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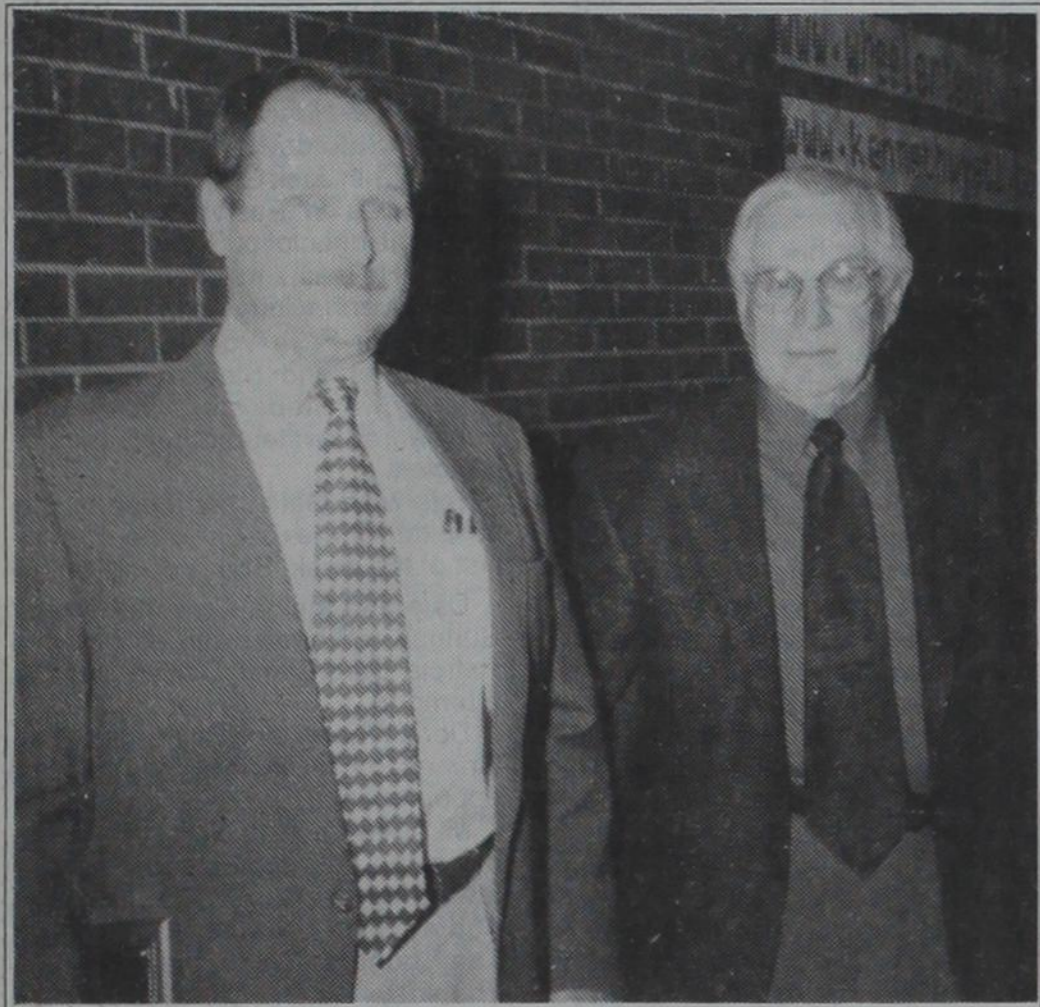
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Large Crowd Attends Chamber Banquet

'99 Outstanding Individuals Recognized



OUTSTANDING MAN: Dave Britt, a native son (left), was recognized at the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, February 14, as Outstanding Man. Dave spends countless hours in service to his community, church and school. He supports youth activities as well as serving on numerous boards and committees. He has been a den leader for Cub Scouts and has supported all
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OUTSTANDING WOMAN: Tammy Moore (left) was presented a plaque Monday night at the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, February 14, in recognition for having been named Outstanding Woman. Mrs. Moore recognized a need for new playground equipment for the Wheeler I.S.D. playground and worked toward the realization of this project.
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OUTSTANDING TEENAGER: The Outstanding Teenager award was presented to Jennifer Johnson is the daughter of Skeet and Diane Johnson. "J. J." is a senior at Wheeler High School and is the type student teachers rely on to 'get the job done'. She is active in basketball, cross country and track. The plaque was presented by Becky Hardcastle at the annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday evening, February 14, 2000.



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE: Liz Shipp (right), an employee of Wheeler Banking Center, was recognized as Outstanding Employee at the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, February 14. The award was presented by Tim Farris. Mrs. Shipp has been an employee of the Wheeler bank since 1980, she has
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PIONEER AWARD: The Pioneer Award is presented each year at Wheeler's Chamber of Commerce Banquet to recognize someone, who has been an active member of the community for a number of years. The award was presented this year to Grainger McIlhany, local businessman, former member of the Texas House of Representatives and District Judge.
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OUTSTANDING FARMER/RANCHER: Recognized at the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Monday, February 14, was Thomas Helton (left). Retired from the Wheeler I.S.D. system, Mr. Helton has a 150 head cow herd operation and hay business. He continues to hold various positions in the Methodist church, continues as an active member of the Wheeler Lions Club,
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CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

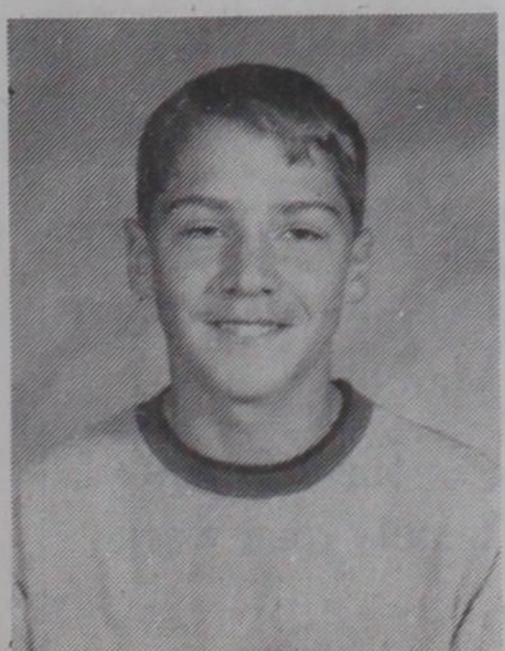
Evan Reed To Participate In Calf Scramble At Houston Stock Show

Evan Reed will compete in one of the most exciting events of the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - the calf scramble. A 14-year-old FFA member from Wheeler, Evan will scramble Sunday, Feb. 27, 2000, during the twilight rodeo performance.

The son of Jac and Andy Reed, Evan will scramble during a star-studded rodeo performance that includes seven PRCA and WPRA rodeo events and entertainment by Los Tucanes de Tijuana & A.B. Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings.

During the calf scramble, 28 4-H or FFA members will attempt to catch and halter one of 14 calves that are released into the 1.86-acre Astrodome arena. With the drop of a hat, the calves will dart into the arena and the challenge will begin. With youngsters and calves scattered about and moving every direction across the Astrodome floor, the calf scramble is

For those that successfully catch a calf, the hard work is just beginning. Each winning individual is awarded a \$1,000 certificate toward the purchase of a registered beef heifer.
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Evan Reed

W.H.S. Board Renews Contracts At Meeting

Regular Meeting February 10, 2000
The Wheeler ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular February meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 10, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Gail Ledbetter, President. Board members present were Dell Ford, Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, Chris Osborne, Dr. Mike Smith, Dan Sams and Scott Dunnam. School personnel present were Mike Bailey, Jim Verden, Dale Pulpan, Doug Rives and Brooks Symank. Also present were Judy Woollard and James Hubble.

Allison Board of Trustees Calls Election For Mar. 22

In a regular meeting of the Allison ISD Board of Trustees, which was held on February 10th, an election was ordered for the purpose of electing three members to the Board. Current members of the Board include: Bret Begert, Bennie Boydston, Destry Coulter, Garland Dukes, Cletus Greene, Franklin Lane, and Winston Rainey. Board members whose terms are up for re-election this year are Bennie Boydston, Cletus Greene, and Franklin Lane.

The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 21st. The last day to apply is March 22nd at 5:00 pm. Early voting will be held in the school secretary's office starting on April 19th and ending on May 2nd. The election will be held on Saturday, May 6th in the Allison ISD Vo-Ag Classroom between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Wheeler Council Conducts Feb. Business

FEBRUARY 14, 2000
Wanda Herd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Charles Kuntz presented the 1999-2000 amended budget. He recommended amendments to the General Account, Water & Sewer Account, Swimming pool account, and Library Account. Barbra Koelzer made motion.
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CONGRATULATIONS! to the individuals receiving the awards at the banquet Monday evening. You were each deserving.
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The speaker, Kenneth Wyatt, was
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Former Columnist, Vetola Parker, 88 Dies; Rites Read Saturday At Allison

Vetola G. Young Parker, 88, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at Moore County Hospital in Dumas. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Allison School Gym at Allison with Raymond Jones of Pampa and Truman Teel of Dill City, Okla., officiating. Burial was in Zybach cemetery at Allison under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Parker was born Nov. 16, 1911, near Altus, Okla., to N. F. and Flora Young. The family lived in the Altus and Eldorado area prior to moving to the Briscoe area in 1930. She married Zearl Coleman "Colie" Parker on Sept. 14, 1932, at Briscoe, he died in 1990. She worked in Briscoe and wrote the Briscoe News for *The Wheeler Times* for many years. She belonged to Zybach Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Willie; a daughter, Toline Clark; two grandchildren; a brother, and a sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Zetha Dougherty of Pampa; five sons, Leroy Parker of Amarillo, Ted Parker, Garry Parker and Nelson Parker, all of Dumas, and Weldon Parker of Forgan, Okla.; four sisters, Daphne Barry, Madell Pillers and Una McGaughy, all of Amarillo and Troice Davis of Bentonville, Ark.; a brother, N. F. Young of Broken Arrow, Okla.; 37 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Allison Church of Christ.



Vetola Parker

New Arrival



ABBIGAIL GRACE GILMER
Casey and Misty Gilmer are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby girl on January 12, 2000. Abbigail Grace Gilmer was born in Pampa, TX. She weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz. and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jim and Vicky Gilmer and James and Mardi Ogle. Great-grandparents are Nadine Lane, Dorothy Ogle, Mary Williams, and T. K. and Lorene Carter. Her great-great-grandmother is Mable Parker.

New Arrival



SHELBY ELISE DAWSON
Shelby Elise Dawson was born on January 17, 2000, at 7:14 PM. She was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. She was welcomed home by her parents, Brad and Sarita Dawson and big brother, Dallas and big sister Micaela Dawson of Amarillo, Texas.

Her grandparents are: Edwin and Laurel Hershman, great-grandmothers, Willa Fillingim of Wheeler, Texas and Delilah Hershman of Kirklint, Indiana.

Margie and Darrell Dawson of Amarillo, Texas and Ethel Rankin of Hereford, Texas.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Starting March 1, the Wheeler Public Library will be open 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. We will not be open on Saturdays.

1 Peter 1: 18-19: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed—but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Happy Birthday to Shauna Hector, Clay Zybach, Doris Whaley, Larry Zamora, Nancy Pierce, Benonia Maddox and Chad Morgan on Feb. 20; Bertha Hollis, Curtis Pigg, Jada Hathaway, Dick Irvine, Mack Shields and Steve Zybach on Feb. 21; Sallie Harris on Feb. 22; Evie Aderholt and John Moffett on Feb. 23; Audie Savage and Dwight Tipps and Scott Luttrell on Feb. 24; J. D. Tindol, Andy Gonzales, Lauren Baird, Tiffany Hawkins and Mitch Meadows on Feb. 25; Tom Helton, Sam Meadows and Steve Bleakley on Feb. 25.

Mark and Annette Meek and Jocelyn went to Oklahoma City Saturday and visited Kaleb Meek and his fiancée Marti Emmert.

"Millennia come and go. What is constant from century to century, day to day, moment to moment is God's unending love for us." Praise the Lord! —from *Guideposts*.

Sarita Dawson's baby girl was born Jan. 17. Sunday, Feb. 6, doctors had to zap a gall stone in Sarita. Monday they removed the gall bladder. Sarita was hoping to go home Thursday. Laura Hershman went up and spent a few days to help out with Shelby Elise and Micaela so Brad could work. Pray for them all. Sarita is home now. Laurel cooked up food for them.

Frankie Pelton had the misfortune to slip and fall when it was icy. She broke both bones in her left arm. She is left handed. She was taken to Amarillo to BSA and had surgery and was in rehab. But she can't go home without 24 hour care. Pray for Frankie. She is Melvin Tindol's sister. Frankie had to have a halo around her head. She has moved to Abraham Home in Canadian to convalesce. Go by and see her.

Monday night, our numbers were down at Wheeler Senior Citizens. We had a good meal and one table of 88, but several went to the Methodist Church to hear a talk from Sheriff Jimmy Adams. Some others went to the Baptist church to Staff Appreciation Banquet. Others had doctor's appointments. But we enjoyed it anyway. Next time will be March 6, at 6:00 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

Visiting Willa Fillingim late Thursday were Lynnette Lewis, Katie Weatherly and boys, Jay and Jet. The boys enjoyed the animals a lot and wanted to take some of them home with them. Willa makes beautiful appliqued quilts and showed them some she had started. She enjoyed their visit.

So sorry to hear that Tysen Auldridge, son of Andrea and Tracy Auldridge has been pretty sick at Pampa Hospital with RSV since Wednesday. Also Keith and Shari Bell's baby girl is now home from Pampa. Also Bridget and Shea Weatherly's baby girl, Audra, who is some better is at home. Pray for them all.

Ft. Elliott High School girls and boys played Texline at Stinnett Friday night for practice games. Ft. Elliott girls defeated Texline 54 to 32; Ft. Elliott boys defeated Texline 71-56. Ft. Elliott girls will play Gruver Tuesday night, Feb. 15, at Amarillo High School for bi-district. Good Luck! Coach Ron VanVrankin is still at Texline. Ty is on the team and a high scorer. Rod coached at Briscoe a few years. They were from Dil City, Okla.

There was a big bunch of Hathaways at Maxeys Saturday night to celebrate Paul Hathaway's 59th birthday. Some there were Paul and Clarice Hathaway, Dean and Lacy Hathaway and Aspen and Cole, Dale Hathaway and Wesley, Wade and Gayla Hathaway and Jason, Andrea

FT. ELLIOTT MENU
(Mobeetie Campus)

MONDAY, February 21, 2000 — FRIDAY, February 25, 2000
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ravolis, Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Garlic Toast, Cake, Milk or Tea
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits w/Gravy, Eggs, Sausage or Bacon, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Baked Potato w/Chili and Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Fruit, Milk or Tea
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito's Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburger Steak, Fried Potatoes, Candied Carrots, Rolls, Pudding, Milk or Tea
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Sausage Pups, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Enchiladas, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Milk or Tea
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Milk or Tea
(Menu subject to change)

and Brandon, Kim and Jimmy Morgan and Erica and Keadron, Kristen and Shellie Johnson and friends from Wellington, Lori and Melissa Kiker. Happy Birthday, Paul. You and Clarice have a wonderful family.

Thank You, First Baptist church, Wheeler for all the prayers and signatures on the prayer gram. It helped. I've done really well.

Going Saturday to San Antonio to the Livestock Show were Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber and Georgia Tipps and taking pigs.

Tuesday Kevin and Jona Meek were taking pigs and Tommy and Shantell Meek, Justin and Tamara Hefley and Monty Hand. Also going were Walter Hand and Mark Hefley and Shelia Helton and Marlana. Kevin was also taking Blaine Baker and Candy Hilburn's pigs. Good luck to all!

Happy 65th birthday to Gary Morris. Friday his aunt Dorothy Beck from Lefors brought a delicious Red Velvet Cake. They served Strawberry ice cream and cokes, tea and coffee.

Friends and helpers there to help him celebrate were Claudetta and Caaron Laverty, Michael Killingsworth, John and Laura Bowham from Pampa, Betty Howard, Charles Crowover and Lynn Sims and Serena. Many brought cards and small gifts. You are a special guy, Gary! Gary is in the iron lung at Mobeetie.

Congratulations to James and Janette Umsted of Kelton in the birth of their new baby boy, Landry James, born January 20, 2000. Landry is welcomed by big brother, Brennan Umsted.

Pray for our good friend, Doyle Grimes. He is having serious eye problems. We are rooting (and praying) for you, Doyle.

Pray for the fine young man, Wayne Stribling, who has the Western Store in Pampa and grew up at Mobeetie. He had to have brain surgery for a tumor. But we have a great God! Glad he got to go home from hospital Sunday.

Nice to have Laurel and Ed Hershman and Delilah Hershman join us for supper at Maxeys Thursday

night. Delilah hopes to be going back to Indiana to her home soon. Sweet little lady. She appreciates the hospitality, but "no place like home." Troy and Cindy brought her down Christmas.

Pray for the sick babies!

Nice to have Joe and Sherry Waggoner from Canadian join us for supper at Maxeys Sat. nite and good visit. Good to see David and Phyllis Hefley there looking beautiful and well after David's heart procedure to clean out an artery. Also there, Andy and Liz Shipp and Savannah. From Pampa were Kevin and Janet Romines, Kevin's dad, PeeWee Romines, with Bill and Marilyn Kidwell. Also there were Kevin and Heather Shields and Eric, William and Lauren (beautiful children). Also Dennis and Brenda Hefley and Nathan and Tera and Justin Wedbrooks. Darville and Sammie Atherton.

Enjoying supper together at Maxeys Saturday night were Fat and Wanda Childress with Scott and Kay Luttrell, Tammy Andris and Timmy and Chuck Hutchison.

Sunday Fat Childress baked a birthday cake for Addie Swift and Cathy Hunt and they came down for lunch. Carroll and JoAnn Lackey were weekend visitors to David and Rita Pearson.

Monday night David and Rita went to Canadian to a Rotary Sweetheart Banquet.

Sunday dinner guests to Larry and Vicky Nelson were Danny and Jimmy Nelson and Kerl Nelson and Greg Koelzer.

Visiting Edna May Sunday night and playing 42 were Lou Dean Douthit, Irene Keys and Virginia Puryear.

Friday night, Lou Dean Douthit went with Debbie Kinnaman to Stinnett to the practice games with Texline.

Glad to hear that Abby Gilmer, infant daughter of Casey and Misty, is feeling better since got formula better.

Pray for Dorothy Rich, Mary Jahnel's mom, who is critically ill in BSA Amarillo.

Glad to hear that Rosalie Keelin got to visit her sister, Floy Larkin at Pampa last Saturday. Floy's twin sister, Joy Garrison, from Borger was also there. Floy fixed a delicious dinner for them. They went shopping and had a great time together. Rosalie said that was better than going to a doctor.

Rosalie and Lou Dean Douthit went to Vetola's funeral at Allison Saturday. Rosalie said that she looked so pretty. She also enjoyed the beautiful singing. Big crowd there to pay last respects. Good to see all the family.

Sunday dinner guests at Rosalie Keelin's were Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy.

Johnny and Patty Crawford are pastoring the Briscoe Community Church. Mike and Teresa Dyer moved to Amarillo. Pray for them all and the church.

Some going to Colorado City Saturday to the wedding of Ty Wood to Cinnamon Hampton were Sam and Barb Meadows, Patricia Hand and Monty, Richard and Bonnie Meadows and Reagan, Mike and Rolanda Meadows and Seth and Mayci, Mark and Mandy Meadows and Landry, Tanner Smith, Michael Hilburn, Tanner Smith, Michael Hilburn and Kevin and Leslie Wilson and Johnnie from Midland. Ty and Cinnamon will be living at Plano and attending North Texas State at Denton. Best wishes and God bless!

J. P. and Martha Meek visited Doyle and Bulah Grimes Thursday afternoon. Friday we went over to J. P.'s and ate supper and played 42.

Nice to have J. P. and Martha Meek join us at Wheeler Dairy Queen for lunch Sunday. Also there Donald and Charles Finsterwald, Puny Griffin, Ruby and Fat Jones with Jackie and Brenda Sparlin and Jamie and Cody, Iona May, Doretta Moore, Opal Hefley, Lola Holcomb, Inez Wright, Alvern Hutchison and Russell and Lee Anna Schaub and children. Good to see everyone. Little Cody had been sick a lot. Pray for him.

There was a big crowd out to Briscoe Tuesday night to the last home game between Ft. Elliott and Higgins. The girls game was very close with our girls pulling it out to a 53-44 victory right at the last. Ft. Elliott girls will play Gruver for Bi-District Tuesday night, Feb. 15, at Amarillo. Ft. Elliott boys defeated Higgins 76-68 to win district.

Ft. Elliott seniors were honored with flowers and parents went up with them before the game. We missed Candy Hilburn, who had knee surgery Tuesday at Amarillo. Nice to have about 20 guys suited out and

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the EMT personnel, who took care of me Sunday morning. What a blessing you all were!

Also, to the nurses and Dr. Gheena at Parkview. "Thank you all so much." This was a scary time for me and you all made me comfortable and at ease. Thanks so much for all your care! To all my friends and relatives, who came by to cheer me and pray for me—"Thank you all so much!"

It is such a blessing to have people who care and take the time to show it! Carol Clawson



MOBEETIE NEWS
By: Melba Corcoran

Melba Corcoran and Lorene Rector left Monday morning and went to Copan, OK to visit Kenny and Melody Sherrell and Debra. Melody had got home from the hospital. Tuesday night Melba had to take her to the ER due to her fever coming up. They had changed her antibodies. Then Wednesday her incision burst in one spot from an infection. She had to go back to the ER. They packed the incision and sent her home. Thursday before Melba and Lorene came home they took her to the doctor's office. He repacked the incision and said this should lower her fever. She will have to have the packing changed once a day for several days. Remember her in your prayers.

Candy Hilburn is home after her knee surgery. She has had the pain pump removed from the knee and doing well. She still has spells of nearly fainting when she gets up. She has to do 200 exercises a day with the leg. Remember her in your prayers.

Dale Corcoran and Pauline Barnes visited Monday with Densel and Fern Reed.

Dennis Hilburn is still in the hospital in Amarillo. He underwent surgery Friday afternoon. He was up walking Saturday. They had to remove 3 discs. He got to come home Sunday.

Wayne Stribling underwent surgery for a brain tumor on Thursday. The report came back cancer. They think they got the entire tumor but still will give him treatments. He is in Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in CCU. Clint and Maurita Stribling has been with Carol and Wayne at the hospital. He was alert and seems to be doing OK Friday. Clint and Maurita Stribling spent Thursday night at Lynn and Mary Sue Stephenson. Remember him in your prayers. Wayne was put in a room Saturday and is in good spirits. Wayne got to go home Sunday.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo early Friday. Dale had an appointment with the eye doctor at

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the VA and Melba had appointment for Lab work and a mammogram at Baptist St. Anthony. They also visited with Clint and Maurita Stribling in the waiting room. They visited with Dennis Hilburn also. He was waiting to have his surgery. The hold up was approval from the insurance co.

Those going to Red River Steak House in McLean Friday night were Aaron and Arica Lancaster, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Joe VanZandt, Jimmy and Bobby Hill, Chuck and Louise Hogan, Bill and Dutch Elliott, and Dale and Melba Corcom. After the meal Aaron, Arica, Dale and Melba visited at the McLean Care Center with Ariza Corcoran.

Clara Ridgway and Evelyn Riley visited in McLean Care Center with Ariza Corcoran on Tuesday.

Frances Dickey went to Borger and visited with her daughter and granddaughter for a few days.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Robert Glenn Cannedy (Faye Hathaway's son). His obit in the paper read Robert Glenn Cannedy age 39 of Vernon died Wednesday Jan. 26, 2000 in Houston. Services were held on Saturday at Second Baptist Church with Jack Gilliland officiating. Burial was in Eastview Cemetery under the director of Sullivan Funeral Home. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; his mother Faye Von Tungen; two sons Chris and Steven; a brother Rodney, a stepsister, Scott Von Tungen; and a stepbrother Scott Von Tungen.

Leta Mae Gatlin has been in the hospital. She expects to be out the first of the week. She is doing well.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Sunday in Wheeler with William and Patricia Burch, and Caitlyn Sunday afternoon.

Doris Whaley took Doyle and Bulah Grimes to Elk City for Doyle's doctor appointment.

Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday at the Totty Schoolhouse. Those attending were Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz and Charlotte Coward. They hope to finish the quilt next Thursday.

Gary and Jerry Grimes of Amarillo visited their parents Doyle and Bulah Grimes on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Venison of Amarillo have been working on the old Wright-Hooker place. They are going to move a trailer house in to the place.

Darryl and Tillie Snelgrooves of Wheeler visited Saturday with Lorene Rector.

Ella Trout was taken back to the Care Center from the hospital. She is still real ill. She is not eating or drinking anything. Pray for her and her family.

Fort Elliott CISD
Cougar News

Events for the coming week are February 17: Boys warm up Basketball game. No School.

Teacher Inservice February 18: Girls Area Basketball. No school holiday.

February 21 and 22: Girls Regional Quarterfinals Basketball and Boys Bi-District Basketball.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks everyone and the fire departments who help extinguish the grass fire on our place west of Mobeetie on Tuesday, February 8, 2000.

Glenn D. Hodges

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, February 21, 2000 — FRIDAY, February 25, 2000
MONDAY: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Pears
TUESDAY: Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake
THURSDAY: Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake
FRIDAY: Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

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Here it is Friday, warmed up to 40 and sun shining. The weatherman says two days of cold and back to Springtime. We had this kind of weather back in 1938 and were eating from the garden when that blizzard came howling in about the 8th of April. So much snow that the roads were blocked a long time. We may have some bad winter yet. I can remember having to wear our winter coats on Decoration Day once. Someone else said Fourth of July, but I don't really remember that. Still need rain desperately.

We have got some lovely Valentines and managed to send some to the near and dear. Looks like Presidents Day, 21st, is the next holiday with no mail.

Brad and Brendon Atkinson were home from college over the weekend and helped Eb around the farm. Marshall Henson carried the mail some.

Please be careful about fires. Everything is so terribly dry. The Old Robbirds house burned last week and Gene Keathley's house in Sayre. The firemen have been out several times to fight grass fires. I hear the Dave Maddoux house has been moved to Reydou.

Have you noticed the nice signs the Erick FFA members have put up around town. Really neat.

C. B. and Ola Mae Crook celebrated their 50th anniversary recently with a family dinner and reunion at Pampa. Congratulations.

Jim and Danielle Lyon, Oklahoma City, were out to visit J. E. and Clara Lou McGuire.

Our FFA students attended the recent Sheep Show at Mangum and came home with a sheaf of ribbons and awards. They were Nathaniel Quinn, Lindsey Coffey, Richard Rice, Nathan Reed, Levi Greer, Chase Arrington, Heather Dolloff, Cade Sites, Angela Prather. Cade won the Intermediate Showmanship Award.

One of the greatest things to happen in the past century was rural electricity. It came here in the '40s so those 60 and under don't remember drawing water out of a 40 foot well, sleeping in the yard with the mosquitoes in the summer, because it was so hot indoors, making a chunk of ice last a week for ice tea, sleeping under about ten quilts in the winter. Yes, those were the good ole days.

Jill, Cathy, Tyler, and Vikki visited E. L. and Wilma Fowler during the weekend.

Little Emmy Varnell has had pneumonia. Doug and E. L. Fowler have been down to Sayre to see her.

Verna Ford, Wanette, says they had about ten inches of snow and lots of delicious snow ice cream, plus the good moisture.

Sayre has been having quite a bit in the paper about their history. My Granddad John McCathern had a confectionary in Sayre around 1910. I don't know how long.

Johnny and Beth Wilson, Sayre, Kara Cox, Matthew, Dalton Perry visited Ruby Sutton Sunday.

Someone is still making those calls with no one there. Makes a person

wonder. Sure is worrying when it happens at night.

I have been reading in the paper about the massacre in Tulsa in 1921 when a part of the town was destroyed and many killed. Then too it hasn't been forgotten about General

Custer coming up in the night and killing all those Indians out here. SAD Cathy Henson and Vikki Fowler visited Gerty Coffey Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Doss, Carnegie, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Doss, Cordell, attended the funeral services for their aunt Fay Lewis at Texola.

Birthday folks are Terry Davis, Martina Hobbs, Charles Baker, Twila Adams, Doug Fowler, Jada Alexander, Greg Henson, Lacy Fowler, Roy Varnell, Inez Coffey. Happiness to all.

George Washington Parke Curtis, the grandson of First Lady Martha Washington, became the adopted son of her second husband, President George Washington, and the father-in-law of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

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Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Another cold Monday morning here in Allison but we do have sunshine so I'm sure it will be warming up through the day.

Our sympathy is for the family of Vetola Parker and relatives, her funeral was last Saturday afternoon at the Allison school. She was a long time resident in the Briscoe Community, before moving to Dumas.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison and great-granddaughter Lindzie Harrison from Amarillo spent Friday afternoon with me. Darrel and Lindzie also went and visited Darrel's mom, Pearl.

Ruby Craig, Wilma Gilmer and Rhonda McWhorter of Wheeler were in Shamrock last Saturday doing some shopping. The men of the Methodist church presented the ladies of the church with a steak Valentine's supper. The men provided the entertainment and everyone played games. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Leota Black has just returned from Culver City, Calif. She was there on a working trip. She got home Sunday night.

Vance Boydston spent last weekend in Oklahoma City at the hospital. Caroline is improving some, for which

we are thankful.

I had better correct a mistake I made in last week's news. Sorry about that, Ray Don and Mary Turner and son Racie did not move in to the late Bob and Mary Lou Markham house in Allison. I hope this is right. They moved west of Briscoe on west of highway 83 in the house where Walter and Patricia Hand and their son had lived. We will miss them here in Allison. They were my neighbors.

Opal and Juanita Boydston spent ten days at the Pampa Regional Medical Center, where Juanita had surgical hernia surgery and she also had pneumonia. They came home Saturday, where she is now doing well. Opal and Juanita's Sunday dinner guests were Forrest and Janice Boydston and Curtis Boydston. Pearl Harrison took in a pie and Billy Brown brought a roast and vegetables.

Roma and Billy were in Clinton, Okla., last Thursday for business reasons. They were in Pampa on Saturday and brought Opal and Juanita home from the hospital.

Red and Anna Dukes and Minnie Bell Vinson went to Bridgeport recently and from there they went to Abilene, Tex., and visited Jim and Vera Dukes. While there they got a call from George Dukes at Mineral Wells, that he was going to have to have surgery again for cancer. He came through surgery okay and is at home again now. Red, Anna and Minnie Bell had car trouble while they were away and had to leave the car in the shop. They were in Minnie Bell's car. They came home in Anna's daughter and son-in-law's car. They got home in time to attend Glenda Duke's last ball game. Glenda will be graduating this spring. Red, Anna and Minnie Bell went with Bob and Peggy Dukes to Miami to watch Glenda play.

The Allison girls won but the boys lost.

Glen and Nona Elmore's guests after church Sunday night were Delbert and Leota Haire from east of Wheeler near the nine mile station.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer went to Amarillo last week. They spent Thursday and Friday with Becky and Jeannie Gilmer. Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew were also there. They celebrated Andrew's 13th birthday.

Lee and Sharon Hall's weekend guest was their son, Ronnie Hall, from Canyon. Other's there for Sunday dinner were Nona Jones and Nadine Reynolds.

Pearl Harrison went to Elk City last Thursday and spent the night with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace and Ronnie. Pearl came home on Friday. Pearl visited Lanora Morse Friday night. On Saturday evening she visited Opal and Juanita Boydston. Pearl's Sunday dinner guests were Hershel Sanford from Higgins and Bro. McDaniel.

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

Linda Sanders from Amarillo came and picked up her mother, Jennie Walker, last Thursday. They went to Jones, Okla., and spent the night then and came home on Friday and Linda spent Friday night with her mother, Jennie.

Edith Levitt was put in the Wheeler Care Center last Friday.

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



Distinguished Service Award Nominations Needed

The Amarillo Women's Forum is seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Awards. The purpose of the Distinguished Service Award is to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill. The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by these women that pave the way for others to follow. Since 1976, 200 awardees from 26 communities within the Panhandle have been selected from the arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism and other fields.

Nominees must be Texas women who are legal residents of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and have not previously received this award. The forum encourages people to re-nominate women who were nominated in previous years.

Winners of the Distinguished Service Award will be chosen on the basis of an individual's significant impact on the Panhandle of Texas through their local communities. An

anonymous panel of judges representing the Panhandle will select recipients on the basis of their lasting contributions and achievements.

The deadline for nominations is March 15. Presentations of the Distinguished Service Awards will be made during a luncheon on May 6 at the Ambassador Hotel.

For nomination forms or additional information contact Jane Juett at 806 355-0603. Committee members for 2000 include Juett, overall chairman; Dr. Janie Noble and Brenda McCoy, co-chairmen; Judy Hathcock, Helene Botsonis, Genevieve Caldwell, Lorene Lacer, Penny Teehee, Reba Jones, Glenda Cook, Audrine Olson, Letha Golden, Ilene Balliett, Janna Serrano, Kay Henard and Gaynelle Riffe of Stratford.

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WEDNESDAY
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Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Sopapillas, Milk - Tea
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Lunch: Pigs N Blanket, Bakes Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Peaches, Milk - Tea
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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of Instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 8th, 2000 to February 11th, 2000. FEBRUARY 8, 2000

D—Darrell Moore, et ux to Terry Glen Schafer, et ux, 2-8-00, N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
D—Darrell Moore, et ux to Bobby L. McCain, et ux, 2-8-00, S 1/2 Lot 2, Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
PLUGNOTICE—State of Texas Railroad Commission to Throckmorton Operating, 2-7-00, Sec. 79, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PLUGNOTICE—State of Texas Railroad Commission to Troxell Oil & Gas, 2-7-00, Sec. 35, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PLUGNOTICE—State of Texas Railroad Commission to Throckmorton Operating, 2-7-00, Sec. 4, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PLUGNOTICE—State of Texas Railroad Commission to Throckmorton Operating, 2-7-00, Sec. 82, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
C/C WILL—Byron C. Duncan to Ex Parte, 1-27-00.
C/C Order—Byron C. Duncan to Ex Parte, 1-27-00.

EXECUTORS ROY, D—Byron C. Duncan to Douglas Gene Duncan, et al, 2-3-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 23, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
FEBRUARY 9, 2000
D—Mary Hazel Bennett Seaton to Hazel Marie Johnston, 12-18-89, 36.4 acs. Sec. 24, Blk. OS-2.
D—Lester Johnston, et ux to Terrill E. Davis, et ux, 2-4-00, Sec. 24, Blk. OS-2.

TRUST MEMO—Louanne Ellis, et al, Trustees to Karen Samis, et al, Trustees, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ASSIGN—Louanne Ellis, et al, Trustees to Hulsey Farms, LLC, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
TRUST MEMO—Louanne H. Ellis, et al, Trustees to Karen H. Samis, et al, Trustees, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ASSIGN—Karen H. Samis, et al to Linda Brewer, et al, Trustees, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

TRUST MEMO—Jeannie Guthery, Trustee to Jeannie Guthery, Trustee, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ASSIGN—Jeannie Guthery, Trustee to JCG-NJH Properties LLC, 12-31-99, Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN—Ranchers Investments Inc. to Siverton Petroleum Inc., 1-17-00, Sec. 4, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and N 459.50' Sec. 67, Blk. A-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
D—Sergio Vaquera, et ux to J. C. Hampton, et ux, 8-2-99, Pt. Blk. 54, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
MD/ROY/OVERRID.ROYALTY—Barry Walter to Kenneth Wischkaemper, 2-1-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 50, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD/ROY/OVERRID.ROYALTY—Parks Family Living Trust to Kenneth Wischkaemper, 2-3-00, E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 129, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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HOME EQUITY DT—Noel D. Walton, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 1-28-00, Lot 16 and N 48' Lot 15, Blk. 77, WSSA, Shamrock.
ASSIGN—Crescendo Resources LP to Midgard LP Sub Inc., 1-18-00, See Instrument.
DT—Fremont Exploration Inc. to Local Oklahoma Bank NA, 1-14-00, Secs. 54 and 55, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—James Lewis, et ux to Pacesetter Corporation, —, E 1/2 Lot 1, Blk. 67, WSSA, Shamrock.
DT—Jarrell Russell, et ux to Pacesetter Corporation, —, See Instrument.

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Court (From Col. 3)

Lindsey Survey.
ROW—W. Wheeler to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 12-21-99, S 1/2 and NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
ROW—Betty Orr, et vir to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 12-17-99, NE 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW—Homer V. Creager, et ux to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 12-29-99, SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
AMEND. DT—West Texas Gas Inc. to Norwest Bank Texas, NA, 1-2-00, See Instrument.

FEBRUARY 11, 2000
OL—Josephine M. Veazey to Janner Royalties, 1-28-00, NW 1/4 Sec. 24, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—First American Bank of Texas to Mac V. Christner, et ux, 1-31-00, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN—Snyder Exploration Company to Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership, 2-3-00, Sec. 13, Camp County School Land.

SHERIFF'S D—J. H. Creekmore to County of Wheeler, et al, 2-8-00, W 1/2 Lots 1-5, Blk. D, Park. Add., Wheeler.

SHERIFF'S D—John Richard Newby, et ux to County of Wheeler, et al, 2-8-00, Lot 2, Richardson Add., Wheeler.

A. of JUDG.—Hometown Lumber to Connie Luna, 12-17-99.

SHERIFF'S D—Elizabeth Taylor, et ux to Mike Oldham, 2-8-00, Lots 3-12, N 20' of Lot 2, Blk. 1, Bowers Sub. Div., Shamrock.

District Clerk's Filings:
#10830—G & M Cattle Company Inc. vs JKC Cattle Company, Inc. and Carl Wade Curry, Ind.; Supreme Cattle Feeders, LLC, & Supreme Cattle Feeders Inc., 1-24-00, Breach of Contract.

#10831—Brian Hightower vs Jason Scott Smart, 1-25-00, Damages.
#10832—Shamrock ISD vs Judith J. Welch, 1-26-00, Tax Suit.
#10833—In The Interest of Minor Children, 1-28-00, Emergency Child Protection.
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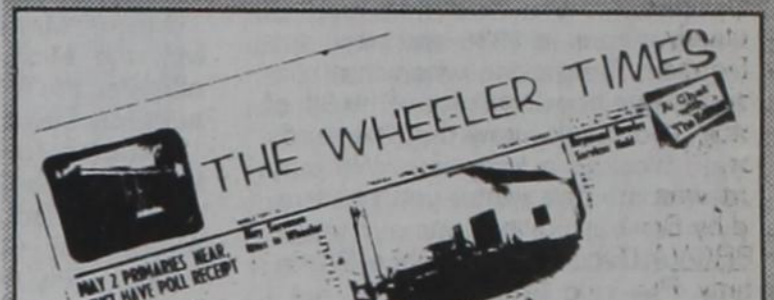
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Week Ending February 10, 2000
Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Amoco Production Co., #1 Big Lake '103', 1530' from South & 2550' from East line, Sec. 103,41,H&T, PD 15400'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1182 Mary, 1100' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 182,C,G&M, PD 8825'.
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Prize Operating Co., #7-27 Byron, 1650' from South & 2250' from East line, Sec. 27,B-1,H&GN, PD 10600'.

Applications to Plug-BACK
WHEELER (WEST PARK Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Corp., #1 Holmes '17', 660' from North & 71 line, Sec. 17,RE,R&E, PD 15404'.



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Co. Commissioner's Minutes for January

January 10, 2000

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with Judge Jerry Dan Heffley presiding. Commissioners present were: Kenneth Childress, Tommy Puryear, Hubert Moore and Boyd Hiltbrunner. Commissioners precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Also present were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Bobby Hill-County Attorney; Scott Porter-Tax Collector; and Ron Gowdy-County Auditor.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Boyd Hiltbrunner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to approve the minutes of the December court meetings as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORTS

Hubert Moore made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to accept the Justice of Peace reports as follows: Brady Meadows—\$1017.25 and Art Taylor—\$36,174.01 for the month of December, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to pay the hourly employees accord-

ing to their approved time sheets. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

PROPOSAL FOR ROOF REPAIR DESIGN SERVICES ACCEPTED-Wharry Engineering

A proposal from Wharry Engineering, Dallas, Texas, was presented to the court for consideration in the design services for Roof Replacement on the Wheeler County Courthouse.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to accept the proposal from Wharry Engineering in the amount of \$5,600.00 for design engineering services for the roof replacement on the Wheeler County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT ACCEPTED-Wharry Engineering

A proposal from Wharry Engineering, Dallas, Texas, was presented to the court for consideration of the development of a Master Plan for the restoration of the Wheeler County Courthouse.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to accept the proposal from Wharry Engineering in the amount of \$30,000.00 for development of a Master Plan for restoration of the Wheeler County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

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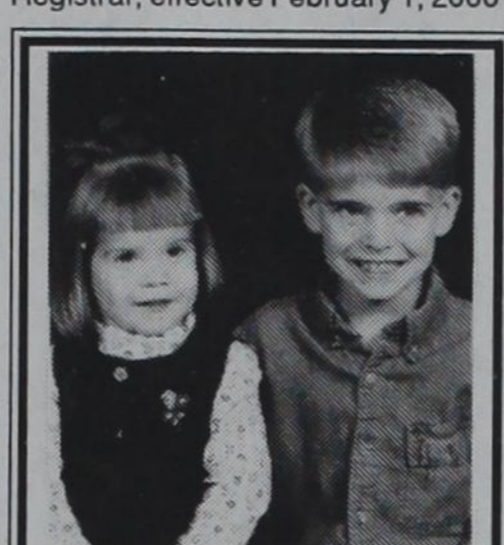
Dell Ford, representative from the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department, met with the Court to request that a Burn Ban be adopted for all of Wheeler County due to the dry conditions all over the county.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to adopt a Burn Ban, effective January 14, 2000 for a term of 60 days for all of Wheeler County.

COUNTY CLERK DESIGNATED LOCAL REGISTRAR

Margaret Dorman, County Clerk, met with the Court to discuss the possibility of designating the County Clerks office as the Local Registrar for all vital statistic filings. Currently both the Justices of the Peace are Local Registrars for Wheeler County. She advised the Court that she had talked several times with both Justices and they were both in agreement to relinquish the duty to her. After the designation change, she will then be able to remotely access the Bureau of Vital Statistics and issue certified copies of births occurring anywhere in the State of Texas.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to designate the Wheeler County Clerks office as the Local Registrar, effective February 1, 2000



Brandi and Brandon Dodd are the children of Joel and Laura Dodd. Brandi is 2 year old and Brandon is 6 years old. They live at North Richland Hills, Texas. Grandparents are C. G. and Rosemary Dodd of Wheeler. Great-grandmother is Mary Margaret Dodd of Wheeler.

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for all vital statistic filings. Motion carried unanimously.

PIPELINE CROSSING GRANTED WITH RELIANT ENERGY-Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to allow the pipeline crossing requested by Reliant Energy across county road N, being 1 mile north and 1/2 mile west of Kelton. Motion carried unanimously.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

No action taken.

January 24, 2000

The Commissioners Court of Wheeler County met in Special Session with Judge Jerry Dan Heffley presiding and the following members and guests present: Kenneth Childress-Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Tommy Puryear-Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Hubert Moore-Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Boyd Hiltbrunner-Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Ron Gowdy-County Auditor; Amy McCasland County Treasurer; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Scott Porter-County Tax Collector; Jimmy Adams-County Sheriff; Bobby Hill-County Attorney; Jon Sullivan and Kay Atkins-Ambulance Coordinators.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Hubert Moore.

APPROVAL OF HOURLY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Kenneth Childress made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to approve the time sheets for the hourly employees as submitted and pay each person accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

DIESEL BID ACCEPTED

One bid was received and as follows: Jones Fuel: Pcts 1 and 2-Low Sulfur .965 cents per gallon; High Sulfur .965 cents per gallon; Pcts 3 and 4-Low Sulfur .995 cents per gallon and High Sulfur .995 cents per gallon.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Boyd Hiltbrunner to accept the bid from Jones Fuel for the following amounts: Precincts 1&2 .965 cents per gallon for both low and high sulfur diesel and Precincts 3&4 .995 cents per gallon for both low and high sulfur diesel. The time period will be from January 16, 2000 through April 15, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

JON SULLIVAN SALARY ADJUSTED-Provisionary period expired

Jon Sullivan, North Wheeler County Ambulance coordinator, met with the Court to request that his salary be adjusted by \$50.00 per month due to the expiration of the six month provisionary period on January 15, 2000.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to adjust the salary of Jon Sullivan by \$50.00 per month to \$1770.50, effective January 15, 2000, which is the expiration of the customary six month provisionary period. Motion carried unanimously.

WHEELER COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICES-EMT Classes

Jon Sullivan met with the Court to discuss the possibility of organizing EMT and ECA classes for volunteers beginning on February 24, 2000. He presented each court member with a copy of the enrollment form they will be requiring which states that Wheeler County will pay the course fee and also states that the enrollee will have to reimburse Wheeler County for the full fee amount should the enrollee drop out of the course at any time or does not volunteer for at least two months after certification. (Copy on file in Commissioners Court file in the County Clerks office.)

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to pay the course costs for volunteers to participate in the upcoming EMT and ECA classes beginning on February 24, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Kay Atkins met with the Court to



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discuss the possibility of allowing interested EMTs to enroll in Intermediate EMT classes. She stated that the approximate cost per student will be \$600.00.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to allow any Wheeler County EMT to attend Intermediate EMT classes to upgrade their certification. Motion carried unanimously.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

James Masters, Farm Bureau Agent, met with the Court to offer information about coverage for dental and prescription services through Farm Bureau.

Judge Heffley informed the Court that the information requested from the Texas Association of Counties was not available yet.

No action taken.

AMBULANCES PURCHASED-TWO (2)

Judge Heffley presented a proposal from Wheeled Coach, Winter Park Florida, through the Houston Galveston Area Council, for two (2) 2000 Ford moduvan ambulances with a total cost of \$111,602.00.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Kenneth Childress to accept the proposal from Wheeled Coach for two (2) 2000 Ford moduvan ambulances in the amount of \$111,602.00. The delivery date will be approximately two weeks after payment is received. Motion carried unanimously.

WHS Board (from Page 1)

James Hubble expressing his appreciation to the School Board for their support enabling him to become certified to teach AEP at Wheeler ISD.

1. Motion by Dr. Smith — Seconded by Mr. Ford — To accept the minutes of the January 13 and February 1 board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Mr. Ford — Seconded by Mr. Dunnam — To approve the GT plans as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse — Seconded by Mr. Sams — To pay the January accounts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Action on the Technology Plan was tabled to a later meeting.

4. Motion by Mr. Dunnam — Seconded by Mr. Osborne — To authorize the superintendent to advance

Mobeetie City Council Conducts Feb. Business

The Mobeetie City Council held their Monthly meeting February 14, 2000 with Mayor Dennis Hilburn in charge. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Present was Mayor Dennis Hilburn, council members Lois Reeves, Jess Mixon, Dale Corcoran, and Jerry Martinez, City Secretary Melba Corcoran, City Attorney Todd Alvey and Fire Chief James Gatlin.

Dale Corcoran read the minutes. Motion by Jerry Martinez made a motion to accept. Seconded by Dale Corcoran. Carried 4-0.

Todd Alvey reported on the opening of the streets and past due bills.

Melba Corcoran gave financial reports. Dale Corcoran made a motion to accept the reports. Seconded by Jerry Martinez. Carried 4-0.

Bills to be paid were presented. Motion to pay the bills were made by Jerry Martinez and Seconded by Jess Mixon. Carried 3-0 with one abstaining.

Dennis Hilburn ordered an election to be held in May.

James Gatlin presented his report on a siren for the town. After a discussion, Motion by Jess Mixon to purchase the siren for the Fire Department. Seconded by Jerry Martinez. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Jerry Martinez to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Seconded by Lois Reeves. Carried 4-0.

Gageby (from Page 2)

think all got to play some. We enjoyed watching our fine young people play their best. Congratulations for a good season!

Many friends and relatives were out to the funeral for Homer Sanders Wednesday at Canadian. We will miss him. Gary Jahnel and Bob Meller conducted the funeral with songs by Pat Popham. Good to see Edna May's children there with her: Linda and Dean Lyle from Morse and Edwin and Sue Begert from Amarillo. (Dean remembered my dad pastoring the Morse Methodist Church in the 1950's) Bob and Gary, you did good! Nice to have Lou Dean Douthit go to Homer's funeral with us and eat lunch at the Pizza Hut.

We went to Elk City Monday to get my stables out and drain tube and bottle out. Glad to have that gone! But the hernia surgery on Wednesday, Feb. 2, went well and I'm improving right along and so thankful to be doing well. I'm so thankful to the Lord and to all for your prayers and concern. Thank You!

Yea! This Thursday morning, Feb. 10, I was able to take a shower for the first time since Feb. 2. Guess you will all be glad.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Vetola Parker, 88, in her death Thursday. Funeral was at Allison gym Saturday, Feb. 12, with burial following at Zybach cemetery. Vetola lived in Briscoe/Allison area most of her life and raised her family here with her husband, Colie. Think all her family of eight graduated from Briscoe School. Many enjoyed her Briscoe News Column and still ask about her. Many relatives and friends there to pay last respects. Best wishes to all her fine family. "God be with you 'till we meet again."

DAVID WATSON ADDED TO PAYROLL-Sheriff Department

Sheriff Adams met with the Court to request that David Watson be added to the payroll for his department, effective January 26, 2000 with a starting salary of \$1883.74 per month during the six month provisionary period.

Boyd Hiltbrunner made a motion which was seconded by Tommy Puryear to add David Watson to the payroll as a Deputy Sheriff, effective January 27, 2000, with a starting salary of \$1883.74 for six months. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FEE

Sherri Jones, District Clerk, met with the Court to discuss the fee for Indigent Legal Services as required by chapter 51, Subchapter J, Government Code, which requires that clerks of courts collect the specified fees to provide basic civil legal services for indigents. She stated that the County could retain 5% of the fees collected for deposit in the County's General Fund with the approval of the Commissioners Court.

Tommy Puryear made a motion which was seconded by Hubert Moore to approve the Resolution allowing the County Treasurer to retain 5% of the fee collected for Indigent Legal Services in any civil action filed in courts in Wheeler County, effective January 24, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

on the carpet project using top quality material and outside labor. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed plans for providing breakfast for TAAS test dates.

6. Motion by Mr. Ford — Seconded by Mr. Sams — To provide TAAS breakfast as planned. Motion carried unanimously.

The board took a break at 7:20 PM and reconvened into closed session at 7:32 PM. As authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 The board reconvened into open session at 8:51 PM.

6. Motion by Dr. Smith — Seconded by Dr. Hillhouse — To extend the contract of Doug Rives, Principal. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Mr. Sams — Seconded by Mr. Osborne — To extend the contract of Dale Pulpan, Principal. Motion carried 6-1 with Dr. Smith voting against.

8. Motion by Dan Sams — Seconded by Mr. Osborne — To extend the contract of Jim Verden, Boy's Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Mr. Ford — Seconded by Dr. Hillhouse — To extend the contract of Mike Bailey, Girl's Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

The board re-entered closed session at 9:25 PM and reconvened at 10:05 PM as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

10. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse — Seconded by Mr. Ford — To extend the contract of Brooks Symank, Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM.

Bessie Lucille Laycock, 89

Rites Sat. At Wheeler

Bessie Lucille Laycock, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Pampa. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000 in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheeler, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Laycock was born Sept. 24, 1910, at Stephenville, to Jude and Emma Sechrist. She married, Carrel Laycock on January 7, 1927, at Wellington; he died in 1989. The couple moved from Dozier to Wheeler in 1945 and farmed and ranched. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Kay Laycock in 1985.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Reeves of Wheeler, Carolyn Merchant of San Antonio and Glenda Crossman of Pampa; a son, Clyde Laycock of Pampa; two sisters, Irene Smith of Houston and Nolda Bond of Altus, Okla.; a brother, John Sechrist of Hurst; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Wheeler or to a favorite charity.

Reed (from Page 1)

Additional "hard luck" certificates are presented to individuals who don't catch a calf but are recognized for their efforts.

The purchased heifer then becomes a year-long project for the scrambler - feeding, grooming and providing all the care necessary to raise and show a beef animal. Supervised by an agricultural science teacher or county extension agent, winners must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the Show and the donor to chronicle the heifer's development.

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Vetola Parker, Former Columnist, Remembered

Services were held Friday for Vetola Parker. Vetola was well known to the readers of *The Wheeler Times*, as she kept everyone informed on the happenings in the Briscoe community, as seen through the eyes of Vetola, for some 20 years.

Vetola continued to write the news until her health forced her to move to Dumas to be nearer her family. The *Times* made an effort to keep the news in the form she had written it.

Vetola received wide recognition over the years. The following was written by Sonny Bohanan, staff writer, in the Sunday, October 29, 1989 edition of the *Pampa Daily News*.

BRISCOE — Like the Army, Vetola Parker's vocation is not just a job. At times, it's been an adventure.

An unlikely adventure, perhaps, considering Mrs. Parker's locale. She does the bulk of her work inside a farmhouse seven miles from the nearest town, centered quietly between the rural communities of Briscoe and Allison.

Her inconspicuous surroundings might lead some to the conclusion that the world simply passes her unnoticed.

Far from it. As the chronicler of small-town happenings in her weekly column, 'The Briscoe News' (published in *The Wheeler Times*), the world is Mrs. Parker's business. She's seen plenty in her 77 years, and she tells it like she sees it, both good and bad.

She is a journalist in a very literal sense. 'The Briscoe News' reads like a personal diary of her life and the lives of her family and friends from around the community. Through it, the reader is kept abreast of the weekly goings-on of a remarkable cast of characters.

Of course, there's Colie, her husband of 57 years. Fat and Wanda Childress and their children also frequent the pages, along with Essie Finsterwald and a host of Mrs. Parker's family members, too numerous to count.

But 20 years ago, she would never have dreamed that, in 1989, she would still be writing a column that fell into her lap quite by accident. During the 1960's, Mrs. Parker took over the writing of 'The Briscoe News' temporarily for a friend, who was hospitalized. The rest, as they say, is history.

"Lucille Tipps was writing it at that time," said Mrs. Parker, sitting in the family room of her home one October afternoon with her husband, Colie, and the oldest of her eight children, Tolene Clark. "She went into the hospital, and when she got out, she went to California to visit her daughter, Dorothy."

"She told me, 'You're just stuck with it (writing the column),' and I thought, 'Well, I'm not stuck with it for long.' I didn't think I had time for it and the kids and Colie were opposed to it."

And that's where the adventure comes in. Unlike many journalists, whose subjects often are mere acquaintances or voices on a telephone, Mrs. Parker writes of those near and dear to her, and her candor has, at times, gone unappreciated.

"Two of my boys wanted me to quit writing my news," said Mrs. Parker. "They asked me what I made to write it, and said they'd pay me three dollars for not putting it in the paper. One of my boys that lives in Perryton said, 'I sure hope there isn't anybody in Perryton takes the Wheeler paper.'"

"I put in there one time about how we had a pack rat in the house. That embarrassed the death out of 'em. When they were out in public people would ask 'em, 'Did your momma get rid of that pack rat?'"

Mrs. Parker doesn't deny that she's embarrassed a few people down through the years. But her choice of subject matter is more an indication of a light-hearted personality than an indictment of her taste. And for the most part, her column is concerned with topics that permeate virtually every conversation at one time or another, the weather, accounts of social visits and illness among friends and family, casual observations on life.

Mrs. Parker, who will turn 78 on Nov. 16, has a voluminous memory and keen mind for dates. She recalls them off easily, harking back to the fall of 1930



1989 Picture of Vetola Parker, writer of "Briscoe News" column in *The Wheeler Times* for more than 20 years.

when she and her family moved to the Texas Panhandle from Eldorado, Okla. At that time, the town of Zybach was in the final stages of dissolution. Eventually, it split into two different town, present-day Briscoe and Allison, as a result of being bypassed by the railroad.

"A lot of people were still moving out of Zybach in the fall of '30," said Mrs. Parker, whose home is located only a mile and a half north of the former town. "Dave Gilmer and Pete Gilmer's houses are the only thing left of where Zybach used to be. It had a store, and some churches, a barber shop, a cotton gin—you name it. It was just a pretty good-sized town."

When Vetola Young (her maiden name) moved to Texas with her parents and her seven siblings, she was 18 years old. A bountiful cotton crop had lured the Young family from Oklahoma, and her memories of that time recall the transition in her life from childhood to adulthood.

"There was cotton galore, and maize, and everything was so pretty," she mused. "I just liked one year finishing high school. They were teaching school in the lumberyard and in the church basement. I had already taken all the classes except biology, but they said I couldn't take just one class, so I took high school arithmetic and English IV over."

She also played two games for the high school basketball team, but her duties at home soon began to take priority.

"I was the oldest of my family, so I had to quit school and help Mamma raise seven kids and help Daddy in the fields."

The added responsibilities brought her to a decision, though it was to be short-lived.

"I decided I wasn't going to have kids, since I'd already helped raise seven of 'em. I wanted to draw and paint. I wanted to shirk responsibility."

"Then I met this guy here," she said smiling, gesturing to Colie.

More than 57 years later, she still marvels that fact.

"When I met Colie, I didn't talk and neither did he. I don't know how we ever made a date. I was kind of bashful and backward, but I put an end to that. I'm gabby now."

"We got married on Sept. 14, 1932, moved to this house in 1934, and been here ever since."

It was there that she raised her own children, eight of them, six boys and two girls. They've since given her almost 40 grandchildren, and as the family grew, so did the house.

"We raised eight kids in four little rooms, and when they started bringing in these grandkids, we added four more rooms. Now it's more than I can keep clean."

It's also a far cry from the 1934 version, which had no electricity, no gas and no telephone.

"We'd burn cotton seed hulls, cow chips, anything," Mrs. Parker said. "It was a lot of work. But back when we were doing all that hard work, we didn't realize how hard it was." Not that she'd trade that existence for a life of ease. Even though her momentum has been slowed by the use of two walking canes, she still busies herself taking care of Colie, who has been ill, visiting with friends and family, writing her column, and venturing out into the yard for an occasional bout with yardwork.

"If I hadn't got married to Colie Parker, I'd have been Young all my life," she says with a sparkle in her eye, making a joke about her maiden name. But it will take more than a play on words to convince me that Vetola Parker is 77 years old. She's 77 years young.

In the column "Off Beat" by Bear Mills, references are made to "Briscoe News" in the *Pampa Daily News*. Mills states it is his "favorite column".

Parts of the article read: Vetola Parker gives all the latest poop that's fit to mention by decent folks in polite society from that tiny burg (pop. 111, according to the lady at the Briscoe Post Office).

I wish I had room to reprint one of her columns in full. They are priceless. "Forgot to say Tommy Haynes preached Sunday, he preached on sin. He did real good," she reported.

Through the "Briscoe News" I follow the exploits of Essie Finsterwald. She sounds like the kind of woman that made this country great.

Essie's been a little sick lately, according to Vetola. I hope she is doing better.

A few weeks ago Vetola told us about Hoyle (no last name needed—people in Briscoe know Hoyle is) and her uncle.

"Hoyle talked to our only uncle last night, Ottis Young, in Lufkin, TX, he is 82 years old, goes with a walker now can only whisper to talk he had 2 open heart surgeries. He has moved in with his baby girl and family," Vetola reports.

In the same issue she mentioned that Mary Nell Finsterwald (a relative of Essie?), the local Avon lady, came by. No word on what was purchased.

In Vetola's column there is a lot about the Bible and what was preached on recently, though the name of the church is never mentioned. I figure people in Briscoe already know and there is no reason to litter the page unnecessarily.

"Bevard Dukes preached today Sunday, on 3 questions. 1. What have I done? 2. What must I do? 3. Why?—? It was a really good lesson," she writes.

Man (from Page 1)

Boy Scout activities both financially and through the giving of his time. He is a former member of the Wheeler Livestock Boosters and worked enthusiastically to raise funds for the Wheeler County Livestock Show and Sale. He is an avid supporter of athletics in Wheeler, starting at the Little League level, where he both coached baseball teams and served as president and later commissioner of Wheeler's Little League. He has supported Wheeler Mustang athletics as an active member of the Mustang Booster Club and as a fan and proud parent.

Dave is active in his church both through regular attendance and by serving as church treasurer.

In the community he has served on the Parkview Hospital Board 8 years and was the driving force behind the organization of the Wheeler Area Activities and Improvements Council. Because of his efforts in setting up this non-profit organization which he chairs, the mechanism was in place to allow companies and foundations to legally award tax-deductible grants to the playground committee for the new playground that was recently completed. The Wheeler Area Activities and Improvements Council also administers local scholarship funds and is actively pursuing funding to build a community center.

Besides all of his community activities, this year's recipient works as probation officer for the 31st judicial district and plays an integral part in the management of the family ranch.

The plaque was presented by Bill Robertson, Parkview Hospital Administrator.

Woman (from Page 1)

About 2 years ago, it became apparent that Wheeler Elementary was in need of new and safe playground equipment. Tammy started the ball rolling to get the old, dangerous playground equipment taken out. She continued and was responsible for the formation of a committee to start trying to gather information on building of a safe playground. She also began gathering financial support from various individuals and groups. Through her hard work, and perseverance, the funds were raised to purchase and install the playground equipment. Thanks to her efforts the children of our community have a safe and fun playground to enjoy.

Mrs. Moore moved to Wheeler with her family in 1975. She attended school in Wheeler all 12 years and graduated from West Texas A&M University.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church, where she helps with a Sunday School Class and vacation Bible School. She has taught English at Wheeler Jr. High for 6 years, and is the Junior High Cheerleader sponsor.

The recipient is married to Todd Moore. They have two children, Nicole and Jaten. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Bobbie Sue Baker. The award was presented by Sharla Weaver.

Employee (from Page 1)

worked in all areas of the bank with the bank going through many changes during this time. Liz is presently serving as a loan secretary and Assistant Cashier. She is a team player, she will do whatever needs to be done to take care of the customers and their needs. She looks out for their best interest and is always friendly and courteous to everyone that walks through the doors of the bank. She is never too busy to look up and speak. She makes everyone feel welcome. She does her job very well and is always willing to help her co-workers to make the work load easier on all. She always does her job in a professional manner.

Liz is considerate of her co-workers and is the kind of person who makes going to work fun and interesting. Her co-workers feel they can count on her no matter what the need may be.

She is very active in her church and the community. She works with the 4-H club and is at most of the school events even if they don't involve her immediate family. She has helped with several fund raisers by donating her prints to be raffled off. Liz is an excellent artist.

Liz is married to Andy Shipp and the mother of two daughters—Katie is a sophomore and Savannah is an eighth grader. Liz has been a resident of Wheeler County all of her life and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Grimes. She is an excellent daughter, wife and mother. She gives 100% to her family along with doing an excellent job at her work place.

Pioneer (from Page 1)

Grainger McIlhany, son of Mort and Golda McIlhany, was born in Wheeler on April 28, 1918. He graduated from Wheeler High School and later graduated from the University of Texas with degrees in Business Administration and in Law.

He was in the army throughout World War II and was a member of an armored unit under the command of General George Patton and fought in France, Germany and Austria.

In 1949, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and was a member through 1966. He was the author of many new laws including ones that created the Wheeler Parkview Hospital and the Shamrock Hospital. He was the chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee that wrote the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. That same year he was named by the Texas Lawman Magazine as the most outstanding member of the Legislature.

In 1967, he was elected to be District Judge of the 31st District and served for 24 years until he retired at the end of 1990 and was then appointed to be a Senior District Judge by the Texas Supreme Court.

Among the many cases tried before Judge McIlhany was one that made

major changes in the Texas law of medical malpractice and also several cases that cleared up areas of Texas oil and gas law.

Judge McIlhany in the past has served as President of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and in 1980 was selected Outstanding Man.

He is a longtime member of Wheeler Methodist church, served as member and Chairman of Administrative Board of Methodist church. He was a teacher of the adult Sunday School class. Grainger is a member of the Wheeler Masonic Lodge. He has his 50 year pin. He is a member of the Scottish Rite of Lubbock. He was a leader of Boy Scouts and served as Cub Master of Cub Scouts.

Farmer (from Page 1)

continues in Wheeler School Activities, has been a member of the Parkview Hospital Board since 1993 and is a member of the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee.

As a servante to his agricultural community, Thomas Helton was elected to the FSA committee in 1995 and he currently serves on that board. In 1992 he was appointed to the Canadian Production Credit Board. In 1993 he was elected to the board. Canadian PCA was a \$20 million association at the time. In August 1995, Canadian PCA merged with Rolling Plains PCA to form an \$80 million association and he served on that board on January 1, 1999, Rolling Plains PCA merged with TEXAS PCA to form Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, a \$105 million association, and he continues to serve on that board. In April of 1999, Ag Credit joined with First Texas Federal Land Bank to form First Ag Credit FCS, which is a \$650 million association.

The honoree began as a coach and teacher for the Wheeler schools in August, 1957; as the elementary principal he retired from the school system in 1991.

Chat (from Page 1)

certainly enjoyable. I noticed, as did others, that his wife laughed and re-did the same as the rest of us throughout the presentation.

—cwe—
I was sorry to hear of the death of former correspondent, Vetola Parker. She was widely read and certainly will not be forgotten. Our sympathy to her family.

—cwe—
I also learned this week from the 'Allison News' that Edith Levitt, a former Allison correspondent is presently in the Wheeler Care Center.

—cwe—
To our correspondents, I wish to say a great big "THANK YOU". Whether you know it or not, We do appreciate you.

—cwe—
Another "THANK YOU" is deserved by those responsible for the decorating and 'undecorating' at the banquet Monday evening. Listing the names would result in someone being left out.

—cwe—
One I do know, Lee Ann Hillhouse designed the programs, which in the end were the basis for the decorations. Wheeler's Web Page was the theme. The finishing of the decorations required a lot of help.

—cwe—
Needless to say we spent the weekend in Oklahoma.

—cwe—
Mike and I had a dilemma Monday evening. We had to miss cards. But I did manage to get in a hand or two before the banquet and one after.

—cwe—
Barbara and Jane won two out of the three games played. Patricia was called to fill in; she and Dwight won one game.

—cwe—

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City (from Page 1)

tion, seconded by Kathleen Frankenberg to approve the amended budget for the 1999-2000 year.

Charles Kuntz also presented the 2000-2001 Budget worksheet. Bob McCain made motion, seconded by Don Rose to give the employees a cost of living increase in the amount of 4% for the 2000-2001 year. The motion carried.

Barbra Koelzer made motion, seconded by Kathleen Frankenberg to consider a part-time coordinator for the Economic Development Co. The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2000
Wanda Herd called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Kathleen Frankenberg made motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Bob McCain made motion seconded by Kathleen Frankenberg to approve the bills as written. The motion carried.

Frank Clymer reported on the activities of the city employees. He also discussed the progress they had made on repairs to the swimming pool.

Sharon Miles met with the council to discuss purchasing a two acre tract of land the city owns located with the airport property. No action was taken.

Charles Kuntz presented receipts and disbursements and discussed same.

Barbra Koelzer made motion, seconded by Bob McCain to designate \$15,000 of Economic Development funds to be used for the Golf Course. The motion carried.

Kathleen Frankenberg made motion, seconded by Bob McCain to designate \$40,000.00 to be used for parking lot for community center, and \$25,000 to be used for park equipment. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion, seconded by Barbra Koelzer to have Bob Hink spray the yard at the Library for weeds. The motion carried.

Barbra Koelzer made motion, seconded by Kathleen Frankenberg to extend audit contract with Charles Kuntz. The motion carried.

Kathleen Frankenberg made motion, seconded by Barbra Koelzer for Mayor Wanda Herd to order an election to be held May 6, 2000, to elect a Mayor and two council members. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion seconded by Bob McCain to advertise for a pool manager for the 2000 season. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion seconded by Bob McCain to adopt a Resolution supporting the preservation of the Sweetwater Dam location. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion, seconded by Barbra Koelzer to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Those present: Mayor Wanda Herd. Council members: Kathleen Frankenberg, Barbra Koelzer, Bob McCain, and Don Rose, Sharon Miles, Charles Kuntz, and Claudine Finsterwald.



Andy Taylor

Andy Taylor To Conduct Service At Country Chapel

Pastor Andy Taylor from Trinity Fellowship in Sayre, Ok. will be at Country Chapel for a time of Revival beginning on Sunday morning February 20. Beginning that evening the praise group from Trinity Fellowship will join us for worship and revival. Service will begin at 6:00 on Sunday evenings and 7:00 on all other evenings with services scheduled through Thursday February 24.

Grady F. Havenhill, 80 Graveside Rites Wed.

Grady F. Havenhill, 80, died Monday, February 14, 2000 at Columbia Medical Center, Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services were at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 16, 2000 in the Wheeler Cemetery with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Havenhill was born July 4, 1919 in Harmon County, Oklahoma to Schuyler and Daisy Preuit Havenhill. He married Mary Bernice Bailey on July 3, 1941 in Texola, Oklahoma. Mr. Havenhill served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and served in the China, Burma, India Theater. He lived in Pampa for 13 years before moving to Woodard, Oklahoma where he lived for 13 years. He had been in Pampa for the last 25 years. In 1982 Mr. Havenhill retired from Amoco Production Company where he had worked as a pumper for 34 years. He was a member of the Highland Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Bailey; 1 son, Gene Havenhill of Tyler, Texas; 1 sister, Viola Carlton of Twitty, Texas; 2 grandchildren, Richey and Scottie Havenhill; 3 great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to American Cancer Society 3915 Bell St. Amarillo, TX 79109 and Hospice BSA 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Old Admissions

Estelle Orr
Winifred Buckingham
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter

New Admissions

2/8 Katherine Holt
Larry Porton
Glen Markham
Rosanna Verden

Dismissals

2/8 Maria Borden
Rosanna Verden
Larry Porton

2/9 Bobby Holt

2/10 Jocie Burrell

Ella Trout

2/12 Glen Markham
Katherine Holt

Political Candidates To Appear in Forum Tues.

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

Candidate Forum (with a pie auction to follow)

Wheeler High School Seniors host a Political Candidate forum.

Each political candidate or their representative will be given 3 to 5 minutes to present their views for the upcoming elections. The audience will then be given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

Following the forum the Wheeler High School Senior Class will offer the opportunity for the Candidates, to purchase at auction Pies and Desserts to be served to all those in attendance.

Proceeds from the Pie Auction will go to the chemical free party.

Mark your calendars and bring a friend to an informative and fun time. When else could you get the chance to eat FREE pie from a politician!

EMT/ECA CLASS ENROLLMENT

EMT/ECA class enrollment is Thursday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn in Wheeler.