

Nettie Luttrell Rites

Nettie Day Luttrell, 93, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, in Belton, Mo. Services will be conducted at Crockett, Texas, December 20, 2000.

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Third 'Cash' Drawing Will Be Saturday

Seventeen Envelopes of Cash To Be Handed Out

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

It is hard to believe the next issue of the *Times* will be the Christmas Greeting Edition. We are making the calls, but if we miss you, please contact us. This is an excellent opportunity to say "Merry Christmas" to your customers and friends.

cwe— We are working on the Santa Letters. If you have not gotten your youngster's letter in, Friday is the deadline.

cwe— Bailey Ann McAlpine personally delivered her letter to the office Tuesday.

cwe— The banks have scheduled their open 'Christmas Open House'. Wheeler Banking Center will have their Open House today, Thursday. First State Bank, both Mobeetie and Wheeler, will have their Christmas Open House next Wednesday, Dec. 20.

cwe— The weather certainly took a drop in temperature. It was 7 according to the bank Monday and 8 Tuesday morning. There was just a powdering of snow Monday morning in Wheeler with surrounding communities receiving more moisture.

cwe— The temperature reading at the bank Wednesday morning was 13. We had about an inch of snow on the ground.

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The third of the \$1500 Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Saturday, December 16, 2000. \$400 will be given away. \$300 and \$400 were given away Saturday, December 2 and 9 in the first two drawings. An additional \$400 will be given at both the third and fourth events. Each of the drawings this year will be held on Saturday.

The drawings will be at 2:30 P.M. Seventeen individuals will be called forward for the second and third drawings. The division of the money will be 10-\$10, 4-\$25, 2-\$50 and 1-\$100.

The annual Christmas Drawing is again being offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 24. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each \$5.00 spent, you will receive an additional ticket up to 100 tickets per purchase.

Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler 'cash' to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on December 23, 2000.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each \$5.00 of the purchase value—up to a maximum of 100.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 24, 2000, at sponsoring businesses.

The merchants giving tickets are: Hefley Hardware, Hylar Pharmacy, L. & F. Repair, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany Dry Goods, Thriftway, Wheeler Flower Shop and Wheeler Lumber Co.

"Shattered Dreams" Is Cancelled Til Next Year

Due to some unforeseen complications and conflicts at the school we will be unable to have the "Shattered Dream" program this year. We want everyone to know how much we appreciate the support we have received both in encouragement and in money. This does not mean we have changed our opinion on drinking and driving. As everyone is aware this community knows all too well what it is like to lose young people to auto accidents and we hope we never lose anyone.

To all of you who have given donations to support this program. We would like to hear from you on any suggestions as to where you would like this money to be used. We are always in need of new equipment or it can be given to the "Dare" program to help them. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Thank you again for your support. **The Wheeler Ambulance Service**

Lindsey Fillingim Will Receive Degree Friday

More than 460 West Texas A&M University students are planning an early Christmas presents-diplomas. WT's winter commencement is set for 7 P.M. Friday, December 15, 2000 at the Amarillo Civic Center Cal Farley's Coliseum.

Lindsey Renee Fillingim-Criswell, a 1995 graduate of Briscoe High School will receive a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree.

Lindsey is the daughter of David and Rita Pearson of Briscoe and Dan and Chris Fillingim of Elk City, Ok. Willis and LaVerna Fillingim of Briscoe, Alberta and Mary Pearson of Stamford, Nellie Lackey and the late Lee Lackey, of Wheeler are her grandparents.

Lindsey is employed by Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon as a default specialist and plans to continue her education beginning January 2001.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawing, but not giving tickets are: Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, Britt Ranch, County Star News, Cross Car Center, Eastern Panhandle Insurance Agency, First State Bank of Wheeler and Mobeetie, H&R Block Tax Service, Heritage Beef Cattle Co., Hibler Implement Co., Inc., Honey Inn, Jennings' Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Jones Fuels, Charles F. Kuntz, C.P.A., Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mr. Bar-B-Que, Mel's Diner, Parkview Hospital, R. & M. Quality Car Wash, Dr. Mike Smith, Soto's Family Restaurant, Speedi-Mart, The Wheeler Times, Ware Chevrolet-Buick-Olds & Pontiac, Inc., Weatherly Heating & Air, West Texas Gas Co., Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler TV, Wheeler Vet. Clinic, Wright Funeral Home and Zodell's Pizza, Bar-B-Q & More.

Wheeler Bands Will Present Concert Sun.

The Wheeler Junior High and High School bands will be performing this Sunday, December 17, 2000. Both bands will be performing Christmas music. The concert will begin at 2:30 pm in the High School Auditorium.

County Water Board To Meet Dec. 20

The Wheeler County Surface Water Board will meet **Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commissioners Court Room, Wheeler County Courthouse, Wheeler, Texas. The agenda will be as follows:

1. Call to Order—Harrison Hall, President
2. Reading of the Minutes by Bobbye C. Hill, Secretary.
3. Discuss contract with Wheeler County to hold maintenance tax election and take any action necessary.
4. Final approval of brochure and take any action necessary.

Seventeen Individuals Claim 'Cash' Saturday

The second of four Christmas 'Cash' drawings to be held in Wheeler during December was held on Saturday, December 9. Seventeen envelopes were handed out with two going to the same individual. Sixteen Wheeler shoppers came away with a little more money to spend.

Donnie Gray came forward two times for \$10 and \$25.

The first ten tickets drawn were for \$10 in Wheeler 'Cash'. Stepping forward to claim their winnings were Carl Scales, Loyd Carpenter, Shorty Crawford, Joyce Kelley, Chynna Atherton, James Hubble, Marci Rose, Donnie Gray, David Jones and Sue Johnson.

Four envelopes handed out had a value of \$25 each. They were claimed by Bill Bricky, Donnie Gray, Sabine Brown and Keith Rose.

Two \$50 envelopes were given out. They went to Andrew Hampton and Buddy Badillo.

One \$100 envelope was given out at the end of the drawing. It went to Gina Seitz.

Remember, husband and wife can claim each other's tickets; everyone else must claim their own.



WHEELEROPOLY: The Wheeler Band and Wheeler Band Boosters are promoting a board game for Wheeler. The game, a spinoff of Monopoly will feature Wheeler businesses as property on the board. Money raised from the project will be used toward the purchase of new band uniforms and instruments. Pictured are (l. to r.) Lauren Sams, Hadley Mitchell, Rachel Riemer, Jotana Simmons, Carey Jewell and Kloette Henson, band director.



DONATION: Randy McCurley (right), president of the First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler is shown here presenting a check to Dave Britt, president of the Wheeler Area Activities and Improvement Council, Inc.

First State Bank Makes Contribution To Wheeler Area Activities & Improvement

First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler recently made a donation to the Wheeler Area Activities and Improvement Council, Inc. The council was established in 1993 to enhance and improve the quality of life for the people of the Wheeler Area. The council offers organizations a method to improve the services they currently provide by receiving, maintaining and dispensing charitable gifts and resources.

Currently, the council is maintaining the Ja'Nae Goad Scholarship by accepting tax deductible contributions for this distinct eminent fund.

The council has been the recipient of monies for the recent Wheeler Playground project.

Randy McCurley, president of First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler states, "The First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler is proud to make this donation to this organization. We congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them continual success with their projects in the future."

Regular Commissioner's Court Meeting Is Held Mon., Dec. 11

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 11, 2000, in the Commissioners Court Room, Wheeler County Courthouse, Wheeler, Texas.

Fifteen items were on the agenda. The minutes were read and approved. The J. P. reports were accepted. The hourly payroll were approved as were the bills for payment.

The courthouse closings were presented and approved for the year 2001. These are printed at the end of the story.

The commissioners considered and approved the Silver Choice—Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The commissioners approved the payment of premiums for retired county employees for additional medical coverage above medicare.

The Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Wheeler was renewed. The cost to the City will be \$4,401.71 per month, not to exceed \$52,820.52 annually.

The Dare Resolution—Distribution of Funds and CJAD for Wheeler, Kelton, Allison and Ft. Elliott was discussed. The contract, signed May

28, 1998, will be located and dates checked.

No action was taken on the Personnel Policy Manual.

The commissioners voted to accept the \$243,196.00 in funding from the Texas Historical Commission on the restoration of the courthouse. The also agreed to support any other restoration proposals.

No action was taken on the Property Insurance Coverage for the Courthouse.

Only one bid was received by the county for the purchase of two extended cab pickups, one 2-Wheel and one 4-Wheel Drive. Ware Chevrolet submitted the only bid in the amount of \$42,117.47 for both.

Dusty Case was removed from the Precinct 1 payroll.

The commissioners approved the co-operative working agreement between the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department and the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force; term is from June, 2001 through May 31, 2003.

The commissioner's court will convene next on Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom.

Courthouse Closings for 2001

January 1	Monday	New Year's Day
February 19	Monday	President's Day
April 13	Friday	Good Friday
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day
September 3	Monday	Labor Day
October 8	Monday	Columbus Day

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

Estelle Orr
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Susie Lohberger
Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin
Pearl Williams

New Admissions

12/3 J. T. Tidwell
12/4 Bessie Stokes
Tracie Shields
12/5 Pierce Walker
12/6 LaVenna Pannell
12/7 Rodney Weatherly
12/10 Windy White

Dismissals

12/4 Susie Erwin
12/6 Tracie Shields
12/7 Bessie Stokes
12/6 J. T. Tidwell
12/6 LaVenna Pannell
12/6 Rodney Weatherly
12/10 Pierce Walker
12/11 Windy White

Katie Finsterwald, 85 Is Buried Here Monday

Katie Finsterwald, 85, died Saturday, December 9, 2000, in Amarillo. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Wheeler Church of Christ with Bill Morrison, minister, officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Finsterwald was born on Sweetwater Creek in Beckham County, Okla. After attending schools in Sweetwater and Meridian, she moved with her family to Trinidad, Colo., and later, returned to Texas.

She worked as a nurse at Wheeler Hospital and was a member of Briscoe Home Demonstration Club and Wheeler Church of Christ. She also served as an adult 4-H leader.

She married James Milton Finsterwald in 1938 at Sayre, Oklahoma. He died in 1982.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Finsterwald and Joel Finsterwald, both of Wheeler; a daughter, Judy Woollard of Mobeetie; two sisters, Mary Ann Maxwell of Wheeler and Wanda Lou Mitchell of Pampa; a brother, Herman Topper of Borger; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home or Wheeler Church of Christ.

Graveside Rites Tues. Brother of Local Woman

Ben McIntyre, 73, died Saturday, December 9, 2000.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2000 in McIntyre-Christner Family Cemetery in Roberts County with the Rev. William Dale Nix officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. McIntyre was born in Houston and grew up in Canadian, where he attended schools. After graduating from the New Mexico Military Institute, he served in the Army and returned to Canadian to work on the family farm and ranch.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Amarillo and past president of Panhandle Livestock Association and Perryton Country Club. He also served on the board of directors of Camp Cactus.

He married Nancy Lee Ford in 1962. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two sons, Edward McIntyre of Roberts County and Ford Hartman of Santa Fe, N.M.; two daughters, Mary McIntyre-Ladd of Boulder, Colo., and Nanette McIntyre of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Kathryn Christner of Wheeler; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Panhandle Livestock Association, P.O. Box 101, Canadian, TX 79014; or Camp Cactus, P.O. Box 30758, Amarillo, TX 79120.

Allison Boosters Seek Contributions For Sale

The Allison Ag Boosters is currently seeking contributions for the upcoming Wheeler County Livestock Show on January 27, 2001. The purpose of the Booster Club is to ensure enough funds to make sure that the members of the Allison FFA and Jr. FFA Chapters, bring a good price through the County Premium Sale.

We would appreciate any contribution you can make to help our chapter members succeed in the livestock arena. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Allison Ag Boosters listed below. You may also send a donation to the address listed below.

We would like to say thank you, in advance for your consideration and support of the Allison ISD students in the effort or make tomorrow seem a little brighter.

For questions or comments contact any of the Ag Boosters.

Frank Lane—806-375-2272
Garland Dukes—806-375-2556
David Bray—806-375-2444 work or 806-375-2351
Destry Coulter—806-375-2578
Alton Lohberger—806-323-5024
Floyd Lane—806-375-2448.

To send a donation, please use the following address:
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c/o Allison ISD
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Students participating in the Allison Livestock show program are Allison Bray, Jason Boydston, Shealee Coulter, Kara Lane, Kendra Lane, Kendra Sappenfield, Thomas Newsom, J. W. Lane, Russell Lohberger, Jordan Newsom, Levi Swafford, Terry Keys, Jimmy Lane, Chris Newsom, Sammy Case, Cody Case, Bronwyn Dukes.

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THE BANK KIDS: (back row, l. to r.) Tina McWhorter, Creede McQueen, Gavin McQueen, Trevor Burton, Katie Shipp, Tracy Jones, (second row) Blake Randels, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, Bailey Richardson, Jennifer Jones, Savanna Shipp, Nicole Moore, Paige Jones, (front row) Brock Randels, Brody Richardson, Gracie Gaines, Blayne Richardson, Shelby Jones, Maggie Jones, Brooke Randels, Katie Jones, Jaten Moore.

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Arlica Lancaster and Melba Corcoran shopped in Canadian Thursday afternoon.

Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday at Totty Schoolhouse with the Club as hostess. Those attending were Audrey Seitz, Jane Seitz, Charlotte Coward, Estelle Hodges and Melba Corcoran.

Those enjoying birthday cake and ice cream at the home of Ernest and Brenda Lancaster, Stormi and Lamari Friday night were Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby, Michelle Selby, Aaron and Arlica Lancaster, Dale and Melba Corcoran and Ernest, Brenda, Stormi and Lamari. Birthdays celebrated were Ernest on Dec. 6, Aaron, Brenda and Melba on December 12 and Lamari on December 23.

Michelle Selby of Amarillo visited her parents, Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby over the weekend.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Katie Finsterwald.

The First Baptist church held an appreciation dinner Sunday at noon to honor Terry and Sheila Mick, Amanda and Brittany for their work with the youth. The Micks will be moving to Rolla Ks after the first of the year.

Chris and Achasa Mick and Luke of Amarillo spent the weekend with his parents Terry and Sheila Mick, Amanda and Brittany.

Brenda Lancaster, Stormi and Lamari went to Amarillo Saturday shopping and to meet friends. They also visited with Aaron and Arlica Lancaster.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo shopping Saturday. They then met Aaron and Arlica Lancaster for lunch.

Virginia Ridgway spent Friday night and Saturday shopping in Amarillo.

Dale and Melba Corcoran picked Pauline Barnes up in Wheeler and went to play cards with Densel and Fern Reed Saturday night.

Melba Corcoran visited with Charlotte Coward a few minutes Saturday night. Charlotte has a doctor's ap-

pointment in Elk City to see about a spot on her head that has been bothering her quite a bit. She had a spot taken off several years in this area and it was cancer. Remember her in your prayers.

Melody Sherrell came through her surgery OK. She had the rest of her thyroid removed last Wednesday. She had the right half removed the last part of November and the report came

back cancer. She is home and will have to wait 4-6 weeks for a nuclear test to determine if she will have to have treatment. She will have a hard 4-6 weeks, as she will not be allowed to take any thyroid at all. Remember her in your prayers. Melba Corcoran will be going down to see them Friday.

Byron Simpson has been visiting in Amarillo with Tiny and Kay Simpson. He returned home Sunday.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Lorene Rector was William and Sissy Burch and Caitlyn of Wheeler and Melba Corcoran of Mobeetie.

Winter has hit. Sunday running around without a coat. Today is icy and windy with just a dusting of snow.

The temperature is 12 degree at 9 a.m.

Jerry Martinez and Jess Mixon shopped in Amarillo on Monday.

Jerry Grimes of Amarillo spent Wednesday with his parents, Doyle and Bulah Grimes.

Word has been received that Martha Meek came through her hip surgery OK on Monday. She is in Amarillo. Aaron Laverty went to Amarillo to be with her. Remember her in your prayers.

Brittany Laverty fell down some stairs and broke a bone in her left wrist. The accident happened about a week ago.

Aaron Laverty will undergo another back surgery next Monday. Remember him in your prayers.

Caaron Neighbors and Claudette Laverty went to Canadian Tuesday to help the Gageby Ladies at the nursing home. They were taking pies and



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

going to do some singing.

The latest word on Clifford Walser

is that he underwent surgery. Remember him in your prayers.

OLD MOBEETIE ASSOC. HAS MONTHLY MEETING

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association held their regular meeting December 7, 2000, at the Lodge building. Dale Corcoran, President, was in charge of the meeting. Maurita Stribling led the group in prayer. There were no minutes due to the absence of the secretary. Louise Hogan gave the Financial Report. Motion by Joe VanZandt and second by Bill Elliott to accept the report as given. Motion carried. Melba Corcoran reported on

the cataloging report that 12,405 work sheets have been completed with 28,728. Louise Hogan gave the volunteer hours as 30 for November. Melba Corcoran gave visitors as 69 visitors for November with 7 from out of state. Louise Hogan gave the Web report. The Museum had 6,683 hits the last month and added one new country, Israel, to the list of hits.

The bathrooms were discussed. Jay Godwin reported that we received an \$8,000 grant from the Abraham Trust. \$6,500 was to be used on the new bathrooms and \$1,500 for study and preservation of the flagpole. With this grant we have \$10,904.00 to use as the matching fund for the bathrooms. The First State Bank is donating \$2,000 to the museum to be used for any project. Motion by Maurita Stribling to put the \$2,000 into the bathroom funds. Motion was second by Dutch Elliott. The motion carried. This will bring our fund to \$12,904.00. Jay also reported that Danny Patterson, architect of Amarillo, would do the blueprints and donate his labor to the Museum. These plans and the matching funds will be used in a grant application to go to Amarillo Area Foundation for the balance of the money for the restroom project. We will have 5 stalls in each side of the bathroom with one sink in each. One of the stalls will be handicap in each side. Melba Corcoran made a motion that we proceed with the grant to Amarillo Area Foundation. Second by Louise Hogan. Carried.

The new watches with the jail on them are on sale at the museum. Jay Godwin made a motion to order some more watches. Seconded by Joe VanZandt. Carried.

It is time for the membership dues. They have been \$3.00 per person for over ten years. One of the items in the assessment of the museum suggested that they be raised to \$25.00 a year per person. Melba Corcoran made a motion to raise them to \$10.00 per person a year. Second by Jay Godwin. Motion carried.

Workday was canceled for December. Early next year it was brought up that we need to run some more water lines to part of the campground. This will be done about March.

Jay Godwin made a motion to adjourn. Second by Bill Elliott.

Those present were Clint and Maruta Stribling, Bill and Dutch Elliott, Don and Willene Burke, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Bernice Hefley, David Seitz, Joe VanZandt, Louise Hogan, Jay Godwin and Bill Finsterwald.

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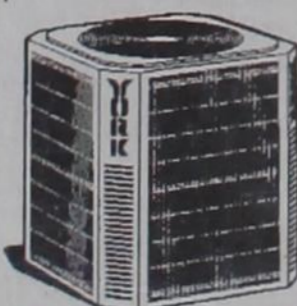
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WHEELER MENU

MONDAY, Dec. 18, 2000 — TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 2000

MONDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, Waffle/Syrup, Sausage, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Meat Loaf, Mix Veg., Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Pickle Spears, Pork n Beans, Cheetos, Fruit, Milk

(Menu subject to change)

Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

I've heard quite a few compliments about how nice Sweetwater looks lately. The Christmas lights are very beautiful. TV is talking bad weather this week. Hope they are wrong.

The Sweetwater High School Christmas program will be December 13 at 7:30.

There was quite a bit of excitement in the neighborhood last Tuesday when the rumor got around that Artie Puckett was in a vacant house.

Visiting L. G. and Anne Reed this week were Lavonda and Tracy Beaven, and Darlene, Cheyenne, Jeannie Varnell of W. Va.

Saw three deer in the back yard. Thought I saw some small dogs in the road the other day but a neighbor told me they were pot bellied pigs. Had a porcupine drinking bird water.

Ollie Anderson and Norma Zellmer spent Thanksgiving with the Eddy Williams. Also there were Sandy and Pork Williams.

Betty Brothers tells me they celebrated her birthday four times with cake, ice cream and all the trim. She

COUGAR NEWS

Events for the week will be December 14—1st and 6th period Semester Test.

December 15, 5:00 p.m. High School Basketball games with McLean High School and Junior Varsity Girls. 4th and 7th period Semester test ACR Points due.

December 16, Perryton jackpot (Swine)

December 18, 3rd hour semester test.

December 19, 4:00 p.m. High School Basketball, Shamrock there. 2nd and 5th hour semester tests.

December 20, End of 3rd 6-Weeks, 1st Semester

December 21, Christmas Holiday starts.

ALLISON MENU

MONDAY, Dec. 18, 2000 — WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 2000
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Cheese, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Yogurt, Milk
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Pancakes, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Green Beans, Corn, Hot Rolls, Carrot Cake, Milk
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Meat Nachos, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk
 (Menu subject to change)



Poinsettias are native to Mexico. They were named after America's first ambassador to the country, Joel Poinsett.

is to have surgery December 12. This has been my day! Ann Reed came over and took me to her house where she gave me a permanent and my lunch. Got home and Theresa Nabors had been here and left a big sack of goodies. Had a sheaf of cards. One from the Gov. and Mrs. Keating and one from Australia. Several said keep up the news and the sayings. Had a nice call from Inez Coffey. Linda brought her home from Pryor. It

is a sad time for her, losing Ronnie, her only child. What were you doing 25 years ago. I see in the 25 year ago column I was entertaining the Sweetwater H.D. Club. Fifty-nine years ago we were mourning Pearl Harbor. We were soon to be in a terrible war. About 57 years ago Santa Clause came in the afternoon while Joe was out chasing the cows. Tony and Joe Dale were delighted with all the gifts.

When Joe came in, tired out from cow chasing (?) they started telling about the wonderful Santa. Tony, five, says, "and Daddy, he had a spot on his shoe just like the one on yours." In November, our fourth and fifth graders attended a Career Fair at Burns Flat. Those going were Olivia Locke, Ashley Smith, Hayden Snodgrass, Shane Boyd, Kara Cox and Marty Blake. Their supervisor was Leeta Prather. They enjoyed it. Remember whose birthday we are celebrating. Give gifts too at least two people who may need friends. Happiness to all.

ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

I Corinthians 3:11, 16-17: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Know ye not that Ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Ole man winter came in pretty strong Sunday evening here in Allison and still doing its thing here this Monday morning. White ice on every thing and a few snow flakes falling with wind and very cold. I think this weather is very wide spread.

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Darrel and Johnnie Harrison of Amarillo were here Friday afternoon for a while. They had come by the farm to take care of the cattle there, then came through Wheeler and ate dinner at Mels Diner. My other two called me Saturday night from Clovis and Jerry from Amarillo.

Here is Bro. Roy Jones' address, if any one would like to send a card to him. Roy Jones, HC 33, Box 77, Elkins, Arkansas 72727. Telephone 501-643-2930.

Last Sunday a week, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Forest went to Amarillo and spent Sunday night with Warren and Charlene Brown and they took Forest Boydston to the air plane Monday morning to catch a plane going to Louisiana. He is to work for a while there. They did some shopping in Amarillo and Pampa on their way home Monday.

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WEDNESDAY: Chicken and Dumplings, Fried Zucchini, Cornbread/Margarine, Rice Pudding
THURSDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Cornbread/Margarine, Peach Cobbler
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Christmas Memories

By: Lorena g. Males

Part 1
 Dear Reader,

Merry Christmas!
 As I sit here at my desk I try to picture who you are. So many of you I know personally but there are strangers among us too. But the universal magic words apply to us all when we wish each other Merry Christmas.

In my childhood Christmas was centered around the church. We usually went to the church (Methodist Church, Hammon, Oklahoma) for about two weeks to prepare for the Christmas program. We'd go right after school. All the children had an opportunity to say a piece, sing a song, be in a drill.

Many families brought all their Christmas to the church and tied the gifts on the tree. The tree was elaborately decorated with Mama dolls and teddy bears. Under the tree were trains and skates.

Candles lighted the tree. No electricity. A terrible Christmas fire at Babbs Swick School reminded people of how dangerous candles could be.

After the lengthy program the climax of the evening—Santa Claus. Even though times were hard, Santa always had something for everyone. Children were happy with one big gift.

Before retiring children usually said their prayers and hung up their stockings.

I can still see my stocking on Christmas morning, early, bulging with an apple, an orange, some Christmas candy and some nuts. These were all special treats as we had them only at Christmas.



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Week Ending December 7, 2000
Intensions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & WEST CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Newbourne Oil Co., #1 Brainard, 4797' from South & 660' from West line, W. W. Langham Survey, PD 12800'. Rule 37

Plugged Wells
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Anadarko Petroleum, Inc., #1026 Meek 'A', Sec. 26, A-2, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-27-00, TD 10584' (gas) —
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1 Courson-Lips 'OTB', O. T. Brown Survey, spud 1-20-00, plugged 11-17-00, TD 9100', PBTD 3270' (oil) —

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of Instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 5, 2000 — December 8, 2000.

DECEMBER 5, 2000
EXT-DT—Joe Montgomery, et ux to First National Bank of Amarillo, 11-30-00, E 36 acs. of S 56 acs. SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 Sec. 27, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—J. David Zybach, et ux to Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, 10-17-00, SE 1/4 Sec. 11, Camp County School Land and S 120 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. RE, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
GIFT D—Kathleen V. Watson to Harvey W. Watson, 11-22-00, SW 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN—Thomas A. Dugan, et al to Dugan Production Corp., 11-27-00, Sec. 22, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DECEMBER 6, 2000
TRUSTEE MD—Edwin James Schermhorn Trust to The Windham LLC, 11-30-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey and W 1/2 Sec. 4, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
HOMESTEAD DT—Cliffon Dean Hathaway, et ux to Bank One NA, 11-

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DATA CONTROL CODE	GOV. FUND TYPE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
		AUGUST 31, 2000	AUGUST 31, 1999	
REVENUES:				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	859,374	859,374	964,355
5800	State Program Revenues	35,005	35,005	42,336
5900	Federal Program Revenues	5,274	5,274	13,328
5030	Total Revenues	899,653	899,653	1,020,019
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional Related Serv.	271,283	271,283	268,278
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	29,759	29,759	36,388
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	75,886	75,886	78,715
0040	Administrative Support Services	100,093	100,093	66,832
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	111,606	111,606	90,276
0060	Auxiliary Services			0
0070	Debt Service			0
0080	Capital Outlay	2,208	2,208	5,714
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	278,002	278,002	412,627
6050	Total Expenditures	868,836	868,836	958,830
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	30,817	30,817	61,189
7910	Other Resources	103,068	103,068	49,606
8910	Other Uses	55,689	55,689	49,606
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	78,197	78,197	61,189
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (beginning)	1,192,370	1,192,370	1,131,602
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	0	0	0
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (ending)	1,270,567	1,270,567	1,192,791

LA RESPUESTA

UNA Iglesia que no hay mujeres no hay una bendicion grande y sufre pero DIOS ha dado virtud ala mujer por eso dice proverbios, 31:29-30. MUCHAS MUJERES HICIERON EL BIEN, MAS TU SOBREPASAS A TODAS. ENGANOSA ES LA GRACIA, Y VANA LA HERMOSURA; LA MUJER QUETEME A JEHOVA ESA SERA ALABADA. esa virtud la encontramos cuando JESUCRISTO resucito las mujeres fueron ala tunba haber si habia resucitado gloria A DIOS por las mujeres hermana sigue firme en el SENOR siempre DIOS te ha dado esa capacidad que el alto DIOS te bendiga siempre sigue firme en el SENOR tu eres de CRISTO tu belleza es de DIOS que DIOS te bendiga y te guarde siempre AMEN ESC. walter carranza

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24-00, 200' x 126.52' SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
HOMESTEAD DESIGN—Cliffon Dean Hathaway, et ux to The Public, 11-24-00, 200' x 126.52' SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DECEMBER 7, 2000
HOME EQUITY AFF. AGREE—Nancy R. Garza to First National Bank of Shamrock, 11-22-00, Lots 13-24, Blk. XXIII, Shamrock.
PARTIAL ASSIGN—Devon Energy Production Company LP to St. Mary Operating Company, 11-2-00, S 143.6 acs. Sec. 34, Blk. OS-2.
EXECUTORS D—Don Emory Crockett, et al to David King Crockett, et ux, 12-4-00, Middle 1/3 W 1/2 Sec. 10, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DECEMBER 8, 2000
D—Philip E. Pendleton, et ux to Terry Tidalo, 12-6-00, W 1/2 Lots 1-3, Blk. 23, Shamrock.
ASSIGN—Creative Energy Concepts to Stripper Oil Inc., 8-16-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—McNeill Grain Company to Stripper Oil Inc., 7-29-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Weststar Oil & Gas Inc. to Stripper Oil Inc., 8-2-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

ASSIGN—Harry L. Hawkinson Jr. to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Norville Oil Co Inc. to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Bandera Petroleum Inc. to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
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ASSIGN—Jack E. Trigg to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
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ASSIGN—John A. Trigg to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Bob Miller to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Michael B. McNeill to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—McNeill Trading & Investments Ltd. to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Elizabeth M. Smyth Trust to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Steve B. Browne to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Debbie Browne Snell to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Eula Lee Browne to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—Bill Griffin to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—E. O. Wheeler 1976 Trust to Stripper Oil Inc., 6-21-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN—William Clayton, et ux to Stripper Oil Inc., 7-11-94, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
DT—W. E. Stowe to Bonnie's Bail Bonds Inc., 11-19-00, Lot 12, Blk. 71, WSSA, Shamrock.
D—David King Crockett, et ux to Brock S. Crockett, et ux, 12-5-00, See Instrument.
DT—Brock S. Crockett, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-5-00, See Instrument.
HOMESTEAD DESIGN—Brock S. Crockett, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-5-00, See Instrument.
NOTICE CHILD SUPPORT LIEN—Lisa Michelle Polk to Bennie A. Robinson, 12-6-00.
A. of JUDG.—Petal Patch to Wade Dorsey, 12-8-00.
A. of JUDG.—Petal Patch to Virgil Carey, et ux, 12-8-00.
MD—Hugh Addison Bobbitt to Shawn S. Scholl, 12-2-00, W 1/2 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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Chat (from Page 1)
 We said 'farewell' to a fine lady this week. Katie Finsterwald was very active in community activities during the years her children were growing up and she will be missed.
The Wheeler County Water Board will be having a meeting **Wednesday, December 20, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commissioners Court Room, Wheeler County Courthouse, Wheeler, Texas. Make it a point to be at this meeting.
The Wheeler Band will be coming around selling property for the board
 game, "Wheeleropoly". It will of course become a collector's item. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this.
 The restoration of the courthouse is underway. Workmen are in the process of completely replacing the roof. Rob Schaffer was in with pictures taken of the work in progress. We will be publishing these at different times. Thanks, Rob.
 In our trip to OKC this past weekend, we got to meet Jayden Jackson—4 months old. His mother, Liz, brought him and his sister, Phoebe—3 years old, over to Brice and Jennifer's. They spent part of the afternoon and evening with us Saturday. Liz is quite the little mother. Phoebe was fascinated with the view from Uncle Brice's office, 22 floors above OKC. Jayden was fascinated with the computer screen.
 We played cards Monday night. Mike and Bob won the first and last game. Dwight and I won the second game by a big margin. We started about 6:30 and were through at 9; we played three complete games.
 What the imagination seizes as beauty must be truth. —John Keats
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Happy Birthday to Chad Hefner on Dec. 17; Bob Carey, Ida Mae Goad and Missy Laverty on Dec. 18; Tracy McElroy, Charlene Dukes, Kimberly Childress and Georgia Dee Holland on Dec. 19; Jo Redding and Shelia Touchstone on Dec. 20; Carrie Harris on Dec. 21; Gladys Kyser, Martha Meek, Lois Hudson and Barbara Hodgson on Dec. 22; Bobbi Kay Green, Lamine Lancaster and Wade Hathaway on Dec. 23.

Happy Anniversary to Tom and Alice Bell Helton on Dec. 17; Kevin and Pam Ratliff and Mack and Linda Sides on Dec. 19; Thurman and Bobby Horn on Dec. 20; and C. H. and Ann Wright on Dec. 22.

McLean High School basketball teams will play at Briscoe Friday, Dec. 15.

KELTON MENU

MONDAY, Dec. 18, 2000 — **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 2000**
MONDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, English Peas, Cake, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken & Dumplings, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Sandwiches Ham or Tuna, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Menu is subject to change.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, Ft. Elliott High School basketball teams will play at Shamrock.

Christmas Holidays start Thursday, Dec. 21, at Ft. Elliott to go till Jan. 1, 2001.

David and Rita Pearson went to Amarillo Sunday and took Dallas and Lindsey out to eat to celebrate their

birthdays. Dallas went up to spend the weekend with Ken and Lindsey, but Ken had to work Sunday at Bell

Helicopter so couldn't go eat with them. Dallas feels pretty old at 27 and Lindsey is 24. Happy Birthday! to you both.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Katie Finsterwald, 85, in

her death. A fine lady, who will be missed. Funeral was Monday at Wheeler Church of Christ.

Cindy Hartsfield came Sunday and visited J. P. and Martha Meek and took Martha to Amarillo to have hip replacement surgery Monday. Remember Martha and J. P. in your prayers.

Visiting Edna May Thursday and Friday afternoon and playing 42 were Lou Dean Douthit, Virginia Puryear and Irene Keys.

Donald and Billie Stuckey came back to Briscoe Sunday, their home base, after guiding hunting in the Boerne area.

Bob and Gena Zybach have been going to lots of ball games.

Kristi Hefley spent the weekend with David and Phyllis Hefley to celebrate her birthday Saturday. Happy Birthday, Kristi.

Juanita and Verneal Prater enjoyed a visit from Lois Meadows and the delicious coconut cream pie she brought.

Jeannette Jahnel and Carl Lee and Verneal Prater went to Allison Sunday to help Erskin Grayson get his Christmas tree up. It was a real big one.

Virginia Puryear and Linda Davis went to Amarillo Saturday and visited Bob Puryear at Northwest Texas Hospital. He had a leaking heart valve replaced Nov. 30. Then Friday, Dec. 8, the doctors had to insert a pacemaker. A wire came loose, so they had to repair that Saturday. He was being moved to a room, so must be doing ok. Keep praying for Bob. Linda Davis is Bob's niece, Jane Carter's daughter. The girls came home Sunday early because of the weather.

Verneal and Juanita Prater and Jeannette Jahnel and Carl Lee and Deseray went to Amarillo Saturday. They shopped some and ate at the Golden Corral.

David and Phyllis Hefley went to the First State Bank party at Maxeys Saturday noon.

Nice to see Sondra Hill and Betsy, Ben and Drew and Sondra's parents, the Don Davises, all from Canadian



at Samnorwood. Betsy was playing with the Canadian girls, after our boys game with Lefors girls. Canadian girls won.

William Wade Newman, son of Robert and Eula Newman, and two friends, all from Alabama, spent a few days quail hunting and visiting relatives in the area at Willa Fillingim's, Mack Sides, Dick Irvines.

At Gageby Church, everyone is invited to a special Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. Sunday night, December 24. There will be music and scripture, readings and fellowship with refreshments. Sandra and Kathy Meek will again be in charge this year. There probably won't be baby dolls hanging from the tree and play trucks like there used to be, but we will have a great time together. The girls did a great job decorating the beautiful tree. Looks like blue spruce.

There was a big crowd out to Ft. Elliott Tuesday night to the basketball

games with Shamrock. Shamrock girls defeated Ft. Elliott in overtime 57-60, J. V. girls Shamrock defeated Ft. Elliott 34-16. Ft. Elliott varsity boys defeated Shamrock 67-39; J. V. boys defeated Shamrock, 49-26.

Ft. Elliott Junior High played at Miami Monday night, Dec. 4. Our girls won 54-16. Our boys won also. Congratulations to all.

At Samnorwood Thursday afternoon, many fans were there to see Ft. Elliott kids play basketball. Our girls defeated McLean girls 59-21. Our boys defeated Lefors boys 59-14. Good playing! Friday night Ft. Elliott girls lost to Canadian in a close game 32-41. Ft. Elliott boys defeated Wheeler in another close one 48-42. Saturday Ft. Elliott girls defeated Wheeler girls in a close game 51-31 to win third in the tournament. Ft. Elliott boys lost to Memphis in a close game 40-47 to win second in the tournament.

God be with you till we meet again.

Wheeler To Have Its Own Board Game; Project To Raise Money For Local Band

Wheeler to have its own board game. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Wheeler Band Boosters. All profits will go towards purchasing new band uniforms and instruments. The current band uniforms are 14 years old and have definitely seen their better days. The cost to replace the band uniforms alone will be approximately \$25,000.00.

The board game will represent the local businesses of Wheeler. Each square will be sold to local businesses to make up the board game. There will also be a place in the middle of the board for individuals that wish to support the Wheeler Band. There will be some pictures of Wheeler and the Wheeler Band on the board and box cover.

This board game will be a wonderful souvenir for yourself, your children, grandchildren or someone that

grew up in Wheeler and has moved away. There will be a limited number of games that can be purchased; so it is very important that you let us know how many games you would like before Jan. 10, 2001. Please give one of the following people a call to place your order. Also, we have samples of some of the board games if you would like to see them to get an idea of what we are doing.

Contact: Rhonda McWhorter, 826-3456; Gail Sams, 826-3226, or Brenda Mitchell, 826-3060.



Tanna Stowers, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stowers of Pampa. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stowers of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Atherton of Allanta, Georgia. Great-granddaughter of Hannah Fae Chapman and the late Albert Chapman of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Atherton of Houston, Texas.

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Wheeler Church of Christ

Congregational Concerns:

On this coming Monday night, December 18th, the men's monthly business meeting will be held in the multi-purpose building. A fellowship meal will be served before this business meeting is held. This fellowship meal will be served at 7:00 p.m.

The ladies of this congregation will host a Christmas ornament exchange party at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Betty Rives on this coming Monday night, December 18th.

Congratulations must be expressed to Ed and Patricia Forrester upon the recent birth of their grandson, John Curtis Forrester. He was born on Monday, November 13th, in Carrollton, weighing 8 lbs. and 10 ozs. The proud parents are Curtis and Sherri Forrester.

Preston Paschal, the brother-in-law of Mike Little, has mailed a thank-you note to this congregation. This thank-you note is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Don Edwards has been released from the hospital in Plano and is now recovering from his recent back surgery at the home of some family members who live in Plano. His condition is slowly improving.

Clifford Waiser remains hospitalized in the intensive care unit at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. His condition is serious.

Sympathy must be genuinely expressed to the family of Katie Finsterwald. Katie died last Saturday morning and her funeral was held last Monday afternoon.

From The Minster's Desk:

Tim Walker, the minister of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, recently wrote a bulletin article that taught a lesson that many religious people need to learn. He wrote:—

"One of the dangers we face as Christians is our tendency to decide what we want is what the Lord wants. So, we determine what we think will make us happy and assume that the Lord is pleased with our decision. Nowhere in Scripture do we find support for a notion."

"We complicate the situation with the idea that since God has blessed us, we doing His will. The problem with that thought is, Satan disguises himself as an 'angel of light' in order to deceive us. He may 'bless' us, too, with promises that he will not keep because 'he is a liar, and the father of lies.'"

"What is the solution to our dilemma? How do we know when our will is God's will?"

"Unfortunately, prayer alone is not the answer. Many of us pray fervently about important decision in our lives, only to say 'amen' with the idea that what we really wanted is what God wanted, too. Our prayer was never truly a request to know God's will, but an exercise in validating our own will."

"Paul offers the framework of the solution in 1 Timothy 1:5—The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. All decisions we make according to the will of God include these elements: love, a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. Our problem comes as we attempt to determine our personal status in regard to each of these elements. May God help us!

Bill Morrison, Minister
Church of Christ
Wheeler, Texas

Services:

- Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
- Sunday Morning Worship ... 11:00 A.M.
- Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

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To The Editor
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Wheeler Times,
Please run this copy of my aunt's
obituary in your paper. She read your
paper from front to back for many,
many years. She knew most every-
one in Wheeler, Mobeetie and Briscoe
area at one time. They were her dear-
est friends.

She had no children, but many
nieces and nephews. Four of them
that were reared in Wheeler County
are Allen Richard Martin from

Loveland, CO, John E. Bailey from
Pampa, Judy Parker from Pampa and
Sue Blevins from Clarendon.

Thanks again,
Judy Parker
3004 Rosewood
Pampa, TX
John, Sue and I grew up in Mobeetie
and Allen "Punkie" Martin, was son of
George and Helene Martin from
Wheeler, TX. (Allen was able to come
to her funeral.)

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Last Rites For "Aunt Julie" Held Nov. 17

Julia "Aunt Jute" Williams, 90, of
Pampa died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000.
Services were at 10 A.M. Friday, No-
vember 17, 2000, in Carmichael-
Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev.
Todd Dyess, pastor of First United
Methodist Church, officiating. Burial
was in Jericho Cemetery in Donley
County under the direction of
Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Direc-
tors of Pampa.

Mrs. Williams was born Sept. 2,
1910, in Gray County and attended
Wagner School in Wheeler. She mar-
ried John Earl Williams on Dec. 24,
1938, at Canadian; he died January
16, 1986. She was a homemaker
and, for many years, a farmer in
Wheeler County. She moved to
Pampa from Mobeetie in 1975.

She was a member of First United
Methodist Church and was active in
Home Demonstration Club of
Mobeetie.

She was preceded in death by her
parents, Sid and Jettie Morgan.

Pallbearers were John Bailey,
Doyle Beckham, Elvin Lamb, Willys
Lamb, Allen Martin, Sidney Joe
Phillips and James Schaffer.

Survivors include a sister-in-law,

Betty Morgan of Fritch; and many
nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be
to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner,
Pampa, TX 79065; or to First United
Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981,
Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

Mobeetie City Council Has Regular Meeting

The Mobeetie City Council held
their regular meeting Monday, De-
cember 11, 2000, with Mayor Pro-
Tem Lois Reeves calling the meeting
to order at 6:40 p.m. when a quorum
arrived.

The meeting was turned over to
Tom Grantham, who presented the
audit. Motion by Jerry Martinez to
accept the audit. Dale Corcoran se-
conded the motion. Carried 4-0. Jerry
Martinez made a motion to approve
payment for the check for the audit.
Second by Dale Corcoran. Carried 4-
0.

The meeting was then turned over
to Tommy Holcomb with TxDOT. He
explained about the test they did on
the speed in the city limits. He sent a
new recommendation to the state and
it was approved to lower the speed to
30 instead of 35, with the speed being
dropped 5 miles an hour off the posted
speed if accepted by the city. Motion
by Jerry Martinez to adopt the new



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Motion by Jerry Martinez to ad-
journ at 7:45 p.m. Second by Dale
Corcoran. Carried 4-0.

Those present were Council mem-
bers Lois Reeves, Jerry Martinez,
Jess Mixon and Dale Corcoran, Sec-
retary Melba Corcoran, Auditor Tom
Grantham, TxDOT representative
Tommy Holcomb and Bart Sherrill of
Childress, guest DeWayne Selby.

ordinance. Second by Lois Reeves.
Carried 4-0. The new signs should go
up in about a month.

DeWayne Selby met with the group
about his past due bill. An agreement
was reached between him and the
city. Melba Corcoran read the min-
utes for November. Dale Corcoran
made a motion to accept as read.
Second by Jerry Martinez. Carried 4-
0.

Melba Corcoran presented the fi-
nancial reports. Motion by Jerry
Martinez to accept as given second
by Lois Reeves. Carried 4-0.

Monthly bills to be paid were dis-
cussed with motion by Jerry Martinez
to pay the bills as presented. Second
by Jess Mixon. Carried 3-0 with 1
abstaining. Voting for Jerry Martinez,
Jess Mixon and Lois Reeves. Ab-
staining Dale Corcoran.

Old business, Drought plans. Cop-
ies of the proposed plan was given
each member. Action was tabled to
next meeting. Members are to study
the plan and bring any changes they
think may be needed. Motion by Jerry
Martinez to adopt an ordinance to
have the city secretary to serve as
court clerk for the city. Second by
Jess Mixon. Carried 3-0 with 1 ab-
staining. Voting for Jerry Martinez,
Jess Mixon and Lois Reeves. Ab-
staining Dale Corcoran. The attorney
is working on the clean up ordinances
and on the opening of streets.

The secretary is to work on an
ordinance to present next meeting on
individual turning on and off water.
There has been quite a few valves
broken by this.

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it takes the earth to rotate once on its
axis—is actually 24 hours, 3 minutes
and 56.55 seconds long.

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