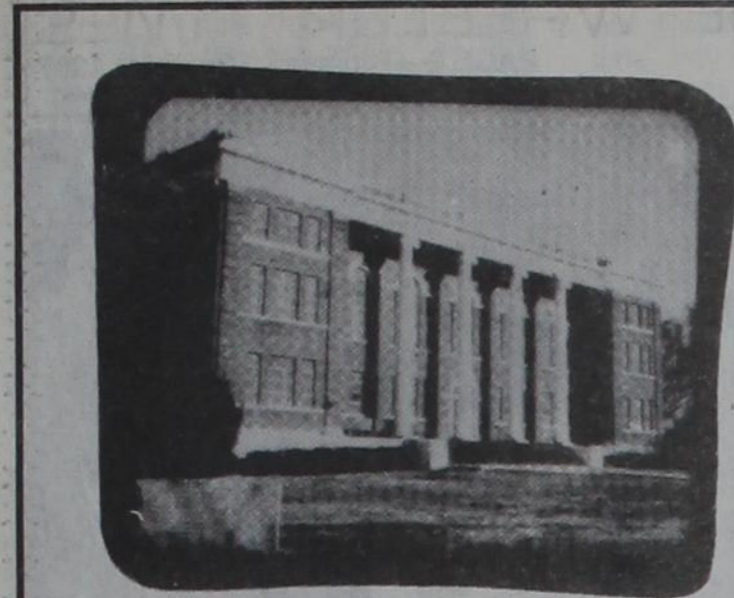


Plans Continue for Annual Egg Hunt

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department and the Wheeler Lions Club are working to finalize plans for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Sunday, March 30. The hunt will be held on Mobeetie

Street, south of West Texas Gas Co. The four age groups will begin the search for some 1,000 prize eggs at 1:20 P.M. Donations are being taken at this time.



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



STEVENS NAMED ALL-DISTRICT: The release of the All-District 2-1A Basketball Team showed one local student on the All-District team and five given Honorable Mention: Travis Stevens (front left) earned the All-District First Team. Receiving Honorable Mention were (back row, l. to r.) Kirt Boedeker, Aaron Dunnam, Jason Porton, Ramon Meraz (front, r.) and Andy Bradstreet, individually pictured.



Beef Cattle, Forage Producers Invited To Attend Symposium Tuesday, April 1

Beef cattle and forage producers are invited to the annual Forage Production Symposium Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church, 704 Main in Wheeler.

This year's symposium will focus on planning a year-round forage program and will compare the nutritive value of native and introduced grasses. Program participants will include Dr. Don Dorsett, Extension Forage Specialist in College Station, Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist in Amarillo, J.F. Cadenhead, Extension Range & Brush Control Specialist in Vernon and Don King, Wheeler County Extension Agent.

Dr. Dorsett will discuss perennial and annuals, both cool and warm season, that will fit into a year-round forage system. J.F. Cadenhead will cover management practices for lovegrass, Plains bluestem and na-

tive grasses, Don King will talk about renovating CRP land for use in a grazing system. Dr. McCollum will explain the planning procedure for developing a year-round forage system and compare the nutritional value of native grasses and improved pastures.

A meal will be sponsored by the Rolling Plains Production Credit Association. Meal reservations must be made by calling the county Extension office at 826-5243 no later than Thursday, March 27.

Wheeler Co. Livestock Assoc. Calls Meeting

The Annual membership meeting of the Wheeler County Livestock Show Association is set for Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Wheeler.

During this meeting rules, dates and the schedule of the 1998 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show will be set. The Board of Directors met March 6 to discuss rule changes that will be recommended to the membership for adoption.

Association by-laws require that rule changes proposed by members must be submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Proposed rule changes must be in the county Extension office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Rule changes submitted after that date must pass by a two-thirds majority.

Director terms of Champ Davis, Bret Buckingham, Clifton Morgan and Austin Caldwell are expiring. These positions will be filled at the annual meeting.

This meeting is an opportunity for those interested in the County Stock Show to have a voice in how the show is run.

Membership applications can be obtained by contacting Don King in the County Extension office at (806) 826-5243. The applications and \$5.00 membership fee must be turned in prior to the annual meeting.

Baseball Meeting Is Set Tues., March 21

There will be a baseball meeting Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Anyone wanting to volunteer their time to coach or wanting to help in any other way is urged to attend.

Local Students Are Part Of Meet at West Texas

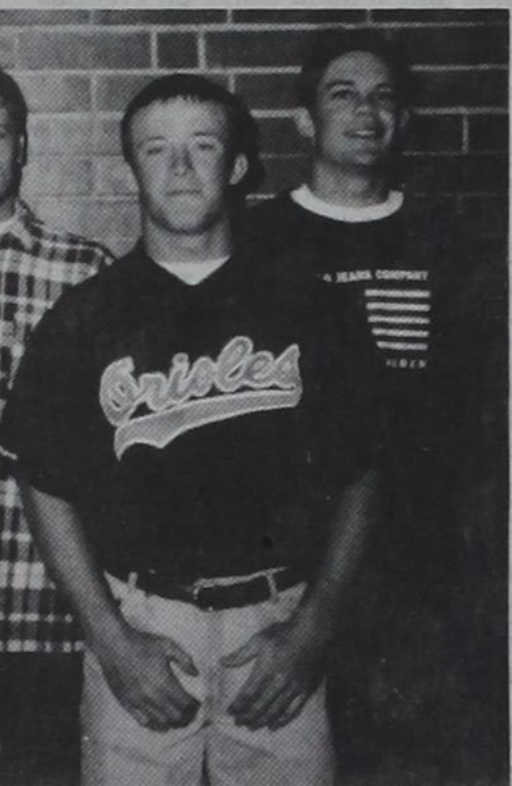
Over the Spring Break holiday some students from Wheeler ISD participated in a track meet at West Texas. The results from the track meet are: **Varsity Boys:** Travis Stevens placed 1st in the Pole Vault. His height was 12' 6". **J.V. Boys:** Don Hudgins placed 4th in the Discus. He threw it 108' 6". **8th Grade Boys:** Donald Phipps placed 3rd in the Shot Put. He threw it 38' 6". Justin Chapman placed 1st in the 110 meter hurdles. **7th Grade Boys:** Jeff DeBose placed 2nd in the Shot Put and Discus. Uriel Hernandez placed 2nd in the 200 meter hurdles.

Little League Calls Organizational Meet

Eastern Panhandle Little League will hold its annual organizational meeting Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Wheeler High Cafeteria. All officers will be selected.



SENIORS SELLING TICKETS FOR PRINT: Seniors from area high schools are selling chances to win a signed and numbered print of a painting by Liz Shipp, 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.



DISTRICT 2-1A ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM LISTED: Two Wheeler Lady Mustangs were named to this year's All-District Basketball Team. Players named to the Team were: **Mikea Goad—Sr., Wheeler (right);** Tracy Wynn—Fresh., Booker; Brandi Godino—Soph., Booker; Missy Skiles—Sr., Claude; Laci Crowell—Jr., Claude; Mishon Ollinger—Jr., Claude; Cara Hathaway—Sr., Gruver; Janae Watley—Fresh., Gruver; Amber Murrell—Sr., Gruver; Corey Little—Sr., Shamrock. Named to the Honorable Mention Team were: **Kallie Bradstreet—Wheeler (left);** Jennifer Stephenson—Claude; Deanna Lax—Shamrock; Sasha Lane—Booker; Heather Stephenson—Claude; Laci Russell—Shamrock.

Local SPS Customers Will Pay Bills Locally

Thriftway at 300 E. Oklahoma in

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The United Methodist Church of Wheeler will present "Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit," Thursday, March 27, at 8:00 p.m.

This presentation is a Tenebrae service, which traditionally dates back to the 18th century, as a candlelight service commemorating the suffering and death of Christ.

The cast is composed of Charles Kuntz, James Masters, Lyndon Loyd, James Hubble, Ed Boody, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Bob Stiles, and David Wright. It is directed by Belinda Masters.

You are invited to join us for this Maundy service presentation.

Wheeler is now accepting payments for Southwestern Public Service Company from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

"We are pleased to offer our customers who wish to pay in person this new location and longer hours," said SPS President David Wilks. "We appreciate working with local businesses to provide this service. Of course, customers can continue to pay by mail or automatic bank draft, which may be the most convenient option of all."

Customers must bring their bills with them when making a payment. The payment centers can even accept payments to restore disconnected service. After payment, the customer will receive a verification code, and can then call SPS to restore service.

The new payment centers are being opened throughout the SPS service area. They are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union. First Data is the nation's leading provider of such services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.

Travis Goad Places In OPSU Rodeo Competition

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University men's rodeo team is in first place in the Central Plains Region in the latest college rodeo standings. The OPSU men have amassed 1,570 points after four rodeos, a comfortable 600 point lead over second place Ft. Scott (Kan.) Community College. Southwestern Oklahoma State University is in third place with 770 points.

Among other current individual standings for OPSU rodeo team members is the following: Team roping, Travis Goad of Briscoe, Texas is fifth. Calf roping, Travis Goad of Briscoe, Texas is fourth.

Craig Lewis Neal Will Receive Degree From TSU

Commencement exercises for the fall 1996 graduates at Tarleton State University were held Saturday, December 21 in the Health and Physical Education Complex on the University campus.

Among the graduates honored was Craig Lewis Neal, of Wheeler, earning a BBA in Management.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Have you **THANKED YOUR FIREMEN** lately? These dedicated men have been putting their training to good use these past few days, and relief may be a while in coming.

Not only do these men give up much of their time to fight the fires, but they have to maintain their education on a regular basis.

Congratulations, **Mikea Goad and Travis Stevens**. Both were named to the All-District Basketball teams. Honorable mentions went to Kallie Bradstreet, Kirt Boedeker, Aaron Dunnam, Jason Porton, Ramon Meraz and Andy Bradstreet.

This week we have **Jason Porton** (Continued Page 8)

Chester Jones Joins 31st Dist. Probation Office

Chester Jones of Wheeler is the new education coordinator for Wheeler County through the 31st District Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The program is a computer-oriented curriculum with a certified teacher to assist the student. The curriculum offers about 30 different courses including GED preparation, keyboarding skills, computer literacy, essentials of living, basic education skills in math, reading, writing, science, spelling, and social studies, and much more.

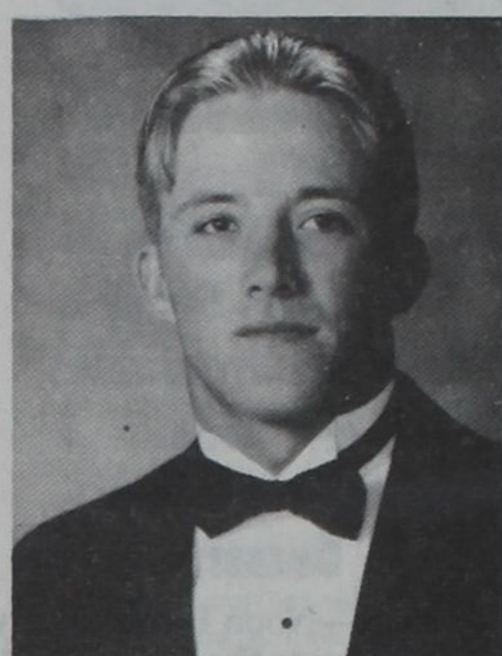
The one-on-one sessions are held on Tuesdays on the third floor of the Wheeler County Court house in Wheeler and on Thursdays at the Texas Department of Human Services appointments on West 2nd in Shamrock. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (806) 826-5941 Monday through Friday or 256-3726 on Thursdays.

Little League Sign-Up To Be One Day Only

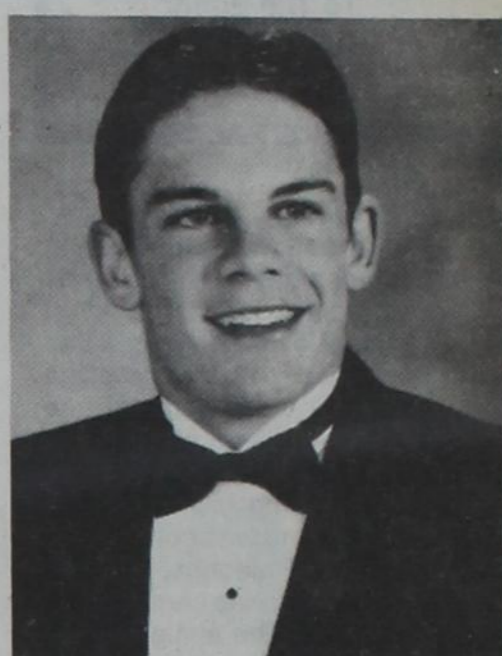
Wheeler Little League will be signing-up on Sunday, March 23, from 2-4 at Wheeler High School Cafeteria. Players will need birth certificates and \$20 registration fee for one child. Discounts for more than one child. Please do this early as practices will need to start soon.



CPR CLASS COMPLETED: The 8th grade Life Management Skills class completed the Basic Cardiac Life Support Course taught by Mary Kay Christner, Mac Christner, Mark Frankenberg and Sharon Horton. The attending the class were: (Back row, l to r): Bret Goad, Kelby Ledbetter, Creede McQueen, Caleb Finsterwald and Chris Vick. (Middle row, l to r): Jessica Westphal, Jennifer Carpenter, Shannon Lewallen, Mechelle Marshall, Martha Patterson and Justin Butler. (Front row, l to r): Eddie Lopez, Justin Chapman, Ivan Guerra and Michael Shorter. Absent for picture, but completing the course was Ana Salas.



101 CLASSIC BOWL IX: Travis Stevens has been selected to play in the 101 Classic Bowl IX. The game will be played on Saturday May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Woodward, Okla.



GREENBELT BOWL CLASSIC: Jason Porton has been selected to play in the 48th Annual Greenbelt Bowl Classic. The game will be played on Saturday June 14th at 7 p.m. in Childress.

Donaldson, Purcell Are Recognized

Comancheria Chapter, NSDAR held its annual Guest Day on Sunday, March 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Canadian. Five area High School Seniors were honored as the DAR Good Citizen from their respective schools. These students were chosen because they possess the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism which are the criteria used to select the DAR Good Citizen. Those awarded the certificates and pins were Darla Donaldson from Allison High School, April Purcell from Fort Elliott High School, Nicole Callaway from Higgins High School, Jared Neighbors from Miami High School, and Bessie Ann Reed from Canadian High School.

Darla Donaldson from Allison High School is the daughter of Jimmy and Dawn Donaldson. Darla has been an Astudent at Allison High School. She has played basketball all four years and has been a member of the golf team. She has served both the Future Homemakers of America and the Future Farmers of America as Vice President. She has also been a member of Wheeler County 4-H. She has been a cast member of the one-act play and attained Honorable Mention in District Competition. Darla was elected Secretary of the Senior Class and Miss Allison High School. She was also chosen as Most Likely to Succeed. She is planning to attend

West Texas A & M University to major in Sports Medicine.

April Purcell from Fort Elliott High School is the daughter of Mac and Gay Purcell. April has lettered in basketball and volleyball for four years., cross country, track and cheerleading for one year. She served on the yearbook staff for three years. She participated in UIL keyboarding, current events and one-act play. April was a member of the Hugh O'Brien Foundation her sophomore year. She received the Fort Elliott Citizenship award for two years. She was the outstanding basketball performer in 95-96. She received All-District basketball for four years and volleyball for three years. April has been voted most beautiful by her peers for the past three years. She was spirit leader for one year. The teachers and

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Food Safety Training To Be Offered At Wheeler

Local food establishments have a chance to show their customers that they really do come first by attending a food safety training seminar April 7, 14, and 22 at Wheeler, TX.

The Food Protection Management Training Program is an effort of the

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AREA FIREMEN ARE KEPT BUSY

Local volunteer firemen have been kept busy with grass fires.

On Friday, the Kelton, Wheeler, Briscoe, Allison and Shamrock fire departments were called to a fire five miles east and 1 Wheeler, Kelton.

Saturday, the Wheeler, Allison and Mobeetie fire departments were called to a fire east of Mobeetie and south of 152. Shamrock was turned around.

Allison was paged to a control burn and returned to the station on Saturday.

The Canadian Fire Department needed assistance with a fire Monday morning, which continued into the evening. An estimated 14-15,000 acres of grass was burned with several buildings threatened. Briscoe, Wheeler, Mobeetie and Allison were called. They were joined by Sweetwater, Erick, McLean, Lefors, Reydon, Elk City, Sayre and Fritch.

Monday evening, Wheeler and Allison were paged to a fire on Britt Ranch. The fire started along FM592 (road between Allison and the nine mile station). The blaze burned over into Oklahoma, taking approximately 7500 acres. Elk City and Sayre were called to assist.

The Mobeetie, Wheeler and Briscoe departments were called to a fire on Hwy 152, behind the telephone office at Mobeetie. The blaze was quickly brought under control.



ONE ACT PLAY CAST & CREW: The Wheeler One-Act Play cast competed on the first step of U.I.L. competition Tuesday; they returned home as an alternate. They will present the play for the local audience on Monday night at a Dinner Theatre presentation (see story). Pictured are (back row, l. to r.): Ernesto Martinez, Kyle Masters—Alternate, Monty Long, Ben Britt, Benny Sword, Bruce Copeland, Mike Jones, (second row) Kara Emmert, Paul Argonbright, Matt Hampton, (third row) Drew Hillhouse, Alli Moore, Stacey McWhorter, Keenan Burton—crew, (bottom row) Penny Dollar—crew, Lorena Martinez—crew and Hillary Mitchell. Not pictured is Will Woollard—crew. The play is directed by Rhonda Blanchard.

Dinner Theater Planned Monday

Wheeler High School will present their One-Act Play at a Dinner Theatre to be held on March 24, 1997 at Wheeler High School. The dinner will

begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the production of "Twelve Angry Jurors." Tickets to the Dinner Theatre are \$7.00 for children 13 and older and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. They may be purchased from members of the Wheeler Junior Class or One-Act Play.

Hospital Notes

- Old Admissions None
- New Admissions 3-8 Tommy Kellison
- 3-15 Donald Burns
- 3-16 Joshua Couch
- Dismissals 3-12 Jerry Billingsley
- Tommy Kellison
- J.T. Tidwell

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.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Happy Birthday to Ada Lou Lester, Carolyn Corse, Cendie Newman, Lindsey Morris, Buddy Moore and Valoise Massey on March 20; to Ryan Parsley, Sonya Holder-Martin, and Ruby Zybach on March 21; to Brenda Johnson, Mark Helton, Matthew Helton, Glenda Galutia, Delmar Newman and Andy Wright on March 22; to Justin Lester, Cecil Eubanks, Tim Mayfield, Sara Woodward and Danny Dykman on March 23; to

Chrystal Selby and Jason Wesbrooks on March 24; to Leonard Hollis, Sarah Sims, Maida Allen, Travis Lester, Donna Crawford, Shirley Simpson, and Joe Nicholes on March 25; to Gaye Hale, Justin Brown, Earl Seitz and Nathan McLaughlin on March 26; to Travis Goad, Susie Luttrell, Jada Murray, Ray Corcoran, Gayle Singleton, Monroe Seitz, Robin Mickey and Sandy Nicholes on March 27; to Denise Mullin and Scott Howard on March 28; to Jamie Trimble, Stormy Reeves, Ruby Craig, Cindy Hartsfield

and Barbara Austin on March 29; and to Jolene Corcoran, Ruth Ella May and Deanna Mixon on March 30.

Happy Anniversary to Paul and Clarise Hathaway on March 21; to Brad and Sue Chandler; Glen and Mozelle Thomas; Bob and Charlene Carey and to Willis and Verna Fillingim on March 25; to Jamy and Diane Brice on March 27; Doctor Bob and Glenda Galutia on March 28.

Boy just as we were getting attached to spring weather the big chill blew back in Thursday afternoon and

reminded us to never take "Mother Nature" for granted. But I'm not complaining.

Jackie Thrasher, daughter of Patti Young, called from Wisconsin to say they had 22 new inches of snow Thursday morning and it was still snowing. Even the wreckers were getting stuck trying to get other people out.

Sorry I missed hearing from and contacting so many of our good friends. Hope this finds ya'll well. Maybe I'll be back on a better schedule next week. I'll try and do better.

Our family has been enjoying the spectacular Hale Bob comet a little while everyday.

Thursday Grandpa and Uncle Tim got out the binoculars and set up the telescope to help Michael find the comet. He was so excited. One look just wasn't enough. Cold wind or not. Congratulations to Ike Finsterwald and Stacy Maddox on their marriage Saturday, March 15, at the Wheeler Methodist Church in Wheeler.

Ike is a senior at Texas Tech Univ. in Lubbock and works for Builders Square in Lubbock. Ike is the son of Larry and Claudine Finsterwald of Wheeler.

Stacy is a sophomore at South Plains College at Levelland. She works for Sam's Whole Sale in Lubbock. Stacy is the daughter of Andrea Sims of Wheeler.

I got to work at the Skellytown Post Office three days last week. It's always an experience in a different office under a different postmaster. I learn something new everyday.

I got the privilege of working with Theresa Hinds at Skellytown and Ada Lou Lester at Wheeler. I really appreciate the chance to practice and actually do things I've just read about other wise.

Please keep the Darnells and Simpsons in your prayers.

Joe Darnell has been having trouble with his leg since the knee surgery.

Novelene Simpson has been having a lot of problems with infection in her back. Still in a lot of pain.

Jerry said Byron was doing quite well and in good spirits on Wednesday. He had walked about half the length of the hallway and back to his room. Handled it all quite well.

It was a pleasure to meet Jerry Simpson at the Skellytown post office. Quite a surprise.

Hope Wade and Gayla Hathaway, Jason, Andrea and Brandon are enjoying their new home. They moved to Ruth Hathaway's place.

Randy and Dee Barr, Donnie, Randilyn and Houston were fortunate enough to get Wade and Gayla's old house.

The extra room will be nice for both families. Enjoy!!

So sorry Jim and Elaine Bowar are having to learn to live a very different life style. Please keep Jim and Elaine in your prayers. Jim is taking Chemotherapy everyday in Amarillo.

Friday, Melba and Dale Corcoran took Jud Rector over to Elk City for some eye surgery. Hope all went well and Jud is more comfortable.

Please keep Jud and Lorene in your prayers. Lorene was scheduled for a heart catharization in Amarillo Tuesday, March 18. Certainly hope all went well and she got good news. Congratulations to Luke Horton and Stacey Miller on their upcoming marriage June 21.

It's hard to believe that Jerry and Sharon Horton are grandparents to seven now. (My how our families grow!)

So glad to hear that Jerry Don and his family have purchased a home and moved back to Wheeler.

Steven and Lacy stay busy in the Tulia area. Blake and Shayla always enjoy getting up here for visits.

Good to hear that Ted and Vi Cooper are doing so well. Both of them have undergone triple by-pass surgery just a year apart. But '96 was a better year for both of them.

Nice to see Jodi Hughes for a change. But since she drives 18-wheelers cross-country now days was just lucky.

Her "guys" are all busy and doing well.

Sure sorry to hear that her mother, Zola Chapman, isn't doing very well at all. Jodi had just gotten back from visiting with Zola at her home in Colorado.

Please keep Zola in your prayers. Glad to hear that Lester Leonard is doing some better. (Nothing to really brag about yet. But any improvement is a blessing.) He still can't eat much and is very weak. Get well soon, Lester.

It was good to see Pierce and Jimmy Walker at Sallie's Cafe last Wednesday. Jimmy looked and sounded much better. He had gotten sick the week before while down here staying with his dad. (The sick taking care of the sicker.) Thank goodness it wasn't anything contagious.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Starla Janell Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson and the late Gerald Johnson, and the granddaughter of Bea Johnson of Amarillo and Jesse Hammer of Amarillo, would like to announce her engagement to Donald Shane Whiteley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Whiteley of Wheeler, Texas. The couple plan to be married on June 14, 1997 at the First Baptist Church, Claude, Texas. She graduated from Claude High School in 1992 and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in Kinesiology in 1996. At WTAMU, she was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and the Wellness Department. She is currently a teacher and coach at Claude ISD. The groom graduated from Wheeler High School in 1988 and graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in Kinesiology in 1993. He is currently employed by Wheeler ISD as a teacher and coach.

Pierce had a good check up but no real privileges back yet. He is getting his strength back slowly.

"Grand Pa" Tim has his part down like an old pro.

What a nice surprise to walk into the Couch Cafe at Skellytown and see a familiar face. Joe Grayson was up taking care of compressor "stuff" for KNE in Carson county.

It was nice to see Lois Hudson and get to meet her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hudson from Arlington and her daughter, Sharon Grandstaff from Amarillo. They were having lunch at Mel's Friday at noon and taking care of business. Our prayers are with you, Lois.

It's good to hear that Ryan Forbes is doing better.

Many Thanks to Clifford Walsler for the Circle Dot Ranch pens and calendar. They sure come in handy. The

pens write beautifully. (Too bad they're not magic and could write a really great column.)

Hope ya'll have a great week!!
Take Care!!
Count your blessings!!

Our prayers and concerns: Jud and Lorene Rector, Ariza and Ann Belle Corcoran, Peeler and Evelyn Haning, Mack and Peggy Shelton, Jim and Elaine Bowar; Glenn D. and Estelle Hodges, Doyle and Beulah Grimes, Doug and Doris Whaley, Preston and Elzie Glazner, Maida Allen, Alice Bailey, Wilbur Beck, Edith McLaughlin, Pierce and Nettie Walker, Lester Leonard, Choice Scott, Lou Dick, Calvin and Leola Stuart, Gladys Richardson, Bill and Pearl Darby, Charlotte Coward, Ike and Stacy (Maddox) Finsterwald as they begin their new life together, Ray and Velma Forbes, Zola Chapman, Lois Hudson and family, Joe Darnell, Byron and Novelene Simpson, Jess and Deanna Mixon, Ryan Forbes, Tommy Forbes, our Mobeetie City Council, the Chamberlains, the South family.

Extension Update By Joan Gray, CEA-HE

EASTER EGG SAFETY

As you prepare for the Easter tradition of decorating and hiding eggs, you need to keep safety in mind. Extension microbiologist Dr. Gary Acuff says one in 100-thousand eggs is contaminated. And he says over the past ten years or so we've seen a new form of Salmonella affecting eggs. Instead of being on the shell, it's inside the yolk and the only way to get rid of it is to properly cook the egg. It's recommended eggs boil for at least seven minutes. Then once you've decorated the Easter eggs, put them in the refrigerator and leave them there until right before you plan to hide them. Acuff says eggs should never be left out longer than two hours. This rule also applies to deviled eggs, egg salad, and any other food item made with boiled eggs so they don't come in contact with pets, reptiles, wildlife or lawn chemicals. He says any cracked egg should be thrown out.

Tea that has been steeped too long or has been refrigerated may become cloudy. A small amount of boiling water added to the container should clear it up again.

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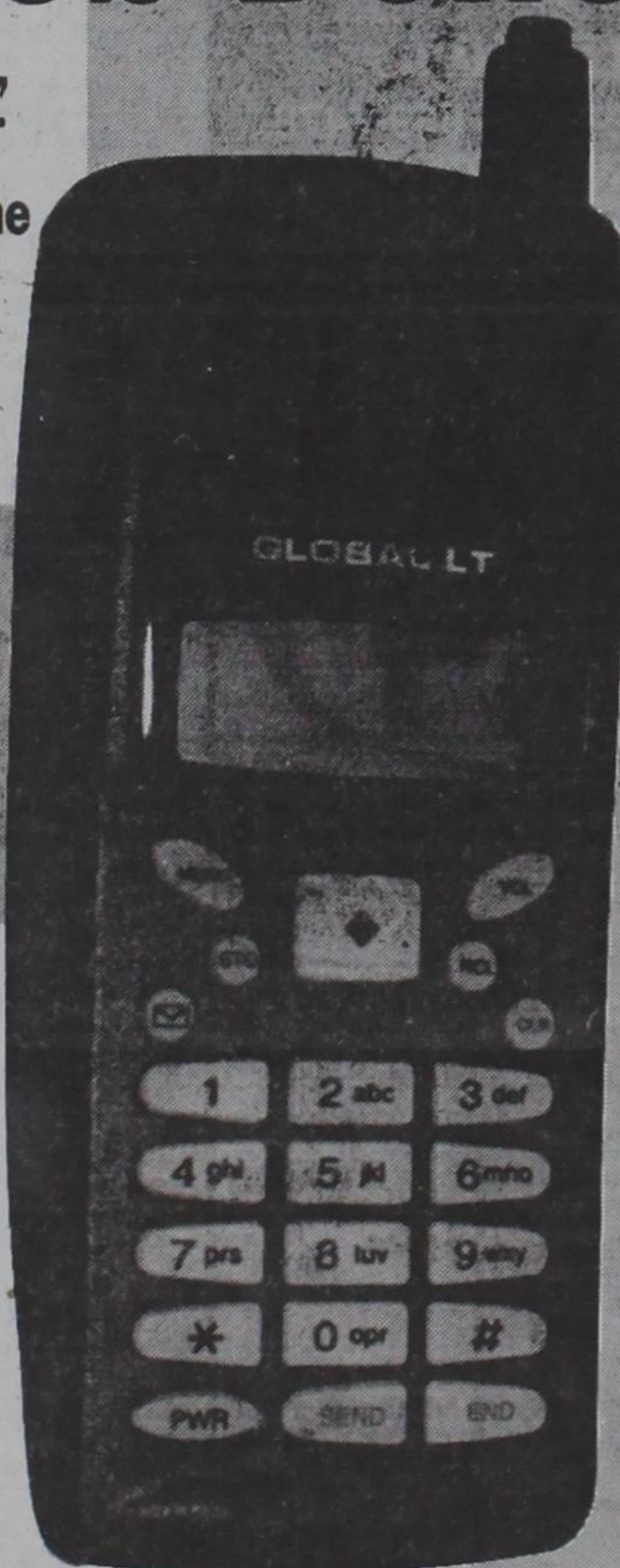
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Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.
A warm, but foggy morning here in Allison this Monday morning.

Sorry to hear of the death Oden Hudson, our sympathy for his wife, Lois, and children and other relatives and friends.

Sorry about the death of Harold Jones our sympathy is for his children and other relatives, Harold used to live in the Allison Community several years ago.

Some of the Allison U.P. Church Ladies Aux. went to Wheeler last Tuesday afternoon and served refreshments for the residents celebrating the March birthdays, they also sang gospel songs.
It was exciting to see the Oklahoma Wagon Train here in Allison last Thursday. I counted nine wagons and there were some people riding horse back. They were in town about noon. They come through every year about two or three days before St. Patrick celebration time on their way to Shamrock for the big day.

Ruby Craig was in Pampa a couple of days last week. Lisa Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory from Albuquerque, New Mexico are spending some time with Ruby. Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler picked up Lisa and the boys up on their way

home from their ski trip in Colorado and took them to Ruby's.

Pastor and Mrs. Roy Jones were in Amarillo last Friday and did some shopping. While there they met Rev. and Mrs. David Myers of Perryton at Cattle Call in the mall and had dinner together. They attended a leadership seminar at the Jubilee Tabernacle on Friday. The Jones returned home Saturday.

Len and Betty Brown of Dumas spent a few days last week at their Allison home. Len and Betty's Thursday evening house guests were Opal and Juanita Boydston, Roma and Billy Brown and Merlyn Brown.

Last Wednesday Louise Boydston, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Billy Brown went to Dallas to attend the graveside services for Roberta Boydston, the wife of Curtis. Opal and Juanita spent Wednesday night with Curtis, Louise and Billy spent the night at a motel. They all came home Thursday after the funeral.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Pampa last Friday for Billy to see the eye doctor. Their last weekend guest was Lou Miller from Clinton, Oklahoma.

Peggy Chandler's house guests from last Thursday to Sunday afternoon were Ronnie and Marki Stringer, Chandler, Kinin and Jordan from Temple, Oklahoma and Cindy Burrus, Tiffany and Bret from Canyon, and Brad and Sue Chandler and Bridget from Wheeler and Jana Chandler from Pampa.

Red and Anna Dukes' house guest from Thursday to Sunday afternoon were Robin and Leon Dethloff, Kelton and Kendall from Paradise, they are Anna's granddaughter and family. They all went to Shamrock to the St. Patrick's parade on Saturday. They also visited Clyde and Minnie Bell and Vinson and Nelda Dukes.

Henry and Cheryl Dupont were in Amarillo last Friday and Saturday for business reasons. They spent Friday night with Chuck and Kim Thompson and family. They came home Saturday, Sabrena and Cody stayed with grandma Louise. Sunday dinner guests with Henry, Cheryl, Sabrena and Cody were Pastor and Mrs. Roy Jones. Kimber Thompson of Amarillo spent the weekend with relatives at Allison.

Scott Dyer from Canyon spent his spring break from college last week at Allison with his parents, Mike and Teresa Dyer and Amber.

Glen and Nona Elmore's overnight night guests last week were Glen's nieces, Myra and Flippo from Huntington, Arkansas, Dean Beauchamp, Clara Sue Jones and Linda Gibson from Ft. Smith, Arkansas and their daughter Beverly Bowman from Silverton, Texas. Sue Giddens was also a visitor. It's good to know that



Beverly felt well enough to make the trip and travel alone.

Vance and Caroline Boydston went to Amarillo last Sunday afternoon to pick up Kyle Boydston. They met Kyle and Kevin at Golden Corral, who were returning from a ski trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico. While they were there they also visited with one of Vance's Army buddies that he was

CARE CENTER COMMENTS

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

Monday Barbara read the paper. Then we did exercise. After lunch several of us ladies played cards.

Mae Welch's daughter, Della Wolfe, was here to visit from Edmond, Ok.

Tuesday was birthday party. The United Pentecostal Church ladies from Allison came and entertained and served us homemade angle food cake and punch. Those coming were Sylvia Brown, Lornora Morris, Wanda Walker, Pearl Harrison, Opal Boydston, Carolyn Boydston, Jennie Gilmer, Sheryl Dupont, Bobby Jones and Tara Boydston.

Barbara and Gennell tried to teach some of us a new game called Yahtzee. They really try to help us pass the time of day.

Wednesday Barbara read us the paper. Then Janice Sparlin came for Bible study. We planted flower seeds so maybe we will have some pretty flowers.

After lunch Shorty and Tom came to help us play bingo also Katherine Eads was here, we really were glad to see her. Mae Welch was our blackout winner. Margie Bonnell had a friend from Pampa here to help her play bingo, and visit.

Spring has really been in the air here this week, it was sunny and warm. A few residents were outside soaking up the sun and warmth.

Thursday Rozena, Fern and Ila came for inspirational. Always good to see these ladies.

Saturday Barbara and Cletus took some of the residents to Shamrock to the parade. We went to Gennell York's house for lunch. A fine time was reported by everyone. Pop, popcorn and several cookies. Then Tom came to play bingo. Ruth and Anna were our blackout winners.

Saturday was Cletus' last day in the facility. She is now working at Pampa Nursing Home. We will really miss her. Hope she comes back to visit once in a while.

HOSPICE AWARENESS

Congratulations on getting a hospice going in Wellington.

We are very grateful to the hospice in Pampa for the help they were to us during our son Kenneth's final illness. We would not have been able to keep him home with us without the Hospice. Several time the hospice was able to get medicine Kenneth had to have that we would have been unable to get.

The hospice is very important to our family as we know how much help they are. And just having someone to come by to visit with them helps the patient so much.

Johnnie and I needed the support a hospice gives as much as Kenneth did.

Thank you, especially Connie- you were with us longer than anyone else. But we are grateful for all of the others as well.

I think Wellington will be able to use the services of a hospice and help it to work- and Shamrock as well.

Johnnie and Mable Ferguson Shamrock, Texas

When the doctor suggested hospice care for our loved one, we contacted the nearest center that afternoon. The next morning a representative came to our home. After carefully explaining the program to us we accepted the plan. That same afternoon a hospital bed, walker, and pottier chair were delivered. The next day, we were visited by an R.N. and an aide. They both were very courteous and did their job in a professional manner.

In our case their services were only needed for a short period of time, but we are confident the same care would have been given no matter what the duration of the illness.

They did, and still do, seem like part of the family.

They took care of all the funeral arrangements they could, easing our burden. They gave us moral support during and after the funeral service.

We highly recommend hospice service anytime a terminal illness has been diagnosed.

in the service with in Kileen, Texas back in the 1960's.

Lee and Sharon Hall's guests last week were Ronnie Hall from WTAMU at Canyon and Jordan and Alisha Jones from Pampa. They were all on spring break.

Pearl Harrison went to Elk City last Thursday and spent Thursday and Friday night with Vivian Wallace, then returned home Saturday. Sunday dinner guests with Pearl were Hershe and Jeanetta Sanford from Higgins, Texas, Sylvia Brown from Wheeler and Louise Boydston.

Jennie Walker's Sunday afternoon guest was Nelda Babb from Wheeler. Eddy Walker has been visiting his mom some throughout the week and eating some with her. Jennie hasn't been to well lately, but she is doing better now.

My Saturday afternoon guests were Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo and Pearl Harrison. Darrel and Johnnie brought Kimber down to spend the weekend with her grandma Louise. They had dinner at Louise's.

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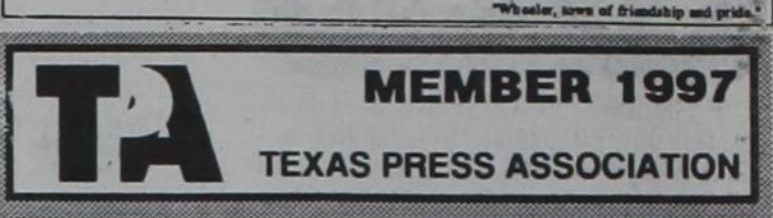
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Philippians 2:15: You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God a dark world full of crooked and perverse people. Let your lives shine brightly before them.

Happy Birthday to Tim Mayfield on March 23, Chrystal Selby and Jason Wesbrooks on March 24, Leonard Hollis and Lois Flowers on March 25, Gaye Hale and Justin Brown on March 26, Jada Murray, Gayle Singleton, Monroe Seitz, Susie Luttrell and Travis Goad on March 27, Barbara Austin, Cindy Hartsfield, Ruby Craig, Stormy Reeves, Jamie Trimble on March 29.

Happy Anniversary to Dewayne and Lori Selby on March 24, Brad and Sue Chandler, Bob and Charleen Carey, Willis and Verna Fillingim on March 25, Jamey and Diane Brice on March 27, Dr. Bob and Glenda Galutia on March 29.

From a farm paper:
"I like the independence that farming gives me. I can do anything I want as long as the banker and the government say it's okay."

Dallas Dawson, 13, from Amarillo stayed over a few days with grandparents Ed and Laurel Hershman and helped trim trees and other jobs around the place. They took Dallas back home Wednesday and did some necessary shopping. They spent the night with Gayle and Helen Singleton. Gayle is Laurel's brother.

Venson and Fay Smith are back home after spending a few weeks in the Big Bend country. Nice to have them back out to Gageby Church.

Nice to have Lou Dean Douthit join us for swimming and water exercise Thursday. Nice to see Toots and Lazelle South at Furs, looking good. Lazelle did great after knee surgery recently. Not even using a cane. They are long time friends of Don and Jo Redding, new comers to Wheeler. They live at 210 Franklin Street. The Souths live in Miami.

Most of Oden and Lois Hudson's family and many friends gathered for the bountiful, delicious dinner at Briscoe Community Church Wednesday before going to Wheeler for the graveside funeral for Oden Hudson, 80. Many others came there. Everyone will miss Oden, but we are thankful he is in a better place with no pain. Good to see Oden's mom, Ma Mary Hudson at the dinner and funeral. She enjoyed seeing everyone. We love you, Mary. May God bless and comfort each one. Good to see all the family.

Nice to see Mabel Parker back "in town", home from the valley. Looking good! She has a winter place down south near the coast.

Miami Senior Citizens will meet Monday night March 24 at 6:00. Visitors are always welcome for a delicious supper, visiting and games of 42, Canasta and Chicken Foot. Homer Sanders and Edna May are hostesses next time.

Ray and Pat Hudson's new house did come in Tuesday and got set down. It's really beautiful. They nearly had a nervous break down (so to speak) when it looked like the house was going to slide off the truck before they were ready for it. We are so thankful to have them in our community. Ray may have to go back to Argentina, but not for some months. So good to see all their family.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will meet Saturday March 22 at 6:00 p.m. for pot-luck supper, good gospel music and fellowship. Everyone is invited. Doesn't have to be a rodeo cowboy to go.

We went over to Mobeetie Thursday night. We ate hamburgers and watched some of the games at the Little Dribblers Tournament. Enjoyed visiting with several. Michelle Selby is taking a secretarial course at Pampa Center doing some babysitting. Shara Bell works some at the Briscoe Post Office.

Aaron and Claudetta Lavery took Cheyenne, Danny, Casey and Shelby Lavery to Chillicothe Saturday to meet their folks, Gordon and Barb Lavery and go home to Decatur after spending their spring break here at Mobeetie with the grandparents. They also visited with Caaron and Brian Parker in Altus. Aaron was sick Sunday. Claudetta gave a "sermonette" in his place.

We've been spoiled by all the beautiful spring days with highs in the 70's. Fruit trees and flowers budding and

blossoming and birds twittering. Wednesday night's low was 50 at Amarillo. Thursday's low was 23 with a very strong north wind. Felt like below 0 chill factor.

March 20-22 will be Fort Elliott baseball tournament at Briscoe. Tuesday March 25 at 5:00 Hedley H.S. baseball team will come to play Fort Elliott. Thursday Fort Elliott goes to Shamrock at 5:00.

Lindsey Fillingim was a weekend visitor to David and Rita Pearson. Nice to have Rita and Lindsey join us for supper at Maxey's Friday night. We don't get to see Dallas and Lindsey much since they go to school at WTAM and have jobs.

Also at Maxey's were Foy and Joyce Perkins with Tina Deger and Shellie and Chelsea and Terri Seitz and Kaylie.

Tyna Horn has been substitute teaching quite a bit at Fort Elliott.

Sam and Barb Meadows took goats to Mize, Mississippi to the Meadows Goat Sale there. The country was beautifully green and Dogwood and Redbud were in full bloom. The goats did really well.

Pray for Martha and J.P. Meek. She has been pretty sick and could barely talk. So much sickness around.

God bless you Justin Walker and Stephanie Langston in your wedding. Cindy Hartsfield and Hayden and Glory visited J. P. and Martha Meek and spent the night one night.

Congratulations to April Purcell for being given DAR Good Citizen Award for Fort Elliott High School. Allison's Darla Donaldson also got the award.

Saturday dinner guests at Evelyn Meek home to celebrate, grandson, Kaleb's 18th birthday were Mark and Annette Meek and Kaleb and Jocelyn and Sandra Meek. Happy Birthday, Kaleb.

Martha Meek visited Jerrie Vandever at Canadian. Also there were her grandchildren Jason and Tasha. Their dad, Steve Vandever, taught Science at Briscoe and has been with the F.B.I. for several years. He and his wife Donna and children now live in Amarillo. Steve is still with the F.B.I. They own the Carson place near us and spend some time there when they can.

Winnie Gilmer will be taking some post office training at Amarillo.

There was a good crowd out to Mobeetie Baptist Church, Sunday night from Allison, Wheeler, Briscoe, Gageby, Shamrock, Miami, and other places. The Russian and how God had intervened and helped the Christians through the rough times with miracles. There was an interpreter.

Nice to see Johnny and Gaylene Wyant and Issac, Emily and Ailene out to Mobeetie ball games.

Good to have Leonard and Bertha Hollis back from Missouri for awhile. We enjoyed eating lunch with them Sunday at Maxey's catching up on things.

Nice to have LaJuanna Mc Elroy come Sunday night to spend a few days with us while on Spring Break from teaching school in Lubbock. Always enjoy her.

Nice to see Iona May and Reba Wofford eating together at Maxey's Sunday. Their "side kick" Mary Wofford had gone to visit relatives to celebrate her 80th birthday. You are a beautiful, perky, pleasant fellow. And Vida Brown was there looking beautiful, as always.

R.N. Becky Tipps is being sent to Washington to take training.

Good crowds out to the Little Dribblers games at Mobeetie Thursday, Friday and Saturday. But I don't know just who won in each grade level.

Some visiting Mabel Parker at her home down south were Jimmy Joe Ault and Kevin and June Sheffield.

Best wishes to Ike and Stacy Finsterwald.

Wednesday Rosalie Keelin visited her sister Floy Larkin in Pampa and they went shopping.

Friday night Johnny and Karen Gillenwater from Childress visited Rosalie Keelin awhile. They were on their way to meet their grandkids in Canadian and bring them back to visit them while they were on spring break. They are already planning an August Reunion of Keelins and Gillenwaters.

Sunday Gene Keelin visited his mom, Rosalie Keelin awhile, and took her lawn mower back with him to get it tuned up to fight grass burrs and weeds.

Nice to see Justin Lohberger from Sweetwater at Thriftway with grandparents, Susie and Verne Lohberger. Justin goes to college at Wetherford.

Nice to have Mardi Ogle and Keith come by and visit.

Darren Hefley and fiance, Chalone

Stack were weekend visitors to David and Phyllis Hefley.

James and Mardi Ogle visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Carter in Amarillo Friday and Saturday and celebrated Mardi's and her Dad's birthdays. Mardi's son Craig and Stephanie Morgan and Keith, 8, and

Cody Lane came to Amarillo from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and helped celebrate. Keith came home with the Ogles for a visit, the others will come later.

Charlotte and Aubrey Brown from San Antonio came Saturday to visit her mom, Lessie Austin, a few days. Other visitors for Sunday dinner were Joe and Liz Austin and Payton.

Stacie Dukes was entered in the Colleen contest at Shamrock Saturday. Wanda Childress, Mary Jane Dukes and Jackie, Addie Swift, Cathy Hunt and Adeline Hammer went to watch and cheer her on. They also went to Mobeetie to see Jackie play basketball.

Charles and La Jo Crownover and Terri and Londa went to Amarillo Saturday to the wedding of Charles' nephew, Glenn Green.

Dean and Georgia Tipps went to Fritch Saturday to see grandkids Zachary, Adam and Casey play basketball and win. They also watched Amber Maddox play at Mobeetie basketball.

Nice to have a call from Barbara Austin. She's enjoying her teaching

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WEDDING ENGAGEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Miller would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Renae, to Luke Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton. Stacey is currently attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and is employed at Hyland's Pharmacy in Wheeler. Luke is employed by Wheeler County. The couple plan to marry on June 21, 1997.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lloyd Anglin wish to thank all of you who cared and were there in our hour of need. Special thanks to the Wheeler Care Center and also the Hemphill County Hospice nurses. May God Bless you all.
Mrs. Ina Mae Anglin and family

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1/4 Sec. 28, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DVL—Elijah John Toolen, et al to Bryan W. Troxell, et ux, 2-12-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 28, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Bryan W. Troxell, et ux to Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 2-24-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 28, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DVL—David W. Hamilton, et ux to Jerry D. Horton, Jr., et ux, 2-25-97, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Jerry D. Horton, Jr., et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 2-28-97, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 D—David Zybach, et ux to Mary Charlene Dukes, 2-25-97, Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 6, Allison.
MARCH 3, 1997
 DT—Pride Energy Company et al to Boatmen's National Bank of Oklahoma, 1-1-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 27; NE 1/4; S 1/2 Sec. 26, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey; SW 1/4 Sec. 1,

BBB&C Survey; W 1/2 Sec. 23; E 1/2 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN—Enron Oil & Gas Company to Gerald F. Pace, 2-20-97, See Instrument.
 ASSIGN—Enron Oil & Gas Company to Durango Production Corp., 2-20-97, Pts. Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN—Enron Oil & Gas Company to Prentice, Napier & Green, 2-20-97, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN—Fairway Resources, Inc. to Headline Resources, Inc., 2-20-97, Sec. 48, Blk. A-3 and Sec. 18, Blk. A-4, all in H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 EXT OL—William L. Arrington to James W. Cloud Jr., Inc., 2-14-97, Sec. 9, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 RATIFICATION OL—Parilee Jean Helton Doak to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-14-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 RATIFICATION OL—Billie Ann Helton Tucker to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-15-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 RATIFICATION OL—Perry Helton, Jr. to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-17-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 RATIFICATION OL—Roy Helton to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-14-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 RATIFICATION OL—Loretta Helton Schwartz to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-19-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 RATIFICATION OL—Beverly Ray Helton Vargo to Hanna Oil Properties, Inc., 2-21-97, N 1/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
 C/C MERGER—D.C. Dudley & Associates to Dudley & Associates, LLC, 2-13-97.
 ASSIGN—PC, Ltd. to Petco Limited,

2-26-97, Sec. 64, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc., to Anoco Production Company, 2-28-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MARCH 4, 1997
 D—Hugh E. Bailey, et ux to Bailey Family Trust, 3-3-97, 272.40 acs. N1/2 Sec. 92, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 POA—Percy L. Farmer to Percy Don Farmer, 3-3-97.
 D—Robert Earl Martin, et al to State of Texas, 12-6-96, 10 acs. NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 42, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RELEASE—Conmag Energy Corporation to State of Texas, 6-27-96, 10 acs. NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 42, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 D—Bible Baptist Church to Gary Lee, 3-3-97, Lots 5-8, Blk. XVII, Shamrock.
 D—Nona Jones, et al to Troy D. & Lona F. Jones Revocable Living Trust, 2-14-97, Lots 3-8, Blk. 3, Lots 1-10, Blk. 4, all in Copeland Add., Allison.
MARCH 5, 1997
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Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes as long as that person lives in that homestead.

While tax deferral postpones paying delinquent taxes on a homestead, it does not cancel the taxes nor keep delinquent interest from building up. When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home the accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all tax and interest.

While a penalty may not be imposed during the deferral period, the filing of the deferral affidavit does not forgive penalties already due. Also, an additional penalty associated with referring the account to a delinquent tax attorney may be charged if taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends.

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AMEND OPTION—Lanell Atwood Wyatt, et vir to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 2-3-97, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 52, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
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EXECUTOR AMEND OPTION—James R. Burke to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 2-4-97, NE 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND OPTION—Mary Crowder, et vir to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 2-2-97, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND OPTION—Sylvia Lee Shuler to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 1-8-97, S 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND OPTION—Buford William Meadows to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 1-10-97, S 1/2 NE 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OPTION AGREEMENT—John Paul Gille IV to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 12-24-96, E 1/2 Sec. 1; S 1/2 Sec. 2; NE 1/4 Sec. 9, all in Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
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Lewis Simmons to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 12-26-96, E 1/2 Sec. 1; S 1/2 Sec. 2; NE 1/4 Sec. 9, all in Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
AMEND OPTION—Clarice Pamela Vogt, et al to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 1-28-97, SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Stanley Green, Jr. to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 1-21-97, S 50 acs. W 1/2 NE 1/4; 17.81 acs. W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

POA—Mary Pace to Berniece Hall, et al, 1-2-95.
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OL—James O. Conwell, Jr. to William D. Sinclair, Inc., 1-10-97, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 15, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
CORR TDT—First Federal Savings and Loan Association to Bankers Trust Company of California NA, Trustee, 6-28-95, Lot 6; S 1/2 Lot 5, all in Blk. D, Potts Add., Shamrock.
OL—Joan Taylor, et vir to Apache

Corporation, 1-8-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 19, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Bobby Montgomery, et ux to Apache Corporation, 1-8-97, NW 1/4 Sec. 19, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXT RATIFICATION OPTION—Clinton Wallace Stribling, et ux to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-14-97, SW 1/4 Sec. 86; E 1/2 Sec. 87, all in Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXT RATIFICATION OPTION—Debbie McLaughlin, et vir to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-14-97, W 1/2 Sec. 87, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXT RATIFICATION OPTION—Jimmy Charles Johnston to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-13-97, N 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 86, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXT RATIFICATION OPTION—Rose Rock Trust to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-21-97, W 1/2 NE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 86, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXT RATIFICATION OPTION—Cleveland Laman Sluder to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-21-97, SW 1/4 Sec. 86; E 1/2 Sec. 87, all in Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXTRATIFICATION OPTION—Thomas Ellis Laman, Jr., et ux to R.D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 1-17-97, SW 1/4 Sec. 86; E 1/2 Sec. 87, all in Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.



OL—Samuel David Grayson, et ux to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-28-97, NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Gladys Vinson to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-28-97, NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Bobby Jo Grayson to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-28-97, NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Margilu Reynolds, et al to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-28-97, NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Don R. Lee, et ux to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-23-97, NE 1/4; W 1/2 Sec. 4, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Don R. Lee, et ux to Sonat Exploration Company, 1-23-97, SE 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
AMEND DT—SWC Production, Inc., to Boatmen's National Bank of Okla-

homa, 2-10-97, See Instrument.
D—Dale Roy Helton, et ux to Larry Zamora, et ux, 3-10-97, 5 acs. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
District Clerk's Filings:
 #10377—Ex Parte vs. Thomas Lemons, 3-6-97, Writ of Habeas Corpus.
 #10378—Tanya Michelle Couch vs. Jimmy Joe Couch, 3-7-97, Divorce.

WHEELER MENU

March 24, 1997 to March 28, 1997
Monday: Breakfast: Juice, Toast/Jelly, Cereal/Oatmeal, Milk.
Lunch: Pig in a blanket, Tater Tots, Pickle Spear, Milk/Tea, Peaches.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Scaloped Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Bread, Milk/Tea, Apples.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Milk/Tea, Pears.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, Pancake Puff/Syrup, Toast/Jelly, Sausage, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter/Honey, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Milk/Tea, Mixed Fruit.
Friday: Breakfast: Easter Holiday.
Lunch: Easter Holiday.
 (Menu Subject to Change)

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you Allison, Briscoe, Kelton, Mobettie and Wheeler fire departments for your quick response and efficient work in putting the grass fire out on my property.
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Congregational Concerns:
 Congratulations must be expressed to Ike Finsterwald and Stacy Maddux upon their marriage last Saturday afternoon.
 Jack Jackson, the son-in-law of Vergia Reagan, recently had heart surgery. He has been released from the hospital and is now recovering at his home in Odessa.

From The Minister's Desk:
 A recent popular movie was entitled, "Hoosiers". This movie was about a boys high school basketball team from a small town in Indiana which goes to the state basketball tournament as an underdog, but wins the state championship.
 While the movie was fictitious, it was based on a true story. In 1954 Milan High School, which had an enrollment of 161, won the high school state basketball championship of Indiana, beating Muncie Central High School which had an enrollment of 2,000 and which had won four other state championships. Milan High School won the championship game by a score of 32 to 30 when a young man named Bobby Plump made a fifteen foot jump shot with three seconds left in the game.
 I think that I understood why this story would inspire such a popular movie. It appeals to the desire of people to believe that the almost insurmountable problems of life can be overcome.
 Since this desire is a common characteristic of people, it is not surprising that one of the greatest promises of Christianity is that the problems of life can be overcome. In the eighth chapter of Romans, the Apostle Paul wrote: "Who shall separate us from the love from Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Thy we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered. But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 11 (verses 35-37)
 From this text, several important facts can be learned. These facts are: ---
 1. A conquest always presupposes a contest. The New Testament does not teach that Christians will be immune from the problems of life. Rather it teaches that Christians will experience affliction, hardship, and trial.
 2. Christians can "—overwhelmingly conquer—" the problems of life. When the Apostle Paul wrote his second letter to the church at Corinth, he said:—"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing—" (II Corinthians 4:8) Christians do not despair about the problems of life because they can "—overwhelmingly conquer—" these problems.
 3. Christians do not overcome the problems of life by their strength, knowledge, or insight. They overcome the problems of life "—through Him—" who loves them. Self-reliance is a wonderful virtue, but is insufficient to overcome the problems of life. These problems can only be overcome through Christ.
 The impressive promise of Christianity is that Christians can "—overwhelmingly conquer—" the problems of life "—through Him—" who loves them. The thoroughness of this promise is emphasized in the last part of the eighth chapter of the book of Romans when the Apostle Paul wrote: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (verses 38-39)
 Notice that the Apostle Paul said: "For I am convinced—" He was totally convinced that none of the problems of life could separate him from the love of God. And with this love he could overcome any problem that he experienced.
 Life is problem-filled. However, Christians confront these problems with confidence, believing that they will "—overwhelmingly conquer through Him—" who loves them.
Bill Morrison, Minister
 Church of Christ
 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

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UIL: These Ft. Elliott Students placed in various events in the Canadian Invitational Meet on March 1st. Pictured are (l to r): William Hodges, Chrystal Selby, Brittany Daniels, Holly McCurley, Jason Reed, Andrea Hathaway, Johnathon Wilson.

Ft. Elliott U.I.L. Placing Reported

The Fort Elliott Elementary participated in the Canadian UIL Invitational Academic Meet on March 1, 1997. Placing in the contest were: William Hodges - 3rd Place in 2nd Grade Storytelling; Johnathon Wilson - 6th Place in 2nd Grade Storytelling; Holly McCurley - 4th Place in 5th Grade Number Sense; Brittany Daniels - 6th Place in 5th

Grade Number Sense, 5th Place in 5th Grade Dictionary Skills.

Placing 5th in the Art Contest were Andrea Hathaway, 4th grader; Jason Reed, 4th grader; and, Brittany Daniels, 5th grader.

Placing 5th in Music Memory were Holly McCurley, 5th grader; and Chrystal Selby, 5th grader.

Retired Teachers Conduct Regular Meeting

The Retired Teachers met March 12, 1997 at the Pioneer West Museum in Shamrock, Texas. We voted to change our title to Wheeler County Retired School Personal at our last meeting. The President, Evangeline Wills asked Bob Wills to lead us in prayer. The roll call, reading of the minutes, and treasure report was given. Committee reports were given by Mary Morgan and Bob Wills. There was no old or new business.

Boyd Williams was in charge of the program. He called on Thomas Helton, Mary Morgan, George Gandy, and H.C. Weatherly to give some of their experiences in teaching school, where they graduated from, and how long they taught. It was all very interesting.

Oscar Luman and George Gandy gave their jokes for day!

The hosts were Thomas Helton and Lena and Oscar Luman.

The two guests that were present were Bob Wills' grandchildren. The members present were: Oneta

Food

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Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers, and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health. The program seeks to better educate food handlers to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

Food managers who participate in the 15-hour course will receive in-depth training in all areas of food safety. The course will cover the latest information in food safety, including: personal hygiene; how to use food thermometers and keep temperature logs; how to store food safely; how to prepare, serve and hold food safely; and methods of cleaning and sanitizing.

Food service establishments that participate in this program will receive numerous benefits. Good food safety practices provide a proactive defense against costs (legal fees, insurance, lost wages, medical claims) of a food borne illness outbreak. Food service operations can increase the quality of their food and improve profitability by reducing waste with food storage and transportation. Also, those establishments under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees annually while the certification is in effect.

Many public health jurisdictions in urban areas of Texas already require training. Legislation is in place statewide requiring bed and breakfast inns with under seven beds to be certified in food safety. This training and certification is designed for managers of any establishment in Texas involved in preparing or serving food to customers including restaurants, cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, school lunch programs, day care facilities, grocery stores, convenience stores, and mobile vendors.

Today, the public is very concerned about food safety issues. Eating out has become popular with almost 50 percent of the food dollar being spent away from home. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and more than 10,000 related death occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year.

Those who complete the course will receive certification from the National Restaurant Association. They also will qualify to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to display in their window, which lets customers know the managers are certified in food safety.

A bonus of the Food Protection Management Training Program is that it is a train-the-trainer course. Managers who complete the program are urged to teach food safety to their employees.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE Program from The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. Another course will be offered in November.

The cost of the training is \$99.00. The registration deadline is Friday, March 21, 1997. For more information on the Food Protection Management Training Program, call Joan Gray, County Extension Agent at (806) 826-5243.

Extension programs serve all people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Barrett, Katie Close, George Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dodgen, Thomas Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Luman, Mary Morgan, Margaret Pakan, Amelia Sims, Myrtle Stages, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Weatherly, Ruth Wiley, Boyd Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wills and Elva Wood.

LIBRARY NEWS

We had a quieter week, with spring break and vacationing. We checked out 155 books. So this gave us time to work on filing and another book order.

We do have some new books. In junior fiction we have 14 new books from the Stine collection. Some of these are Goosebumps and some are the Fear Street series. We have six of the Matt Christopher series that should be of special interest to our young male readers.

For the adult readers we have two very interesting selections. The first is a historical novel called "Blood of My Blood" by George Proctor. This is the story of the life of Quanah Parker. Since this took place in Texas and much of it in the Panhandle it is very identifiable. His mother was a white woman kidnapped by the Comanches and his father was the famous Chief Nocoma. Quanah went on to become a famous leader of his people, beginning at the age of 15. Our second selection is "Tick Tock" by Dean Koontz, true to the author's reputation for thrillers, this lives up to one's expectations. He is a very popular author and has over one hundred seventy-five million copies of his books in print. Both of these books are hard to put down.

We appreciate all donations and memorials that we receive. We are working on our junior section, getting ready to celebrate library week which will be coming up in April, we'll tell you more plans later. We'll have more adult selections on the shelves at that time, too.

So for some good reading come by and see what your library has waiting for you. See you soon.

By the library staff

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coaches voted her most dependable the last two years. She has been on the A-B Honor Roll for the past two years. She was a member of the National Honor Society for one year. April had the honor of being Miss FEHS for one year. She has been chosen to represent her school in an All-Star Basketball game this summer in Lubbock. April is a member of the Christian Center Church of Wheeler and has volunteered in the nursery for five years. She is currently an assistant in the Sunday School class for 3-5 year olds. She enjoys reading, playing the piano, softball, swimming and snow skiing. April will graduate in May with an advanced diploma and plans to attend West Texas A & M University in Canyon. She plans to enter the teaching field, specializing in special needs children.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

March 24 thru March 28, 1997
MONDAY: Meat Loaf, Blackeyed Peas, Carrots, Pears.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Italian Vegetables, Ice Cream.

WEDNESDAY: Baked Pork Chop, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Strawberry Shortcake.

THURSDAY: Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Zucchini and Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail.

FRIDAY: Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Plums.
(Menu Subject To Change)



To crack a coconut, tap around its middle with a hammer. When you get back to where you started, give it a few extra taps.

Wheeler Teams Compete at Canadian

Wheeler High School and Junior High students participated in the Canadian Track Meet. The results are as follows: The Varsity Boys received fourth as a team. Travis Stevens placed 1st in the Pole Vault, his height was 14'; Aaron Dunnam placed 6th in the Discus, he threw it 117' 9" and 1st in the 300 meter hurdles, his time was 43.44; Colby Rowley placed 3rd in the High Jump, his height was 5' 10"; Jeremy Davis placed 5th in the Triple Jump, he jumped 37' 2"; Mike Jones placed 3rd in the 800, his time was 2:16; and Bryan Judd placed 3rd in the 100, his time was 11.34. The sprint relay team placed 3rd, their time was 45:85. Those who ran were Jeremy Davis, Aaron Dunnam, Travis Stevens and Brian Judd. The Varsity Girls placed sixth as a team. Brooke Verden placed 4th in the High Jump, her height was 5' 0" and 6th in the 300 meter hurdles, her time was 54.6; Brooke Stevens placed 5th in the Long Jump, she jumped 15' 0" and 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles, her time was 15.84; and Kindra Jolly placed 3rd in the 800, her time was 2:49.2. The sprint relay team placed 6th, their time was 55.20. Those who ran were Brooke Stevens, Jennifer Shepard, Sally Smith and Kristen Marion. The J.V. Boys placed fourth as a team. Ben Dollar placed 2nd in the Discus, he threw it 113' 5 1/2"; Don Hudgins placed 4th in the Discus, he threw it 104' 8 1/2"; Michael Montgomery placed 6th in the Discus, he threw it 103' 8 1/2" and 4th in the Shot Put, he threw it 34' 8"; Kirt Boedeker placed 2nd in the High Jump, his height was 5' 10", 6th in the Long Jump, he jumped 16' 3", 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles, his time was 46.37, and 2nd in the Triple Jump, he jumped 36' 6"; Brooks Brown placed 6th in the Triple Jump, he jumped 33' 8" and 6th in the 200, his time was 25.97; and Bruce Copeland placed 4th in the 400, his time was 57.94. The 400 meter relay placed 4th, their time was 50.01. Those who ran were Brooks Brown, Bruce Copeland, Kirt Boedeker and J.R. Sullivan. The 7th Grade Boys placed 1st as a team. Jeff DeBose placed 2nd in the Shot Put, he threw it 31' 9" and 2nd in the Discus, he threw it 105' 10"; Gavin McQueen placed 2nd in the Pole Vault, his height was 8'6", 5th in the High Jump, he jumped 4' 8", 2nd in the 800, his time was 2:32.5 and 3rd in the 200 meter hurdles, his time was 33.41; Uriel Hernandez placed 1st in the Triple Jump, he jumped 31' 4", 5th in the Long Jump, he jumped 13' 10", 1st in the 110 meter hurdles, his time was 20.54 and 1st in the 200 meter hurdles, his time was 31.33; Dustin Puryear placed 6th in the Triple Jump, he jumped 28' 0", 2nd in the 100, his time was 12.87 and 1st in the 200, his time was 26.66; Kendall Hefley placed 3rd in the 200, his time was 30.21 and Jacob Britt placed 6th in the 800, his time was 2:40.4. The 1600 meter relay placed 1st, their time was 4:24.47. Those who ran were Dustin Puryear, Jacob Britt, Uriel Hernandez and Gavin McQueen. The 8th Grade Boys placed fourth as a team. Kelby Ledbetter placed 2nd in the Discus, he threw it 120' 6" and 3rd in the Shot Put, he threw it 38' 6"; Donald Phipps

Program For Protection of Rural Drinking Water

TEX*A*Syst is a program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service designed to assist farmers, ranchers and rural homeowners in protecting their drinking water. TEX*A*Syst provides the private well owner with materials to do a complete inventory of potential risks to groundwater contamination that may be threatening their water well or wells.

The TEX*A*Syst documents are broken down into two major sections. One section is a set of tables to allow the well owner to rank any risks of potential contamination unique to their given location and situation. The other section gives information on how to best manage any high risks uncovered during the inventory.

One of the TEX*A*Syst bulletins deals with the safe storage, mixing and handling of crop protection chemicals. The TEX*A*Syst bulletin #B-6025 entitled "Reducing the Risk of Ground Water Contamination by Improving Pesticide Storage and Handling" serves as the wellhead protection source for private well owners involved in the use of crop protection chemicals.

One of the most important best management practices that an agricultural producer can employ into his or her operation is the proper selection of storage and mixing site for crop protection chemicals. By always storing and mixing pesticides at least one hundred and fifty feet down slope from the wellhead, agricultural and homeowners who use pesticides can greatly reduce the risk of groundwater contamination associated with accidental spills of pesticides. According to research conducted by the University of Arkansas, headed by Dr. Scott Senseman (now at Texas A&M University), the operations of pesticide mixing, storage and equipment rinsing are risks of groundwater contamination from accidental spills and back-siphoning. Back-siphoning caused by a loss of pressure during the spray tank filling operation, which reverses the normal flow from the fill hose and draws the pesticide back down the well and into the water supply below. In the University of Arkansas study, sixteen mixing and loading sites at both commercial and farm facilities were monitored over a two-year period. The researchers concluded that a well's proximity to the area where pesticides are mixed and loaded has a greater influence on the temporary contamination of groundwater than either the chemical nature of the specific pesticide or the spraying of pesticides on the fields.

Dr. Senseman, and the TEX*A*Syst program concurs, that pesticide storage and mixing should be done as far away from the well as possible. The use of a large water tank, referred to as a nurse tank, to transport water from the well to the field where the mixing and loading of pesticides could be done would greatly reduce the risk of groundwater contamination associated with the back-siphoning and accidental spillage of pesticides. Monty Dozier, coordinator of the TEX*A*Syst program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service adds "the use of spill containment devices around stored pesticides and placement of storage facilities down slope and 150 feet away from the well will also greatly reduce the risk of groundwater contamination associated with the storage and use of crop protection chemicals".

If you would like more information on wellhead protection of private water wells, contact Don King of the Wheeler County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service by telephoning (806) 826-5243.

Card Game report: We were two short with Barbara gone and Patsy sick (You know she had to be sick to miss a card game.) Mike and I got our act together after the first game and were in the lead the last two games with Jane and Mimi.

The cowboys, Guy and Pipp are in Georgia chuckwagging and singing.

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The yak of Tibet and Sichuanese Alps, China, occasionally climbs to an altitude of 20,000 feet when foraging.

To open an oyster, gently chip away the thin end of the shell with a hammer. (This is known as "biling" the bivalve.) Next, force a knife between the shell halves at the broken end and pull them apart.

Casey Drake (15 to 19) won the bull riding and bareback riding contests at the Rough Riders Rodeo on the Merrick Ranch. He was also all around cowboy. He's E.L. and Wilma Fowler's grandson, Jill's boy. Matt Carlson won the calf roping. Dean and Molly are his parents.

We ran into cousins Sylvia and Harold Hamman over at Cal's. Some

placed 6th in the Discus, he threw it 104' 10", 1st in the Shot Put, he threw it 41' 2", 2nd in the 100, his time was 11.89 and 1st in the 400, his time was 57.31; Bret Goad placed 6th in the High Jump, his height was 5' 4"; Justin Chapman placed 2nd in the 110 meter hurdles, his time was 18.62 and 3rd in the 200 meter hurdles, his time was 29.88; and Caleb Finsterwald placed 3rd in the 100, his time was 12.18 and 2nd in the 200, his time was 25.75. The 1600 meter relay placed 4th, their time was 4:04.56. Those who ran were Caleb Finsterwald, Bret Goad, Justin Chapman, and Donald Phipps. The 7th Grade Girls placed eighth as a team. Natasha Stribling placed 2nd in the Discus, she threw it 75' 6" and 2nd in the Shot Put, she threw it 27' 9"; Lacey Bryant placed 2nd in the Long Jump, she jumped 12' 5 1/2" and 5th in the 200 meter hurdles, her time was 38.13; and Shelby Brown placed 6th in the Long Jump, she jumped 11' 11" and 4th in the 200, her time was 30.18. The 1600 meter relay placed 5th, their time was 5:10.64. Those who ran were Natasha Stribling, Lacey Bryant, Shelby Brown and Taylor Hudgins.

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Missionary From Moscow Speaks At First Baptist Church at Mobeetie

Nicolay I. Epishin, from Moscow, Russia, was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie on Sunday evening, March 16. Pastor Nicolay is the "Chief Overseer" for five different Baptist Churches around the Moscow, Russia, area.

Nicolay lived more than half his life behind the iron curtain and has suffered persecution for his religious beliefs. His faith in God has never failed and he persevered to see a land full with the promise of freedom.

Nicolay was born #13 of 14 children to Christian parents. Because of their belief in God, his daily was considered outcasts. His father, a Christian Pastor, taught Nicolay, along with his siblings, the Christian way of life using the 1 Bible the family owned. The Epishin family "took turns reading and studying the Bible" until the time Nicolay entered the mandatory school at age 7. There Nicolay was taught Atheism, but it did not affect him because of his early Christian teaching. He now speaks in the schools in Russia. He states, "I have more religious freedom in Russia than you do in the USA because I can take God into the schools."

Nicolay remembers Kurschev, who came to power in 1957 about the time Nicolay entered the first grade, making the statement that by 1972 Kurschev would show the last Christian believer on television. Nicolay proudly states, "The communist leaders of Russia fell in three days, but the

Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

We have four apricot trees in full bloom. Guess this freeze two nights in a row will ruin them. They say the apricots just make every seventh year. Seems it is about time. The wind really howled last night, but as far as I could tell all was still standing this morning.

Be very careful about burning. Everything is so dry. We went to Cheyenne Tuesday. It was sad to see how many grass fires there had been. Could see smoke boiling up over in Texas. Gene Carlson was burned severely Monday when he was caught in a fire. Understand the burn center at OKC sent him home and he is doing OK.

Barry Cappleman, pastor of the Sweetwater Baptist Church accepted a position as Hospital Chaplain in Fort Wayne, Indiana and left last week. Will J. Roberts conducted the services Sunday. Wednesday night, they had a business meeting followed by a surprise 80th birthday party honoring Lester Davis.

Sharon Gibson, Erick, Beth Wilson, Sayre, and Ruby Sutton went up to Wheeler where they picked up Mary Ann Maxwell and all went on to Mobeetie for a good visit with Katie Finsterwald.

While we were in Cheyenne, Joe got his curls trimmed and I renewed my driver's license. It's good until March 2001. Some experts think the world will fall apart on January 1, 2000 because about half the computers won't be set correctly.

We ate lunch at the B and H and met the new owner, Brian Wesner. We also visited with the girls from the bank, and those at the Hanawalts were Joe Whitson, Joanne Harrison, and Robert Barton.

The Livestock show was in full swing. Sweetwater kids showing were Colby Hagerman, Lindsey Coffey, Mandy Hagerman, Terri Calverly, Jana Hanson, Dalea Robison, Brian Davis, Tyler Locke, Cade Sites, Tiffany Sanders, and Chad Baker. All did well.

Lindsey Coffey won Swine and Sheep showmanship in her age group and Grand Champion Barrow. Colby Hagerman had Reserve Jr. Champion Gilt. Brian Davis had Grand Champion Ewe and Wether Lambs. Chad Baker had Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer. Dalea Robison had Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Heifer. All had entries in the Bonus Sale. Brad Atkinson won the Sr. Showmanship in Swine. He was top in Livestock judging. Scott Locke won the trophy in adult judging.

The Sweetwater Senior 4-H won the trophy for best Educational display. Randa Coffey is leader of the senior group. Janet Hanson and Teresa Locke are junior leaders. Ed Elam is the AG instructor and assists both FFA and 4-H. Ricky Hanson was recovering from an appendicitis operation and could not get the ring.

Sweetwater's Monte Tucker was one of the auctioneers at the bonus sale. He is a student at OSU, I believe.

Anne Reed is home from a stay in the Cheyenne Hospital. Edith Miller has been a patient in the Sayre Hospital. Leonard Bryan is still in Baptist at OKC.

Leroy Dunlap, retiring board member, received a plaque for his 17 years service to the Sayre Schools. He's Iva Thompson's son-in-law and nearly kin to us.

Casey Drake (15 to 19) won the bull riding and bareback riding contests at the Rough Riders Rodeo on the Merrick Ranch. He was also all around cowboy. He's E.L. and Wilma Fowler's grandson, Jill's boy. Matt Carlson won the calf roping. Dean and Molly are his parents.

We ran into cousins Sylvia and Harold Hamman over at Cal's. Some

Christian believers still grow in numbers, and their faith that our God is stronger than man. He goes on to say, "All things are possible with God."

Though Nicolay remained strong in his Christian belief, he remembers the persecution he suffered. He states, "A fifth grade boy from a family of believers was brought in front of the class. The teacher told the class that the boy was a Baptist and they laughed at him. The teacher told the class that all Baptists were spies and they work for the Americans." Nicolay was arrested by the KGB 10 times for his Christian work in and out of the church. In 1961, the KGB passed a law that forbid children from attending any type of church. Churches were not allowed to have an "Alter Call." The KGB were strict enforcers. Nicolay states, "If youth were seen praying or even on their knees, while in church, the services were interrupted and the children were taken outside."

Nicolay will have 1 more speaking engagement before he returns to his family and home in Russia. He leaves the USA on March 19, 1997.

While here in Texas, Nicolay was a guest of Jack and Lanell Beard of Berger. The Beards' son, James, spent 3 years in Russia teaching English and Christian principles. He returned to the USA in June 1996. He is serving Nicolay as a translator and is arranging Nicolays' speaking engagements.

of their friends were taking them out to celebrate their 56th anniversary. Others we saw were Mrs. Stagg, Paul Garrett, Hugh Prather, Anne Mills, Lavelle Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Austin.

They say before long we will have to dial 10 numbers to call our next door neighbors. Remember the good old days when it only needed four. Everyone has been getting a lot of those crank calls, where there is only breathing when you answer. Several have got the ID boxes that identify callers before you answer.

We still laugh about the time long ago when we had a party line. The phone rang three times before breakfast. It was an old lady at Texola. She was really mad, "I'd like to know why you keep answering my phone when I'm calling Mrs. Jones at Erick!"

Services were Friday at Rose Chapel for Rex Atha, 76. He was raised in this community. Burial was in the Brookside Cemetery.

Services were Friday at Martin Funeral Chapel for Hobart Mayes, 78. His wife Lee was raised on the farm across the road from us. Burial was in the Fairlawn Cemetery.

Might be a good idea to check the cellar for snakes just in case we have a storm. TV weathermen say we may have a stormier spring than usual. Also, I think it is time to pay the volunteer fireman dues. These men do a wonderful job and we don't want to neglect them.

Ray and Doris Smith spent the weekend at Owasso with Gene and family. Gene was involved in a serious car wreck not long ago. Doing OK.

Joy Cappleman and the girls have had company from Mississippi this week.

Landscape, Gardening Seminar Set in Amarillo

A popular trend in home entertaining is to have friends or family over for patio or backyard events. Thus there is an increased interest in patio decorating and backyard landscaping.

In response to that trend, members of the Panhandle district Extension Family and Consumer Science agents, have planned a spring landscape and gardening seminar to be held on Friday, March 21, at the Texas A&M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, beginning with registration at 12:30 that afternoon.

"Elements of a Well Planned Landscape" will be the kickoff presentation.

"Dealing with Pesty and Thirsty Gardens" will be detailed by Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist; and Robert Deyin, Randall County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Jean Wood, owner of Floral Expression in Amarillo, will demonstrate "Patio Pizzazz" followed by Lou Anne Causey of Irwin Greenhouses, who will recommend modern patio and backyard decorating with European Gardens and Mixed Baskets.

Judy Spurlock, and experienced Extension certified Master Gardener, will do the final presentation of the afternoon on the popular concept of xeroscaping featuring quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

Susie Breitting, Dallam County Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences; and Wynon Mayes, Randall County Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, have planned the program and will be emcees.

The program will be held concurrently with the District Family and Community Educations (FCE) cultural arts contest. Entries from winners in the 21 county area will be on display in an adjacent area for viewing.

Winners in that contest to be hosted by Gray County FCE members will be announced at the conclusion of the seminar.

A \$5.00 registration payable at the door will be charged. Tickets and seminar information are available from each FCS agent in the Panhandle district.