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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Monday, February 14, 2000

Speaker Is Kenneth Wyatt

The 2000 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Monday evening, February 14, 2000, in the Wheeler School cafeteria. With the "www.wheelertexas.com" theme will be carried out with the web page to be called up on a computer screen for the benefit of those who have not seen it.

The speaker for the evening will be Kenneth Wyatt, well known Western and Christian artist. Wyatt addressed the Wheeler audience at the chamber banquet in 1993.

Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse will serve as the emcee for the evening.

Recognized each year the Chamber are the outstanding Citizens. The recipients of these awards are announced each year; this has become a highlight of the annual event. The Outstanding Man, Woman, Teenager, Employee and Farmer/Rancher will be named and plaques will be presented.

Those in attendance at the banquet will be introduced to the 2000 Chamber Officers and the Chamber Directors for the coming year.

Kenneth Wyatt is truly one of America's foremost artists. Dr. Wyatt

is known for his Western and Christian art; however his landscape, still life and character study work is among the best anywhere. Wyatt is internationally recognized for his Christian paintings, is the author of several books on art, is known for his numerous books as author, poet and illustrator and he is one of the most sought after speakers for after dinner affairs.

Kenneth Wyatt works in oil, water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal and sculpture. His work is produced for the public in original form, framed or matted print, note cards, Christmas cards, jewelry and in limited edition bronze and pewter sculpture.

In recent years, the Tula artist gained national recognition when he painted *Offer The Christ*, commemorating 200 years of Methodism in the United States. Following this, Wyatt painted portraits of the Twelve Apostles, Paul and Jesus.

Among many celebrities who own Dr. Wyatt's work are Ronald Reagan and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain. Both have painting depicting cowboys wearing yellow slickers in a rainstorm, riding their horses while herding cattle.

The meal will be chicken fried steak, catered by Mel's Diner. Tickets will be \$15.00 per plate; tickets are on sale and may be purchased from any member of the Chamber. Tickets are also available at the Chamber office.

The Chamber will be bringing to a close an excellent year and urges the members to show their support with their attendance. You will receive good food, good fellowship and entertainment for your \$15.00.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Have you purchased your tickets for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet yet? Sales are in full swing and a full house is expected. Tickets are available at the Chamber office at 101 E. Oklahoma.

—cwe—

Only one day remains to make your recommendation for the 'Outstanding Individual' awards. If you know of someone deserving, please contact the Chamber office, 826-3408. Be prepared to list a few reasons.

—cwe—

The committees have to meet, make their decisions and get the plaques ordered.

—cwe—

Jennifer called Wednesday morning to inform us that the snow was on the ground at OKC. Numerous accidents had been reported before she started out; she turned around.

—cwe—

The weathermen forecast snow for us for Wednesday thru Thursday and expected to return Saturday.

—cwe—

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Political Candidates Will Appear in Forum Feb. 22

Tuesday February 22, 2000 6:30 P.M.

Candidate Forum (with a pie auction to follow)

Wheeler High School Seniors host a

Political Candidate forum.

Each political candidate or their representative

will be given 3 to 5 minutes to present their views

for the upcoming elections. The audience

will then be given the opportunity to ask

questions of the candidates.

Following the forum the Wheeler High School

Senior Class will offer the opportunity for the

Candidates, to purchase at auction

Pies

and Desserts to be served to all those in attendance.

Proceeds from the Pie Auction will go to the

chemical free party.

Mark your calendars and bring a friend to an

informative and fun time.

When else could you get the chance to eat

FREE pie from a politician!

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

Estelle Orr
Winifred Buckingham
Monroe Seitz
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Calvin Haws

New Admissions

1/20 Dennis Hilburn
1/22 Josh Britt
Earl Farris
Larry Barbour
Felicia McCarty
Ida Miles
1/23 Cleith Burrell

Dismissals

1/17 Reba Wofford
1/18 Melissa Hampton
1/19 Sam Donnell
1/20 John Thierstein
1/24 Larry Barbour

New Arrival

DAVID EUGENE SMITH

Rusty and Michelle Smith of Katy, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their son David Eugene Smith on January 21, 2000. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20" long. His arrival was eagerly anticipated by his brothers Chris Michael Dalton, Justin and Chris Alan Smith. His grandparents are David and Kathleen Cross of Wheeler and Jean Smith of Canton, GA and the late Eugene Smith.



E.C.A. or E.M.T. Classes To Be Offered In Feb.

The Wheeler Volunteer Ambulance Service is starting an E.M.T. or an E.C.A. class beginning February 24, 2000. We are in great demand for daytime volunteers, but we could still use evening and night help also.

If you have ever had a desire to help people, this class is a great opportunity to do so. The medical service can be a very self-rewarding field.

I would like to invite everyone, who has a desire to get some medical training to enroll in this class. If you are interested in this class, please contact Jon Sullivan, Director of North Wheeler County Volunteer Ambulance Service at the office, 806-826-2010, or home, 806-826-3322. Others to contact are Brenda Sparlin—office, 806-826-5581, or home, 806-826-3Q06; or Wanda Lane—home, 806-375-2229; or Kay Atkins, Director, Wheeler County Ambulance Service, Shamrock Division—office, 806-256-2136, or home, 806-256-3446.

If you are interested, we need to be contacted no later than January 19, 2000.

We hope to hear from you. Jon Sullivan

Funeral Services Thurs. For Thurman Miller, 85

Thurman Orville Miller, 85, died Monday, January 17, 2000. Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 20, 2000 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Wyatt and the Rev. David Fletcher officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Miller was born at Wheatland, Okla. He married Willie Fern Rich Brewer in 1979 at Shamrock.

He was a Baptist and a U.S. Army veteran, serving with the E 23rd Cavalary Reconnaissance Squadron during World War II and earning the Purple Heart, the Bronze Arrowhead, the European African Middle Eastern Ribbon and the Good Conduct medal. Survivors include his wife, Willie; two sisters, Muriel Evans of Lubbock and Helen Miller Sloss of Wheeler; and two brothers, Stanley Miller of Brownfield and Boyd Miller of Carthage.

ALLISON SCHOOL BOARD: January is School Board Appreciation Month; the individuals pictured above give of their time for the good of the school and the community. Make it a point to say "Thank You" to these individuals and/or the members of your school board. Pictured are (l. to r.) Bennie Boydston—9 years, Winston Rainey—11 years, Franklin Lane—3 years, Cletus Greene—12 years, Bret Begert—2 years, Garland Dukes—10 years, and Destry Coulter—2 years.

TRANSLATOR SYSTEM SAYS, THANKS; MORE MONEY NEEDED BY SYSTEM

The Wheeler Translator System wishes to thank the following for contributions to the upkeep of the system and to buy new equipment.

Three hundred plus cards have been sent to known users. 169 people donated for operational expense and 51 people donated for new equipment.

A total of \$4,506.00 has been donated for new equipment. If we do not get enough donations to buy new equipment the money will be refunded. As estimated \$24,000.00 is needed for three transmitters for channels 4, 7 & 10; the addition of Channel 2, the college station out of Amarillo, would mean an additional \$8,000.

Money has been received from the following: Maida Allen, Jim Alvey, Dan Archer, Mike Arrington, Billie V. Atherton, Darville Atherton, Lessie Austin, Bob Aycock, Hugh Bailey, Dwayne Baker, J. R. Barbour, James Batton, Roy Bradstreet, C. B. Brotherton, Jr., Richard Brown, J. W. Buckingham, C. W. Burch, Don Burke, Gerald Childress, Sandra Christner, Bryan Close, Ariza Corcoran, Douglas Corse, Steve Corse, Pearl Darby, Joe Darnell, Kenneth Daughtry, Opal Davidson, Gary Davis, W. A. Davis, C. G. Dodd Jr., B. T. Dooley, Lou Dean Douthit, Bill Dyson, Reed Echols, Wayne Edwards, Wallace Ehman, Larry Elmore, Gordon Estes, Greg Estes, Leola Farris, Mrs. Leon Fillingim, Willis Fillingim, Billy Finsterwald, Bobby Finsterwald,

Second Annual Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser

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Again this year the youth at the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie will be selling Super Bowl Pizzas to be delivered to your home on Super Bowl Sunday. Please call Terry Mick, Youth Director, at 845-3801, or a youth group member to place your order. They will deliver to Wheeler, Briscoe, Mobeetie and everywhere in between. The Youth are raising money to go to Youth Camp this summer.

Donald Finsterwald, Doris Finsterwald, First Baptist Church, First State Bank, Tom Fry, Darrell Gaines, Richard Gaines, Harry Garrison, James Gatlin, Eddie George, Jim Gilmer, Preston Glazner, Mike Goad, F. W. Gordon, Richard Graham, Loretta Grayson, Great Plains Breeders, Ben Hill Griffen, Jack Grigsby, Doyle Grimes, Curtis Hall, Gaye Hale, Steve Hampton, Buster Haning, Mrs. Evelyn Haning, Gene Harrison, Charles Hartline, Paul Hathaway, Thacker Haynes, Dennis Hefley, Jack Hefley, Wanda Hefley, Perry Helton, Thomas Helton, Edwin Hershman, Bob Hink, Chuck Hogan, Keith Horn, Thurman Horn, James Hubble, Indian Mound Ranch, % Way, Wayne Johnson, Harold Jones, J. P. Keeton, E. O. Kelly, Jeff Kelly, Bob Kinnamon, Calvin Kincannon, H. B. Krug, Wayne Kuehler, Ada L. Lister, Keith Locke, Alton Lohberger, Suzanne Lohberger, Verne Lohberger, Agnes Lott, Scott Luttrell, Mickey Macina, Paul Macina, Royce Marion, Darrell Marshall, Robert Mayfield, Randy McCurdy, Elmer McLaughlin, Eddie Meadows, Evelyn Meek, Grant Meek, D. V. Miller, J. R. Miller, Lynn Mills, Darrell Moore, Inez Moore, Gracie P. Norris, Jerel Norris, Cleve Parsons, David Pearson, Joyce Perkins, Glenda Porter, Mac Purcell, Charles Puryear, Tom Puryear, Virginia Puryear, Doyle Ramsey, Britt Ranch, Tim Ray, J. B. Rector, Riley Ridgway, Clara Ridgway, W. H. Rile, E. M. Rives, Joe Rucker, Norbert Schlegel, Glen Scott, Monroe Seitz, Monroe Seitz Jr., Byron Simpson, Anna L. Sims, Lynn Sims, Brendell Skaggs, Wesley Steen, C. W. Stribling, Mrs. Calvin Stuart, Larry Taylor, Albert Thomas, J. T. Tidwell, Robert Trostle, Teddy Tucker, R. D. Underwood, Joe VanZandt, James Verden, Jim Verden, Jack Wardlow, Clifford Walsler, Roy Wardlow, Hyland Weaver, Wheeler T.V. System, Harold Williams, Bob Wills, Elva Wood, Rick Woollard, Lee Young, Bob Zybach, Eric Zybach, Ruby Zybach.

Wheeler County

Livestock Show Buyers & Sellers

The following is a list of the buyers and sellers at the Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show held January 15, 2000.

Evan Reed, Grand Champion Steer—\$1100, purchased by First National Bank of Shamrock and Shamrock Boosters

Haley Hipkins, Grand Cross Lamb—\$750, Wheeler Banking Center

Amber Estes, Grand Champion Hog—\$850, First State Bank, Mobeetie & Wheeler and K. Huddleston Sales, Memphis, TX

Michael Pate, Res. Grand Champion Steer—\$800, Dr. Smith and Dr. Hartland

Jennifer Maddox, Res. Grand. Champion Hog—\$550, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Shantell Meek, Breed Champion Lamb—\$375, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Cameron Reed, Steer—\$500, Shamrock Boosters

Curtis Pigg, Breed Champion Lamb—\$375, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Justin Hefley, Breed Champion Hog—\$375, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Bronwyn Dukes, Steer—\$525, Begert Ranch

Chris Simmons, Breed Champion Lamb—\$400, Wheeler Boosters

James Wischkaemper, Hog—\$450, Vinyard Water Well

Morgan Nall, Steer—\$400, First National Bank of Shamrock

Tyler Birch, Reserve Breed Lamb—\$300, Wheeler Boosters

Levi Swafford, Breed Champion Hog—\$400, Allison Boosters

Trenton Gaines, Lamb—\$350, Wheeler Boosters

Amber Maddox, Breed Champion Hog—\$375, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Kyle Masters, Lamb—\$400, Memphis Compress

Justin Lee, Reserve Breed Champion Hog—\$475, Shamrock Boosters

Brad Masters, Lamb—\$350, Wheeler Boosters

Allison Bray, Reserve Breed Champion Hog—\$350, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Tommy Meek, Lamb—\$275, County Line Equity

Stephanie Baker, Reserve Breed Hog—\$350, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Justin Hefley, Lamb—\$275, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Tommy Meek, Hog—\$325, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Aaron Shannon, Lamb—\$350, Elm Valley Group

Hailey Estes, Hog—\$325, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Cari Pigg, Lamb—\$275, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Monty Hand, Hog, \$325, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Tamara Hefley, Lamb—\$300, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Shealee Coulter, Hog—\$350, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Sheldon Cornett, Lamb—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Brittany Bryan, Hog—\$350, Wheeler Banking Center

Derek Stone, Hog—\$375, Shamrock Boosters

Keslie Satterwhite, Hog—\$375, Shamrock Boosters

Chris Umsted, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Lindsey Killingsworth, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Sarah Sweatt, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Brad Poage, Hog—\$350, Elm Valley Group

Charly Helton, Hog—\$275, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Shantell Meek, Hog—\$275, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Brad Masters, Hog—\$325, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Marlana Helton, Hog—\$275, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Morgan Nall, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Candy Hilburn, Hog—\$275, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Aaron Shannon, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Thomas Newsom, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Kelly Lane, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Keri Marion, Hog—\$350, Memphis Compress

J. W. Lane, Hog—\$300, Allison Boosters

Kyle Masters, Hog—\$325, Wheeler Banking Center

Sarah Moon, Hog—\$200, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Travis Bryan, Hog—\$275, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Cade Vinyard, Hog—\$350, Elm Valley Group

A. J. Luna, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Blaine Baker, Hog—\$300, First State Bank, Mobeetie and Wheeler

Rafael Robles, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Cameron Reed, Hog—\$325, Shamrock Boosters

Kara Lane, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Kendra Lane, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Calab Gaines, Hog—\$300, Wright Funeral Home

Jeremiah Luna, Hog—\$325, Shamrock Boosters

Aaron Kuehler, Hog—\$325, Wheeler Banking Center

Kevin Allen, Hog—\$325, Shamrock Boosters

Tyler Birch, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Casey Childress, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Kinsey Cogburn, Hog—\$350, First National Bank of Shamrock

Garrett Hampton, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Lauren Weaver, Hog—\$600, Wheeler Banking Center

Krista Murray, Hog—\$525, Hyland's Pharmacy

Cole Vinyard, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Sheldon Cornett, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Mikel Tucker, Hog—\$300, Hyland's Pharmacy

Jordan Newsom, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Cody Parsley, Hog—\$275, Wheeler Boosters

Cody Case, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

Calvin Helton, Hog—\$250, Ft. Elliott Boosters

Chris Simmons, Hog—\$400, Britt Ranch

Evan Reed, Hog—\$350, Shamrock Boosters

Sammy Case, Hog—\$275, Allison Boosters

New Arrival

ZACHERY LANE CHILDRESS

Caitlyn Childress announces the arrival of her little brother, Zachery Lane Childress. He was born Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at Elk City, Oklahoma; he weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz., and was 18" long. The parents are Duane and Gena Childress of Elk City. Grandparents are Donnie and Susan Huckert of Wheeler, Mary Huckert of Elk City, Oklahoma, Texas and Sammy Patton of Bowie, and Shot and Opal Childress.

New Arrival

KYRAH MAE KELLEY

Kyra Mae Kelley was born Sunday, January 16, 2000, at 10:10 P.M. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Karen and Kathy are her big sisters. Parents are Jeff and Melie Kelley of Mobeetie. Grandparents are Flora Mae Kelley of Mobeetie and Margarita and Dionie Alampayan of Cebu, Philippines. Great-grandmother is Maxima Alampayan of Bohol, Philippines.

Chamber Banquet

Feb. 14 — 7:00 P.M.

Here January is nearly gone and still no rain. Some of the long range weather experts are saying that the Jet stream is making a shift to the north and we may have dryer weather for the next 15 to 20 years but they don't want to discourage us. Other than needing rain so bad, we are having beautiful days.

Billy Fowler, 19, from Perryton, Texas, was killed in a freak accident north of Sweetwater. He was working on a rig. They rushed him by ambulance to OKC to no avail. So tragic.

Donnie and Alice Markley, Missouri, spent a couple of days with Iva Thompson. They were on their way to Brownsville to spend the winter.

Hear that Elk City has been getting some counterfeit bills. So check your change carefully.

Some members of the Sweetwater Baptist Church were out Wednesday bringing supper plates to the elderly and shut-ins. They were Karen Gracey, Lisa Alexander, Cindy Perry, Dalton Perry, Tyler Locke, Kim Gracey, Olivia Locke, Jenny Gracey, Lacy Fowler, Angela Prather, Chase Arrington, Jana Hanson, John Baulough, Tyson Perry, and Heather Dolloff. I really appreciated the kind thought and the food. It was so nice.

Asked Clara Lou McGuire what she did to celebrate her birthday. She said, "Helped J. E. load calves."

The Erick Sweetwater Teams have been involved in the Bi-County tournament at Cheyenne. The girls lost out but the boys were to play Hammond Thursday. I haven't heard the results. The girls play Saturday in the loser's bracket. Sweetwater girls on the team are Lindsay Coffee and Marjorie Banks. Nathan Reed is on the boys team.

Les Pyeatt, Reydon graduate, who plays on the Oklahoma Christian team, injured his ankle in Saturday's game and will be out for several weeks.

There was a birthday party this week at the Erick Nursing Home honoring Johnny Nidifer and Joe Flowers. They really had a ball.

One of my faithful readers, Maxine Wilhelm is now living at the home. She and her husband were the first owners of the Honey Farm.

It is amazing how many things around Erick are known state wide and some even Nationally. Cal's, The Honey Farm, Roger Miller, Sheb Wooley. The Erick Kitchen Band was even honored with a banquet in OKC by the governor in their heyday.

Been some pretty sick people. Ann Reed is home from the hospital after a bout of pneumonia. Michael, Sheila and little Emily all had a bout with the flu.

The Hext Baptist Church held the worship services at the Erick Home last Sunday. Pastor Don Adams brought the message. Others attending were Iona Miller, Lois Howell, Linda Howell, Mozelle Bramlett, Ruby

The Golden Agers Were On the Road Again Fri.

Yes, the Golden Agers, First Baptist Church, Wheeler, took to the road again Friday evening, January 21. Their destination, M. K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

The Pampa High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Fred Mays, presented the fast-paced musical comedy, "The Pajama Game".

The musical, which included such memorable songs as "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway", opened in 1954 on Broadway and ran for over 1000 performances.

Demonstrating the exceptional talents and proficiencies of the student performers, the local musicals presented by PHS students are very popular presentations.

After having to struggle with the van earlier in the evening as we passed Braums, Ed Hershman just rolled the van right into Braum's parking lot. It must have been closing time, or past. However, they did not refuse "weary" travelers entry. We all enjoyed ice cream, hot chocolate, coffee, and even a few hamburgers.

Most of our usual group made the trip and we returned the same day we left.

Crosby, Rose and Raymond Snider. I get quite a bang out of those Want to be a Millionaire shows. One man did win a million but they say Uncle Sam takes nearly half. Kathleen Sutton, Moore, OK., won over \$25,000 on The Price is Right and then missed a simple question even I knew.

Services were at Sayre Church of Christ for Susie Hill, 90. She and her husband, William, lived many years in this community. Burial was in the Mayfield Cemetery.

Services were Friday for Earlon Shirley at the Rose Chapel. Burial was in the Buffalo Cemetery. He farmed many years in the Mayfield Community. His daughters are Pam and husband, Carl Jefferson of Erick, and Cindy and Tom Walls of Tahoka.

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TX. Did you see the picture of our millennium baby. Guess Roger Mills and Beckham will both claim him. His folks are from Cheyenne and he was born at Sayre. Little Wyatt Alan Miller was born January 5, and weighed in

MEALS on WHEELS

MENU

MONDAY, January 31, 2000 — FRIDAY, February 4, 2000
MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread/Butter, Fruit Cocktail
TUESDAY: Barbecue Beef On Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Apple Crisp
WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler
FRIDAY: Fried Catfish, Spinach, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bread/Margarine, Gingerbread/Topping

at 6 lbs. and 7 ounces. His parents are Tamara and Rusty Miller. Birthday folks are Brandon Atkinson, Beverly Jay, Rosa Jones, Haskell Reed, Carol Griffin, Cieta Coffey, Iona Miller, James Fesmire, Lisa Alexander, Allison Atwell, and Virgie Marshall. Happiness to all.

Extension Update

By Debbie Epperley, CEA-HE

"Use It or Lose It"
Walk! The road may lead you to sharper thinking.

According to a new study, conducted by The University of Illinois who studied a group of sedentary adults, who began walking 45 minutes a day, three times a week for six months performed up to 20% better on cognitive functioning tests compared with the control group who did an aerobic exercise, characterized by stretching and toning.

Doctors suggest oxygen flow (enhanced by aerobic exercise) may boost your brain power. But before you begin walking consider these guidelines. If you have health problems be sure and consult your doctor before beginning an exercise program. Be sure you have the right shoe for the job. Warm up, start walking slowly for about 5-10 minutes then increase your pace. By doing this you will be more flexible for the faster pace you will go into and be less likely to get injured. Or warm up by doing light stretches. The last five minutes of your walk should be used to cool down the body by walking slowly. This allows the body to return to a resting state and helps reduce muscle soreness.

Lets walk for a healthier existence. "Use It or Lose It" Debbie Epperley FCS Agent Wheeler County Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Tragedy In The Cotton Patch

Lorena G. Males
Time for books to take up. (1935)
Fifth grade pass to the blackboard for arithmetic drill.

I noticed the children were all the same size—same height. The feisty little girls were bubbly and happy.

"We can do it faster. We can get the answer first."

Suddenly my eyes spotted one student unlike the rest—an extra tall mature-looking boy. His eyes were down cast. He seemed withdrawn and troubled.

Why is he squatting? Squatting! I studied this little drama.

During the dirty thirties cotton pickin' Vacations were common and all the children were out of school picking cotton.

Some parents, however, in order to keep food on the table and coats on their backs; kept their children out of school the whole first semester (until Christmas)

After two or three years of staying out of school the student was woefully behind. Grown kids able to read only on third grade level; no arithmetic skills.

This squatting young man suffered from being absent from school until the class was so far ahead of him he was completely lost.

He squatted to be the same height as his classmates.

If I had known what a turning point that was in his life I would have done something; tutored him, put him in a room with kids his size and age,

home schooled him. Something! But my eyes didn't see deep enough and my heart didn't understand that deep.

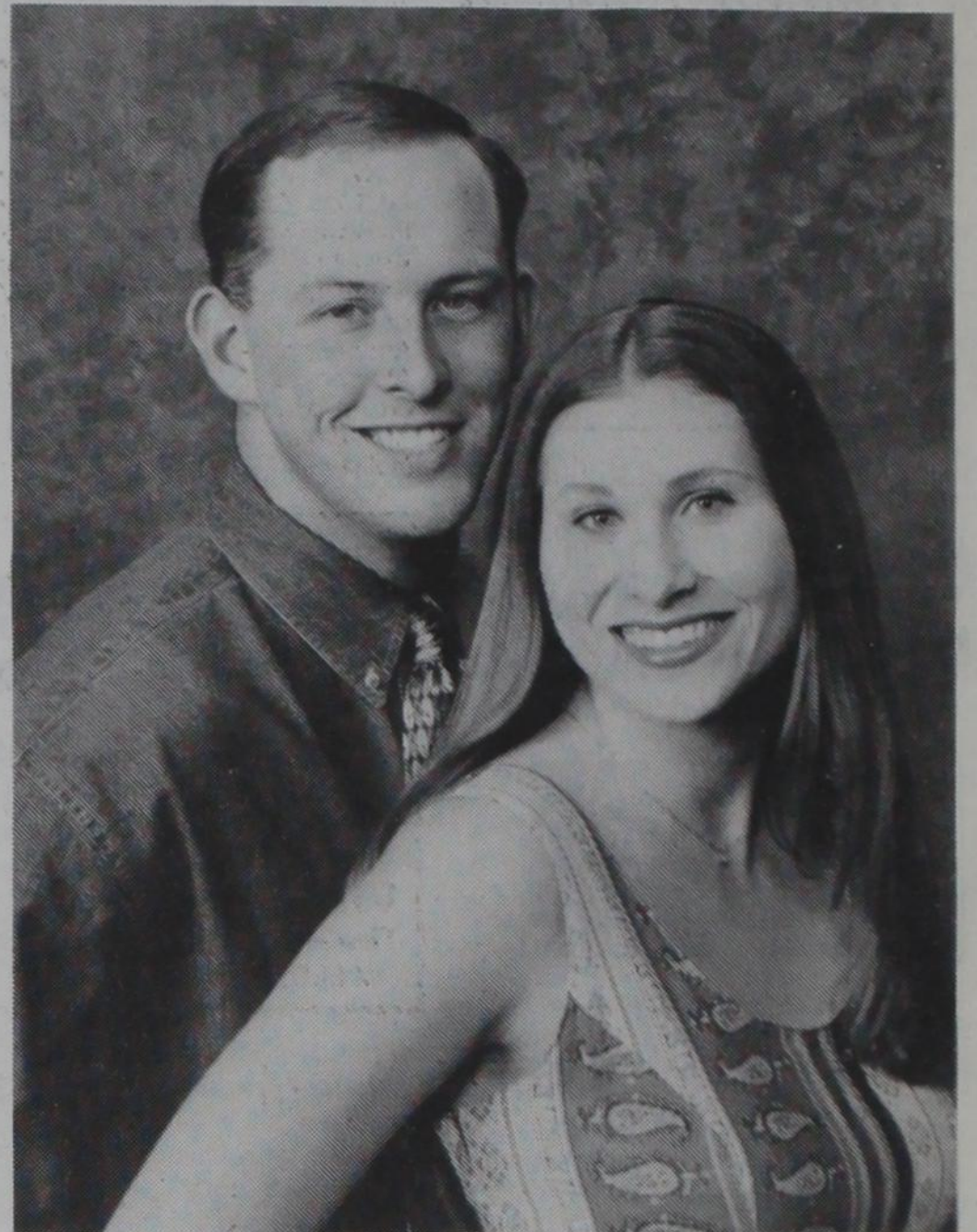
Many young people of this generation (1930) (1935)

had their future stolen by the cotton patch. No high-school diploma—crippled for life with a deep hurt, a scar and humiliation way down deep. Education is the only thing that can cure what ails us.

A bird with a broken wing. A youth with a broken spirit—never to fly.

KELTON MENU

MONDAY, January 31, 2000 — FRIDAY, February 4, 2000
MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Garlic Toast, Banana Pudding, Milk
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham, Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage-Bacon, Biscuits, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Frito Pie w/ Beef & Cheese, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk
FRIDAY
Bad Weather Day




ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Lindsey Renee Fillingim and Ken Lee Criswell, both of Canyon, Texas, are announcing their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Rita Pearson of Briscoe and Dan and Chris Fillingim of Elk City, Okla. Grandparents are Willis and LaVerna Fillingim of Briscoe and Nellie Lackey and the late Lee Lackey of Wheeler, and Albert and Mary Pearson of Stamford. Lindsey graduated from Briscoe High School in 1995. She is a senior biology major at West Texas A&M University and will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is employed at Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon. The prospective groom is the son of Gaylon and Barbara Buxkemper of Slaton and Rodney and Lyndi Criswell of Idalou. His grandparents are W. B. and JoEllen Criswell of Idalou, Carman and Ida Rhoad of Lubbock, Bill and Billie Autry of Ralls and Laura Buxkemper and the late Oscar Buxkemper of Slaton. Ken graduated from Idalou High School in 1996. He has attended West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College and will be graduating in May with an Associate Degree in Aviation Maintenance. Ken is employed at Bell Helicopter in Amarillo. The Country Home Bed and Breakfast, Canyon, Texas, will be the site of the wedding. The ceremony will take place in the flower garden at sunset on July 15, 2000.

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Ray and Mary Corcoran of Wiener visited with Ariza Corcoran, Aaron and Arica Lancaster, Ernest and Brenda Lancaster, Stormi and Lamari. They also visited with Marie Gudgel in Wheeler. They had come up to help Ariza celebrate his birthday. They went home Thursday.

Curtis and Hazel Hendrix moved back to Oklahoma Thursday. They had been living in the Dockins rent house.

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Densel and Fern Reed visited Monday night with Pauline Barnes in Wheeler.

Dennis Hilburn fell at work Thursday and hurt his back. He was taken to Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. He was better on Sunday. They are trying to get his doctor in Amarillo so he can be transferred to Amarillo.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Thursday night in Wheeler with Pauline Barnes.

Ernest and Brenda Lancaster have got the addition on their house started. They will be glad to get all of the work done. The builders had thought it would be March before they got started. The builders finished up the job they were on and called and said they would be there the next day so they had to get furniture moved and ready for them in one night.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Friday with Francis Grove and Agnes Barnes in Pampa. Then they attended the retirement dinner at Dyer's BBQ for Gordon Flynn. Gordon had just retired from the post office.

Amy Dawn and Shaun Blake Wolfe was born January 13 in Amarillo. Their parents are Jerry and Erin Wolfe of Portales, NM and grandparents Johnnie Wolfe of Amarillo and the late Sonny Wolfe. Great-grandparents are Joe Wolfe, Amarillo and the late Pauline Shelton Wolfe.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster are working on their house every week when Aaron is off from the railroad. They have the water lines all done. They will be glad to get all of the plumbing done. A lot of what they have been doing is the work that doesn't make much showing. After it is all done the other work should make more showing for their labor.

Ray and Mary Corcoran and Arica Lancaster spent Wednesday with Ariza Corcoran in McLean.

Hugh Bailey visited in Fritch with Linda and John Harvey. Mae visited with her daughter Lois Hughes and great-granddaughters Brooke and Brenda Hughes.

The youth of the First Baptist Church is making plans to go to camp and are selling pizza. They will deliver them for the Super Bowl Sunday. They will be doing several projects to earn money for camp. They are going to Glorieta. They had 16 youth and 3 sponsors signed up to go.

Mabel Dickey spent the week in Amarillo in the hospital. She was brought back to McLean Care Center Sunday and put under Hospice. Toney and Frances Dickey visited her Sunday.

Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday at the Totty Schoolhouse. Those attending were Audrey Seitz, Betty Haines, Estelle Hodges, Bobbie Inman, Billie Moore, Martha Meek, Arica Lancaster, and Stormi and Lamari Lancaster.

Charlotte Coward went into the hospital in Pampa Sunday for test on Monday.

Monday Leola Stuart went to Sayre to the doctor and then back to Ivy Richardson in Erick, OK for a visit.

Virginia Mixon of Dumas spent the weekend with her mother Orville Greenhouse.

John Thierstein is home from the hospital but is real weak.

Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson visited Thursday in Wheeler with Eddie and Amy Richardson and Jerry and Cheryl Richardson, Tyler and Katie.

Rose Mary Dockins hopes to get to go back to work before long. Her

shoulder is doing much better. Leon Dockins is getting weaker with his cancer treatments.

Leola Stuart went to McLean Saturday and picked up Amy Swick, Kayla and Taylor from Toledo, Ohio. Amy had come in to attend her great-grandfather Richard Brown funeral. She visited Saturday and Sunday with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson. Leola Stuart visited in Shamrock with Bulah Stuart on Friday.

Kyras Mae Kelley was born January 16 at 10:00 P.M. She is the daughter of Jeff and Mellie Kelley. She was welcome by big sisters Karen and Kathy. Grandparents are Flora Mae Kelley of Bevins Nursing Center, Amarillo and Margarita and Vionie Alampayan of Cebu, Philippines. Great-grandmother is Maxina Alampayan of Bahal, Philippines. Mellie used a mid-wife and had the

baby at the home of Mary Beth Schoon. Mellie stayed there to Thursday.

Karen Kelley spend Thursday night and Friday after school with Clint and Maurita Stribling while Jeff had gone to Amarillo to get Mellie.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran attended the monthly meeting of the Panhandle Marketing and Tourism Council Tuesday at the Big Texan Steak House. Thursday Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo and met with the Playa Lake Traveling Exhibit Committee who presented the exhibit to the Playa Lake Joint Venture Coordinator Organization. This organization is made up of members from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas,

Clint and Maurita Stribling went with Wayne and Carol Stribling to Denver to market. They visited with Maurita's niece and family Beverly Powers. Maurita's sister Cleveland of Corpus Christi was also there. They also visited a cousin Mary Mayham.

Colorado, and New Mexico. The meeting was held at the Rodisson Hotel. They met Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday our group was on the agenda at 10:30. The exhibit was well received. The Playa Lake Joint Venture Coordinator voted to help with the funding for the construction part of the exhibit. Those attending from our group were Dr. Paul and Dr. Susan Katz of Panhandle Square House Museum, James May from the American Quarter Horse Museum, James Williams the architect of the exhibit and Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran of the Mobeetie Jail Museum.

Dave Bowers Interview

An interview of Dave Bowers on Wheeler County was done on February 10, 1937. Came to county at NW of Wichita Falls in March 1867. His father hunted buffalo all over this county until they made their home, which they did as soon as the buffaloes played out, then established a freight route and freighted from Dodge City to Fort Elliott. They moved to Fort Elliott in 1880. There was a little school Dave and his brother went to. The old town was called Sweetwater when Bowers first moved there, then moved to about a mile east of the parade ground. The first town was not called anything at first. It was just a buffalo camp. They had to change the name from Sweetwater. Dave's brother is still living in Wheeler. Mrs. Bowers made her home at Mobeetie and the boys worked on cow ranches.

They worked for the NY & T Land Co. for 6 years surveying and surveyed the whole Panhandle country. Then they went to Pecos City and surveyed from the Mexican line to the Rio Grand. We surveyed from 8 in the morning till dark. We commenced in 1887-1893. Most of this country had no cattle, nothing but buffalo. Mark Musely brought the first cows in this county from Dodge City. He had a big string of work oxen, and he threw his cows in with them (four or five). The first cattle for ranching were brought in 1879, by Wagner and Durnett. They brought the first cattle to Clay county and Wichita County. After that there was another herd moved, on the W of them which was Vorsham-Johnson-Steven, and the brand was S T V. Then Swearange-White bought them out. They lived at Childress. West of them came Bill and Will Curtiss, The Diamond Tail. This ranch ran up into Collingsworth and Hall Counties. North of them came the Rocking Chair Ranch. Old man Drew bought this ranch out, and ran both the Mill Iron and Rocking Chair brands. A fellow named Noah Ellis bought first cattle for the Rocking Chair ranch. Cattle drifted mainly when big storms arose; the north boundary of the Rocking Chair was 1/2 mile south of town. Masterson-Hamilton-Shelton had about the biggest outfit in Wheeler County. They bought out Albert Patton and George Boyd, O. P. Jones. Jim Robinson and another fellow bought Jones out and sold out to a fellow named Jehetto. In the NE part of the county were quite a few ranches. Henry Frye, Miller, another fellow named Alfred Rowe owned most of the SW part of the county. He sold out to T. E. Jones and he sold out to Atkinson-Granes. McDowell bought out Atkinson. Nick Eaton owned the Z Bar Z Ranch in the NW part of the county, and he sold to Frank Cole. His ranch included all of the NW corner of the county except a little along the N fork of the river. A man with a few head of cattle would come into the county and find four sections and then buy four sections from the railroad, and settle a ranch.

The first freighting was wagon freighting from Ft. Worth to Fort Elliott, then from Dodge City to Fort Elliott. When you came from Ft. Worth, you would come through what is now Vernon. That was the Old Chisolm Trail, then the trail came N and crossed Red River by Doan's Store, then came through Greer County from

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve Horne

Erin Williams and Steve Horne Are United In Marriage On October 23

Erin Daniele Williams of Saginaw, Texas, and Steve Alan Horne of Colleyville, Texas, were united in marriage October 23, 1999, at 2:00 in the afternoon during an outdoor ceremony at the Hyatt Bear Creek Resort, DFW Airport. John Pitman, brother-in-law to the groom, officiated. A reception followed at the same location and the groom's Dad was master of ceremonies. The rehearsal dinner was held at Harringtons Restaurant.

The bride is the daughter of Carl W. and Phyllis Williams of Saginaw. She is the granddaughter of Doris Williams and the late Carl V. Williams of Lamesa and Glen and Nora Elmore of Allison. The groom is the son of Al and Donna Horne of Benoni, South Africa. He is the grandson of Winnie and Whit Whitaker of Kerrville.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Maid of honor was Nita Ragle of Galveston. Bridesmaids were Amber Augustin, Amy Wallace, and the bride's niece, Breanna Williams. Flower girls were the groom's nieces, Donna Staiger of Auckland, New Zealand and Lauren and Christy Steyn of Fort Worth. Best man was

Geoff Haussin of Nashville, TN. Groomsmen were Matt Smith of Austin and Todd Gilbert of Venice, FL. Attendants were Hal Baker of Chicago, IL, and groom's cousin, Jeff Whitaker of Lewisville.

The bride is employed with Dr. Morris Neal, OD. The groom is employed with Electronic Data Systems.

Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, and St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Fort Worth.

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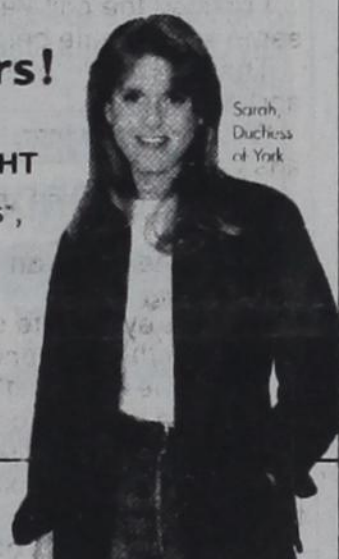
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TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Ham, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Lasagna, Corn, Salad, Rolls, Fruit, Milk or Tea

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, Eggs, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Beef & Macaroni, Green Beans, Squash, Rolls, Fruit, Milk or Tea

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Banana Bread, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham, Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Milk or Tea

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Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Pickle Spears, Cherries/Cup, Milk/Tea

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Burrito/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Apple or Peaches, Milk/Tea

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Pears, Milk/Tea

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Fruit Cocktail, Milk/Tea

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List of instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from January 17, 2000 to January 21, 2000.

JANUARY 17, 2000
TRUST AGREEMENT—Ted K. Sharp to Madeline Tollefson, Trustee, 12-30-99. See Instrument.
D—Norma Leake Family Trust to Janie Nicholes, 10-30-99, SE 1/4 of Sec. 1, BS&F Survey, Cert. # 1665.
RDT—Wheeler Banking Center to Steven R. Emmert, et ux, 1-12-00, Lots 1-5, Blk. 27, OT, Wheeler.
JANUARY 18, 2000
ASSIGN—Spring Resources Inc. to Merchant Resources #1 LP, 11-30-99, Pt. of Sec. 7, Camp County School Land.
ASSIGN—Kay Linder Latham, et vir to Sally Latham Lawler, et al, 11-15-99, See Instrument.
ASSIGN—Sally Latham Lawler, et al to Latham and Company, 11-15-99, See Instrument.
ASSIGN OVERRID ROYALTY—J M Huber Corporation to Neuhoff-Taylor Royalty Company, 12-9-99, See Instrument.
ROL—Kenneth Wischkaemper to John P. Morris, et ux, 1-5-00, N 224 acs. of Sec. 17, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
TDT/AMEND—Union Bank of California, et al to Foothill Capital Corporation, 1-10-00, See Instrument.
ASSIGN—Crest Resources Inc. to LMD Petroleum Corporation, 10-8-99, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN—Crest Resources Inc. to LMD Petroleum Corporation, 10-8-99, Sec. 44, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN—Crest Resources Inc. to Roger M. Wheeler, Jr., et al, 1-6-00, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND LIS PENDEN—Ibex Resources Company LLC, et al to Sundown Energy Inc., Sec. 10, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
RDT—FirstBank Southwest, NA to Pat Helton, et ux, — — —, See Instrument.
RDT—FirstBank Southwest National Association to Pat Helton, et ux, 12-23-99, Sec. 53, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Jean Reeves to Tesoro E&P Company LP, 12-22-99, Sec. 27, Camp County School Land.
AMEND DT—Dobson Ranch Limited Liability Company to Bank of America, 12-30-99, See Instrument.
JANUARY 19, 2000
EXT DT—First Baptist Church of Shamrock, Texas to First National Bank of Shamrock, 12-10-99, Lots 1-6, Blk. 7, OT, Shamrock.
MD—Raydon Production Company to Fremont Exploration Inc., 1-14-00, Secs. 45 and 56, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN—Raydon Exploration Inc. to Fremont Exploration Inc., 1-14-00, See Instrument.
JANUARY 20, 2000
OL—Carlisle M. Fleetwood Revocable Trust to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 10-29-99, Pt. of Sec. 21,

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Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
POA—Dorothy Mae Ogle to Janet Sue Herchenrader, 1-20-00.
POA—Dorothy Mae Ogle to Betty June Sheffield, 1-20-00.
DVL—William A. Brandon, et ux to Antonio Badillo, et ux, 1-20-00, Lots 13-15, Blk. J, Park Add., Wheeler.
DT—Antonio Badillo, et ux to William A. Brandon, et ux, 1-20-00, Lots 13-15, Blk. J, Park Add., Wheeler.
JANUARY 21, 2000
BOF SALE—Raydon Exploration Inc. to Truman R. Bradstreet, 1-6-00, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RELEASE SURFACE LEASE—Raydon Exploration Inc. to Truman R. Bradstreet, 1-5-00, 3.79 acs. Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
SURFACE LEASE—Truman R. Bradstreet to Raydon Exploration Inc., 1-6-00, .33 acs. SE 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN—Raydon Exploration Inc. to Truman Bradstreet, 1-6-00, 3.5 acs. SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RDT—National Bank of Commerce to Clifford Bednorz, et ux, 1-19-00, E 60' Lots 19 and 20, OT, Shamrock.

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Lunch: Meat Loaf, Red Potatoes, Chocolate Cake, Milk - Tea
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Ranch Style Biscuits, Pudding, Milk - Tea
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, Yogurt, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Frito Pie, 7-Layered Salad, Corn, Apple Sticks, Milk - Tea
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Egg McMuffin, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chalupas, Salad, Refried Beans, Peaches, Milk - Tea
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pancake Pups, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Ice Cream, Milk - Tea (Menu subject to change)

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this past week from Albany, Oregon was Dorothy (Sanders) Ross. She is Edna's niece. While she was here they spent a day visiting in Cheyenne and Sayre, Oklahoma. Dorothy visited her Aunt Minnie Casey in Sayre who is 96 years old. Others visiting while she was here were Nova Powledge, Homer Sanders, Virginia Puryear and LouDean Douthit and Irene Keys. They all went to Maxeys for a farewell supper for Dorothy on Saturday night. Dorothy is also related to Hiram Begert. Dorothy formerly lived in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. Edna said they had a lot of fun while Dorothy was here.

Ruby Craig's weekend guests were Lisa Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory from Amarillo. Rhonda McWhorter was in Amarillo and she brought them down to Allison on Friday. They also visited Wilma Gilmer while here. Ruby took them back to Pampa Sunday afternoon where they met Calvin Farmer and they went home from there.

Roma and Billy Brown's supper

guests Sunday night after church were Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Red and Anna Dukes and Minnie Bell Vinson attended ball games Monday and Tuesday night, and also Thursday and Friday here at Allison. Friday night was the homecoming where Glenda Dukes was voted in as Homecoming Queen.

On Monday night Red and Anna met Red's children, Jack and Adeline Hammer of Panhandle, TX, Bob and Peggy Dukes of Allison and Clyde Jr. and Jane Dukes of Briscoe. They took, Red and Anna to Dyer's Barbecue in Pampa to celebrate Red's 81st birthday.

Clint and Kristi Taylor of Sayre, Oklahoma are the proud parents of a baby boy born Saturday the 22nd of January at six forty P.M. at the Elk City hospital. His name is Cooper. He weighed 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Andy and Julie Taylor of Sayre, Darlene Hill of Shelton, WA. Great-grandparents are Cliff and Charlene Taylor of Wheeler and Reta Grayson of Allison and Betty Vickers of Etua, CA. Great-great-grandmother is Kitty Taylor of Wheeler and Christine Huggins of Rosville, CA.

Pete Gilmer and Bobby Cornell returned home last Sunday evening from a fishing trip to Rockport, TX where they visited with Melvin and Betty Sue Stinnett and also did some fishing. While Pete was gone Margaret's daughter, Linda Ingersoll, came and got her on Thursday and took her to Amarillo where she visited with Becky and Jeanne Gilmer until Saturday. Then she came home.

Lee and Sharon Hall's weekend guest was granddaughter, Alisha Jones, from Pampa.

Pearl Harrison Wednesday dinner guest was Benny Boydston. Darrel Harrison was dinner guest with Pearl Saturday. Saturday evening Pearl visited with Lanora Morse. Others there visiting with Lanora were Jake and Marie Morse. Pearl's Sunday dinner guests were Louise Boydston and Hershel Sanford from Higgins, Texas (Clif was home sick with the flu, and Pearl sent Louise out with dinner plates for Clif) Edith Levitt and Bro. McDaniel.

Alan and Sheryl Lane, Jimmy Alan and J. W. were in Amarillo last Saturday and Sunday night and attended The Bluegrass Festival at the Radison Inn. They also took part in the singing and enjoyed it all very much.

Virginia Miller's weekend guest was Lynda Banger from Amarillo.

Man may dismiss compass from his heart, but God will never.—William Cowper

Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.

ALLISON MENU

MONDAY, January 31, 2000 to FRIDAY, February 4, 2000

- MONDAY**
Breakfast: Breakfasts Bar, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle Spears, Fries, Ice Cream, Milk
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: Pancake, Peanut Butter Tacos, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti With Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Breaded Okra, Garlic Bread, Rice Krispies, Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Hashbrowns, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Baked Chicken, Confetti Mashed Potatoes, Eastern Style Vegetables, Hot Rolls, Goosey Chocolate Cake, Milk
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: Rice or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Stromboli, Tossed Salad, Corn, Carrot Cake, Milk
- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: Donuts, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Frito Pie, Carrot Sticks, Cheese, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
(Menu Subject To Change)

Jeremiah 29:11 The plans I have for you, says the Lord, are plans for good and not for evil.

Happy Birthday to Tina Currie, Holly McCurley, Helen George, Don Stuckey and Raymond Moore on Jan. 30, Kevin Shields on Jan. 31, Jackie Dukes, Amanda Childress, Mike Wesbrooks and Jake Swigart on Feb. 1, Devin Diebel, Maddie Shields, Marie Gudgel, Justen Bryant and Jamey James on Feb. 2, Dan Trimble on Feb. 3, John Shields, Sonya Hudson, Tom Bible, Sonya Holder and Matt Johnson on Feb. 4, Deleise Atwood and Shirley Jolly on Feb. 5.

Happy Anniversary to Mac and Gay Purcell on Jan. 31, David and Phyllis Hefley on Feb. 2, Jackie Don and Kellie May on Feb. 5.

Friday, January 28 Miami High School girls and boys will play basketball at Briscoe against Fort Elliott 6:30. Maybe J.V. games earlier.

Saturday January 29 is Jr. High basketball tournament at Allison. Monday Jan. 31 Higgins Jr. Hi. comes to Briscoe to play basketball against Fort Elliott girls and boys at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 1 Fort Elliott boys and girls play basketball at Samnorwood at 6:30. Ya'll come!

Congratulations to Jeff and Melie Kelley on the birth of their new baby girl, Kyrach Mae born Sunday night Jan. 16 at Amarillo and weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs. 19 inches. She is welcomed by big sisters Karen and Kathy. Karen spent Thursday night with Maurita and Clint Stribling so she could go to school Friday at Fort Elliott.

In games at Higgins Friday night, Fort Elliott High School girls defeated Higgins girls 52 to 22. Fort Elliott boys defeated Higgins 82 to 56.

Good to have Lance and LaJuana Caroland come Friday night to visit us. We ate lunch at Maxeys Saturday. Good to see Eddie and Helen George eating there with son Lee. Nova Powledge was there looking much better. Betty Howard was there with several family members.

We shopped some at Pampa Saturday and saw Larry and Sharon Zamora, Gayle Lewallen and Sandy Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Wilson and ate supper at Furr's.

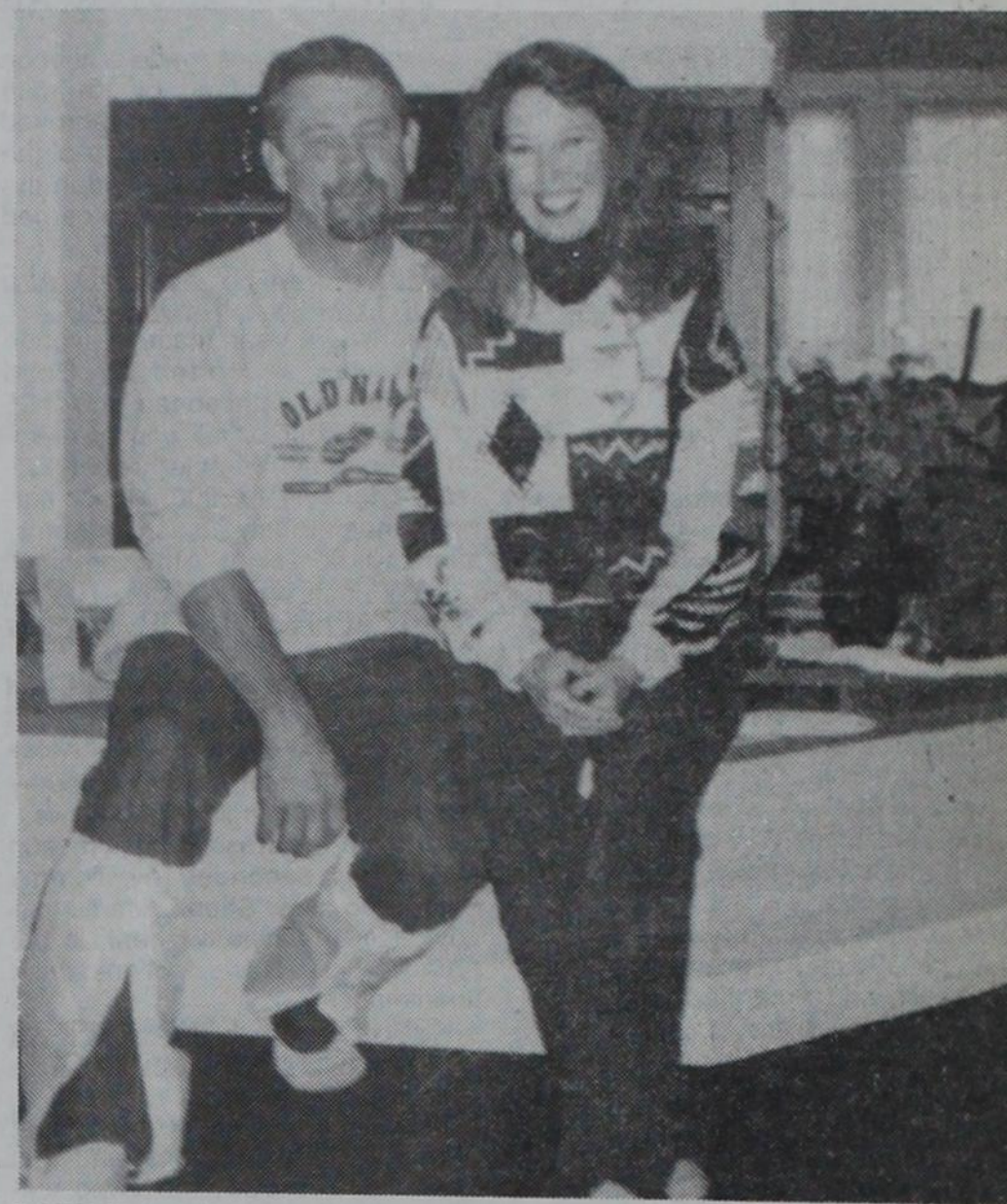
Larry and Vickey Nelson ate supper at Maxeys Friday night with Vickey's mom, Shirley and Earl Jolly. Sunday they met Larry's mom, Sybil Alexander from Lefors, at Furr's for lunch. Ivy Alexander was sick. Sorry about that.

Sunday dinner guests at the Evelyn Meek home were Bro. Aaron and Claudetta Laverty, Lois Meadows and J. P. and Martha Meek.

Edna May has had a niece, Dorothy Ross from Albany, Oregon visiting her. They have had a good time. She was Edna's first husband, Ern Begert's niece. She was Dorothy Sanders from Cheyenne, Oklahoma; she and her brother used to visit Edna and Ern when they were kids. A lovely lady. Homer Sanders and Edna May were taking her to Pampa to the bus Monday. Thursday Lou Dean Douthit and Virginia Puryear visited at Edna's and they played 42. Saturday nite they all ate at Maxeys and came back to Lou Dean's and played 42.

Nice to see France J. Hefley out to see grandson Nathan play basketball at Briscoe. (He does a good job!) She had lived in this community all her life till she moved to Wheeler several years ago. Fort Elliott was playing Follett Tuesday night and won.

Congratulations to Brad and Sarita Dawson on the birth of their new baby girl Monday night at BSA Amarillo January 17. Shelby Elise weighed seven pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Shelby has lots of dark hair. She is welcomed by tiny big sister Micaela, 3, and big brother



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: David Marak and Kathy Hill exchanged marriage vows Sunday, January 9, 2000 in the Country Chapel in Wheeler, Texas, Jerry Jewell, officiated at the ceremony. The couple was attended by the bride's daughter, Christi Hill and the groom's son, Trent Marak. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. They are now residing in Canadian and then plan to move to Wheeler.

Dallas, 16. Proud grandparents are Ed and Laurel Hershman and Darrell and Margie Dawson. Great-grandparents include Delilah Hershman of Indiana and Willa Fillingim.

Laurel, Willa, Delilah and Micaela went to Amarillo Wednesday to visit Sarita and Shelby. They were doing pretty well. They saw Boyce Crownover and Lacy Amber there and Diane Dukes who was visiting her new grandbaby Skylar Meghan. Bevard Dukes was also there.

Fat Childress' family had a 70th birthday party at Maxeys Thursday

night to celebrate his birthday. Some others there were Wanda Childress, Scott and Kay Luttrell, Brandi Coomer and Kayleigh, Susie and Billy Umsted and Brody and Abbe, Cathy and Melvin Hunt, Shelly Hunt, Clyde and Mary Jane Dukes and Jackie. Their gift to Fat was a bread machine. He loves to cook. Happy Birthday, Fat, and many more!

Rosalie and Jimmy Keelin ate dinner Sunday at Wheeler with Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel, Kara Kay and Tracy.

The piano tuner will be in Briscoe Thursday and Friday January 27, 28. He is to tune Rosalie's piano and the one at Community Church in Briscoe. If you need yours done, call Rosalie for more information.

Saturday night C. B. and Maurine Brotherton and Jo Redding visited Doris Finsterwald and they played 80. Pray for Doris. She is still having trouble with her knee, making it hard to get around. She was to see Dr. McKay at Amarillo Wednesday January 26.

Lois Hudson spent a few days at Amarillo visiting Ma Mary Hudson and Sharon Grandstaff and shopped some. Ma Mary was having breathing problems, but is some better. Lois went to Trinity Baptist Church Sunday with Cindy Sweet and Nathan and Jessie and Cheryl Fraley and Steven and Patrick Hudson. She also saw Randy Gatlin. He took Lois and Sharon shopping. Lois talked to Susie Fuhs, her sister, on the phone. Susie has osteoporosis real bad, and mostly stays in bed. Pray for Susie and Leonard.

Morris Swift and a friend from Pampa visited Addie Swift last Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16.

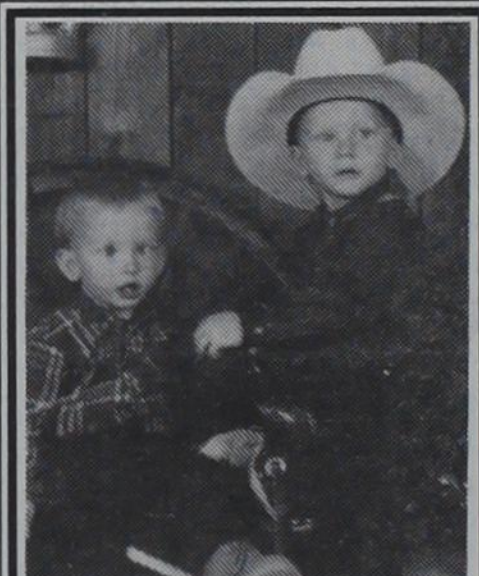
Sunny Childress who used to live in Briscoe, came to the funeral for Bo Childress.

Nice to have JoAnn Morgenstern meet us for supper at Maxeys Monday night. Good to see Joyce Perkins and her mom Elsie Hughes and Joyce's sister, Geraldine Pride, and Tina and David Deger and other family members there. Also Lori and Danny Debose with Clo Brdecko, the new Wheeler County Agent's wife, a lovely lady. They are transferring from Roberts county, but live north of Laketon. Also Janet Stevens with Christy Jones. Good to hear that Dale Stevens is working closer to home at Pampa. Think for Billy Scribner Welding. Janet is improving. She had to have surgery on her neck about six weeks ago and is ready to go back to work at the ASC office.

Pray for Lee Richardson, Edna May's brother. He fell in the Kensington Cottage on Blum Creek Drive in Amarillo. His hip bone was pushed up into the socket and is in traction in an Amarillo Hospital.

We like these very much.
Buffalo Bar Cookies
2 sticks margarine (not low fat)
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup raisins
1 cup oats
1/2 cup crushed cornflakes
1/2 cup coconut
1 cup chocolate chips (6 oz.)
1 cup chopped nuts
Cream margarine, sugars and vanilla. Add eggs and mix. Add other ingredients, mixing well. Spray 9x13 pan. Spread dough evenly in pan and bake 350 degrees about 15 minutes or lightly brown. Don't over bake. Or make drop cookies if preferred.

Sunday going to Pampa to bowl and celebrate Amanda Childress and Jackie Dukes birthdays were Mary
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Zachary Hibler, 2 1/2 years old and Layton Hibler, 22 months old, is the sons of Michael and Brandi Hibler of Wheeler, Texas. Grandparent are Lee and Pam Hibler of Wheeler, Texas.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wellington State Bank Wellington, Texas Wheeler • Memphis • Childress • Canadian	CROSS CAR CENTER • 24 Hour Wrecker Serv. • Auto Body Repair Phone: 806/826-5515 Intersection Hwy. 152 & 83 Wheeler,	1 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner..... 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse..... 9:00-4:00	2	3 Wheeler Sr. Citizens Blood Press. Clinic 9-12 Noon W. St. Ctns Quilting..... 1-5 P.M. Old Mobeetie Ass'n. Old Mesario Lodge Bldg..... 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Fire Dept..... 7:00 P.M. Wheeler 7th Gd. Play..... 7:00 P.M.	4 Wheeler Basketball Booker—Here	5
6	7 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Wheeler S. Citiz. 6:00 P.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. ARC of Texas 6:00 P.M. Meth. Fellowship Hall	8 Kellon I.S.D. Bd. 7:30 P.M. Mobeetie Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. American Legion Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. 7:30 P.M. Wheeler Basketball Shamrock—There	9	10 Allison I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler I.S.D. Bd. 6:30 P.M.	11 End of 4th Six Weeks Wheeler, I.S.D.	12 Wheeler ACT
13 First Baptist Church of Allison Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M.	14 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Fl. Elliott I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Birthday Party 2:30 P.M. Care Center — Wheeler Methodist to Host Wheeler Teacher In-Service	15 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse..... 9:00-4:00	16	17 Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Immunization Clinic School 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	18	19
20 First Baptist Church of Mobeetie Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M. Grace Fellowship of Wheeler Wheeler Care Ctr. 7:00 P.M.	21 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Council City Hall 9:00 A.M.	22 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. Wheeler TAAS Exit—4,8 Writing Candidate Forum & Pie Auction Wheeler School 6:30 P.M.	23 Wheeler TAAS Exit Math	24 Wheeler TAAS Exit Reading	25	26
27 Country Chapel, Wheeler Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M.	28 Kiwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Wheeler Spring Break	29 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M.				

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Commissioner's Court Minutes for Dec.

December 27, 1999

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Special Session with Judge Jerry Hefley presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Tommy Puryear, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioners precincts 1,2,3 and 4 respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Scott Porter-Tax Collector and Jimmy Adams-Sheriff.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Hubert Moore.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Tommy Puryear made a motion

which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to pay the hourly employees according to their approved time sheets. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to pay the bills as approved and found listed in Volume 11 of the Minutes of Accounts Allowed in the County Clerks office. Motion carried unanimously.

SPEED LIMITS SET ON ALL COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to set a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on all county maintained roads in Wheeler County, effective January 1, 2000. Motion carried unanimously. Each commissioner will post signs in their precinct.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT APPROVED FOR 2000-CITY OF WHEELER

Sheriff Adams met with the Court to discuss the contract with the City of Wheeler for law enforcement services to be allowed to advertise for a deputy sheriff in the Amarillo Globe News.

Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to allow Sheriff Adams to advertise to a deputy sheriff in the Amarillo Globe News. Motion carried unanimously.

KENNETH BRDECKO HIRED AS EXTENSION AGENT-AGRICULTURE

Bob Robertson, District Agent, met with the Court to recommend that Kenneth Brdecko be hired as replacement agent for Wheeler County.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to hire Kenneth Brdecko as the Extension Agent-Agriculture, effective February 1, 2000. The county salary supplement will be \$8,000.00 and the travel will be \$5,092.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Contract

THIS AGREEMENT this day made and entered into by and between the County of Wheeler, Texas, hereinafter referred to as PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, and the City of Wheeler, Texas, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, and for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises as contained herein.

WITNESSETH, Party of the First Part will provide for the Party of the Second Part a 24-hour dispatch system and will provide 24-hour police protection for all residents of the City of Wheeler, Texas, and will pay to the Party of the First Part the sum of FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS and SEVENTY-ONE CENTS (\$4,401.71) per month for such services up to a maximum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS and FIFTY-TWO CENTS (\$52,820.52) annually.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS of this contract shall be binding on the parties hereto for a term of one year beginning JANUARY 1, 2000, and ending DECEMBER 31, 2000. This agreement may be terminated by either party providing the other with at least THIRTY (30) days written notice. In such event, this contract may be re-negotiated if desired.

The terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding on the successors and assigns of both parties hereto and shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas.

ATTESTED: Margaret Dorman, County Clerk Jerry Dan Hefley, County Judge SEAL ATTESTED: Claudine Finsterwald, City Clerk Wanda Herd, Mayor

City of Wheeler, Texas City of Wheeler, Texas

ACCEPTED: Jimmy Adams, Sheriff Wheeler County, Texas

MARTHA HELTON REMOVED FROM PAYROLL-Tax Collector Office

Scott Porter met with the Court and requested that Martha Helton be removed from the payroll due to her retirement, effective January 1, 2000 and requested that he be allowed to employ her on an hourly basis after that time.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to remove Martha Helton from the payroll, effective January 1, 2000 and allow Scott Porter to employ her on an hourly basis after January 1, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

First Texas Ag Credit Returns \$3.18 Million

CHILDRESS, Texas - Nearly 5,900 rural landowners will share in a \$3,184,000 patronage refund from their mortgage financing cooperative, First Texas Ag Credit, FLBA, this month.

The refund was declared recently by the association board of directors based on strong 1999 earnings. Since 1997, First Texas Ag Credit has returned more than \$7,984,000 in patronage refunds, including the latest refund paid in mid-January, to its borrower-stockholders.

The patronage payments will, in effect, reduce customers' net cost of borrowing by an average of 75 basis points, or three-quarters of a percent.

"Patronage refunds are one of the true benefits of doing business with a member-owned cooperative like First Texas Ag Credit," said association Board Chairman Keith Vandiver of Brownfield. "When we have excellent financial results, as we had last year, we share our success with our customers for their benefit, and this philosophy sets us apart from other real estate mortgage lenders."

First Texas Ag Credit has approximately \$470 million in mortgage loans outstanding to local farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners, rural landowners and country homeowners in 47 counties of West Texas. The association has offices in Bowie, Childress, Crosbyton, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield Lubbock, Muleshoe, Spur, Tulia, Vernon and Wichita Falls.

Chat (from Page 1)

Ronal Wayne, Juanita and Jessica came to the City, as did Ronal Jr. We had a 'family outing'.

We went 'mountain climbing' at the Omniplex. It was a film of the climbing of Mount Everest.

The Crosses called Friday to inform us of the arrival of the newest grandchild. Michelle and Rusty Smith of Houston are the parents of a new son, David Eugene.

Speaking of birthdays, Cathi has one Tuesday. William Thomas will be a year older next Thursday, and Juanita will be a year older on the fifth. Happy Birthday, to each of you.

The losing streak at cards ended Wednesday evening. I finally won a game after 11 losses. Barbara on the other hand had 11 wins.

Bob, Jane and I managed to be the winners Monday evening. Mike, Dwight and Barbara won the second game.

ANDREA ALDRIDGE ADDED TO PAYROLL-Tax Collector office

Scott Porter met with the Court to request that Andrea Aldridge to the payroll, effective January 1, 2000 with a starting salary of \$1400.00 per month for the first six months.

AMBULANCE SERVICE-Purchase of two (2) units

Judge Hefley advised that each hospital district will contribute \$20,000.00 each toward the purchase of two (2) new ambulance units.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to allow Judge Hefley to continue to negotiate and make the purchases on the best price available. Motion carried.

A Pat on the Back

Lorena G. Males

It gave me a quilty feeling. I had joined the majority in finding faulty with the teenagers; who were apparently going to the dogs, day by day.

It was a trip to the Butler Public School that opened my eyes.

I went there to entertain the high-school with pioneer stories, piano music and songs, invited by Nancy Cook, a top-notch teacher, native of Cheyenne. I wanted to arouse the kids to become more interested in their glorious heritage—Western Oklahoma, Cheyenne—Arapaho Land Run 1892. Cowboys, the dust bowl.

Frankly, I dreaded the program. I just knew there'd be some rude kid who would be disruptive. It takes only one bad egg to ruin a program.

I wondered how those good-looking, wide-awake teenagers would receive me, a retired tired senior citizen.

To my amazement those wonderful young people welcomed me with open arms. When the program started there wasn't a whisper. When I asked them to sing, they sang with gusto.

We had fun together. I was impressed with their good manners and courtesy.

They proudly showed me the school newspaper they publish, all done by the students. They told of the work they've done to earn their graduation trip to Florida. They cited recent awards they'd won scholastically. They told me how they like their teachers.

I noticed there was no waste paper on the floor. The walls of the halls were plastered with "busy work" by the younger students.

When I asked them if they were interested in their glorious heritage, all hands went up.

They thanked me for the program and invited me to return.

We had a delicious school lunch. On the way home I pondered—Am I blaming the right people for some of our problems?

Isn't it about time we give the kids a pat on the back for some of the Good things they do?

Scholarship Deadline For High School And College

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only). All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org, paper mail Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012, or fax (847) 295-3972. Requests must be received by March 16, 2000.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 7, 2000. Two hundred and fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and some consideration of financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.

Amateur Photography Contest For Local Area

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Wheeler area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Jeffrey Bryan, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Bryan.

To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9007, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2000.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can visit their website at www.picture.com.



SOIL FERTILITY DEFICIT PUTS CROPS AT RISK, EXPERTS WARN

Replenish essential crop nutrients this spring

BANNOCKBURN, IL, Jan. 19, 2000 ... Despite last year's wet spring and the drought-like conditions this past fall, preliminary U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics indicate growers in the Great Plains had an above-average harvest.

However, the better-than-expected yields and resulting high levels of nutrient removal from soils may signal trouble for some growers, says an expert from the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI).

Dr. Mike Stewart, Great Plains director for PPI, says growers should replenish needed nutrients to avoid depleting soils below optimum levels.

"With the current soil fertility deficit in many fields, some producers risk losses in crop productivity," he says. "To minimize that risk, growers should examine their soil test levels and apply necessary nutrient inputs this spring."

"Intensive, high-yield cropping removes large amounts of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) from the soil, making fertilizer inputs essential for sustained production and profitability."

Stewart says maintaining proper soil fertility is the first step toward building a solid foundation for economic crop yields.

"Studies show that at least one third of a crop's yield can be attributed solely to fertilizer," he adds.

Well-managed soils provide plants with essential nutrients, Stewart explains. Properly fertilized crops are healthier, mature earlier and offer increased yields and quality. Also, research has shown that high-test soils increase a crop's tolerance of stresses, such as insects, diseases, weeds and bad weather.

It's especially important during these times of lower-than-average commodity prices that producers not allow crop nutrition to be a limiting factor, Stewart says.

"Efficient, high-yield management should be the goal of growers in times of low crop prices," he says. "And proper soil fertility is an important part of achieving that goal."

Also, he reminds producers that soil nutrients can be depleted much more quickly than they can be restored.

"When soils are mined of plant nutrients such as P and K, and are not

properly replenished by regular fertilization, it's difficult to rebuild soil productivity to its original level," he says. "Consistently maintaining optimum soil fertility levels helps ensure profitable crop production now and for years to come."

Soil testing is the first step in determining nutrient levels and predicting yield responses, says Dr. Ray Hoyum, vice president of market development and communications, IMC Global.

Hoyum says soil testing gives growers an opportunity to identify and fertilize lower testing areas within a field.

"Detailed records of soil tests allow growers to balance the available nutrients across a field," he says. "And the benefits of maintaining balanced fertility can be realized through increased production and lower unit costs."

"Before the next crop season, growers need to renew their focus on achieving high, but economic, yields at which profits per acre are maximized."

Hoyum says using starter fertilizer at planting is still one of the best ways to assure root systems have sufficient nutrients early in the growing season. Enhancing plant development by placing fertilizer in a concentrated band near the planting row can give crops a competitive advantage over weeds and lead to earlier cultivation, quicker soil cover and even earlier harvest.

Since there are a number of factors that influence plant responses to starters, local crop consultants can provide invaluable advice when making fertilizing decisions, he adds.

"Growers should start planning now for spring fertilization to ensure essential nutrients are in place at planting," Hoyum advises.

For more information on implementing a proper soil fertility program, go to www.back-to-basics.net on the Internet.

PPI is a non-profit organization committed to developing and promoting scientific information that is agronomically sound, economically advantageous, and environmentally responsible in advancing the worldwide use of phosphorus and potassium in crop production systems.

IMC Global is among the world's largest producers and marketers of phosphate and potash crop nutrients, salt and animal feed ingredients.

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Wheeler Church of Christ

Congregational Concerns:

On Sunday night, February 6th, this congregation will host an event that will be entitled, "An Evening with Friends". The purpose of this fellowship is to allow the members of this congregation to enjoy an evening of worship and fellowship with their friends in this community.

This event will begin with the 6:00 p. m. worship service. After this worship service, a chili supper will be held in the multi-purpose building. Following the chili supper, the singing group, "One Group", will perform.

If you would like to provide some of the food items that are needed for the chili supper, please sign the "sign-up" sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

The latest mission report from India is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. This report was prepared by Ron Clayton, a former minister of this congregation.

Some registration forms for Blue Haven Youth Camp have been received. These registration forms are on the table in the lobby. Valetta Frankenberg continues to recover at her home from her recent back surgery.

Bill Swindle, the father of Margaret Dorman, is hospitalized in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Peggy Carter continues to recover at home from her hip replacement surgery. Her condition is slowly improving.

From The Minister's Desk:

I recently received a church bulletin that contained a prayer that was inspirational. The name of the person who wrote this prayer was not listed in the bulletin.

This prayer said: --- "Teach me, dear Lord, to be firm but gentle.

In all the events of life--- In disappointments, In the thoughtfulness common to man,

In the insincerity which might plague him, In the unfaithfulness that can be set him."

"Help me to put myself aside-- To think of the happiness of others."

"Teach me to profit by whatever suffering I do. Help me to use it that it may mellow me,

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

Not harden nor embitter me; That it may make me eager to forgive, Kind, sympathetic, and helpful." "May no one be less good for having come within my

influence; No one less pure, less true, less noble for having been a fellow-traveler in our journey toward eternity."

"As I go through life, help me to remain prayerful. May my life be lived in Thee, full of power for good

and strong in its purpose of sanctity and of service."

"In Jesus' name, Amen."

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.