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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

**CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR  
By Louis C. Stas

**SCHOOL'S OUT!** Summer is underway.

The annual 4th of July Celebration was the topic of the Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon Tuesday. That time will be here before we know it.

On June 26 will be the Wheeler County Heritage Day Celebration in Mobeetie. This event seems to get bigger and better each year. Make plans to be in attendance.

A cloud moved through the area Friday and left 0.46 inches of moisture for Wheeler, but did some hail damage in the southeastern part of the county.

A cloud moved through the southern part of the county Monday evening, but Wheeler did not receive any moisture.

Our sympathy to the Christner family in the loss of Kate.

We made the trip to Sherman for the graduation of Ronal Jr., from High School and Jessica from Eighth Grade. Ronal was an honor student and Jessica finished fourth in her class of 68.

We traveled in rain all the way to the Bethel Exit—near Hinton. We had some sprinkles while traveling afterward, but nothing major.

We stopped in Weatherford and our chauffeur, William, met us in Hinton. We spent the night in OKC with Jennifer and Brice and we left Friday afternoon for Sherman.

Jennifer and Brice went in a separate vehicle so they could leave on vacation Sunday afternoon. They went to Kentucky to visit his folks and other family members.

Birthday greeting go to 'Wife No. 2'; her birthday will be Saturday. Which one is this, Inez?

John C. asked about 'Wife No. 2' Tuesday; he was concerned that I hadn't mentioned her recently.

After a weekend of my in-laws trying to help me win a game, my luck changed Monday night. Mike and I won the first and last games; Barbara started the first game. Dwight and Robert put up a good fight, but won only the second game.

## Top O' Tex. CattleWomen Seek Beef Ambassador

Top O'Texas Cattlewomen are looking for youth ages 15-19 to speak for beef and the beef industry. To participate you must be 15 by January 1, 1999, but not over 19 as of October 1, 1999. Present a 5-7 minute illustrated talk about beef and/or the beef industry from information that comes from a packet that we provide.

Our local area includes Hutchinson, Carson, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, and Collingsworth counties.

Local competition will be held in June with prizes to be awarded. Our local winner and runner up will go to the state contest June 28 & 29, 1999 at the Texas Beef Council in Austin, Texas. Assistance for travel to the state contest will be available.

State awards include: First place will receive a \$1000.00 Ivomec Generations of Excellence Scholarship and \$1500.00 for travel expenses to the National Contest. Second place will receive \$500.00 and third place will receive \$300.00.

The Texas Beef Ambassador will advance to the National Beef Ambassador Competition to be held in Wichita, Kansas November 4-6, 1999.

## KELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

- 6th Six Weeks 1998-99 Honor Roll
- 1st Grade—All A's: Alyssa Alvarado  
2nd Grade—All A's: Casey Jewell; A/B's: Misty Craig  
3rd Grade—A/B's: Johnathan Bentley  
4th Grade—All A's: Erin Lister; A/B's: Carissa Bentley, Allison Reynolds  
5th Grade—A/B's: Matthew Jewell

## 17-Month-Old Kate Christner Drowns

The death of 17-month-old Natalie Kate Christner of Rockdale Saturday leaves the town of Wheeler in a state of disbelief.

Kate with her parents, Jeff and Millie Christner, and sisters, Mary Chesney and Emily Blaine was visiting her grandparents, Mac and Mary K. Christner.

While the family was enjoying the beautiful weather Saturday afternoon, an accident with the pump on the swimming pool distracted the adults. A broken part allowed water to spray everywhere.

Kate apparently took this opportunity to explore the grandparent's fish pond. The pond is only a few feet from the pool and is estimated to be 18"

deep. Kate was in the water only a very short time. C.P.R. was started immediately, but the child could not be resuscitated.

The child was taken to Parkview, but she could not be revived.

The family had come to Wheeler to visit and to borrow the grandparent's van to take their vacation.



Natalie Kate Christner

## Natalie Kate Christner Graveside At Ranch

Natalie Kate Christner, 17-month-old infant daughter of Jeff and Millie Christner, died Saturday, May 29, 1999, at Wheeler, Texas. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the family cemetery at McIntyre-Christner Ranch south of Spearman, Texas with the Rev. William D. Nix Jr., rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Amarillo, Texas officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler. Memorial services will be at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, June 5, 1999 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Rockdale.

Kate was born December 20, 1997, at Houston, Texas. She had lived most of her life in Rockdale, Texas. She was a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Rockdale.

Survivors include her parents, Jeff and Millie Christner of Rockdale; two sisters, Mary Chesney and Emily Blaine Christner, both of the home; and her grandparents, Mac and Mary K. Christner of Wheeler and Fran Holcomb and Nolen Holcomb, both of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Public Library or to Rockdale Public Library.

## Amanda Rives Receives Botany Degree At U.T.

Amanda Elizabeth Rives, daughter of Doug and Betty Rives of Wheeler, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on May 23, 1999. She graduated with honors from the School of Natural Sciences on Sunday afternoon with a degree in botany. Amanda has been a member of Dean's Scholars, UT's science honors program for four years.

On Saturday night, commencement was held in front of the UT Tower for 6,300 graduates. Bill Livingston, who gave the commencement address, is considered by many students to be a living symbol of UT because he's the voice of the school's enrollment system. He is currently a UT senior vice-president and advised students to be "alert, intelligent, and innovative."

Livingston said, "The time has come for us up here to pass the torch on to you out there, to the new elite... people who recognize unlike Plato, that there is some uncertainty in human affairs, but who are nevertheless able, unlike Hamlet, to decide between what is right and wrong. As for the torch -- just don't drop it."

Commencement drew a crowd of 30,000. UT's Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and Concert Chorale provided music. Graduates walked in from all directions being led by a graduate carrying their particular school's banner.

Larry R. Faulkner, President of UT, presided over the ceremony. The singing of "The Eyes of Texas," and an impressive fireworks display concluded it.

Doug and Betty Rives, Marcia and Curley Rives and Martha Coleman of Shamrock, Billy Don and Diane Rives of Bertram, and Brenda Littlejohn of Copperas Cove attended the evening ceremony.

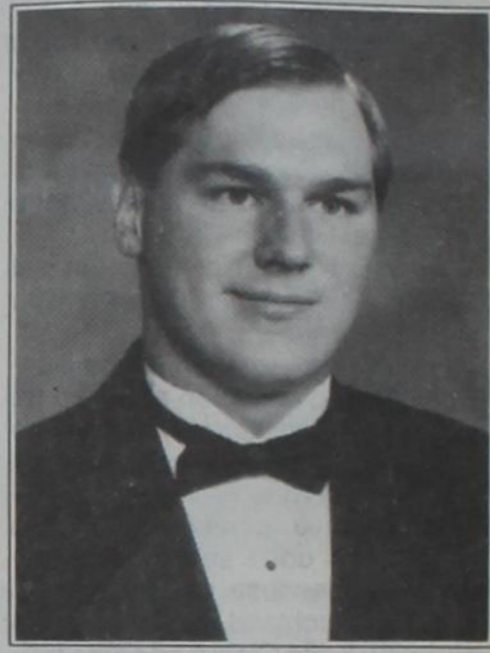
Amanda is a 1995 graduate of Wheeler High School. The Botany Lab of the University of Texas currently employs her for the summer.



Amanda Rives

## Ben Britt Wins \$2000 Nat'l Merit Scholarship

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced today the names of 2,400 academic champions, who are this year's winners of National merit \$2000 Scholarships. Each of approximately 15,000 high school seniors who reached the Finalist level in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program competed for one of these awards. Merit Scholarship designees named today are the Finalists judged to have the greatest potential for future success.



Ben Britt

Winners of "National" awards are named in every state, in numbers proportional to the state's percentage of the U.S. total of graduating seniors. Every Finalist was considered for one of these awards by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors who based their selections on a substantial amount of information submitted by Finalists and their high schools. Selection committee members evaluated each Finalist's academic record (amount and difficulty level of course work and subjects studied, as well as grades earned); scores from two tests; demonstrated leadership and contributions to school and community activities; written essay about interests and goals and the high school's recommendation of the student.

NMSC is underwriting over 85 percent of the single-payment National Merit \$2000 Scholarships with its own funds. Company and business sponsors in the Merit Program are supporting several hundred "National" awards.

The competition for Merit Scholarship awards being offered this spring began in the fall of 1997. Nearly 1.2 million juniors in 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the competition when they took the 1997 PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. In September, 1998, some 16,000 Semifinalists were named on a state representational basis, in proportion to each state's total number of high school graduating seniors. Semifinalist were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state, representing less than one percent of the state's seniors. Only Semifinalists had an opportunity to advance to Finalist standing and compete for Merit Scholarship awards.

To become Finalists, Semifinalists had to present a record of very high academic performance and meet several other requirements. Approx-

imately 15,000 able Finalists were notified earlier this year that they had reached the Finalist level. All Merit Scholar awardees are being chosen from the group of distinguished Finalists. At the conclusion of the 1999 competition, over 7,600 Finalists will have won Merit Scholarship awards worth a total of \$28 million for college undergraduate study.

Established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Program, NMSC is a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance. The scholarships offered in each year's Merit Program are underwritten by approximately 600 independent sponsor organizations and institutions who join NMSC in its effort to honor and encourage scholastically talented youth and to further the pursuit of academic excellence.

Benjamin T. Britt, a 1999 graduate of Wheeler High School, was one of the winners of this scholarship. David plans a career in medicine. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class. Other high school achievements include National Honor Society (2 years), Class president (4 years), Varsity Football (3 years), Team Captain, First Team AP All-State Qualifier, Third Team Coach's Poll All-State Qualifier, 110% Award, Football, Track, Cross-Country, Var. Track (3 Years), Var. Basketball (2 years), Varsity Cross-Country (2 Years), Eagle Scout, U.I.L. State Literary Criticism Team, U.I.L. Mathematics Team.

## Spirit Wind '99 To Perform Monday June 7

SPIRIT WIND '99, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Conference Youth Choir will be performing at the Wheeler High School Auditorium, on June 7, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. The choir is a select group of United Methodist Senior High youth from all over the Panhandle and West Texas area. They have been selected from more than 180 youth who auditioned in Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene, and Midland in January of this year and represent communities and churches of all sizes.

SPRIT WIND, for the 18th year, is under the direction of Bert W. Bostic, Minister of Program/Music for St. Luke's United Methodist Church in

Midland, Texas. SPIRIT WIND has grown from 21 members to over 160 during the 16 years of Mr. Bostic's leadership.

This year's tour will include performances in Abilene, Midland, Hereford, Perryton, Amarillo, Lubbock, Canyon, Muleshoe, Haskell, Sweetwater, Seminole, Stanton, Wheeler, and Canadian. In the past, SPIRIT WIND has performed throughout Europe, the East Coast of the year 2000, the choir will perform in New Zealand.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear musical selections, from classical to contemporary, performed by approximately 160 youth.



**READERS:** Students of Wheeler School, grades 1 thru 8, held a read-a-thon recently. If the students raised an amount of money in excess of the amount raised the previous year, the elementary principal Doug Rives agreed to dress as a chicken. Pictured are (l. to r.) Chelsea DeBose, Taylor Wright, Ruby Soto, Macey Miller, Tracy Keelin, Braden Moore.

## Wheeler Ex-Student, Teacher Reunion Set for Sat., June 12

The Wheeler Ex-Students and Teachers Association Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 1999. Registration and vocation will begin at 9:30 a.m. A Bar-B-Q meal catered by Maxey's Restaurant, will be served at noon for \$6.50 per person. The business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. This year's reunion will honor the classes of 1909, 10, 19, 20, 29, 30, 39, 40, 49, 50, 59, 60, 69, 70, 79, 80, 89, 90, and 99. Anyone who is planning a class party, call Bobby Hill at 826-3094 so that a list of parties can be included in the newspaper and at the door.

Bi-annual dues are \$10.00 per person. Registration can be by mail to the address below until May 31, 1999.

## CLASS OF '49 REUNION

The Wheeler High School Class of 1949 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary at the School Ex-Student Reunion June 12, 1999. Activities that are being planned include a get-together with Lee and Pat Ragan at the Irish Inn on Friday night, June 11th, and then dinner and visiting at Maxey's Steakhouse Saturday night. The Class of '49 is expecting a good attendance at the reunion.

## Hospital Notes

- Old Admissions**
- Estelle Orr  
Winifred Buckingham  
Monroe Seitz  
Virginia Frye  
Ruth Ledbetter
- New Admissions**
- 5-24 Laura Guthrie  
Clara Holmes  
5-27 Ruth Edwards  
Nadine Williamson  
5-28 Charles Nelson  
Lester Hall  
Marylu Markham  
Glenn Markham  
5-29 Bonnie Willingham  
5-30 Randy Henson  
Doug Groves  
Corena Gordon
- Dismissals**
- 5-28 Charles Nelson  
Ruth Edwards  
Vesta Preas  
5-29 Corena Gordon  
5-31 Lester Hall

as well as at the door. Send lunch reservations and change of address to Rhonda Gallagher, Box 1194, Wheeler, TX 79096. The Association needs a close estimate of meal reservations to turn in to the caterer.

The Association is buying a granite plaque for the Ex-Students and Teachers to be placed in the walkway of the new elementary school playground. The Association is also purchasing a vinyl cover for the gymnasium so that the gym can be used for public meetings.

Class parties scheduled are: 1909-1934 at the Earl Farris home and 1979 at the home of David Wright on Friday night and Rhonda Jennings Myers parents home (Larry Jennings) on Saturday night.

## Todd G. Baize Receives Bachelor Of Bus. Degree

Todd Garland Baize graduated May 15, 1999, with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from West Texas A&M University. Commencement exercises were held in the Amarillo Civic Center, Cal Farley Coliseum, Amarillo, Texas.

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University system was the featured speaker.

Four hundred eighty-eight students received bachelor's degrees, 98 received master's degrees.

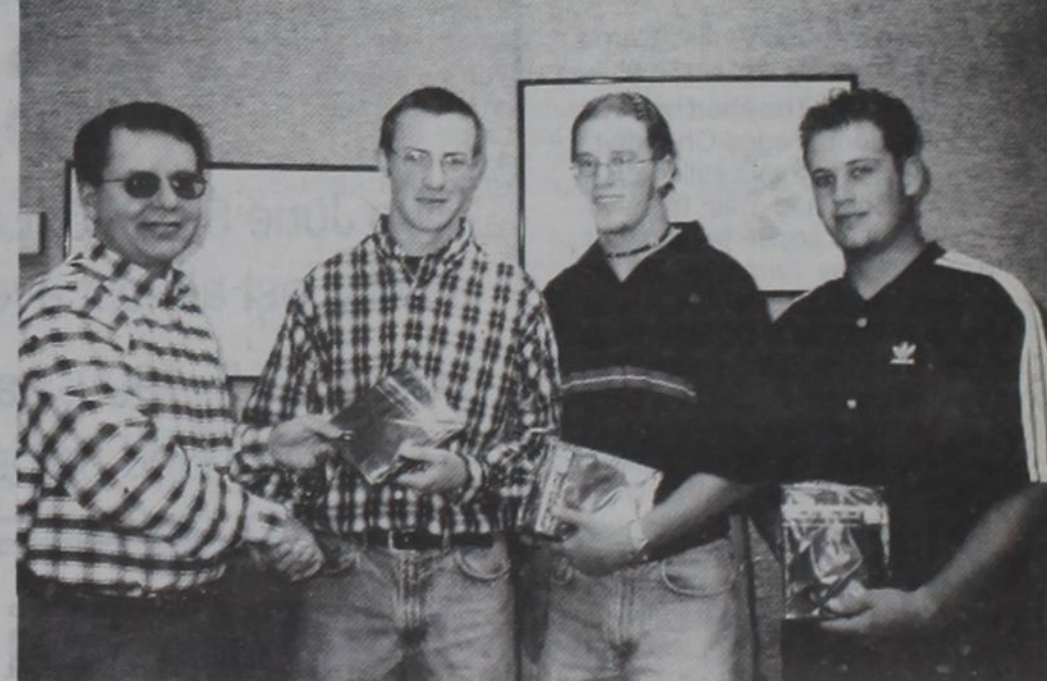
Todd is a 1994 graduate of Wheeler High School and is the son of Van and Rene' Baize of Bowie, Texas. He is a grandson of Gayle and Earlene Baize of Lake Coleman. Todd recently accepted a position with Amarillo National Bank as a Credit Analyst.

## Billie Jo Carpenter Is Named to ASU Honor Roll

Billie Jo Carpenter of Wheeler, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Ms. Carpenter, is a Spanish major at ASU.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.



**SENIOR GIFTS:** Wheeler Banking Center presented the members of the 1999 graduating class of Wheeler High School with clothes bags. The presentation was made by Rodger Ferguson, representative of the Wheeler Banking Center, to (l. to r.) Mike Jones, Kirt Boedecker and Will Woollard.

## Former Kelton Resident, Onetta Pierce, 76, Dies

Onetta Pierce was born June 24, 1922 in Stonewall, OK to E. P. and Georgia Joiner. Onetta passed away May 25, 1999 at Bell Avenue Nursing Center of Elk City, OK at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Onetta grew up in the Kelton, TX area. She married Carl Pierce on January 31, 1942 in Wheeler, TX. They lived at Durham and Reydton.

## Carolyn May Graduates

Carolyn May, formerly of Wheeler, received the Diploma in Christian Ministries—Christian Education degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City during commencement exercises May 22.

She is the daughter of Wesley and Clethel Steen of Wheeler. A graduate of Wheeler High School, May now makes her home in Diana, Tx., with her husband, Gary, and their two sons, Travis and Clayton. Gary is pastor of First Baptist Church.

## Sweetwater-Meridian Homecoming Set July 3

Sweetwater-Meridian Homecoming will be held on Saturday, July 3, 1999, from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at 5:00 and BBQ dinner at 6:00. For information, call Clela Joy Cox, 580-928-5393.

## Local Exes Should Plan To Attend Reunion On Saturday, June 12

1 Timothy 4: 16: Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others.

Happy Birthdays to Cornelia Fillingim Lehman, Deedy Zybach, Lola Smith and Doris Shirey on June 6; Jeanie Bailey, Nita Evans, Shannon Meadows, Ann Ellison and Verna Abernathy on June 7; Lessie Austin, Kirbie Kinnaman, Justin Wesbrooks and Stormi Lancaster on June 8; Kyleigh Trimble, Kevin Meek, Lori Steen and Christy Jones Tadloc on June 9; Effie Jenkins, Catrina Wash and Lisa Dockins on June 10; Kloette Henson, Kay Ridgway, Steven Kephart and Shane Davis on June 11; Leesa Sims, Ralph Hovey, Jane Dukes, Mae Bailey and Christy Willingham on June 12.

Happy Anniversary to Dennis and Brenda Hefley on June 7; Mike and Rolanda Meadows on June 8; Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Mike and Jenny Smith on June 9; Dick and Ruth Irvine and Randy and Carol McCurley on June 11; Ben and Tonia Meadows and Donnie and Kathy Shorter on June 12.

Everyone is invited to baby shower for Shaley Jo Goad infant daughter of Shane and April Goad Sunday, June 6 at 2:30 at Briscoe Cafeteria.

David and Rita Pearson spent last Sunday, May 23, at Canyon with Dallas and Lindsey.

Next Sunday, June 6, will be Sunday night sing at Allison at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited. Monday night, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. will be Wheeler Senior citizens. Everyone invited.

Nice to have a call from Caroline Cornett. We don't see them much any more, because we don't go to Canadian much and they are always very busy. Katie Clark had some free time so came up for a weekend. Her husband, Kevin, couldn't get away. Mark Cornett is engaged to be married next April to Karen Gruschkus. Caroline and Katie got to do some horseback riding together and went to the funeral for Ken Knight's dad, Kenneth and got to see friends.

Mobeetie XYZ was cancelled for Friday night June 4, because Bible School will be going on at the Baptist Church. Also some will be going to Miami Follies Friday night at Miami. Lots of good music and skits.

Shea Weatherly accepted a job at a large feed yard near Stratford. Shea and Bridget and Audra are living in a nice three bedroom house about two miles from the feedyard. Brad and Sue Chandler helped them to get moved in and everything fixed up nice.

Tuesday was Brad's 41st birthday. They played golf together in the afternoon. Sue thinks she needs more practice. Nice to have them join us for supper at Maxeys and go out and play 80 at their house. Then we had to drive in the rain all the way home. Brad has been like part of our family since he was in diapers. We enjoyed him and his siblings. Also enjoy Brad and Sue and Jana and Bridget and her family. We are thankful for the nice rain. The Chandler's garden is looking good as usual.

Don't forget the wedding of Ray Hudson and Glenda Gourley Saturday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m. at 500 north 6th St., Canadian, in the back yard of Claudetta Hand's home under a beautiful big tree. Relatives and friends are invited to this happy occasion. God Bless!

Nice to have Ray and Verline Currie from Pampa come by and visit awhile Monday afternoon. They had been to see Verline's aunt, Peggy Chandler, at Allison, but Peggy was still in BSA at Amarillo. She had had to have some stints put in again, because of blockages to her heart. Pray for Peggy. They did visit a little with Jennie Walker. They also brought pictures of their 25th wedding anniversary celebration and vow renewal at Trinity Fellowship in Pampa in April.

There was a big crowd of Gilmers out to Maxeys Saturday night. They had roofed a building at Pete Gilmer's and all went out to eat together. Some we saw were Pete and Margaret Gilmer, David and Linda Gilmer, Jimmy and Vickey Gilmer, Casey and Misty Gilmer, Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew from Lefors. There were others there.

Ray and Glenda Gourley went to Amarillo Saturday and visited with Ray's girls and grandsons. There was a picnic in the park Saturday afternoon to celebrate Ray's birthday a little late with a birthday cake. Some there were Sonya Hudson and Patrick, Cindy Sweet and Jessie and Nathan and Cheryl Fraley and Steven. Rodney and family were on their way but had car trouble and didn't make it from Levelland. Jessie's friend, Nathaniel was also there.

Glenda Gourley had 2 granddaughters; Tina is married to Eldon Sharp. They live at Perryton and have five children. Jennifer is married to Mike Graddy. They have one daughter and live at Wichita Falls.

Homer Sanders and Edna May attended the Begert Reunion at the home of Dean and Linda Lieb near Morse, Texas, on Sunday.

So sorry to hear a baby was drowned in Wheeler Saturday. We are so sorry. Natalie Kate Christner, 17 mo., daughter of Jeff and Millie Christner drowned in a little fish pond. Grandparents include Mac and Mary K. Christner. May God comfort each of you.

Thursday night Lou Dean Douthit, Virginia Puryear, Homer Sanders and Edna May ate at Maxeys and went back to Lou Dean's and played 42 and visited.

Weekend visitors to James and Mardi Ogle were Melody Morgan and friend, Jami, from Amarillo, June Sheffield, Andrea Hershenger, Dorothy and Cliff Ogle and Misty and Casey Gilmer. Casey and Misty also went to Altus Sunday.

Some playing on Greg Estes girls' basketball team are Amber and Ashley Estes, Kirbie Kinnaman, Tamera Hartline, Julie Zybach and

Carissa Dukes.

Debbie Kinnaman and Lou Dean Douthit went to Wheeler and Mobeetie cemeteries Saturday to decorate the graves of loved ones.

Aaron and Claudetta Laverty went to Laverne, Okla., Sunday afternoon to a funeral for a cousin, Elsie Laverty

Sanders, and enjoyed visiting with family members. But they made it back to night church.

Donald Hill preached at Briscoe Community Church Sunday.

Zachary, Adam and Casey Tipps were weekend visitors to Dick and Ruth Irvine. They all ate Sunday dinner with Vea Fillingim and Evelyn Free in Wheeler. Visiting later were William and Elton Fillingim and Creston and Chad. Ruth and the grandkids also took Creston and Chad over to Willa Fillingim's and visited a little while. Chad and Creston are sons of Joan.

Sorry to hear that Marion Jameson, 80, was found dead in her home at Pampa. I had recently, May 12, enjoyed visiting with her at the Pampa Pool. She seemed so perky and young. JoAnn Morgenstern's daughter, Christy, and Brett Hall and Dylan went by to take her out to eat last Sunday. Brett is her grandson. A shock to find her dead. Sincere sympathy to all the loved ones.

Thanks, Mark Marshall, for coming out and getting our air-conditioner up in shapel He's on 24-hour call, if you need him. He has had training.

Nice to visit with Zetha Dougherty at the Pampa Pool Wednesday. Pray for Vetola Parker. She sure isn't very well; bones have deteriorated till she can't walk and has lots of pain. Zetha would like to move her to Pampa to a nursing home.

Also enjoyed visiting with Shirley Garrison, Sami Corse's mom, at the Pampa Pool. Shirley and husband have moved to Pampa to be near the grandson. Mr. Garrison likes to help son-in-law, Steve Corse, with farm work and cattle tending. Shirley is a good swimmer and goes the length of the pool and back. She has retired from teaching at Bovina after many years.

Gaye Hale spent Saturday and Sunday at Canyon and visited David and Heather Hale and Elizabeth and Sarah Hale.

Nice to eat supper at Wheeler at Maxeys Friday night before graduation. Big crowd there with family get together. We ate with Laurel and Ed Hershman to celebrate Ed's birthday a day late. Wednesday, they ate at the Big Texan. You get a free meal on your birthday. They also visited some with Sarita Dawson and Micaela and got hugs at Amarillo.

Also at Maxeys were Keven and Janet Romines with long time friends, Bill and Marilyn Tidwell, all from Pampa. They all went to Mead, Kan., last weekend to compete in chuck wagon cooking and got high marks on their beans, cobbles, potatoes, etc. They plan to cook cobbles at Miamicow calling for the Miami Cheerleaders to sell to go to camp. Some others at Maxeys were Andy and Liz Shipp and Savanna and Katie. The Shipp's were all going to Austin for Katie to compete in singing. Good Luck!

Several relatives were there for Amanda Childress' graduation from Wheeler High School Friday night. Pat's mother, Edith Brown, and brothers, Grady Brown and wife and Johnny Mack Brown and wife and Pat's sister, Lucille and Jackie from Albuquerque. Also Wanda Childress and Jane Dukes and Jackie and Stacie, Kay and Scott Luttrell and Susie, Kelley Swift, Cathy Hunt, Shelly Hunt and others. Congratulations and best wishes, Amanda. Also there, Tammy Jo Thompson and family.

Lois Hudson went to Amarillo Tuesday. She saw three doctors and spent two nights with Sharon Grandstaff and came back Thursday. Lois Hudson visited Ma Mary on the way home Thursday. Mary was doing pretty well and hoping to come to the Hudson Reunion at Briscoe the third Sunday in June. Lois checked out pretty well except needs a new knee. Is trying new medication to try to put off the surgery.

David and Phyllis Hefley enjoyed having Darren and Chalone Hefley and Dawson from Tulia and Kristi Hefley from Lubbock spend the weekend with them.

Lessie Austin went fishing with Joe and Liz Austin and Payton. Payton helped grandma cast, and he caught the biggest fish of all.

Wanda Childress' girls prepared a birthday supper for Wanda Sunday night at Fat and Wanda's. Some others there were Cathy and Melvin Hunt, Kay and Scott Luttrell, Jane and Clyde Dukes, Kaymi Fitzer, Kayleigh Coomer, Dub and Mary Swift and Kelley and Marissa and Taylor from Pampa and Addie Swift. Some of the grandkids had been to the lake and came back by and ate later. Addie came from the hospital Wednesday and is doing real well. She's not letting that broken hip get her down. She is staying with Fat and Wanda and walks with a walker. Keep praying for Addie.

Rosalie Keelin said they had a wonderful time at the Bradstreet reunion at the Wheeler Park Saturday with a hundred or more there. Lots of good music and food and a beautiful day for it.

Cornelia Fillingim Lehman had a scary time. She was losing blood. They put a scope down to her stomach and found an ulcer over a blood vessel and cauterized it. They think it's not life-threatening. Pray for her.

Joey and Risa Keelin and Matt and friend, Ashley, and Tammie Colby and Shelby are spending a few days with Rosalie. Joey's family is from Pasadena and Tammie from Goldthwaite. Other visitors Sunday night were Roy and Nell Bradstreet. They played some dominoes. Joey and Risa and family also visited Darv



and Sammie Atherton and family.

There was a very large crowd out to Wheeler graduation Friday night. Fine bunch of young people. Remember to pray for them as they go their separate ways. Nice to see cousin Tommy Lewis from Wellington there with wife, Jo, to see granddaughter, Kara Emmert, graduate. Just happened to go in and sat by him in the first available seats. Many relatives and friends from many places.

Friday night, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber went to Panhandle to Christina Maddox's graduation from Panhandle High School. Bertie Eudey flew in from Palestine for the occasion Friday night. Nice to have Bertie meet us for lunch at Furr's in Pampa Saturday. She spent Friday and Saturday nights with Cynthia Conner and Melody in Panhandle. Nice to have Olaf Sivage come along and join us at Furr's. He has been planting corn, but not all through.

Willa Fillingim and granddaughter, Maralee Singleton, went to Lipscomb and Booker Saturday to decorate the graves of loved ones. Other relatives went also. They met Mrs. Virgil Rose and Pixie and Connie and children from Midwest City, Okla. and all had lunch together at Fay Sell's and had a good visit. Parents, Edwin and Flora Rose and their parents and others are buried at Booker and Libscomb cemeteries.

William and Elton Fillingim and

grandsons Creston and Chad from Prescott, Ariz., came Saturday night to stay a week or so and visit relatives here, including Horace and Juanita Fillingim, Willa and Vea Fillingim, Fay Sell and Willis and Verna Fillingim. They stopped in Clovis to see Eddie and Nancy Root and in Amarillo to see E. G. Fillingim on their way here. They will also visit others. Keep praying for E. G. Fillingim. He gets ulcers or sores that won't heal. They also visited Dick and Ruth and family.

Lindsey Fillingim was a weekend visitor to Dave and Rita Pearson. Saturday Gena Seitz and Rita Pearson and Lindsey went shopping in Oklahoma City. Nice to have Dave, Rita and Lindsey join us for lunch at Wheeler Dairy Queen Sunday. Also William and Elton Fillingim and Creston and Chad. Also there were Joyce Perkins and her mom, Elsie Hughes and Fat and Ruby Jones and a group.

We got a message Saturday night that my cousin, Frank Cornelious, 81, from Texico, N.M., was found dead. Frank lived with my family for four years while I was in college and graduated from Briscoe High School. He always thought so much of the people here. He had polio as a child so was crippled and slow-thinking. Thanks to all who were friends to Frank. He was like a brother to me and a sweet fellow.

"God be with you till we meet again!"



John 3: 3 & 5: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Jesus, answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

It's a beautiful sunny Monday morning here in our little town of Allison. One day last week Ruby Craig, Wilma Gilmer and Rhonda McWhorter were in Pampa doing some shopping. Rhonda and Ruby were in Amarillo last Wednesday for medical reasons. On Thursday night Ruby and Wilma went to Wheeler for Tanner McWhorter's eighth grade graduation. Tyler McWhorter came home with Ruby and Wilma and spent the night with Ruby.

Jerry and Susan Finney, Jesse and Samantha from Pampa visited Ruby and Wilma Saturday afternoon. Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler also visited with Ruby on Saturday afternoon. Billy and Rhonda put weed killer on Wilma's yard to kill the weeds. Do hope it works.

Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo spent last Friday afternoon with me. Darrel had brought her and he went back to the farm to work.

Jennie Walker's last Sunday visitors were Terry and Freida Walker from Pampa. They mowed Jennie's yard for her and used the weedeater to trim it up. Jennie appreciated all their work very much.

Those that missed the Community Gospel singing last Sunday afternoon missed a blessing. All those that sang the specials did a super good job. We all enjoyed the fellowship and good food after the singing.

Hiram and Darena, Bret and Hayley Begert attended a Begert family reunion at Dean and Linda Lieb's home near Stinnett last Sunday. Edna May and Homer Sanders and Edna (Begert) Trask also attended.

Bret and Hayley Begert celebrated their first wedding anniversary Sunday, May 30. Congratulations! to Bret and Hayley. Two very nice people.

Last Saturday Curtis Boydston, Opal and Juanita Boydston were in Amarillo shopping and Curtis was taking care of some business also.

Red and Anna Dukes took Bessie Crenshaw of Shamrock to Hollis, Okla., last Friday to put flowers on her husband and son's graves.

Red and Anna were in Pampa on Tuesday the 25th and also went on to Amarillo doing some shopping and taking care of some business.

David and Linda Gilmer and their son, Hank, were in Amarillo last Saturday doing some shopping. They spent the night in Amarillo and came home Sunday afternoon.

Pearl Harrison went to Elk City last Thursday and spent two night with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace and came home Saturday while there. Tina O'Donnell fixed a Chinese dinner last Saturday. Others there for dinner were Ward and Dianne Harrison and their three boys from Tulsa.

Guests in the home of Betty Dyer over the Memorial Day weekend were Charles and June Elliott from Pampa. Frankie Miller from Howardwick, TX Charles and Alene George from Pampa, Charlie Henderson and Evelyn Elliott from Elk City, Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, Cassie and Sammy Elliott from Illinois, Betty and McKabry Dyer from Lubbock, Bob Meller from Allison, Nadine Lane from Allison, Bob, Shelly, Chris and Kylie Shubert from Wheeler.

Visiting awhile Sunday afternoon were Nona Jones and Linda Hall from Allison, Kaylee Hall from Amarillo, Mike and Teresa Dyer from Sayre.

H. B. and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody were in Muskogee, Oklahoma Saturday May 22nd to help celebrate H. B.'s parents, Henry and Dora Lea Dupont's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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## MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Remember the Vacation Bible School will be going on this week at 6:00 every night. Remember the Totty School Reunion will be held June 13. Tickets for the quilt is available from any club member.

Connie and Mervis Pierce of Ray visited Wednesday with Lorene Saylor.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jim Hathaway. He was buried Thursday in McLean.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Natalie Kate Christner.

Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo Monday and came home Thursday. She was in school Tuesday to Thursday at the Civil Center. She was renewing her water licenses. She completed the Chlorinator Maintenance course.

Thursday, Aaron and Claudette Laverty and Caaron Laverty were in Amarillo. He entered Tuesday and got home Thursday night. Kenneth Walker brought him home.

Rob and Geneva Hogan left Thursday with a U-Haul for Stillwater. Chuck and Louise Hogan took some of their household goods down on Friday. We hated to see them leave and wish them good luck with their schooling and new life.

Jerry Rector of Amarillo came Friday and picked his mother Lorene Rector up and went to Cheyenne, OK to visit with Carl Pierce and family.

Doug and Aline Corse went to Amarillo for Aline's doctors appointment. She goes back Wednesday and they will be starting treatment later.

Mobeetie got some small hail on Tuesday night. They have had quite a bit of rain.

Saturday, D. L. Rector, Jerry and J Rector and Dale and Melba Corcoran visited with Lorene Rector. They all attended the funeral in Cheyenne, OK for Onetta Pierce.

Herbert and Loretta Atkins and Elnita Atkins of Amarillo visited in Mobeetie Saturday.

The Fort Elliott Seniors returned home Saturday from their senior trip to Hawaii. Lots of the high school students are working for the summer. Friday night Dale and Melba Corcoran, and Dense] and Fern Reed visited with Pauline Barnes in Wheeler. They saw Marie Gudgel and she had Anna Mae and her boys and wives with them. Marie said she was expecting the rest of her family in that night.

Those enjoying a cook out at Debbie and Kent McLaughlin, Nathan and Corey were Joe and Melba Darnell, and Wade and Gayla Hathaway, Jason, Andrea, and Brandon. D. L. Rector of Amarillo came by and visited with them.

Melody and Debra Sherrell and

Dalina Day of Copan, OK visited over the weekend with Wilhelma Sherrell, C. W. Burch, Lorene Rector, Penny Hilburn, Michael and Candy, Dale and Melba Corcoran all of Mobeetie and William and Sissy Burch, Chris, Tyler and Caitlyn in Wheeler. Melody attended the funeral Saturday afternoon in Cheyenne, OK for Onetta Pierce.

Saturday night the Burch cousins had a get together at the nursing home in Pampa with Wilber Beck, C. W. Burch, Melody Sherrell, Debra and Dalina and William and Sissy Burch, Chris, Tyler and Caitlyn all attended the get together.

Visiting with Doug and Aline Corse over the weekend was Jana Corse of Dallas, Zana Jones, Hailey and Ashley of Claude and Pierce Walker of Mobeetie.

Andy and Liz Shipp, Katie and Savannah went to Austin where Katie will be singing in the state meet on Monday. We wish her lots of luck.

Peggy Shelton of Perryton and Joyce McIntire of Amarillo visited over the weekend with Gene and Sue Harrison and Inez Moore.

Those visiting and camping at the Lancaster farm May 28-31 were the children of Curtis and Nettie Lancaster, Nathan and Nelda Lancaster, Floyd and Sidney Lynch, Betty Haines all of Pampa, Aaron and Arica Lancaster of Amarillo, Ora and Jerry Swarts of Mt. Vernon, Garland and Anna Mae Lancaster of Wray, CO. Also grandchildren and friends, Lae and Melba Brown, Earnest and Brenda Lancaster, Stormi and Larami, Travis and Norma Bolch, Michael and Kim Lancaster and Travis, Amanda Browning, Adam Wright, Thomas Long, Jodi Richardson and Steve and Alicia Snelgrooves, Carissa, Kaleb and Jerad all of Pampa, Cody Brown of Garland, Scott Lancaster of Denver, CO, Brent and Shelby Wade of South Dakota, Ray and Mary Helen Corcoran of Weymer, Kurt and Jo Dana Cargill and Alan and Susan Swarts, Heather, Tabitha, Casey all of Mt. Vernon, Raymond and Martha Gardner of Miami.

Leola Stuart and Randy Stuart of Amarillo just return from Toledo Ohio visiting their daughter and granddaughter and family Amy and Andy Swick, Kayla and Taylor. Leola said she had a great time playing with the babies. Randy or Leola had never seen Taylor.

Jimmy and Patsy Richardson of Oklahoma City visited Sunday with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart.

Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson visited in Briscoe with Fat and Wanda Childress and Addie Swift. Kay Luttrell came by for a visit while they were there.

Jimmy and Margaret Coward and granddaughter of Topeka, KS visited over the holiday with Charlotte Coward. They all ate dinner in Wheeler with Gene and Judy Coward, Monday.

Visiting with Doyle and Bulah Grimes over the weekend were Gary Grimes, and Henry and Laverne Holcomb all of Amarillo and Brent and Gina Grimes and Zachary of Hyde, OK.

Aaron and Claudette Laverty attended the funeral of his Aunt Elsie Laverty in Laverne, OK Sunday afternoon. Our sympathy goes out to them.

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What's the noise a deer makes called?  
Belling, dear.

## OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Wednesday, Bernice Hefley worked on the grant.

Thursday, Louise Hogan and Maurita Stribling worked on the grant. Bobby Hill worked on finishing up the paper work on the grant. The paper work on the grant has been completed. The group put about 800 more pages into the document books.

Bernice Hefley kept the museum open Monday.

The group is getting the plans ready for Heritage Day. The Kiowa Indians will be putting on a mini pow wow. They have signed up quite a few Indian traders to display their items. The Calvary will be back. They have one chuck wagon signed up. The Plum Creek group will be back. The Buffalo Hunters will also be back. The Heritage Day will be June 26.

### From Last Week

Mae Bailey and Maurita Stribling have been busy selling ads for the Heritage Day event.

Bobby Hill and Melba Corcoran attended the meeting of the Panhandle Marketing and Tourism Association Tuesday held in Fort Supply OK. They enjoyed a tour of the historical old Fort Supply building. The group meets a different place each month to help promote tourism.

Maurita Stribling, Bernice Hefley, Dutch Elliott, Louise Hogan and Bill Elliott have been working at the museum.

Thursday night the board members had their picture made. Those in the picture were Jay Godwin, Joe VanZandt, Dale Corcoran, Margaret Dorman, Rhonda Blanchard, Bobby Hill, Bernice Hefley, Louise Hogan, Maurita Stribling and Melba Corcoran.

Friday, Bernice Hefley, Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan and Dutch Elliott worked on the archives. Bill Elliott and Arthur Don Burke worked on the lawn mower.

Bobby Hill and Melba Corcoran went to Carnegie Ok and visited with the Kiowa tribe about a mini POW wow for Heritage Day. They visited with Martha Perez. The group will be here. They took Bobby Hill and Melba to their head start school for lunch, which was a tradition, Kiowa meal. They enjoyed it very much. They left there and went by the Canas farm and got some bulbs. They then traveled to Hammon and visited with Christine Star. They also receive an invite to attend a memorial powwow in Hammon Memorial weekend. They were also invited to attend a powwow honoring Martha's grandson who will be traveling in Europe this summer with a group of musicians.

Friday night the Panhandle Bluegrass and Old Tyme Music Association and the Old Mobeetie Texas Association had officers meeting. The group discussed the electrical problem and agreed to run new loops and break the electricity up where the breakers will not over load. The expense will be split 40-60 and come out of the festival funds.

They will put 2 members at the gate and OMTA will have one member at the gate at all times. They will also be giving away door prizes during the festival. They will get gifts from up there and ask that the OMTA get gifts from this area. The advertising will be put out in June. They left some flyers for OMTA to put out in June. They have booked the Schankman Twins from Calabasas CA for the Festival. The fire department is working on the letters for the concession stand. Those attending the meeting were Louise Hogan, Bobby Hill, Bill and Dutch Elliott and Dale and Melba from the OMTA and Bill DeHays, Roy Don Stephens, Eva McKnight and Joe Horn from the PBG & OTM Association.

For camp reservations call Melba Mills at 806-622-2759.

Saturday was workday, Bill Elliott, George Kilcrease, Jimmy Hill, Bobby Hill and Melba Corcoran set out plants in front of the stage area. Louise Hogan, Bernice Hefley, Maurita Stribling, Dutch Elliott, Bobby Hill and Melba Corcoran put archives in acid free sleeves and in books. This is done with the grant money and has to be done by May 31. Thanks to Dennis Hilburn for the use of his rototiller. Dale Corcoran hauled the tiller to the museum.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Cliff and Patti Bradstreet of Wheeler announce the engagement of their daughter, Kali Jo, to Charlie Wayne Flowers. Charlie is the son of Frank and Tracy Kalli of Allison, and Kelly and Charlotte Flowers of Canadian. The couple plans to wed July 10 at 7:30 pm, at the Country Chapel Church in Wheeler, Texas. The bride-elect graduated from Wheeler High School and attended school at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The prospective groom graduated from Canadian High School and attended Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. The couple will be making their home in Allison, Texas.

## CattleWomen Salute Supporting Members

Eleven area businesses have contributed \$660 towards a scholarship fund set-up by Top O'Texas CattleWomen. \$1000 will be given to three area seniors planning to major in agricultural, nutritional or health related fields in college. Winners will be announced at graduation exercises.

Our thanks to the following Supporting Members for their contributions: Pay and Save (Lowers), Littlefield; C & H Supply, Shamrock; State National Bank, Groom; Gray County Veterinary, Pampa; Production Credit Association, Canadian; Canadian Banking Center, Canadian; Wellington State Bank; First Bank of Southwest, Pampa; Clint & Sons, White Deer; Wheeler Farm Bureau; and Farmers Equipment of Pampa.

In April, Sharon Spennrath of Comfort, Texas was speaker on private property rights at the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, Wheeler Kawanis Club, Top O'Texas CattleWomen and guests, and Canadian Daughters of the American Revolution Club. Her main emphasis was to promote an awareness of the agenda of some groups to get more and more regulation and control of private property with what they call a "consensus" of opinion. This "consensus" sometimes takes place without any vote of public opinion or their elected officials. Her objective was a wake-up call to pri-

vate property owners in towns as well as the rural areas.

Our State Beef Ambassador Contest will be held July 9th and 10th. Any 4-H members interested in competing for a \$1000 Scholarship should contact Berklee Clements at 274-6023.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Wheeler Mustang Athletic Department would like to thank everyone who donated to the Mustang Max Out. Our young people worked so hard and we are proud to represent such a great community. With our Max Out and Airplane throwing contest, we raised \$5,849.22. This money will go towards improving both the girls and boys facilities.

Once again, Thanks to the Wheeler Banking Center and **Everyone** else associated with helping our kids. Without all the **never ending** support, we would never be able to do it.

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honoring Jack Dury for his fifty years with the postal department, both as mail carrier and postmaster. There was a large crowd present. Sherman Wilson, Lake Texoma, was out to spend the weekend with Eileen and Edmond Logan. They visited the Buffalo and Mulberry cemeteries. Found them both looking very nice. This is Decoration Weekend, tho we call it Mama's Day now. Long ago most of Memorial's McCathern kin-folks would come from far and wide to clean up the graves and decorate. My

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grandma would make as many as 40 wreaths to take. They all brought baskets of food and at noon would all come to our house to eat and visit. There were thirty some relatives buried there. As well as friends. One of the oldest was Seborn McCathern and his wife. He was 104 and died in 1924. His wife in 1918. He was a Confederate veteran. Imogene Pickering had a nice vacation last week. She went to North Carolina and met daughter Cheryl Layfield. They went on to Atlanta, Ga. to attend Floyd's wedding. She was pretty tired time she got home. Alma Richardson is a patient in the Elk City Hospital. The Baptist Church has been having Bible School this week. Those helping were Eva Atkinson, Cindy Perry, Lisa Alexander, Jan Henson, Joan Hagerman, Theresa Locke, Carolyn Davis, Laura Davis, Rhonda Arrington, Kim Boswell, Ed and Jeanie Wrather. Some thirty young folks have been in attendance. I was listening to OETA the other night and they named the hundred best scholars in Oklahoma. One was a boy from Cheyenne but they went so fast, I didn't catch his name. They mentioned a Mike Riley, teacher. I wondered if that was our Mike. Erik Franks of Watonga spent this week with his grandparents, Judy and Gerald Tipton. He's a true farm boy. Sylvia Titus, S.C. has been visiting her folks the Ray Smiths and others. Debs and Violet Williams celebrated their 60th anniversary Sunday. She was from Wheeler and raised around Bulo and attended Sweetwater High School. Mandy Hagerman has signed a letter of intent to attend and play basketball at NW State University at Alva. She has gone to college at Altus two years. Her parents are Lynn and Kay. Wade Sparks called to chat a minute. He's here getting the home place ready for the family reunion July 4th. Donnie Markley and Alice from Missouri visited Iva Thompson, Iva, Norma Zellmer, and Ollie Anderson shopped in OKC this week.

Birthday folks are Jerry Davis, Jr., Perry, Megan Sites, Irene Reed, Melvin Jeffcoat, Jimmy Haag, Howard Fuchs and Anniversaries, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coopridge, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fowler. Happiness to all.



**D.A.R.E. GRADUATES:** The 1999 fifth grade class of Wheeler completed a semester of study. The group discussed resisting peer pressure, resisting drug use and the building of self esteem. The class was taught by Scott Morgan (left), D.A.R.E. Officer and Canine Officer with the Wheeler Sheriff's Department. Class members received t-shirts, certificates and awards for essays.

To The Editor  
The Wheeler Times  
Wheeler, TX 79096

To Whom It May Concern:  
I have recently heard that certain county, hospital, and town officials have been trying to dispose of Wheeler County Ambulance Director, Lacy Horton, Paramedic. If this is true I feel that they are doing our county a severe injustice. Lacy and her husband Steven have been a positive change in the Wheeler County Ambulance and Emergency Services. The two have brought wisdom and experience to our county. Lacy is the first Paramedic Wheeler County has had in a number of years. The state of Texas recognizes a Paramedic as equivalent to a Registered Nurse. Since Lacy's arrival one of the ambulances has been upgraded to a Mobile Intensive Care Unit. As a Paramedic Lacy can now do I.V. therapy in the ambulance. I.V. therapy in many cases can increase the chances of survival for a person who may not have much of a chance to begin with. With a needle directly into the bloodstream a Paramedic can give a certain medication under the direction of a doctor, and in many cases save a life, even though it may take a little longer to get to the hospital. Personally if it were myself, my family, or my friend laying in need of medical attention, I would rather have all that a emergency medical service could offer. I can not think of anyone besides Lacy Horton that I would rather have treating me. For those of you who remember Lacy's salary being published in the newspaper when she came to Wheeler, it is not a large sum of money for an individual as dedicated and hard working as Lacy. Lacy is basically on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Lacy has also spent many extra hours teaching an E.M.T. class, so that the county may have more trained officials volunteering for you. In a case of a massive heart attack as a Paramedic, Lacy can do so much more for the patient, than a crew of E.M.T.'s who can only give the patient oxygen, and go to the hospital. Two minutes can make a big difference as to whether the patient lives or dies. I urge each and every resident who supports Lacy to write your county commissions or Judge, and tell them you support the good of Wheeler County Ambulance Services and that you support Lacy Horton. After all it is you, your family, or your friend in need of medical attention. Thank you!  
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**Congregational Concerns:**

On this coming Sunday, June 6th, a fellowship luncheon will be held in the multi-purpose building at the conclusion of the morning worship service. Watson and Aldene Burgess will provide the fish for this luncheon. At the conclusion of the luncheon, the evening worship service will be held. Larry Brown, who is one of the preachers for the Mary & Ellen Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, will preach. The 6:00 p.m. worship service will not be held. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday night, June 7th, a baby shower will be held in the multi-purpose building for Shaley Jo Goad, the baby daughter of Shane and April Goad. The "Big Heart" campaign of the Children's Home of Lubbock will conclude in the next few days. If you still want to participate in this campaign, please put some boxes of kleenex in the box that is in the lobby. The "Change for Children" campaign of High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo will begin on this coming Sunday, June 6th. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$42,000.00 during the summer months. If you want to participate in this campaign, please take one of the cans that have been placed on the table in the lobby. Another congregational contribution will be made to the storm victims in Oklahoma. If you would like to make a personal contribution, give your check or money to Bob Frankenbery. Clara Holmes is hospitalized in the local hospital. Her condition is slowly improving. Sympathy must be expressed to Joyce Perkins upon the death of her aunt, Frances Reynolds, who was killed in car accident last Monday morning in Canyon. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Thought For The Week:**

Some sage has said: "The greatest danger to free speech is that many people who have it are too free with it."

The Bible says: "—Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God."

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

**Commissioner's Court April Meeting Report**

April 26, 1999

The Wheeler County commissioners Court met in Special Session with Judge Jerry Dan Hefley presiding. Members present were: Kenneth Childress, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Tom Puryear, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Hubert Moore, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; and Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Scott Porter-Tax Collector; Amy McCasland-County Treasurer; Ron Gowdy-County Auditor and Bobbye C. Hill-County Attorney.

**APPROVAL OF HILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore 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.

**APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS**

Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to pay the hourly employees according to their approved time sheets. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID ACCEPTED FOR OIL LEASE- Section 22 Blk RE (3.70ac)**

One bid was received from Bearcat Land Company covering 3.70 acres of land out of Section 22 Blk RE for \$250.00 per acre, for a 3 year period & 3/16 Roy Int.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to accept the above bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIDS ACCEPTED-Diesel for All Precincts**

Bids for diesel were received from the following companies: Jones Fuel, Wheeler-.576 cents per gallon; Cantrell Corporation-62 cents per gallon; and Jerry Killingsworth-64.5 cents per gallon.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to accept the bid from Jones Fuel, Wheeler in the amount of .576 cents per gallon for all types of diesel for the period of April 16, 1999 through July 15, 1999 and delivered to all four precincts. Motion carried unanimously.

**JUSTICE OF PEACE-Pct 2-Payment of fees to Texas Parks and Wildlife**

Ari Taylor, JP Pct #2, met with the court to discuss fees that had not been submitted by the former JP during the period beginning April 16, 1998 through May 6, 1998. These are fees due to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The fees total \$1,080.57. Mr. Taylor requested that the Court authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check payable to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for this amount in order to clear out the books in his precinct.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,080.57, payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to cover fees collected by the Pct #2 JP during the time of April 16, 1998 through May 6, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

Scott Porter, Tax Collector, met with the Court to discuss the liability the County might incur on foreclosed property having underground storage tanks. He presented a proposed Resolution for the Courts consideration.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to adopt the following

Resolution pertaining to foreclosed property containing underground storage tanks. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER  
TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Wheeler County is engaged in the collection of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County has to on occasion enforce collection of ad valorem taxes through the institution of litigation; and

WHEREAS, the property involved in said litigation may contain underground storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, said property may become the property of Wheeler County pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, Wheeler County desires to collect ad valorem taxes on all property in the County but does not intend to assume any liability associated with the foreclosure of property containing underground storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in the 76th Texas Legislature, HB 2109 by Representative Dennis Bonnen, that will clearly exempt Wheeler County and all other tax authorities in the State of Texas from any and all potential liability and responsibility associated with the acquisition of such property through tax foreclosure;

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that the County Judge and Commissioners of Wheeler County, Texas hereby endorse and support HB2109 exempting taxing authorities from liability associated with the tax foreclosure of property containing underground storage tanks.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we set our hands this 26th day of April, 1999.

Jerry Dan Hefley, County Judge  
Kenneth Childress, Commissioner Pct 1  
TG Puryear, Commissioner Pct 2  
Hubert Moore, Commissioner, Pct 3  
Boyd Hiltbrunner, Commissioner Pct 4  
ATTEST:



Cody Dean Childress, is the 5-month-old son of Jeremy and Tanya Childress of Green River, Wyoming. He is the grandson of the late Wayne Childress and Pat Childress, Wheeler. Great-grandparents are L. D. and Wanda Childress of Briscoe and Edith Brown of Sayre, Oklahoma. Addie Swift of Briscoe is the great-great-grandmother. Proud aunt is Amanda Childress.

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**Local Students Raise Money For Tornado Victims**

The sixth graders in Mrs. Rives' Reading Class had a bazaar to raise money for the victims of the tornado in Oklahoma, on May 18 and 19. The idea for the bazaar came as a result of reading a novel in their reading class. The book was entitled *Charlie Pippin* which was about a young girl, Charlie, who finds herself at odds with the principal when her entrepreneurial skills lead her to break the rules. She liked to sell homemade items at school during and before class. Charlie learned to channel these skills into productive behavior by organizing a class bazaar to benefit the hungry people in Africa.

The students worked very hard in spare time making items for the bazaar. They also brought things from home that they had made. The sixth graders made \$190 to send to Oklahoma. Mrs. Rives is very proud of their efforts to help others and feels that the students have learned a valuable lesson in citizenship. A big "thank you" is sent to those who supported the bazaar. Sixth grade students are: Saharar Barboza, Cameron Burton, Savannah Hampton, Sue Hernandez, Shanna Horton, Rachel Howard, Landon Sams, Carl Scales, Jandie Taylor, Amanda Bond, J.D. Cole, Hector Emiliano, Joe Flores, Jarrod Haning, Gaby Hermosillo, Lindsey Lewis, Erick Mendoza, Amy Monroe, Savannah Shipp, Yuri Soto, Leslie Weaver, and Holly Hampton.

**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the parents and the Class of 1999, we would like to thank this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals that donated money and gifts to the Project Graduation party. There were a total of 94 students attending this party. Thirty of the 33 seniors attended. It seemed as though all had a good time.

Margaret Dorman, County Clerk SEAL  
RICHARD GREENE REMOVED FROM PAYROLL-Pct No. 2

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to remove Richard Greene from the payroll, effective April 30, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF BOOKKEEPING PROCEDURES-General/Lateral Road Funds**

Amy McCasland, County Treasurer, met with the Court to discuss procedures to use if an error should occur in the payment of invoices from the General and Lateral Road Accounts.

No action taken.  
MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
JERRY DAN HEFLEY, COUNTY JUDGE

**Hi. Plains Epilepsy Assoc. Rep. Will Be In Pampa**

The High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, which is funded in part by the Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa beginning Tuesday June 8th from 9:30-12 Noon.

The Social worker will be at the Pampa Community Building at 200 N. Ballard St. 104, and will be there the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month.

The purpose of this program is to assist people with epilepsy and their families in understanding the nature of the disorder, assist in locating resources for services, literature and education, medical guidance and management of the condition. The agency serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Call the Amarillo office for an appointment at 1-800-806-7236. This appointment is not necessary but helpful.

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## 'Mt. Extreme' Theme Of First Baptist Bible School

First Baptist Church will be leading an expedition to Mt. Extreme: The ultimate Good News Challenge and we would love for your children to join us! We'll traverse through adventure-filled Bible stories, create a mountain of crafts, explore unique mission sites, experience extraordinary Mt. Extreme music and climb to new heights in recreation!

We are happy to offer this "once-in-a-lifetime" expedition opportunity to all the children of our community ages 4 years through 6th grade. Children will enjoy various sites as we hike our way up Mt. Extreme. Our focus will be "Climbing to New Heights with Jesus."

Mt. Extreme: The ultimate Good News Challenge will be an adventure too good to miss. So mark your calendars and don't let your kids miss the mountain-top expedition.

Location: First Baptist Church  
Date: June 7th-11th  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
For more information, call 826-5223  
Pre-registration will be at Thriftway Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drop by any time during the day to enroll for VBS. A gift will be given to each child who registers.

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**VISITORS:** The Allison Second Grade Class enjoyed a trip to the Mobeetie Jail Museum, recently, Museum helpers gave them a tour and wonderful information. While there, the students presented the museum a picture of the "Old Allison School" to Dale Corcoran. Children pictured from (l. to r.) Grace Tepe, Krystal West, Kelsi Minick, Leslie Archer, Kara Lane, and Stefan Tucker.

## Amarillo Area Foundation Announces Scholarship Fund Establishment

The Amarillo Area Foundation today announces the establishment of a \$75,000 scholarship fund to award area students college scholarships in 2000. The Celebrate 2000 Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship is being established by a gift of \$50,000 from the Amarillo Area Foundation combined with a gift of \$25,000 from the Amarillo Globe-News. The scholarship fund will provide for one student from each of 91 area public high schools a one-time \$800 scholarship, to be awarded early in May 2000.

"Never before have any of our many scholarship funds been able to touch so many students at one time," said

Jim Allison, President and Executive Director. "This scholarship will give one very deserving student from each area high school the opportunity to begin college and we think that's a great way to celebrate the new millennium."

Senior students in each of the 91 public high schools over a four-state region that comprise the Globe-News circulation area will be eligible and encouraged to apply for the one-time college scholarship. At each of the 91 high schools, a local scholarship committee, comprised of the high school principal, high school counselor and a member from the community, will review all local applicants and then determine the recipient. Scholarship recipients must attend an accredited higher education institution of their choice beginning fall 2000.

"We encourage all eligible high school seniors to apply for the scholarship next spring," Allison said. "In fact, we hope incoming seniors and their families will set their sights on a Celebrate 2000 scholarship next year by giving a serious look at the scholarship criteria today."

Among the detailed criteria listed for the scholarship, students will need to have a minimum GPA of 85 or the equivalency on a 4.0 scale, and must exhibit leadership, integrity, thriftiness, ambition, good moral character and a sincere desire to achieve a higher level of education. In addition, consideration will be given to a student's financial need.

Celebrate 2000 Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship applications will be mailed in February 2000 to the principals of each of the following high schools:

*In Amarillo:* Amarillo High, Caprock, Palo Duro, Tascosa, Highland Park and River Road.

*Outside of Amarillo, but in the northernmost 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, the high schools of:* Adrian, Allison, Booker, Borger, Bovina, Boys Ranch, Canadian, Canyon, Randall, Channing, Childress, Clarendon, Claude, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Farwell, Follett, Fort Elliott, Friona, Groom, Gruver, Happy, Hart, Hartley, Hedley, Hereford, Higgins, Kress, Lakeview, Lazbuddie, Lefors, McLean, Memphis, Miami, Nazareth,

## Cloud Seeding Discussed As PGWCD Meet May 10

Representatives from three different areas of weather enhancement spoke at a meeting held at the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District Monday, May 10. The meeting was arranged by the Board of Directors, in an attempt to determine how much interest there is in a cloud seeding program in the District.

George W. Bomar, Senior Technical Specialist for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Dale Bates, West Texas Weather Modification Association, and Ken Carver, assistant manager of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District provided detailed information for the Board, staff, and a small group of District residents.

In cloud seeding programs, airplanes are used to drop burning flares into the cloud. These flares contain silver iodide particles that act as ice crystals in the tops of the clouds. The ice crystals attract moisture and become slushy snow flakes. As the snowflakes fall they begin melting, and turn to rain before they hit the ground. Radar monitors clouds to locate candidates for seeding and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes from the time the cloud is seeded until the rainfall begins.

Mr. Bomar explained that there are



currently seven cloud seeding programs in the state of Texas. The first program was started at Big Spring almost thirty years ago. The newest program was begun only a few weeks ago in the Edwards Aquifer District.

Mr. Bomar said there are no guarantees with the programs. "Cloud seeding programs work best when weather conditions are right and convection clouds are available," he said. "Eighty percent of the precipitation in the panhandle comes from convection clouds."

He was also questioned about hail suppression. He said research indicates that when a cloud is seeded, it tends to spread out, rather than grow taller, lessening the chance of hail and lightning.

Mr. Bates told the group that a study performed in the San Angelo area showed a 36 percent increase in rainfall during the growing seasons from 1971 to 1988 and 1990. He also said that other states, such as Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Kansas, and at least two other countries, Thailand and South Africa, are currently involved in cloud seeding programs.

According to Mr. Carver, the High

Plains District has been involved in the program for only two years. They currently have three airplanes and a radar site near Littlefield. He said the cost to the District ran about seven to eight cents per acre.

Groups who wish to begin a cloud seeding program must apply for a permit from TNRCC. One requirement for a permit is that the group must have a licensed meteorologist who is familiar with the weather patterns in that area and understands the cloud seeding program.

Bomar said TNRCC is presently funding 50 percent of the seven cloud seeding programs in operation, and has the money to fund three more programs. That money will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

The Panhandle G.W.C.D. contains just under three and a half million acres. C. E. Williams, District manager, said if the program was instituted in the District, it would mean a slight tax increase. He also said that more informational meetings may be held, to help the Board of Directors determine how much interest there is in a program of this type.

## "Peace Chiefs" of the Cheyenne Tribe

*(Editor's Note: The following is part of a series of articles on the "Peace Chiefs" of the Cheyenne Tribe. The chiefs did not fight in Indian Wars after they became chief. Those killed were not fighting at the time of their death. The Native Americans are the focus of the Wheeler County Heritage Day on June 26, 1999. The information is made available to the Times by Melba Corcoran.)*

### Porcupine Bear

He was one of several important Cheyenne Chiefs of the mid century period. He was on the South Platte River around 1840. James P. Beckworth (Beckwith), the famous mulatto frontiersman knew him and wrote about him in his autobiography in 1856. This is part of a speech that Porcupine Bear made on the liquor problem faced by the Cheyenne leaders. During an argument with his brother-in-law, Bob-Tailed Horse over the opening of some kegs of whiskey, Porcupine Bear made this plea against the use of "fire-water" by the Cheyennes.

"Once we were a great and powerful nation; our hearts were proud, and our arms were strong. But a few winters ago all other tribes feared us; now the Pawnee dare to cross our hunting grounds, and kill our buffalo. Once we could beat the Crows, and, unaided, destroyed their villages now we call other villages to our assistance, and we can not defend ourselves from the assaults the enemy. How is this, Cheyennes: The Crows drink no whiskey. The earnings of their hunters and toils of their women are bartered to the white man for weapons and ammunition. This keeps them powerful and dreaded by their enemies. We kill buffalo by the thousand; our women's hands are sore with dressing the robes; and what do we part with them to the white trader for? We pay them for the white man's fire-water, which turns our brains upside down, which makes our hearts black, renders our arms weak. It takes away our warrior's skill, and makes them shoot wrong in battle. Our enemies, who drink no whiskey, when they shoot, always kill their foes. We have no ammunition to encounter our foes, and we have become as dogs, which have nothing but their teeth.

Our Prairies were once covered with horses as the trees were covered with leaves. Where are they now? Ask the Crows who drink no whiskey. When we are all drunk, they come and take them from before our eyes; our legs are helpless, and we can not follow them. We are only fearful to our women, who take up their children and conceal themselves among the rocks and the forest, for we are famishing. Our children are now sick, and our women are weak with watching. Let us not scare them away from our lodges, with their sick children in their arms. The Great Spirit will be offended at it. I had rather go to the great and happy hunting ground now than live and see the downfall of my nation. Our fires begin to burn dim, and will soon go out entirely. My people are becoming like the Pawnee they buy the whiskey of the trader and because he is weak and not able to fight them, they go and steal from his lodge.

I say, let us buy of the Crow (Beckworth) what is useful and good, but his whiskey we will not touch; let him take that away with him. I have spoken all I have to say, and if my brother wished to kill me for it, I am ready to die. I will go and sit with my fathers in the spirit land, where I shall soon point down to the last expiring fire of the Cheyennes, and when they inquire the cause of the decline of their people, I will tell them with a straight tongue that it was the firewater of the trader that put it out.

Porcupine Bear himself, however, was to become a victim of the trader's fire-water. According to Cheyenne tradition, following the slaying of the 48 Bowstring soldiers it was Porcupine Bear who, as chief of the Dog Soldiers, took the Cheyenne war pipe

and carried it around to the Cheyenne camps in order to gather a war party to seek vengeance against the Kiowas. One village that he went to on the South Platte River had just been sold a large amount of liquor by traders from Fort Laramie. While visiting in the lodge of some relatives and friends he joined the others in getting very drunk. He was in a corner singing Dog Soldier war songs, while his cousins became embroiled in a drunken fight. One of them Little Creek, was on top of the other, whose name was Around and was about to stab him when Around called for help. Porcupine Bear jumped to his feet and in a drunken rage wrested the knife from Little Creek and then stabbed him several times. He then made Around use the knife and help finish off Little Creek. This resulted in Porcupine Bear and the Cheyenne outlawed all of his relatives. The war pipe was taken away from him.

The only historical record we have of Porcupine Bear was at Fort Laramie treaty council in 1851. This was recorded by two newspapermen who covered the treaty for The Missouri Republican. At the start of the council a war party of young Cheyenne killed and scalped two young Snake Indians, whose tribe was also attending the council. The Commissioners in an effort to calm the potentially dangerous situation, Porcupine Bear was the first to rise to his feet and make a speech. He addressed himself principally to his young men. Urging them to treat the Snake as friends, to smoke with them, take them by the hand and give them present. He urged the young men not to go to war or act without the permissions of the chiefs.

## May Fest Activities Are Rescheduled June 12-13

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has set the date for the postponed May Fest activities. Originally scheduled for May 1 and 2, the new dates for the arts & crafts show and team penning are June 12 and 13 at Recreation Park. This will be a busy week-end for Pampa and the surrounding area. The American Cancer Society is holding its' annual Relay for Life with a variety of activities, the City of Pampa is holding the largest softball tournament of the year and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is having fun activities for the entire family at Recreation Park.

The Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be held at the National Guard Armory on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Limited booth space is still available for rent by contacting the rodeo office at 669-0434.

The Third Annual Amateur Team Penning will begin at 10:00 A.M. with books opening at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 13 at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena. A Team Penning practice will be held on Saturday, June 12 at the arena and entries are \$10 for 3 runs. Anyone who has never seen a penning is encouraged to come watch these exciting events on either day. Sponsors of the team penning are North Country Coors and The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

Registration information for booths and the team penning can be obtained by contacting Jane Jacobs at (806)669-0434 or coming by the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard. Activity fees should accompany the completed registration forms to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, P. O. Box 659, Pampa, TX 79066-0659.

The WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo and Horse Auction was held on May 2 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Over \$500 was raised during the Horse Auction which featured Pokey the Clown's "Custom Designed" stick horses. Several Panhandle area teams qualified to participate in the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo World Championship Finals to be held in Amarillo in November. Teams from Sinclair Cattle Company, Panhandle, Sinclair Cattle Company (Junior Division Team), Panhandle, Anchor M Ranch, Dumas, and The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association Team, Pampa won in their respective divisions and will compete in the World Championship Finals.

For more information or to register for any of the above events, please contact the rodeo office at (806)669-0434.



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