwin Retires From Boatman's In Canadian

Jay Godwin, President of Boatman's First Canadian Bank has announced his retirement from this position. His last day at the Bank will be March 14, 1997. Jay announced "This is a real and genuine retirement for Tria and me. I include Tria in this "once in a lifetime" action as she has been a very integral part of my banking career. There is no question in my mind how difficult it would have been to "stay the course" without her support. By the way, she is very encouraging about this retirement decision."

Jay has in excess of 38 years full-time and continuous banking service. After a few months of part time service with First National Bank of Amarillo, he began full-time work on January 1, 1959. He spent approximately eleven years in various operations positions and eight years in commercial lending, including substantial corresponding bank work. In May of 1978, Jay accepted the position of President and CEO of First State Bank of Canadian, Texas. In 1986, he was elected to the position of Chairman of



Penny Dollar

Penny Dollar Named To High Sch. Who's Who

Penny Dollar, 17 year old daughter of Buck and Donnetta Dollar, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1995/96. Outstanding students are chosen for their achievement in academics, athletics, school and church activities, and community service. Of the 14 million high school students enrolled nationwide, only 5% are named to Who's Who. Penny has attended Wheeler Schools for 13 years. Her activities include varsity basketball, track, tennis, and cheerleader. She was selected as Varsity Tennis Player of the Year for 93-94 and 95-96. She received a division 1 rating at the district solo & ensemble competition in 1996. She plays the trumpet and was 1st trumpet when the Wheeler H.S. Band won Sweepstakes Honors in 1995-96. She has been recommended for participation in the K101 Classic Bowl VIII Honor Band, which will perform at the half-time of the K101 Bowl to be held this summer in Woodward, OK. She has been a member of FHA for 3 yrs., 4-H for 7 yrs., serving as a Junior Leader for 4 yrs., County 4-H delegate to SPS Electric Camp for 3 yrs., County Delegate to Farm Bureau Citizens Camp, she served as a member of the Wheeler County 4-H & Youth Committee for 3 yrs., and a volunteer driver for Meals-On-Wheels. In June 1996, she represented the Wheeler American Legion Auxiliary and Thursday Review Club as their delegate to Bluebonnet Girls State. In October 1996, she was awarded the prestigious 4-H Gold Star Award. She is a senior at Wheeler High School. She has been accepted to Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma, where she plans to attend this fall.

Old Mobeetie Assoc. To Sponsor Art Contest

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is sponsoring an art contest to select two pieces of art work. One selection will become a special pictorial United States Postal Service stamp cancellation for Road Ranch Station that will be open for one day only on June 28, 1997, at the Old Mobeetie Texas Association Jail Museum. A second selection will become the cover of a historical booklet that will be available on June 19, 1997 during Wheeler County Heritage Day—"Wagon Trails." The art work chosen will commemorate the wagon trails, specifically the military road from Dodge City and Fort Supply and the Jones and Plummer Trail, the commercial wagon trail. The "wagon roads" were open between 1875 and 1890. Over these two wagon trails, million of pounds of goods and supplies were freighted into Wheeler County from which civilization was first brought to the Panhandle. On the return route buffalo hides in the beginning and later the bones of the buffalo were shipped to Dodge City of sale. Freighters and merchants like Robert Wright, Charles Rath, W.M.D. Lee, and P.G. Reynolds, made their fortunes from the businesses served

Space Available For Names On Vet. Memorial

ATTENTION VETERANS For those Veterans or Friends who have not placed their name on the Wheeler County Memorial, there are still spaces available. Contact Mary K. Christner, Harrison Hall or Wallace Fields for further information.

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Filing Deadline For May 3 Election Near

Wheeler County voters will go to the polls Saturday, May 3, 1997, to elect city, school and hospital officials. Those presently serving on the boards have not all filled for re-election.

CITY OF WHEELER ELECTION
 Three places are to be filled on the Wheeler City Council. Walter Simmons is presently serving in Place 1 on the board. Barbra Koelzer is in Place 3 and Mark Frankenbery is Place 5 representative.

CITY OF MOBEETIE ELECTION
 Places up for election on the City of Mobeetie Council are the mayor's position and two places on the council.

Dale Corcoran is presently serving as mayor.

Council members, whose term expire, are Wanda Estes and Ray Forbes.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
 By Louis C. Stas

Wheeler has been having a few days of beautiful spring weather. The temperature Tuesday afternoon reached 78 degrees, according to the thermometer at the bank.

If you haven't been out working in the yard or garden, this should get you in the mood.

I put my potatoes in the ground Thursday evening. I did not have the onions; I will have to do them later.

The deadline for filing for the city, school and hospital boards is drawing near.

Monty is going to have to be off on Tuesday of next week for U.I.L. competition. **Good Luck**, to each of the students participating.

We went to Hinton for the weekend and took in the car show at OKC.

Didn't get any card playing in until Sunday afternoon.

And, had the usual Monday night game here in town. My team came out on top two of the three games—Barbara and Patsy were my partners. But, we did get beat rather badly the last game.

LIBRARY NEWS

Another week has passed and the public school children are on their spring break. It was a toss up between the students and teachers as to which was the happiest over the vacation. They were all ready.

Mrs. Zybach brought her group from the Christian Center, they checked out several books.

We have some new books on the shelves. They are as follows: Calligraphy Sourcebook, "Sunsets" by Gunn, "Firestorm" by Bergen, "Bill Clements" by Barta, seven new Stine books that are Junior Fiction, other JFaretwo by Whitman, two by Pollari, Oprah new book "Stones from the River" by Hegi, "The Dancing Floor" by Michaels, "Murder in Brentwood" by Fuhrman, "The List" by Weaver, "Virgin Heat" by Shames, "The Partner" by Grisham, "Southwest Drifter" by Shirreffs, the "Texas Rangers" by Webb, "Investing for Dummies" by Tyson, "Financial Peace" by Ramsey, "Take Charge of your Financial Future" by Roffman, "401 (K) Planning Guide" by Miller and "How to Locate Anyone, Anywhere" by Gunderson. Quite an assortment, but some interesting and popular authors.

We welcome all memorials and donations that we received. These are the backbone of our library. Over the past few months we have been slowly updating our Dewey Decimal section. This count is seventy seven new books for this section since January, 1997, this was made possible by the memorial fund.

We checked out 242 books this past week. Six hours were used on the internet. Some people were in and used our genealogy department. If you have not looked at that section in a while, it is really growing, we are very proud of it.

Please remember to bring your library card with you when you come to check out a book; if you have lost it, we will be happy to issue you another one. We have lots of good books waiting for you, so come see us and enjoy some of them. Hope to see you soon.

WHEELER I.S.D. BOARD

Two places are to be filled on the Wheeler I.S.D. Board of Trustees in the May 3, 1997, election. Each of the two places is a full three-year term.

The positions to be filled are presently held by Frankie Fletcher and Scott Dunning.

HOSPITAL ELECTION

North Wheeler County Hospital Board of Directors has 3 members, whose term expires this year. They are Bob Dukes of the Allison District, Dean Tipps of the Briscoe District and Jim Batton of the Mobeetie District.

Bob Dukes has served 4 years on the board.

Dean Tipps has been on the hospital board for 24 years.

Jim Batton was elected to fill an unexpired term last year.



Mika Goad

Goad to Represent Local Lions In Miss Irish Rose

Mika Goad is the 1996-97 Wheeler Lion's Club Sweetheart. She is a senior at Wheeler High School and is the daughter of Fred and Kim Goad. She has enjoyed getting to know the Lion's and feels special connection because her Granddad, Dub Goad, was a charter member and past president of the local club.

Mika Goad will be representing the Lion's Club in the Miss Irish Rose Pageant during the St. Patrick's festivities this week-end in Shamrock. The contestants will be introduced at the kick-off banquet on Friday evening. On Saturday, the participants will be presented in the parade beginning at 10:30. The coronation of Miss Irish Rose will be at 3:00 in the Shamrock High School Auditorium.

One-Act Play Competition Tuesday

The East Zone UIL One-Act Play contest is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 1997 in Shamrock. Wheeler High School will present the drama "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose. Members of the cast are Bruce Copeland, Paul Arganbright, Michael Jones, Benny Sword, Ben Britt, Kara Emmert, Matt Hampton, Stacy McWhorter, Alli Moore, Monty Long,

Mobeetie Baptist Will Have Guest Speaker Sun.

The First Baptist Church of Mobeetie will be having a guest speaker Sunday night, March 16th. Bro. Nikoli has been a pastor in the Moscow area 25 years and he will be sharing with us what God is doing through him in Russia.

The services will start at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come hear Bro. Nikoli. There will be a fellowship following the service.



SENIORS SELLING TICKETS FOR PAINTING: Seniors from area high schools are selling chances to win a signed and numbered Liz Shipp painting, in order to raise money for the Chemical-Free Graduation Party. The drawing will be held on April 7, 1997. The original artwork can be seen at the Wheeler Banking Center. Tickets can be purchased from seniors or the bank.

FT. ELLIOTT BOARD

Two terms will expire on the Ft. Elliott Board of Trustees. The two 3-year positions are presently held by Greg Estes and Clyde Dukes.

ALLISON I.S.D.

The terms of three individuals presently serving on the Allison I.S.D. Board will expire. The 3-year terms will be filled in the Saturday, May 3, 1997, election.

Facing re-election to the Allison Board are Bennie Boydston, Cletus Green and Jim Hall.

DEADLINE FOR FILING

The last day to file for a place on the school ballot will be Wednesday, March 19.

If you wish to file for any of the positions, contact the offices of the cities, hospital, or schools for more information.

Lloyd W. Anglin, 91, Is Buried At Wheeler Mon.

Lloyd W. Anglin, 91, died Friday, March 7, 1997 at Wheeler Care Center. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler. Pallbearers were Mel Ray Coate, Larry Finsterwald, Lee Hibler, Cecil Pierce, Tommy Puryear, and Densel Reed.

Mr. Anglin was born May 30, 1905, at Gassville, Ark. He had been a Wheeler Country resident since 1917, moving from Vinson, Okla., with his family. He married Ina Mae Walsler in 1925 at Wheeler. He was a self-employed house mover. He served as Wheeler County commissioner from 1945-52. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had been a 50-year member of Wheeler Masonic Lodge #1099.

Survivors include his wife, Ina Mae, of Wheeler; two daughters, Lois and Lawrence Rochelle of Pampa and Billie Jean and Richard Deeds of Laurel Dale, Pa.; a brother, Don Anglin of San Angelo; seven grandchildren, Bob and Gwen McCain of Wheeler, Danny and Pat McCain of Pampa, Janice Bowers of Amarillo, Ina Rochelle of Amarillo, Jim and Jackie Nardo of Reading, Pa., Eileen and John Calabria of Mt. Holly, N.J., and Debbie and Tom Calvaresi of Bernville, Pa.; 15 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Masonic Lodge or to a favorite charity.

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New Arrival

BYRON JAMES SCALES
 On Feb. 2, 1997 at 10:13 p.m. a baby boy was born. His parents, Melissa Wills and William Scales named him Byron James Scales. Byron weighed 8 lbs. and 9 1/2 ozs. and was 21 inches in length.

Byron's grandparents are Jon and Connie Steffy of Wheeler, TX and Bessie "Jr" Scales of Briscoe, TX. Great-grandparents are Ethyn "Dick" and Clara Mae Parks of Reydon, OK and Bessie Callaway of Kelton, TX.

City to Recycle Newsprint & Cardboard

The City is now accepting newspaper and cardboard ONLY to be recycled.



Joe Dan Ledbetter

Harold Lee Jones, 88 Graveside Services Held

Harold Lee Jones, 88, died Thursday, March 6, 1997.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Lee of First Baptist Church in Canadian and the Rev. Johnny Crawford of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons Jody Balkman, Mark Fourmentin, Mike Kirkland, Jerry Kucera, Cody Jones, Darrell Jones, and Ronny Ward.

Mr. Jones was born in Mountainburg, Ark. He moved to Wheeler in 1960 from Allison. He married Jewell Mae Cochran in 1933 at Reydon, Okla. She died in 1970. He also was preceded in death by his two sons, Troy Richard Jones in 1976 and Dwight Lynn Jones in 1993.

He was a farmer, rancher and a vocational minister for 55 years. He was licensed to preach in 1934 and ordained in 1935. His first pastorate was the Peaceful Home Baptist Church at Alma, Ark. He was a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Fourmentin of Wellington; four sons, Billy Ray Jones of Fontana, Calif., Lee Roy Jones of Memphis, Tenn., Wayne Jones of Canadian and David Jones of San Marcos; two sisters, Maxine Mills of Hampton, Va., and Lois Risner of Wheeler; a brother, Gilbert Jones of Tulsa, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. Fourth, Canadian, Texas 79014.

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1997 WHEELER GOLF SCHEDULE

	Boys	Girls
February 28	Shamrock	X X
March 6	Booker	X
March 7	Booker	X
March 8	Tulia	X
March 10	Memphis	X
March 17	Wellington	X
March 18	Wellington	X
March 26 (Dist.)	Hereford	X X
April 2 (Dist.)	Borger	X X

1997 TRACK

Feb. 28, March 1	Wheeler
March 7 & 8	Canadian
March 14 & 15	WT High
March 21 & 22	Childress
March 27 & 28	Miami
April 4 & 5	Booker
April 11	District at Randall High

Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard."

Happy Birthday to April Finsterwald, Travis May, and Mary Thompson on March 16th; Keith and Kenny Boydston, Ruth Wiley and Matt Helm on March 17th; Karla Murray, Tera Zybach and Blake Horton on March 18th; Julie Zybach on March 19th; my sister Valoise Massey (77) on March 20th; Ruby Zybach, Ryan Parsley and Sonya Holder-Martin on March 21st; Mark and Matt Helton, Glenda Galutia and Delmar Newman on March 22nd.

Happy Anniversary to William and Vickey Cornell, Keith and Tyna Horn and Lee and Cary George on March 17; Kyndal and Kathy Murray on March 18.

Cheyenne, Danny, Casey and Shelby Laverty from Dratur are spending their spring break with grandparents Bro. Aaron and Claudetta Laverty at Mobeetie. So nice to have them all out to Gageby Church Sunday. They planned to stay till Saturday and help with jobs and maybe go swimming.

Glad to hear that Ray Hudson got home from Argentina Thursday. Good he could spend time with his folks. Oden is very ill in the hospital. That long awaited new house was supposed to come Tuesday for Ray and Pat and put down on their place.

Nice to talk to Mildred Treadwell. She said she was fine and sounded so perky. Carolyn and husband Loren Price live at Glazier and raise show pigs. Their twin boys are now 15.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Loyd Anglin, 91, in his death. "God knew we could not get along

if each one walked alone, And no one gave a passing thought To troubles not his own; And so, to help us on our way Until the journey ends, He gave us out of His great love The cherished gift of friends."

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- Dessert

Sun.—Noon Buffet (Only): 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS

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Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Harold Jones, 88, in his death. Harold was a man of integrity, kind and caring. He will be missed at Wheeler Care Center and by many others. Praise the Lord that Jesus has prepared a better place for him - a mansion in Glory.

Melody Rodgers and Gabe and Nikki came looking for the Glazners, so we got to see them, too. Beautiful red haired kids.

Clifford Hefley enjoyed going out to the ranch Tuesday with David and Phyllis Hefley and see the baby calves and give good advice.

Nice to have a call from LaJuana McElroy from Lubbock. She plans to come visit about March 16 while on Spring Break from teaching at Trinity Christian School. Be good to see her. She is also making plans for her wedding to Lance Carroll on June 21 at Lubbock. Hope we can go.

Some of Laura Vandever's family got together Friday night to celebrate Laura's birthday at her home near Mobeetie and included Kathy and Donnie Shorter and Michael and Janet Hefner and Chad, Angelia and Jeremy.

Helping Iona May celebrate her birthday at Maxey's Friday were Dean and Georgia Tipps, Dwight Tipps, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Amber and Jennifer. Happy Birthday, Iona.

Nice to visit with Oleta Jones at Thriftway. Glad she is able to get out and go and help with quilting at Senior Citizens. She can always smile in spite of pain and health problems. God Bless you! We love you.

Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber ate at Maxey's Saturday night to celebrate Jimmy's birthday. Nice to have Jennifer and Amber Maddox come by and bring Girl Scout cookies and visit a little while Sunday.

Gayle and Helen Singleton were weekend visitors to E.G. and Willa Fillingim. Nice to have them out to church at Gageby and Gayle sang some for us. (We like that.)

There was a very nice baby shower for Tonia and Ben Meadows Sunday afternoon at Briscoe Cafeteria. Best wishes!

"Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker."

We enjoyed going to XYZ at Mobeetie Friday night. Delicious supper and games of 42 and Chicken Foot. So good to have Estelle and Glenn D. Hodges back after her heart surgery and recuperation. Missed Patty and Johnny and several others. Pray for Lester Leonard. He has not been feeling well.

Sunday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Mobeetie Baptist Church will have a guest speaker: a Russian pastor from the Moscow area. Everyone invited. Mobeetie Baptist Youth are collecting aluminum cans.

Timm Rodgers' family lives at Miami and Timm works at Pampa. Gabe is still going to first grade at Canadian. Ruth Irvine is his teacher.

Enjoying supper together at Maxey's Saturday night were Keith and Tyna Horn and Larry Lee with Tyna's brother Craig and Cindy Young and David and Matt.

I enjoyed doing the Juice Cart and visiting with the sweet people at Wheeler Care Center Wednesday. Tom Helton and Shorty Crawford worked at getting everything set up for Bingo at the Care Center. God bless you everyone.

Congratulations, Lindsey: She got accepted in WTAMUs Nursing program by passing that hard test. She's our granddaughter. We are always proud of you, Lindsey, and Dallas and Clint, too. God bless you!

Fort Elliott Little Dribblers Tournament sponsored by the Seniors will start Thursday afternoon, March 13th at Mobeetie at 4:00 o'clock. Teams playing will be Allison, McLean, girls and boys, Ft. Elliott, Wheeler, Canadian, Wellington and Wheeler Christian girls and boys.

So nice to have Wilma Bible from Amarillo and daughter Carla from Borger come to see us Monday. They went to Miami Senior Citizens with us and had fun and spent the night with us. Wilma taught school at Briscoe 1972-80. She and Carla and Tom were frequent visitors and are like family.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Oden Hudson in his death Monday at Wheeler. May God comfort each of you. When we moved to a place east of Briscoe about 1930, the Hudsons place joined ours. There were grandparents, Lester and Mary



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stack and Mr. and Mrs. David Hefley would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Chalone Stack and Darren Hefley. The future bride is a Commercial Lines Insurance CSR in Lubbock, and the future groom is a science teacher with Nazareth ISD. The wedding will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, TX on May 24, 1997. Friends of the couple are invited to attend.

Hudson and Oden, Gertrude, and Sy. So all of Mary's family are gone except Mary and the grandkids and their families.

Nice to see Janet Stevens at Thriftway Wednesday. She just happened to have pictures of her beautiful little granddaughters. Brook and Travis are very busy with track meets.

My sister Pauline Hefley and I had a nice Sisters Day Out Tuesday with lunch at Shamrock Pizza Hut. We always have fun.

Nice to have Lou Dean Douthit go swimming with us Thursday and eat lunch at Furs. Also visited with Maxine Bennett at the pool.

Sorry Rick and Janet Hefner and Chad, Angelia and Jeremy plan to move soon back to Dallas area. Rick has already gone back to his locksmith job (but will get more money). He will come back for his family soon. Janet can go back to her waitress job. Nice to have Chad, Angelia, Jeremy and Janet join us for supper Thursday night at Maxey's. Pray for them as they go that all will be well.

Gaye Hale and Elizabeth, Sara, and David went to Midland Friday to visit Vernon and Sandy Siviage and Keri and Amy over the weekend.

Ethel Grimes visited her brother Willie Renner near Laketon Saturday and helped him celebrate his birthday.

Visiting Rosalie Keelin Saturday afternoon were Sharon Keelin from Shamrock and Jerilyn Seguro and Jared and Sherilyn from Amarillo. Jerilyn is taking training to work in a hospital records and bookkeeping, etc.

Sunday Rosalie visited Gene and Norma Keelin and Kara Kay, Daniel and Tracy for lunch. Then she visited Margaret Oldham, Edna Crow, Zinnia Bailey, Mae Welch and other at the Care Center. Thursday Rosalie took her sister Sylvia Brown to Sayre to Dr. Youree. They also visited Violet Knight.

Rick and Lucy (Meadows) Lucas and Russell live at Westport, Kentucky where there has been so much rain, snow melting and flooding. As the road to their house was underwater, they had to move in with friends a little distance away. Charissa is at college. Keep praying for them. "God be with you till we meet again."

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Sure is beautiful weather. Around 70 degrees. Hear some are already planting onions. The peach trees and shrubs are budding. Daffodils, irises, and tulips have their heads out and are looking around. It was about this kind of weather when the Blizzard of '38 came sailing out of the north in April. Piled snow so high that the cows walked over the fences and stood on the sheds. We were eating green onions and such out of the garden. The geese have been honking and circling this week.

Everyone has been engrossed with the ball games. Our teams did mighty well and everyone is proud of them all. School is out now for Spring Break. No Reydon new lately. Hear Lahoma Wheeler has been in the hospital at Amarillo. Patt Hodge writes she has spent the last 8 weeks in the hospital at OKC. Little Larry West has been to N.C. for tests and came back ill. Has been in the hospital here but home now.

Called out Arkansas kin and they came thru the storms OK. The state was really hit hard. Clara Lou McGuire tells me that Berniece's granddaughter, Heather Lynn was in college at Arkadelphia. She and some friends were to meet at the Big Clock for a youth rally when they got scared and took shelter in a church basement. They came out to find the Big Clock was destroyed.

This is Tornado Preparedness week and we all should give it thought. Just 50 years ago in April a tornado went through here. Killed Mr. Olson. Blew away our barn, sheds, and fences. Moved the house some. Quite a few folks suffered damages. It was the night Woodward blew away, killing over 100 people. No one got excited about our little one.

Leonard Smith was out from Clinton to help his folks Ray and Doris. Ray is feeling better this week.

Buddy and Nell Benton were down

over the weekend to visit his sister Betty Sites and her family.

E.L. Fowler attended the Hamfest at Elk last week. Also there were Basil and Billy Doss from Carnegie.

The Christian School at Wheeler played in the TCAL basketball tournament at San Antonio. The Knights lost their 2nd game but the Lady Knights managed to come home with the championship trophy. Girls on the team were Suzy Galutia, Mary Hall, Junita Rose, Heather Dean, Sharissa Mong, Melissa Lay, Rachel

Landsberger, Stephanie Forgay, and Bridget Chandler. Mary was named to the All Star 1st Team, Heather and Sharissa to the All Star 2nd team. Stephanie received honorable mention.

Sandy and Eddie Williams of Stratford were down over the weekend to see Norma Zellmar and Ila Anderson. Ila, Norma, and Iva Thompson went to Amarillo where Ila saw her doctors and was dismissed. They visited with Maurice Haigood, too.

Maurice and Freda Coffey, Tulsa, J.R. and Ellen Coffey, Burkburnett, visited Bertha Coffey during the week.

Earl Tucker was honored with a reception at the Buffalo Church on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Hosts were his children and grandchildren. Earl has lived most of his life in the Sunny Point Community. Graduated from Sweetwater High School in the same class as my brother Frank.

Memorial services were Wednesday at the Buffalo Baptist Church for Sandra Crook. She was the mother of Lisa Cox of this community. Burial was in the Buffalo cemetery.

Services were Friday at the Erick Baptist Church for Coy Bruner, 79. Coy and Geraldine were living on this place when he went to the service in 1944 and we bought the farm. Burial

was in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Services were February 26 at Plainview Baptist Church for Randall Martin, 43. His parents are Gerald and Nadia Martin of Reydon. His grandparents Billie and Crystal were our fiddling friends of many years. Burial was in the Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Reydon recently had eleven students eligible to audition for the Western Oklahoma Honor Choir. Among them were Brandee Elam and Kristina Henson.

Cheyenne is beginning to gear up for the Old Settler Reunion April 19. There will be all kinds of entertainment, plus seeing your old friends. Mark it on your calendar.

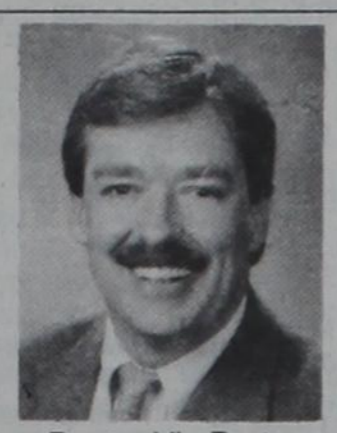
You never know! Scientists have cloned a sheep and named it Dolly Parton. Plus some monkeys and talk

of a cow and humans. Why would we want to clone more humans when we are killing unborn, unwanted babies to the tune of 1,500,000 a year since Roe vs. Wade in 1973.

Bonnie Rice, our postmaster, attended the district Postmasters meeting at Frederick. It lasted from 9 to 4 and they all enjoyed a good dinner. She got home too late to go to the ball games at Weatherford.

Birthday folks are Dale Carpenter, Monty Sanders, Daryle Cox, Tots Coffey, Linda Cox, Eileen Logan, Iona Haag, Betty Beaty, Margaret Boney, Earl Tucker, Jamie Teel, James Ryan Guidry, Casey Drake, Karen Gracey, Jimmy Elam, and Mollie Carlson.

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Hershman, Cook Honored With Shower On Sunday

by Willa Fillingim

Troy Hershman and his fiancée, Cindy Cook, from Rensselaer, Indiana were weekend visitors to Troy's parents, Ed and Laurel Hershman at Wheeler. There was a party and miscellaneous shower to honor the young couple at Troy's grandparents, E.G. and Willa Fillingim on Sunday afternoon.

Troy is the Head Athletic Trainer of St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer. Cindy is a multimedia specialist in the college. They plan to marry July 19 at Lafayette, Indiana and go to Lake Tahoe, Nevada on a honeymoon. A friend is letting them stay there. Others at the party included Gayle and Helen Singleton, Brad and Sarita Dawson, and Dallas and Micaela, Boyce and Jill Crownover, Jodie Crownover, Maralee Singleton all from Amarillo; Fay Sell from Perryton, Vea Fillingim and Lajo Crownover, and Terri, J.P. and Martha Meek, Ruth Irvine, Horace and Juanita Fillingim and Willis and Verna Fillingim. Laurel made the beautiful decorated cake and orange punch.



Troy Hershman & Cindy Cook

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Godwin

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Godwin attended West Texas State University and Texas Tech University. In addition, he graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking and the American Banker's Association Commercial Lending School.

Godwin has an extensive record of civic achievement and has been involved with the Canadian Rotary Club, the Canadian/Hemphill County Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. He and his wife were named Canadian's "Man and Woman of the Year" in 1983.

"Those who know Tria and I will never speculate on our ability to stay busy, and hopefully, productive in the future," Jay added. "We both have a lot of varied interests. I will now have more time to help build a bridge!"

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Predator Management Training Session Mar. 18

The Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct a Predator Management Training Program on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at the Clarendon Community College Campus in the RFO Building off Hwy. 287 in Clarendon, Texas. The training session will begin at 5:30 p.m. The program will include identifying causes of predation, alternative methods of predator control and M-44 sodium cyanide application.

For additional information on the predator management training session, contact Crystal Wilbanks, Certification and Training Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture, at (512) 463-0013, or Leon Church, Donley County Agent-Ag, at (806) 874-2141.

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

the loss of friends and neighbors. Friday, Wheeler lost a good friend and neighbor when Lloyd Anglin passed away. Our sympathy to Ina Mae and his family and friends.

We extend our sympathy to Clifford and Euline Walsler, also, as Clifford and Ina are cousins. Clifford got to go to Lloyd's services, but Euline has been having a lot of trouble with her back again.

Sure good to hear that Novelene Simpson is doing so well at home after her back surgery. We hope that each new day becomes a little easier.

Sorry to hear that Joe Darnell was having knee surgery at Columbia Medical Center in Pampa. Sure hope this finds you feeling much better.

Good to hear that Velma Forbes had a nice birthday Saturday. Son Tommy baked her a delicious pineapple upside down cake. They all had ice cream and upside down cake Saturday afternoon.

Our sympathy to John and Melody Forbes in the death of her grandmother. Services for Melody's grandmother were Monday, March 10th.

Our sympathy is extended to Lois Hudson and the family and friends of Oden Hudson upon his death Monday afternoon, March 10th. He will be missed. So thankful he's not suffering anymore.

Poor little Ryan Forbes has had a bad cold and a touch of the flu bug all last week. He didn't even get to enjoy his spring break from school. Sure hope this week has been better.

Monday, March 3, Clifford and Euline Walsler attended Cassi Brown's

basketball game in Wheeler. They really enjoyed watching Cassi and her team play. You can definitely tell Cassi inherited Grandmother, Jeanne (Roper) Autry's ability to play basketball.

Jeanne and Joe Autry also attended the basketball game. Afterwards they had refreshments and lots of good visiting at Clifford and Euline's.

The "happy honeymooners" have been sharing their pictures of their Hawaiian vacation.

Candy Walsler called to check on her grandparents. She is fine and hoping to get up here in the coming weeks.

Clifford and Euline went to Canadian on business Tuesday and took Ann Walsler to lunch. Ann is still savoring the memories and photographs of her trip to Singapore.

Sorry to hear that Weldon Walsler has been having heart problems. He spent several days in an Amarillo Hospital. He is recuperating slowly, at home. Sure hope you're better.

It was so good to talk to Estelle Hodges. She is getting stronger and doing a little more everyday.

Thursday was a red letter day, she



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

finally got to go to the Totty School. She only got to stay about 2 1/2-3 hours. But really enjoyed her visit. Congratulations, Estelle.

Audrey Seitz, Betty Haines, Orville Greenhouse, Martha Meek and Estelle Hodges worked on Betty Haines quilt. Next week they'll work on the club quilt. They always have fun and a good visit. Glen and Estelle XYZ Club Friday night. Really great getting back into the swing of things.

Did ya'll get a chance to see the Hale "Bob" comet. It's quite a sight.

Our sympathy to Bill and Lena Ruth James with the death of their sister-in-law Barbara. H.L. (Red) and Barbara James had lived in Canadian about 20 years. Barbara was only 57. She fought cancer for several years. (It's such a blessing that her pain has been removed.)

Saturday, Todd, Lori, Rachel and Leah Bergen gave Michael Mayfield a 5th birthday party at Gatti's Pizza in Amarillo. He and his friends had a great time.

Sunday night Michael got to come back to Mobeetie to spend a few extra days. He's just mad because Gramma won't let him go to Mrs. Kincannon's school.

Happy Birthday—March 20, to Carolyn Corse!!!

It's great to hear that Dr. Mendiola's father's health has improved some. Doc and Gina went over to enjoy a visit with him and the family. Hope your having a wonderful time.

Melie, Jeff, Karen and Kathy Kelley will be home in a few days after two months with Melie's family. Certainly hope you had a great time. We've missed you. Welcome Home.

Lester Leonard still is under the weather. Just can't get any strength back. He had some tests run last week. Hope they give you some answers and you'll soon be up and at 'em.

Pierce Walker got to come home last Thursday. He's awfully weak but feels better and sounds pretty good.

Jimmy Walker got sick while he was here. The first night he was here it all got started. So he was hoping Pierce didn't catch it.

Doug and Aline Corse made it home from Houston safely. They enjoyed the stock show.

Hope ya'll had a great week. Count your blessings.

Sorry I missed so many of our friends this week.

Take Care!

Our Prayers and Concerns: Lester Leonard, Pierce and Nettie Walker, Jud and Lorene Rector, the family and friends of Harold Jones, Choice Scott, Tommy Forbes, Ryan Forbes, Ray and Velma Forbes, the family and friends of Loyd Anglin, Maida Allen, Pauline Hooker, Fayette Seitz, Bill and Pearl Darby, Lou Dick, Charlotte Coward, Doug and Doris Whaley, the family and friends of Barbara James, Carolyn and Earl Corse, Weldon Walsler, Mack and Peggy Shelton, Mildred Treadwell, the South family, Ariza and Anna Belle Corcoran, Peeler and Evelyn Haning, Jimmy Walker, Doug and Aline Corse, Jess and Deanna Mixon, Doyle and Beulah Grimes, Glen and Estelle Hodges, Delmar and Elizabeth Newman, Gracie Brumlow and John Thierstien.

WHEELER MENU

March 17, 1997 to March 21, 1997

Monday: Breakfast: Juice, Toast/Jelly, Cereal/Oatmeal, Milk.
Lunch: Chili Dog/Cheese, Tater Tots, Pickle Spear, Milk/Tea, Peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Peanut Butter/Honey, Milk.
Lunch: Fish Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Bread, Milk/Tea, Apricots.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Milk/Tea, Grapes or Mixed Fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Toast/Jelly, Sausage, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter/Honey, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Milk/Tea, Pineapple

Friday: Breakfast: Juice, Toast/Jelly, Cereal/Oatmeal, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Milk/Tea, Pears.

(Menu Subject to Change)

CARE CENTER COMMENTS

By A Resident Reporter

First Baptist Church of Wheeler was here to do services Sunday.

Barbara read us the paper then some of us did exercise. We played cards in the afternoon.

Tuesday we cooked donuts for staff and the residents. They were really good.

Residents council was that afternoon. Then Barbara took May Bell, Mary Lee, Zinnie, Ruth and Margaret for a ride in the country. It was good to get out for a while.

Wednesday, Janice Sparlin came for Bible Study. Several of us did exercise. That afternoon we played Bingo. Shorty and Tom were here to help. Ruth Hoggard was blackout winner.

Thursday, Rozena, Ila and Fern came to do inspirational.

Barbara was in care plans and Cletus wasn't here so we didn't get to play cards.

We played cards Friday morning. Saturday, a cloudy day but we didn't slow down. First we read the paper then we visited. After that we took a small rest. Yes, you guessed it, time to eat. After lunch we played a few games of Skip Bo. After Skip Bo it was time for the big event of the day—Bingo. We had 3 blackout winners: Milan Mertel, May Bell Childress and Shorty Crawford. We really appreciate what Tom Helton and Shorty Crawford do for us. They always come early and visit with us and then they help with Bingo. Thanks Guys.

We were saddened by the loss of our residents this past week. Harold Jones and Loyd Anglin. We will miss these two. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

Michael, Tisha, and Andrea got to spend the night with Gran and Paw-Paw. So they were happy and excited.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Harold Jones in his death. His services were at graveside in the Wheeler Cemetery on Sunday, March 9th at 2:30 PM. Reverend Jack Lee of the First Baptist Church of Canadian and Rev. Johnny Crawford of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie officiated.

Our little communities have been hit hard again in the last few days by

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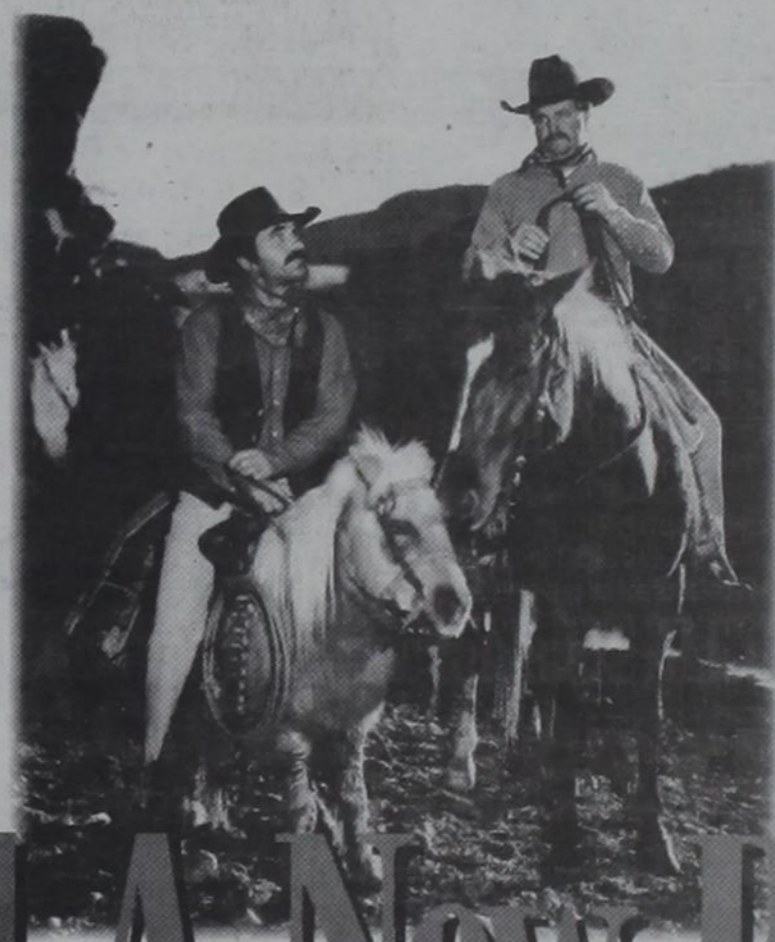
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Luke 9:25-26, "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

The weather has been warmer but the wind still blows in the Panhandle, this Monday morning is sunny here in Allison.

Ruby Craig and Wilma Gilmer visited Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler in Wheeler last Friday.

Ruby and Wilma went to Pampa last Sunday and met Susan Finney, Jesse and Samantha at Mr. Gattis and ate dinner there and then did some shopping.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer were in Lubbock last Friday and spent the night. They were there on business and came back through Floydada to Amarillo. They visited Becky and Jeannie Gilmer and came Saturday evening.

Opal and Juanita Boydston were in Pampa last Tuesday for Opal to see the eye doctor, she got a good report, and they also did some shopping while there. Opal and Juanita went with Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra to Canyon last Saturday and attended the wedding of Justin Walker and Stephanie Langston at the U.P. Church. They also visited Warren and Charlene Brown in Amarillo. Opal visited Forrest and Janice Boydston Sunday afternoon.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Clinton, Oklahoma last Wednesday taking care of business. Sunday dinner guests with Roma, Billy and Merlyn was Sylvia Brown from Wheeler.

Roma and Billy's grandson Larry Brown spent a year's duty in Korea and has recently returned back to the States and is stationed at Ft. Hood.

Jennie Walker and Peggy Chandler were in Wheeler most every day this last week for Jennie to see the doctor.

Red and Anna Dukes were in Elk City last Monday for Anna to see the doctor and did some shopping.

On Tuesday they went to Pampa shopping and picked out vinyl flooring for their kitchen.

Last Wednesday George and Mary Dukes from Mineral Wells, Texas visited with Clyde and Minnie Bell Vinson and others also visiting were Red and Anna and Nelda Dukes, George and Mary spent the night and went home on Thursday. Red went to Wheeler last Saturday to watch the Little Dribblers play basketball.

The first weekend of March Mike and Teresa Dyer and Amber went to Los Lunas, New Mexico and visited Ron and Danette Weller and Zachary.

Rita Grayson's last Monday and Monday overnight guest was her son Johnny Grayson from Sanderson, Texas.

Pearl Harrison went last Thursday with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace of Elk City to Raton, New Mexico and visited Jimmy and Vivian's daughter and family Janet and Ron Jacobelli and girls. They came back through Canyon on Saturday afternoon and attended the wedding of Justin Walker and Stephanie Langston. They came home from there Saturday evening.

Lee and Sharon Hall, Virginia Puryear and Nona Jones attended the graveside services for Harold Jones at Wheeler last week. Harold was a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Wheeler.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison were down to Allison last Friday afternoon and I returned home with them to Amarillo and spent the night. We attended the wedding of Justin Walker and Stephanie Langston Saturday afternoon at Canyon. I rode back to Allison with Pastor and Mrs. Roy Jones last Saturday evening. We

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

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MONDAY: Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Slices.
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Allen and Nadine Reynolds went to Amarillo last Sunday and met with all their children and families at the West-

Sweetwater News
By Lois Flowers

Sure is beautiful weather. Around 70 degrees. Hear some are already planting onions. The peach trees and shrubs are budding. Daffodils, iris, and tulips have their heads out and are looking around. It was about this kind of weather when the Blizzard of '38 came sailing out of the north in April. Piled snow so high that the cows walked out over the fences and stood on the sheds. We were eating green onions and such out of the garden. The geese have been honking and circling this week.

Everyone has been engrossed with the ball games. Our teams did mighty well and everyone is proud of them all. School is out now for Spring Break.

No Reydon new lately. Hear Lahoma Wheeler has been in the hospital at Amarillo. Patt Hodge writes she has spent the last 8 weeks in the hospital at OKC. Little Larry West has been to N.C. for tests and came back ill. Has been in the hospital here but home now.

Called out Arkansas kin and they came thru the storms OK. The state was really hit hard. Clara Lou McGuire tells me that Berniece's granddaughter Heather Lynn was in college at Arkadelphia. She and some friends

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were to meet at the Big Clock for a youth rally when they got scared and took shelter in a church basement. They came out to find the Big Clock was destroyed.

This is Tornado Preparedness week and we all should give it thought. Just 50 years ago in April a tornado went through here. Killed Mr. Olson. Blew away our barn, sheds, and fences. Moved the house some. Quite a few folks suffered damages. It was the night Woodward blew away, killing over 100 people. No one got excited about our little one.

Leonard Smith was out from Clinton to help his folks Ray and Doris. Ray is feeling better this week.

Buddy and Neil Benton were down over the weekend to visit his sister Betty Sites and her family.

E.L. Fowler attended the Hamfest at Elk last week. Also there were Basil and Billy Doss from Carnegie.

The Christian School at Wheeler played in the TCAL basketball tournament at San Antonio. The Knights lost their 2nd game but the Lady Knights managed to come home with the championship trophy. Girls on the team were Suzy Galutia, Mary Hall, Junita Rose, Heather Dean, Sharissa Mong, Melissa Lay, Rachel Landsberger, Stephanie Forgay, and Bridget Chandler. Mary was named to the All Star 1st Team, Heather and Sharissa to the All Star 2nd team. Stephanie received honorable men-

His place was about to burn down.

I sprinted out to my car I didn't have to drive very far The fireman arrived one after the other Those guys are really like your brother.

All but one truck left right on time What's the matter with 98 It was running fine.

Once at the fire Out went Kyndal and in came Kevin This place was not exactly Heaven.

I looked at the fire It was raging down the pasture I could hardly believe Its great physical stature.

So Kevin, Farrell, and I went down the road

The fire was putting on quite a show We watched it as it flew over the hill This sure was a heck of a deal.

Truck after truck ran out of water It just kept getting hotter and hotter Everyone did their fair share But all we could do was stop and stare.

By now, it was about 5:30 All of our men were hot and dirty It raged toward Wheeler for 7 more hours The smoke looked like a raging tower.

What a path this fire had made So we requested Mutual Aid It only got worse as the day progressed There just was not any time to rest.

When night came around The wind never died down Kyndal and Luke nearly got flipped As Unit 96 almost tipped.

By midnight, it was time to leave It was under control; nobody could believe There would be one tomorrow; nobody bet They were right, because this one wasn't out yet.

The next morning about 9:15 The fire broke out at Q and 14 I can just see all of those maintainers And hear O'Dell saying, "Gimme those hamburgers".

98 went in, and we sunk deep down But we kept our hopes up and never frowned We were stuck, and the fire charged like a bull So Russell came right on over and gave us a pull.

We got unstuck, and proceeded on But this time we weren't out there 'till the crack of dawn Sunday afternoon, a few embers remained But Monday morning, this badboy was contained!

You'd be amazed By fires' awesome power Our men will never forget Those 16 hours!

—Brandon Simmons

HOSPICE AWARENESS

To the Golden Spread Hospice of Wellington:

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If the occasion ever arises for such service, I'm sure you will find it makes the ordeal more bearable.

Thanks to all the people at Golden Spread Hospice. The Austin Family Wheeler, Texas



Sandy and Eddie Williams of Stratford were down over the weekend to see Norma Zellmer and Ila Anderson. Ila, Norma, and Iva Thompson went to Amarillo where Ila saw her doctors and was dismissed. They visited with Maurice Haigood, too.

Maurice and Freda Coffey, Tulsa, J.R. and Ellen Coffey, Burkburnett, visited Bertha Coffey during the week.

Earl Tucker was honored with a reception at the Buffalo Church on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Hosts were his children and grandchildren. Earl has lived most of his life in the Sunny Point Community. Graduated from Sweetwater High School in the same class as my brother Frank.

Memorial services were Wednesday at the Buffalo Baptist Church for Sandra Crook. She was the mother of Lisa Cox of this community. Burial was in the Buffalo cemetery.

Services were Friday at the Erick Baptist Church for Coy Bruner, 79. Coy and Geraldine were living on this place when he went to the service in 1944 and we bought the farm. Burial was in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Services were February 26 at Plainview Baptist Church for Randall Martin, 43. His parents are Gerald and Nadia Martin of Reydon. His grandparents Billie and Crystal were our fiddling friends of many years.

Burial was in the Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Reydon recently had eleven students eligible to audition for the Western Oklahoma Honor Choir. Among them were Brandee Elam and Kristina Henson.

Cheyenne is beginning to gear up for the Old Settler Reunion April 19. There will be all kinds of entertainment, plus seeing your old friends. Mark it on your calendar.

You never know! Scientists have cloned a sheep and named it Dolly Parton. Plus some monkeys and talk of a cow and humans. Why would we want to clone more humans when we are killing unborn, unwanted babies to the tune of 1,500,000 a year since Roe vs. Wade in 1973.

Bonnie Rice, our postmaster, attended the district Postmasters meeting at Frederick. It lasted from 9 to 4 and they all enjoyed a good dinner. She got home too late to go to the ball games at Weatherford.

Birthday folks are Dale Carpenter, Monty Sanders, Daryle Cox, Tots Coffey, Linda Cox, Eileen Logan, Iona Haag, Betty Beaty, Margaret Boney, Earl Tucker, Jamie Teel, James Ryan Guidry, Casey Drake, Karen Gracey, Jimmy Elam, and Mollie Carlson.

Anniversaries - Tony and Carleene Flowers, James and Sue Keathley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker. Happiness to all.

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Congregational Concerns:

Doyle Ramsey continues to slowly recover from his recent surgery. He is confined to his home.

Sympathy must be expressed to Kathleen Frankenbery upon the recent death of her cousin, Amy Bishop. The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon in Guymon, Oklahoma.

From The Minister's Desk:

The syndicated columnist, Kathleen Parker, recently wrote an editorial that I thought was excellent. This editorial was entitled, "Rules Must Be Enforced To Put Out Teens' Smoke" and it read: ---

"Anyone still baffled about our rising generation of lawless youth need only have tuned in to a recent morning radio show in Columbia, S. C."

"The program, which might have aired in any town or city, was one of those morning commentary formats in which two caffeinated commentators debrief groggy commuters on the day's headlines. The subject was whether to stiffen penalties for kids caught smoking at school. South Carolina school principals a few days earlier had asked district officials to strengthen penalties against students caught smoking on campus."

"It's like a leaf-burning," one principal told district officials, describing the smoke cloud he sees each morning upon arrival at school. "Among the issues facing America's youth, smoking ranks low among teachers, administrators, and even parents. Most figure if their kid get through high school without getting pregnant, busted or killed, what's the harm in a little tar and nicotine?"

That's not the point. Everyone knows you shouldn't smoke, especially not teens whose bodies aren't finished growing yet. And clearly, when one-quarter to one-third of all teens smoke, as estimated by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, we've got a massive health problem down the road. The point, which constitutes a more serious problem than

a pack-a-day habit, is our unwillingness to enforce the rules."

"If the rule says you don't smoke, bingo, you don't smoke. When you break the rules, you pay the consequences. If it's a bad rule, you change it, but you don't just ignore it. Am I missing something here?"

"What we're missing is that thing common to vertebrates known as a spine. In our bizarre compulsion to make everyone feel good, we've become a nation of ooey-gooney jellyfish. The piercing commentary of the two radio commentators said it all."

"We don't want to act like the Gestapo," said one.

"It's tough on the kids, it really is," said the other.

"I'm all weepy, I really am. Why is

enforcing a rule the same as acting like the Gestapo? Why is forbidding smoking during school "tough"? Please. As one reared in the '50s and

'60s, I realize that I should be down at the funeral home picking out my urn. But I seem to recall rules against smoking when I was in school. Some broke the rules, but not many. Those who did were suspended from school, and their parents raised Cain--not with the school, as often happens these days, but with the kid."

"That's not to say we didn't race off campus at 3 p. m. and smoke until we choked. We indulged our rites of passage as stupidly as generation. But we abided the rules at school. Not because we were better or smarter or more disciplined than today's students, but because our teachers, principals, and parents were. They understood better than their counterparts today that consequences are the key to instructing responsible behavior."

"We kids, accustomed to the enforcement of rules and the inevitability of consequences, never thought to complain. It never occurred to us that we had a "right" to smoke. We were kids! Adults ruled."

"Today's adults are wimps. Consequently, our kids are living adult lives before they're ready. And--fear for the future--when we don't want to act like the Gestapo or make things "tough," they've learned that rules don't matter. Like feelings, rules are relative."

"The radio discussion about smoking speaks volumes about our general disdain for discipline and consequences. The message to kids is clear. To a kid's mind, little distinction exists between breaking school rules against and breaking community laws about drinking and drugs."

"Any good parent knows you lay the ground rules for kids early, and you consistently enforce them. Of course, raising responsible kids is hard work and requires sacrifice. Who wants to stay home and enforce rules when you could go to dinner with friends? Who wants, as one principal put it, "to play cat-and-mouse with high school kids?"

"It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. Soon."

**Bill Morrison, Minister
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Wheeler, Texas**

Services:

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship ... 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas