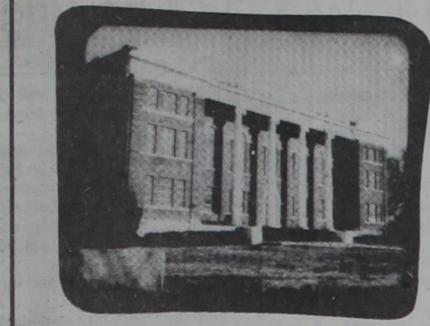


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CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

The weathermen were about 24 hours off. We woke up to sleet Wednesday morning. The ground was barely covered. Not the ice storm predicted for Tuesday morning—yet.

The thunder storm, which came through Friday night left us with 0.87" of rain with a little hail reported—small hail. An additional 0.07" was measured Tuesday morning.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for **Katie Shipp**. She has earned the right to participate in the state solo competition for the third year straight. She is good.

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Katie Shipp, A Junior, To Compete At State For Third Time With Solo

Saturday, February 17, 2001 Katie Shipp competed in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Canyon. She sang and Italian piece and received a 1 rating. Receiving a 1 promotes her to the state competition in May at San Marcos.

This is Katie's third time to advance to State. She is a junior at Wheeler High School and the daughter of Liz and Andy Shipp of Wheeler.



Katie Shipp

Wheeler Co. Water Sup. District Meeting Report

February 22, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

The Wheeler County Water Supply District Board met Thursday, February 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., to meet with Wheeler County Citizens. Those in attendance were County representatives, Bobbye C. Hill, City of Wheeler representative, Harrison Hall, City of Shamrock representative, Wendell Morgan, City of Shamrock representative, Sonny Hiburn, and City of Mobeetie representative, Joe VanZandt. There were 45 Wheeler County citizens, four Oklahoma residents, C. E. Williams, Manager of the Underground Water District and Jarrett Atkinson, Coordinator of the Regional Water Plan, and Tom Gooch, representative of Freese and Nichols.

Meeting was called to order by Harrison Hall, President.

Minutes were read by Bobbye C. Hill, Secretary and approved. Jarrett Atkinson presented models of groundwater designed by Panhandle Water Planning Group and the Underground Water District and answered questions from all in attendance.

Tom Gooch representative of Freese and Nichols presented his company plan for the Sweetwater Creek Reservoir; the feasibility study, the permitting process, the cost, and the time frame for the permitting process. He answered questions from all in attendance.

The Maintenance Tax Election was discussed and it was decided to order the election after the Town Hall Meeting in Shamrock, Texas.

The date for the next Wheeler County Water Supply District Board and Town Hall Meeting was set for March 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shamrock High School Auditorium, Shamrock, Texas.

Motion was made by Harrison Hall to adjourn and seconded by Wendell Morgan.

Meeting was adjourned.

Parkview Hospital Board Conducts Feb. Business

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tipps, Chairman at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Those present were: Dean Tipps, Chairman; Thomas Helton, Vice Chairman; Dave Britt, Secretary; Jim Batton, Member; Bob Dukes, Member. Also Present: Billy Robertson, Administrator

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 8, 2001 Board meeting were approved as presented. Dave Britt made motion to approve the minutes. Bob Dukes seconded the motion.

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Wheeler High School 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

All A's

Ninth Grade: James A. Chapman and William B. Rutherford

Tenth Grade: Cassi S. Brown and Heather R. Leven

Eleventh Grade: Gavin D. McQueen, Lauren D. Sams, Jacob M. Britt, Taylor M. Huggins

Twelfth Grade: Justin W. Chapman, Jordan T. Emmert, Caleb J. Finsterwald, Megan J. Hampton, Jotana D. Simmons, Kelby B. Ledbetter, Shannon D. Lewallen, Ana L. Salas, Rachel R. Riemer, Lacey Diane Bryant, Jessica Zapata

All A's & B's

Ninth Grade: Joe D. Glassey and Joshua M. Miller

Tenth Grade: Jaret C. Moore, Keri E. Marion, Lyndi J. Finsterwald, Tyler Lewis, Dagen Weldon Moore, Pamela A. Murphy, Trevor D. Burton, Hadley D. Mitchell, Amy L. Osborne, Joshua S. Bryant, Rachel Brooke Bass

Eleventh Grade: Rafael A. Robles, Dwight L. Arganbright, Christopher J. Simmons, Natasha A. Stribling, Raymond S. Gentry, Michael D. Hall, Corey Allen Jewell

Twelfth Grade: Amanda Louise Childress, Jennifer P. Carpenter, Bret M. Goad, Mechelle R. Marshall, Tina McWhorter, Jacinda Leigh Parker, Creede E. McQueen, Bobbi Gentry, Martha Joe Patterson, Bradly Allen Frame

Services Are Saturday For Connie Pierce, 76

Services for Connie Pierce were held Saturday at the Buffalo Baptist Church near Sayre at 2:00 PM. Officiating were Andy Taylor and Randy Parman. Interment was at Mulberry Cemetery north of Sweetwater, OK.

Connie Pierce was born November 19, 1924 in Walters, OK to Isabelle and John Pierce. He passed away February 22, 2001 in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 76 years, 3 months and 3 days.

Connie attended a one-room school east of Wheeler, riding a mule to class along with his brother. He married Juanita Marie Higgins on November 8, 1943 in Cheyenne, OK and he farmed in the Durham and Reydon area before serving his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he returned to Roger Mills Country where he began working for the Santa Fe Railroad until his retirement in 1985. He then moved to Sayre, OK to make his home. Juanita passed away in 1972 and he later married Myrtice Phenix on September 5, 1995 in Sayre.

His parents; first wife; 1 daughter, Connie Faye; 3 brothers, Jimmy, Lester and Marvin and 1 sister, Maxine preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtice of the home; 3 daughters, Evelyn Marie Davis of Dill City, OK, Brinda Kay Adcock of Sayre, OK and Linda Sue Smith of Salina, KS; 1 son, James Robert Pierce of Cheyenne, OK; 2 brothers, Carl Pierce of Cheyenne, OK and Luther Pierce of Reydon, OK; 2 sisters, Mae Combs of Reydon, OK and Lorene Rector of Mobeetie, TX; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Verna H. Abernethy, 88 Services Wed., Feb. 28

Verna Heneritta Abernethy, 88, died Monday, February 26, 2001 at Wheeler, Texas.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor, and her grandson, Rev. Chris Ford, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Follett and Darrouzett. Burial was in Kelton Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Abernethy was born June 7, 1912 in De Queen, Arkansas to George and Rhoda Hardy Gammon. She moved to the Kelton community in 1945 and to Wheeler in 1992. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

She married Louie Abernethy on November 2, 1928 in Calumet, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie Abernethy in 1991, 1 son, Kenneth Abernethy in 1931, and 1 daughter, Currie Dell Bliss, in 1972.

Survivors include 7 daughters, Katherine Calcoate of McLean, Joann Simmons and Cherry Johnson, both of Wheeler, Barbara Vines of Celina, Phyllis Shelton of Clarendon, Aliene Mills of Erick, Okla., and Vernell Thomas of Longview; a son, Jerry Abernethy of Coupland; 2 sisters, Josephine Clark of Porterville, Calif., and Georgia Crawford of El Reno, Okla.; 28 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Wheeler City Council Holds Meeting, Pool Manager Needed, Election Called

Mayor Wanda Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Kathleen Frankenbery made the motion, seconded by Bob McCain to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Frank Clymer reported on the activities of the city employees.

Bart Sherrell, Tommy Holcomb and Kenneth Whitaker with the Texas Department of Transportation met with the council to discuss the safety of the school crossings on both Highways 83 and 152. TxDOT will do a traffic count on highways 83 and 152 and then decide what will be the best procedure to follow to insure the safety of the school children.

Charles Kuntz presented receipts and disbursements and discussed same.

The Council went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. Pursuant Texas Open Meeting Act Code Sec. 551.074. The executive session was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Kathleen Frankenbery made motion, seconded by Don Rose to amend the proposed budget. The motion carried.

Mayor Herd discussed the new rules of the Open Meetings Act. She stated that a member cannot be absent over a six month period and stay

on the council unless the city council gives that person permission.

Don Rose made motion seconded by Barbra Koelzer to renew the audit contract with Charles Kuntz. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion to advertise for a pool manager. Kathleen Frankenbery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob McCain made motion, seconded by Barbra Koelzer to order an election to be held May 5, 2001 to elect three council members. The motion carried.

Kathleen Frankenbery made motion, seconded by Barbra Koelzer to hire Bob Hink to spray the Library lawn for weed control. The motion carried.

Don Rose made motion, seconded by Walter Simmons to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Wanda Herd, Council members: Walter Simmons, Kathleen Frankenbery, Barbra Koelzer, Bob McCain and Don Rose; Bart Sherrell, Tommy Holcomb, Kenneth Whitaker, Charles Kuntz, Frank Clymer and Claudine Finsterwald.

Graveside Services Mon. For Roy Dean Keys, 50

Roy Dean Keys, 50, died Thursday, February 22, 2001 at Hemphill County, Texas.

Graveside services were Monday, February 26, 2001 at Zybach Cemetery with Rev. Andy Taylor, pastor of the Trinity Fellowship Church in Sayre, Oklahoma officiating. Burial was in Zybach Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Keys was born August 8, 1950 in Shamrock, Texas to Buster and Irene Parson Keys. He was a long time resident of Allison and a graduate of Allison High School. He married Karen Critser on April 29, 1972 in Hooker, Oklahoma. Mr. Keys served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed for 23 years by KN Energy as an Area Supervisor. He was currently co-owner of D-D Service. He was preceded in death by his father, Buster Keys.

Survivors includes his wife, Karen Keys of Allison, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Joey Porter of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; 2 sons, Toby Keys of Hooker, Oklahoma and Terry Keys of Allison, Texas; his mother, Irene Keys of Allison, Texas; brothers and sister-in-laws, Don and Bonnie Hall of Quail, Texas, Bobby and Ruth Hall of Spearman, Texas, and Kenneth and Brenda Keys of Reydon, Oklahoma; sisters and brother-in-laws, Teresa and Leonard Powledge of Briscoe, Texas, Cindy and Bob Fulgham of Amarillo, Texas, and Patty Ann and Mack Shields of Briscoe, Texas; 2 granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Jessica Porter of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol and John Thomas of Cheyenne, Oklahoma; mother-in-law, Claudia Critser of Hooker, Oklahoma; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family requests memorial be to a favorite charity.

Townhall Meeting Called To Discuss County Water

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to inform you of a Wheeler County Water Supply District and Town Hall meeting, Monday, March 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shamrock High School Auditorium, Shamrock, Texas.

You will be able to ask questions of the engineer, Tom Gouch from Freese and Nichols, Fort Worth, Texas. Public comment will be received on the Sweetwater Creek Reservoir project and a Maintenance Tax will be discussed and an election will be called.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone to become better informed about all issues of the Sweetwater Creek Reservoir.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Harrison Hall
Harrison Hall-President

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

Estelle Orr
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin

New Admissions

2-18 Minerva Jones
Ed Riley
2-22 Lillian Bailey
2-25 Donald Lucas

Dismissals

2-19 Martha McQueen
2-21 Ed Riley
Minerva Jones
Wilma Gilmer
2-23 Pierce Walker
2-25 Christine Shipley

Wheeler Co. Water Dist. Board To Meet Monday

The Wheeler County Water Supply District Board will meet Monday, March 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shamrock High School Auditorium, Shamrock, 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. Presentative by Tom Gouch engineer for Freese and Nichols
4. Receive public comment on the Sweetwater Creek Reservoir project
5. Discuss Maintenance Tax Election and call for an election
6. Discuss Resolution authorizing checking account and take necessary action
7. Pay bills
8. Discuss Maintenance Tax Election and call for an election
9. Adjourn Meeting

Cooked Chickens To Be Sold By Local Students

A group of Wheeler County students are planning a trip to Europe this summer. Money has to be raised to pay for the trip. One project is the selling of cooked chickens—smoked or deep fried. The cost is \$5.00 for half a chicken or \$8.00 for a whole chicken.

The chickens will be on sale Saturday at the Wheeler Thriftway, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Let these students solve the problem of what to serve for dinner.

Will Smith Signs Letter Of Intent To Attend Sam Houston University

There are few high school players in the area that can equal Will Smith at the offensive line.

The Willis offensive lineman, who stands well over 6' and weighs in at 310 pounds, will graduate in June and signed a scholarship Wednesday to attend and play football at Sam Houston State University.

The multi-talented athlete, who made numerous all-district and all-county appearances in football, will almost certainly be able to move into a starting role much quicker than most players.

Smith, who was a state competitor at the 4-A level in the shotgun competition, combines the best of what coaches look for in an offensive lineman.

"He's definitely been an individual I knew was a college prospect," said Smith's head football coach at Willis, Stan Labay. "He's got size, quickness and speed to be a prospect."

It's those qualities that made Smith such an attractive prep school player.

In the last two seasons with the Wildkats Smith anchored an offensive line that helped produce a spectacular running game featuring the tandem of Fred Woods and Edward "Tankie" Clark. The pair proved to be one of the most potent running combos in District 18-4A (in 1999) and District 21-4A (in 2000).

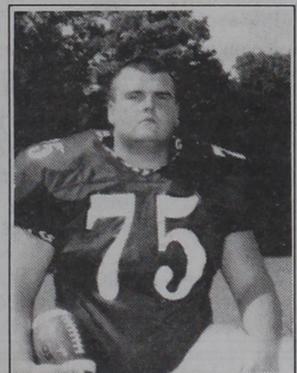
Smith also helped to protect the Wildkats quarterbacks and guided the team to two consecutive playoff appearances. In 1999 Willis lost in the first round but they made it to the second round in 2000.

"He was a very important part of our offense," said Labay. "He is one of the top linemen in the area."

Top lineman indeed. Smith was a unanimous choice for First-Team All-District Offensive Lineman in 2000, and was also an All-Montgomery County player two years in a row.

Offensive linemen rarely get noticed in the world of football, except when they make a mistake like miss a block or have a penalty called against them. Statistically, it can be hard to judge a lineman since there really aren't numbers that belong to him.

But the best way to define the tal-



Will Smith

ent of a lineman is to observe their onfield leadership and how well they protect the rest of the offensive weapons. Both were jobs that Smith accomplished in convincing fashion. Rarely was he beaten by a stronger, or quicker, defensive lineman and his blocking skills are a big reason why the soon-to-be-former Wildkat will soon become a Bearkat.

Smith is the son of Greg and Ruth Smith of Willis, Texas, and the grandson of Rita Smith and Dennis Porter of Wheeler.

(Editor's Note: The following article was taken from The Courier February 8, 2001,

written by Kurt Allen Assistant Sports Edition of the Conroe, Texas paper.)

Wheeler Fire Department Called Out Tues. Evening

A heat lamp was determined as the cause of a fire at the home of Tommy and Karen Puryear Tuesday evening. The garage was totally destroyed.

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene about 10:45 P.M. The Allison Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene to bring water.

The Puryear home is located 9 miles east and north of Wheeler.

It is raining here this morning. They say rain before seven clear by eleven. They also say thunder in February, snow in April. Will see, I guess.

Our FFA chapter started National FFA week out right. They attended the Baptist church as a group. After church, they enjoyed a fine lunch. Their sponsor is Tom Huston. They had their Ag-Olympics Thursday. We had 3 boys take FFA but none of them made farmers.

Helen Smith has a new great-granddaughter Nicole Dussy, Dover, OK. Parents are Chris and Jerilyn. Ed and Eileen Logan spent 4 days in Oklahoma City with grandson Chris Shoffner. Other guests were Robert and Sharon Shoffner, Washington, D.C.; Stephanie Morgan and Alec Slites of Van Buren, Ark.; Neal and Carol De... They celebrated the wedding of Sherman Watson and Dora Bryan. Birthdays of Ed and Eileen Logan.

Funeral services are today for Earl Tucker at the Buffalo Church. He was 83.

Services are Saturday for Ed Thompson. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

L. G. and Ann Reed, Lavonda and Tracy Beavin came by took me to church at New Liberty with the. Everyone enjoyed supper and fellowship after services.

Eloise Clymer, Erick was on the OCU Honor Roll.

Leroy and Billie Faye Allen have a new great-grandson Colton Ky Allen.

KELTON MENU

MONDAY, March 5, 2001 — FRIDAY, March 9, 2001

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Peanut Butter, Syrup, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Polish Sausage, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bu. Toast, Apple Cobbler, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Taco Cheese, Salad, Corn, Jellin/W Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, W/Trim-mings, Tator Tots, Ice Cream/W Strawberries, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham or Tuna Sandwiches, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, French Fries, Fruit, Milk
Menu is subject to change.

Parents are Mark and Nikki of Weatherford.

We and a lot of our neighbors are still getting several phone calls daily and no one there.

Imogene Pickering, Louise Perry and Helen Smith visited Esther Dickey at Shamrock Monday.

Little Jace Reed Millar was welcomed by sisters, Rachel, Hannah and Abigail. Parents are Jace and Jessie. Grandparents are Ken and

Pam Reed of Sweetwater and Jim and Linda Millar of Sayre.

We all enjoyed seeing President Bush at Oklahoma City on TV. Ed and Eileen Logan were in Oklahoma City and got to see his plane leave.

Ashley Lucas, 8th grader of Cheyenne has been on Chanel 4 this week. She weaves chairs.

Sam LeGrand, Mary Bollen and Imogene Pickering are hospital patients.

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And by the end of Walk Across Texas, you'll have a healthy habit that will last a lifetime!

To find out how you can Walk Across Texas, call the Wheeler County Extension Service at 826-5243. Team packets are now ready to pick up. If you would like to participate but don't want to get a team together just call the Extension office and we will put you on a team who is looking for extra team mates.

Overview of Walk Across Texas
1. The purpose is to increase walking for fitness to help people control their weight, feel better, lower or control blood pressure, control blood sugar levels, decrease depression,

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Monday afternoon my husband and I visited the cemetery. We noticed someone had walked all over the top of my Father's grave. Upon further inspection we discovered several vases had been broken from headstones around the same area. We picked up one vase and walked until we found the headstone we thought it belonged on. We left it there. At one time there were two vases on this headstone but, both were missing. This dear couple (I knew them) as far as I know have no family left. There is no one to repair the damage that is done.

I feel vandalism in a cemetery is the lowest anyone can sink too. Please respect the last resting place of our loved ones.

Robert and Jaunita Shugart

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MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, March 5, 2001 — FRIDAY, March 9, 2001

MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Squash, Cornbread/Margarine, Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY: Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Baked Potato, Seasoned Green Beans, Roll/Margarine, Carrot Cake W/Frosting

WEDNESDAY: Baked Lasagne, Salad, Garlic Bread, Bananas and Jello

THURSDAY: Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread/Margarine, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

FRIDAY: Fried Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Hush Puppies, Bread Pudding

improve sleeping, boost immunity, and many other benefits.
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Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2000 you won't need to reapply for 2001 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2001. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you become disabled during 2000 you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office.

If you need more time, contact us at:
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1 Corinthians 12:3 & 13: Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

The weather sure keeps us guessing—it's so topsy-turby, and really don't see much of the sun, had thunder, lightning and rain Friday.

The community shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Dean Keys Thursday night. He was killed in a one vehicle accident near the Boyd Huff place, north of Allison. Our sympathy is for his family and relatives.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison came down this last Saturday morning and were dinner guests with Pearl Harrison, Darrel's mother. Darrel and his brother, Willis, cut up the part of the apple tree in my back yard into fire wood. One of the ice storms we had broke a large limb off and split it clear to the bottom of the tree. It made a big pile of fire wood. Darrel and Johnnie visited me a while Saturday afternoon before they went home. They had to face that extremely high wind on their way back to Amarillo.

Ruby Craig went to Wheeler Wednesday morning and picked up her mother, Wilma Gilmer, at Parkview hospital and brought her home. She had been in the hospital since the Saturday night before. On Thursday afternoon Ruby was back to Wheeler to watch her grandson, Tyler McWhorter, act in a school play at the Wheeler School. Ruby filled in at Allison school cafeteria last Friday for Karen Keys.

Opal and Juanita Boydston shopped in Wheeler last Tuesday. On Tuesday and Friday afternoon Juanita drove Vance and Caroline Boydston's car and took Caroline to Shamrock for her treatment at the hospital.

Last Friday night Opal and Juanita's visitors were Robbie and SaRita Green, Carissa and Kelton from

Binger, Okla. Forrest and Janice Boydston's weekend guests were Neal and Michelle Boydston and Candice from Loveland, Colo., and Corina and Kendra Boydston from El Reno, Okla., Robbie and SaRita Green, Carissa and Kelton.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Elk City for Billy's doctor appointment last Wednesday. She got a good report from the doctor. Roma and Billy's Saturday night supper guests were Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Jana Chandler from Amarillo and her niece, Audra Weatherly of Wheeler visited Peggy Chandler Sunday afternoon.

Pearl Harrison last Monday dinner guest was grandson, Bennie Boydston. On Tuesday Pearl went to Wheeler to take care of business and also visited with Edith Levitt at the Care Center.

Friday, Dr. Willis and Mary Harrison from Canyon came and were overnight guests. Willis and Mary took Pearl, Clifton and Louise Boydston to Wheeler for supper at Maxeys. On Saturday Willis trimmed Pearl's trees that the ice storm had caused to break down. Pearl's dinner guests on Saturday were Willis and Mary, Clifton and Louise and Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo. Sunday dinner guests with Pearl were her brother, Hershel Sanford, from Higgins and Pastor McDaniel.

Red and Anna Dukes' last Monday visitors were Anna's daughter, Sylvia, and Joe Richardson from Paradise and Jerry and Sue Laurent from Dallas were with them. They stayed with

them until Thursday.

On Wednesday they took Red and Anna Wheeler for dinner at Maxeys. Others coming in at Red and Anna's home to visit with them and their guests were Bob and Peggy Dukes, Minnie Bell Vinson and Nelda Dukes.

Red and Anna's Sunday dinner guests were Minnie Bell Vinson. After church Sunday morning, they went to Wheeler and grocery shopped.

Glen and Nona Elmore went to Hill



Top Restaurant last Sunday after church and had dinner there.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer were in Shamrock last Saturday doing some shopping and ate dinner at Mitchell's Restaurant.

Rita Grayson's grandson, Jerome Grayson, from Abilene has been visiting with her from last Friday up to Monday. He went home Monday night. Ciint and Kristy, Taylor and Cooper from Sayre spent Sunday with Rita and Jerome. And also Brandon and Kerri Dukes from Goodwell, Tim and Debbie Jones and Johnnie Grayson from Amarillo also visited on Saturday night.

Virginia Puryear, Lou Dean Douthit of Briscoe and Edna May ate dinner Sunday at the Dairy Queen in Wheeler and then visited Jo Redding of Wheeler and they played dominoes.

We were sorry to hear about the terrible accident last week south of Reydon, that killed so many men. There are families grieving for those

who were killed. It is so sad, our sympathy and prayers are for them.

Dick and Cletus Greene's Sunday dinner guests were Vance and Caroline Boydston and Shawn and Jamie Downie.

(Marginal Note: Wear a smile and have friends — wear a frown and have wrinkles.)

Omitted from last week

On Sunday after church they went to the Hill Top Cafe near Reydon and ate dinner. Sunday afternoon Red and Anna went to Briscoe and visited with Clyde Jr., and Jane Dukes.

Nadine Reynolds visited to Miami last Saturday and visited her sister, Madalene Terry.

Nadine and Nelda Dukes went to Wheeler last Sunday after church and ate dinner at Maxeys.

Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina, Cody and Jason Boydston left Friday evening and went to Amarillo and spent the weekend with Chuck and Kim Thompson and family. They came home Sunday evening.

It would sure be nice if the roadgraders would come to Allison and take care of these streets. All this mud and ice, rain, sleet and some snow has left some of them in a terrible mess.

Life's Clock
The clock of life is wound but once.
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop
at late or early hour.
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To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
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- Sunday:**
Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Morning Worship - 11:00 AM
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
- Monday:**
Noon Lunch - Ladies Sunday School Class, Tami Hargrove
Children's Night - 6:00 PM
Worship - 7:00 PM
- Tuesday:**
Noon Lunch - Adult III-B, Ed Hershman's Class
Youth Night - 6:00 PM
Worship - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday:**
Noon Lunch - Berean Sunday School Class, Bob Wills
Covered Dish Meal - 6:00 PM
Worship - 7:00 PM

An invitation is extended to the community to join us for any of the services.

WHEELER MENU

- MONDAY, March 5, 2001 — FRIDAY, March 9, 2001**
- MONDAY**
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Waffle/Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Fish Strips, Cole Slaw, Scalloped Potatoes, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Mexican Pile-On, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Corn on the Cob, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Pancake Pup/Syrup, Sausage, Hash Brown, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk
- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Sub. Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Spear, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
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Week Ending February 22, 2001
Intentions to Drill
 HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #4-55 Fillingin, 467' from South & 1400' from East line, Sec. 55, A-1, H&GN, PD 8300'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #3 Lockhart '57', 660' from South & West line, Sec. 57, 42, H&TC, PD 7800'.
Amended Intentions to Drill
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) Peico Petroleum Corp., #135 Worley, 1320' from South & 5' from East line, Sec. 61, 3, H&GN, PD 3700'. Rule 37
Gas Well Completions
 HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #3216 John C. Isaacs, Jr., et al 'I', Sec. 216, C,G&M, spud 7-23-00, drlg. compl 10-25-00, tested 1-7-01, TD 11830'.
 HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Amoco Production Co., #1023 Ramp, et al, Sec. 23, 41, H&TC, spud 9-27-00, drlg. compl 11-22-00, tested 1-12-01, TD 8305'.
 HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas) Questar R&P, #4054 Hostutler, Sec. 54, 41, H&TC, spud 11-9-00, drlg. compl 12-6-00, tested 1-10-01, potential 1380 MCF, TD 8154', PBTD 8091'.

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List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 12, 2001 - February 26, 2001.

FEBRUARY 12, 2001
 ASSIGN.—Wildcat Cement Company to Kenneth Wischkaemper, 1-18-01, NW 1/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DISTRIBUTION MD—Bank of America NA, Trustee to Frances F. Dann, 1-30-01, E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 D—Orphus O. Tate to Betty Tate, 2-6-01. See Instrument.
 D—Orphus O. Tate to Nancy Yvonne Masters Zimmerman, et al, 2-6-01, See Instrument.

LA RESPUESTA

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D—Betty Tate to Nancy Yvonne Masters Zimmerman, et al, 2-6-01, See Instrument.
 RDT—First Ag Credit, FCS to Paul Macina Sr., 11-30-00, 320 acs. E 1/2 Sec. 108, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and 320 acs. E 1/2 Sec. 99, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
FEBRUARY 13, 2001
 OL—Elizabeth Manning Boring to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Celeste Jean Wiley to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—William Wallace Wiley to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—John Thomas Wiley to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Martha Alice W. Hutchins to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Ruth V. Wiley to Crest Resources Inc., 11-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MD—Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership to The Neal Wrather Trust, 1-18-01, NW 1/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 POA—Forest Oil Corporation to M. J. Baiaomonte Jr., 1-22-01.
 ASSIGN.—Forest Oil Corporation to Enerquest Oil & Gas, LLC, 1-18-01, See Instrument.
 ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—A. Don Herrmann to Arminius Energy (Continued Col. 6)

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 The City of Wheeler will hold an election May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing three (3) council members. The positions will be for a two year term. The first day for filing for a place on the ballot is February 19, 2001. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot will be March 21, 2001. Anyone interested in filing for an application for a place on the ballot should come by City Hall, 505 Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. 3/1c

Court (from Col. 3)
 Trust, 2-5-01, Pts. SW 1/4 Sec. 36, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **FEBRUARY 14, 2001**

D—Jan Garrison to Garrison Food Mart Inc., 1-24-01, Lots 13 and 14, Blk. 204, Vaughan's Hilltop Add., Shamrock.

HEIRSHIP AFF.—Faye Allen, et al to Wayne C. Allen, 1-25-01, 431.95 acs. Sec. 50, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Conrad V. Zitterkob, et ux to Charles Newberry, 2-2-01, Lot 3 and the S 10' of Lot 2, Blk. 2, PBA, Shamrock.

EXT. DT.—Mark J. Cadra, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 1-26-01, S 1/2 N 1/2 Sec. 125, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

HOMESTEAD DESIGN.—Mark J. Cadra, et ux to The Public, 2-12-01, S 80 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MML.—Charley Russell, et ux to Gerald Reynolds Construction Co., 2-7-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 126, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

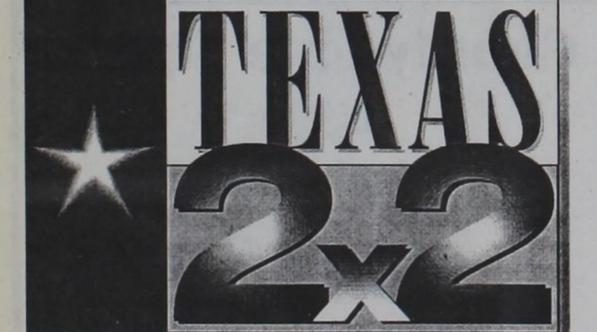
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TMML—Gerald Reynolds Construction Co. to First National Bank of Shamrock, 2-7-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 126, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **IDENTITY AFF.**—Charley Russell to Charlie Russell, 2-7-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 126, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **DVL**—Susan E. Coate, et vir to Harold Edward Hughes, et ux, 6-1-00, Pt. Blk. G-1 and Pt. Blk. G-2, Prairie Lawn Add., Wheeler. **DT**—Harold Edward Hughes, et ux to Susan E. Coate, 6-1-00, Pt. Blk. G-1 and Pt. Blk. G-2, Prairie Lawn Add., Wheeler.

FEBRUARY 15, 2001
RDT—Wells Fargo Home Mortgage to Brent Max Satterwhite, et ux, 1-15-01, Lots 21, 22, and 23, Blk. E. Potts Add., Shamrock.

ROL—Brigham Oil & Gas LP to Wayne M. Dodson, et ux, 2-7-01, NE 1/4 Sec. 31, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Barbara Roberts to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 10-25-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **OL**—GEO Energy Corporation to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 11-2-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Daniel W. Herd to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 12-6-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Herd Oil & Gas Company, et al to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 12-6-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY. D—H. H. Hall to Hall Life Trust, 2-15-01, 6.31 acs. Sec. 11, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Lorentz J. Holgerson, et ux to Hemera Land Inc., 12-28-00, S 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. L. J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OPTION AGREEMENT—John W. Severe, et ux to Jackfork Land Inc., 1-2-01, S 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. L. J. M. Lindsey Survey.

FEBRUARY 16, 2001
PARTIAL ASSIGN.—Geodyne Nominee Corporation to Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership, 2-7-01, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN.—Crest Resources Inc. to Holarud Partners 792, et al, 2-8-01, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL RELEASE DT—Bank of America NA to Samson Investment Company, et al, 2-6-01, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL RELEASE DT—Bank of America NA to Samson Investment Company, et al, 2-6-01, Sec. 45, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CORR. ROY. D—Wesley G. and Dorothy A. House Family Trust to WD House Partners LTD., 2-6-01, See Instrument.

ROY. MD ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROY. ALTY—American Cancer Society California Division Inc. to Spindletop Exploration Company Inc., 2-2-01, Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Kirk Kite to Amoco Production Company, 11-28-00, Sec. 50, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Robert Norman to Amoco Production Company, 11-28-00, Sec. 50, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Richard Norman to Amoco Production Company, 11-28-00, Sec. 50, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Margaret Kite Martin to Amoco Production Company, 11-28-00, Sec. 50, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ladelle Cox Dilli to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, Sec. 40, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ladelle Cox Dilli to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ladelle Cox Dilli to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Linda Jo Wofford to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, Sec. 40, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Linda Jo Wofford to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—O. A. Butts Jr., et ux to Amoco Production Company, 12-11-00, N 1/2 N 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Adrian R. Risner and Dorothy J. Risner Revocable Living Trust to Amoco Production Company, 12-18-00, N 1/2 N 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Mary Hazel VanZandt Irrevocable Family Trust to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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OL—Rosa Lee Hales to Amoco Production Company, 12-13-00, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Adrian R. Risner and Dorothy J. Risner Revocable Living Trust to Amoco Production Company, 12-18-00, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Mary E. Wofford, et al to Amoco Production Company, 12-13-00, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Fuller Family Trust to Amoco Production Company, 11-16-00, N 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ray S. Risner to Amoco Production Company, 1-2-01, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ruth V. Wiley to Amoco Production Company, 12-13-00, S 1/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Clarise Hathaway to Amoco Production Company, 12-5-00, W 1/2 SW 1/4; W 1/2 NE 1/4; NW 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Rosa Lee Hales to Amoco Production Company, 12-13-00, E 1/2 SW 1/4; E 1/2 NE 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Mary E. Wofford, et al to Amoco Production Company, 12-13-00, E 1/2 SW 1/4; E 1/2 NE 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Lova Lee Ringley to Amoco Production Company, 7-6-00, E 1/2 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FEBRUARY 20, 2001
ASSIGN.—Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation to Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership, 2-8-01, See Instrument

STIPULATION AGREEMENT—Ibex Resources Company LLC, et al to Ranger Exploration Company, et al, 2-8-01, Sec. 10, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

D—O. D. Richardson to Robert H. Brickey, et ux, 2-16-01, Lot 9, Richardson Add., Wheeler.

CONVEYANCE OVERRID. ROY. ALTY—KCS Resources, Inc., et al to Starr VPP, LP, 2-16-01, See Instrument.

PRODUCTION AGREEMENT—KCS Resources, Inc., et al to Starr VPP, LP, 2-16-01, See Instrument.

D—Oscar Lee Henson Jr. to O. L. and June Henson Trust, et al, 2-15-01, 107.3 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 101, Blk.

23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **RDT**—United States of America to James M. Porter, et ux, 1-4-01, 11.1 acs. Sec. 30, Blk. A-9, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—First State Bank of Mobeetie to James Curtis VanZandt and Mary Hazel VanZandt Family Trust, 2-20-01, Pt. W 1/2; NE 1/4 NE 1/4; W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RVL/RDT—Pauline Benson to Olivia M. Avila, et vir, 2-20-01, S 50' Lot 1 and the N 20' Lot 2, Blk. LVII, Shamrock and the W 1/2 Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 26, Shamrock.

RVL/RDT—Bert C. Guenzel, et ux to Gene Mitchell, et ux, 6-14-00, Sec. 39, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FEBRUARY 21, 2001
ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Bromide LLC to Bromide Inc., 12-28-00, NW 1/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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MOBEETIE NEWS
By: Melba Corcoran

Melba Corcoran took Lorene Rector to Amarillo Tuesday to be with her brother Connie Pierce who had suffered a major stroke on Monday. Connie had not regained conscience and he had another clot hit his brain stem. His wife and children made the decision to take the respiratory off of him. Remember the family in your prayers. Uncle Connie passed away Thursday.

Joe VanZandt is home from Houston. He is waiting for reports before he does any treatment for his cancer.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited with William and Sissy Burch Wednesday night.

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Doris Whaley visited over the weekend with her sister-in-law near Duncan, OK. She also visited with her daughter Elaine and Tom Dennis and Hailey.

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Happy Anniversary to Steve and Sami Corse on March 4; Mike and Sherry Wash on March 7.

Everyone is invited to XYZ at Mobeetie Baptist Church Friday night, March 2, about 6:00 p.m. for delicious potluck meal, devotional, visiting and games of 42 and Chicken Foot or other. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Everyone is invited to First Sunday Sing at Allison Baptist church next Sunday night, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. for worshipping the Lord together in song, readings, fellowship and food. Ya'll come!

Everyone is invited to Wheeler Senior Citizens next Monday night, March 5, at 6:30 for delicious potluck meal, visiting and games of 88 and Canasta. Visitors always welcome.

Ft. Elliott Seniors are sponsoring a week-long Little Dribblers tournament at Briscoe starting Tuesday, March 6, March 8-9-10. Always fun. They work so hard. Teams from all around.

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Nor bid the day to shadowy twilight fall.

Nor send the pale moon forth with radiance tender.

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—Anon

Congratulations to Charissa and Roy Franklin on the birth of their new baby girl at Louisville, Kentucky, Feb. 21, 2001. Her name is Raegan Leigh and she weighed 5 lbs., 4 ozs. and 18 inches long. Proud grandparents include Rick and Lucy Lucas. Lois Meadows is great-grandmother and the late Roy Meadows was the great-grandpa. He would have been pleased that she was born on his birthday. Best wishes to all. God bless you everyone.

Sunday afternoon Laurel Hershman and Willa Fillingim went to Elk City to a meeting about Progressrom Cream that you rub on to help body problems. Cathy Miller is a dealer for the product.

Doyle Grimes took Bulah to White Deer Sunday to visit her sister, Audrey Alexander, who has colon cancer and has been taking treatments. She is doing a little better. Keep praying for Audrey and Earl and son, Ronald, who all have cancer.

Tuesday night, Doyle and Bulah Grimes visited J. P. and Martha Meek and ate supper and played 42. Martha is doing some better, but not getting out yet.

Spring is here (or just around the corner) in spite of the weather forecasts. Tulips are coming up nicely.

Saturday night, C. B. and Maurine Brotherton and Doris Finsterwald played 80 at Jo Reddings house and had supper.

Correction: Nazareth defeated Ft. Elliott girls, but they did not make 10 three pointers. Sorry I goofed.

This is spring break for Canadian Schools. Zachary, Adam and Casey Tipps are spending this week in Olympia, Washington, with their mom, Becky Tipps. They got to go tubing down the mountain on snow and thought it was great fun. They will be back Friday.

Sunday, Dick and Ruth Irvine enjoyed eating lunch at Soto's with Mozelle Thomas and grandson, Cole, and Vea Fillingim after church.

Micaela Dawson was student of the week for her pre-K class at Highland Park School. There was a poster with her picture and activities. Micaela will be 5 in May. Congratulations, Micaela. Laurel and Ed Hershman are grandparents.

Pray for Bob Aycock of Mobeetie, who is ill with spinal meningitis. Doctors sent Bob to Albuquerque for tests and treatments at the V. A. Hospital. Joyce drove down with Bob. Bob has had meningitis once before. They got back home Friday and Bob is doing well. Yea!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Charlotte Sumner, 81, in her death. She grew up west of where Richard Meadows lives and went to Pleasant Valley School, walking many times. It was north of Dick Ivines. Then she later rode the bus to Canadian for high school with the other country kids. A sweet lady.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Lora Mae Moffitt, 77. She was the mother of James Moffitt, who taught agriculture and helped where needed at Mobeetie and Ft. Elliott. Funeral was Thursday at Clarendon at Calvary Baptist Church. Aaron and Claudetta Lavery went to the funeral.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Utah Atkins, 68, of Canadian. Tony Atkins of Briscoe was a son. An icy road east of Pampa, Feb. 14. Utah's wife was injured badly when he was killed.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Kevin Bodkin, 28, in his death Wednesday night near Cheyenne, Okla. At one time Kevin lived near Briscoe and attended Briscoe School. We are sorry. 5 guys were returning from working on a rig near Elk City, when the collision happened near Reydon. May God comfort all of the families. They were all badly burned and most were from Canadian. 3 were killed and another died. Plus the Reydon man from the other vehicle. Tragic. May God comfort all the families.

Vickey Nelson went to Miami Wednesday and picked up granddaughters, Amy and Danielle, after school and brought them to Briscoe for awhile.

We got a big beautiful rain Friday night. Water standing everywhere and still running out of the field by the road Saturday evening. Don't know how much and we had slept right through it. We are thankful for every drop.

Fat and Wanda Childress and Addie Swift went to Wheeler to the Consignment Auction Saturday. They took

their chairs and sat by a heater and visited with whoever came by.

Virginia Puryear, Irene Keys and Lou Dean Douthit visited Edna May Thursday and ate supper and played 42. Lou Dean and Virginia visited Irene Friday and took some food. Also there were Mack and Patty Shields, Cleve Parsons, Don Hall, Daylon and Dolly Johnson. (Cleve is a brother and Dolly a sister to Irene.)

Nice to have Willa Fillingim and Ed and Laurel Hershman join us for lunch at Maxeys Sunday. Big crowd there. Nice to visit with Preston and Elsie Glazner with Leona Coates. Think they were celebrating Elsie's birthday a day early. She is still a kid. Also at Maxeys were Puny Griffin and his sister from Utah.

Sunday, Virginia Puryear, Edna May and Lou Dean Douthit went to the Wheeler Dairy Queen for lunch. They also went to the funeral home and to Jo Reddings to visit and play 42. Some others at the Dairy Queen were Jo Redding with Mary Margaret Dodd, Elva Wood and Alvern Hutchison. Also there were Gladys Pannell with Eddie Pannell, Jr., and Marie Baker.

Friday, Doris Finsterwald went to Mobeetie to get her hair fixed and then on to Wheeler to get groceries and visit mother-in-law, Mary Finsterwald. Also at the Wheeler Care Center were Tony Griffin (a new resident) and Doretta Moore. He may be there two months till his pelvic heals. Go by and see Tony. And pray for him. He is a fine fellow.

Ft. Elliott kids were entered in Wheeler's Little Dribbler's Tournament over the weekend. Thursday 3 & 4 grade girls beat Lefors but lost to Pampa. Friday they beat Wheeler, Lefors and Shamrock but lost again to Pampa to win second in the double elimination tournament. McLean was also in the tournament. Fifth and sixth boys got third in the tournament. Fifth and sixth girls and third and fourth boys didn't place. K-2 didn't play.

Glad to hear sister-in-law, Betty Fillingim, had come out of the coma-like unresponsiveness and was getting to go home. Seems like blood clots in her lungs were shutting off oxygen so she was barely alive. Once the blood clots were dissolved, she came back. Thanks to all, who prayed. Betty is a sister to Don Whately and Sydney Jackson. Betty is in rehab and can get out of bed and may get to go home this week. Keep praying for Betty. Sounds like a miracle.

Glenda Sell took her mom, Faye Sell, to Faye's home near Perryton for the weekend. First time Faye had gotten to go home since her fall that broke her leg below the hip in July. Faye has been in a care place in Amarillo and can see her son and wife, Garland and Sharon Sell, who live in Amarillo. Keep praying for Faye. She can't walk at all. Uses an electric wheel chair. Many friends came to see Faye, while she was home, but she had to go back Saturday night to Amarillo. Faye is a sister to Willa and Vea Fillingim.

Saturday night, nice to meet Betty (Garner) and John Sterner from Arapaho, Okla., at Maxeys. They planned to spend the night with Betty's sister and husband, Nell and Roy Bradstreet. First they planned to go to McLean to the Country Club Dance. Good exercise and fun. They also go to Durham and Elk City to dances. Sunday there was going to be a birthday party at McLean. They planned to attend. Lovely people. Betty is also a sister to Ruth Hoggard and Mary Hartley and Oleta Jones.

Also at Maxeys were Sid and Janet Parnell with Don and Esther Rader from Canadian and John and Barbie Long and Kimberly also from Canadian.

Also at Maxeys were Joe and Mary Weatherly with Nancy Reimer, Rodney and Debra Weatherly, Dustin Weatherly and boys, Jackie and Brenda Sparlin, Hiram and Darinda Begert, Gary and Linda Hall. Nice to have Glenn Williams eat with us. Carter was visiting a friend at Sayre.

Arlene Kirchoff shared this interesting recipe with me:

Crockpot Stew
1-1 1/2 lbs. ground round or hamburger meat.

Cook and stir in skillet till brown. Drain and put in crockpot.

Add in order, but don't stir:
1 onion chopped or 2 rounded tablespoons of dried onion flakes, sprinkle over.

3 cans minestrone soup
1 can pinto beans
1 can ranch style beans
1 can whole kernel corn
1 large onion chopped, sprinkled over

1 or more cans Rotel on top.
No other salt or seasonings. Cook 5 hours in crockpot on low. Do not lift lid or stir. Serve over cornbread to a big group or freeze smaller portions. Stir to served. Don't drain any of the vegetables. If in a hurry cook 3 hours on high.

Elva Wood's guests at Maxeys Saturday night were Tom and Laverne Joiner from Mangum and Ruth and Lonny Kenney.

Tom was in the class of 1943 at Kelton. Elva was teacher and class sponsor there. Each year in August, the class of 1943 gets together in Wheeler at a cafe. Tom has written two books of early days in Kelton area. The first one is "Golden Haze". Pretty interesting. Tom was nice enough to send me one sometime ago. He could be reached at 580-782-3603 or P.O. Box 87, Mangum, OK 73554-0387.

Reading the books reminds me of just how things were in early days of my life. Utility rates are high now, but I don't want to go back to coal stoves and dim kerosene lamps. The Joiners had been to a funeral at Sweetwater, Okla. Good to get to meet these lovely people.

We enjoyed going to Miami Fun Bunch Monday night, Feb. 26. Delicious meal and fun games. Hostesses were Barbara Alexander and Esther Bowers. Others there were Frank and Evelyn Heare, Carl and



Shirley Williamson, Sid and Betty Talley, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Glenn D. and Estelle Hodges, Lazell South, Joann Morgenstern, Twyla Taylor, Vera Noly, Vera Murphy, Evelyn Huff, Willis and Verna Fillingim, Gladys Smyth and Ina Pearson. Next meeting will be March 12 at 6:00 p.m. with Vera Murphy and Irene Shearer as hostesses. Visitors always welcome.

Pray for Myron Jolly, who was having gall bladder surgery Tuesday at Amarillo.

We are expecting Lance and LuJuana Caroland and Lucas from Lubbock for the weekend if the weather stays good and all stay well.

Nice to have a newsy letter from Cecil and Evelyn Reynolds. They have bought a nice trailer house in the country at Claremore, Okla, 74017. Address is 16353 S. Cedar Rd. Phone is 918-343-1639. Evelyn has four sisters and three brothers living in the area. Most of them go to the Church of God Sabbath Day, where Cecil and Evelyn go. They are trying to sell their 32 ft. 5th wheel camping trailer, 1997 model with one big slide out and 5 new tires for \$16,000. If anyone is interested. They are settling down and have a two year old mare. They said tell everyone "Hi." They miss us. Their house has been built onto.

So very sorry to hear of the death of Dean Keys, 50, of Allison in a wreck Thursday night. Karen Keys was his wife, children are Terry, Toby and Tina. Irene Keys is his mom. He was going home to Allison after helping Dan Gatlin when he had a wreck and flipped his pickup. Maybe avoiding a deer. There are so many deer.

Most of Irene Keys children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were out to the dinner and graveside services for Dean Keys at Allison Monday. Also Irene's sisters and brothers and some of Karen Keys family. Such a tragic death but good to see everyone. I always feel good to see ladies from the Baptist, Methodist and Pentecostal and Church of Christ all bringing food and visiting with the family and each other. A very delicious meal, bountiful. When a choir is needed, they all sing together to honor the deceased. Irene's family used to live near us. A fine family. We are so sorry about Dean.

J. P. and Martha Meek enjoy visits from Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and family. And had calls from Jimmy Sides and Shawn Everett, grandsons. Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Verna Abernathy in her death. Such a sweet little lady.

Heltons Together
Jeff and Brandi Helton and Amber, Hanna, David, Jonathan, Joseph and Michael from Abilene were at Wheeler Methodist Church Sunday. Jeff felt a call to ministry and he and Brandi spoke about their mission work, "Hearts for the Nations". Jeff went to Bogota in January to establish churches. Others there to honor and visit with Jeff's family and celebrate Tom Helton's 92nd birthday were Tom and Alice Bell Helton, Thomas and Martha Helton, Bill and Phyllis Helton from Amarillo (Jeff is their son), Joyce Smith of Sayre, Billy and LuJuana Crossland from Edmond, Okla., Gayle and Terry Lwallen and Shea, Sandy and Justin Rose, Chad and Kelley Helton and Caitlyn and Pastor Wayne and Sherry Sheffield.

Zybach Trip
Bob and Gena Zybach left Feb. 10 to go south to the coast for two weeks. They got back Friday, Feb. 23, about 3:00 p.m.

They enjoyed the warmth and visiting and relaxing. They had frozen many bottles of water ahead, so had their own water the whole time. They stayed at Port Isabell in a nice motel with a kitchen and big refrigerator

with freezer space so could keep water frozen till needed. They stopped at Marble Falls, going down, and at Stephenville on the way back, taking two days each way. Bob wanted to go deep sea fishing, but had gotten awfully sea sick one time. Someone told him eating gingersnaps and drinking gingerale would help prevent that. And it did! Nice to know that.

They enjoyed picking grapefruit at Laguna Vista. They got five 5-gallon buckets of grapefruit for \$20. So sweet and good. It has been very dry south of San Antonio. Nice to meet people from Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and many places. Most about their ages.

Audie's Birthday Party
Mrs. Audie Siviage was honored with a 98th birthday party at the Olaf Siviage home Saturday with many relatives. Dyers Barbeque at Pampa furnished the delicious brisket take-out picnic pack. Albertson's made the delicious German Chocolate and Italian Creme cakes. Yummy! Some there besides honoree and host, Olaf, were Gaye Hale, Elizabeth and Sarah Hale and David and Heather Hale and Sarah Beth, all from Canyon, Sue and Larry Snider from Houston, Amy and Brad Kline from Ft. Worth, Keri and Brant Bird from Abilene, Audie's sister, Mary Ruth Fryar from Roswell, George and Betty Vinson and Keith and Kathy Vinson and Caitlyn, 6, and Paige, 2, from Amarillo, Dane and Imogene Vinson and Larry from Sallisaw, Okla. They all had a great time together and the three little ones furnished entertainment and played together well. Happy birthday, Audie!
"God be with you till we meet again."

Shamrock's St. Patrick's Celebration March 16-18

Shamrock's 55th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration will be underway Friday, March 16, through Sunday, March 18, in Shamrock, Texas. The festivities begin on Friday night with the Annual Kick Off Banquet. The parade, Miss Irish Rose Pageant and Dance are on Saturday. Sunday's fun packed beginning with the Lad n' Lassie pageant. A Bull Buckout and Bull Fight (2:00 p.m., Shamrock Rodeo Grounds), featuring four World Champion Bull Fighters, will be the grand finale of an exciting and fun weekend.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the legendary Route 66. To many, Route 66 conjures up images of drive-in theatres, fast cars and great music. In honor of our little piece of this famous American highway, the St. Patrick's Association has brought back one of the Texas Panhandle's most popular bands of the 1960's. The Motifs, formerly the Velasquez Brothers, played dances for audiences all over the Panhandle in the mid to late '60's and are coming back home to entertain at Friday's Kick Off Banquet (6:30 p.m., Community Center) and Saturday's Dance (9:00 p.m., Community Center). The Motifs, now residing in Reno, Nevada, are one of Nevada's top show groups and will prove to be one of the most exciting, crowd pleasing groups you will ever see.

Join us in the Celebration March 16, 17 and 18. For more information, call the St. Patrick's Association at (806) 256-2501 or email stpats@shamrocktx.net.

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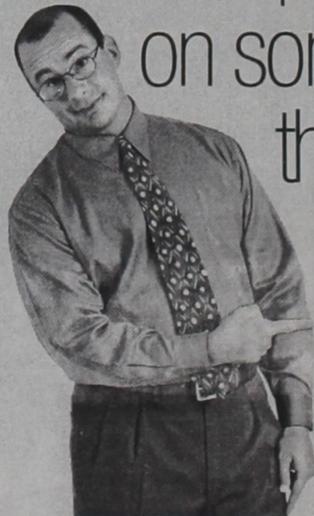


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Walking Across Texas 'Two Step Style'

Through a modest increase on daily activity most Americans can improve their health. Walk Across Texas is a program that persuades and motivates people of all ages to make that most important change... to get started. It is a program that is simple, inexpensive and safe. All you need is a team of eight people and a desire to get moving.

Teams do not really walk or ride together, although they may if they want to. Teams simply pool their mileage each week to work towards the chosen destination of South Padre Island on a map posted in the Extension Office and County Courthouse for people to check.

So, dust off your walking shoes and launder those walking shorts and prepare to join us in this 8 week journey across Texas.

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

2. Captain will complete a Team Registration Form in and send/Fax with registration fees of \$10.00 per member plus t-shirt sizes into the County Extension Office. Pre-registration is requested by March 23 with a final registration at the kickoff on March 30.

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

4. Fill out an Individual Registration Form and give to your captain. Captain completes one too. Captain sends all Individual Registration Forms to Extension Office by April 6.

5. Attend the kickoff located at the Wheeler County Courthouse on Friday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

6. Walking/biking/running start date is March 30 and finish date is May 25. Members may, walk together or individually.

7. Starting point on the Texas map is Wheeler and ending point is South Padre Island.

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

9. The captain and members will

record their mileage on the Individual Mileage Log between Friday and Thursday each week.

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

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

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

13. Many who are in Walk Across Texas want to control their weight. Members will receive a weekly letter with weight management information for 9 weeks during the program and three letters later in the year. For those who select weight control as a goal, please check your weight once a week and report on Individual Mileage Log and to captain the pounds lost. A scale will be available in the Extension Office or use one of your choice.

14. At the end of eight weeks, team members and their captain will complete Walk Across Texas Wrap-up and a weight management evaluation. Turn it in to the captain along with Individual Mileage Log by June 8. Captains will turn in the Captain Log, all Individual Mileage Logs, and Wrap-ups to the County Extension Office by June 10. Captains meeting the deadline will be eligible for a prize drawing at the Celebration and Awards Activity.

15. Recognition of winning teams will be held at the City Park.

16. Please contact the County Extension Office at 826-5243 if you have any questions.

Karen Tellman
FCS Agent
Wheeler County

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.

Facts About Windbreaks To Helps Cut Fuel Costs

An unprotected home loses much more heat on a cold, windy day than a home on an equally cold, still day. Infiltration or air leakage can account for as much as one third of heating losses in some buildings. Cold outside air flows through cracks around windows and doors, and even through pores in walls. Well located trees and shrubs can intercept the wind and cut your heating loss.

In addition, multiple row windbreak can:

* **Save Money**-The amount of money saved by a windbreak around a home will vary depending on the climate of the area, location of the home, and what the house is made of.

* **Save Fuel**-Studies of windbreaks show that windbreak can reduce winter fuel consumption by 10 to 30 percent.

* **Insulate**-Up to one third of the heat loss from a building may escape through the walls and roof by conduction.

* **Reduce Wind**-Studies of three row windbreaks, where trees were 25 feet tall, show that wind velocities and the wind chill index were effectively reduced.

* **Filter Air**-The height and density of windbreak trees determines the amount of air filtration they will provide. Windbreaks of two to five rows of trees and shrubs generally provide good filtration. Evergreen trees provide the best filtration year round. Low branching, deciduous trees can significantly filter the air and reduce wind speed during spring, summer, and fall months.

* **Protect**-Windbreaks will reduce wind velocity significantly to a distance 10 times the height of the trees. Thus a windbreak 30 feet high protects an area extending as far as 300 feet downwind. Maximum protection is provided within a distance five times the height of the trees.

* **Make Sense**-Cut fuel costs on your place today by planting a multiple row windbreak.

For more information or to obtain seedlings for multiple row windbreaks, contact the Wheeler Co. SWCD at (806) 826-3565. Also, a tree planter is available to rent for \$50.00 per day. If you are interested in reserving this equipment, please contact the Wheeler Co. SWCD.

Emergency Farm Loans Are Available Locally

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive heat occurring July 1, 2000, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices located in Wheeler and Clarendon.

Wheeler County is one of fourteen contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the heat and drought.

Larry J. Goetze, Farm Loan Manager said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2001, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly go over into the new farming season," Goetze said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA offices in Wheeler and Clarendon are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Wheeler office is located at 114 West Oklahoma and the Clarendon office is located at 321 Sully.

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ASSIGN.—Elliott Roosevelt Jr. to Calument Oil Company, 1-18-01, See Instrument.
RDT—CIBC Inc. to KCS Medallion Resources Inc., 2-13-01, See Instrument.

DT—Marshall E. Andis, et ux to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, 2-6-01, Lots 15-19 Blk. 11, Stanley's Sec. Add., Wheeler.

FTL—United States of America to William R. Dickey, et ux, 1-29-01.

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RDT—United States of America-FHA to Steven A. Copeland, et ux, 1-4-01, Pts. Outlot 26, Shamrock.

DVL—Melvin J. Canafax, et ux to Mark Lee Nail, et ux, 2-20-01, Lot 23, Blk. 7, Tarbet Add., Shamrock.

DT—Mark Lee Nail, et ux to State National Bank of Texas, 2-20-01, Lot 23, Blk. 7, Tarbet Add., Shamrock.

IDENTITY AFF.—Rhonda Ann Preston Graham to The Public, 1-30-01.

AFF.—Jacqueline Younger, et al to The Public, 1-30-01, 159 acs. W 1/2 W 1/2 Sec. 97, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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EXT. DT—Linda Woollard Coyne to National Bank of Commerce, 2-16-01, N 33' Lot 12 and the S 34' Lot 13, Blk. 64, WSSA, Shamrock.

OL—Anna Sue Williams McNett to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 12-12-00, Sec. 9, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Sec. 9, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Le Norman Energy Corporation to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-15-01, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CORR. MD—Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership to Nell Wraether Trust, 1-18-01, NW 1/4 Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL—Marian Frances Hefley to Steven G. Lamb, 2-22-01, Lots 19-21, Blk. G, Park Add., Wheeler.

DT—Steven G. Lamb to Amarillo National Bank, 2-22-01, Lots 19-21, Blk. G, Park Add., Wheeler.

RELEASE LIS PENDENS—Ibex Resources Company LLC to Sundown Energy Inc., 2-19-01.

D—Irene L. Rogers, et al to Gilman Franklin Rogers, et ux, 2-22-01, NE 1/4 Sec. 27, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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C/C MERGER—Brock Oil and Gas Corporation to Brock Exploration Corporation, 1-23-01.

C/C MERGER—Brock Exploration Corporation to Key Production Company Inc., 1-23-01.

QCMD—Blanche F. Barrymore to Blanche F. Barrymore Living Trust, 2-19-01, E 1/2 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and Sec. 29, Blk. R.E., Robert & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN.—RIM Nominee Partnership to Parks & Luttrell Energy Partners LP, 2-19-01, See Instrument.

EXT. DT—Elvie D. Williams, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 2-20-01, N 35' of Lot 5 and S 30' Lot 4, Blk. 66, WSSA, Shamrock.

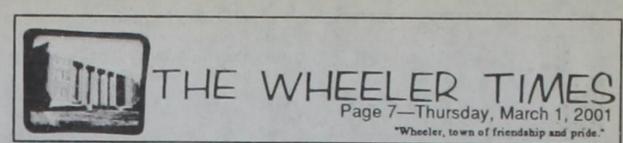
OPTION AGREEMENT—Bill Seeds to Herera Land Inc., 12-15-00, N 1/2 Sec. 17, Blk. L. J. M. Lindsey Survey.

PARTIAL RDT—Bank of Texas National Association to Elliott Roosevelt Jr., 2-15-01, See Instrument.

'Islander's' Track Meet

The Wheeler County Special Olympics "Islanders" will host a track in Wheeler on Saturday, April 7, 2001. Athletics from all over the Panhandle are coming to run, jump, throw and have a special good time.

If you can donate your time, goods or money, please call Mary Stevens in Shamrock at 256-8964 or Pat Childress in Wheeler at 826-0201. Many many volunteers are needed at all phases of this event.



Earl Tucker Services Are Feb. 23 at Buffalo, OK

Earl Tucker passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2001, in Mercy Health Center at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 9 days. Services were Friday, February 23, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in the Buffalo Baptist Church with Larry Parvin, officiating. Interment was in the Dempsey Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service, Sayre, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant twin sister, Margie and Margaret, as well as his other sisters, Alice Johnson, Bea Binion, Lizzie Holbrook, Mary Lee Dobbins, Francis Hunt and 1 brother, Horace Tucker.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne; 3 children, Tommy Tucker and wife, Nelda of Sweetwater, OK, Earlene Rose and husband, Henry Lee, of Bulo, OK, and Danny Tucker of Pampa; 5 grandchildren, Lisa Carey of Perkins, OK, Monte Tucker of Sweetwater, OK, Junita Rose and Justin Rose, both of Bulo, OK; Shane Tucker of Burns Flat, OK; 1 great-grandchild, Tyler Carey of Perkins, OK; his brothers, Billy Tucker and wife, Christine of Stillwater, OK, Moody Tucker and wife, Ruth, of Sacramento, CA, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lisa Tucker wrote the following poem for Earl's eightieth birthday.
PAPA'S HANDS
New Hands—arrive in 1917
Earl was born on the same farm which he operated until his death. He was very proud of what Buffalo Creek could produce under the guiding hands of a gifted and dedicated farmer.

Government Help Now Available For Heating

Is your heating bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC, has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

"The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help For Energy Bills Dept GHEB-1208, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org

USDA Funding Received By Panhandle Com. Serv.

Panhandle Community Services will receive a \$83,432 Housing Preservation Grant from USDA Rural Development announced Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas, including assisting qualified applicants with some of the housing needs.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Steven A. Carriker, State Director. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

For more information regarding Rural Development programs and eligibility requirements, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at (806) 468-8600, Extension 102.

ALLISON MENU

MONDAY, March 5, 2001 — FRIDAY, March 9, 2001

MONDAY
Breakfast: Ham, Egg Patty, Cheese on a Bagel, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Breadcrumbs, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream Sandwich, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Pancake Pups, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry, Pork Egg Rolls, Rice, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Hashbrowns, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Vegetable Beef Stew, Cheese Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Cornbread, Strawberry Short Cake, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Oats, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Turkey Roast, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Eclairs, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, Banana Nut Muffins, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Mini Corn dogs, Fries, Fruit, Milk
(Menu subject to change)

Young Hands—working hard learning the ways of a farmer's life

The stories Earl entertained with about his youth as a farm kid, who worked and played hard on the farm that his father, Smith, had purchased to move his family from Crewell, Texas. What those Tucker kids could think of could not be topped.

Learning Hands—At Sunny Point and Sweetwater High

Earl attended the Sunny Point School until it closed and finished his education at Sweetwater High School, graduating with the class of 1935. He attended OSU for a year. He was instrumental in the starting of the Sunny Point School Reunion held for several years on Memorial Day weekend.

Brave Hands—fighting for our country in World War II

Earl served with the Blue Devils of the 88th Infantry. He entered basic training at Ft. Sill on February 17, 1940. He saw front line duty for 374 days in Italy. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Five Battle Stars, Legion of Merit, Italian Medal of Valor and Outstanding Soldier Citation. He received a citation for a city in Italy that he helped liberate. He was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant on November 2, 1945.

Nervous Hands—taking a bride in '45

Earl married LaVerne Cox of Wheeler, Texas, at the Methodist Parsonage in Sayre, Oklahoma on December 15, 1945. They met at the roller skating rink in the Meridian School House. They celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with all their family at the Buffalo Baptist Church. They were married for 55 years.

Clumsy hands—handling new ones in '47, '50 and '58

Earl was a loving father of three children, Tommy, Earlene, and Danny. He was with them at rodeos, stock shows, ball games, horseback, motorcycles, and working on the farm.

Skilled Hands—driving the Model H

Earl farmed with mules, an International Model H, Model M, 706 and 1086. To sit a tractor and make a straight furrow was his ideal of heaven.

Dirty hands—with sweat and Western Oklahoma Soil

Earl always held the belief that this soil would grow anything if it had the water. He came in many a day with his shirt and overalls wet with sweat.

Rough Hands—with a tendertouch for a new granddaughter

Earl's five grandchildren were his delight. There was always time to play in the dirt, ride with him, or dress a doll. There was always time to follow those kids to the end of the earth. He had a well beaten path to the school houses to see every play.

Kind Hands—sharing love with Dolly and Smokey

Earl was always accompanied by a good dog and rode a good horse.

Big Hands—showing "I love you" to all the grandkids however it went deeper than that. He loved his neighbors, his church and his community. He was involved as a director for the Upper Washita Soil Conservation District, SWODA, and Federal Land Bank. He was to be a fifty-year Mason this year. He was a member of American Legion.

Calm Hands—never raised in anger

Clapping Hands—with Bulldog Pride

Earl was an avid basketball fan. He attended the Sweetwater Bulldogs games near and far. He followed the teams to the state tournament in 1993.

Strong Hands—patting PaPa's girl

He was a tower of strength and a kind hand. He was a helping hand. He was always there for family and friends.

Hands with Fingers—dialing the phone to tell a granddaughter a joke just to hear her giggle.

Earl had jingles and jokes by the dozens. He loved to call Lisa at college just to tell her a new joke. He couldn't wait to go to Keathley Corners to share a funny story with all his girls there. He loved to make people laugh and to laugh himself.

Loving Hands—for pats on the back

Large Hands—folded in prayer

Earl was deacon for the Buffalo Baptist Church for more than fifty years. His prayers are now answered for his hands are folded in rest. He is with the one he has prayed for for eighty years.

Baptist

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will receive a blessing by attending the services.

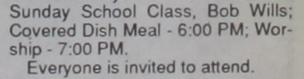
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:45 AM; Morning Worship - 11:00 AM; Evening Worship - 6:00 PM.

Monday: Noon Lunch - Ladies Sunday School Class, Tami Hargrove; Children's Night - 6:00 PM; Worship - 7:00 PM.

Tuesday: Noon Lunch - Adult III-B, Ed Hershman's Class; Youth Night - 6:00 PM; Worship - 7:00 PM.

Wednesday: Noon Lunch - Berean Sunday School Class, Bob Willis; Covered Dish Meal - 6:00 PM; Worship - 7:00 PM.

Everyone is invited to attend.



To be classified as brilliant, a diamond is cut so as to have 58 facets.

Chat

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CONGRATULATIONS, also, to the students named on the Wheeler High School Honor Roll. We have not, as yet, received the other honor rolls. We are proud of you.

Take note also of the number of basketball players named on the All-District Academic Honor Roll.

The First Baptist Church has a spring revival scheduled for the first part of the week. The name of the church was omitted from the ad last week. The calls received just prove the ads are read in the Times.

L. and F. Repair, Leona Coates, announces this week that she is closing the business and going to spend time with the relatives—children, grandchildren, etc. You will be missed, Leona, but enjoy yourself.

The Wheeler County Water Supply District has a townhall meeting scheduled at Shamrock Monday. If you have questions, here is a chance to get them answered.

We spent the first part of the weekend in OKC, arriving on Friday afternoon. Jennifer and Brice had to put up with us once again.

We returned Sunday morning to have dinner at Shamrock with Willetta Smith and Leroy and Rhonda Meriwether.

Bob managed to carry the team to a victory Monday evening despite the way his partner played. He managed to win the second and third game with me setting across the table from him. Dwight and Mike left no doubt as to who won the first game.

Hospital

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tion. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: Bob Dukes made motion to pay the bills.

Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statements and Statistics: Financial Statements and Statistics were reported by Mr. Robertson. Dave Britt made motion to approve the statements as presented. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Call Election for May 5, 2001 to elect three members to the Board of Directors. Terms of Dean Tipples, Briscoe District, Bob Dukes, Allison District and Jim Batton, Mobeetie District are up for election. Dave Britt made motion to call the election for May 5, 2001. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Quality Improvement Minutes: The Quality Improvement Minutes of the February 7, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Bob Dukes made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dave Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Executive Session: No business transacted.

Administrator's Report: (1) A lengthy discussion of sharing the expense of a paramedic with Shamrock General Hospital was held. The Board requested Mr. Robertson to meet with the ambulance service and the county regarding the equipment of the Wheeler Ambulance pertaining to a paramedic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Special Olympics Begin Activities Sat., Feb. 24

It has been a quiet winter! Not for Special Olympics! Special Olympics hasn't done much lately! NOT!

After participating in Bowling, the Islanders of Wheeler County have recently been practicing for Basketball and it paid off this last Saturday, February 24 in Pampa. The Islanders, in spite of losing a couple of team members to illness, brought home gold in their division. They will participate in Amarillo March 1 through 3, in the Regional Basketball tourney.

Through the support of many many volunteers by either their time or money, Special Olympics has continued to grow and thrive in Wheeler County. This April 7, the Islanders will play host to athletics from all over the Panhandle at a track meet to be held in Wheeler. This is a major event and once again, the Islanders will be asking for our terrific volunteers to assist with time, goods and money to make our track meet an A number 1 event like we go to in the towns. If you have

items for goody bags or can help in some other way, please contact Pat Childress in Wheeler or Mary Stevens in Shamrock.

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THANK YOU

I wish to thank all of the people in Wheeler and the surrounding area for the support they have shown for this business.

Frank and I opened up for business in 1966 as a repair shop in a building on the corner where Zodels Bar-B-Que is now.

We had a good business moving to our present location in 1968. We took on the RCA dealership in 1969 and the Zenith dealership in 1978. I wish to especially thank everyone for supporting me the last 2 years. I am going to close May 1, 2001 and enjoy my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Words cannot express my love and appreciation for the people of this area.

Leona Coates
L. & F. Repair

Wheeler Church of Christ

CONGRATULATIONS!

FT. ELLIOTT LADY COUGARS

and Coach Schaub

2001 DISTRICT AND BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS

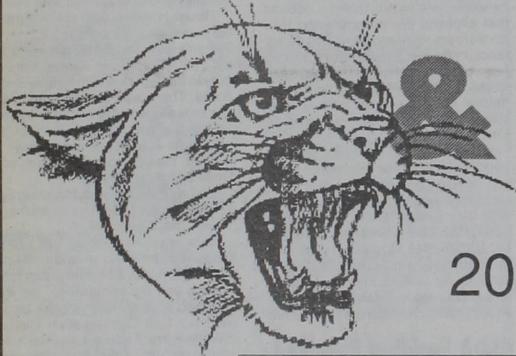


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Melissa Kephart
Tamera Hartline
Ashley Estes
Jocelyn Meek
Holly McCurley
Coach Russell Schaub

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Kirbie Kinnaman
Crystal Selby
Casey Zybach
Stephanie Baker
Julie Zybach
Kyleigh Trimble

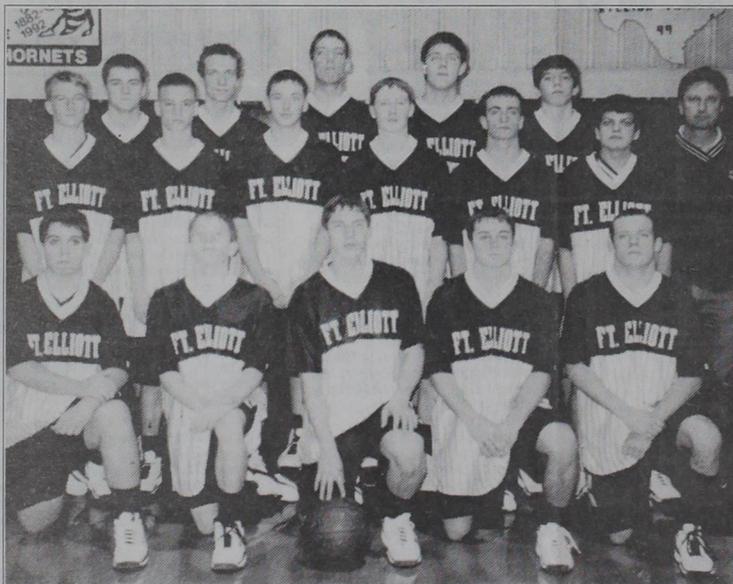
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Kenzie Watkins
Jackie Dukes



& COUGARS

and Coach Smith

2001 DISTRICT CHAMPS



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Daniel Schmid
John Butler
Lee Horn

Middle row (l to r)
Seth Meadows
Caleb Kirkpatrick
Richard Rowe
Jason Hathaway
Junior Newman
Charley Helton
Coach Curtis Smith

Front row (l to r)
George Helton
Wesley Hathaway
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