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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



EIGHTH GRADE: Wheeler eighth grade was well represented at the Canadian U.I.L. competition at Canadian. Front row (l-r) Erinn Waldo, Joe Don Glassey, Dusty White, Joe Salas, Kerry Fite. Back row (l-r) Josh Miller, Brenton Goerend, James Chapman, Blaine Rutherford.



SEVENTH GRADE: These eight Wheeler seventh graders brought home medals and/or ribbons from the Canadian U.I.L. meet. Front row (l-r) Saharay Barboza, Lindsey Lewis, Sugey Hernandez, Cameron Burton. Back row (l-r) Carl Scales, Jose Flores, Savannah Hampton, Rachel Howard.



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE: These Wheeler students competed in the Canadian U.I.L. Scholastic meet and brought home ribbons. Front row (l-r) Jarod McAuthor, Lauren Fite, Jonathan Hampton. Back row (l-r) Ryan Henson, Garrett Hampton, Josh Britt, Samantha Chapman.

Dock H. Hogue, 95, Rites Are Read Wed., March 1

Dock H. Hogue, 95, died Sunday, February 27, 2000, at SunBridge Care Center in Wheeler, Texas.

Graveside services were at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, in the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wheeler, Texas, officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, Texas, by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Hogue was born on August 27, 1904, to John and Mary Higgins Hogue in Hunt County, Texas. He moved to Wheeler in 1967, from Garland, Texas, where he worked for the City of Garland until his retirement.

Survivors include 1 son, Wayne Hogue of Whitney, Texas; 3 grandchildren: Rhonda Gallagher of Wheeler, Renee Blankenship of Stevenville, Texas, Rebecca Foreman of Krum, Texas and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mary Etta McGahen, 85 Buried In Mobeetie Mon.

Mary Etta McGahen, 85, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, February 24, 2000. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Martin Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Michael Larsen officiating. Burial was in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Elk City.

Mrs. McGahen was born Sept. 27, 1914, at Madill, Oklahoma to Sylvester and Inza Roberts Rose. The family lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for several years prior to moving to Mobeetie where she attended school. She later moved to Pampa and to Oklahoma City in 1970. She had been an Elk City resident since 1972.

She belonged to Fairview Baptist Church of Elk City. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Woodard of Pampa and Hazel Brown of Elk City; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

'Happy' Hopper Will Be In Wheeler Sat. & Sun.

R. C. "Happy" Hopper will be coming to Wheeler for two appearances at the end of the week. He is a Psalmist and Guitarist. He has put Psalm, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes and Revelations to music.

Hopper will be at Maxey's Steakhouse in Wheeler on Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. for "Dutch Treat" meal and good ole guitar pickin'.

Hopper will be at Grace Fellowship on Sunday morning at 10:45 A.M. The public is invited.

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.

Wheeler County Bass Club Meets To Organize

Wheeler County Bass Club meeting Monday, March 6, 2000 at McCain's Auto Body at 7:00 P.M. Anyone interested in fishing is invited.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

CONGRATULATIONS, FT. ELLIOTT COURAGERS! The basketball team played in the regional quarter finals Tuesday evening. They lost to Rankin, but have every reason to be proud of their accomplishments during the season.

CONGRATULATIONS! Wheeler was well represented at the Junior High Level at the Canadian U.I.L. Scholastic Meet held recently at Canadian. We have pictures and placings of the local students.

Wheeler was lucky Thursday evening. We were under severe weather alert, but the storm passed on both sides of us. Only a small amount of hail fell with the 0.57" of moisture.

Weathermen speak promising of more moisture for later this week. Depending on what weather forecast you happen to listen to.

Mrs. Flowers reported about an inch of the much needed rain.

According to Mrs. Flowers, this will be a good year to garden—at least in her area. The onion test shows rain in March, April and May.

It's about time to get that ground worked for a garden. It soon will be time to plant those onions and potatoes.

Wheeler students have the week off and it certainly is quiet around here. Several are off on skiing trips, but a few had to stay home and play golf.

Track meets will get under way when the students return next week. The track schedule is printed elsewhere on the front page.

Our weekend travel included Hinton and OKC with a stop in Weatherford to pick up the college student.

We had four for cards Monday night. Mike took advantage of the springbreak and left town. Barbara drew me for a partner and we skunked Bob and Dwight.

Bob said this was the first time Shelly had failed to tell him not to get skunked when he left the house.

Benny Sword Named Is To President's Honor Roll

Wheeler native Benjamin Sword, an English major, was named to the president's list for the 1999 fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Students must receive a grade point average of 4.0 for the president's list. Sword is the son of Arvid and Joetta Sword of Wheeler.

LOCAL STUDENTS PLACE AT CANADIAN

A number of Wheeler students, fifth thru 8th grade, participated in the Canadian U.I.L. scholastic meet. Those placing were as follows:

Fifth Grade
Number Sense: Lauren Fite, first; Jonathan Hampton, fourth; Ryan Henson, fifth
Oral Reading: Jarod McAuthor, sixth
Ready Writing: Lauren Fite, second

WALK ACROSS TEXAS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Through a modest increase in daily activity, most Americans can improve their health. Walk Across Texas is a program that most important change...



Carissa Anne Duker

Carissa Duker To Receive DAR Good Citizen Award

Carissa Anne Duker, a senior, at Fort Elliott High School, was selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. In order to win this award, the student must demonstrate the highest level of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in her home, school, and community.

Carissa is the daughter of Bevard and Diane Duker of Briscoe and granddaughter of Bob and Gena Zybach of Briscoe and Nelda Duker of Allison.

Robert Meadows Named To Dean's List At SPC

Robert Meadows from Wheeler has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1999 semester at South Plains College.

"We are always pleased to recognize those students who have maintained excellent grade point averages during the semester," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "Being named to the honor list is a tribute to them and something they should be very proud of."

Students represent SPC's campuses in Levelland, Lubbock and at the Reese Center.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying a full-time minimum number of hours of college-level work.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA of full-time college-level work with no failing grades.

ond; Jonathan Hampton, fourth

Listening: Garrett Hampton, fifth; Samuel Hillhouse, sixth

Sixth Grade
Maps, Charts and Graphs: Samantha Chapman, fifth; Josh Britt, sixth

Seventh Grade
Spelling: Sugey Hernandez, first; Cameron Burton, second; Jose Flores, fourth and Carl Scales, fifth.

to get started. It is a program that is simple, inexpensive, and safe. All you need is a team of eight people and a desire to get moving.

Teams do not really walk or ride together, although they may if they want to; teams simply pool their mileage each week to work towards the chosen destination on a map posted in the Extension office and the County Courthouse and other convenient places for people to check.

So, dust off your walking shoes and prepare to join us in this eight week journey across Texas. Here are the "steps" to Walk Across Texas.

1. Form a team
* Captain and
* 7 members to walk or 3 members to ride bikes or run
* A person running or riding a bike equals 2 walkers. Ex: 6 walkers and 1 bike rider = 1 team.

2. Captain will complete a Team Registration Form and send/FAX it with \$1.00 per person registration fee into the county Extension office.

3. Captain will receive Captain's Packet to distribute materials to members at 5:30 p.m. on March 21st at the Wheeler County Courthouse at a Captain's training.

4. Fill out an Individual Registration Form and give to your Captain (captain completes one too). Captain sends all Individual Registration Forms to Extension Office by March 21".

5. Attend the Kick-Off located at the Wheeler County Courthouse on March 21 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Walking/biking/running start date is March 21 and finish date is May 9th.

7. Starting point on Texas map is Wheeler and ending point is Corpus Christi.

8. Recognition and awards will be given to the team arriving at the end point first and to the team walking, riding or running the most miles; the same team cannot win both awards.

9. The captain and members will record their mileage on the Individual Mileage Log between Sunday and Saturday each week.

10. Members will call their weekly mileage total to their captain Monday of each week.

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James Ray Is Awarded BS Degree in Biology

WTAMU Awards Diplomas to December Graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 394 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 82 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 312 graduates.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and were eligible to wear gold honor cords. The three levels of recognition are Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00). Thirteen graduates received Summa Cum Laude honors. Nine students graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors, and 25 students graduated with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 10 states and 61 cities and towns in Texas.

Area graduates include: Wheeler James W. Ray BS Biology

Number Sense: Lindsey Lewis, fifth

Calculator: Rachel Howard, sixth
Maps, Charts and Graphs: Cameron Burton, sixth

Science: Rachel Howard, fifth
Modern Oratory: Sugey Hernandez, second; Saharay Barboza, fourth, Savannah Hampton, sixth

Eighth Grade
Modern Oratory: Josh Miller, first; Erinn Waldo, third; Brad Masters, fourth

Spelling: Kerry Fite, third; Joe Salas, fifth

Science: Dusty White, second; Brenton Goerend, sixth; Joe Don Glassey, sixth

Maps, Charts and Graphs: Blaine Rutherford, fifth

Calculator: James Chapman, fourth

New Arrival



KAITLYN NICOLE HELTON

Chad and Kellie Helton are proud to announce the arrival of Kaitlyn Nicole. She was born February 6, 2000, at 11:51 a.m. in Pampa, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs. 15.8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Jack Helton of Oman and Sharon Helton of Rockville, MD, Danny and Karen McNeil of Wheeler, and Patti and Steve Guthrie of Smithville, TX. Great-grandparents are Tom and Alice Bell Helton and Florene Beaty all of Wheeler, Johnny and Josie Flowers of Muleshoe, TX, the late Bob and Betty McNeil, the late Ralph Glover and the late J. D. Beaty.

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions
Estelle Orr
Winifred Buckingham
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Irma Wiebe

New Admissions
2/21 Andrew Wilson
Winnie Kiker
2/22 Sid Talley
2/23 Sarah Garner
2/26 Vera Brickey
Dismissals
2/22 Winnie Kiker
2/25 Sarah Garner
Sid Talley

City, School, Hospital Election Set For May 6

—Notices In Classifieds

FARM SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS '98-'99 CROPS & ACREAGE

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) currently administers farm programs passed as the 1995 Farm Bill as well as other special programs provided by Legislation. The Wheeler County FSA office handles some 572,000 acres of land. The acreage is comprised of approximately 100,000 acres actual cultivated, including 8,710 acres under irrigation. Some 133,000 acres has been planted to improved pastures (mainly lovegrass and bluestem). The balance 339,000 remains in native grasses. Wheeler County Producers reported the following crops for harvest the past two years.

No. of Farms	1998 Acreage	Crop	No. of Farms	1999 Acreage
135	14,522	Wheat	125	13,648
9	988	Corn	4	333
52	4,708	Sorghum	29	2,337
1	10	Oats	1	30
44	4,017	Cotton	47	5,026
11	2,420	Rye	21	3,384
17	1,344	Peanuts	22	3,144
191	39,171	CRP	179	37,121
4	110	Soybeans	0	0

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Clint and Maurita Stribling went to Wheeler Tuesday to the doctor. Clint has been getting shots for a cold. He is lots better.

Jack and Bernice Hefley took Opal Hefley of Wheeler to Amarillo Wednesday for her doctors appointment. They also visited with Carl Carter in the hospital.

Charlotte Coward was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Pampa Wednesday. She was kept for test. She got to come home Thursday. She had an inner ear problem.

Congratulations to the Fort Elliott boys basketball team. They won their game Tuesday night. They also won the game Friday night.

Wayne and Mary Pierce of Shamrock visited his Aunt Lorene Rector on Tuesday.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo shopping Thursday. They visited with Lynn Parsley in Pampa.

Jerry Rector of Amarillo visited Wednesday with Lorene Rector. He was on his way to give two safety talks in Canadian.

Chuck and Louise Hogan went to Amarillo Thursday. Chuck had surgery on his arm for a skin cancer.

Doug and Aline Corse attended the meeting in Canadian for The Texas Prairie Rivers Initiative. This is a group that is promoting Nature Tourism along the Texas Prairie Rivers.

Wayne and Carol Stribling have returned from Houston after Wayne's test. He will be taking his treatment in Amarillo.

LaRue Pierce and Wanda Stringer of Amarillo spent Friday night and Saturday in Mobeetie at LaRue's house.

Bob Bull and Lois Reeves got home from visiting with her daughter Penny and husband in Ark. Penny is ill, but can't have surgery due to her bad heart. She is allergic to all of the medicines except for her heart medicine.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Bobbie Hill and Melba Corcoran attended the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council meeting held in Dumas at the Western Sizzlin Steak House Tuesday.

Bobbie reported on the IRS Status of the organization. The group voted to join the TEFA. A report was given on the State RC&D Convention to be held in Amarillo April 18 to 20th. The group will have a booth at the Texas Travel Counselors Fair that will be held in Amarillo at the same time. Open discussion was held before adjourning.

Those present were from Dalhart, Borger, Spearman, Dumas, Amarillo, Sunray, Stafford, Pampa, Friona, Mobeetie, Wheeler, Oldham County, Cal Farley Family Centers, Armstrong County, Collingsworth County, Moore County, Lake Meredith, Briscoe County. State Representative Swifford was also in attendance.

The next meeting will be held March 21 at Kenton, OK starting at 11:00 A.M.

Dale Corcoran kept the museum open Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Louise Hogan and Maurita Stribling kept the museum open Tuesday.

Bob Bull was back at work Thursday.

Saturday was work day at the museum. Jimmy Hill, Chip Hill, Bill Elliott, Chuck Hogan, George Kilcrease, Rusty Kilcrease, Lawrence Scribner, Dale Corcoran, Fred Brown and Billy Scribner moved the 1911 dwelling rig that Fred Brown had donated to the museum. Dutch Elliott worked on the obit book, Maurita Stribling filed, Louise Hogan, LaRue Pierce, and Wanda Stringer worked on the gift sacks to be given to the tour group on April 19. LaRue and Wanda also marked cancel on the Bluegrass Festival on 1,500 brochures. Bernice Hefley and Melba Corcoran cataloged documents on Fort Elliott that came from the National Archivals.

ALLISON MENU

MONDAY, March 6, 2000 — FRIDAY, March 10, 2000

MONDAY
Breakfast: Deep Sea Discovery. Treasure Chest Turnover, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Cheese, Ice Cream, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: The Breakfast Fueling Station, Flying Saucer Sandwich, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pork Chop, Cheesy Mash Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Jell-O, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Mountain Adventure, Pikes Peak Pancake Sandwich, Syrup, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Baked Ham, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Gingerbread, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Rafting Adventure, Boat Oars with Cherries, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Salad Day, Bologna & Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Air Ballooning Adventure, Helium Puffs, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Fries, Fruit, Milk

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Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday with Audrey Seitz as hostess. Those attending were Audrey Seitz, Estelle Hodges, Jane Seitz and Martha Meeck. They almost got the

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border of the quilt done. Buddy Stribling has been appointed Pastor of a church in Dumas. Sunday was his first Sunday as Pastor of the church.

Peyton daughter of Jackie Don and Kellie May of Fritch will have surgery Tuesday. Remember her in your prayers.

Jarrett and Garrett Childress were ill and in the hospital last week. They are home and doing fine now.

visiting over the weekend with Doyle and Bulah Grimes were their grandson Darren Grimes and Karen Snyder of Lubbock. Gary and Jerry Grimes of Amarillo visited their Saturday. Darren and Karen attended Church with the Grimes on Sunday.

Carl Carter is home from the hospital and doing better. Dennis Hilburn visited Peggy and Carl Sunday.

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

Pam Thompson has been off work due to knee surgery. She is doing fine and may be back to work before long.

Fat and Wanda Childress of Briscoe visited Tuesday with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart.

Visiting over the weekend with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson were Dennis and Vanessa Stuart and Garrett and Bradon from Garland. Jerry Richardson and Tyler of Wheeler visited them on Saturday.

Ft. Elliott History

(Editor's Note: The following is the second part of a series started last week.)

Miles believed corresponding dispositions under judicious and enterprising officers further south on the western border of the Staked Plains, particularly the southern portion could keep that country clear of any body of Indians. A small force of friendly Navajo Indians enlisted as soldiers on the west side of the Panhandle and Pawnees and Tonkaways enlisted as soldiers acting from the east side of the Panhandle could become of great assistance on the Staked Plains proper.

The Cantonment on the Sweetwater Creek, later to be named Fort Elliott, was established on June 5, 1875. Cantonment on the Sweetwater was located about 146 miles northwest of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 91 miles west and south of Fort Supply in the Indian Territory and about 1 mile south of the head of the Sweetwater Creek at latitude 35 degrees 31 feet and longitude 100 degrees 27 feet. In 1875 the Panhandle of Texas was a vast rolling plains inhabited for the most part by buffalo, deer, eagle, turkey, raccoon, beaver, fox, rabbit, an occasional nomadic Indians and a few buffalo hunters who manned outposts for the infrequent travelers or adventurer.

The first goals for the soldiers stationed at Fort Elliott in 1875 were to build their living quarters and other out buildings as well as corrals for the post horses. From June of 1875 until October of 1875 the soldiers and scouts lived in tents along the banks of the Sweetwater Creek. They raced against time to acquire the lumber and other materials to build barracks to protect them from the cold winter winds that had frozen them during the winter of 1874 as they searched for a suitable spot to establish a post.

Because supplies of all kinds were slow in arriving at the post location, the Quartermaster soon began the practice of contracting with civilians for labor and supplies for the soldiers and their families. Civilians supplied hay, cattle, vegetables and wood to the fort. A contract for provisions with the fort was a very valuable asset. On October 6, 1877, the *Dodge City Times* reported 240,000 pounds of government freight had been shipped to Fort Elliott from Dodge City, Kansas, the previous week.

The officers of Fort Elliott were frequently well educated men who were graduates of West Point. The enlisted soldiers were young men between the age of 20 and 27 looking for adventure or a means of accumulating enough money to give them a start in business or farming when they left military service. Many of the older soldiers were rugged and tough products of the Civil War who, for some reason, had not returned to civilian life.

As soon as suitable buildings were erected, the officers returned to the east, often to marry the sweetheart left behind, and returned to Fort Elliott with their brides. The addition of the eastern women to the post may have influenced the addition of a school, chapel, and library. However, records indicate that a bathhouse for the enlistment men was never built.

In October of 1877 a vacant company quarters was converted to a hall for the performances of a minstrel troupe organized to provide entertainment. The troupe and orchestra were made up of soldiers stationed at Fort Elliott. The seating capacity for an audience was between 300 to 400 people. The stage could be extended to 20 feet deep by 12 or 15 feet wide, with wings and good size dressing rooms in the rear. The Social Club at the Fort merged into the dramatic society, which was thought to be more amusing to the garrison at large.

Military duties included scouting for Indians who were reported to have left the Indian Territory of Oklahoma or tracking down cattle rustlers, horse thieves and murderers who roamed throughout the Texas Panhandle. Surprisingly, duties that also fell to the officers of the fort were to provide the only form of justice for the civilians that rapidly followed the fort to the area to make their homes under the protection of the soldiers. On occasion, since they were the only source of formal authority, the officers were called on to marry the new residents of the territory if the parties cared about a more conventional blessing to their matrimonial union.

On October 5, 1877 the Adjutant of the fort, Lieutenant T. H. Eckerson



married George A. Simpson, a buffalo hunter and Sylvania Wood, a buffalo hunter's daughter records indicate. This ceremony was new to the Lieutenant and not provided for in the army regulations, but the Lieutenant got through the ceremony. No one knew where the couple came from or where they went at the time. Their marriage was the first recorded in the Texas Panhandle.

Violence was a way of life in the late 1800's and it was left to the soldiers of the fort to enforce the law. The murder of the Casner brothers in April of 1877 brought a series of violent acts to the eastern Panhandle. The surviving Casner brothers sought revenge by hiring assassins to kill the alleged murderers. As a result, Mr. Goodfellow, a rancher on the Canadian River, killed the alleged killer, John Bottom and a man named Strong on the 18th of May 1877. During the escort of Mr. Goodfellow by soldiers from Fort Elliott and a sheriff to Henrietta, Texas, to be tried for the murder of John Bottom, the party camped at night about four miles down the creek from Sweetwater City (Old Mobeetie). A band of armed men rushed into the camp, disarmed the sheriff and the military guard and took the prisoner out of camp. Mr. Goodfellow was hung from a tree after about a half-hour of questioning. The body was taken back to Fort Elliott for burial. Lieutenant Withall was brought before a court martial and exonerated from the accusations made against him in connection with the murder of Bottom.

It was also the duty of the officers of

the Fort to notify relatives' back east that their relatives had died most often untimely deaths. On October 5, 1877, First Lieutenant, 19th Infantry, Thomas M. Wenie, Post Quartermaster at Fort Elliott notified the family of the deceased Um. Couch a cattleman in the area, that Couch had been shot and killed by Patrick Sanders. It became the duty of the Quartermaster to have a coffin built for Couch; and to have him buried in the post cemetery and to place a marker on his grave. At least once again, on December 13, 1877, Lieutenant Wenie asked the *Dodge City Times* to publish for the information of the friends and relatives of the Thomas Tesch, a German from Ohio, that Tesch had been shot and killed by another German named Munson, commonly known as Frenchy, at Munson's ranch near Fort Elliott. Tesch had worked for Lieutenant Wenie as a sheepherder. Lieutenant Wenie had Tesch buried in the post cemetery. Lieutenant Wenie must not have thought the frontier too violent since he took leave of the post in April of 1878, to get married and returned to Fort Elliott soon after with his new bride.

Captain Wirt Davis of the Cavalry gained a reputation as a successful horse-thief capture. Reports on October 20, 1877 claim that Captain Davis went out after horse thieves. A few miles southeast of Fort Elliott in the direction of Fort Sill, he captured five notorious horse thieves and delivered them to Fort Sill. On his return to Fort Elliott, Captain Davis had a fight with another gang of thieves which resulted in one thief, supposedly Chummy Jones being killed. Chummy Jones was a disreputable scoundrel which name was a thing to shudder at, and was often used by mothers to frighten their wayward children into obedience. Captain Davis' horse was shot from under him and several bullets put through his coat. Some dispute arises over the events after leaving Fort Sill and the return to Fort Elliott. After returning to Fort Elliott for re-enforcement's, Captain Davis left with 12 more men to rid the country of horse thieves and murderers.

A second version of the story is that when Captain Davis captured five horse thieves, among the five were Chummy Jones and Charley Morrow. When he took them to Fort Sill, the commanding officer at that post refused to receive Chummy Jones

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MAXEY'S STEAKHOUSE

SUNDAY BUFFET

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(Pol. Adv. paid by Lewis Scott Porter, Lena Porter, Treasurer, 607 N. Houston, Shamrock, TX 79079)

Dear Friends,

Over the past year in office, I have been working hard on the requirements for state certification. This is a five-year process of taking week-long courses, along with overseeing the day to day operations of the County Tax Office. I have completed Course 1 - Introduction To The Property Tax System; Course 2 - Appraisal of Real Property; and Course 8 - Assessment and Collections. I have achieved a Class II Assessor Collector status with B.T.P.E. (Board of Tax Professional Examiners). This is the state organization that administers all the courses and state exams. My goal is to achieve a Class III Assessor Collector status by the end of this year. To achieve this, I will take two more courses and then the State Review and a four-hour examination in Austin. If I achieve this status by the end of the year, I will be a year ahead of the B.T.P.E. schedule.

I would like to continue representing the people of Wheeler County as Tax Assessor Collector. If you choose to vote for me I will continue doing the best I can for the people of Wheeler County.

Thank you,

Lewis Scott Porter

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Oklahoma, where the wind blows free! Boy! It sure got in some practice last night and today. We got an inch of rain to go with the 0.4 earlier in the week. That was an answer to prayer. They kept mentioning Roger Mills County and Beckham County with the tornado watch last night, but I didn't hear of any damage around. Several of our neighbors spent the night in the cellar.

Been warm so long folks are getting spring fever. Gus Schmitendorf and his mother, Allison Lockhart, were over to visit J. E. and Clara Lou McGuire and discuss garden plans. Allison has a small greenhouse. Joe's brother, S.T., in Tulsa called to hear how we were faring in the storm. Said he had planted potatoes and set out onion plants already.

Had a nice card from Betty Brothers. She has her new foot now and it walking. She thanks everyone who helped with the project. Especially Oliver and Jo. It's wonderful how many

kind folks there are in the world. Read that scientist has learned how to keep worms young and alive much longer. Now they are working on doing the same for humans. They want folks to live a long time and stay busy.

The Baptist church honored our Sweetwater FFA Chapter and their parents with dinner Sunday in observance of National FFA week. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. A large crowd was present.

Several have reported they have jonquils, crocus and daffodils in bloom. The fruit trees will next and may get killed. It is almost sure to come some more hard freezes. I'm not sure how late we have had killing frosts, but can remember one Decoration Day when everyone had on their winter coats.

Helen Smith and Debby Anderson were over to visit Norma Zellmer and Ollie Anderson. They are doing better.

Talked to Imo LeGrand. They are very well but no company this week.

Funeral services were at Rose Chapel for Dulsie Moore, 92. She and her family lived in this community long ago. Burial was in the Lone Oak Cemetery.

Services were at Cheyenne Auditorium for Kim Perry Boswell, 39. The family dinner was at the Sweetwater All-Purpose Hall. Kim was raised in this community and was dearly loved. Burial was in the Mulberry Cemetery. Leonard and Nick Smith, Clinton, were out Saturday to visit Ray and Doris Smith.

Talked to our friends the Basil

Dosses at Carnegie. They have both been on the sick list.

Rollie Howell has been a patient in the Elk City Hospital.

We had two recognized as Outstanding Students at the Burns Flat Vo-Tech. Amber Anderson for Graphic Arts and Trampis Fowler, Computer Repair and Net Working.

Had a nice call from Inez Coffey of Erick. She had a birthday last week. 39 again, I guess. My kids said I had to quit being 39 when they got to 50.

I see several oil derricks on the way to Erick. About time for another oil boom, since gas has become so high. They say lot of folks are filling up and taking off without paying.

Tammy Whipkey, Ben, Jacob, and Mason were by to see Eileen and Ed Logan Monday.

Anniversaries this week are Tony and Carleene Flowers, Keith and Emily Byerley. Birthdays are Dale Carpenter, Monty Sanders, Daryl Cox, Joni Perry. Happiness to all.

Psalm 28:6: O, praise the Lord, for he has listened to my pleadings! He is my strength, my shield, from ever danger.

Happy Birthday to Iona May (90), Donna Hawkins, Shawn Zybach and Katie Nicholes on March 5; Ann Jones and Brandon Finsterwald on March 6; Trisha Hand, Laura Vandever on March 7; Cathy Miller, Hayden Hartsfield, Ryan May, Carrie Zumstien and Velma Forbes on March 8; Tyna Horn, Jimmy Maddox and Sue Helms on March 9; Jewel Moore, Michael Mayfield, Edie Phillis and Hayden Hudson on March 10; Estelle Hodges, Chase Scales, Jason Reed, Joshua Woodworth, Leslie Wilson, Nathan Hefley and Tammy Newman on March 11.

Happy Anniversary to Mike and Sherry Wash on March 7.

Next Sunday night, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. will be First Sunday Night Sing at Allison Baptist church. Everyone invited to come sing and worship and fellowship together.

Next Friday, March 3, about 6:00 p.m. will be XYZ at Mobeetie Baptist Church. Everyone invited to come for blood pressure checks, devotional and delicious potluck supper, visiting and games of 42 and Chicken Foot.

Next Monday night, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. will be Wheeler Senior Citizens for delicious potluck meal, games of 88 and Canasta. Everyone invited. New members and visitors always welcome.

Sue Chandler went to Dallas over last weekend with Vivian Wallace and Joyce Weatherford to a Home Interiors Seminar. She thought it was very inspirational and motivating. Little granddaughter, Audra Weatherly has been sick, but is eating and improving now. Guess she just missed her grandma. Sue. Sue said there were lots of exciting changes in the Home Interior program. Good speaker was John Maxwell.

We enjoyed meeting Kaitlyn Nicole Helton and her mom, Kelley (McNeill) Helton at Wheeler Dairy Queen Tuesday. Kaitlyn was born Feb. 6, 2000 at Pampa, weighing 6 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs. and 20 inches long. Proud papa is Chad Helton. Best wishes and congratulations! Beautiful baby.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of James Monroe Lancaster, 70, of Missouri in his death. Cecil Reynolds was a half-brother. Cecil and Evelyn Reynolds visited James and his family some months ago.

We had a call from Willis' sister, Eula Newman, at Ft. Worth. Her daughter, Laura Huddler, had her nice big house at Rhome, Texas, destroyed by a lightning strike when she was away from home. She has insurance; nothing was saved—no clothes, furniture or keepsakes. We are so sorry.

Mrs. Mae Welch's house in Briscoe is up for sale.

Rosalie Keelin ate dinner Sunday at Gene and Norma Keelin's. She also visited her brother, Roy and Nell Bradstreet and at the Wheeler Care Center. Country Chapel Church was doing the Sunday Service. Their pianist was not there, so Rosalie played for pastor Jerry Jewell to lead the singing. She also enjoyed visiting with Mae Welch, Fannie Mae Bradstreet and others there.

Congratulations to Mark and Carol Roberson of Miami on the birth of their new baby boy. Phillip Joseph arrived about 10:00 a.m. Monday morning, February 28, 2000. He weighed 10 lbs. and was over 23 inches long.

He is welcomed by brothers, Benjamin, Jonathan, Timothy and Daniel and sisters, Rebecca, Deborah and Grace. Also great-grandmother, JoAnn Morgenstern, and many other relatives. Sue Gaines is an aunt.

Saturday Ed and Laurel Hershman went to Graham to visit cousins, Emmett and Carolyn Singleton, and see their new place. They also got to see cousins, Dennis and Susan Hawkins and Ann Henry that they had not seen in a long time. So they got lots of visiting in and came home Sunday night.

Patty Ann Shields went to Amarillo Friday night with Rita Pearson to Highland Park School to see the Ft. Elliott vs. Springlake Areagame. Dallas and Lindsey Fillingim and Ken Criswell and Amanda Shields met them. They all ate at Ruby Quequillas together.

David and Rita Pearson were going to San Antonio Wednesday to the Annual Farm Bureau State Convention. They also planned to visit Rita's brother, Jerry, and Marian Lackey and family at Hallettsville and come home Sunday.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Dorman are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dedra Leah, to Mr. Bradd Lee Morgan of Panhandle. Bradd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore of Goodnight, Texas. Dedra is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle of Plainview, Texas, and Myrtle and the late Bus Dorman of Wheeler. She is the great-granddaughter of Lottie and the late Jim Clemmer of Silverton, Texas, and Leo and Wilma Swindle of Hart, Texas, both deceased. Dedra and Bradd will be married Saturday, May 20, 2000, at the Wheeler church of Christ. Following their marriage, they will make their home in Panhandle where Bradd is self-employed at Panhandle Mechanical Contractors. Dedra will continue to work as the official court reporter for Potter County in County Court at Law No. 1 with Judge W. F. "Corky" Roberts in Amarillo.

WHEELER MENU

MONDAY, March 6, 2000 — FRIDAY, March 10, 2000

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Beef Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Texas Toast, Grapes or Apricots, Milk/Tea

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Beef & Veg. Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pickle Spears, Crackers, Apple or Peaches, Milk/Tea

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Pears, Milk/Tea

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Fruit Cocktail, Milk/Tea

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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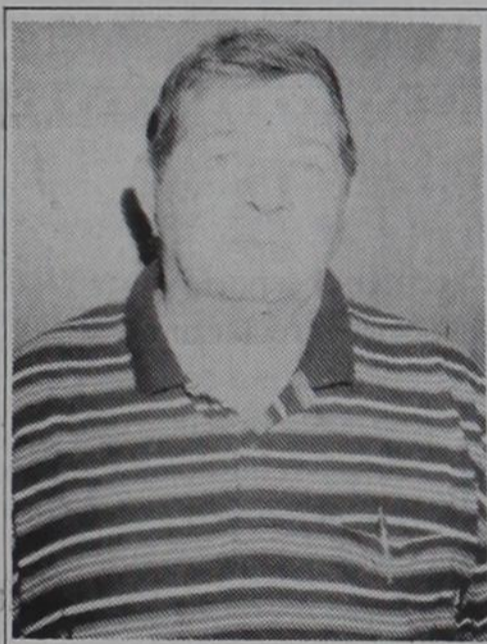
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County Commissioner, Pct. 1



for the last two terms of office. It is my wish to continue to serve as your county commissioner. I live in Wheeler and I need this job. Some of the things that have been accomplished in the past seven years are the addition of asphalt around the Briscoe and Mobeetie Schools. The building of Truck Scales on I-40 that brought in \$60,000 for the

county last month. Also \$100,000 were saved for the taxpayers of Wheeler County through safety programs presented to the county employees. I believe with hard work, experience and determination we can continue to improve county roads, make improvements in other areas and save the taxpayers money. Your continued support would be appreciated.

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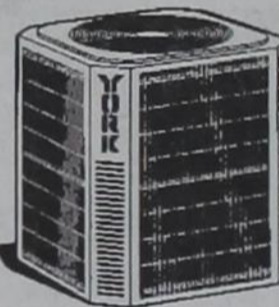
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and Morrow. Captain Davis and his men started to take them to Fort Elliott. Captain Davis soon returned to Fort Sill and told the authorities the two prisoners escaped from them but that he did not believe they would ever steal any more horses. Captain Davis left again for Fort Elliott. A scouting party sent out from Fort Sill after Captain Davis left, found Chumney Jones and Charley Morrow dead, hanging from a tree. As Captain Davis returned to Fort Elliott, but still 30 miles away, the ambulance wagon with a driver and an attendant riding within was attacked as it approached a buffalo hunter's tent. The buffalo hunter commenced firing his gun and the first shot grazed Captain Davis' body and the second shot knocked Davis' horse from under him. The ambulance driver was shot and killed by a second man hiding in the bushes. Both the buffalo hunter and the ambusher were shot and killed by the soldiers. After returning to Fort Elliott for reinforcements Captain Davis left with twelve men to rid the country of horse thieves and murderers.

From reports in the *Dodge City Times* it appears that the soldiers at Fort Elliott and the Texas Rangers had a strained relationship. In November of 1877, five Texas Rangers came to the post and, after "spying" around, went to the post trader where they met Mr. P. Duffey, whom it seems they were after. He was arrested and turned over for safe keeping to the post guard. Duffey had previously had a ranch at Fort Concho, Texas. He had reportedly killed seven drunken soldiers when they had attacked his home after he had refused them liquor. Duffey had also killed a citizen for whom he was arrested, had a bond posted by two sureties and then skipped out on the \$1,000.00 bond leaving his bondsmen to stand the loss. The Rangers arrested Duffey for the forfeited bond. The reporter

Walk (from Page 1)

11. Captains will record their own and their members' mileage on the Team Captain's Log, determine the total number of miles walked by the team that week, and then call it into the Extension office by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Please check math carefully. Call in on time to help our record keeping.

12. Team miles will be noted on the Texas map posted at the Wheeler County Courthouse by Friday morning.

13. Large work groups with multiple teams of 7 members plus their captain should have captains give their team totals to a site coordinator each week; the site coordinator then calls each of the team totals for the entire worksite to the county Extension office; such groups may track their own teams' progress on a map posted at their worksite as well as compete with one another, if they wish.

14. Schools and/or classes only need to report number of students participating and total miles walked each week to their site coordinator who will call in the totals to the Extension office; the school may track their progress on a map at the school. No registration forms or logs are required for school groups. Classes may compete with each other or students vs. teachers, etc.

15. At the end of eight weeks, team members and their captain will complete the Walk Across Texas Wrap-Up, turn it in to the captain along with their Individual Mileage Logs by May 15. Captains will turn Individual Registration Forms (if not already turned in), Individual Mileage Logs, and Walk Across Texas Wrap-Ups and their Captain's Log to the county Extension office by May 22nd. Captains meeting this deadline will be eligible for a prize drawing at the Celebration and Awards Activity.

16. Recognition of winning teams will be held at the Wheeler County Courthouse on June 6 at 6:00 p.m. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, Acts of Congress of May 8, 1914, as amended, and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Chester P. Fehlis, Deputy Director, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to friends and relatives for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers, gifts and food during the time of my surgery and since I have been home. I also would like to thank my surgeon and pneumonia doctors and all the staff at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Juanita Boydson

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did not believe Duffey would ever reach Fort Concho.

Since the officers at Fort Elliott provided the only form of judicial review before the counties in the Panhandle were organized, the officers would sit as a Board of Officers to review reports of criminal activity and rule on the evidence presented by witnesses. In January of 1878 Captain C. Mauck, 4th Cavalry, Captain E. H. Liscum, 19th Infantry and 2nd Lieutenant G. K. Hunter, 4th Cavalry, sat as a Board of Officers to review the Mason-Ryan shooting. Joe Mason was connected with a "free-and-easy" kind of house in Sweetwater City, when Ed Ryan came up to him and commenced abusing him, when Mason was an officer of the law there. Mason gave Ryan the choice of leaving or being shot. Ryan must have refused to leave since Mason shot Ryan and buried the dead man. Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Hatch of Fort Elliott ordered the Board of Officers to inquire into the killing of Ed Ryan and to make a report in writing on the merits of the case. The Board met on January 5, 1878 and after examining witnesses determined that Ed Ryan

came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Joe Mason, and Joe Mason was justifiable in his actions.

The preceding tales of murder and thievery are only a few of the stories reported to the newspaper in Dodge City, Kansas, when the soldiers at Fort Elliott had to take a hand in maintaining law and order. The real mission of Fort Elliott was to suppress attacks by Indians who did not remain in the Indian Territory. In September of 1878, between Dodge City and Fort Elliott, Indians were reported to have shot eight people who were treated by a doctor who was just immigrating to Ford County. Two companies of the 4th Cavalry from Fort Elliott went to Fort Supply to assist with the containment of the marauding Indians. This may have been the Dull Knife Raid in 1878 when a band of northern Cheyenne under Little Wolf and Dull Knife fled northward from their reservations in Indian Territory toward the Powder River country raiding as they went. Although pursued by the military, the Cheyenne reached their destination in Wyoming.

In December of 1878 the Lelan Indians from Mexico were reported south of Fort Elliott. The military intercepted them and determined that they were harmless and had committed no depredations as they made the trip to Indian Territory to visit their friends, the Kiowas.

After Fort Elliott was established no major Indian battles were fought. The presence of the soldiers and the slaughter of the buffalo had succeeded in stifling the Indians. However, the soldier living at the fort lived with the belief that a major Indian war could break out at any time. In January of 1878 a twenty-two year old enlisted 4th Cavalry Trooper Henry Langford Thayer, wrote his mother about conditions at Fort Elliott. A company had been sent out to contain the Indians but was expected back on January 20, 1879. He believed the Indians had had enough and were willing to surrender and go back on the Reservation. He hoped they would remain quiet the rest of the winter but unless a decided change was made in regard to the management of them, a serious outbreak was expected as soon as spring opened and the weather became warm enough for them to get restless. Thayer also told his mother that he planned to save \$20.00 every two months by placing the money in the hands of the paymaster and that at the end of five years he would have \$675.00 when he left the military in 1883. Even with this savings plan he would still have enough money to pay his washing, Tobacco and tailors' bills besides always having a dollar or so in his pocket in case of an emergency. A private received \$16.00 per month, from which one dollar was deducted until the end of the enlistment. Langford was trying to convince his mother that he was much better off financially in the Wild West than he would have been back in Boston clerking in a store.

Major James Biddle of the Sixth Cavalry selected the site of Fort Elliott on the Sweetwater Creek. Major Bankhead erected the first buildings, which were on a very small scale but provided quarters for the soldiers. These early structures gave way to several large frame buildings built by Quartermaster Wennie, considered to be a progressive man, after Colonel John P. Hatch assumed command of the fort. Trees were planted around the ground and other improvements were made in 1878 that made a marked change in appearance. Soldiers did most of the labor. Much to their aggravation, the men at the fort made thousands of adobe bricks from which they constructed corrals and some new buildings under the supervision of Colonel Hatch, which earned him the nickname of "Dobe Hatch".

Because the construction of the fort was for the most part, from wood, fire was a continual source of concern and a disaster when it struck. One of several major fires occurred on March 8, 1879. At 3:00 a.m. the garrison was aroused by the rapid firing of the sentinel and the cry of fire caused by the flames from the office of the commanding officer, Assistant's officer and the post library. The flames moved very quickly since the interior of the building was lined with canvas. Ten minutes after the fire was first discovered, the entire building was in flames and nothing of any importance saved. All the records and retained papers and books including about 300 volumes of standard works belonging to the library were destroyed along with all the furniture, desks, chairs, and tables, property that could not be immediately replaced because of the scarcity of lumber at the post. The only fatality was "Little Nell," Sergeant-Major Warren's dog who was 16 years old and slept in the office and was a pet for all the men.

It was in the spring of 1879 that the 10th Cavalry came to Fort Elliott when Company F, 4th Cavalry moved from Fort Elliott to Fort Sill. General John W. Davidson, Colonel of 10th Cavalry, relieved Colonel Hatch. Colonel Davidson took command in March and moved into a new building recently erected. He continued building and making improvements to the post. Co. A, 10th Cavalry gave a grand "hop" in March, soon after their arrival to the post. The arrival of the Companies of the 10th Cavalry comprised of Black troopers added to the social life of the post. The *Dodge City Times* reported that the gaiety and festiveness of the "hop" eclipsed anything of the kind within the memory of the oldest inhabitants, as the dancers balanced to the soul-inspiring banjo.

Life at Fort Elliott was an adventure for the brave and the curious. The placement of Fort Elliott in Wheeler County on the Sweetwater Creek was a strategic success and accomplished its goal of freeing the Panhandle of Texas from Indians and protected the buffalo hunter, ranchers and farmers while they began to plant the land and import cattle for ranches. In October of 1890, the troops left the fort and the fort buildings were sold at auction. An exciting period of Texas Panhandle history had come to an end.



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Wheeler Economic Development Corporation

February 28, 2000
Minutes of the Wheeler Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation.

Charles R. Brown, President, called meeting to order.
Directors present included: Charles Brown, Bob McCain, Charles Kuntz, Calvin Devereaux and Ben Ed Hillhouse.

Also attending the meeting were Wanda Hard, mayor of Wheeler, Harrison Hall, Dave Britt, Bob Weatherly, and Don King.

Ben Ed Hillhouse made a motion, seconded by Calvin Devereaux to approve the minutes as read of the last meeting. The motion carried.

Charles Kuntz stated that he felt the Economic Development Co. needed a part-time coordinator. It was decided there needed to be a job description and job qualifications before an ad could be placed in paper for the employee.

Bob McCain made a motion seconded by Calvin Devereaux to have Charles Kuntz and Ben Ed Hillhouse prepare a proposal describing a job description for a potential coordinator. The motion carried.

Charles Kuntz made motion, seconded by Calvin Devereaux to adopt a resolution in support of preserving the Sweetwater Dam location. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Kuntz stated that there was a need for new brochures promoting Wheeler. He said the cost would be approximately \$800.00 for the brochures. Ben Ed Hillhouse stated the Chamber might help with the cost of the brochures. Ben Ed Hillhouse made motion, seconded by Bob McCain to include \$800.00 in the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Kuntz presented the pro-

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