

THE WHEELER TIMES

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001

Rites Are Pending For Ronald Edgar Blocker

Rites for Ronald Edgar Blocker, 63, are pending at Wright Funeral Home in Wheeler. Blocker died Monday evening, January 22, 2001

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

County Jr. Livestock Show Jan. 26-27

Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show Set for January 26-27

Everyone is invited to attend the Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show January 26 and 27, 2001 at the Wheeler County Show Barn. County 4-H and FFA members have entered 221 animals, including 166 swine, 30 lambs, 17 steers and 8 heifers.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, January 26th
2:00 p.m. - Weigh steers, lambs and swine

Saturday, January 27th
8:00 a.m. - Swine show followed by the lambs, steers and heifers
5:00 p.m. - County-wide Barbeque
6:00 p.m. - Recognition Program and Premium Sale

Exhibitors have been working with their animal projects for many months to prepare for this event. Livestock Show Association Directors hope that many county residents will attend the show to support and recognize the work and accomplishments of these youth. Boosters will be able to financially reward these youth during the premium sale. Make plans to attend this event and support the Wheeler County youth.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Local Stock Show Tonite At Wheeler

On Thursday, January 25, Wheeler 4-H and FFA members will exhibit their animals in the Wheeler Community Stock Show sponsored by the Wheeler Livestock Boosters, the Community Show gives the exhibitors an opportunity to show their animals prior to the County Stock Show.

year working on their animals. The show will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the County Show Barn. Show order will start with the steers, followed by heifers, lambs and hogs.

"We hope everyone who can will attend the Community Stock Show to show support for the youth livestock exhibitors and recognize them for their hard work," said James Masters, President of the Wheeler Livestock Boosters.

Chase Results In Stiff Sentence

Ronald Adus Diehl, 52, of Dallas, Texas, pleaded guilty to a charge of evading arrest before 31st District Judge Steven R. Emmert. Diehl had been charged with evading arrest as a result of an incident which took place on September 2, 2000 in Wheeler County.

Adams and Constable Joe Montgomery where the tires were shot out on the vehicle. The charge against Diehl, normally a Class A misdemeanor, was enhanced to a state jail felony as a result of a prior Louisiana conviction for a similar offense.

After his guilty plea, Judge Emmert sentenced Diehl to a maximum two (2) years confinement in a state jail facility and fined the defendant \$1,500.00. The defendant was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$776.00 to a trucker, whose tires were punctured by spikes laid across Highway 83 in front of the Wheeler County Jail; the spikes were intended for Diehl. Diehl avoided the spikes by exiting on Highway 152 at the spotlight in Wheeler. Diehl was placed on five (5) years probation through the Wheeler County Probation Department.

Ft. Elliott School Board Conducts Jan. Business

January 11, 2001
The Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees regular meeting was held January 11, 2001. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Wayne Zybach, Mike Meadows, Bob Finsterwald, Wanda Hefley, Greg Estes, Richard Meadows and Wade Hathaway. Guests present were Carl Baker, Janet Tatyrek, Sonya Holder and Tonya Finsterwald.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Motion by Wanda Hefley to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Wade Hathaway. Motion unanimously.
2. Motion by Richard Meadows to paychecks #4793, #4797, and #4806. Seconded by Wanda Hefley. Motion carried. Voting for were Wayne Zybach, Richard Meadows, and Wanda Hefley. Abstaining due to nepotism were Mike Meadows, Wade Hathaway, and Bob Finsterwald.

3. Motion by Mike Meadows to pay the balance of the bills. Seconded by Bob Finsterwald. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Board appraised Carl Baker, Superintendent.

5. Motion by Richard Meadows to extend the contract of Carl Baker, Superintendent, for one year beyond his current contract date. Second by Mike Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.
Greg Estes entered the meeting at 7:45.

6. Motion by Wanda Hefley to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m., to discuss personnel, under Texas Education Code 551.074. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Wade Hathaway to return from executive session at 9:10 p.m. Second by Bob Finsterwald. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken after the Board returned from executive session.

8. Motion by Richard Meadows to join the Texas School Coalition. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Richard Meadows to approve the bloodborne pathogen exposure plan, recommending that every employee at Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. take the hepatitis B shots, and any incident involving bloodborne pathogens be reported to the Superintendent and/or Principals. Second by Mike Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Greg Estes to approve the tax collection report. Second by Wade Hathaway. Motion carried unanimously.



VOLUNTEER OF THE DAY: Mary K. Christner of Wheeler volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician from 1979 to 1989. She returned to volunteering last year by working daily for the Wheeler Public Library. Her favorite memory involves caring for an infant suffering from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. "She stopped breathing four times, but I got her back each time. ... (Now) this young lady is a healthy eighth-grader. I feel much joy when I see her smiling face," Christner said.

(Editor's Note: The above article ran in the Monday, January 22, 2001, edition of the Amarillo Daily News. Mary K. was a paid co-ordinator for the Ambulance Service from 1989 to 1999; she is now a volunteer on the service, taking calls during the day.)

Attention Parents Of Pre-School Age Children

The Wheeler I.S.D. would like your help. The school is currently surveying the population of children in Wheeler who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2001. Any child who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2001, is eligible to be considered for the Pre-k program at Wheeler I.S.D. for the 2001-2002 school year. If you have a child who will be four on or before that date the school is asking you to call one of the following numbers:

826-5934 (Wheeler Elementary) 8:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.
826-3614 (Nancy Hampton) after 4:00 p.m.
826-3143 (Dora Menefield) after 4:00 p.m.

This information will be used by the school to help determine the curriculum and guidelines for next year's Pre-k program. It will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Atencion Padres De Ninos De Pre-Escolar

El Wheeler I.S.D. necesita su ayuda. La escuela reciente mente esta asciendo unos estudios de la poblacion de ninos en Wheeler que ban a cumplir quatro anos antes del 1 de Septiembre del 2001. Si usted tiene un nino que cumple quatro antes de esta fecha, la escuela le esta pidiendo que llaine a uno de estos numeros.

826-5934 (Wheeler Elementary Escuela) 8a.m.-4p.m.
826-3614 (Nancy Hampton) despues de las 4p.m.
826-3143 (Dora Menefield) despues de las 4p.m. para en espanol

La escuela va usar esta informacion para determinar el plan para la proximo ano. Lo agradecemos mucho.

Gracias por su cooperacion!

Georgia G. Hartley, 83 Rites Are Read Sun.

Georgia Ima Gillispie Hartley was born February 22, 1917, in Canadian, Texas, to Callie Dona (Downs) and Samuel Warren Gillispie, where they lived on the Washita River at Durham, OK. She passed from this life January 18, 2001, in the Cheyenne Care Center at the age of 83 years 10 months and 26 days.

Georgia attended Midway School between Durham and Reynold. She received Jesus as her personal Savior at an early age and was Baptized. She was a member of the Reynold Community Church. Georgia married Albert Hartley of Reynold at Sayre, OK, in the Baptist parsonage on April 6, 1935. They shared 45 wonderful years together and to this union were born their five children. Georgia was a diligent wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She could grow the most productive garden and won many Grand Champion & Blue Ribbons at the County Fairs with her canning. Her home revealed her ability with beautiful green plants, but most of all she revealed her endeavors in her family and friends lives.

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Hawkins Is New Chief Appraiser For Wheeler Co. Central Appraisal Dist.

Jeanine Hawkins was promoted to the position of Chief Appraiser for the Wheeler County Central Appraisal District (CAD) by the Board of Directors on January 22, 2001.

Hawkins has been with the CAD since 1982 (19 years). She held the position of bookkeeper/Secretary till 1991 at which time she attained her certification of Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA) by the Texas State Board of Tax Professional Examiners. Hawkins was then promoted to Deputy Chief Appraiser. She served in that position for 10 years and has been the acting Chief appraiser for the past nine months.

Hawkins says she is looking forward to serving the people within the

boundaries of the Wheeler CAD. "I will do my best," she said, "to insure that all the taxpayers are treated equally and fairly."



Jeanine Hawkins

Prime Rib Dinner Will Be Held Sat. Feb. 10

The Wheeler Livestock Boosters Association will hold their annual Prime Rib dinner and Travel Voucher drawing on Saturday, February 10, 2001, at 7:00 P.M.

For tickets and information, contact any Wheeler County Livestock Booster; Dave Britt or Tammy Moore are members.

With the purchase of a \$25 ticket, the individual will enjoy the prime rib dinner and trimmings plus a chance for a \$500 travel voucher to be used by the winner within the year—destination and dates open.

Also offered this year by the organization is a chance to win a Remington 12 ga. Model 870. Tickets are \$5 each; any of the boosters may be contacted for a ticket. The drawing will be Saturday evening, January 27, 2001.

The dinner will be at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Lillian Opal Gressett, 90 Graveside At Canyon

Lillian Opal Gressett, 90, of Amarillo, died Saturday, January 20, 2001, at Amarillo.

Graveside service were in Dreamland Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 23, 2001, with Dr. Strauss Atkinson, retired minister and long time family friend officiating. Burial in Dreamland Cemetery was under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mrs. Gressett died at her son's home on Saturday, January 20, 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Canyon. She was born on April 19, 1910, at Cornvalley, Wheeler County, Texas, where she made her home prior to moving to Canyon in 1940. She was married to Bruce Gressett of Childress, Texas, on July 9, 1932. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1961. They raised their six children in Canyon, where Mrs. Gressett held various jobs including one at Gibson's and another at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Five years ago she moved into her son, John's home. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, her parents and four sisters.

Survivors include 4 daughters, Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmett, Bobbye Horn of Mobeetie, Joan Meason of Las Cruces, N.M. and June Porter of Carlsbad, N.M.; 2 sons, John Gressett of Amarillo and Jamey Gressett of Sanger, TX; 2 brothers, J. F. Cook of Hurley, N.M., and John Cook of Bartlesville, OK; three sisters, Mary Finsterwald of Wheeler, Fern Murrell of Amarillo and Tommy Cummings of Borger; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Ishmael Sims, Services January 24 In Amarillo

Ishmael Sims, 81, of Amarillo, died Sunday, January 21, 2001.

Memorial services were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Washington Avenue Christian Church with Jim Shelburne, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home, 2800 S. Osage St.

Mr. Sims was born in Mobeetie. He graduated from Mobeetie High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin before joining the Air Force. He was stationed in Europe during World War II and was awarded several medals including the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. In 1962 he retired after 20 years of service.

He was a member of Washington Avenue Christian Church.

He married Ruth Jones in 1959 at Spokane, Wash.

Survivors include his wife; a stepdaughter, Janice King of Virgin, Utah;

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CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR By Louis C. Stas

Did you miss the latest snow storm? We did, but there was a little evidence left in front of the office Sunday evening.

Mini snowballs reportedly began falling late Saturday. Too small of an amount to even measure the moisture.

Congratulations are in order for Brad Masters; he showed the Reserve Division Champion Maine-Anjou Heifer at Ft. Worth Stock Show. Hopefully the picture is in the mail.

Congratulations are also in order for Mary K. Christner; she was recognized in the Amarillo Daily News for her volunteer work. Thanks, Mary K. and thanks to all the other volunteers.

THANK YOU, is all the pay these volunteers get. Have you thanked a volunteer lately?

The local livestock shows are this weekend. Take time to visit and show these youngsters some support.

Remember to purchase your ticket to the Wheeler Livestock Booster's prime rib dinner.

They are also offering you a chance to win a Remington 12 ga. Model 870.

Dale Corcoran reports he received a request for a copy of his book from Indiana and wanted to know if the paper goes to Indiana. Yes it does.

We have a letter to the editor. Fortunately the references on hospital care does not apply to our hospital. I chose to run it as 'food for thought'.

The letter refers to the nursing career. Have you thanked a nurse lately?

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NINETYETH BIRTHDAY: Willetta Smith will be the guest of honor at a 90th Birthday Party on Sunday, January 28, 2001. The 'come and go' reception from 2-4 p.m. will be hosted by her family in the Smith home at 307 North Wall in Shamrock. Everyone is invited.

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions
Estelle Orr
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin

New Admissions
1/15 Tony Griffin
1/17 Lillian Bailey
1/18 Lola Holcomb
Mary Luna
1/19 Hattie Lee Smith
1/21 Terry Menefield

Dismissals
1/16 Evelyn Riley
1/21 Lola Holcomb
Tony Griffin

Soil & Water Cons. Dist. Annual Tree Sale Ends

Wheeler Soil & Water Conservation District annual tree sale is coming to an end.

Wheeler County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to urge the public to support our annual tree sale. Our tree sale is held every year to raise money for our local conservation district. The tree sale is held at our local Natural Resources Conservation office in Wheeler. Please hurry in and place your tree order. A payment is required when you place your tree order. The last day to order any trees will be March 13th. The Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District really appreciates your support.

USDA prohibits discrimination in all its program and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital status.

Birthday Celebration To Honor Gladys Hastie

The family of Gladys (Grayson) Hastie is sponsoring a 90th birthday reception for her from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Sunday, January 28, 2001. All friends and family are invited to attend this "come and go" affair located in the Student Union building on Sayre Campus of Southwestern State University. No gifts please, your presence is our pleasure.

Deborah Ford. Polly enjoyed being able to go to the Circle Women's meeting of the Methodist Church on Thursday for the program and Fellowship and refreshments. Such a fine group of women.

Sunday, Jan. 14, several Ft. Elliott kids showed pigs at the Top of Texas Livestock Show at Pampa. Brittainy Bryan got a third place; Tommy Meek got a third place and Amber Maddox got a third and fourth place. Some

others showing pigs were Jackie Dukes, Kenzie Watkins, Shantell Meek and Travis Bryan. Congratulations to all for trying. Some there to watch and cheer were Kevin and Jona Meek, Kevin and Pam Ratliff, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer, Dean and Georgia Tipps, Clyde and Jane Dukes, Cathy Hunt, Terry Tipps, Kent and Connie Bryan.

At Saturday's sheep show Shantell Meek got Reserve Grand Champion on her Southdown sheep. Some other showed, but didn't place. Congratulations, Shantell.

Lindsey and Ken Criswell went to Slaton after Ken got off work Sunday, Jan. 14, and spent the night with Ken's mom and step-dad and had a good visit on Monday. Ken works for Bell Helicopter and takes some college courses. Lindsey starts taking her mortuary science courses Tuesday. Think Angie Ware will be in some of her classes. Ken and Lindsey visited Barbara and Gaylon Buxtemper at Slaton and Scott and Misty Reed and Bray at Lubbock.

Ft. Elliott High School will play basketball at Higgins Friday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 and at Miami Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 6:30. Ft. Elliott Junior High will play at Follett Monday, Jan. 29 at 6:00 p.m.

In Junior High game with Higgins at Ft. Elliott Monday night, Ft. Elliott girls won 59 to 10. Ft. Elliott boys were 42-17 at the end of the third quarter and went on to win big with everyone playing on both Ft. Elliott teams.

On Ft. Elliott girl's team were Jessica Puryear, Cari Pigg, Chynna Atherton, Shantell Meek, Sarah Beth Zybach, Tamera Hefley, Andrea Hathaway and Alicia Reis. On Ft. Elliott boys team were Blaine Baker, Kelsey Zybach, Travis Bryan, Michael McLaughlin, Gradon Schaub, Jacob Puryear, Justen Bryant, Calvin Lane and Steven Kephart. Congratulations to all! Good Job! Many relatives and friends there to watch.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Lillian Gressett of Canyon in her death Saturday night. Bobby Horn is a daughter and Mary Finsterwald is a sister. Funeral was at Canyon Tuesday.

Visiting Edna May Saturday night for snacks and 42 were Lou Dean Douthit, Irene Keys and Virginia Puryear.

Billie Stuckey visited her sister, Debbie Kinaman Saturday night.

Five lovely widow ladies were enjoying lunch together at Wheeler Dairy Queen Sunday and were Elva Wood, Mary Margaret Dodd, Vea Fillingim, Alvorn Hutchison and Inez Wright. Also there were Steve and Samie Corse and Davis, Patricia Kephart and Melissa and Steven, Irene Rogers, Puny Griffin, Fat and Wanda Childress.

Good to visit with everyone. Bob and Gena Zybach went to Amarillo Friday and visited granddaughter Deidre Harris, who is doing well so far. They came back to White Deer and watched Ft. Elliott play. They didn't win, but got good experience, playing basketball.

Thursday Rosalie and Jerry Keelin went to Pampa and ate lunch with Floy and Don Larkin. Also there were Roy and Nell Bradstreet. They had



**To The Friends & Relatives
Of Marie Gudgel**

You are invited to
celebrate the
80th Birthday
of
Marie Gudgel
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Romans 8: 31: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also along with Him graciously give us all things?

Happy Birthday to Bernice Hefley on Jan. 28, Michael Hilburn on Jan. 29; Ann Lee, Holly McCurdy, Tina Currie, Don Stuckey and Raymond Moore on Jan. 30; Kevin Shields on Jan. 31; Jackie Dukes, Mike Wesbrooks, Amanda Childress, Jake Swigart and Laverne Smyth on Feb. 1; Devin Diebel, Justen Bryant, Madison Shields, Marie Gudgel and Jamey James on Feb. 2; and Dan Trimble on Feb. 3.

Happy Anniversaries to Mac and Gay Purcell on Jan. 31; David and Phyllis Hefley on Feb. 2.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Saturday night, January 27, about 6:00 p.m. for a delicious pot-luck supper, good gospel music, short sermon and visiting at the Bull Barn at Pampa.

Pray for Eula Newman. She is getting around some better with a cane, but is having trouble with her blood pressure being very high. That is scary.

Keep praying for Sandra Meek. If you forgot to send a card, her address is P.O. Box 725, Panhandle, TX 79068.

She is having chemo each Monday for six weeks with radiation somewhere in between. Doing o.k. so far.

Basketball season is winding down. Last regular game will be Feb. 2 with Follett at Briscoe. Then will be playoffs.

"How can we explain the love of God Almighty? We don't have the right to touch the hem of his garment, but He has wrapped us in His righteousness."—from *Decision*

"The good we do is never lost, Each kindly act takes root, And every bit of love we sow In time will bear rich fruit."

—Anon from *Daily Bread*
Nice to visit a little while Saturday with my sister, Pauline Hefley and

**TO THE FRIENDS OF
OPAL DAVIDSON
AND HER FAMILY**

Thank you all very much for the food, flowers, memorials, thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow. We deeply appreciate the expressions of love and sympathy. We also extend our very warm thank you to her special friends and care givers.
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ALLISON MENU

MONDAY, January 29, 2001 — FRI-
DAY, February 2, 2001

MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Ranch Style Beans, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Yogurt, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: French Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Cherry Crisp, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Turkey Pot Pie, Tossed Salad, Yellow Squash, Strawberry Short Cake, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Rice, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Baked Ham, Potato AuGratin, Carrot Raisin Salad, Apple Crisp, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, Cheese, Egg Patty on a Muffin, Juice, Milk
Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Pickle Spears, Corn Cobbets, Sugar Cookies, Fruit, Milk
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studying to be a mortician. She got to help with a real funeral Thursday at Canyon for Helen Ruth (Mrs. Teed) Pond.

Nice to have Deleise and Riley Atwood join us for supper and a good visit at Maxey's Saturday night. Also good to see Jerel and Diane Norris with Gracie Pearl Norris and Donna Walser there.

Jackie Dukes and Jeremy Harper were at Maxey's with Casey Zybach, Sarah Beth Zybach, Justen Bryant, Cody Douglas, Julie Zybach and Jason Powell Saturday night. They went out to Julie's house (Royce and Deedy Zybach's) after supper and watched movies. They all also went to Fat Childress' birthday party at the Camp County House.

Saturday Zach, Adam and Casey Tipps showed pigs at the Hemphill County show at Canadian. Casey got a third. Dean and Georgia Tipps, Jennifer Maddox and Terry Tipps went to the show and back to the sale that night. Dick and Ruth Irvine also went to the show and sale.

Saturday Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Amber went to Cheyenne to a pig show and got two seconds on Amber's pigs. Congratulations to all for their efforts.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Helen Ruth Pond in her death. I remember visiting with her several times—a sweet lady.

Morea Bowles, 92, passed away, with graveside services at Wheeler Cemetery Thursday. Good to see her daughter, Kelly Wilcox and her son, Jeff, and his family. Morea's dad, John Cornelius, was a brother to my maternal grandpa, Tom Cornelius; I remember visiting Uncle John and Aunt Minnie at Sweetwater Creek and Kelton. Sincere sympathy to all! Uncle John tried to teach me to swim.

Some of you know our friend Becky Valentine, who is with Campus Crusade for Christ in Florida. She helps with writing and photography with their *Worldwide Challenge* magazine. She had the oil changed in her car recently. It was improperly done. Her car caught on fire and burned plum up—to a crisp. She said. Pray that all will be taken care of. She had 115,000 miles on her Camry, and new tires, but was a good car. So thankful Becky wasn't hurt.

Jerred Norris and Lindsay Wallace both of Canadian plan to marry March 24, at Granberry at her parent's ranch. Jerred is the son of Jerel and Diane Norris.

The Norris' daughter, Laura Lee, and John Walser are expecting their second little girl in April. Best wishes to all.

Martha and J. P. Meek are doing
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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Opal Davidson.
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Teed Pond.
Lawrence Scribner is in the hospital in Amarillo. Remember him in your prayers.
Audrey Alexander has spent the week in the hospital taking treatment for her cancer. Remember her in your prayers.
Ronald Mack Alexander son of Earl and Audrey Alexander under went surgery for colon cancer this week in Amarillo. Remember him in your prayers.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited and had supper Wednesday night at Mel's with Jeff Corcoran.
Chuck and Louise Hogan and Dale and Melba Corcoran went to supper Thursday night at Maxey.
Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo on business on Saturday. Dale is having more books printed.
Jayton Childress spent the weekend in Amarillo with her grandpa Jackie and Pat May.
Those from the First Baptist Church going to the Care Center for the church service were Bro. Bob Meller, Jane Seitz, Leta Mae Gatlin, Lorene Rector, Doris Finsterwald, Sallie Adcock, Jayton Childress, Nadine Lane and Melba Corcoran.
Jane Seitz and Leta Mae Gatlin visited Sunday afternoon with C. B. and Maurine Brotherton.

There has been quite a few sick with the flu this week at Mobeetie. Jeff Kelley and Karen have been sick. Veronica and Derrick Hungate are also ill. They had quite a few out of school Friday. Orville Greenhouse has been ill with a sore throat.
Connie and Myrtice Pierce of Sayre Ok visited Sunday afternoon with his sister Lorene Rector. They were on their way to Amarillo for Connie's doctor's appointment Monday morning early.
Lorene Rector took Orville Greenhouse to the doctor Monday in Wheeler. She got a shot and some medicine and has to go back tomorrow.

Bill and Lena Pearl Darby came by Monday on their way to Pampa for Bill's doctor's appointment.
Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo Monday and picked up some more of his books. They visited with Lawrence Scribner in the hospital. They ran into Audrey Alexander and Betty Talley. They had been to the VA to see Earl Alexander and then to visit with Ronald Mack Alexander. When

they left they delivered a book to Claudia Quarles and Bill and Dutch Elliott in Pampa.
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ishmael Sims. He was in the

1938 graduation class in Mobeetie. Claudia had just received word he had passed away but didn't know the details.
Bro. Bob Meller has got some of his

furniture moved into the parsonage. The weather has held him up on getting everything moved. Bob Finsterwald helped him move it up from Panfork Camp.

Eddie Richardson of Wheeler visited Tuesday with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart. Leola Stuart visited Saturday in Shamrock with Bulah Stuart.

Tony Dickey is home from Africa for his time off. He works there so many days and then is home so many days.

Eddie and Amy Richardson of Wheeler visited Friday night with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart. Gladys had a birthday this past week. Jerry and Cheryl Richardson, Tyler and Katie of Wheeler visited them on Sunday.
Leola Stuart said she got a nice



"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

surprise one day this week when she went to Furr's to eat by herself. Lyndon and Winola Sanders came in and joined her. They had a very nice visit.
Jack and Bernice Hefley went to Canadian Saturday night to the music show. They met Curt and Mindy Duncan, Hayden and Gatlin for sup-

per.
Gary Grimes of Amarillo visited Saturday with Doyle and Bulah-Grimes. He is redoing the kitchen cabinets for them.
Dale Corcoran visited Sunday afternoon with Delmar and Elisabeth Newman.

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,
The Washington Post recently published an article quoting physicians, patients, a nursing school dean, even a hospital nursing director addressing the lack of safe care in the hospitals today and urging, almost insisting, that just to get basic care and be safe in the hospitals you need to have either a family member or hire a sitter 24 hours around the clock. The article can be found on the internet at: <http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27485-2001Jan6.html>. It is both a sad and frightful realization that our hospitals, which should be a safe refuge for the sick, are now a threat to the sick. Because it is so emotionally upsetting to think that the healthcare system in America is unsafe, it has long been swept under the rug and not addressed.

It is a well known fact that we are in the height of the most critical nursing shortage this country has ever faced. Almost every nursing journal that you pick up today has an article regarding the shortage. It is also a known fact that there are certain steps that an organization can take to help alleviate the profound effects the nursing shortage has on its institutions. Because most of these steps involve money, money which most organizations are not willing to spend, it will take an out cry from both the healthcare profession and the public to change the system. When this out cry came from the healthcare profession and public in California, Gov. Grey Davis signed into law Bill AB394 mandating minimum nurse-patient ratios such as in the critical care units one nurse can have no more than two patients, and on the medical surgical floors one nurse can have no more than 4 to 5 patients.

Lower reimbursement rates from managed-care plans and government programs have pressured the hospitals to cut expenses and trim staff, but to what point do we cut to sacrifice the safety and/or lives of not only the patients but also the staff? It is the almighty dollar more important than the safety of our patients and the staff caring for them? Are you all aware that many times in the critical care units one nurse has three patients and on the medical-surgical floors, where the patients are much sicker now than in the past, those nurses have sometimes 12-15 patients? Let me ask you another question, are you aware that according to the Institute of Medicine analysis that as many as 98,000 Americans die each year of medical errors that occur in the hospital? Documented study after study has proven that there is a direct correlation in medication errors to poor staffing levels. Many of those errors could and would be avoided if we, as nurses, actually had time to look, listen, touch, feel and see how each patient is doing. As a nurse, I can tell you that is our sincere interest and genuine concern for good patient care but it is impossible to do so when staffed at the current nurse patient ratios. Continuously, we work short staffed many times without the supplies needed to do basic care for the

patient, not to mention advanced life supportive measures. We work "12 hour" shifts, which more often than not are 13 to 14 hours. We are constantly scrutinized for the overtime we have each day however, we are required not to work mandatory overtime shifts. We are on our feet on concrete floors most of that time, many shifts not even having the time to break, for food or to go to the bathroom. We are subjected to all kinds of ridicule by irate doctors, patients and families, not to mention the life threatening job related exposures, such as HIV and Hepatitis, that we are subjected to on a daily basis. I, myself, was recently exposed to the HIV virus, through no fault of my own. An irate HIV positive patient spit in my eye and I had to practically jump through hoops, plead, beg, have an initial out of pocket expense of \$900.00 (which was recouped the following day) and then become irate myself to get the prophylactic treatment for the exposure initiated. And to make matters worse, because the prophylactic medication made me so sick, I was off work for two weeks. The hospital did not pay for the time off, it had to be taken out of my paid time off bank as well as my extended illness bank. What other profession do you know of (other than the Police Department—God bless all of you police men and women) who are treated this way for trying to save a life and protect the public, all for the sake of saving a dollar?

It is ironic, that while in the midst of this critical nursing shortage, and we are being told that efforts in both recruitment and retentions are at an all time high, we, as nurses, are being treated with such reckless disregard. It is no wonder that nurses are leaving the profession by the hundreds and that the nursing school enrollments are down. If the problem is not addressed, not only by the healthcare profession but also by the public, the trend will only continue to decline. It is imperative that the public become aware of this potentially life threatening situation and the negative impact it will have on the care, or lack of, that you or your loved one will receive. I urge all of you out there to document your concerns, address them to the hospital administrations, hospital boards as well as your local congressmen and representatives.

Nurses are the "heart" of every hospital and to put it in nursing lingo, the "heart" is in critical condition and in need of immediate life supportive measures.

Sincerely,
(signed) SuLynn Mester, RN

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

This week Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran worked Thursday on collection management.

Melba Corcoran worked Friday on Collection management.

Next Saturday will be workday. The women will be working on putting Mylar on the shelves to be in compliance with the CAP assessment. This will protect the items from the gas put off by the wood and help to protect and prolong the life of the items on the shelf. The men if the weather permits will be working outside. They will be trimming trees.

Some Texas History January 14, 1818 Charles Lallemand arrived in Galveston and attempted to establish a French military colony in Texas. On January 14, 1962 the Texas Historical Survey Committee (now the Texas Historical Commission) erected First official Texas historical marker, Camp Ford in Smith County.

January 15, 1841 Congress of the Republic chartered Houston and Austin Turnpike Co. to lay out Austin Houston road.

January 17, 1821 Colonization contract awarded to Moses Austin; first Anglo-American colonization contract to be implemented in Texas. January 17, 1874 Reconstruction declaration ended in Texas when President U. S Grant refused to send troops to Austin to oppose the election of a Democratic governor.

January 19, 1857 Colonel Robert E. Lee passed his fiftieth birthday while on duty with the US Army at Fort Brown. January 19 was Confederate Heroes Day.

January 20, 1798 Anson Jones last President of the Republic of Texas, born in Massachusetts died January 7, 1858. January 20, 1891 Governor James Stephen Hogg inaugurated first native Texan to be elected governor. January 21, 1861 Legislature convened in Austin to debate secession. January 21, 1879 Governor Oran M. Roberts inaugurated his pay-as-you-go policy.

HELP!

Wheeler Public Library needs to find someone who knows how to get under the main part of the Library building.

They have had a skunk under the building for the past month. When the building was remodeled, it was learned there was a passageway under the building.

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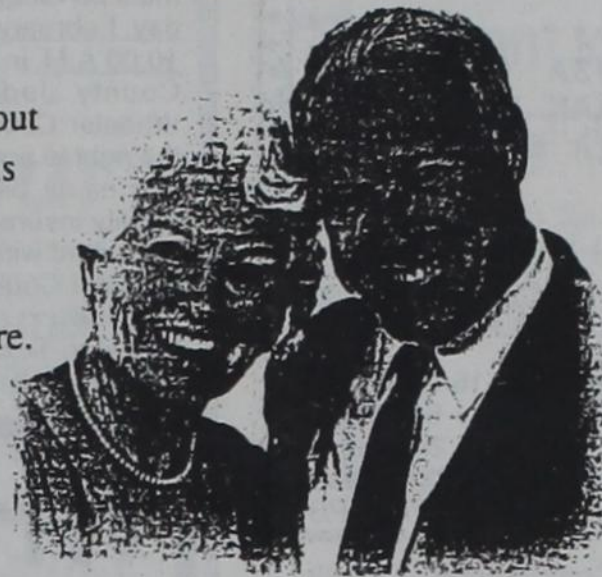
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wellington State Bank Wheeler, Texas Wheeler Banking Center 405 Alan L. Bean Blvd. P.O. Box 1040 Wheeler, Texas 79096 Phone: 826-5566 Member: F.D.I.C.	CROSS CAR CENTER • 24 Hour Wrecker Serv. • Auto Body Repair Phone: 806/826-5515 Intersection Hwy. 152 & 83 Wheeler,	FIRST STATE BANK OF MOBEETIE Mobeetie & Wheeler Member: F.D.I.C. 	HYLAND'S PHARMACY 109 East Texas — Wheeler Phone: 826-5561 DOUBLE COUPONS EVERYDAY Limit: 75c-\$1.00 \$1.00 Coupons: \$1.00	1 Old Mobeetie Ass'n. Old Masonic Lodge Bldg. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M.	2	3
4 Nazarene Church, Wheeler Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M.	5 Kwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Wheeler S. Ctiz. 8:00 P.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. ARC of Texas 6:00 P.M. Meth. Fellowship Hall	6 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse 9:00-4:00	7	8 Allison I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M.	9	10 Wheeler Livestock Boosters Supper Canadian U.I.L. Competition
11 Country Chapel, Wheeler Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M.	12 Kwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Fl. Elliott I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Birthday Party 2:20 P.M. Care Center (W. Methodist)	13 Kellon I.S.D. Bd. 7:30 P.M. Mobeetie Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. American Legion Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. 7:30 P.M.	14	15 Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M.	16	17 Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet 7:00 P.M.
18 First Baptist Church of Mobeetie Wheeler Care Ctr. 3:00 P.M. Grace Fellowship of Wheeler Wheeler Care Ctr. 7:00 P.M.	19 Kwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Council City Hall 9:00 A.M.	20 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M. Driver's License Trooper Wheeler Courthouse 9:00-4:00	21	22	23	24 Wheeler I.S.D. Sweetheart Banquet
25	26 Kwanis 12 Noon Meth. Fellowship Hall AF-AM Lodge 7:30 P.M. Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Wheeler City Council 9:00 A.M. City Hall	27 Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:00 A.M.	28			

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, Box 2052, Pampa, TX 79065. Doris Harrison, Phone: 806/665-5800.)

Week Ending January 18, 2001

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (WILDCAT) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #1 Moore, 2200' from South & 765' from East line Sec. 1, S, John Stump Survey, PD 5000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW) Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #2044 Willis, 467' from North & West line, Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN, PD 12000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN) Douglas Apache Corp., #3 Humphreys, 2000' from North & 1320' from East line, Sec. 33, I, G&M, PD 7400'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS) Novy) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1A Courson-Lips '161', 250' from North & 1100' from West line, Sec. 161, C, G&M, PD 8100'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PAUL HARBAUGH) Atoka) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Courson-Lips, 1750' from North & 2640' from West line, Sec. 158, 13, T&NO, PD 8500'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR) Granite Wash) Amoco Production Co., McMordie, Sec. 87, C, G&M, PD for the following wells:

#7, 1855' from most Southerly/North line & 1687' from West Sec. line, PD 9850'.
 #8, 467' from most Southerly/North line & 467' from East Sec. line, PD 10200'.
Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Pablo Energy, Inc., #13 North Jackson, Sec. 90, B-2, H&GN, spud 10-7-00, drlg. compl 10-11-00, tested 12-21-00, pumped 30 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + no water, GOR

NE 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 8, Bk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. CORR. D—David Holdren, et ux to Lawrence Overcast, et ux, 1-12-00, E 10' W 50' N 100' Lot 1, Bk. 41, Shamrock. ASSIGN.—Apache Corporation to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 8-24-00, See Instrument. EXECUTORS MD—Charlene Blanche Polston to Harold Oren Polston, 12-21-00, See Instrument. RDT—Ag Credit of Texas, PCA to Domer Miller, et ux, 12-11-00, W 1/2, 1/2 W 1/2 E 1/2 Sec. 2, N 1/2 Sec. 39, and all of Sec. 41, Bk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from January 16, 2001 — January 19, 2001.
JANUARY 16, 2001
ASSIGN.—Lorentz Oil & Gas LLC to Raven Resources LLC, 1-5-01, Sec. 2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—Rita Robbins Pace to Parks & Luttrell Energy Partners LP, 1-9-01, See Instrument.
MD—Nabob Production Company to Doyco Inc., 1-12-01, Sec. 1, Bk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
MERGER AFF.—First Ag Credit, PCA, et al to First Ag Credit, FCS, 1-3-01.
RVL/RDT—Robert J. Hogan, et ux to R. G. Moran, et ux, 1-16-01, Lots 1-3, Bk. 105, New Mobeetie.

D—Mary Helen Kennedy, et al to City of Wheeler, 11-25-00, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Bk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
HEIRSHIP AFF.—Melissa Karen Browning, et al to Berbeth Lorita Hill, 1-15-01, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Bk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
HEIRSHIP AFF.—Rhynetha Gay Kysar, et al to Faye June Schumuker, 1-15-01, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Bk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JANUARY 17, 2001
OL—Nannie Louise Almond Hogan, et vir to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, Pt. Sec. 21, Bk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Nannie Louise Almond Hogan, et vir to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, Sec. 31, Bk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MD—Estate of Clyde M. Gassaway to Diversified Investments Company, 1-1-01, All of Secs. 86, 87 and N 1/2 Sec. 88, Bk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—Estate of Clyde M. Gassaway to Diversified Investments Company, 1-2-01, SE 1/4 Sec. 33, Bk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DVL—Benjamin F. Westmoreland III to Jesus Zapata, et ux, 1-17-01, 1.22 acs. Sec. 2, J. Poitevint Survey.
DT—Jesus Zapata, et vir to B. F. Westmoreland III, 1-17-01, 1.22 acs. Sec. 2, J. Poitevint Survey.
JANUARY 18, 2001
D—Jarrell Russell Jr., et ux to Charlie Russell, et ux, 1-10-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 126, Bk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MD—J. M. Montgomery to Gary Kite Montgomery, et al, 1-18-01, NE 1/4

MEALS on WHEELS MENU
MONDAY, January 29, 2001 — FRIDAY, February 2, 2001
MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread/Butter, Fruit Cocktail
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THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler
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HEMPHILL (SPARKS) Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #2 Lockhart '58', Sec. 58, 42, H&TC, spud., 11-11-00, drlg. compl 11-28-00, tested 1-1-01, flowed 510 bbl. of 44.6 grav. oil + 37 bbls. water thru 24/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure --, tbg. pressure 270#, GOR 4151, TD 7815', PBD 7807' --
ROBERTS (MCMORDIE RANCH 9400') Macken Operating, L.L.C., #3012 McMordie 'B', Sec. 12, A-2, EL&RR, spud 9-30-00, drlg. compl

10-20-00, tested 12-16-00, flowed 15 bbl. of 40.5 grav. oil + 6 bbls. water thru 26/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 340#, tbg. pressure 60#, GOR 22133, TD 9760', PBD 9712' --
Gas Well Completions
ROBERTS (WEST LIPS) Lower Shawnee) Amoco Production Co., #1364 Courson Ranch 'B', Sec. 51, R, AB&M, spud 5-6-00, drlg. compl 5-19-00, tested 11-10-00, TD 5650', PBD 5574' --

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
 CASE NO. 0227237
DISTRICT 10
 January 19, 2001
NOTICE OF HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2001), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on FEBRUARY 23, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2001). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.
 The Commission will consider the application of Crest Resources, Inc. for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) and a density exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.38 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38) to drill Well No. 4045, Fabian Lease, 640 Acres, Section 45, Block A-7, H & GN RR Co. Survey, A-323, Mills Ranch (Des Moines) and Mills Ranch (Granite Wash) Fields, Wheeler County, being 2.5 miles southeast of Kellton, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 660' from the north line and 2180' from the west line of lease and survey.
 This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 10,800 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Robert L. Bird, at (918) 585-2900. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.
IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.
PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations and orders as its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can be reasonable be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.
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Ed Logans.
Jack Brown is home from the hospital. Howard Lohberger has been in

Wheeler Hospital.
Betty Brothers fell, broke her hip. Elbert and Eva Atkinson attended

a pastoral meet at Edmond, Monday.
Imogene Pickering came by with pecan pie and a meat dish Monday. Sure good.

Villard and Janice Sanders visited Helen Smith, Monday.

Visited Joe at the home and met Mrs. Galloway's daughter from Dallas. She told me she enjoyed the Sweetwater News.

Happiness to All.

The hamster's name comes from the German *hamster*, which means to hoard.



Gageby

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pretty well, but Martha isn't getting out yet. Some visiting them were Lois Meadows, Willa Fillingim, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Willis Fillingim, Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Tamera, Aaron and Daniel, Doris Finsterwald, Evelyn Meek, Karen Meek and Shonda Smith and Tyler, Mack and Linda Sides. Martha's surgery was Dec. 11. She goes back to Dr. Berg Feb. 13.

Pray for Earl and Audrey Alexander and son, Russell. All have been diagnosed with Colon cancer and having

treatment. May God surround you with his loving, healing presence. Earl and Audrey live at White Deer. She is a sister to Bulah Grimes. We are sorry.

There was a big celebration for Fat Childers' 71st birthday at their Camp Country place Saturday night. Daughters Cathy Hunt, Kay Luttrell and Mary Jane Dukes prepared the meal. Very delicious. Some others there were Wanda Childers, Melvin Hunt, Shelly Gonzales, Susie and Billy Umsted and Brody, Clyde Dukes, Stacie Fitzer and Kaymi, Abbie Umsted, Addie Swift, Gayle Knight, Roland Newman, Dub and Mary Swift, Kelley and Bill Shelton. Games of dominoes and cards and visiting were enjoyed.

Scott and Kay Luttrell took Fat and Wanda Childers out to Maxey's Friday night to celebrate Fat's birthday. Happy Birthday, Fat!

Mobeetie Baptist Church had a good group to go to Wheeler Care Center and sing Sunday and included Bro. Bob Meller, Nadine Lane, Melba Corcoran, Sallie Adcock, Jayton Childers, Marian Grimes, Jane Seitz, Leta Mae Gatlin, Lorene Rector and Doris Finsterwald.

A small crowd braved the cold Thursday to come out to the Golden Agers luncheon at First Baptist Church for a delicious meal and visiting. Helping to get the "show on the road" were Rosemary Vise, Hannah Chapman, Ella Mae Wood and Ned Burrell. Good to see Betty Howard out and looking and eating good. She read an interesting article. Some others there were Naomi Speck, Ed and Erma Riley, Janice Sparlin, Hestell Killingsworth, Ed and Laurel Hershman, Toby Henson, Willis and Verna Fillingim and Michael Killingsworth.

Lindsey and Ken Criswell met Rita Pearson in Pampa Thursday night. The Criswell's puppy had been visiting the Pearsons and was time to go home. They ate at Dyer's Barbeque and visited.

Nice to have Ray and Verline Currie meet us for lunch at Furr's Friday. Also at Furr's were Verneal and Juanita Prater and Wynola and Lindon Sanders with Leola Stuart. Good to see all of them. Verneal is still using a crutch. Nice to have a call from Elton Fillingim at Prescott, AZ. She is recovering from the loss of her husband, William, and surgery on a foot. She and three of her children, Jan Fillingim, Joy Hongisto and Joan are planning a trip to Cancun, Mexico in February 9 and see sights including pyramids and do some snorkeling. They love to swim. Feb. 9, 2001 would have been William and Elton and E. G. and Willa's 54th wedding anniversary, but the guys have gone on.

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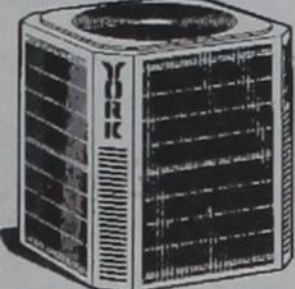
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Been having all kinds of weather. Jim Anderson tells me he's home from a visit to Missouri. Seems they don't have toll roads and gasoline is cheaper. Said he drove 80 miles with snow piled on each side of the road. He heard it was that way all the way to Maine.

Iva Thompson, Norma Zellmer and Mr. and Mrs. Ashley visited Ollie Anderson in the Amarillo Hospital today. She has had hip surgery.

Donna Legrand, Reydon, dropped by to help with my computer. Have a feeling it is a lost cause.

Lindsey Coffee was crowned Homecoming Queen at the festival. Cory Hobbs was homecoming Captain. Our girls were playing Carter tonight at the Erick Tournament.

Kristen Green was on the Supt's honor roll at Sayre. She is Helen Smith's granddaughter.

Jason Brittain and Matthew Carlson were on the SWOSU Fall Honor Roll. Jared Brittain was named treasurer of the Sayre VICA, afternoon classes.

Stephanie Itites, Morgan and Alec, Van Buren, Ark., spent two days with

Wheeler Public Library New Story Time Jan. 30

"The majority of reading problems faced by today's adolescents and adults could have been avoided or resolved in the early years of childhood."

--National Research Council (1998)

New Story Time at Wheeler Public Library for preschoolers starting Tuesday, January 30 at 3:30 p.m. Children must have a care-giver present at all times. The storytime will last 30-45 minutes. The storytime will be every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to keep the story time going on a weekly basis. Children's books in good condition to be donated are welcome. Please call the Extension office 826-5243 for questions regarding the storytime and to sign up to volunteer to read.

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WHEELER MENU

MONDAY, January 29, 2001 — FRIDAY, February 2, 2001

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Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Waffle/Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Turkey Spaghetti, Blackeyed Peas, Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Sausage, Hash Brown, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie, Pickle Spear, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: BBO Brisket, Onion Rings, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Milk
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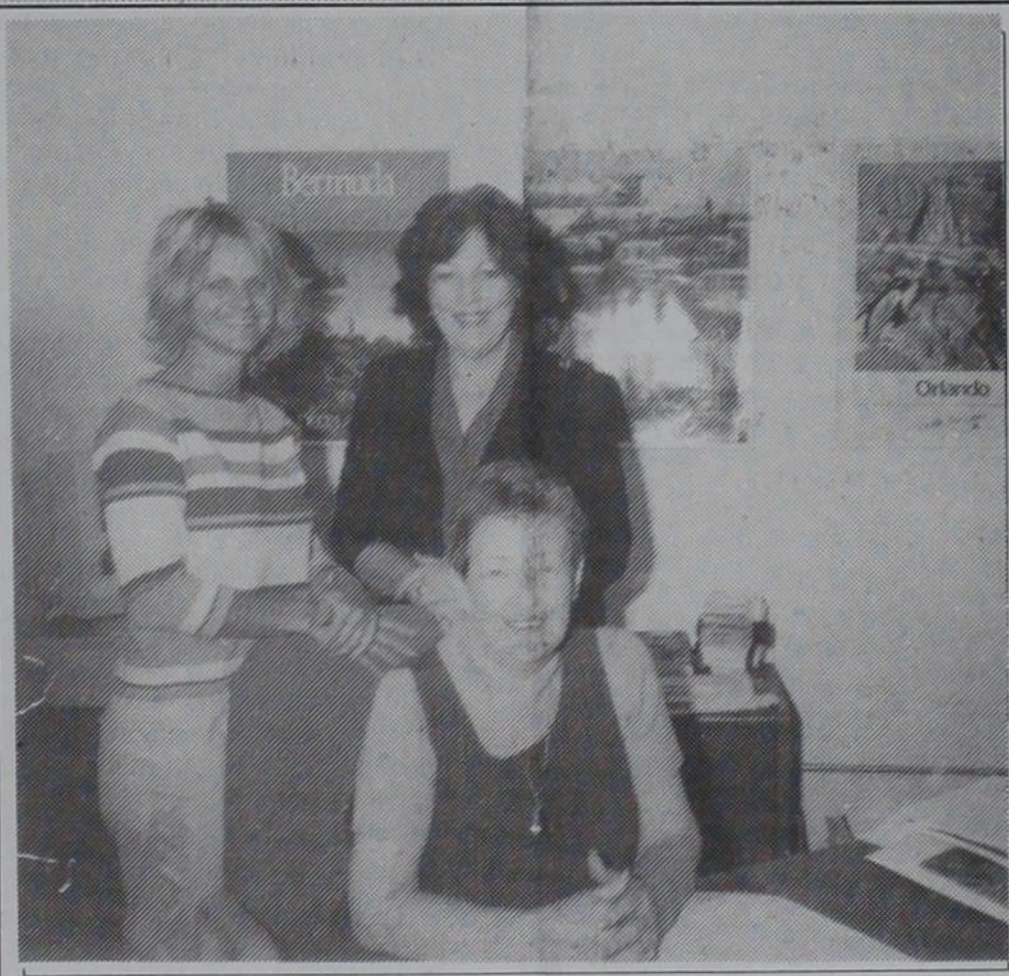
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COUGAR NEWS
Events coming up are January 25 Fort Elliott Livestock show in Wheeler. Friday, January 26 High School Basketball with Higgins there at 6:30. Saturday, January 27 is the Wheeler County Livestock show.
Monday, January 29 Junior High Basketball with Follett there.
Tuesday, January 23, 2001 High School Basketball with Miami there at 6:30.
On Friday, February 2 High School Basketball at home with Follett. This will be the last conference game.

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Psalm 121: 1, 2 & 5: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

A clear cold Monday morning here in Allison. We did get a little skimp of snow last Saturday night.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison visited me on Saturday afternoon. Darrel also visited his mother, Pearl. They went home by the way of the farm Saturday evening. Jerry and Cathy Gilmer came Sunday morning and attended the Sunday morning church service at the United Pentecostal Church. They took me to Wheeler for dinner at Maxey's. We visited with Dick and Cletus Greene Sunday afternoon. Cletus and Cathy took care of some Home Interior business. Jerry and Cathy left going home a little after five thirty. It was a nice and enjoyable weekend with part of my family and the wonderful church services we had.

Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston shopped in Wheeler last Monday. On Thursday evening they were supper guests with Roma and Billy Brown. They were in Wheeler again last Friday. Opal and Juanita attended the funeral of Georgia Hartley at Reydon, Okla., last Sunday afternoon.

Sue Chandler was in Wheeler last Sunday for church services at the Country Chapel. Then spent the afternoon with her daughter, Bridget Weatherly and Audra. Audra did spend Saturday and Saturday night with Sue.

Ruby Craig took her mother, Wilma Gilmer, to the doctor in Wheeler last Friday.

Red and Anna Dukes' last Sunday dinner guests were Bob and Peggy Dukes and Monty Dukes from Goodwill, Okla., and Minnie Bell Vinson was also a dinner guest. They were celebrating Bob and Peggy's wedding anniversary.

Glen and Nona Elmore had Sunday dinner at the Hill Top Restaurant near Reydon. Nelda Dukes visited with Glen and Nona Sunday afternoon.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer went to Amarillo last Thursday for Pete's doctor appointment. They also celebrated Linda Ingersoll's birthday, while in Amarillo. They all had a good visit and a lot of fun. They spent until Saturday afternoon with Becky and Jeannie

Gageby (from Page 5)

Tuesday nice to see Jeanette, Jahnel and Desera, 1, at Thriftway. Desera and Carl Lee have been sick with flu. Desera is a beautiful little girl. Carl Lee wasn't with them, but he is a handsome young man, about 6 or 7.

Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton visited Ed and Laurel Hershman Tuesday night and took them out to eat at Solo's Cafe. Saturday Laurel and Ed visited the Singleton's and came back Sunday afternoon. In dominoes the girls won! Yea!

Nice to visit by phone with Cornelia Lehman at McGregor, Minn. They've had a rather mild winter, so far. All doing pretty well.

Thanks, Tammy Whiteley for an update on Betty Fillingim, Hugh's wife. They thought she's had mini strokes and maybe a heart attack and was kind in a coma. She did wake up and knew people. Seems she had blood clots in her lungs, causing trouble. Keep praying for Betty and her family.

Cindy Zumstein and her mother, Betty Farnsworth, of Pampa and sister, Barbara of Amarillo, plan a cruise to Cancun, Mexico soon as a special treat for Betty.

In games at Follett Tuesday night, Ft. Elliott High School girls won and boys won also. Congratulations!

We enjoyed the delicious meal, fellowship and games at Miami Fun Bunch Monday night, January 22. Hostesses were Carl and Shirley Williamson and Frank and Evelyn Heare. Some others there were JoAnn Morgenstern, Gladys Smyth, Jane Bright, Evelyn Huff, Vera Murphy, Twila Taylor, Georgia Dea Holland, Pearl Skeen, Betty Talley, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Vera Nolty, Cecil and Laverne Smyth, Willis and Verna Fillingim and Irene Sherarer. Games of bridge, canasta and 42 were played.

New interim pastor at Miami Baptist church is Jim Baker, pharmacist from Canadian, who will be preaching Sunday morning and night and Wednesday nights. He will also visit the sick, hold funerals or whatever needs doing. Best wishes! They need our prayers.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Margaret Francis in her death. She was the daughter of Golden and Blanche Reames and grew up at Briscoe and married Zane Francis, now deceased.

Kathy and Evelyn Meek and Sandra Meek went to Amarillo Monday for Sandra's chemo treatment. So far, it hasn't bothered her. Keep praying. God is good and He loves us everyone.

Dallas Fillingim was a weekend visitor to Ken and Lindsey Criswell at Canyon. They always enjoy having friends over and watched a ball game at WTAM.

There was a big crowd out to County Chapel Sunday night for the Community Fifth Sunday Sing. Johnny and Patty Crawford and Wanda Childress and Rosalie Keelin went. Rosalie played while Johnny sang.

Dean and Georgia Tipps celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Saturday by going to the Stock Show at Canadian.

Miami Junior High came to Ft. Elliott Monday night. Ft. Elliott girls won 49-19 and our boys won 44 to 26.

Congratulations! Good playing. "God be with you till we meet again."

Questions & Answers About Proposed Sweetwater Creek Dam Project

WATER MATTERS

January, 2001
Answers and information for the citizens of Wheeler County, Texas:

Many citizens have expressed the belief that Wheeler County, located in the Eastern Panhandle of Texas, has no need for surface water, that

there is plenty of underground water for the future. However, the availability of underground water supplies is a complex issue. There are several factors that affect the underground water resources for Wheeler County. The following excerpts from the re-

Gilmer and came home that evening. Ray and Sue Giddens' Sunday afternoon visitors were Wayne and Kathy Zybach and Casey of Briscoe. Lee and Sharon Hall visited her brother, Harold Jones, Sunday afternoon at the I.H.S. Rehab Center in Amarillo. He had hip replacement surgery the 15th of January at North-west hospital.

Pearl Harrison went to Elk City last Thursday to Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. Pearl visited her friend, Dorothy Osborne, and also visited a couple of her nieces, Laverne Bitmore of Elk City, and Marjorie from Hobbs, N.M. Jimmy took Vivian to the emergency room with a migraine headache on Friday.

Pearl came home Saturday. Pearl's

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Taylor Bryce Ford, 2 months old, is the son of Chris and Amber Ford of Canadian. Grandparents are Dewayne and Debbie Ford and Eddie and Renee Johnson of Canadian. Great-grandparents are Buck and Mary Jones, Joyce Ford Perkins, K. D. Ford of Wheeler, Smiley and Jane Johnson of Clarendon, LaVaun and Merl Kraft of Lipscomb. Great-great-grandmother is Elsie Cox Hughes of Wheeler.

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Sunday dinner guests were Jimmy and Edell Tedford and Grace Henson from Amarillo, Hershel Sanford from Higgins and pastor McDaniel, Clifton and Louise Boydston, Pearl, Hershel, Grace, Jimmy, Edell and Clifton and Louise all attended the funeral service for Georgia Hartley of Reydon.

Nona Jones, Nadine Reynolds and Shorty and Helen Crawford also attended the funeral of Georgia Hartley at Reydon, Sunday afternoon.

Allen and Sheryl Lane, Jimmy and J. W. went to Amarillo last Saturday to a bluegrass festival at the Radison Hotel. Sheryl's parents, Jimmy and Joan Love, and Sheryl's, aunt and uncle, also met them there at the Radison for the festival.

Edna May went to Amarillo last Tuesday for her doctor's appointment. Helen Crawford drove for Edna to Amarillo.

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

Justin and Stephanie Walker are the proud parents of a baby girl born January 15, 2001, at 1:10 P.M. Her weight was 7 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs. She was 19 inches long. Her name is Addison Rachelle Walker. Addison has a big brother, Tyler, who is two and a half years old. He is proud of his little sister. The proud grandparents are Eddy and Wanda Walker and Roger and Donna Langston of Tulsa, Texas.

Psalm 122: 1: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Vance and Caroline Boydston's weekend guests were Kyle and Bernadette Boydston from Roswell, N.M.

Kevin and Theda Boydston of Tulsa, Okla., are happy to announce the birth of Chelsi Caroline. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20" long. Grandparents are Vance and Caroline Boydston of Allison and Ted and Caroline Beesley of Beggs, Ok. Her great-grandmothers are Lanora Morse and Opal Boydston of Allison. Chelsi was born January 11, 2001, at 7:09 P.M. in St. John's Hospital.

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

Sims (from Page 1)

a step-son, Kenny Boss of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Geardean Johnson of Amarillo; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice.

cent Panhandle Water Planning Area Regional Water Plan describe underground water supplies for Wheeler and Shamrock.

The Ogallala Aquifer supplies all of the City of Shamrock's municipal water. The eleven production wells used by the City lie outside the City's boundaries, and can supply the City through 2032. A study by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in 1998 suggests that the City should seek new groundwater rights for additional wells in the Ogallala, which lies to the west and to the northwest of the City. It may also be possible for the City to utilize two minor aquifers, the Seymour and the Blaine, to blend with water from the Ogallala to extend the supply. Should the City choose to develop more water in the Ogallala, the transmission distance would be around 12 miles. The City needs an additional total of approximately 2,900 acre-feet of water rights to meet its needs through 2050.

For Senate Bill 1 planning it is assumed that Shamrock will develop two new wells in the Ogallala. There is sufficient quantity in the aquifer to meet the demands of the City throughout the planning period. The reliability is moderate, depending on other users. The cost of the water will be \$941 per acre-foot/year, or \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons.

The twelve-mile pipeline from the well field to Shamrock may have a slight effect on the environment. When the exact site for a water field is chosen, a more detailed analysis should be performed. The increased demands on the Ogallala in Wheeler County will continue to deplete the storage in the aquifer. To prolong the life of this water resource, other users may need to reduce their demands. This strategy may reduce the irrigated acreage for farming as additional water rights acreage is purchased. This acreage could be used for dry land farming if needed, but may require crop changes.

Other relevant factors that may affect the development of water rights include groundwater district rules affecting production limitations and property line setback requirements for locating wells.

The City of Wheeler currently derives its municipal potable water supply from the Ogallala Aquifer from two production wells. It is estimated that these could supply enough water to meet the City's needs through 2009; however, the current lease on groundwater rights for these two wells expires in 2003. The City has first right of refusal for the option to purchase the water rights in 2003. It is unknown if the current lease can be renewed. The City's total water demands by 2050 are 268 acre-feet per year. The

Chat (from Page 1)

We are certainly having a lot of birthday parties.

—cwe—
Happy Birthday, Willetta Smith! I have known who the lady was for a long time, but have recently gotten to know her. Quite the little lady. She will be the guest of honor at a reception in her home Sunday afternoon.

—cwe—
Ray and Darla Stas of Bartlesville stopped in Tuesday evening on their way to Amarillo. We enjoyed the visit.

—cwe—
We had an unusually busy weekend. We stopped to pick up Ronal Jr. on our way to OKC. That evening at Jennifer and Brice's William and Brice's sister, Tracy, joined us to stay until Sunday. Saturday afternoon Liz, Phoebe and Jayden Jackson came over for a late dinner. (Lunch to some people.)

—cwe—
Sunday we joined the Meriwether family for dinner at Hinton.

—cwe—
Dwight's losing spell was broken Monday evening; he had not won two games of cards in one night for nearly three months. He and Mike won the last two games. I think Barbara, my partner, was pulling for him after we won the first game so badly; but that didn't influence her playing.

Hartley (from Page 1)

She was an encourager and caused one to be all you could be whether beside her husband with his musical talents, her children or a friend. She loved the Lord and served Him well by speaking and standing for right with a hand of comfort to all in need. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband (Albert in 1980), 1 brother (Charles Gillespie), 1 grandson (Preston), 1 great-grandson (Shelby) and 1 great-granddaughter (Courtney).

Services were Sunday, January 21, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at Reydon Community Church, officiated by Rev. Alberta Helton. Burial was at White Rose Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service.

Survivors are 3 daughters, Georgia Alberta Helton and husband Pat of Allison, Ima Darlene Lindley and husband, J. W. of Memphis, and Dona Lou Sossoman of Ozark, AR; 2 sons, Charlie Warren Hartley and wife, June of Durham, OK and Albert Harve Hartley of Cheyenne, OK; 18 grandchildren, Wyllea, George II, David, Nancy, Lisa, Laverne, Ladonna, Brenda, Kevin, Tim, Tracie, Justin, Wade, Lori, Jarrett, Jayne, Chlo and Scott; 39 great-grandchildren, Ken, Kevin, Tra, Morgan, Katie, Kevin, James, Ashley, David, Joshua, Angel, Andrea, Rowdy, Travis, Brandon, Jennifer, Kyle, Kody, Chelsey, Hayley, Emily, Abbey, Bailey, Mark, J. W., Johnny Dale, Robby, Darla, Jennifer, Jessica, Loagan, Lane, Layla, Dallan, Landon, Preston, Katie, Madalyn and Morgan; 4 great-great grandchildren, Robert, Timmie, Donnie and Dallas; 3 sisters, Callie Holmes of Grand Prairie, Helen Hall of Amarillo, and Lennie Malson of Durham, OK; 1 sister-in-law, Mary Hartley of Reydon, OK and a host of relatives and friends.

total need for the 50-year planning period is 8,400 acre feet.

The current issue facing the City of Wheeler is not the quality of the available (leased rights) water but rather, the quality. To satisfy the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission primary drinking water regulations for nitrate concentrations, the City has to blend water from the two production wells since the nitrate concentration in one of the wells exceeds the MCL of 10 mg/l. The practice of blending water from the two wells limits the amount of water taken from the larger of the two production wells, in effect reducing the production capacity of the well. The wells are currently operated on timers to allow adjustments to well run times to achieve the necessary water quality. It is expected that these issues will directly influence the decisions of the City regarding possible purchase of the leased groundwater rights and/or renewal or extension of the current lease.

Nitrate levels in the two existing water wells (leased rights described above) have been steadily increasing since 1983. It is assumed that these levels will continue to rise, eventually rendering the water in the existing two wells non-potable. Should this occur an alternate source of water will have to be found, or the current water wells would require post-treatment to reduce the levels of nitrate to below the drinking water standards prior to distribution. Recent exploration (year 2000) for water has revealed a potential source of acceptable groundwater located to the north of the City, but quantity is undetermined. For the purposes of Senate Bill 1 planning, it is assumed that the City will drill two new wells having a capacity of at least 175 gpm each in the vicinity of Wheeler. Water rights of sufficient quality and quantity will have to be obtained to construct the two new wells. The transmission distance necessary to get water from a quality (low nitrates) water source is assumed to be less than 15 miles.

Short term needs in Wheeler will be met with additional groundwater supplies. However, long-term supplies may originate from an alternate source. The Panhandle Water Planning Group, at the request of the City of Wheeler and the Wheeler County Surface Water Board will recommend that a previously identified potential surface water reservoir, Sweetwater Creek Reservoir, be eligible to receive funding to conduct feasibility studies to evaluate the potential yield in light of the requirements of the Red River Compact, cost, interstate coordination issues, potential environmental impacts and potential areas or municipalities which could be served by the reservoir. This potential surface water reservoir may provide an alternate source of water (long-term) if groundwater of suitable quality cannot be located or treated to meet primary drinking water standards.

The quantity of the groundwater currently available to be purchased is apparently adequate to supply the City until the end of the planning period. Reliability is moderate to poor depending on nitrate concentration levels and potential movement or expansion of the nitrate contamination in the aquifer. The cost of the water is estimated at \$1,116 per acre-foot/year (\$3.45/1,000 gallons), assuming water does not have to be treated e.g. reverse osmosis or other membrane type treatment works, or that water does not have to be hauled. Should it become necessary to treat the water to remove high nitrate levels, the cost per thousand would rise proportionately.

The development of a new well field for Wheeler involves a pipeline approximately 15 miles long the construction of at least two wells having a capacity of 175 gpm each. The degree of environmental impact should be low, assuming the pipeline and well field can be located/routed to avoid environmentally sensitive areas. The construction of pump station(s) and storage tank(s) should have not to minimal environmental impacts. However, an assessment of environmental impacts should be performed prior to implementing the water management strategy.

The increased demands on the Ogallala will continue to deplete the storage in the aquifer. It is also expected that the nitrate levels will continue to rise, rendering portions of the aquifer non-potable. This issue may compel the City of Wheeler to look towards additional sources of water.

Assuming acceptable quantities and quality of water can be found and transmitted via pipeline to the City, the impact on agriculture is expected to be minimal, although converting to alternate crops requiring less water may be necessary to reduce the depletion of the Ogallala. Agricultural land located in and around the transmission system will be minimally affected as the pipeline should be designed with a sufficient amount of cover to allow deep plowing.

Other relevant factors that may affect the development of water rights include groundwater district rules affecting production limitations and

property line setback requirements for locating wells. In addition, the groundwater quality issues may limit the City's choices for developing new supplies.

Top O' Tex. CattleWomen Open New Year Jan. 8

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen opened a new year with a meeting at the Hughey House, a bed and breakfast establishment in Pampa, Texas, Jan. 8, 2001. The new president, Kay Stiles, opened the meeting with a prayer for the group and the coming year.

There are number of conventions coming up that CattleWomen should be interested in attending. The first is the National CattleWomen's Convention which will be held in San Antonio, Jan. 30, through Feb. 4, 2001. Lillith, Amy, and Sena Brainard are planning to attend. Others are urged to attend if possible. A Board of Director's Meeting is planned for Feb. 17, 2001 in Austin, and the Spring Convention is also set for March 26 and 27, with the Regional Meeting following.

Amy Brainard brought 10 books of six tickets each to be sold on two prints by artist Wayne Baize. The tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The drawing for these prints will be held at the Spring Convention. She also brought some Texas CattleWomen Cookbooks for member to buy or sell.

Amy is on the state committee for the Texas Beef Cookoff sponsored by Texas CattleWomen. The deadline to enter recipes is March 31, 2001. There is a web site for anyone who is interested in this contest and its rules and categories. The web site address is: www.beefcookoff.org. Non-cattle-owning, non-professional cooks may enter numerous recipes in numerous categories. Top O' Texas CattleWomen urge these people to enter their beef recipes as the monetary rewards are great.

Liz Austin has agreed to look into the matter of updating our local's web page, while Sandra Christner, Lillith Brainard, and Glenda Adcock will meet to update and clarify our local Scholarship's rules and essay for the graduating high school seniors in our nine county area.

The Program for this meeting was presented by Karen Tellman from the Wheeler County Extension Office. She gave out brochures on the proper temperatures to cook various meats, and told us that ground beef cooked slowly at the proper temperature could still be pink in the middle, while some ground beef while brown throughout, might not have been cooked at a high enough temperature to be safe to eat. She encouraged the use of meat thermometers. She also demonstrated the use of photographs to personalize books such as cookbooks, etc. This is quite effective. She and Liz Austin distributed little cookbooks that had made and other useful information.

After the meeting the ladies enjoyed a wonderfully flavored brisket meal. Members attending were Kay Stiles, Anna Lee Barton, Anita Brown, Margaret Tolbert, Nadyne Williams, Glenda Adcock, Pat Youngblood, Mary Mitchell, Liz Austin, Julie Watkins, Berkley Clements, Carolyn Buckingham, Dianne Buckingham, Lillith Brainard, Amy Brainard, Sena Brainard, and Sandra Christner, and guests Kim Adcock and Karen Tellman. Two small guests also attended, Gracee Gill, granddaughter of Glenda Adcock and Philip Shelton, grandson of Pat Youngblood.

The next meeting of the Top O' Texas CattleWomen will be at the Coke Shop in Canadian, Texas, Feb. 12, 2001. We hope to see you there.

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Producers, who are schedule plant a cover crop this coming fall need to begin plowing up their land. Producers will need to plant their cover crop into a smooth, firm and clean seedbed to establish a suitable cover crop. A cover crop is mandatory when planting a native grass mixture.

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