

# THE WHEELER TIMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

is "going on" in severe storms. This is

vital to forecasters at the NWS, who

use this information, along with

doppler radar, satellite and other data,

to provide the best severe weather

Each year, from mid February to

mid April, the NWS in Amarillo con-

ducts numerous Severe Storm Spot-

ter Training courses all across the

Amarillo County Warning Area (see

enclosed schedule). Each commu-

nity has a group of volunteers who

serve as NWS Skywarn Spotters.

These volunteers are usually com-

posed of individuals involved with lo-

cal government, such as Emergency

Managers, law enforcement, and fire

departments. In some communities,

members of the general public also

serve as Skywarn Spotters. All NWS

spotters have one thing in common.

All have attended a Spotter Training

Rites Read Friday For

**Robert Cosper Of Pampa** 

Robert Cosper, 89, of Pampa, died

Wednesday, February 28, 2001. Ser-

vices were at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2,

2001 in Carmichael-Whatley Colo-

nial Chapel with Don Stone, minister

of White Deer Church of Christ, and

Bill Morrision, minister of Wheeler

Church of Christ, officiating. Burial

was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery

under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

15, 1911, at Meridian, Texas. He

married Ruby Mae Dillard on Decem-

ber 16, 1933, at Memphis, Texas;

she preceded him in death on Janu-

ary 18, 1944. He later married Drusilla

Rodecape on May 24, 1997, at

He worked for Natural Gas Pipe-

line Company of America for 35 years,

retiring in 1976. He was a former

Mr. Cosper was born November

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warning service to the public.

Single Copy 50c "Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Land Needed

## Turkey Season Opens In April



The date for the election to fund the feasibility study for Sweetwater Creek Dam has been set for Saturday, May

-cwe-If you have an opinion on this subject, inform us of your objections.

-cwe-Also scheduled for that day are the city, hospital and school elections. -cwe-

And, the Chamber of Commerce will have their Annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Car Show. -cwe-

Congratulations to the Mustang Golfers! The young men took first solace honors at Wellington.

Congratulations to the Eighth Grade Girls' Track Team! We had some first places there.

-cwe-Our weekend activities included a trip to OKC and Sunday dinner at the Meriwether's Hinton home.

-cwe-Jennifer and Brice had to make a trip to Kentucky and their 'luck' with their luggage remains the same. Their clothes did not arrive in time for the wake that they had to attend. Their record is problems with three of the three flights they have made.

It was cards as usual Monday night. We ranged from four to six players. Winners for the evening were Mike, Larry and Dwight. Barbara, Jerry and Lonly had one game in the win column; we were lucky to have it. -cwe-

### **Local Lions Schedule Day Will Collect Eyeglasses**

Monday, March 12 from 3-6 P.M. at Thriftway Grocery. The Wheeler Lions Club is sponsoring a White Cane Day. We are not asking you to buy anything we are just wanting you to bring in your old eyeglasses. We can use eyeglasses, frames or even lenses. We send them to a recycle distribution center for the Ligns Club. They are then shipped to foreign countries and distributed to those in need who are less fortunate than us. We need your old eyeglasses!

Thanks, Frances Dickey, Pres.

### Wheeler Economic Bd. Calls Hearing Mar. 15

The Wheeler Economic Development Co. will hold a Public Hearing for the 2001-2002 Budget, March 15, 2001 at 6:45 pm at City

### Fourth 6-Weeks **Allison Honor Roll**

Pre K: Monti Sappenfield, Zane

K: Jade Forward, J. W. Goldsmith 2nd Grade: Grant Archer, Michael Bray, Vicky Goldsmith, Matt Kiker 4th Grade: Leslie Archer, Kara Lane 8th Grade: Kendra Sappenfield 9th Grade: Kellen Bush, Laura Lohberger, Raven Sappenfield 10th Grade: Chelsea Archer, Bronwyn Dukes

11th Grade: Heather Boydston 12th Grade: Kendra Lane

A's & B's: 3rd Grade: Jeremy Kliewer 4th Grade: Kelsi Minick

5th Grade: Cody Dupont 6th Grade: Allison Bray 8th Grade: Jason Boydston, Russell

Lohberger 9th Grade: Katie Donaldson 10th Grade: Sammy Case 11th Grade: Cody Case, Rachel Chupp, Alicia Lohberger

12th Grade: Sabrina Chupp, Monty Donaldson, Terry Keys, Tucker

### Hospital Notes

Old Admissions Estelle Orr

Virginia Frye Ruth Ledbetter Verne Lohberger Ardie Martin

Hyland Weaver

**New Admissions** Ruth Hoggard Sammie Atherton Hyland Weaver

Levie Sheegog **Dismissals** Donald Lucas Levie Sheegog Lillian Bailey

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is seeking farmers, ranchers or land owners willing to lease their land for the hunting of turkeys. The project has been an annual event since 1988 and offers the individuals an opportunity to earn extra money for the use of their land.

Turkey season this year is April 7 thru May 13.

Landowners receive payment for each hunter on their land. The hunters are screened and sign liability releases. The number of hunters on an individual piece of land is determined by the bird population. Five farmers and ranchers participated in the hunt last year, representing 4,400 acres of land.

The Wheeler area has an abundance of wild turkeys and the annual turkey season draws the attention of hunters from over the nation. Wheeler hosted 7 hunters from over the nation last year and has received national coverage over the past years through magazine newspaper articles.

At the present time 10 hunters have registered for this year's hunt. More hunters are expected to register between now and turkey season. Several of these are repeats from last year. The inquiries and/or hunters have come from South Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, Minnesota and Missouri.

With depressed live stock prices this would be an excellent opportunity for an alternate income for farmers and ranchers. Last year farmers and ranchers were paid 1,755 dol-(Continued Page 2)

**Dinner Theater** Wheeler High School One Act Play Cast

### The Lottery"

presents

Thursday, March 8, 2001 Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Play Presentation at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at

Wheeler Realty, Wheeler Banking Center,

Wheeler ISD Business Office Advance Tickets - \$6.00

### Tickets at the door - \$7.00

### Wheeler Elementary Fourth Six-Weeks 'A' & 'A & B'

G. Verden.

All A Honor Roll First Grade—Tanzia Joyce Brown, llene Romane Butler, Aidee B. Emiliano, Tayt Stacy McCasland, Kallen Marion Moore, Mary Katherine Murphy, Marvin Alexis Nava

Second Grade—Caitlyn M. Burch,

### Fourth 6-Weeks Ft. Elliott Honor Roll

Kindergarten: All A's-Brandon Hathaway, Kathy Kelley, Tyler Schaub, Tracy Winter, Emily Wyant; All A's & B's- Houston Barr, Derrick Hungate

First Grade: All A's-Jade Hathaway, Andrea Martinez, Kinslie Ralston: All A's & B's-Jayton Bell

Second Grade: All A's-Dawson Clark, Sarah Horn, Karen Kelley, Kory McLaughlin, Alexis Zybach; All A's & B's- Davis Corse, Carl Jahnel, Roland Newman, Adrian Reis, Chelsea Selby, Ailene Wyant

Third Grade: All A's-Pate Alls, Blake Baker, Colbey Hanson, Karly Lovelace, Felicia McCarty Cody Selby

Fourth Grade: All A's-Bailey Estes, Hailey Estes, Sarah Hathaway, Megan Horn, Stormi Lancaster, Amber Maddox, Kaylie Ralston, Kayleigh Schaub; All A's & B's- Brandon Finsterwald, Veronica Hungate, Morgan Lane, Tisha McLaughlin

Fifth Grade: All A's-Jordan Alls, Mayci Meadows, Tommy Meek, Chance Newman; All A's & B's-Michael Bell, Nathan McLaughlin, Crystal Pigg, Isaac Wyant

Sixth Grade: All A's & B's-Calvin Lane

Seventh Grade: All A's-Blaine Baker, Gradon Schaub, Kelsey Zybach; All A's & B's- Jake Puryear, Alicia Reis, Sarah Zybach

Eighth Grade: All A's-Steven Kephart; All A's & B's- Andrea Hathaway, Tamara Hefley, Justen

Nineth Grade: All A's & B's-George Helton, Holly McCurley, Junior Newman

Tenth Grade: All A's-Tamera Hartline, Wesley Hathaway, Jocelyn Meek, Kade Zybach; All A's & B's-Larry Lee Horn, Jason Hathaway, Seth Meadows

Eleventh Grade: All A's-Stephanie Baker: All A's & B's-Monty Hand, Aaron Hartline, Justin Hefley, Amanda Mick, Casey Zybach

Twelfth Grade: All A's-Ashley Estes, Nathan Hefley, Kirbie Kinnaman, Kyleigh Trimble; All A's & B's- Carolan Aycock, Charly Helton, Richard Rowe, Daniel Schmid, Rusty Sloat, Julie Zybach

## **2001 Storm Spotter Training Class** To Be Offered At Mobeetie Tonite

The National Weather Service will conduct a 2001 Spotter Training class on March 8, 2001 at Mobeetie, TX from 6 PM - 8 PM at the Fire Station. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

The primary mission of the National Weather Service (NWS) is to protect property and save lives by issuing timely statements, watches and warnings. The National Weather Service Office in Amarillo has forecast and warning responsibility for the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, which is known as their "County Warning Area".

Severe thunderstorms result in millions of dollars in damage, each year across the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Injuries and fatalities may also occur, primarily during the severe weather season, which typically runs from April through June.

The National Weather Service depends heavily on information received from trained storm spotters, during episodes of severe weather. These Skywarn Spotters serve as the "eyes and ears" of the NWS, providing realtime, ground truth reports as to what

### Ann "Annie" Pitcock, 97 **Graveside Rites Monday**

Ann "Annie" Pitcock, 97 died Thursday, March 1, 2001, in Decatur.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Monday in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler. Arrangements were by Hawkins Funeral Home of Bridge-

Mrs. Pitcock was born in Elk City, Okla. She was a former resident of Pampa and Wheeler and the former owner of Ann's Beauty Shop. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wheeler, a past member of the American Business Women's Association, and past president of the Moose Lodge Women.

She married Homer Pitcock in 1935, at Sayre Okla. He preceded her in

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Rhine of Paradise; a stepson, Kenneth Pitcock of Mobile, Ala.; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grand-

Spencer A. Ford, Michael Collin

Hampton, Shawna M. Hampton, Jer-

resident of Fritch, moving to Pampa in 1992. While in Fritch, he was an elder of Fritch Church of Christ, and he was currently a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Beaver and Jettie Anderson; and a stepson, Jim Wil-

Survivors include his wife, Drusilla, of the home; two daughters and sonsin-law, Janette and Darrel Cathey of White Deer and Patricia and Ed Forrester of Wheeler; two sisters, Ines Hardeman and Oma Griffin, both of Jay, Okla.; a stepson and wife, Elmer D. and P. J. Wilson of Pampa; four grandsons, John Cathey of Grapevine, Dan Cathey of Pampa, Curtis Forrester of Carrollton and Gary Don Forrester of Broken Arrow, Okla; and eight great-grandchildren.

#### The family requested memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

The Wheeler County Islanders spent March 2, 3, 4 in Amarillo participating in the SO Regional Basketball Tournament and the result was a win in their division to receive a Gold medal. With 4 teams in their division (divisions are ranked according to age and ability) the Islanders played 3 different teams to finally win Sun-

day morning by a 4 point margin. Coaches Mary Stevens and Dale Ford and many parent/sponsors, cheered on these hard working players: P. J. Ford, Teresa Soto, Cole Nall, Diana Risner, Otis Stuart, and Amanda Childress. Cole Nall played in a Media Game Friday night as the

Islanders representative. After playing and winning two games Saturday, the Islanders attended a dinner and dance Saturday night then returned to competition Sunday moining for their final victory. After the awards ceremony Sunday, they cel-

ebrated in Amarillo with a luncheon

before returning home. Islander, Amanda Childress was also being filmed during the Tournament for a documentary about Special Olympics athletics to be aired later this Spring. The documentary will also include footage to be shot at the Islanders upcoming track meet in Wheeler on April 7.



Team. They are (I. to r.) Gavin McQueen, Raymond Gentry, Dee Alston, Dirk

## Golf Team Wins First At Wellington Meet

The Wheeler Mustang Golf Team won first place honors at the Wellington Golf Tournament this past weekend. Only nine holes were played due to the weather.

Brad Frame and Dee Alston each shot a 41. Raymond Gentry shot a 42. Dirk Chapman shot a 43 and Gavin McQueen shot a 49 for a team total of 167.

Cassi Brown was first in the 800 at

The Wheeler eighth grade girls

entered the track meet at Wellington

this past weekend. Ten young ladies

Lindsey Lewis-first, 1200 meter

run and 800m run; Savannah Hamp-

ton-sixth, shot put; Leslie Weaver-

fifth, 1200 meter run; Rachel

Howard-fifth Discus: Saharay

Barboza-fifth, 200 meter dash;

Amanda Bond-third, shot put and

fourth, Discus; Charlie Monroe-

fourth 400m dash; Savanna Shipp-

Third, 800m run and 400m dash; Sue

Hernandez-fifth 800m run; Leslie

The 800m relay team placed fourth.

Weaver-sixth, 400 m dash.

participated with three first places.

Results are as follows:

2:43.22 and won the 400 with a time

### Track Teams Enter Rocket Relays honors in the 3200 with 12:01.53.

The Wheeler Mustang Track Teams participated in the Rocket Relays at Wellington last weekend. The boys' team placed sixth overall; with the help of Justin Chapman who won both the 300 hurdles (41.20) and 110 hurdles.

Also placing on the boys team was Wheeler's Cory Jewell, 1600, third at



PRINCESS: Carissa Dukes of Briscoe has been nominated by the Campus Services to be a princess to the WTAMU University Formal. She will be escorted by Eric Hall of Canadian. She is the daughter of Bevard and Diane Dukes of Briscoe and granddaughter of Bob and Gena Zybach of Briscoe and Nelda Dukes of Allison. Carissa was on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

#### Team members are Shanna Horton, Rachel Howard, Saharey Barboza and Savannah Hampton. The 1600m relay team placed first. Team members are Savanna Shipp, Lindsey Lewis, Charlie Monroe and Sue Hernandez. **Local Cattlemen Eligible**

Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

For Government Help

LAP, administrated by F.S.A., provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties, who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo, when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber or the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/ publications;facts;html/lap01.htm\_or contact the local USDA Service Cen-

Wheeler County is listed as one of the 239 counties.

### **Special Olympics Meet** Set For Wheeler April 7

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.

#### emy D. Horton, James D. Hubbard, Omar R. Lopaz, Kaylee J. Marion, Mariah D. Marshall, Monty J. McCasland, Carla Mendoza, Jaten T. Moore, Chris D. Schubert, Zachary

Third Grade-Joshua C. Hardcastle, Nicholas C. Hardcastle, Joshua G. Henson, Jessica D. Hubbard, Tracy N. Keelin, Taylor D.

Fourth Grade-Kelby Vise, Chandler Lane Osborne

Sixth Grade-Lauren Michelle Fite Seventh Grade-Joshua D. Britt, Samantha A Chapman, Lezli J. Finsterwald, Heather M. Hampton

Eighth Grade-Rachel Ann

Howard, Lindsey Sue Lewis, Landon Craig Sams A & B Honor Roll First Grade-Brett Michael Johnson, Paige Nicole Jones, Genaro

J. Mendoza, Gabriela A. Menefield, Victoria Watson, Timothy R. Padron, David A. Ramirez, Kasie D. Ramirez, Deldra Lynn Salas Second Grade-Payton P. Austin, Billy R. Dyer, Leslie N. Erwin, Tania N. Flores, Kenneth Gallegos, Zane E. Kuehn, Mayra J. Martinez,

Lynnesa E. Salas, Rolando F. Salas, Gladis Zapata Third Grade—Eduardo A. Chavez, Aaron S. Gaines, Darren L. Gaines, Danna Gallardo, Cesar A. Gonzalez, Macie L. Miller, Braden B. Moore, Bailey R. Richardson, Adam Demencio Robles, Sara E. Salazar, Kaycee M. Swift, Jonathan Rafael

Adrian Mendoza, Karen Mendoza,

Fourth Grade-Diana J. Corral, Peggy Jean Ford, Cassy Adam Jewell, Blake Andrew Randels, Stefan Miles Tucker

Fifth Grade-Jake Daniel Benefield, Caleb Dale Gaines, Kenla Gallegos, Aspen Lace Hathaway, Arron Chace Horton, Tyler Brice Richardson, Veronica Salazar, Jen-

Sixth Grade-Cole F. Browning, Cord Scott Gray, Jonathan Cole Hampton, Ryan J. Henson, Samuel Benjamin Hillhouse, Dalila Mendoza, Brentney S. Taylor Seventh Grade-Timothy T.

Andris, Bo G. Compton, Lisa J'Shay

McCasland, Tyler A. McWhorter,

Derek L. Murray, Katie L. Richardson Eighth Grade-Saharay Chystal Barboza, Cameron James Burton, Hector M. Emiliano, Jose Guadalupe Flores, Savannah Elaine Hampton, Jarrod Gilbert Haning, Sugey J. Hemandez, Savanna Kaye Shipp, Yuridia Soto, Jandie Faye Taylor

BLARREN ISLANDERS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Back row: (I to r) Dale Ford and Mary Stevens. Second row: (I to r) Cole Nall, Teresa Soto, Amanda Childress, P. J. Ford. First row: (I to r) Otis Stuart and Diana Risner.

Ephesians 2: 16, 18 & 20: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain

the enmity thereby; For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. And are built upon the foundation

of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner A beautiful Monday morning here

in Allison with bright sunshine, the wind is calm, early this morning.

My son, Jerry, of Amarillo came down last Tuesday and took care of a little job or two for me. I wasn't really expecting with the weather beginning to get bad. He was here when I got home from Ladies' 10 o'clock Prayer Meeting. We had dinner together and then he left right away after we were through eating to beat the bad weather that was already coming in. It was good to have him for a short visit. He did get back to Amarillo before it got

Ruby Craig and Rhonda McWhorter took Wilma Gilmer to Amarillo last Monday, February 26, for a doctor's appointment with Dr. Burns, the heart doctor. He said her heart was okay. They also visited Lisa and Calvan Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory while in Amarillo, and they ate dinner at the Golden Corral.

Vance and Caroline Boydston's house quest was their son, Kyle. He came on Friday and went back Saturday. Kyle is from Roswell, N.M.

Opal, Juanita, Clifton and Louise Boydston and Pearl Harrison attended the funeral of Kevin Bodkin last Monday at the Church of Christ at Canadian. Others going from Allison were Janice Boydston, Charlette Helms and Juanita Bricker, SaRita Green from Binger, Okla also attended the funeral. Kevin was the stepson of

Dale Helms, Charlette and Janice brother. Last Friday Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra spent Friday night with Opal and Juanita.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Pampa last Friday for Billy to see the eye doctor. They also ate dinner at Furr's Cafeteria to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Sunday dinner guests with Roma and Billy were Thursia Poindexter from Cheyenne,

Peggy Chandler's house guest for a few days are Me'vin and Betty Sue Stinnette from Buena Vista, Colo. They were all dinner guests with Brad and Sue Chandler on Sunday.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer went to

Amarillo last Thursday for Pete's last radiation treatment with the doctor. They spent Thursday and Friday night with Becky and Jeannie Gilmer. Others there on Friday night were Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew from Lefors. They all attended a Children's United Pentecostal rally on Friday night at the Calvary Tabernacle in Amarillo. Andrew took part in the program. Pete and Margaret came home Saturday, Margaret's sister, Dorothy Ogle visited with Margaret last Mon-

Pearl Harrison's last Thursday supper guests were Clifton and Louise Boydston. Friday night supper guests

# with Pearl were Louise, Cheryl MAXEY'S STEAKHOUSE

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Dupont, Cody and Jeremy Kliever. Darrel Harrison visited his mom, Pearl, a while Friday afternoon before going back to the farm.

Johnnie Harrison spent Friday afternoon with me. Pearl came and visited a short while also. I walked down to my sister's, Wilma Gilmer's and visited her a while Saturday af-

ternoon. It was a nice day for a change Pearl's Sunday dinner guests were Hershel Sanford, Pastor McDaniel anc Cheryl Dupont.

Edna May's weekend guests were Dean and Linda Lieb from Stinnett. They did several jobs around her place and also in the house for Edna. and then they took her to church on Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church at Allison. Edna had a good weekend.

Harold and Elena Walker spent last weekend in Enid, Okla., with their daughter and family, Michelle and Trevor Richardson, and Colon. These grandbabies seem to have some kind of drawing power on grandparents.

The First Baptist church of Allison was host for the Gospel Singing last Sunday night for the churches of the area of Wheeler County that includes Allison, Mobeetie, Gageby Community and Briscoe Community. The first Sunday night of every month they have it at one of these churches. The Reydon church visited last Sunday night at the church here. Said they had a good crowd as well as good

The United Pentecostal church of Allison is having a singing Sunday morning with some special singers and musicians beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

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

A boiled sweet in England is what Americans know as hard candy.

Christopher Columbus is honored on different days in different parts of the world. Columbus Day is October 12 in

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mrs. Rhonda J. Girdley of Wheeler, TX Methodist Church in Wheeler, TX.

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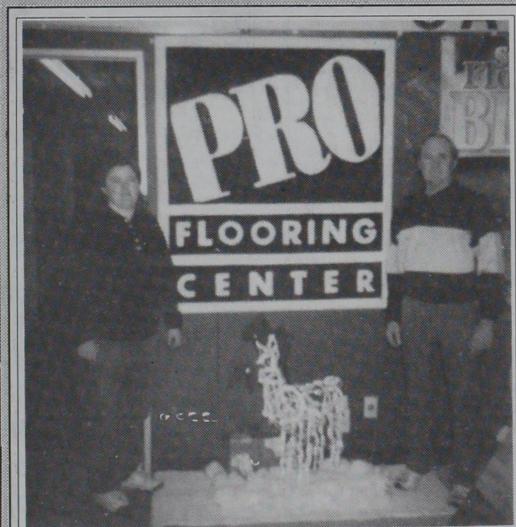
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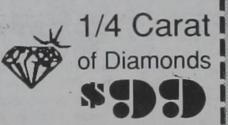
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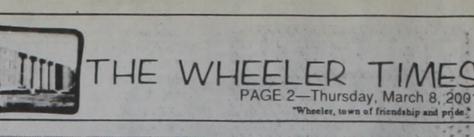
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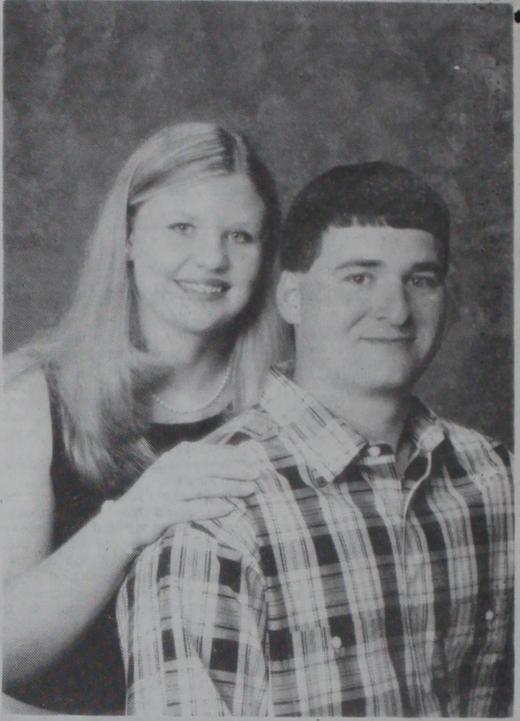
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announces the engagement of her daughter, Courtney Elizabeth Girdley to Randy Heath Finsterwald of Wheeler, TX, son of Amy Guest of Hereford, TX and Bill and Tonya Finsterwald of Mobeetie, TX. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Steven James Girdley. Her grandparents are James and Delores Girdley of Athens, Alabama, Barbara Beard of Wheeler, TX and the late Samuel G. Beard. Courtney is attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. The prospective groom is the grandson of Doris Finsterwald of Mobeetie, TX, the late Jack William Finsterwald and Ed and Luella Watts. He is a graduate of Ft. Elliott High School, Briscoe, TX and received an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is manager of the Thriftway Store in Wheeler, TX. The wedding is planned for June 9th at the United

### My Flower Lady

By: Lorena g. Males

It's time to get the seed catalogues and make an order and when I do I'll think lovingly of my grandmotherwe all called her Muner Conley-Her full name was Eva Hiatt Savage

She was an early day career girl. Long before any other woman had a job she helped to run our store at Hammon. Conley and Savage, General Mercantile.

But her main career was her flower

She came to Oklahoma Territory with her husband, E. F. Savage and her only son, Eugene Bernard Savage. They came to file on free land, seeking a better life, and a good new home with flowers.

Three of her brothers also came to Oklahoma Territory. They all four settled side by side in a community near Hammon, that was nicknamed Yankee Front

She had eight grandchildren and she made flowers a part of our lives. On Mothers Day we'd get all dressed up and go by her house on the way to Sunday School. She'd

have a red rose to pen on each of us. On Decoration Day, (now called Memorial Day) she took us with her to the cemetery and since we had so many kin lying in the Red Hill Cemetery near Hammon, she'd make a list. No one was forgotten. All the kin had a flower.

III people could depend upon a bouquet from her flower garden! She'd deliver it on foot, herself. (Women her age didn't drive cars.)

I treasure the memory of watching my grandmother plant her flower garden. I wanted to help her but I didn't have her green thumb. She'd take a whole day from the store to plant her garden. Otherwise she was always at

The flowers were a blaze of glary in the summer time. My grandmother would sit on her front porch and watch the race of man go by. If some traveler turned his eyes to admire her garden she was supremely happy for her mission in life was to work hard to make a living and have a little fun time for flowers.

### Land

(from Page 1) Darrel Gaines and Robert Ford are the chamber representatives for the turkey hunt. Any landwoner or individual needing more information on the hunt or leasing may contact the

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce. The

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## MOBEETIE By: Melba Corcoran

Charlotte Coward spent part of last week in Amarillo in the hospital. She got home Tuesday. She is having trouble with the kink in her stomach. She is on a very limited diet. They told her if she has another spell with it they would do surgery. Remember her in your prayers. Dianne Jones is staying with her for a few days. Dianne has moved to Mobeetie and is living with her brother Dennis and Frannie Hilburn for a while.

The report on Dale Corcoran is his heart is normal. We were thankful for that report

Tuesday night and Wednesday saw sleet and some snow. Mostly sleet. Thursday everyone was glad to see the sun come out.

Bernice Hefley has to take treatments on her hip. She goes to Pampa to have the treatments. She went Thursday for another treatment.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster got their days changed so they are coming to Mobeetie on Thursday and Friday again. Aaron's days at work was changed back to where it had been for years.

Dale Corcoran went to Pampa

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Breakfast: Waffles, Syrup, Juice, Milk Lunch: Hamburger Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bu. Toast, Fruit, Milk

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Lunch: Pig n/Blanket, Cheese Stick, Blackeye Peas, Salad, Brownies, Milk THURSDAY Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits,

Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, w/Trim-

mings, French Fries, Ice Cream/W Strawberries, Milk FRIDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, Juice, Milk Lunch: B.B.Q. on Bunn, Cheese, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Cookies, Menu is subject to change.

Thursday to the eye doctor. He can not adjust to glasses and went to get an Rx for contacts.

Pierce Walker is back in the Care Center following his stay in the hospital in Amarillo. He is still having problems. Remember him in your prayers.

Elva Ring had surgery in Amarillo. She will be going on dialysis. Remember her in your prayers.

XYZ met at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Friday night. Verna Fillingim brought the program. Estelle Hodges was the birthday person for March. Melba Corcoran took blood pressures. Following the meaigames of 42 and Chickenfoot. Those attending were Marion Grimes, Doris Finsterwald, Lorene Rector, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, J. P. and Martha

Melba Corcoran. Bill and Dutch Elliott came down Friday to the Museum. Bill and Dutch Elliott and Dale and Melba Corcoran

went to Wheeler for dinner. Augusta Brown of Pampa visited Friday with Dale Corcoran at the

musewn. Eddie and Gail Moke of Amarillo

spent the weekend with Glen D. and

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Meek, Willis and Verna Fillingim, Glen D and Estelle Hodges, and Dale and

Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson went to Shamrock Sunday and took Bulah Stuart to dinner at Mitchell's. Then they visited in Wheeler with Eddie and Amy Richardson.

Estelle Hodges.

Randy Stuart and family got moved from Longview to Kyle, TX.

Leola Stuart took Gladys Richardson to Elk City, OK on Monday for her doctor's report. She will go Friday to see the surgeon. Remember her in your prayers.

Bob Aycock is home from the hospital in Albuquerque. He will be going back for surgery in March.

Those from Mobeetie attending the singing at Allison Sunday night were Chuck and

Louise Hogan, Doris Finsterwaid, Bob Meller, Marion Grimes and Glen D. and Estelle

Hodges. Darren Grimes and Karen Snyder of Lubbock visited over the weekend with his grandparents Doyle and Bulah Grimes and in Wheeler with his mother Katherine and Harold Jones and his grandmother Lucille Underwood.

Doris Whaley went to Shamrock Tuesday for more tests at the doc-

Doug and Aline Corse went to Amarillo Tuesday for Aline's doctor appointment.

Orville Greenhouse visited with her Niece Alvern Hutchinson.

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Rector went to Pampa Tuesday on business and shopping.

breakfast with Orville Greenhouse on

### Doyle Greenhouse of Dumas ate Old Mobeetie Texas Assoc. Holds Meeting

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association held their regular monthly meeting March 1, 2001 with Dale Corcoran

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MAX McQUEEN P.O. Box 754 Wheeler, TX in charge of the meeting. Don Burke opens the meeting with prayer. Dale turned the meeting over to Carolan Aycock and Pam Jones. They presented a presentation of the cut outs and ideas for her earning the Gold Award in scouts. Carolan will be do-

ing 50 hours of work on the project. There were no minutes due to ab-

sent of President. Louise Hogan gave the financial report. Motion by Melba Corcoran and second by Dutch Elliott to accept the report as given.

Melba Corcoran gave the visitors report as 80 for February with 12 from out of state.

Louise Hogan gave the volunteer hours as 213.5 for February. Melba Corcoran reported that 13,579 work sheets has been com-

pleted with 29,928 items. Louise Hogan gave the web site report we had 15,012 hits in February with an average of 536 hits a day.

We have had hits from 45 foreign countries. There were three new items added to the site this week. It is being updated regularly.

Spraying the grounds and trees were discussed. Joe VanZandt has been checking into what we need to use. They plan on spraying just as soon as the weather permits.

Joe VanZandt made a motion to change the checking account into an interest bearing account. Second by Bill Finsterwald. Carried.

Workday was set for March 24. It was suggested that we have a meeting on the restrooms and a mini workday to pick up limbs before regular workday. The date will be determined

by the weather. Jimmy Hill made a motion to order 50 copies of the Video "The Panhandle Story" that was made by Dale Imel and Bobbye Hill. Second by Bill Elliott. They will be for sale by the museum. The video is a short history on our area and some of the items in

our museum. It is 28 minutes long. Motion by Bill Elliott and second by Louise Hogan to give Dale Imel a clock with a plaque for his time and effort on the video, which he donated, to the museum. Carried. Don Burke showed what he had done with one of the clocks. He put the clock in wood plank with brands and barbwire on the wood. It really set the clock off.

It was announced that the TAM meeting in San Antonio is April 4 to 7. Those attending were Bill Finsterwald, David Seitz, Joe VanZandt, Pam Jones, Carrolan Aycock, Louise Hogan, Bill and Dutch Elliott, Don and Willene Burke, and

Dale and Melba Corcoran. **OLD JAIL** 

Thursday Melba Corcoran worked at the museum typing cards for some of the pictures. Friday, Bill and Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran worked at the museum. Bill Elliott ran the vacuum cleaner. Dutch worked on pulling pictures out of files and sorting archives. Melba typed cards for the pictures. Louise Hogan worked at home typing

cataloging cards.
Friday, Melba Corcoran worked at indexing the pictures.

Monday we had a tour of 10th grader home schooled students from Amarillo to tour the museum. There were 9 students and 2 adults. Dale Corcoran, Louise Hogan and Bob Bull conducted the tour.



Events for the week: March 8—Boys golf at Booker. Fort Elliott Little Dribblers Tournament.

One Act Play Practice. March 9-Fort Elliott Little Dribblers Tournament and One Act Play

Practice. March 10-Fort Elliott Little Dribblers Tournament and One Act Play

.March 12—Girls golf at Shamrock Start of Spring Break.

March 13—Boys golf at Shamrock

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course, from a NWS representative, at least once within the last two years.

(from Page 1)

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) PN Resources, Inc., #1069 J. P. Meek, Sec. 69, M-1, H&GN, spud 1-3-01, drlg. compl 1-5-01, tested 2-5-01, TD 11706', PBTD 11699' -- Form 1 in Sonat Exploration HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Prize Operating Co., #4023 Petree, Sec. 23,1,1&GN, spud 7-18-00, drlg. compi 1-16-00, tested 1-15-01, potential 17500 MCF, TD 12910',

ROBERTS (GILL RANCH Brown Dolomite) Seagull E&P, Inc., #1-16 Gill, Sec. 16,44, H.R. Gill spud 8-1-00, drlg. compi 8-8-00, tested 8-26-00, potential 1800 MCF, TD 12150', PBTD 8614' -- Plug-Back WHEELER (BRITT RANCH Granite

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DT-Chad Holland, et ux to First

National Bank of Shamrock, 2-13-01,

# Wheeler County

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's Office from February 27, 2001 - March 2, 2001. **FEBRUARY 27, 2001** 

MD-Bobby Lynn Deal to Ralph T. French, 11-29-00, E 1/2 Sec. 33, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. MD-Bobby Lynn Deal to Ralph T. French, 11-29-00, See Instrument. ASSIGN.—Shamrock Oil & Gas Inc. to Noble Royalties Inc., 2-12-01, See Instrument.

STL-State of Texas to Kenneth

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Campbell, et al, 2-23-01.

to Diversified Financial Services Inc., - - , NE 1/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-4; H&GN Ry. Company Survey. **FEBRUARY 28, 2001** 

D-Eliberardo Venzor, et ux to Alejandra Trevino, 8-5-99, Pt. SW 1/ 4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Sur-

APPT. SUB. TR.—America's Wholesale Lender to Diedre Hood, et al, 1-12-01, Lots 10-12, Blk. 50, WSSA, Shamrock. DT-Charles R. Roberts, et ux to

First National Bank of Shamrock, 2-20-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 31, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. C/C PROBATE—K. Maydelle Jones to Ex Parte, 12-1-00, Sec. 25, Blk.

MARCH 1, 2001 OPTION AGREEMENT-Donald George and Viola J. Smith Revocable Intervivos Trust to Hermera Land Inc., 12-20-00, NW 1/4 Sec. 8,

OS-2.

Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey. HOME EQUITY DT-Santiaga M. Avila, et ux to National Bank of Commerce-Pampa, 2-22-01, Lot 2, Blk. LVII and N 20' Lot 2 and S 50' Lot 1, Blk. LLII, Shamrock.

C/CPROBATE—Ethel Stiles Gregory to Ex Parte, 1-24-01. RELEASE PAVING LIEN-City of

Wheeler to General Telephone Co. of SW, 8-29-00, Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 23, Wheeler.

MARCH 2, 2001 RDT-Melvin J. Canafax, et ux to First Bank & Trust, 2-21-01, Lot 23, Blk. 7. Tarbet Add., Shamrock.

LEASE AGREEMENT—Ronnie David Harris, et ux to Oneok Field Services Company, 2-6-01, SW 1/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Com-

pany Survey. ASSIGN.—Tandem Oil & Gas to Parks & Luttrell Energy Partners LP, 2-22-01, See Insturment.

RDT—Frank J. Clymer to Jason Bruce Bradley, 3-2-01, Lots 7-11, Connor Add. I, Wheeler.

DVL-Jason Bruce Bradley to Anotonio M. Lopez, et ux, 3-2-01, Lots 7-11, Connor Add. I, Wheeler. DT-Antonio M. Lopez, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 3-2-01, Lots 7-11, Connor Add. I, Wheeler.

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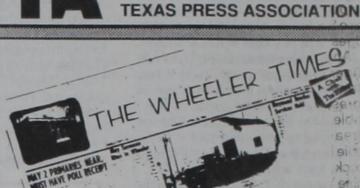
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Gill predicted. Cattle prices will take a cue from

beef production, which will be near 26 billion pounds in 2001, 3.1% below 2000, he said. "This will be the first decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual per-capita beef consumption around 66.5 lbs. on a retail weight basis." Gill says the drop in beef production will stem mainly from the expectation that average carcass weights will fall back from the record 745 lbs. notched in 2000. "We placed a lot of lightweight

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#### CARD OF THANKS

The Verna Abernethy family would like to say thank you for the prayers, love, concern, cards, flowers and food you so generously gave, during Mother's illness and death. The Wheeler Care Center for taking such good care of her, the Parkview Hospital for being so kind to mother and our family. Wright Funeral Home for being so caring to all of us. A special thank you to Dr. Mendiola, for all the special care and love he gave to our mother. We will always be grateful.

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At Dean and Georgia Tipps home Sunday to help Iona May celebrate her 91st birthday with a delicious dinner were Terry Tipps and Casey, Zach and Adam, Dwight Tipps, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Amber and Jennifer and Lake Ledford and Dean, Georgia and Iona. Happy Birthday, Iona. She is so sweet! God bless!

Ed Hershman and Johnny Wilson went to Amarillo Monday for checkups and prescriptions at the V.A. and some tests. Doing pretty well.

Pray for Tony Griffin. He has been in lots of pain and is at Wheeler Care Center. Go by and say "Hello" to Tony. We love you, Tony.

"When my own plate is heaped

Lord, help me remember those whose plates are empty.' Correction: Haydon Hartsfield had

a birthday on March 8. Nice to have Keven and Janet Romines meet us for supper at Maxeys Thursday night and a good visit. The Romines live 6 miles north of the hospital in Pampa. They also have some cows west of Mobeetie.

Thursday was Rozena Zybach's birthday. Many family members were getting together at Maxeys to celebrate Thursday night. Happy Birthday, Rozena. I've known Rozena since she was a pretty young little girl.

Nice to have Lance and LaJuana Caroland and Lucas from Lubbock come Friday night to visit us for the weekend. We went to Canadian to the Pizza Hut Saturday for lunch. Nice to see Jimmy and Carol Adcock there. Also Melvin and Eldon Walser. Lucas will be one year old April 10, and is taking a few steps. So sweet.

Tonya Finsterwald is now working at the Canadian Record and enjoying the hours and duties. Best wishes. Tonya is very talented.

Helping Brandon Finsterwald celebrate his 10th birthday at Maxeys Saturday night were his parents, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald, grandparents, David and Winnie Gilmer, Shannon Gilmer and Adley (Davy had to work), and John and Julie Shields and Madison, He got several nice gifts. Happy Birthday, Brandon.

Nice to see Abbie Reyes and one son at Maxeys Saturday night. They still live at Canadian, but Hiram Reyes is music minister at Skellytown Baptist Church and they go there on Sundays. Two of the boys had been in Wellington track meet.

Glad to hear Audrey Alexander got a good report at the doctor's office. Keep praying for Audrey and Earland

Weekend visitors to Doyle and Bulah Grimes were grandson Darren Grimes and friend Karen Snyder from Lubbock. They helped with jobs for Doyle and went to church at Mobeetie Baptist and took Doyle and Bulah to Maxeys for lunch. They also visited Harold and Katherine Jones and Lucille Underwood near Wheeler.

Nice to see Deleise and Riley Atwood at Maxeys Sunday and Cindy Brown and Cassie with a group from

Brandon Finsterwald had a few friends over Friday night for a sleepover for his 10th birthday and included Nathan McLaughlin, Chance Newman and Morgan Lane. They played Nitendo and had birthday cake and other food and fun.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Connie Pierce, 76, in his death. Lorene Rector is a sister.

Pray for Joe VanZandt on his fight

Glad to hear that Curt and Mindy Duncan and Gatlin and Hayden are moving back to the ranch in the Mobeetie/Wheeler area soon. The boys will finish the school year at Miami. Fine family.

Nice to see Deleise Atwood with daughter, Jill Hamner, and Hadlee 5, and Tryston, 2, from Alabama at Wheeler. Jill was home to be with her great-grandma, Verna Abernathy before her death and stayed for the funeral and a few days visit with Deleise and Riley and other relatives. Beautiful people. Jill's husband, Daniel Hamner came too. And they visited some with Daniel's folks at Memphis, Terry and Rita Hamner.

We had a nice group out for XYZ Friday night at Mobeetie and included Marion Grimes, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Melba and Dale Corcoran, Glenn D. and Estelle Hodges, J. P. and Martha Meek, Lorene Rector, Doris Finsterwald and Willis and Verna Fillingim. Delicious meal and 2 tables of 42 and one of Chicken Foot and lots of visiting.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Robert Cosper in his death. Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ruby Everett of Muleshoe in her death. Shawn Everett was a grandson. Shawn and Amy Everett, Dakota, Codi and baby from San

Antonio went to the funeral. Canadian School superintendent

### CARD OF THANKS

The John (Butch) Schaffer family wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy. We feel so loved and cared for by our community. We appreciated the tribute paid to Butch, as each of you shared with us the impact he had in your lives. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you so much.

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### PAGE 5-Thursday, March 8, 200 Wheeler, town of friendship and pride.

has resigned, effective March 1. His name is Gene Whitsell. Don't know

what they will do now. Sorry to hear that Grainger McIlhany fell and broke a hip and is in BSA Amarillo. Pray for Grainger. Probably more broken bones.

Mack and Linda Sides visited J. P. and Martha Meek Wednesday night.

Glad to hear sister-in-law, Betty Fillingim, is much improved and is in rehab and able to get out of bed. They are taking ventilator off for 4 hours and back on for four hours to wean her away. Thanks, Sydney Jackson for information. She hopes to be home soon. Sorry Sydney's husband, Lee,

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Here it is March 1 and the snow is about melted. Three weeks until spring but then, don't forget the April blizzards. Folks used to not plant cotton until mid May to be safe.

School is out two days for Parent-Teachers Conference, etc. I hope the kids got to go to the state games and see their classmates play. Hear on TV that Erick-Sweetwater, Cheyenne and Hammon all won today.

Eva Atkinson's mother, Faye Moore, of Taloga fell recently. Eva and Elbert have been going often to

Hear every now and then about Round Top School of long ago. I was looking at some old letters and one by Uncle Walter mentioned that he used to teach there.

On the sick list are Imogene Pickering, Norma Zellmer and Sam LeGrand. Gerald Tipton and Billy Sutton took Sam to OKC to see a doctor today. The Cheyenne Star mentions that

Seems our neighbor came on the wreck last week and saved some lives. Didn't want it talked about. Funeral services will be Saturday at the Sweetwater Baptist Church for

Sweetwater has an unsung hero.

Eva Catts, who died at Wheeler. They lived many years in this community. Visited a few minutes in town with Lee Coffey. He said he really liked the SW News, especially when I told about my squirrels. Just have 2 since the

Saturday blow. See the seed houses already have onion sets and seed potatoes. We used to plant on St. Patrick's Day. Helen Smith was over to see Janice

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There have been several 'Left Behind' books about the end of the world. Ginger sent me one of the latest this week, "Soul Harvest".

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is having to have blood transfusions.

Pray for Betty and Lee. Zach, Adam and Casey Tipps got to go snow skiing in the mountains with their mom, Becky Tipps, and didn't know about the earthquake near by at Olympia, Washington. Zach hurt his ankle and is on crutches, will go to Amarillo this week to see a doctor. They got back to Dick's about 1:00 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Lou Dean Douthit, Irene Keys and Virginia Puryear visited Edna May and played 42. Sunday afternoon Jo Redding took Irene's place with the group at Edna's because Irene had company. Jo also visited daughter, Susan Redding, on

the ranch north of Allison. They had a pot luck supper and played 42 at Lou Dean kept Zane Kinnaman 2

days. He was a good little kid. Lou Dean got word that Paul Luttrell's daughter, Linda, had cancer surgery Pray for Linda.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ann Pitcock, 97, in her death. She was a beauty operator in Wheeler for many years.

Rita Pearson was going to Amarillo Tuesday to a district Farm Bureau

David Pearson and John Lee worked on the Briscoe fire truck Sunday.

Lee and Katie Pennington honored their son, Austin, with a second birthday party Saturday at Cordell Senior Citizen Center. Some there for birthday cake and other food were little sister, Allison, 6 months, grandparents, William and Vickie Cornell, Jeremy and Sarah Cornell, Guy Kuhlman and Brenna from Shattuck, Tammy Newman and Roland, Chance and Junior and great-grandparents, Murl and Eula Kuhlman from Tuttle. Mary and Bob Cornell didn't get to go because Bob was sick, but he is some

Willa Fillingim enjoyed a visit from Scott and Caaron Neighbors Sunday afternoon. They helped with several jobs around.

Kaymi Fitzer, daughter of Stacie Fitzer and Jeremy Fitzer, was honored with a party at Maxeys Saturday night to celebrate her second birthday. Ones there were Stacie and Kaymi, Fat and Wanda Childress, Clyde and Mary Jane Dukes, Jackie Dukes and friend Jeremy and Melvin and Cathy Hunt. Happy Birthday,

All next week, March 12 to 16, will be Ft. Elliott School Spring Break with some golf and tennis competition. Good to have Martha and J. P.

Meek coming back to church, singing, XYZ and Wheeler Senior Citizens. We've missed them. Martha is getting around pretty well with her walker. And not much pain. Praise

Keep praying for Deidre Harris. She is doing pretty well. Pray also for Saundra Meek. She is doing some better. And for Rosemary Vise, who has started chemo and radiation.

Pray for Rosalie Keelin. She is having some heart tests. Jerry is taking her to Amarillo.

Amy and Danielle Nelson are spending a few days with grandparents, Larry and Vickey Nelson, and Danny and Jimmy. They are on spring break from Miami School.

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a secure place. I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days.

I'm in the initial stage of my golden years: SS, CDS, IRA's, AARP I'm wondering, if you are only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at

I'm having trouble remembering simple words like . . .

There was a nice group out to Wheeler Senior Citizens Monday night. Good to have Tillie Green and Jim Jameson from Guymon there with Aunt Helen Sabbe for the delicious supper. Marie Gudgel baked the beautiful and delicious red velvet birth-

Iona May was the birthday person at 91 years young. There were two tables of 88 and one table Canasta. Others there were Elva Wood, Mary Margaret Dodd, Joyce Perkins, Jo Redding, J. P. and Martha Meek, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Lou Dean Douthit, Lois Meadows, Evelyn Meek, Nova Powledge, Willis and Verna Fillingim. My team didn't win, but we had fun anyway. Beautiful decorations in St. Patrick's theme.

Verneal and Juanita Prater and Jeannette Jahnel and Carl Lee and Deseray went to Amarillo early Monday and spent the day with Mary Lou Carter on her day off from B.S.A. Monday, Verneal had a procedure

bridges are deficient. Hope ours is up to par. Happiness to all.

done to try to block off pain from pinched nerves, but he still has to use his crutch.

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1/2 cup chopped pecans

1 cup peanut butter chips 1 cup coconut or more

1 cup chocolate chips

Pour over crust and bake about 20 minutes more. Cool. Loosen around edges and cut in bars. Very tasty and

### Farm Credit Announces Record Loan Volume

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and its affiliated lending institutions ended 2000 with record loan volume and strong earnings in spite of the difficult weather and market conditions faced by many of its agricultural customers during the year.

The Austin-based bank and 23 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas comprise the Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest rural lending organization serving the five-state region.

Gross loan volume reached \$5.236 billion at December 31, 2000, a new record in the 84-year history of the district. This is a 9.1 percent increase over the \$4.798 billion loan volume reported at year-end 1999.

The short- and intermediate-term loan portfolio increased by 22.8 percent over the previous year to total \$1.003 billion at December 31, 2000. Improvements in the livestock industry contributed substantially to the strong demand for agricultural operating and equipment loans last year. Other contributing factors included the expansion in the integrated processing and marketing sector and increases in point-of-sale equipment financing and loan participation vol-

The long-term mortgage portfolio totaled \$4.233 billion at December 31, 2000, a 6.3 percent increase from December 31, 1999. This growth in mortgage loan volume is attributed primarily to competitive interest rates offered by the bank and its affiliated lending associations, strong demand for real estate and generally strong economic conditions throughout the

"We are extremely pleased with this remarkable growth in loan volume and the high quality of our loan portfolio, especially considering the adverse weather conditions and low commodity prices experienced by many producers in 2000," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "Fortunately, higher livestock prices, disaster assistance and other federal payments helped offset these difficult circumstances."

Henson said the strong economy across the South and the prospect for even lower interest rates should bode well for the rural mortgage lending business throughout the current year.

### CARD OF THANKS

The families of Roy Dean Keys, would like to express our most heart felt THANK YOU, to everyone that sent cards and flowers, phoned and brought food. Special thanks goes to Dan and Kay Gatlin, Dewayne and Wanda Lane, Floyd and Sheryl Lane, Destery Coulter, John and Angie Huff and the EMS of Hemphill County for helping the night of the accident. A Thank You also goes to everyone who sent their prayers, love and the donation to memorials and for their

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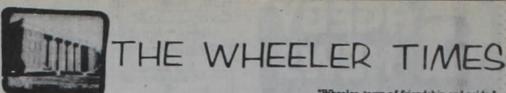
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Nice to visit with Darville and Sammie Atherton at Wheeler Hospital. Sammie looked so good and talked a little. She recognized me. Darville comes in to feed her three times a

Allison Singing

There was a great singing at Allison Baptist Church Sunday night. Good to have 9 come over from Reydon and included Willa Jean Shelton, Pauline Yowell, Leonard and Mary Burns, Mary Hartley, Maxine Wright, Lahoma Wheeler, Hester Hickey and Ruby Satler. Those singing were Judi Cornell,

Marion Grimes, George Crawford with Rosalie Keelin playing, Lois Mead-ows with Evelyn Meek and Martha Meek, Bill and Kay Stiles, Bob Meller and Nadine Lane, Evelyn Meek with Doris playing, Helen and George Crawford with Rosalie playing. Also a special treat to have Mark and Carol Roberson and Benjamin, Rebecca, Jonathan, Timothy, Deborah, Grace, Daniel and Phillip from Miami sing some. All sounded real good. Readings inspirational or humorous, by Mary Cornell, Helen Crawford, Aaron Laverty, Chuck Hogan. Jokes-Louise Hogan, Willa Fillingim. Harmonica by Willis, piano solo by Estelle Hodges, music by Doris Finsterwald and Marion Grimes.

Thanks to all! Nice crowd. Delicious supper, very plentiful. Next time April 1, first Sunday sing will be at Briscoe at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited

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