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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Wheeler has been receiving some nice rains, which have resulted in the burn ban being lifted.

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The measurement for May 21 was 0.29". On the 22nd I measured 0.76". Rain was received on Sunday evening and again on Monday evening. The measurement for these two dates was 1.85"

—cwe—

Once again, the worst of the storms went around us. I believe it went on all four sides of us Monday evening. A funnel was reported in the Twitty area with hail. And hail was reported in the Briscoe/Allison area.

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Lyndon will be holding his Consignment Auction this weekend at the County Barn. Check it out, there might be something you are needing.

—cwe—

We have the introduction of the first of the band to be performing at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival the last of July. That date will be here before you know it.

—cwe—

Also fast approaching is the June 21 Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. Saddle Roping. This fund raiser will be a first for the local group. Make plans to attend.

—cwe—

I have decided to start walking to and from work. I will leave the Silhouette at the office to use if needed. I know it won't save much gas, but maybe a little.

—cwe—

We were once again in OKC, which is no surprise. And, yes we were enjoying Seth.

—cwe—

The little guy got the 'royal introduction' to the Meriwether side of the family Sunday. We had around fourteen over to Jennifer,

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## STORM REPORT

As Reported By  
Stormie Meriwether  
Pre-Kindergarten

Stop! No girls and no boys play with razors. If you have hair on your arms or legs or anything, leave it alone! You can cut yourself. It will bleed. If you don't have ne'sporin you have to put that stuff that really really hurts on it. If you don't you get an infection. No razors! That's it.

## Tangled Path Leads To God, Chaplain, Former Criminal Knows He's Loved

Chaplain Michael Kelly of Faith City Ministries in Amarillo is speaking at the United Methodist Church in Allison at 9:00 a.m. and at the United Methodist Church in Wheeler at 11:00 a.m. this Sunday, June 1.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring friends and neighbors.

(Editor's Note: The following article was taken from the Amarillo Globe-News April 6, 2008.) Michael will speak at the First Methodist Church in Wheeler on Sunday.

By Jon Mark Beilue

All Michael Kelly wanted were some chocolate chip cookies to take back to his Clements Unit cell. He didn't care about any religion or Jesus or God. That was a

sign of weakness, of foolishness. And Kelly was neither weak nor a fool.

He was a survivor, calculating and cunning. He was one bad man in one bad world.

If he had to, Michael Kelly would kill you. And you. And you. Whatever he had to do, he did. He could kill a man at 11:45 a.m. and wonder what was for lunch 15 minutes later. His life was drained of emotion. Pity, remorse and certainly love were not part of it.

"To me, he had a frightening appearance," said Rick Barkley, a Gruver farmer who was part of a Kairos prison ministry team that weekend. "He just sent chills in me. He was tall and thin with tat-

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## Master Gardener Training Offered

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be offering a Master Gardener Training for residents in the Northeastern Texas Panhandle. This advance training will cover topics such as landscape design, vegetable gardening, soil science, pesticide management, insects/disease, irrigation management, lawn and turf, and proper plant selection. The fifty plus hours of training are open to anyone willing to participate and agree to give back to the program through community service efforts. Programs will be hosted in various locations in the area and are scheduled monthly through October. The first meeting will be hosted by Wheeler County and will cover insect, disease and pest management and also the science of soil. A complete list of dates and topics as well as the registration packet can be picked up at your local County Extension Office along with additional information about the program.

## Old Mobeetie Music Festival Dates Are Fast Approaching

The Old Mobeetie Music Festival will be held the last full weekend in July; the dates are 25, 26 & 27, 2008. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing you to the bands scheduled to perform at the festival.

Darrell & Tempie Batten started playing music in the 1960's and have shared their love of music with friends and family ever since. They made the jump to official family band and hit the Bluegrass circuit in 2003.

Most of the family is from the Lubbock, Texas area. Darrell plays rhythm guitar and sings lead. Tempie plays the mandolin and upright bass with the group and sings lead and harmony. He is married to Julie and they have two kids, Ethan and Madison. Cody, their younger son, lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife, Raylissa. Lisa Hilton is the daughter in the group. She sings lead and does

## Citizenship Awards For Local Elementary

Citizenship Awards were presented at the awards assembly at the close of the 2007-08 school year to students of Thomas Helton Elementary in Wheeler.

Receiving awards were:  
Pre-K: Micah Koen and Wendy Lopez

Kindergarten: Brady Bailey and Edwin Gaucin

First Grade: Jennifer Molina, Kade Kemp and Eduardo Porras

Second Grade: Lizeth Monarrez and Clay Wilson

Third Grade: Ky Markham and

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## '08 Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Scholarship Recipients Named

Receiving the Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Scholarship for 2008 were Cami Creamer, Kaitlyn Otts, and Sarah Sweatt from Shamrock; Jason Brownfield, Jesus Gonzalez, Chace Horton, Katlin Rutherford from Wheeler; and Lauren Baird, Mayci Meadows, and Chance Newman from Fort Elliott.

These scholarships are made possible from proceeds of the annual golf tournament held in Ja'Nae's memory. Criteria for receiving this award include playing on a Wheeler County High School

golf team or participating in multiple sports and good citizenship.

This year a few scholarships will be available to those students who have received this award in the past. To apply please send proof of enrollment, proof of at least a 2.5 grade point average and a brief summary of your college experience to Bobby Jennings PO Box 423 Wheeler, TX 79096.

## Wheeler I.S.D. To Offer ESL Program

Our school will be offering a summer school program for children of Limited English Proficiency who will be enrolled in Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall. This program will help your child continue his/her development of English language proficiency, academic and higher order thinking skills needed for success in school. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please contact Stacy Finsterwald at 826-5934.

## Wheeler I.S.D. Programa de Escuela de Verano de ESL

Nuestra escuela va a estar ofreciendo un programa de clases de verano para estudiantes limitados en el lenguaje de ingles que vayan a ser inscritos en el kinder o en el primer grado el proximo agosto. Este programa va a ayudar a sus hijos (as) a continuar su desarrollo del lenguaje en ingles, academico y para tener un mayor exito en la escuela. Si esta interesado(a) en escribir a su hijo(a) en este programa por favor llame a Stacy Finsterwald al 826-5934.

## Thomas Helton Elem. Accelerated Readers

Recognition was given at Thomas Helton Elementary in Wheeler for students participating in Accelerated Reading for the 2007-08 year.

Second grade students recognized were Leslie Engles, Luis Enriquez, Cambri Moore, Jayton Smith, Marvin Ramirez and Kaitlyn Helton.

Third grade students recognized were Johana Pacheco, Levi Ware and John Turner.

Kaitlyn Jones received the "Best Over All" award. Other fourth grade students were Michaela Bailey, Rebeca Rodriguez, Morgan Brdecko and Martin Lopez.

In the fifth grade, Abby Bond with 763 points—92 Average Grade, was named "Best Over All Reader. Others in her class were Jacqueline Enriquez and Chisum Rutherford.

In the sixth grade, Hannah Stiles earned 261 points—97 Average Grade; classmates recognized were Zack Johnson and Tre McElveney.

## Perfect Attendance For 8 In Elementary

Eight students at Thomas Helton Elementary in Wheeler received perfect attendance certificates for the year 2007-08. They were Stefany Barboza, Don Butler, Luis Enriquez, Laton Hibler, Zack Johnson, Maggie Jones, Tillie Menefield and Kylie Schubert.



## Wheeler Banking Center Donates Scoreboard

Thanks to The Wheeler Banking Center, a branch of Wellington State Bank, Britt Field is sporting a new L.E.D. scoreboard. The old scoreboard was taken down and the new one put up with the help of Bobby Jones, Jack Helton and Dale Garner. The park is being refurbished through the efforts of the Wheeler Lions Club, the Wheeler Little League Volunteers and many members of the community who have been very generous with their time, money and equipment.

In addition to the installation of the new scoreboard, the contract for hooking up electricity to it and the controls has been initiated. The concession stand is usable and the bathrooms are now in working order. The trees have all been trimmed, the fields and fences have been sprayed for weed control, mowing is being done on a regular basis, and holes in the outfield areas are being filled. The bleachers have been repaired and are being painted. Contracts have been initiated for irrigating both fields. Hopefully this work will be accomplished soon.

The Wheeler Lions Club would like to thank everyone in the community who has contributed in any way to this project. Although much progress has been made, there are still lots of improvements to be done. Contributions of time, money and equipment are still needed. If you can help in any way, contact a member of the Lions Club or the Little League Volunteers. All contributions are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated.

The 9-10 and 11-12 year old baseball teams will be playing on Britt Field this year. If you haven't been out to the Ballpark lately, go by and watch a game. See what a difference a community effort can make.

## Commissioners' Court Co. Courthouse Is Smoke Free Bldg.

The Wheeler County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at the Commissioners' Court room of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was rescheduled from Monday, May 26, 2008, because of the Memorial Day holiday.

Eleven items were on the agenda. The court approved the hourly payroll time sheets for payment as presented.

The bills were approved for payment as presented. No action was taken on the budget.

The report of the county treasurer was accepted and approved. No minutes were to be approved.

Brenda Sparlin was scheduled to meet with the court to discuss the North Wheeler County Ambulance Service. She was not present. The commission voted to advertise for bids for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the North Wheeler County Ambulance Barn.

Effective immediately, Wheeler County Courthouse is a smoke-free building, as voted by the court on Tuesday.

The commissioners voted to allow Kelson Gas Services, L.P., to cross County Road 21 for installation of an oil and gas pipeline.

Apache Corporation applied and was approved for the laying of an oil and gas pipeline across County Road 21.

The next meeting of the commissioners' court will be Monday, June 9, 2008.

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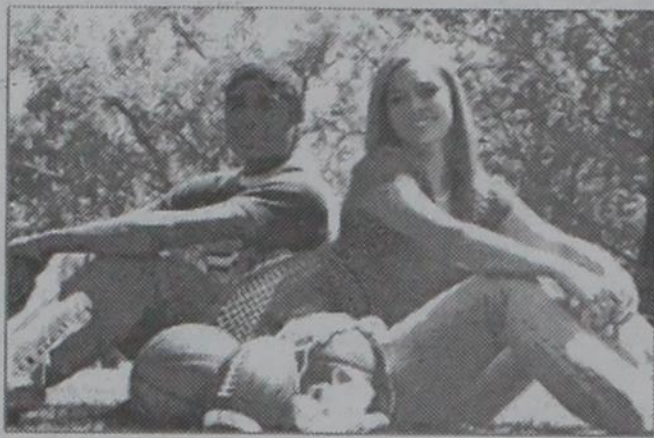
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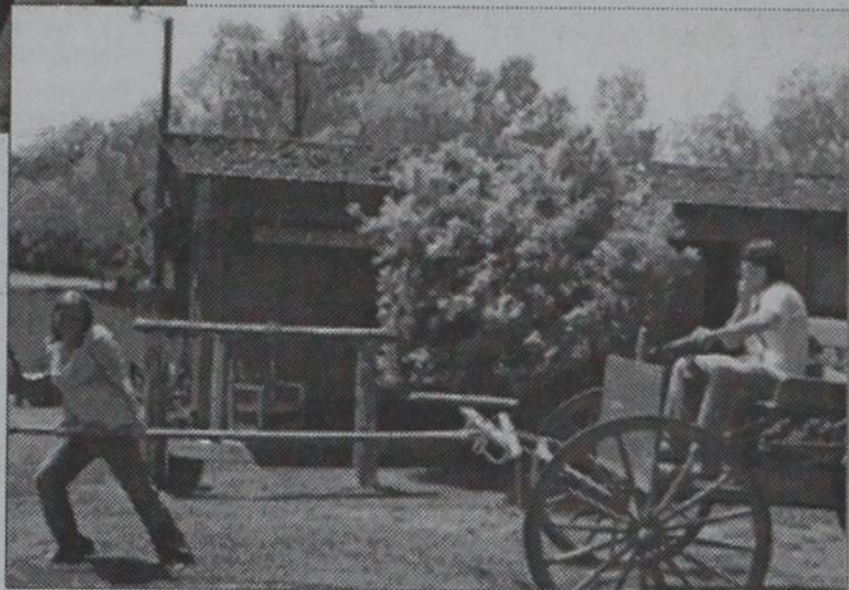
**Most Spirited:** Kaylee Marion and Vinnie Ruiz



**Most Likely To Succeed:** Jennifer Scales and Jake Benefield. Jake Benefield not pictured.



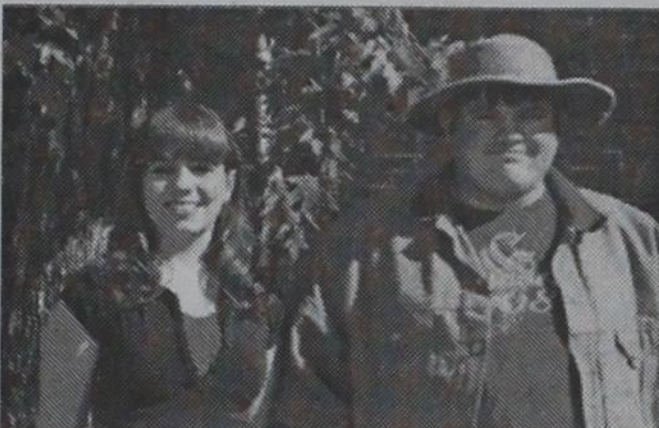
**Most Athletic:** Bree McCasland and Terry Menefield



**Most Humorous:** Presley Thomas and Tanner Brownfield



**Most Beautiful/Most Handsome:** Ashley Gallagher and Omar Gonzalez



**Most Friendly:** Tracy Keelin and Hank Hunt



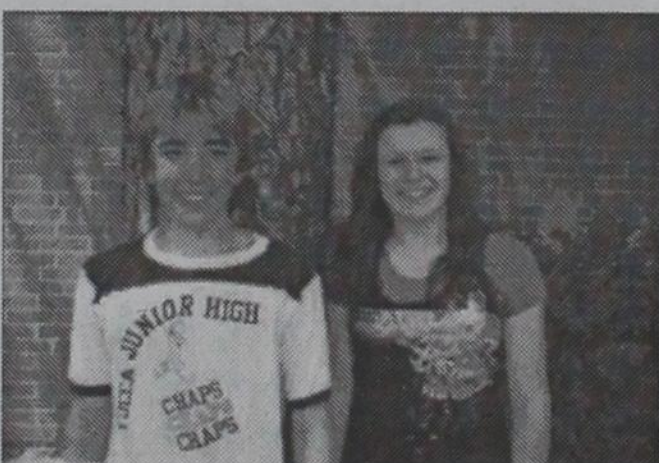
**Biggest Flirt:** Tania Flores and Mike Gaines



**Best Dressed:** Veronica Salazar and Omar Gonzalez



**Mr and Miss WHS:** Bree McCasland and Brandon Gallagher



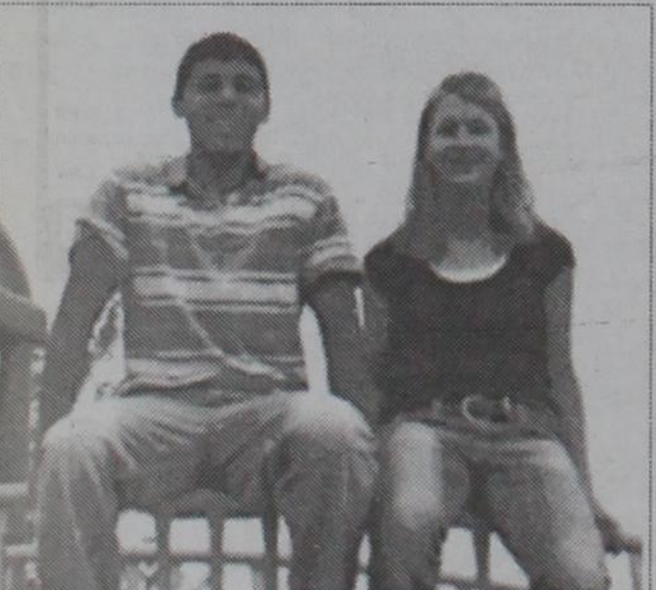
**Mr and Miss WJHS:** Alyssa Johnson and Tayt McCasland  
8th Grade Class Favorites: Alyssa Johnson and Tayt McCasland



**Jr. Hi. Best All-Around:** Alyssa Johnson and Trevor Marshall



**7th Grade Class Favorites:** Callie Eddens and Ismael Buenrostro



**9th Grade Class Favorites:** Kaylee Marion and Jorge Porras



**10th Grade Class Favorites:** Presley Thomas and Mike Gaines



**11th Grade Class Favorites:** Tabitha Orr and Clint Orr



**12th Grade Class Favorites:** Jennifer Scales and Caleb Gaines

## COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land."

"Happy Birthday" to Kay Brown, Brad Chandler, Kaydeigh McNeil and Ryan McNeil, May 25; Drew Barr, Robby Schaffer, Daniel Hamner, Trace Mitchell, Joie Ault, Samie Corse, Ralynn Davis, James Hubble, Clarise Hathaway and Darian Edwards, May 26; Brenda McWhorter, Eddie Davis, Randi Swindler, Jet Weatherly, Shelly Willeford, Josh Brooks, Antonio Salas, Ed Hersman and Jayton Bell, May 27; Mandi Nelson, Stefanie Jones, Dena Brown, Bret Begert and Jerry Jenkins, May 28; Payson Calvert, Rebecca Foreman, Brock Sabbe and LeRoy Meriwether, May 29; and Mel Ray Coate, Braden Pierce, Garland Dukes, Andria Keelin, Shonda Harrison, Bonnie Harmon, William Hodges, Kent Hall, Clay White, Kim Harrison, Kade Kemp, Carroll White, Cathy Montgomery, Shannon Lewallen and Chip Hill, May 31.

"Happy Anniversary" to Jerry and Paula Brown and Clay and Donna Walsen, May 25; Earl and Leola Farris, May 27; Richard and Donna Kay Dickey, May 28; Bevard and Diane Dukes, Carl and Lori Baker and Keith and Shonda Rose, May 29; Lewis and Tula Ellis, May 30, and Lee and Genise Young and Roy and Oleta Baker, May 31.

Wheeler Baptist Church will have Sunday afternoon church at the Care Center Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. with lots of good singing and a message from the Bible. Visitors welcome. Tuesday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m., will be Wheeler Senior Citizens (finger foods and games) at the old hospital...everyone welcome!

There is always a good Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist followed by prayer concerns, Bible Study and some singing. You are invited to join us.

First Sunday Singing will be at Allison Baptist Church June 1, at 6:00 p.m., with lots of good singing, readings and good food. Everyone invited.

Wheeler Baptist Church will host the Sunday afternoon Care Center Church with Sing-a-Long, message from the Bible and greeting the residents starting at 3:00 p.m. Everyone invited, June 1.

Sorry to hear that Gelemmia Back, who has been at Wheeler Care Center for some time, will be moving to Amarillo to be near family. She is such a sweet lady. God bless you, Gelemmia. Hope you enjoy going to Amarillo...we will miss you.

Wheeler Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m. for games, snacks and fellowship. All Golden Oldies invited.

Pray for Jenna Keith, 4, Wes and Cindy Bradstreet's granddaughter, who will be having heart surgery soon to repair "holes in her heart."

Earl Jolly went golfing Saturday afternoon. Eating supper with Shirley were Keri Nelson and Caden, Austen and Audree from Elk City, Myron Jolly from Wheeler and Rickey Nelson from Briscoe. They enjoyed a spaghetti supper and had a good time playing with the kids.

Joe and Beverly Smith from Stinnett came down Friday for nephew, Chance Newman's, graduation from Fort Elliott. They also met her sisters at Maxey's and enjoyed eating and visiting. Joe also did a little work on the hot water heater for his mom, Patsy. It had been going out some. Hope all is O.K. now.

Sorry to hear that Rev. Phillip and Bennie Maine have resigned as pastor of Mobeetie Baptist Church and expect to move back to Missouri. May God go with you. Sorry to see you go.

"Thank you for the world so sweet; Thank you for the food we eat

Thank you for the birds that sing; Thank you, God, for everything."

Nice to have a phone call from Charlotte Austin Brown. She and husband, Aubrey, and son, Eugene, are planning to come to the Austin family Cousins' Reunion in Wheeler in June. They live in San Antonio. Cousins from California and other places are expected to be here. Have fun!

Best wishes to Jennifer Maddox and Justin Lee as they plan to marry Saturday, August 9, at First Baptist Church, Shamrock. Family and friends are invited.

Ray and Glenda Hudson visited Harry and Christene Marett in Shamrock. So glad Christene is looking and feeling so much better after being on hospice and very ill.

Weldon Simmons was the cook for the chicken quarters and breasts for Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church. Very good! Also cooking were Dolores Simmons and Cindy Bradstreet with green beans, mashed potatoes, salad fixings and watermelon. All very good.

Best wishes to Jennifer Jones and Derek Murray as they plan to marry July 26.

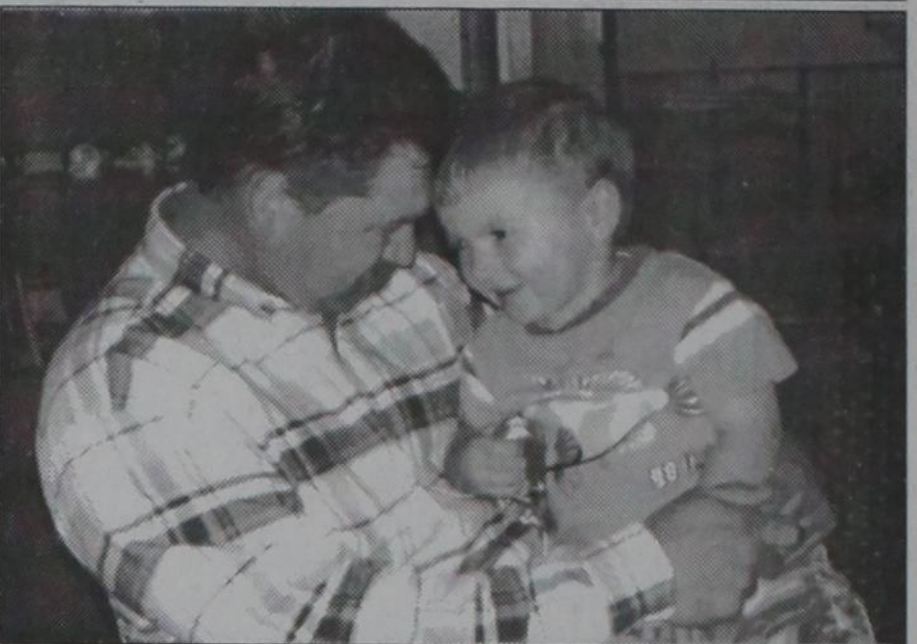
Wednesday, May 21, was Roy Bradstreet's 83rd birthday. (Just a



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."



**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank everyone here in Wheeler for your prayers, letters, donations, and gifts for our nephew, Alex Wilson. Our family greatly appreciates all of the community support, kindness and generosity. We also want to give special thanks to the Fire department and their wives for a wonderful and thoughtful party. Alex is shown here with Uncle Billy.

Billy, Joy, Cole, Clay and Alex Wilson  
Joe and Cindy Walton  
Marty and Angie Louis and Family

kid!) Daughter, Debbie Glazner, was taking Roy and Nell to dinner at Pampa to celebrate. Happy birthday, Roy, and many more! Debbie and Kelley and Jacob came out to play cards with Roy and Nell one night. Some others joining them were Wes and Cindy Bradstreet, Jenna Keith and Debbie, Kelley and Jacob Maxwell. God bless you all!

Galen and Susan Rector from Mead, Colorado, came to Mobeetie Friday to visit Galen's mom, Lorene Rector, for a few days. Glad Lorene was able to go to church with them to Mobeetie Baptist on Sunday. Also visiting were D. L. and Coleen Rector and Mindy and Mathew from Amarillo. Tuesday, they got good friend of many years, Orville Greenhouse, and they toured Gageby Cemetery and came back and ate lunch at Mel's. Melba Corcoran went with them.

We missed Leo and Sylvia Shuler at Wheeler Baptist last Sunday. They had gone to Stephenville to visit their kids, Lori and Justin Barnes and Blake, Tanner and Taylor. They got to hear 10-year-old Taylor's piano recital. She did a wonderful job. They also got to see her twin, Tanner, play soccer and do well. They got back Sunday night after the good weekend...tired, but happy.

Doris Finsterwald raises lots of pretty flowers and enjoys sharing them with the Assisted Living residents and other shut-ins. They are

appreciated! Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Ryan Brotherton as he graduates from high school in Oklahoma. He plans to attend college. Glad to know that his grandpa, C. B., is some better.

Celebrating Ray Hudson's 66th birthday at their house last Sunday evening with hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream, Italian crême cake and good friends and fellowship were Aaron and Claudetta Lavery, Sonya Hudson and Patrick, Cheryl Fraley and Stephen, Caaron and Kent McNeely and Glenda and Ray Hudson. Happy Birthday, Ray. Also there were Rodney and Keri Hudson and Hayden and Kailey for a great time together. Think Ray cooked the hamburgers for his birthday celebration.

They didn't quilt at Totty School Thursday. They will not put another quilt up until after the Totty Reunion, June 8 (the second Sunday). Everyone invited. They are selling chances on the club quilt, which is on display at the bank in Mobeetie. Very pretty. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Meat will be furnished with others bringing dishes of their choice for lunch and visiting afterwards. For more information about this June 8 Reunion of Old Timers, call Mobeetie Bank, 845-2311.

Sorry to hear an Oklahoma man died early Thursday in a head-on collision with a tractor-trailer about 18 miles south of Canadian, near Briscoe. It was thought Michael Van Cao, 28, of Moore, Oklahoma, might have gone to sleep and drifted into the northbound lane. He died at the scene. The truck driver, Darren Neugebauer, of Frederick, was

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**4-H COOKOUT:** The Wheeler 4-H member enjoyed a hot dog cookout for their meeting this month. They meet the first Monday of each month although through the summer months there will be no meetings held. Monthly meetings will begin in August with the 2008-2009 4-H Enrollment Party.

## MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

What a beautiful morning... a light fog, but the birds are chirping away! The flowers and trees don't look too much worse for the wear of the storms last night. After two nights of storms, the mornings are so nice. We have been very fortunate here; lots of wind and about a half inch of rain each night and only pea-sized hail. It sounded like Briscoe and Allison really got pounded with the hail. Wheeler, Briscoe and Allison all got more rain than we did. Praise the Lord for all the wonderful rain; we have been needing it for so long. All the great little showers the past few weeks have

really kept things going. The only problem is that the winds get right back up and strip the moisture right back out of the ground.

Congratulations to Jennifer Maddox and Justin Lee in their upcoming marriage. They have set the date of August 9, 2008, for their wedding. Jennifer has been working the last 7 years with her friends at the Wheeler Care Center. She always has a smile to brighten their day.

Monday, Kourtney Mayfield had another doctor appointment in Pampa. She is some better, but they changed her breathing treatment medication. They added another component. She really fights the eye drops and the breathing treatments, but forgives you quite quickly.

Mary Margaret Dodd hosted the Canasta Club on Monday. They had a wonderful time at her home in Wheeler.

Dennis Stuart and Randy Stuart got to their mother's, Leola Stuart's, late Tuesday. Dennis drove up and got here late in the afternoon. Randy flew into Amarillo and got here later in the evening. They had a nice visit and discussed some long lost memories of the "good ol' days" with Grandmother Stuart and of the "fun" they had with their friends and classmates here in Mobetie. Good thing Mom didn't know before now! Then they wonder why parents get gray-headed and

bald? Ronnie and Tanya had a doctor appointment in OKC they had to keep before they could come to the funeral. So they just

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met the family in Shamrock on Wednesday morning. There were several family members and friends waiting for them at the cemetery, even though they were there at the designated time. Grandmother's flowers were so pretty. She loved her roses and most of them remembered that. The family was so thankful for all the family and friends during this time of sorrow. The hospitality room at the Irish Inn had been reserved and after Beulah's service, all went to the Irish Inn to get in out of the heat and wind and have a nice visit.

Up until Saturday night, I thought maybe Wednesday was going to be our day for rain around here. The last 3 weeks we have had some showers on Wednesdays. We are so thankful for all the great moisture.

It's good to hear that Sallie Addock has gotten good reports on her extensive blood work. The doctors have ruled out some of the worst case scenarios, for which we are so thankful. Still looking at some surgery down the road, but she had already expected that. We just want the doctors to get to the bottom of all this and get Sallie to feeling better.

Iva and daughter, Marsha Richardson, came over from Erick, OK., and took Leola Stuart to the eye doctor in Amarillo on Thursday. Everything went well. They spent Thursday night at Leola's and then had to go back for a check-up. They did some shopping and found some neat new items and some good buys. They "kidnapped" Leola for the weekend and took her to OK. with them. On Saturday, they all went to a movie. It kept you guessing; a nice change. They brought Leola home Sunday afternoon. They didn't get to visit long as they were expecting more company on Monday. Leola really appreciates all their help. They have such a good time together.

Jackie and Fred Thrasher had Kathy and Donnie Shorter over for supper one evening last week. They had a delicious meal and great visit. Neighbors like the Shorters are hard to beat.

Jeff Mayfield celebrated another birthday Thursday. Then, on Friday Harley graduated from the 8th grade in Pampa. They were all sort of disappointed, though, as they thought it would be a mini-graduation ceremony, but it turned out to be, basically, an awards ceremony.

The 8th graders at LeFors had a nice graduating ceremony on Thursday night. Sky, Harley and all the Ledford family were there to see Stormi Ledford graduate. James and Patsy Ledford of Lovington, NM., have been in Pampa for almost 2 weeks in anticipation of Stormi and Harley's graduations and visiting with the family. Jamie, Maria, and Hunter Ledford came up last Sunday for a visit before he goes back overseas. He has been to Iraq three times, so when he re-enlisted they promised him he wouldn't have to go back to Iraq. However, they didn't say he wouldn't have to go to Afghanistan. He wasn't happy, but who is when they have to leave their family and be in such a dangerous area. Our prayers are with you, Jamie, and all the military that put their lives on the line every minute of every day just so our families are safer and don't have to witness such savagery. There is no way we can thank them enough or pay them back, but we can pray every day that the Good Lord protects them.

Thursday afternoon our washer quit. Of course, this was the day that the Bybees were in the area, but that had been in the A.M. Bob thought it was the pump and so did Mr. Bybee. Thankfully, he had an extra one in his supplies, so we ran to McLean to get it. Worked out real well for me...not only did I get the part to fix the washer, but Ralph bought us supper at the Red River Steak House. He really enjoys their chicken fried steaks. Very good and tender. You sure need a big appetite to get around it all. I think we need to start ordering only half the fries. Even Robert can't eat all the fries! I don't even order them because I couldn't even make a good dent in one of those piles of fries. Robert got the pump changed out on the washer and we are back in business.

It was so nice to see Georgia Tipps and granddaughter, Jennifer Maddox, at the grocery store for a short visit. Georgia looks so good and stays busy as usual. I had gotten to visit with Jennifer a little at the hospital when she had been in to visit with her great-grandmother, Iona May. Things are coming together well for the wedding; it's going to be so pretty. Graduation on Friday was very nice and enjoyed by many family and friends of the honorees. Congratulations, students!!! Good job! May the Lord bless you. He will help you every step of the way. Just keep your faith, work hard and pray for your needs. He always has the answer. It may not be the one you thought you wanted, but listen and watch closely and you will be greatly blessed. As is said, "think outside the box." Good luck in all your endeavors.

The Arnett, OK., graduation was cut short as their guest speaker got held up in OKC on state senate business. The kids didn't mind, though. They were just proud to get their diplomas. The worst of the bad weather had



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already gone through Arnett before the graduation ceremonies began, so everyone could enjoy graduation. The seniors were going to Galveston; have a safe and enjoyable trip. The Fort Elliott seniors had reservations in San Antonio. They were really looking forward to lots of activities. Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday weekend and got to enjoy something you wanted to do. Hope you remembered, for just a minute, why we get to celebrate this holiday. It means so much more to so many families.

Even with all our blessings, Sunday was sort of a sad day at our church. Pastor John Ulrey preached his last service for us for the next year. He will be going to special training for the Army for the next few months and then it's back to Iraq for John and his men. We are really going to miss him. We pray God's love and protection surrounds him and his men while they are gone. We know the good Lord has a plan and mission for John as he could have been seriously injured or killed on Friday at work. He works for Greenbelt Rural Electric and they were putting up lines east of Wheeler. He was up high in the bucket when 14,000 volts went through his glove, up his arm and out his elbow. Amazingly, the most he has to show for it is not being able to use his right hand as adeptly as usual and some pain and tingling. He is trying to work that out. Our Lord is awesome. Melony and James are all excited about getting to go to Wonderland Park in Amarillo soon. They want Dad to take them on some of the big rides. John may have his work cut out for him.

Sorry to hear that Julie Ulrey, John's mother, had a really tough week. She had two heart attacks,

but the Lord was with her and the doctors got to the root of the problem, cleaned out an artery and put a stent in. She was home Sunday morning and doing quite well. She just amazes everyone. That's just how our good Lord works! Our little church is so fortunate to be getting retired pastor, Lewis Holland, and his beautiful wife for the next year. They are family friends of the Ulreys. He was raised in Miami and they have retired there. What good luck for us! The Lord always has an answer for us.

It was nice to have Hugh and Mae Bailey visit our church on Sunday. We are honored to have so many veterans in our church and community. The last two Sundays have been extra special remembering all that they have done for us and honoring the ones that gave their lives to secure something they believe in. Thank each of you for your dedication and contributions. The time you spent away from your families protecting us can never be replaced. May it make each moment more special, though. Thank you just isn't enough for all you did, but we want you to know how much we love and appreciate you. May God bless you abundantly more each day.

Sunday afternoon and evening the Shorters had one of Donnie's famous fish fries. It was lovely in their back yard. Jackie and Fred had a good time and got to meet more of Kathy's family and the Shorters' friends. Supper was delicious. Some good music, too. Geoffrey and Fredia Caldwell joined the fun, too. Geoffrey brought his mandolin and played some. Some of Kathy's family plays guitar. It was a great evening until it started cooling off and the wind set in before the storms. Kenneth Mayfield and grandson, Jarid Chase, came down from Arnett, OK., to visit and get the boat, so they could go to Foss Lake on Monday. They just know that they can catch some big ones over there.

Mom, Carol Orthman, called from western Minnesota on Memorial Day. They had been to the area cemeteries on Sunday to put out flowers. Good thing that they had taken advantage of the 80 degree weather, as Monday dawned grey, gloomy and misty and was only 54 degrees with plenty of wind. Coming off Big Stone Lake, it sure felt colder than that. I didn't even want to tell her how nice it was yesterday morning. She is ready to come home, but will be staying for the all-school reunion over the fourth of July. They have big plans.

We received the sad news that Uncle Leon Payton had passed away on Monday morning in Amarillo. He was actually from Roy, NM., but his daughter lives in Amarillo and had brought him down to her doctors and they

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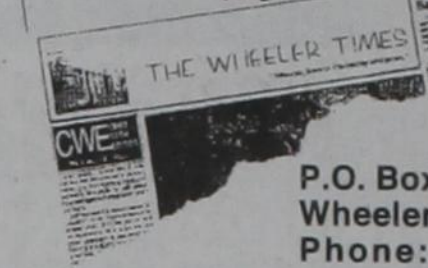
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By Juanita Boydston

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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. 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 1:1-5 & 10-14

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Acts 2:38, 39 & 40

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8 Family Visits Wheeler Care Cntr. ... 2:00 P.M. Church Wheeler Care Cntr. ... 3:00 P.M. Wheeler Nursing & Rehab	9 Kelton I.S.D. Bd. .... 7:00 P.M. Comm. Court ..... 10:00 A.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. Fl. Elliott C.I.S.D. Bd. .... 7:00	10 Mobeetie Fire Dept. .... 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner ..... 6:00 A.M. American Legion Whir. Vol. Fire Dept. 7:30 P.M. Birthday Party ..... 2:30 P.M. Care Ctr. (Meth. Women) Our Country Band Care Center ..... 6:30 P.M.	11	12 Old Mobeetie, Texas, Assoc. Lodge Bldg. at Jail 7:00 P.M. Wheeler I.S.D. Bd. .... 6:30 P.M.	13	14
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and around Allison. Tornadoes dancing around us and large hail too, but Praise be to God we didn't receive large hail, but just lots of what we did receive, which was pea to quarter size. It took care of some of our fruit off our trees, but we have really been receiving lots of good ole rain too. Praise be to God for that. God has taken care of us and we are thankful for that for sure. We are to get more storms tonight, but God is our protector and shelter in time of storms. Praise God!!

Kimber Thompson stayed with Louise most of last week and helped her grandma a lot in cleaning and enjoyed her visit with her.

Kim Thompson stayed the night with Louise Boydston. Also Mike and LaQuinta Hulse, they came and stayed a few nights with Louise Boydston and they all attended the graduation of Cody, Dupont and Tori Boydston.

Before graduation night, the families of Cody Dupont and Tori Boydston, gave a graduation party at the Allison School Cafeteria with a barbecued catered meal by Steve and Joyce Walker. There was a great time of picture taking, visiting and honoring the graduates. All had a great time. Of course the graduates both received several really nice gifts. Just a good time of fellowship.

Willis and Mary Harrison of Claremore, Oklahoma were in Allison on Sunday and visited in the home of Louise Boydston. They are all preparing for the big Living Estate Sale of Pearl Harrison here in Allison this weekend on Friday and Saturday.

Roma and Billy June Brown attended the Family Reunion of Roma's family at Silsbee, Texas over the weekend. Roma and Billy June drove to Hugo, Oklahoma where they stayed a night with their daughter and husband, Lola and Troy Fuller. The next day Troy drove them on to Silsbee, Texas where they all enjoyed the reunion. All eight of the surviving children of Uncle Roma's family were there in attendance. There was over sixty attending the reunion and they reported a very delicious feast of course.

Troy drove them back to Hugo, Oklahoma on Sunday and Roma and Billy June stayed the night with them again and then Roma and Billy June headed back to Allison on Monday. They arrived home just in time to get in on some of the stormy weather that we had that day. She reported it was kinda scary from ten miles from Elk City, till they reached Allison with the heavy rains and hail. But Praise God they made it home safely.

Thursday, Juanita Boydston had the misfortune of getting very sick and on Friday was still hurting very bad and still pretty sick so Kimber Thompson took her to Emergency at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler and after many test, the doctor said she was very dehydrated and needed to stay overnight in hospital for observation. So that is what she did and her mom was so good to stay with her and keep her company. It was a stormy night that night, but the nurses kept reassuring Juanita that if it got bad enough that the hospital has a basement to go to. That helped her feelings some. But with several shots to take care of pain and nausea, Juanita slept alot and didn't worry about the storms. Praise God for good nurses and doctors to care for you and get you back to good health.

Allison people are very thankful for the good rains that we have been receiving. But they are tired of the hail already, altho its been small. Thank the Lord for his

goodness!!

Friday, Len and Betty Brown of Dumas, Texas arrived in Allison to their little cottage and stayed a few days and visited in Allison. Opal and Juanita visited them Friday morning and then again on Saturday, had a good visit. Gerald and Sharon Horton of Dumas, Texas arrived in Allison on Saturday evening and stayed a couple of days with Sharon's parents, Len and Betty Brown. We all enjoyed their visit as well.

SaRita Green of Binger, Oklahoma arrived in Allison on Saturday morning and visited with her grandmother and aunt, Opal and Juanita Boydston. While SaRita was here, they decorated graves of loved ones in Zybach Cemetery and also Wheeler Cemetery. SaRita stayed Saturday night with her grandma and aunt. SaRita also visited her Uncle Dale and Aunt Sue Helms and their son, Matt in Canadian, Texas while she was down.

Sunday, the United Pentecostal Church had a special service for the veterans and Len Brown and Gerald Horton were the visiting veterans that were honored with songs and a gift.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time!

## Country

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not injured, but fire destroyed his truck and trailer.

Nice to have a letter from Winona Holland, Bonnie Adams Harmon's oldest daughter. She is named after her aunt, Winona Adams. She lives at Austin and attended grades 2-6 at Kelton while her dad was superintendent at Kelton. She knew Bill Stiles, Karen Moore Meek, Gayla Harris and Sue and Ed Pitcock who were her classmates. Bonnie Harmon will be 88 May 31 and is doing pretty well. Daughter, Kathy, lives with her now at Alice, Texas. God bless you, Bonnie, and Happy Birthday! And she (Winona) said: "Take care of yourself, Verna, and give our love and best wishes to all the fine folks in Wheeler County." Thank you! Her address is Winona Holland, 1810 Redlands St., Austin, Texas 78757-2826. Telephone: 512-

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Wheeler, town of friendship and pride.

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Friday night, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. will be Family Night and VBS Musical at Wheeler Baptist Church. A luau meal will be served immediately after the musical. There will be plenty of food and everyone is invited.

Many family groups were eating at Maxey's Sunday noon. Good to see Melody and Loney Wilson and Conner and Lilly; also, Alice Kelley and Elizabeth and Diann, Aaron and Claudetta Lavery and Gordon and Barbee Lavery and family members who were visiting from Decatur that included Cheyenne Lavery and Zoe and Shaleena Lavery who is taking nurse's training at Amarillo and Caaron Lavery. Aaron is improving since having surgery on arm and shoulder May 6. Kids were helping Aaron and Claudetta with things, too.

"This Memorial Day, in memory of the heroes who have fought and fallen for our nation's freedom, we offer our heartfelt thanks. To all who have served and all the families who have sacrificed, we salute you. We are honored to celebrate the privileges afforded to us by our brave men and women in uniform"

After church services, May 4, 2008, Ed and Laurel Hershman left for Indiana to visit Ed's mother, Delilah Hershman, and their two sons, Alan and Troy Hershman, and friends and family in central Indiana. They got as far as Joplin, MO., Sunday night and arrived in Lebanon, IN., early Monday evening. It was a little chilly and wet, so they were very glad they had taken light jackets and raincoats. They spent Monday through Sunday in and around Lebanon. They visited Delilah every day while there, took her out to eat, ate with her at the Assisted Living Home, took her out to the farm and visited with Tina Cavin. Delilah is 91 and doing very well. They got to eat supper at the First Baptist Church Wed. night where they saw lots of friends. One night, they went to bell practice at First Baptist and listened to Alan practice for the Mother's Day specials they would be playing on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Friday night, they met Troy and Cindy Hershman, Doug and Pam Myers and John and Markita

Davis in Tipton, IN., for pizza and a good visit and went on to Muncie to spend the night with Troy and Cindy. Saturday, they went to the Farmers' Market to help pick out some tomato plants for Cindy. They saw tomato plants from all over the world there, even some hanging ones that they thought were very interesting.

Troy and Cindy took Ed and Laurel out to a special breakfast in Muncie, IN., as Mother's Day gift.

They went back to Lebanon to help Alan get his air conditioner working and planted tomatoes at his house.

Ed and Laurel left for Oneonta, AL., to spend the night and visit with William Wade and Annette Newman, Laurel's cousin. William has a pair of swans and lots of feathered friends. What a lovely, peaceful place they have...well, most of the time...just until the hounds, guineas and geese start yelling. They also visited with Tommy Newman and his family while there.

From there, they drove to Tallahassee, FL., where they spent the night. They ate at a fancy place recommended by the hotel, but they won't have to go again, as they were not impressed.

From there, they headed for Orlando, FL., to take care of a little business and on May 15, spent the day at Epcot seeing all the lovely flowers, riding rides, eating and "people watching." Epcot was having its special flower festival, so there were flowers everywhere, including floating flower baskets on the lake. Everything was lovely. Even the caricatures were in bloom or greened. The butterfly exhibit was just great and so handy for the children. They didn't stay for the fireworks, their feet just said, "NO!", so went back to the hotel and rested.

On Friday, they went to Redington Beach, FL., to visit Ann and Joe Myers, cousins of Laurel's where they ate and played 42 most of the afternoon. Then, it was back to Orlando for one more night before heading west. They took the back roads and enjoyed the not-so-busy highways. They stopped at a white beach and gathered up a little of the soft white sand and a few shells. They had planned to stay the night in Panama City or Destin, but they had grown so much with condos and people that they went on to Ft. Walton Beach. Panama City and Destin are now "the" tourist places. They were through there 10 years ago when these towns were just sleepy, small towns, but not any more!

On Sunday, they went to Mobile, AL., to be with Laurel's uncle, Don Bynum, and hear him preach at his little church. After church, they had a nice visit with cousins, Cindy and Paul Messer and Jodie, and then went on to Laurel, MS., and spent the night. There's not much there, but was fun to stay in a town with Laurel's name.

They tried to see some things in Jackson, MS., but couldn't find anything, so went on to Vicksburg, MS., and went through the Military Park and the Vicksburg Battlefield Museum. That was quite impressive and sad to see how the Civil War affected everyone. They spent the night in Tallulah, LA.

From there, they went to Kilgore, TX., to the East Texas Oil Museum. What an impressive museum! The information about oil was amazing!

From there, they went north to miss Dallas and took the back roads toward Sherman. Along the way, they saw lots of county roads named for flowers. Wonder who did that? Back roads are sure fun most of the time and the back roads they took were all good. They spent the night in Whitesboro, TX., and then took the back roads, again, to Wheeler. They found a very nice café in Altus, OK., that really likes Elvis. They arrived home Wed. evening...ready for their own bed and rest! God was with them all the time and it was good to be back home.

"God be with you till we meet again."

## Hospital Note

### Assisted Living

Jane Seitz  
Alvern Hutchison  
Tom Frye  
Iona May  
Julie Buckingham

### Admissions

5/19 Peggy Ford  
Bryant Richardson  
5/20 Launa Cain  
5/21 James Verden  
5/22 Mike Case  
Juanita Boydston  
Betty Talley

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5/22 Bryant Richardson  
Launa Cain  
Peggy Ford  
Mike Case  
Juanita Boydston

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**MOBEETIE FIREMEN:** Some of Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department attended the Panhandle Fireman's Firemarshalls Assoc. meeting in Amarillo. The group had a very fun and learning experience this weekend. They participated in several of the drills and game and did very well, being their first time. The department will be going home and practicing up and will be back next year stronger. The firemen are Jackie Don May, Kent McNeely, Shelton May, Randy Finsterwald, and Brandon Terrell. They are touring the Amarillo Fire Training center.

## The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

Received a letter from my friend, Pat Hendry, in San Clemente, California, last week and she said that college was getting out soon and she would have the summer to read, roam and be free until September. It reminded me of life as I knew it out there. I was in my fifth year of college when Glenn Forrest Frosty came to visit me...from Nigeria, Africa, of all places! The Parker Drilling Company sent him around the world to drill for oil and that was where he was at that time in our lives. I did not go back to college and I confess that I do miss it at times. Our closest college here is a 100-mile round trip drive, so I do not think I will be going back. Learning is one of the greatest things we can do for ourselves and very enjoyable for me. Maybe I should have been a school teacher...perhaps an art/craft teacher. Now, I am too busy and too old, probably.

Aunt Billy June told me the other day that the receptionist at her doctor's office was concerned about Henry's welfare when we go to our lake house. That is so nice that people are concerned about that rooster, but I can tell all of you that he is more than 'well taken care of' and has a babysitter while we are gone. Anyone I get to watch the chickens will report being attacked by Henry, so I always warn them. Glenn was attacked in the yard today so he just picked Henry up, told him not to do that again and petted him then showed him to Silver. Silver saw that Henry was captured and wanted no part of it. Being held by his enemy really does embarrass Henry. When Glenn put him back on the grass, Henry just walked away, but looked back hoping the enemy would not pick him up again.

All the chickens have given up their golf ball egg-sitting except for poor Goldie. She is not even sitting on a golf ball...she sits on nothing! Like I have said before, she is not the brightest chicken in

the hen house. I think she forgets what she is trying to do and gives up. When Henry takes the brood into the chicken coop, she is always the last one. She just ambles along until I get after her. One thing that really bothers them is me scolding them for doing something wrong...like digging up the flower beds or not coming when I call. Sometimes, it is hard to remember that they are just chickens.

We now have an old, yellow barn cat that lives near the barn, travel trailer and garden shed. I told Glenn to leave him or her alone for it seems to be living on either mice or snakes. Either one

is fine with me. Having never had a barn cat before, I do not know the rules. All of my cats have lived in the house, slept in the beds and, in general, ran my home. I will have to look up 'barn cats' on the computer.

We received three phone calls when we got home from our lake house about our property here. It seems that a rumor was started about us selling the Texas home and moving to the lake home. Just to set the record straight, we do not plan to move away any time soon. It might be in the far future, but for now, we are back to the two-home status. You know what that means? If you need it here, it is there. Just today, I looked for my blue dress and guess where it is? Got the shoes here, but the dress is in Oklahoma having fun in the closet.

Until next time, with love, Betty Boydston.

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you that day to change someone else's life."

Kelly holds three chapel services a day - early morning, noon and early evening. He also shares and encourages those in the successful Hope for Men program and prison release program.

In the afternoon or the evening, he will go to Tyler Street Resource Center, Salvation Army, the bus station to run errands for the homeless, pray with them, invite them to Faith City for chapel service.

"I truly think he is a gifted man and God is going to use him," said Richie Fletcher of Gruver, who mentored Kelly for years prior to his release. "I would tell him that God has a plan for him, and I don't know when you're going to get out of these walls, but that day is going to come."

To understand where Kelly, 50, is now is to understand where he's been and what he has endured.

### A criminal robot

At age 9, Kelly's father left him on the streets of Washington, D.C. He slept in a laundromat and survived however he could. At age 13, he was headed for destruction.

His first murder conviction was at age 16, and he was by then into full-blown gang activity. Assault, robbery, you name it. He was becoming a virtual criminal robot.

"Everyone should have been afraid of me," he said. "Anybody in the world would have been afraid of me. You would have been stupid not to be."

A wild scheme brought Kelly to Texas from Florida in 1980. Involved with the Texas mafia, he brought an East Coast crew of six with the idea of knocking off a Six Flags amusement park.

That robbery never happened, but another did.

Kelly was arrested many times. He spent most of his adult life in Texas prisons. In 1987, he was charged and convicted of aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping, attempted murder and theft. He was sentenced to three 40-year terms.

He joined a prison gang inmates respected and some feared.

"The crazy thing about a person's life in prison is that if you're not afraid of dying or killing someone, most people will leave you alone," Kelly said. "I didn't care. I had nothing to live for, nobody I loved."

"I used to laugh when they called someone down to the chapel because their mother died. I was like, who cares? I'd spit in a chaplain's face if he told me something like that. I didn't care. I was filled with hate. That's just the way it was."

### No turning back

Until March 21, 1994, when Kelly read the note. His heart was filled with something beyond hate. At the closing of the Kairos weekend there was an invitation. He was torn. He pulled out the note, read it again.

"I knew it was real," Kelly said. "I knew for the first time that someone loved me, that God loved me. I had to make a choice. I could accept it or turn away and go back to my life. I wasn't going back. I was going to Jesus."

His decision cost him what was left of his family and very nearly his life. He wrote his mother to tell her he'd been saved, and she wrote the warden back to tell him she didn't want any more correspondence from her son.

"A guy wanted me to talk to another guy, and when I walked over to him, he had a shank. A couple of others had a shank, too," Kelly said. "They said, 'You know what this is, don't you?'"

"I said, 'Yeah, I understand. But it's OK, though. I want you to know you're not my enemy. I love you but I will defend myself. I will try to stop you from harming me because the devil is my enemy.'"

One dropped his shank and took off. The others then did the same thing. Eventually he was accepted for the new Michael Kelly.

In the ensuing years, Kelly immersed himself in the Bible, six to eight hours daily. He took courses from Dallas Theological Seminary, Rhema Bible College and Liberty University. He became an elder in the Clements Chapel.

He shared the word with inmates and waited for the day he could share with the outside world. It finally came last summer, the end of 30 years of incarceration.

Skeptics will say it won't last, that Kelly will be among the 83 percent who return to prison. But it's now been 14 years, and he's endured the worst.



**'08 GRADUATE:** This is Mayci Meadows, one of fifteen Ft. Elliott High School graduates. The May 15, 2008, copy of the *Times* had the wrong picture.



**THE WHEELER TIMES**

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."



*Michael Lemmons / Amarillo Globe-News*

Michael Kelly, chaplain at Amarillo's Faith City Ministries, presents the teachings of Jesus Christ to those gathered Thursday at Faith City's 5:30 p.m. pre-dinner service. Not that long ago, Kelly was serving three 40-year sentences in Clements Unit, but a little girl's note tucked inside a bag of homemade cookies set him on a path to God.

"He's not perfect," Fletcher said. "He'll have his ups and downs in the real world. He already has. But he's doing good and I'm proud of him."

Faith City has provided him

## \$11,000 Penalty Given Local Water Dist.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) assessed an \$11,000 fine and six months probated suspension against the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) for violating the Texas Weather Modification and Control Law.

TDLR's investigation found the District performed cloud seeding eleven times in areas outside the defined operational area, specifically Briscoe and Swisher counties.

"In determining the fine TDLR considered several factors. We looked at the seriousness of the violations, what efforts the ground water district has taken to correct the violations and what amount is necessary to deter any future violations," states William H. Kuntz, Jr., executive director of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

To assure compliance of the law PGCD purchased two Garmin Global Positioning Systems (GPS) which will be used in their aircraft. By programming the target and operational area boundaries into the GPS units pilots will be aware of the plane's location as it relates to the boundaries.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is the State agency responsible for administering the Texas Weather Modification and Control law. The law enacted in 1967 by the Texas Legislature and now codified as Chapter 301, Texas Agriculture Code. The law requires the agency to regulate the use of cloud seeding through a licensing and permitting procedure. The law also charges TDLR with promoting the development, and demonstration, of cloud-seeding technology through research.

For more information regarding weather modification or any of the other twenty-five programs TDLR regulations visit <http://www.license.state.tx.us>.

with assistance, support and a place to preach. What more does a changed man need?

"I tell guys on the street that God can use anybody," he said. "We throw away broken things, but he fixes broken things. It's not unusual for lives to be changed. I expect it every day. Look what he did for me."

(Jon Mark Beilue's column appears Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. He can be reached at [jon.beilue@amarillo.com](mailto:jon.beilue@amarillo.com) or (806) 345-3318.)

## Xcel Will Boost Power For Summer

An additional 500 megawatts of generating capacity will become available to Xcel Energy later this summer, improving the utility's generating efficiency and saving customers millions of dollars in fuel costs. Until the new Hobbs, N.M., generating station begins operating, Xcel Energy is taking steps to meet anticipated summer demand. "We are excited about the new Hobbs plant coming on line," said David Eves, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company, "but until it is operational, we will need our customers' help in conserving power." The 500-megawatt Hobbs Generating Station, built and to be operated by Lea Power Partners, is scheduled to be in service by mid-to late July. But power supplies will be extremely tight prior to the plant's opening, Eves said. Until the plant becomes operational, Xcel Energy plans include:

- Short-term purchases of power generated by other utility companies
- Rewards for large customers who reduce power demand on hot days
- Encouraging all customers to conserve energy on hot days

Once the Hobbs plant becomes operational, it will account for approximately 10 percent of the company's generating portfolio in its Texas-New Mexico service area.

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## News, Views, Commentary On KPDR, 90.5

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**LIMO RIDE:** Girl Scouts selling 1,000 or more boxes of Girl Scout cookies were rewarded with a limo ride and a free meal at The Big Texan in Amarillo on April 16, 2008. Twenty-nine girls from the Amarillo area earned the limo ride. Pictured here are Caitlynn Walker (right) from Wheeler and Dezi from Borger.

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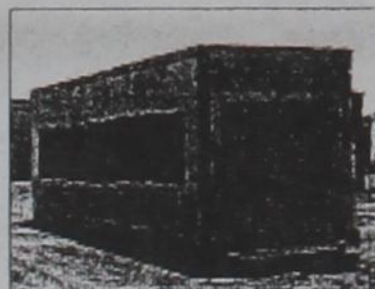
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He folded the note and put it in his pocket. It was from an anonymous 11-year-old girl. She had written with a crayon, a purple crayon:

"I don't care if you're in prison for killing someone like me. I still want you to know I love you and Jesus loves you too."

### 'I want to change lives'

It's early Thursday evening 14 years later, and Michael Kelly is speaking from the heart. Thirty-eight people are in the Faith City Ministries chapel, and Kelly is walking down the aisle, patting one on the shoulder, shaking an outreached hand of another, spreading the word. A small, worn Bible was in his hands. A few tears went down his cheek.

"I've been in some dark places, man, dark places," he tells them. "Places where there was no hope, no way out. I didn't know what to do until I knew Jesus loved me ... He picked the most unlikely character like me to tell you he loves you."

After 29 minutes, Kelly was finished. He prayed, and the congregation left for a supper of meat loaf and potatoes.

Kelly is just more than a month into the first real job he's ever had. He's the chaplain of Faith City Ministries in downtown Amarillo. Denied three times, Kelly was paroled last July to end 17 1/2 years at Clements. He was sent to Faith City as a condition of his parole and spent six months in its prison release program.

He could have found some other job, some better-paying job. But the day after he graduated, he started on staff at Faith City as chaplain. One afternoon last week, Kelly, trim and fit, was at Faith City dressed in a crisp long-sleeved gray shirt and matching tie. The only remnants of his past life are the fading tattoos on the backs of his hands.

His problem is that there isn't enough hours in the day, even if it begins at 3:30 a.m. and doesn't end until after 7 p.m. He talks almost as fast as others think, his conversation bubbling with gratitude, excitement and joy.

"I want to help change lives," Kelly said. "I want people to know what I know. I want to be successful. And success is being able to lay your head down at night knowing that you did something good for someone else, that God used





TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD, AND I WILL WALK IN  
YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART,  
THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME. PSALM 86:11

## Vacation Bible School

June 2-6, 2008  
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon  
First Baptist Church  
Wheeler, Texas

Family Night  
Friday, June 6, 2008  
Musical—6:00 PM  
Luau Meal—After Musical

PRE-REGISTRATION  
WEST OF THRIFTWAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008  
1:00-3:00 PM

Ry. Company Survey.

D-Dianna Jones to Bill Ridgeway, 4-2-08, Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 116, New Mobeetie.

ROL-Brigham Oil & Gas LP to State of Texas, 5-9-08, SW 1/4 Sec. 76, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-William P. Harris to Rio Petroleum Inc., 5-8-08, W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 86 and E 1/2 of 100 acs. NW 1/4; W 60 acs. NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 76, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXT. OL-Ruth A. Hays to John R. Buckthal, 5-6-08, SE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 5-6-08, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RELEASE OF LIEN-Rent-A-Crane of Okla. Inc. to Louisiana Transportation Inc., 5-14-08, Sec. 14, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D-Americo Tintori, et ux to Placido Soto, et ux, 3-14-08, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. J, Park Add., Wheeler.

ROW-W. H. Fuhrman to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 5-2-08, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-Jarrell Russell Jr. to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-10-08, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Witham Living Trust to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-14-08, Pt. S. Keith Survey, and Pt. Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Betty Sherrod to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-14-08, Pt. Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Frank Morrison, et ux to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-15-08, Pt. 38.94 acs. S. Kieth Survey; Pt. 93.74 acs. S. Phifer Survey; Pt. 187.32 acs. Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Greg Lake, et ux to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-16-08, Pt. S 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Scott Smith, et ux to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-16-08, Pt. S 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Odessa L. Calcote Mooney to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-10-08, Pt. E 137.4 acs. N 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Odessa L. Calcote Mooney to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-10-08, Pt. W 49.3 acs. N 1/2 Sec. 18, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-W.W. Wheeler to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 2-27-08, Pt. W 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Virginia Lee Scott to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-15-08, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Vina Dee Creager to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 3-7-08, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Thomas Benton Creager to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-15-08, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Nancy Moore Schilling to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-15-08, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Margaret Moore Pendleton to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-22-08, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.



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ROW-Bonnie Moore Wuerflein to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-17-08, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Eileen Moore Huyck to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 4-18-08, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

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OL-John J. McClure Jr. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 10-4-07, SW 1/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Davis Family Trust No. 1 to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 5-1-08, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

POA-George E. Azzazi, et ux to Alacritty Lending Company, 5-12-08, 5 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MML-George E. Azzazi, et ux to International Homes, 5-12-08, 5 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TMML-International Homes to Alacritty Lending Company, 5-12-08, 5 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-George E. Azzazi, et ux to Alacritty Lending Company, 5-12-08, 5 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D-Jorge Lopez to Hilaria Perez, 4-22-08, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MODIFICATION AGREE-Mark K. Brown, et ux to Worldwide Mortgage Co., 4-10-08, 10 acs. N 1/2 NW 1/4; and 20' Easement Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-B & G Operating Ltd. to Cimarex Energy Company, 4-9-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Suzanne Davis to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-7-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Lester D. Sitter to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-21-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Sharon Sitter Fuller to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-21-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Frances Sitter Dennis to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-7-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Henry Ford Risner to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-7-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Fuller Family Trust to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-25-08, N 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Rosa Lee Hales to Cimarex Energy Company, 2-29-08, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C WILL-Monica B. Scoggin to Ex Parte, 2-20-08.

C/C ORDER PROBATE-Monica B. Scoggin to Ex Parte, 2-20-08.

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MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, N 202.6 acs. Sec. 6, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, S 1/2 Sec. 1, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, S 1/2 Sec. 1, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, Sec. 2, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, Sec. 3, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, Sec. 4, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL-R. D. Mills Jr., et al to Apache Corporation, 5-12-08, Sec. 5, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT-United States of America to Katherine G. Christie, 4-26-08, See Instrument.

EXECUTORS D-Katheryne Gene Christie Estate to Sharon Kay Wright, 5-20-08, Lot 1, Blk. 6, Parklane Estates, Wheeler.

DVL-Virginia L. Seymour, et al to Brandi D. Wright, et vir, 5-16-08, All of Lots 11 and 12, and the S35' of Lot 13, Blk. 75, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT-Brandi D. Wright, et vir to Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., 5-15-08, All of Lots 11 and 12, and the S35' of Lot 13, Blk. 75, WSSA, Shamrock.

ROW-Atterton Family Limited Partnership to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 5-9-08, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 68, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE-James W. Caldwell to Ex Parte, 5-13-08, See Instrument.

DVL-James D. Garner, et ux to James Wade Garner, 5-20-08, 1 ac. SE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-James Wade Garner to James D. Garner, et ux, 5-20-08, 1 ac. SE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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RDT-National Bank of Commerce to Yreva Sue Topper, 5-19-08, N 75' E 1/2 Blk. 7, Wheeler.

RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Jerry Sanders, et ux, 5-19-08, See Instrument.

ROW-Paul Clay Mahler, et ux to Seminole Gas Company LLC, 5-2-08, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Clarice Pamela Vogt to Seminole Gas Company LLC, 5-10-08, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Clare Patricia Gramelbauer to Seminole Gas Company LLC, 5-10-08, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

A. of JUDGE-Wheeler ISD, et al to Casey Joe Cummings, 5-19-08.

## Citiz

(from Page 1)

Audra Weatherly

Fourth Grade: Michaela Bailey

and Andrea Avila

Fifth Grade: Abby Bond

Sixth Grade: Jake Ware

Junior High students receiving

citizenship awards were Alyssa

Johnson and Kallen Moore.

High School students receiving

the citizenship awards were Katlin

Rutherford and Jennifer Scales.

## Chat

(from Page 1)

Greg and Seth's. This included the Arnolds—from the Stas side. Jean Mason (Barbara's sister) and Billy Seurer (Barbara's cousin) came over in the afternoon.

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Cards were played. Luck was with Leroy, Dwight and Bob; they won the first two games. Rhonda, Mike and I managed to get the most points the third game.

—cwe—

## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from May 15, 2008 – May 21, 2008.

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REL. FTL-United States of America to Rita Yvonne Benton Bryant, 5-4-08.

OL-MAP2004OK to JMA Energy Company LLC, 4-28-08, SW 1/4 Sec. 18, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

QCMD-Jeff A. Harbeson, et ux

to Harbeson Family Trust, 4-30-08, Pt. Sec. 21, and Pt. of 308.22 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

D-David Martinez, et ux to Joe Bob Kinnaman, et ux, 4-25-08, S 1/2 Lot 6 and All of Lot 7, Blk. 82, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT-Joe Bob Kinnaman, et ux to David Martinez, et ux, 4-25-08, S 1/2 Lot 6 and All of Lot 7, Blk. 82, WSSA, Shamrock.

D-Donald E. Blacketter, et al to Garrison Property Development Group LLC, 5-12-08, E 150' of Lots 8-10, Blk. 1, HAS, Shamrock.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-James Simpson, et al to Marilyn Jo Simpson, 3-28-08.

D-Jaye Nell Schlegel, et al to Kenneth Wischkaemper, et ux, 5-14-08, Lots 10-12, Blk. 23, Shamrock.

UCC DT-Nationwide Real Estate Inc. to Atlanta Postal Credit Union, —, Lots 19-23, Blk. 29, Wheeler.

DT-Nationwide Real Estate Inc. to Atlanta Postal Credit Union, 3-31-08, Lots 19-23, Blk. 29, Wheeler.

CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Delbert Thomas, 5-14-08, Lot 3, Blk. M-4, NE Add., Wheeler Cemetery.

CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Glen Turvaille, 5-14-08, Lot 2, Blk. M-4, NE Add., Wheeler Cemetery.

## Parkview Artery Allergy Season

Its certain allergy season is on its way, though, bringing sneezing, wheezing, coughing, runny noses, itchy eyes and headaches with it.

The allergy season is really several seasons. Trees start scattering their pollen in early spring, followed by grasses, and then ragweed kicks in during the summer and runs through fall.

More than 20 percent of Americans suffer from allergies, and 14 million will visit a doctor's office this year and rack up \$6 billion in treatment costs. Combined, an estimated 4 million sick days will be taken because of allergies.

Hay fever, or seasonal allergic rhinitis, is an immune response provoked by airborne substances, mostly plant pollens and mold spores. The symptoms — sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes, stuffy sinuses, and tickling throats — aren't life threatening, but they can make you miserable. Allergic rhinitis isn't just a seasonal problem. Perennial allergic rhinitis, which occurs year-round, is triggered by common household allergens such as dust mites, animal dander, and mold.

You develop an allergy when your immune system becomes hypersensitive to a normally harmless substance, such as inhaled pollen or dust mite particles. Once sensitized, the immune system overreacts every time it's exposed.

Not everyone has allergies. Some people are genetically predisposed (one or both parents have allergies), while others may develop allergies in response to the environment.

Continual exposure to hundreds of airborne pollens can turn a relaxing outdoor hobby into a sneeze-filled experience. Allergy sufferers, however, can use some simple tips to minimize their exposure to pollen. Also, gardeners can avoid and eliminate troublesome pollen-producing plants to reduce airborne pollen.

### Tips to stifle the sniffles

Knowing how to limit exposure to problem pollens can make gardening, yard work and other outdoor activities more bearable. Keep these tips in mind.

Avoid gardening in the early morning hours, as pollen counts are highest before 10 a.m. likewise, pollen counts tend to rise as the sunsets.

Wear a mask to filter airborne allergens when working in the garden, mowing or raking.

Choose trees, plants or shrubs that are not wind-pollinated. Remember, the prettier the flower, the safer the pollen.

Yards should be checked frequently to ensure that highly allergenic weeds (such as ragweed, nettle, dock, plantain, pigweed and lambs quarters) are not proliferating. In particular, keep Bermuda grass at bay; this highly allergenic plant flourishes in garden beds and lawns.

By all means, don't just suffer. Talk to your family doctor and visit an allergy specialist if needed. Various over-the-counter and prescription medicines can substantially reduce allergy symptoms.

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A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

## Add to Allison

My mom wanted me to add to my news that on May 30th and 31th, Friday and Saturday that she and I are having a yard sale at 205 West 1st Street.

4, NE Add., Wheeler Cemetery.

SUB-TRUSTEES D-Jacinto Valdez Jr., et ux to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., 5-6-08, S 50' Lot 1 and S 100' Lot 4, Blk. 48, Shamrock.

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AFF-Scott Osborne to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 5-9-08, N 60 acs. E 240 acs. Sec. 27, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-23-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Don H. Nelson to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-23-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Themistocles Inc. to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-30-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Richard Lee Hauschild Jr. Revocable Living Trust dated April 27, 2000 to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-25-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Bison Investments LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-25-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Eudaemonia Inc. to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-29-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Kean Production LP to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-23-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Von a Martin LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-28-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Thomas J. Garner to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-25-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Foster & Foster Deep Morrow LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-29-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-S/O Investors LP to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 5-1-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Nadel and Gussman Energy LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-28-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Fox Run Company LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-29-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Norwich Petroleum Corporation to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-24-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Liberty Investments Incorporated to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 5-8-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Carob Energy Holdings LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 5-8-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Munta LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-29-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Todd E. Tharp LLC to Chesapeake Exploration LLC, 4-23-08, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN

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SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008, Enter NOON Rope 1:00PM

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**Mob** (from Page 3)  
put him in the hospital. He had been there a few weeks. God knows best.  
Well, it's off to another day of medical appointments. Have a great week. Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Shelton May and his

**Roping** (from Page 1)  
and Tuesday or Ryan Smith at 806/826-5516. Either of the above may be contacted concerning the signs.  
Information and/or checks may be mailed to: Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, TX 79096.

family, Sallie Adcock, Don and Mary Edwards, Judy Cloud, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Earl and Leola Stuart, Dick and Ann Graham, Mabel Tabor, Bill and Patsy Caswell, all the graduating seniors, Curtis Hendrix, Iona May, Lou Dean Douthitt, Jane Seitz, Sue Seitz, Shari Gail Porter, Louise Hogan, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Jackie and Fred Thrasher, Byron Simpson, Mary Whitener, Melba and Dale Corcoran, Lonnie Hendrix, John McGinty, Carl and Peggy Carter, Venita Weiss, Alvern Hutchison, Boozie and Maxine Howard, Frankie and Bob Herman, John Ulrey and family, Julie Ulrey, Vera and Kenneth Walker, Aaron

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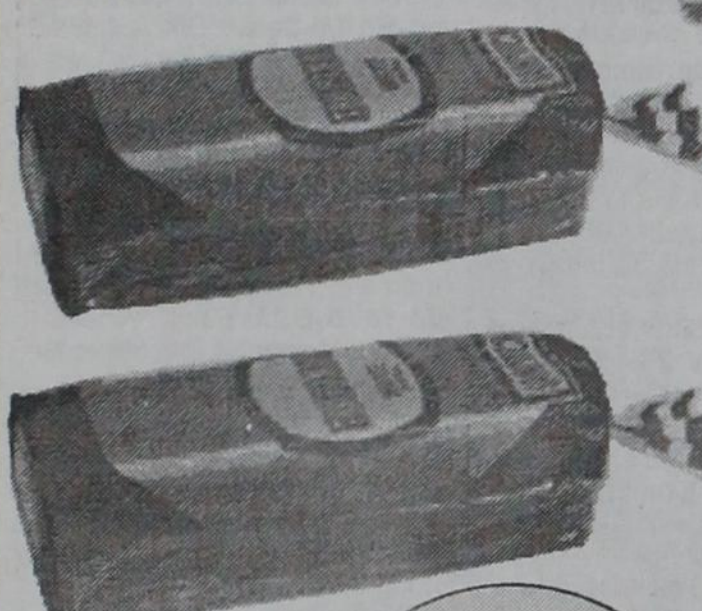
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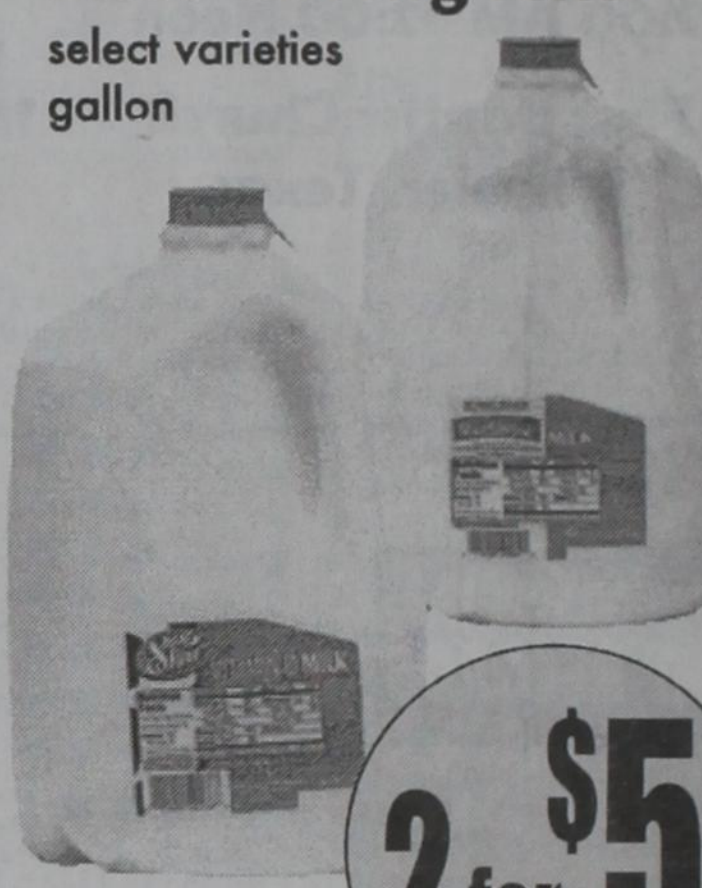


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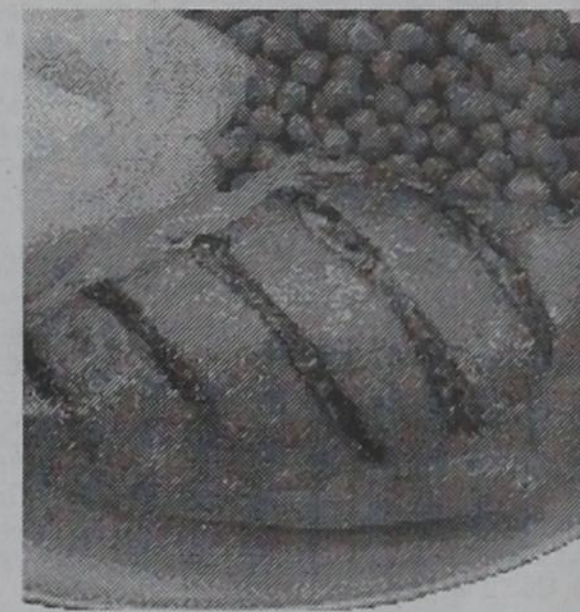


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**5 for \$5**



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Links or Patties**  
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**\$1** ea.

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**Gatorade  
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**5 for \$5**



**Crisp  
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**Roma  
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**10 for \$1**



**Russet  
Potatoes**  
10 lb. bag

**2 for \$4**

**Soft'n Gentle  
Bathroom Tissue**  
12 rolls



**2 for \$6**