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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Services Will Be Friday for Effie R. Hays, 84
Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 6, 1998, at the United Church of Allison for Effie R. Hays, 84. Hays died Tuesday afternoon.

CHAMBER BANQUET IS SATURDAY NITE

Ray Stone will be the speaker at the annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 1998 at the school cafeteria.

Highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the "Outstanding" individuals. Plaques will be presented to the "Outstanding" man, woman, teenager, employee and farmer/rancher.

One other selection is made by the chamber. The "Pioneer Spirit Hall of Fame" award goes to an individual, who has spent many years in business in Wheeler, serving the public.

Officers and directors for the coming year will be recognized.

Ray is in his twenty-fourth season of producing the "Cowboys Football Report," a syndicated daily talk/interview show airing in five states on 163 radio stations. In addition to the "Cowboys Football Report," Ray also produces the nationally syndicated "Inside the NFL," hosted by Pat

Summerall and airing coast-to-coast on 740 radio stations.

Over the past 15 years, Ray has traveled the southwest, speaking on the humorous stories involving the Dallas Cowboys—from the days of Don Meredith and Roger Staubach to the current players—Aikman, Smith, Novacek, Johnston, etc. But the real purpose and value of Ray's talk is in that segment devoted to "Economic Growth For Your Community." Ray stressed that every resident in the community must support the local Chamber of Commerce, must be sold on their community, must support the local businesses. Ray uses many factual examples to support his strong feelings regarding community involvement and shopping at home. Ray says, "Small communities are truly the heart-beat of America. A small community is comparable to a patient in the hospital listed in critical condition. How well local residents support their community and local businesses, will dictate the strength of that heart beat, survival, health, growth, and quality of life in that community."

Autographed Cowboys Football To Be Ruffled

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is selling chances to win an autographed Dallas Cowboys football. The chances will sell for one dollar each, or six chances for five dollars. The football is now on display at the Chamber office and will be given away at the Chamber Banquet, Saturday, February 7, 1998.

Agriculture Commissioner To Visit Wheeler Thurs., Feb. 12

On Thursday, February 12, 1998, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will be at a luncheon in Wheeler, Texas. The time will be 12:00-1:00 P.M. Commissioner Perry will speak for approximately 20 minutes.

The event will be held at the United Methodist Church at 704 Main St., Wheeler, TX.

A lasagna lunch will be served to ticket holders. All tickets must be purchased in advance at a price of \$6.00 per person.

Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Contact Ravonda Hardcastle, Rt. 1, Box 12-B, Wheeler, TX 79096

or Phone: 806/826-3665, 826-3676 or 826-5524.

Angela Thomas Is On South Plains Honor Roll

A student from Wheeler County was named to the Honor Lists for the fall 1997 semester at South Plains College.

"We are always pleased to recognize these students who have achieved academic excellence in their college studies," said Dr. James Taylor, vice president for academic and student affairs. "They are truly an asset to South Plains College."

Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses and SPC Reese Educational Center.

To qualify for the President's Honor List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work and earn a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify for the Dean's Honor List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work, make no failing grades and earn a grade point average of at least 3.25.

Named to the Dean's Honor List is Angela L. Thomas, Wheeler.

Hillary Mitchell Named To SWOSU Dean's List

Hillary Mitchell of Wheeler, Texas, qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford during the 1997 fall semester.

Mitchell was one of 585 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 15 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.0 ("B") or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

LAND NEEDED FOR USE BY TURKEY HUNTERS

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is seeking farmers, ranchers or land owners willing to lease their land for the hunting of turkeys. The project has been an annual event for the past nine years and offers the individuals an opportunity to earn extra money for the use of their land.

Landowners receive payment for each hunter on this land. The hunters are screened and sign liability releases. The number of hunters on an individual piece of land is determined by the bird population. Eight farmers and ranchers participated in the hunt last year, representing 1010 acres of land.

The Wheeler area has an abundance of wild turkeys and the annual turkey season draws the attention of hunters from over the nation. Wheeler hosted 35 hunters from over the nation last year and has received national coverage over the past nine years through magazine and newspaper articles. The number of hunters has grown each year.

At the present time 25 hunters have registered for this year's hunt. More hunters are expected to register between now and turkey season. Several of these are repeats from the first year. The inquiries and/or hunters have come from New York, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas.

With depressed livestock prices

OPRAH COMES TO AMARILLO GOV. BUSH COMES TO WHEELER Several Activities Planned in Around Visit

—News Release Not Available At Press Time

BRAD MASTERS SHOWS CALF CHAMPION SHORTHORN AT SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION & LIVESTOCK SHOW



Brad Masters

Brad Masters of Wheeler County showed a Calf Champion Shorthorn in the Junior Beef Heifer Division at the 102nd Edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

The Stock Show's Junior Division posted some 8,800 entries by the youth of Texas as the culmination of year-long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior Show premiums exceeded \$62,000.

The Junior entry list is part of the overall record count of more than 20,700 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons and rabbits.

Total prizes and premium money at this year's show was in excess of \$775,000. In conjunction with the livestock events, the schedule also included 30 performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo, featuring a record 900 cowboy champions and cowgirl barrel racers in the various action-packed rodeo events.

Fort Elliott Is Awarded \$500 for Improvement

Dave Johnson, superintendent of Fort Elliott Schools announced today that a monetary award in the amount of \$500 was made to Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards Program (TSSAS). Fort Elliott CISD school is among 2,300 cash-winning schools receiving awards based on their comparable improvement group. Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given depending on the number of students enrolled at the school. A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Data from the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card, was used to determine campus eligibility for awards. One indicator of the AEIS is the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. The TAAS measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. This year's awards are based on the spring 1997 scores and the state's performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Schools in the exemplary category had at least 90 percent of all their students and each student population group pass each section of the TAAS. Exemplary schools 1994-95 dropout rate was 1 percent or less for all students in each student group. In addition their 1994-95 attendance rate was 94 percent or greater. In the recognized category, schools had at least 75 percent of all students in each student group pass each section of the TAAS. Recognized campuses had a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students in each student group. Their attendance rate was at least 94 percent. Additionally, for each TAAS subject area below 80 percent passing (all area below each student group) in the recognized school, actual change of scores between 1997 and 1996 TAAS met or exceeded the change needed to reach 90 percent passing within five years.

The final TSSAS award was given to campuses with acceptable ratings that ranked in the top 25 percent of their comparable improvement group in TAAS reading and math. The comparable improvement categories

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chamber; it could mean a better deal for you and your land will not be overhunted.

The Chamber will also contract land for deer and quail hunting during season.

Marine Cpl. Woollard in Pacific & Arabian Gulf

Marine Cpl. Russell J. Woollard, son of Rick and Judy L. Woollard of Mobeetie, Texas, recently participated in a training exercise while serving with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

Woollard's unit participated in Exercise Eager Mace, a multinational exercise held in the Kuwait desert 20 miles from the Iraqi border. The exercise was designed to increase the interpretability of participating nations and enhance the special operations capability of the MEU.

Woollard's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combi-

nation of these teams, Woollard's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

The 1994 graduate of Wheeler High School of Wheeler, Texas, joined the Marine Corps in August 1994.

Breast Screening Offered at Parkview Feb. 11

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parkview Hospital, 901 S Sweetwater in Wheeler on February 11, 1998.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual Breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions
Winifred Buckingham
Estelle Orr
Irene Zybach
Cliff Heffley
Vida Brown

New Admissions
1-24 Charles Nelson
1-27 Dennis Hilburn
1-29 Mildred Hamilton
1-30 Dorothy Daniels
Mae Welsh
Edna Crow
Reba Wofford

Dismissals
1-26 Gay Burton
1-27 Mary Waggoner
1-31 Dennis Hilburn

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Brad Masters! Brad had the Calf Champion Shorthorn at Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show at Houston.

The Governor is coming to Wheeler on Feb. 21.

We have a beautiful town and we need to make sure the governor and others see it at its best.

Are there a few thing around the place that you have put off doing? Now is the time to get it done.

The city employees were taking advantage of the spring like weather the past few days and were out with the street sweeper.

Addition information on the visit will be printed as it becomes available.

It is time once again for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. It is scheduled for a Saturday night this year. Don't miss it.

The Chamber is still contracting for hunting. Landowners need to look into this as a possible income.

Quail hunting is reported to be one of the activities planned for the governor when he visits.

Bill Morrison repeats a column this week. Take the time to read it.

It is good to see Frank Coates back at L. & F. Repair after his surgery. He is not fully recovered, but is well on the way to recovery.

Pictures are needed for the Eastern Panhandle advertisement. Bring in pictures of your children or grandchildren. There is no charge and the picture is returned. So you have brought them in before, bring in the latest and we can watch them grow.

I hit the road Friday and returned home Sunday evening some 1215 miles later.

I picked up a driver and rider in Oklahoma City, Jennifer and Brice. We spent the night at the Stas Inn in Sherman and on the Lovelady Saturday morning.

