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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

Annual Chamber Banquet Is Saturday, Feb. 25



Outstanding Individual Awards To Be Presented

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, February 25, 2011, at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center. Tickets are now on sale at H. & H Tire or Wheeler Vet Clinic at a cost of \$15.00 each. Individuals to contact are Chad Helton, 334-0558; or Matt Sullivan, 580/799-1853.

Annual Banquet February 25

Wheeler Chamber Asks For Your Help In Selecting Individuals

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is once again taking nominations for the five outstanding individuals who will be recognized at the annual 2012 Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet. The banquet will be Saturday, February 25, 2012.

To be recognized are the Woman, Man, Employee, Teenager and Farmer/Rancher of the year and Pioneer Spirit Award.

Please make your ideas for the Woman, Man and Employee known and also list the reasons why the individual should receive the honor. The Teenager of the year is selected by the Wheeler

school faculty. The Farmer/Rancher award recipient is selected by the banks, Capital Farm Credit, Soil Conservation Dist and Agriculture Service Center.

Your nominations will be considered by the committee appointed to select the respective individuals to be named.

Each nomination is to be accompanied by a list of reasons for the nomination. The list will be used in determining the most deserving.

Nominations may be delivered to the office of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce or mailed to P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096. Nominations must be received by Friday, February 17, 2012.

The banquet is set for February 25, so your immediate attention is requested.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

The moisture received Sunday was much appreciated. The snow measured between 3" and 4" and the moisture content was 0.34".

— cwe —

We were fortunate in that it did not drift; this was not the case in the Briscoe area. Drifts were reported in that area with them having received around 5" of snow.

— cwe —

You have until Friday to get those nominations in for Wheeler's Outstanding Man, Woman and Employee. Recognition will be Saturday, February 25, at the annual Chamber Banquet.

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Be sure to make arrangements to attend this annual event.

— cwe —

Filing is also open for places on the local school boards, hospital board and city council. It is often a thankless job, so if you are happy with the job, that is being done, encourage those serving to continue.

— cwe —

A fund has been set up to help one of our Mustangs to participate in the Down Under Bowl in Australia. You can help this fine young man achieve this once in a lifetime opportunity with a donation. Congratulations, Trevor!

— cwe —

We made it to OKC Thursday, because it was threatening snow. But we almost didn't make it home Sunday because of the snow. The road began getting packed with snow about Sayre and was really bad by the time we got to Shamrock. The trip on into Wheeler was still icy, but a little better road conditions.

— cwe —

Ronal, Monica and Ian came to OKC on Friday evening and headed for home a short time before.

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,
Second Grade Student
January 16, 2012.

Dear Friends, Valentine's Day is so fun! We have a party at school and eat candy! In art class I finished the bowl for my dad and I made a beautiful Valentine for my mom. I love all my friends and family and pets.

On Monday, it was so exciting! I got home and there was a big red envelope. "I was thinking maybe it said, 'for Stormie'." Yes! It was a Valentine card from my sister, Mimba! (Melinda Fisher). It had stickers! Mimba knows I love stickers.

I've been looking for the moon every day so I can write in my moon journal. Some nights are cloudy and I can't check the moon. One day I saw the moon in the daytime. Now the moon is getting smaller again.

February is Black History Month. We study about Langston Hughes. His grandmother told him stories. He wrote poems about the people in the stories. Sometimes he wrote stories and even books for kids.

We learned about the first black astronaut. His name is Guion Bluford. He went to space in the space shuttle Challenger, but he didn't go to the moon.

In math we have a challenge problem. It is counting money at the movie theatre. I love that 'cause my parents really take me to the movie and I get to spend money on tickets and snacks. It's a little bit hard to count the money, but I love it anyway.

Someday I hope I can come home to Wheeler, I very-very miss you guys. That's it.

NEW RESIDENTS: A new family moved into Wheeler Monday. The chose the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Eleventh Street for their temporary home. The 3"-4" snow provided the materials for this bit of sculpture by some of our young people, who had the day off from school. It was a prescheduled vacation day for Wheeler I.S.D.

Wheeler Athlete Set To Play Down Under

by SARA SALAZAR
STAR-NEWS Reporter

Trevor Marshall, a 2012 senior at Wheeler High School, has played football all over the Texas Panhandle for the last four years.

This summer, he will be experiencing his love for football in a different setting.

Marshall has been selected to play on the Lone Star State's team in the 2012 Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia.

It is the largest American Football Championship Tournament held outside the United States. The Texas team will battle teams from other states, as well as New Zealand and Australia.

"I am very honored to even be considered for this," Marshall said. "I love football, and I am very excited about getting to put the old pads on again."

Trevor will be in Australia for nine days exploring Sydney, practicing, competing, and sight-seeing on the Gold Coast of Australia.

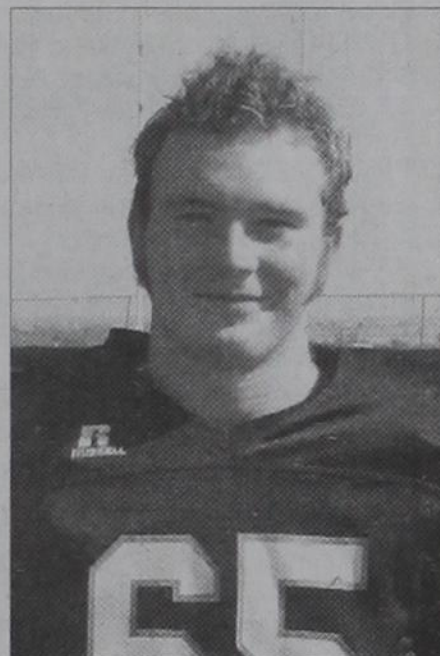
In addition to playing in the Down Under Bowl, Trevor will end his trip on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, where he will be able to visit Pearl Harbor, go parasailing, experience the Polynesian culture, and partake in many other amazing opportunities.

Being the only athlete from Wheeler County playing in the Down Under Bowl, Marshall is very excited about getting to at-

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum

Black History Month Celebrated With Exhibit

Henry Ossian Flipper was born a slave on March 21, 1856, in Thomasville, Georgia. He began his education in a woodshed where an old slave taught him the alphabet. After the Civil War, his father, a skilled shoemaker and carriage trimmer, prospered and hired the wife of a former Confederate captain to tutor Henry and his other three sons. In the fall of



Trevor Marshall

tend. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said. "I just couldn't pass it up."

Over the next few months, Trevor will be holding fundraising events to help reach his goal of \$5,000.

A bank account has been set up at the Wheeler Banking Center for anyone who would like to help send Trevor Down Under.

You may mail your monetary donation to the Trevor Marshall fund at P.O. Box 1040, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

Trevor is the 18-year-old son of Melissa Carr and Mack and Crystal Marshall of Wheeler.

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FIRST STATE BANK DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED: Jim Hill (left) is shown receiving a watch and clock for his service as a Director of First State Bank of Mobeetie from January 1995 to January 2012. The Stockholders, Directors, and Employees appreciate Jim's meeting his responsibility in overseeing the conduct of First State Banks business. Randy McCurley, bank president, made the presentation. During Jim's tenure at First State Bank the role of Director has grown in importance and complexity and Jim's practical guidance ensured the Bank followed sound practices. Jim Hill was one of seven Directors including Beth Alvey, David Hefley, Larry Finsterwald, Randy McCurley, Dean Tipps, and Joe VanZandt.

Parkview Hospital Board Minutes

Dr. Lavelle Given Eviction Notice

JANUARY 16, 2012

Chairman Thomas Helton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Parkview Hospital.

Present were: T h o m a s Helton, Chairman; Dale Garner, Vice Chairman; James Batton; Sheryl Lane, Secretary. Also present: Ann Fagan Cook, RN, BSN, CEO and Sue Stiles, RN, BSN, CNO. Absent: Pam Hibler.

Dale Garner made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Batton seconded the motion. There was some discussion regarding some bills. Question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Ann Fagan Cook presented the investment report. We have a CD that matures in February 2012. James Batton made a motion to take the proceeds and put them into an interest-bearing account at the bank with the highest interest rate.

Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Bad debt write-offs were presented. Dale Garner made a motion to approve, Sheryl Lane seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Charity write-offs were presented. James Batton made a motion seconded by Dale Garner to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented the QAPI minutes and scorecards. James Batton made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Sheryl Lane seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook stated that the Uncompensated Trauma Care Application is due on February 14,

Filing Opened Feb. 6

City Election Set; Filing Opens Feb. 6

The City of Wheeler will be holding an election to fill the terms of 2 Council Members and Mayor. The May 12th election will fill two full term council positions; Place 2 currently being held by Stacy McCasland, and Place 4 currently being held by Don Rose. The position of Mayor, currently being held by Bob McCain, will also be on the ballot.

The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 6, 2012 and the deadline for filing is March 5, 2012. Applications for a place on the ballot may be obtained at the City office located at 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Bob McCain has filed to have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate for Mayor.

Filing Opened Feb. 6

Two Positions On Wheeler I.S.D. Bd.

The first day to apply for a place on the Wheeler ISD trustee ballot is February 6, 2012. The filing deadline is Monday, March 5, 2012. Applications may be obtained at the Wheeler ISD Business office, #1 Mustang Drive, Monday thru Friday 8 to 4. The May 12th election will fill two full term positions, Place 4 currently being held by Dr. LeeAnn Hillhouse and Place 5 currently being held by Mr. James Masters.

Hillhouse and Masters have both filed to have their names on the ballot for re-election.

2012. James Batton made a motion to approve the application was presented. Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Helton called for any old business. Sheryl Lane asked if Dr. Lavelle had paid the monies due the hospital for rent and medical supplies. Ms. Fagan Cook stated that this has not occurred and that he is seven months past due. Mrs. Lane stated that since this is illegal under federal law she would make a motion to issue an immediate notice to Dr. Lavelle for eviction from his office on 9th Street. Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. There was no new business and the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Comm. Court Is Held Monday, February 13

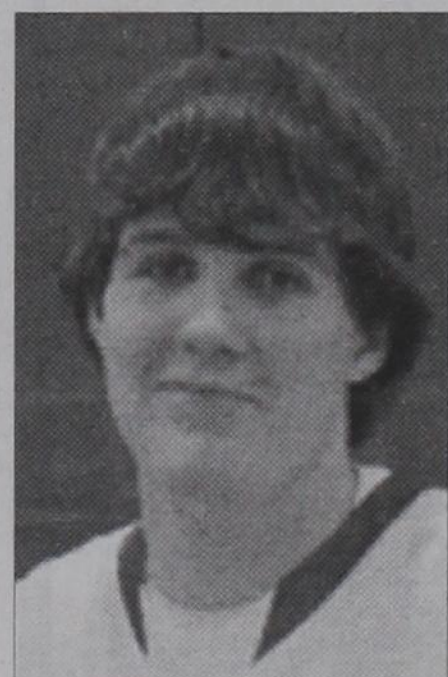
The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 402 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. action was taken on 23 items on the agenda.

Minutes of previous meetings were accepted as presented.

The monthly reports from Jus-

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Student Athlete Of The Week

Jared Messer, a graduate of Wheeler was named Student Athlete of the Week by Oklahoma Panhandle State University. This honor is based upon leadership, academic accomplishment, athletic performance and citizen-ship. Jared, a 6' 5" sophomore from Wheeler, TX has led his basketball team several times this season in scoring and rebounding. Not only does he put up the numbers on the hardwood, this mathematics major has been named to the President's or Dean's Honor Roll every semester he has been at OPSU. Jared has been selected for the Alpha Chi National Honor Society for the second year in a row. This ceremony will be held on the OPSU campus on April 22, 2012. Proud parents are James and Ann Porter, & brother, Ryan Porter. Many proud Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins in Indiana.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Is Underway

Girl Scout Cookies are now on sale. The sale started January and will continue thru March 1. \$3.50 per box, the customer has a choice of eight different kinds.

Notice Of Election Precinct. Changes

Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Wheeler County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 15 day of February, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Wheeler County, Texas.

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AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RE-CINTOS

De conformidad con § 42.035, Codigo Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Wheeler, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificacion de cambios en los limites del Condado de politica adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el dia 1 de febrero, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribucion de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitucion de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC § 1973, tambien conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicacion de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron disenados para lograr un equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Wheeler, Texas.

Methodist Women To Hold Bible Study Wed.

If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat.

United Methodist Women's Bible Study started Wednesday, February 8 at noon, and is to continue every Wednesday at noon for about 6 weeks. (Books will be provided; lunch will not be provided, but you can bring your own.)

Pam Gary will be leading this study and asks that if you are interested, please call the church office at 826-3114. UMW looks forward to seeing you there.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By Melba Corcoran

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum Celebrates Black History Month with a Lt. Henry O. Flipper and Others Exhibit

The Old Mobeetie Jail will celebrate Black History Month with a pictorial display of Lt. Henry O. Flipper, West Point's First Black Graduate and America's First Black Officer, who was stationed at Fort Elliott, TX., in 1879.

Those working at the museum on Monday were Maurita Stribling, Suzanne Lohberger, Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran. No one worked Tuesday due to the snow. Suzanne Lohberger, Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran worked Wednesday through Friday. Saturday, Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan, Gena Seitz and Melba Corcoran worked. Maurita and Suzanne are working on identifying pictures. Melba and Louise are typing cards. We had several visitors at the museum this week.

The electricity was off nearly 3 hours on Tuesday. Sure cuts down on what you can do. Everything I started to do, I couldn't. At least, I can cook now...when we lived in town, I couldn't even do that. Back in the good old days, they carried on since they didn't count on the electricity as we do now. We have two old phones, so they will work, but the ones we use most of the time won't.

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association did not have their board meeting due to the weather. They will meet this Thursday at 6:30, if weather permits.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Pampa Thursday shopping. Friday Maurita Stribling went to Pampa to get her blood tested. She came back and went to work.

We were without electricity again Saturday. There had been a transformer at Wheeler that had blown. When Dale called they said there were about 900 without power. It was off about an hour. They got it back on quicker than they had told Dale.

Remember Keith Oliphant in your prayers. He was taken to the hospital in Amarillo this week. Keith was a volunteer at the museum until he came down with throat cancer. He is the son-in-law of George and Marie Kilcrease. A real nice guy. His implanted voice box has come out and he didn't

want it put back.

There have been lots of coughs and colds going around. There were several out of church sick Sunday morning. Get well soon, all.

John Collins of California got here to pick up Francis and take her home. She may be back later.

Points On Maintaining Weight Loss

What do successful weight-loss maintainers have to teach us?

Maintaining weight-loss can be very challenging. However it is not hopeless. About one in twenty individuals who lose weight will keep the weight off. Ever wonder why some who 'diet' are successful while others are not? What is their secret?

The National Weight Control Registry is a database of over 6,000 successful weight-loss maintainers. Researchers use the Registry to see if there are commonalities among the participants that can help us better understand weight loss.

According to the National Weight Control Registry successful weight-loss maintainers: get plenty of physical activity, limit sedentary activities such as television watching, have a consistent eating plan, consume breakfast and monitor their weight.

Weight-loss maintainers get at least 200 minutes a week of moderate intensity exercise such as walking or swimming. They also limit television viewing to about 10 hours a week. "Another trait of weight-loss maintainers is consistency; they do not 'splurge' because it's the weekend, a holiday or because they are eating out," said Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist and Registered Dietitian with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Sometimes when people want to lose weight they will stop eating breakfast.

However, we know from the Registry that weight-loss maintainers eat breakfast daily. Also they monitor their weight by weighing themselves weekly and tracking their food intake daily.

Weight loss is not easy, said Robinson, but incorporating these positive lifestyle behaviors will increase the odds of being a success.

For information about free or low cost nutrition classes in your area contact your local Family and Consumer Sciences County Extension Agent.

She needs to help file their income tax and other business. He left warm weather to get here in this cold spell.

The First Baptist Church postponed their Valentine Banquet that was to be held Sunday night due to the cold and snow. It will be held next Sunday night.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's Office from February 6, 2012 - February 10, 2012.

FEBRUARY 6, 2012
QCD-Richard B. Beard, et ux to Richard B. Beard Living Trust, 1-25-12, Lots 7-10, Blk. 57 & Lots 10-11, Blk. 46 & Lots 4 & 5 Blk. 52, Benonine.
ROY/MD-Richard B. Beard, et ux to Richard B. Beard Living Trust, 1-25-12, SE/4 Sec. 63, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.-A. C. Smith (Trustee) to

Parkview Artery Valentine's Day Resolution: Take Care of your Heart

Aah, Valentine's Day. What a great holiday. Did you know that the origin of this holiday is not really known? There are lots of suggestions by historians...but no one really knows for sure. Try doing a web search for 'the history of Valentine's Day' and you will see. Yet, it is such a popular holiday. A chance to celebrate and be grateful for the love that we have in our lives is truly special!

So what are your plans? A romantic dinner? Flowers? Popping the question? It's all so exciting, isn't it?

Here's an idea: why not take care of your real, blood pumping, heart and appreciate it on this wonderful day? For without it, we would not be enjoying this or any other day! Or better yet, why not get together with your honey and make a plan to make sure that both of you are in good health to celebrate many more Valentine's Days?

The American Heart Association celebrates the whole of February as Heart Health Month. During February, the organization strives to educate people about how to stay well and keep their hearts in shape. They challenge people to address general wellness factors and give them ideas on how to do it. In general, they urge awareness of how to recognize heart problems and strokes, what to do if you have symptoms, how to assess personal risk factors, get regular medical checkups, regular exercise, healthy eating habits and no smoking.

Ok. We all know we should exercise, eat "right", have regular medical checks and lower stress levels. Let's look at some of the current dietary and exercise recommendations specifically aimed at maintaining a healthy heart. After all, the more research the medical folks do, the more they change what the "right" things to do are!

Exercise is pretty simple: at least 30 minutes of moderately rigorous exercise most or all days of the week.

Interestingly, the type of exercise makes little difference in terms of heart health. Weight training has proven to be heart healthy as well as more aerobic activities. No matter what you enjoy, just stay moving!!!

Diet is not so simple. Some of the newer recommendations include:

Eat LOTS of vegetables, some fruit, whole grains and lean protein. Add Omega-3 fats, which come from fish oil, nuts, seeds and some oils. Eat much less processed foods because they contain trans fats which are more harmful to the heart than saturated fats! Fry food much less often. Frying food changes the structure of fat molecules (trans fats) and degrades protein. The heart needs B-vitamins to keep it healthy. Processed grains (white flour, rice, etc) lose 60-90% of the vitamins in processing. Eat brown and unprocessed where possible. Keep desserts and sweets to a minimum. Add a multivitamin, just to make sure to get necessary nutrients (especially B vitamins).

Wellness Issues:
Learn to cope with stress, communicate better, manage anger etc. Repressed emotions are terrible for the heart as well as overall health (and cause relationship problems too) Stop smoking. Control alcohol intake. Be aware of direct relatives who have had heart disease or Type 2 diabetes (a risk factor for heart attacks) If you have Type 2 diabetes, follow your physician's instructions! Keep your body fat at normal levels.

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So, this Valentine's Day, like every day, take care of your heart so it will take care of you!

Mobeetie had about 3 to 4 inches of snow.

Harry and Ty Sims got home from Arizona over the weekend. Glad they made it home safely. Harry had pickup trouble coming home; the pickup's overdrive went out and he had to drive slower coming in.

Bison Development Company, et al, 10-5-11, See Instrument.
MERGER-HEP Oil Company Ltd., et al to Silver Creek Resources LLC, 1-25-12, Any Interest in Wheeler County.
CORR. ASSIGN. CONVEY.-

Beaumont S. Boyce to Bennett Masterson Limited Partnership, 1-18-12, Sec. 12, Camp County School Land & Sec. 14, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

CORR. ASSIGN. CONVEY.-John K. Boyce III to Bennett Masterson Limited Partnership, 1-18-12, Sec. 12, Camp County School Land & Sec. 14, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROY. QCD-Calvin D. Hadorn, et ux to Calvin D. Hadorn and Margie D. Hadorn Family Trust, 2-2-12, Sec. 32, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

A. of JUDG.-State of Texas to Doris Ann Taylor-Mann, et al, 2-3-12.
RDT-Wells Fargo Bank National Association to Carl R. Walker, et ux, 1-27-12, See Instrument.

CERTIFICATE-Aroc Inc. to Aroc LLC, 12-15-11.
CERTIFICATE-Aroc Inc. to Aroc LLC, et al, 12-15-11.

CERTIFICATE-LRI Acquisition Inc., et al to Germany Oil Company, et al, 12-15-11.

CERTIFICATE-Alliance Resources Group Inc. to Alliance Resources Group Inc., 12-15-11.
OVERRIDE. ROYALTY ASSIGN.-

Northern Bay Energy LLC to Texoil Energy Inc., 1-30-12, See Instrument.
ASSIGN.-Devon Energy Production Company LP to William A. Gruy, 1-30-12, Sec. 17, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

DEED-Robert M. Wendel to Robert M. Wendel Living Trust, 1-23-12, NW/4 Sec. 41, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FIFTH MODIFICATION DT-Mark Eugene West to Sovereign Bank, 1-30-12, See Instrument.
PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 2-2-12, NW/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 2-2-12, E/2 Sec. 17, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Cinnamon Resources, et al, 2-1-12, Sec 51, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 2-2-12, Sec. 51, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Jill Burke, et al, 2-1-12, E/2 Sec. 58, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Don H. Nelson, et al, 2-2-12, Sec. 58, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OVERRIDE. ROYALTY ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Donohue Properties LLC, 2-1-12, Sec. 33, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Don H. Nelson, et al, 2-2-12, Sec. 33, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN.-Chesapeake Exploration LLC to Jamestown Resources LLC, 1-30-12, Sec. 42, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-MAP2003-NET to Apache Corporation, 1-24-12, S/2 NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 55, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FIRST SUPPL. DT-Jamestown Resources LLC to EIG Management Company LLC, 1-23-12, See Instrument.

FEBRUARY 7, 2012
C/C PROBATE-C. Rufus Gaut to Ex Parte, 8-23-11.
EXECUTRIX ASSIGN. CONVEY. BS-C. Rufus Gaut (Estate) to Gaut Marital Trust, 8-23-11, See Instrument.

QCD-Laurie Daine Henley to Ray Hudson, 12-23-11, Lots 16-18, Blk. 117, New Mobeetie.
A. of JUDG.-Lee's Refrigeration to Kevin Kimbro, 2-2-12.

FEBRUARY 8, 2012
ROW-Marilyn K. Kennedy Family Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-26-12, S 100 acs. NW/4 & S/2 NE/4 Sec. 5, AB&M Survey.

DT-Lone Star Roadhouse LLC to National Bank of Commerce, 2-3-12, 12.4 acs. SW/4 Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN.-Chesapeake Exploration LLC to Arcadia Resources LP, 1-23-12, Sec. 4, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-J B Franklin Corporation to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-4-12, Sec. 8, Camp County School Land.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Bison Development Company to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-4-12, Sec. 8, Camp County School Land.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Curtis Family Trust to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-3-12, Sec. 8, Camp County School Land.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Link-Can Corporation to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-25-12, Sec. 8, Camp



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County School Land.
WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-W. P. Buckthal to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-3-12, Sec. 8, Camp County School Land.
EXECUTRIX ROW-Erskin Grayson (Estate) et al to Chesapeake Midstream Gas Services LLC, 12-22-11, Pt. SW/4 SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ROW-Elmore Family Trust, et al to Chesapeake Midstream Gas Services LLC, 11-9-11, Pt. S/2 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

EXECUTORS DEED-Gary Don Burton, et al to Dan Sams, et ux, 2-7-12, Lot 12, Blk. 1, Parklane Estates, Wheeler.
CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Robert Brickey, et al, 2-8-12, NE/4 Lot 4, Blk. M-4, NE/4 Addition, Wheeler Cemetery.

DVL-Roger David Bradstreet, et ux to Bobby McNeil, 2-8-12, 100' x 150' Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-Bobby McNeil to Security State Bank, 2-8-12, 100' x 150' Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District to Ronald Wayne Robinson Jr., et ux, 2-8-12, Pt. 10 acs. Sec. 6 Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

PARTIAL RDT-CitiMortgage to Ronald Wayne Robinson Jr., et ux, 1-3-12, Pt. Sec. 6 Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

AMENDED DT-Ronald Wayne Robinson Jr., et al to CitiMortgage, 1-3-12, Pt. Sec. 6 Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

D-Ronald Wayne Robinson Jr., et ux to Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District, 2-8-12, Pt. Sec. 6 Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

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POA-Arica Corcoran Lancaster to Earnest A. Lancaster, et al, 2-8-12.

POA-Aaron Lee Lancaster to Earnest Ray Lancaster, et al, 2-8-12.

ASSIGN.-Multi-Financial Investments LLC to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 2-1-12, SE/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.-Multi-Financial Investments LLC to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 2-1-12, NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MODIFICATION EXT. DT-Sanabi Oil Company, et al to Happy State Bank, et al, 1-17-12, SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROL-Michael W. Kimbrel Revocable Trust, et al to J. D. Hall, et al, 11-14-11, NW/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Sandy Hall-Behrens to Fairway 2003-I LLLP, 11-15-11, NW/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-HBW Trust to Fairway 2003-I

LLP, 11-15-11, NW/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
POA-Cimarex Energy Co. to Thomas F. McCoy, 10-11-11.
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DEED-Steven Wayne Bentley, et ux to Sandra K. Hatfield, 2-6-12, W 125' S 100' Lot 2, Blk. LXV, Shamrock.
RDT-Sandra Hatfield to April Sarah Ruiz, 2-6-12, W 40' Lots 13-16, Blk. 4, Shamrock.

RELEASE A. of JUDGMENT-Morrison Supply Company LLC to Marshall's Heating & Air Conditioning, 2-7-12.

ASSIGN.-Teel Curtis to Suzanne Curtis, 2-8-12, Sec. 8, Camp County School Land.

OL-Cecil Joel Hess to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 1-19-12, SW/4 Sec. 39, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXECUTORS ASSIGN.-A. C. Smith (Estate) to Texilvania Ltd., 2-3-12, Sec. 3, Blk. C, S. R. Cooper Survey and Sec. 2, Blk. C, E. Montgomery Survey.

EXECUTRIX RATIF. OL-Vena Clemens Richardson (Estate) to Apache Corporation, 12-6-11, S/2 & W 220 acs. N/2 Sec. 19, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CORR. OL-J. L. Whitaker Trust to Apache Corporation, 1-30-12, W 2 & NE/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TRUST MEMORANDUM-Karla Beth Head (Trustee) to L. E. Stahl and Bernice B. Stahl Trust, 2-8-12, Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

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ROW-Lott Family Limited Partnership to Oneok NGL Pipeline LLC, 1-31-12, See Instrument.

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fore we did Sunday about 12:00 noon.
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The sun eliminated the snow on the roads by noon Monday.
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By Roland Miles

FACT OR FICTION?

"Rattlesnakes travel in pairs." I never really believed they did and still think it's rare, but I've actually seen it one time in my life. A friend and I were down south of Memphis (Texas, of course) on a tall bluff overlooking Red River, trying to make up our minds about how to route a motorcycle race. As we were looking around, he saw a rattlesnake crawling along the road next to the fence line. About two or three feet behind, there was another one. Shortly after that they both disappeared into the pasture. I've never seen that happen since.

"Horned toads will squirt

blood in your eye." That's a fact. I'm not sure if it's really blood, or just looks like it. I've seen it happen twice. "If you pick up a skunk by the tail, it can't spray you." That may be sort-of a backdoor fact. By the time you finally get that rascal caught by the tail and picked up, it will probably have emptied its whole bladder on you anyway. "Just hang a garlic clove on a string around your neck, and you won't get sick." This could actually contribute to getting less contagious diseases. People who don't have to get close to you, won't. Consequently, you'll not be exposed to

their ailments. "There's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." I've got to tag this one fiction. No matter how far or fast you walk, it always disappears before you get there! "Cats have nine lives." I can't say for sure about this one. Having nine lives doesn't seem to help much, because they have a bad habit of spending them all at the same time. "Split a crow's tongue, and it'll talk." A guy I worked with told me he did that very thing once, and sure enough, the crow talked. I asked him what it said, and he told me "It said, 'Dang that hurt!'" "Having a rabbit's foot with you brings

good luck." Guess that depends on if you're the rabbit or not. "Friday the thirteenth is unlucky." Seems that every year has at least one, and some years, as many as three. At my age, I must have gone through a hundred or more, and here I am. Kind-of hard for me to believe they're very unlucky. "Plant Irish potatoes on St. Patrick's Day." I've known a few people who made it a special point to stick with that day to do just that. Personally, I'm just too much of a wimp to get out and do it if the weather's bad. Guess you could call me, "a fair weather gardener."

"If you see a hog runnin' around with a stick in its mouth, the weather's fixin' to change." Maybe I could get a government grant to study this phenomenon. Could be, after all these years, it would either prove my Grandma, right or wrong.

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

Howdy, howdy! Hope all is well; I am doing all right...many sweet people here!

We welcome new residents at Wheeler Care Center; one is Garth Carter and others are Jake Windborn and Don Biggers. Roma and Dollie Brown, formerly from Allison, are also here. Hope I got them right. Good to have them here. God bless you all! Fine people! (Nice to have a little visit Thursday from the former Bea Ogle, a past neighbor, who thought her mother-in-law was planning to move to Wheeler Care Center right away. Hope all is for the best. God bless you all.

We did get some very beautiful, bountiful snow Sunday, February 12. Sunday p.m. church was called off at Wheeler Baptist because of beautiful snow; heard we got about 4 inches of beautiful snow. Thank you!

Thanks for a nice visit Friday from Doris Finsterwald.

Expecting the Country Band to come Tuesday night, Feb. 14, at 6:30 to play and sing. Everyone always welcome!

Congratulations, grandson Dallas, on being honored as Fireman of the Year of 2012 at Windthorst.

Thanks, Ed and Laurel Hershman, for the good watermelon they brought back from Amarillo one day. Hershman's know how I love watermelon and have brought me many through the years. Many thanks! And, many thanks, Sue Chandler for your help with news and goodies. I love your cookies, too!

Thanks, Lindsey, for the beautiful pictures of the wedding with several family members involved. May God bless you all and give you many great years together!

Mel's Diner. Had a good visit with them and delicious food as well. Opal and Juanita went by the Wheeler Care Center and Rehab and said Hi to Uncle Roma and Aunt Billy June Brown. V&S so good to see Robert and Bonnie!!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!!!

Suppose to be a beautiful day on this valentine's day. Hope ya'll all have a great one.

God Bless and keep ya'll till next time.

Food Check-Out Week

You Can Stretch Your Grocery Dollars and Eat Healthy, Too

Concern about the cost of a healthy diet being out of reach remains on the minds of many Americans as the nation continues to work through serious economic woes. However, according to an Agriculture Department study, the cost of eating healthy hasn't changed as much as some less-healthy alternatives. Eating healthy food while on a budget does require strategic shopping.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 19-25, 2012, focuses on helping Americans learn how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food. America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, healthy and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget.

The good news is that a recent USDA report favorably supports the economics of healthier eating. Recent food price data show that prices for unprepared, readily available fresh fruits and vegetables have remained stable relative to dessert and snack foods, such as chips, ice cream and cola. Therefore, as defined by foods in the study, the price of a "healthier" diet has not changed compared to an "unhealthy" diet.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is aimed at helping American consumers learn how to shop strategically to put nutritious meals on the table with fewer dollars. "Learning to use your grocery dollars wisely helps ensure that nutrition isn't neglected," according to Ike Finsterwald, president of Wheeler County Farm Bureau.

"Fruits and vegetables — along with whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs and nuts — are an important part of a healthy diet. Buying fresh produce when it's in season and costs less, while buying frozen fruits and vegetables when they're

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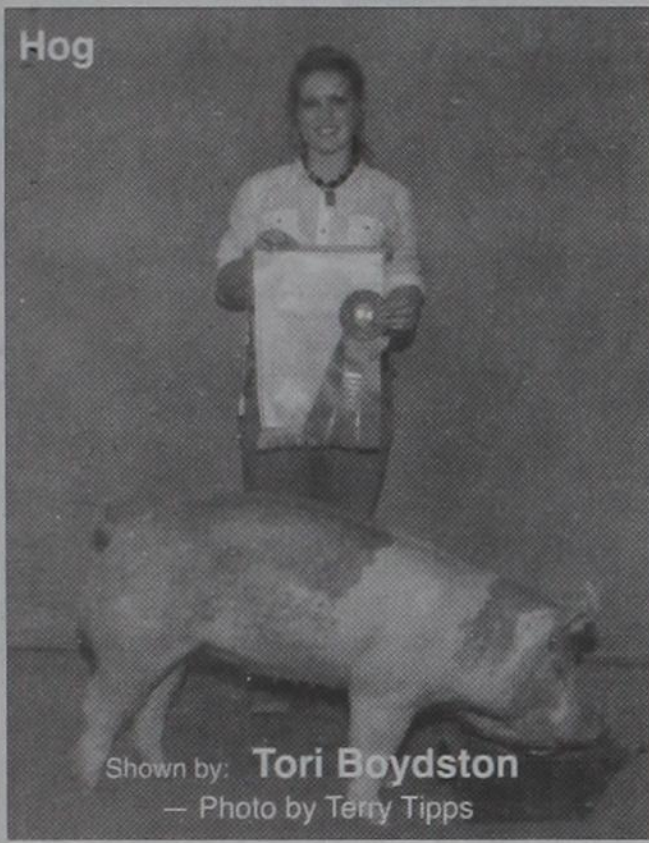
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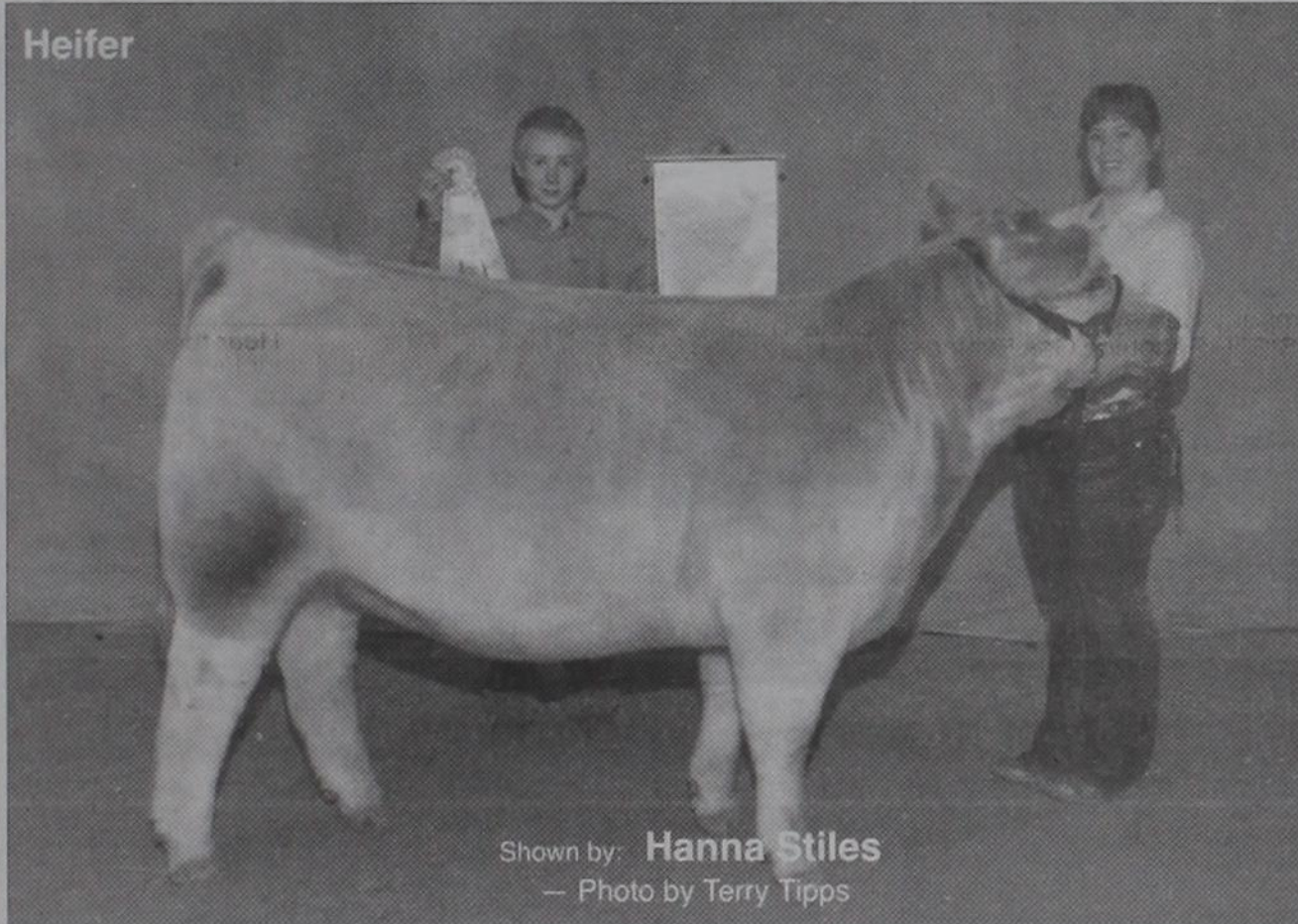
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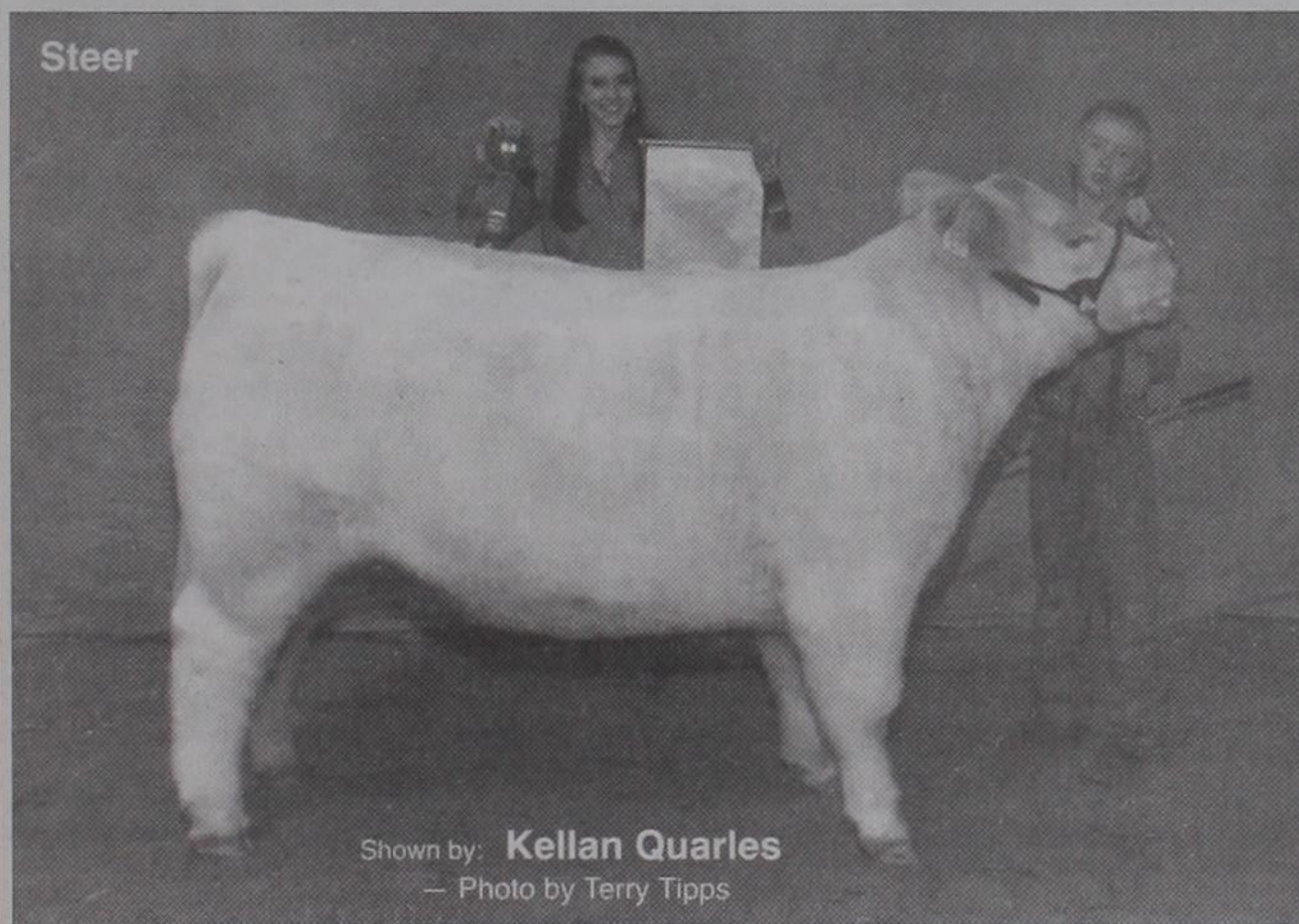
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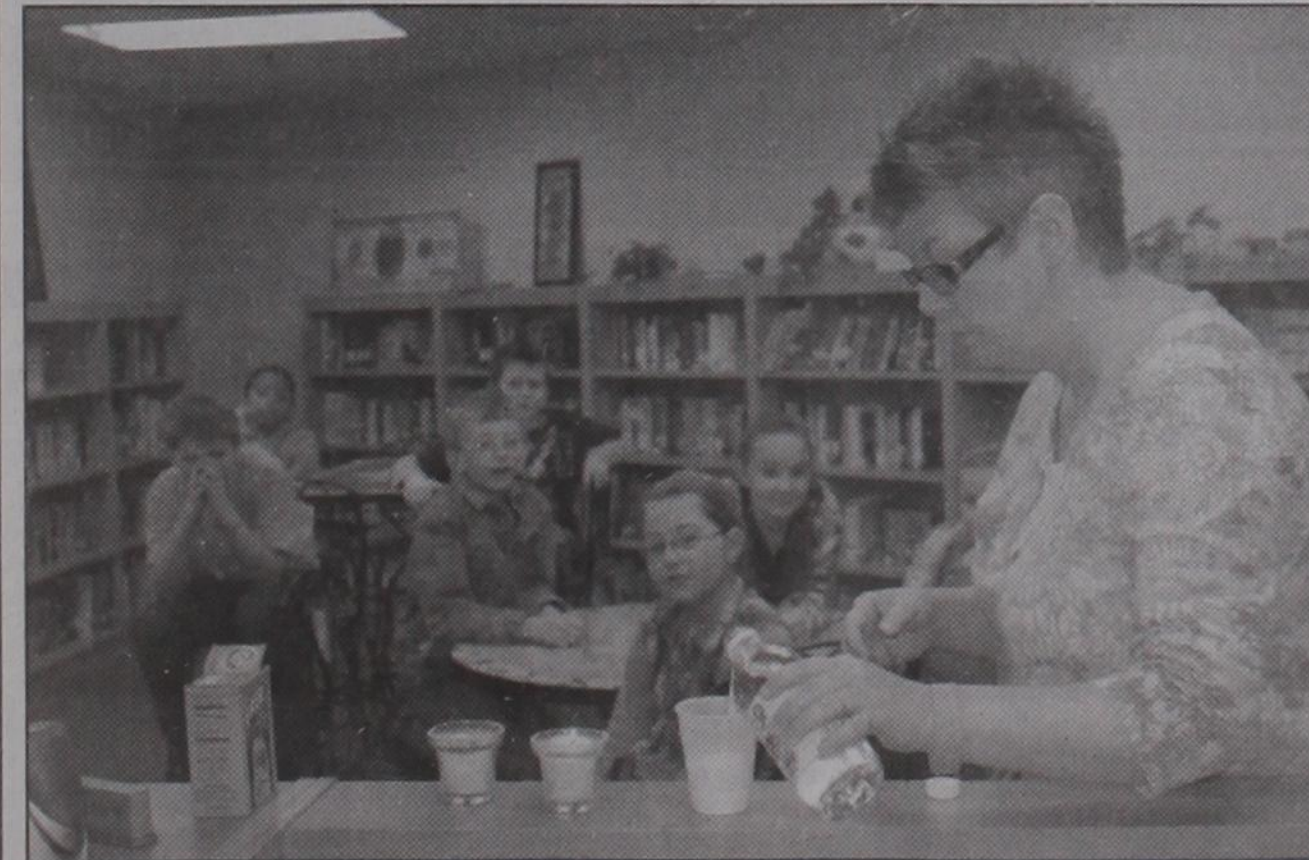
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LEARNING: Students in Mrs. Watson's library class at Kelton read "Thunder Cake." Students learned about baking soda being used as a leavening agent. Mrs. Watson mixed vinegar and soda then hovered over the burning candle and it blew out.

ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:1 - 14

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful, kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 17

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 118:1

The weather in Allison, Texas on this Tuesday morning is COLD, foggy, but the wind isn't blowing at this time. Allison received at least three inches of snow, this reporter thought more, but won't argue with those who know. I do know that the wind was blowing while it was snowing and there was drifting of the snow, the reason I know so well is that it piled up in our front yard and is still there. Praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy to us. He is our provider and protector and our all in all. Praise be to Jesus!!

Vance Boydston still needs our prayers!! He had surgery on his back for his bone marrow and is suppose to have another surgery soon. So he needs our prayers!! Pray they will figure out why his body isn't making blood and can hopefully do something about it. I know we serve a God that can do all things, there is nothing impossible thru him. If it be his will, he can help his body to make blood again. Praise God!! We are believing for that to happen and his body to be healed completely.

Louise Boydston visited her mother, Pearl Harrison in the Elk City Nursing Home on Friday. Louise came back by Reydon, Oklahoma where she met with Opal and Juanita Boydston where they enjoyed a very delicious meal. The Reydon women served chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, and broccoli with cheese and a roll, with banana pudding for dessert. Very good indeed. Had a good time visiting. Others from Allison, Texas were there as well. Lester and Clydene Hall and family and Virginia Puryear. Bob and Mary Cornell, Pat Helton and if I missed any please forgive me.

Robert and Bonnie Casas of Amarillo, Texas visited Roma and Billy June Brown in the Wheeler Care Center and Rehab. Opal and Juanita Boydston were in Wheeler, Texas on business and so they met with Robert and Bonnie and took them to eat at

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The purpose of this meeting is to present the criteria and process used to evaluate the highway projects, the findings for the non-highway modes, and to solicit comments and input to aid in the further development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and handouts about the status and results of the study. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

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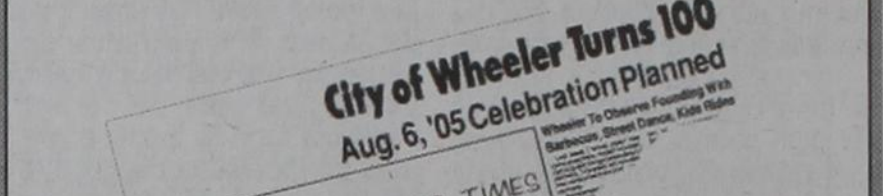
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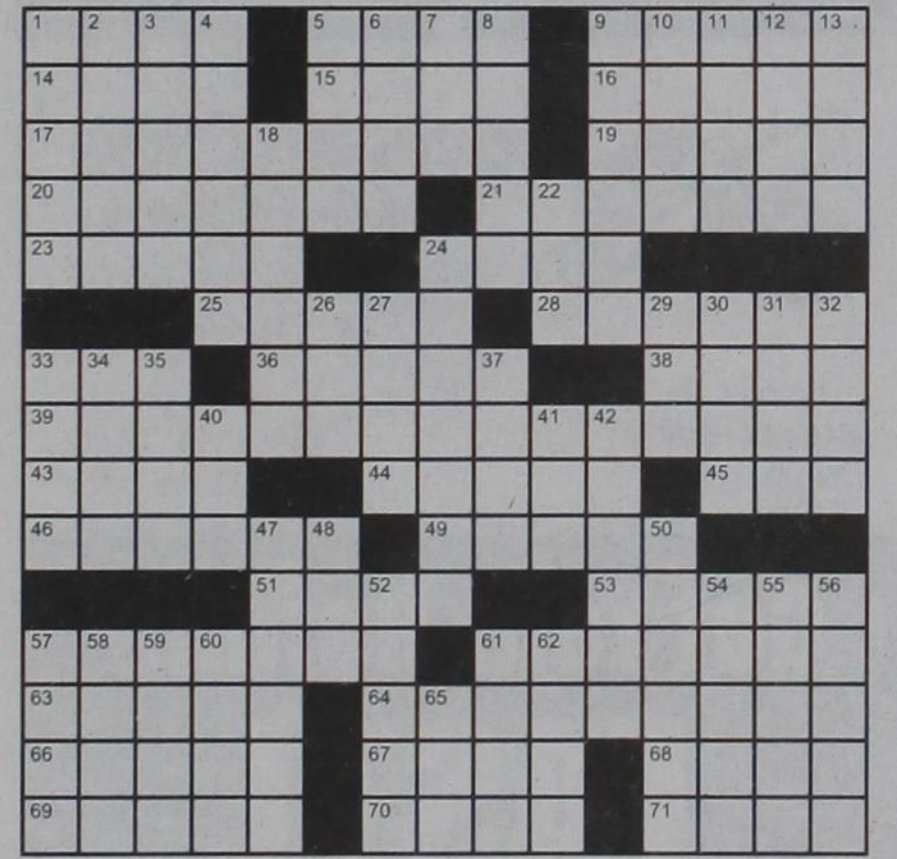
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50 YEARS AGO

... the editor remembers!
January 25, 1962
Sechrist And McCasland Obtain Top Honors
There are three extremely happy Wheeler people spending the week in Amarillo at the Fat Stock Show. Richard Sechrist and

Terry McCasland, 4-H members, and their sponsor, Bryan Swain... as sweet history is being made for Wheeler County! Never before has Wheeler County been able to boast of both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion honors at the Amarillo Show.
Richard Sechrist and Terry McCasland walked away with the top four awards at the Junior Steer Show. Their animals were competing against 250 entries from

throughout the golden Spread. The grand champion steer for the entire show was "Poncho", exhibited by Richard Sechrist, who had earlier won the champion banner in the Hereford classes. Poncho, a medium-weight Hereford, was bred by C. J. VanZandt.
"Blackie", exhibited by Terry McCasland, received the reserve championship as well as the champion banner of the Angus steer entries. Blackie was also one of a pen of two Angus steers that placed first in their division. Blackie was bred by Earl McGarrough of Perryton and Terry's other steer was bred by Gordon Stiles.
These two 4-H Club youths have been hitting pay dirt in calf shows all over the state with their calves. (Continued Page 6)



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Black

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white cadets who from time to time harassed and mistreated him. When Flipper was handed his diploma, he received a standing ovation from his classmates and the spectators for his four years of dedication and courage. Major General John Schofield, West Point's Superintendent, gave a tribute to Flipper's bravery against isolation and exclusion by his classmates. He stated, "No white cadet had ever been burdened with the hope of an entire race on his shoulders. Anyone knows how quietly and bravely this young man—the first of his despised race to graduate from West Point—has borne the difficulties of his position; how for four years he has had to stand apart from his classmates as one with them but not of them...." Henry O. Flipper became the first black officer in the United States Military Service.
Flipper was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to frontier duty with the all-black Tenth United States Cavalry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma (Indian Territory). The Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry became known as "Buffalo Soldiers." They fought Apache and Comanche warriors and policed rustlers and outlaws. Buffalo Soldiers built new roads and telegraph lines and protected stagecoaches. Perhaps the Plains Indians dubbed them "buffalo soldiers" because their hair seemed similar to a buffalo's or it may have been a term of respect, since the buffalo played an integral role in the life of the Plains Indians.
Flipper became a close friend

of his troop commander, Captain Nicholas Nolan, an Irishman, who took the young Lieutenant under his wing. When Nolan married, he brought his new bride and her sister back to live on the post. After Captain and Mrs. Nolan insisted that Lt. Flipper board with the Nolan family, Flipper discharged his cook and moved in with the Nolan's. He and Miss Mollie Dwyer eventually became close friends and often went riding together.
In early 1879, Troop A was ordered to Fort Elliott, Texas, where Captain Nolan was made the commanding officer. He appointed Lieutenant Flipper to be his adjutant, which was the ranking officer on the Commanding Officer's staff. In addition to his adjutant duties, Flipper found time to map and survey the post and to help build a telegraph line from Fort Elliott to Fort Supply. Flipper



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

was included in all the social affairs at Fort Elliott. He usually declined invitations to picnics and dances, preferring instead to spend his leisure time riding with Mollie Dwyer. On Sundays, Lt. Flipper and Mollie joined other officers and their ladies chasing coyotes and jackrabbits on the plains. It was great sport, something like fox chasing in England.
Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper made many contributions to the forts at which he was stationed with his engineering skills that improved frontier life. The forts at which he served included Fort Sill, Fort Elliott, Fort Concho and Fort Davis. He has been honored with

a permanent display and a statue in the West Point Library and a "Henry O. Flipper Day" on February 10 with an annual award to be given in his name. Flipper's Ditch, a project designed by Flipper to drain ponds at Fort Sill which caused the spread of malaria from which the soldiers became ill and often died, was declared a National Historic Landmark almost a century later on October 27, 1977. A large bronze marker commemorates Flipper's Ditch at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. A monument to Flipper's Buffalo Soldiers proposed by Gen. Colin Powell opened in 1992 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the birthplace of the 10th Cavalry. General Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, kept a painting in his Pentagon office featuring Lieutenant Flipper and his commanding officer, Colonel Grierson, on patrol. When Colonel Grierson relinquished command of the 10th Cavalry in 1888, he stated, "The soldiers have cheerfully endured many hard-

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Comm.

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tices of Peace 1 and 2, County Clerk and District Clerk were accepted as presented.
The court voted to approve the hourly payroll time sheets for payment as approved.
The monthly bills were approved for payment.
County Commissioner Daryl Snelgroves, Pct. 1, was allowed to transfer \$8,285 from Lateral Road equipment to fuel.
No action was taken on the burn ban.

Sherri Jones, District Clerk, presented her certificate of continuing education hours; the court accepted.

The court voted to allow Judge Jerry Hefley to advertise for an architect to submit proposals for the refurbishing or replacing the county jail. Sheriff Finsterwald reported problems with the newer part of the jail.

The court voted to allow Bob Hink, Commissioner, Pct. 2 respectively, to purchase a 2012 Silverado Pickup. Ware Chevrolet submitted the only bid. The bid for a \$35,723.00 vehicle with an added \$505 heavy duty bumper and a trade-in of a 2000 pickup was \$23,248.27.

Commissioners Hink and Snelgroves requested the sealing of the roof on the shared county barn (Precincts 1 & 2) at the west edge of Wheeler. They had a bid of \$17,500 from Pop & Sons of Weatherford, OK. The request was approved.

Commissioners Hink and Snelgroves asked the court to accept a bid of \$27,432 for the addition of a 40'x100' addition to the shared county precinct 1 & 2 barn. The request was approved.
Commissioner Pct. 4, John Walker, requested permission to advertise for bids for a truck tractor in excess of \$5,000. The request was approved.

Scott Porter, County Tax Assessor, received two bids for new computers. The lowest of the two was \$14,832.80 from Southwest Data Solutions of Waxahachie.

Judge Jerry Hefley had a bid from Schaffer Services of Canadian for the purchase and installation of Fire Truck Intercom Systems in 13 fire trucks owned by the county volunteer. The system will allow firefighters on the front of the trucks to talk with the driver of the vehicle. The cost for the intercom and installation was \$21,060.00.

The contract with the City of Wheeler for law enforcement was accepted by the court. The cost to the City of Wheeler is \$4,401.01 per month.

The court voted to allow DCP Midstream, LP, to bore under County Road "B" for the installation of an oil and gas pipeline.

The court voted to allow DCP Midstream, LP, to bore under County Road "E" for the installation of an oil and gas pipeline.

The court voted to allow DCP Midstream, LP, to bore under

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50 Yrs. Ago (from Page 5)

Girls Win Two Games; Boys Defeated Twice In Conference Play

Wheeler's Mustangettes continue to rack up conference victories by defeating Kelton 58-30 and then taking an overtime thriller from Allison 65-69. Ruby Barton led the scoring in both contests as she hit 30 against Kelton and 44 against Allison. Wheeler was trailing the Antelopes by three points with only 17 seconds showing on the clock when Lucille Bradshaw hit the first of a one and one free throw. She missed the second throw and after a scramble, a tie ball was called. Ruby got the tip, shot a short jump shot and the game went into overtime. Both

teams were hurt by losing three players each on fouls and Allison led 18-15 at the first quarter and held a 31-29 advantage at half time. Wheeler led 45-44 at the third quarter and the score was tied at 58 at the end of the fourth quarter.

Joe Richard Malin was the big Allison gun as he rang up 20 points to lead the Antelopes to a 60-19 win over fighting Mustangs. Mendall Hunter scored 14, Bill Green hit 12; Randy Callan had 11; Bob Treadwell accounted for eight and Monroe Page made four for the losers.

Wheeler led 13-12 at the first period but was unable to keep pace as Allison led 24-21 and 47-36 at the next two stops.

Four Mustangs hit in double figures in the Kelton outing, but still

fell three points short as the Lions took a 61-58 win. Green scored 20 points for Wheeler, while Randy Callan had 13, Bob Treadwell, eleven, Mendall Hunter, ten, Monroe Page, two and James Ray Henderson, two. Orvin Bradley sank 25 to lead the Lions.

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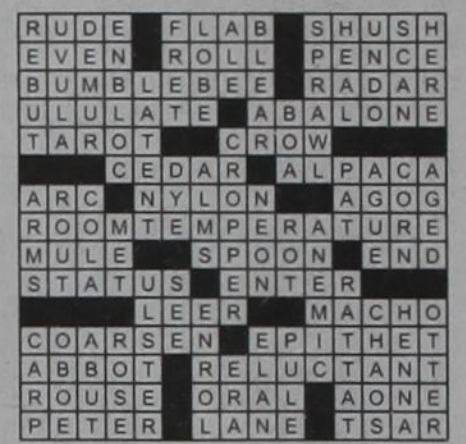
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The court voted to allow Eagle Rock Energy Partners, LP, to bore under County Road "P" for the installation of an oil and gas pipeline.

Black (from Page 5)

ships, and in the midst of great dangers steadfastly maintained a most gallant and zealous devotion to duty. They may rest assured that such valuable service to their



country cannot fail, sooner or later, to meet with due recognition and reward."

Though born a slave, Flipper achieved many "firsts" for a black American; West Point Academy graduate, cavalry officer, surveyor, cartographer, civil and mining engineer, translator, patented inventor, editor, author and special agent for the Justice Department.

An assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, he was responsible for the planning and construction of the Alaskan railway system.

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