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On Sunday afternoon, February 4, Cecil Thomas was recognized as the Golf Coach of the year at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Awards ceremony on the Amarillo College campus.

Mr. Thomas was selected by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee after guiding the Wheeler girls' golf team to the class 1A state title in May.

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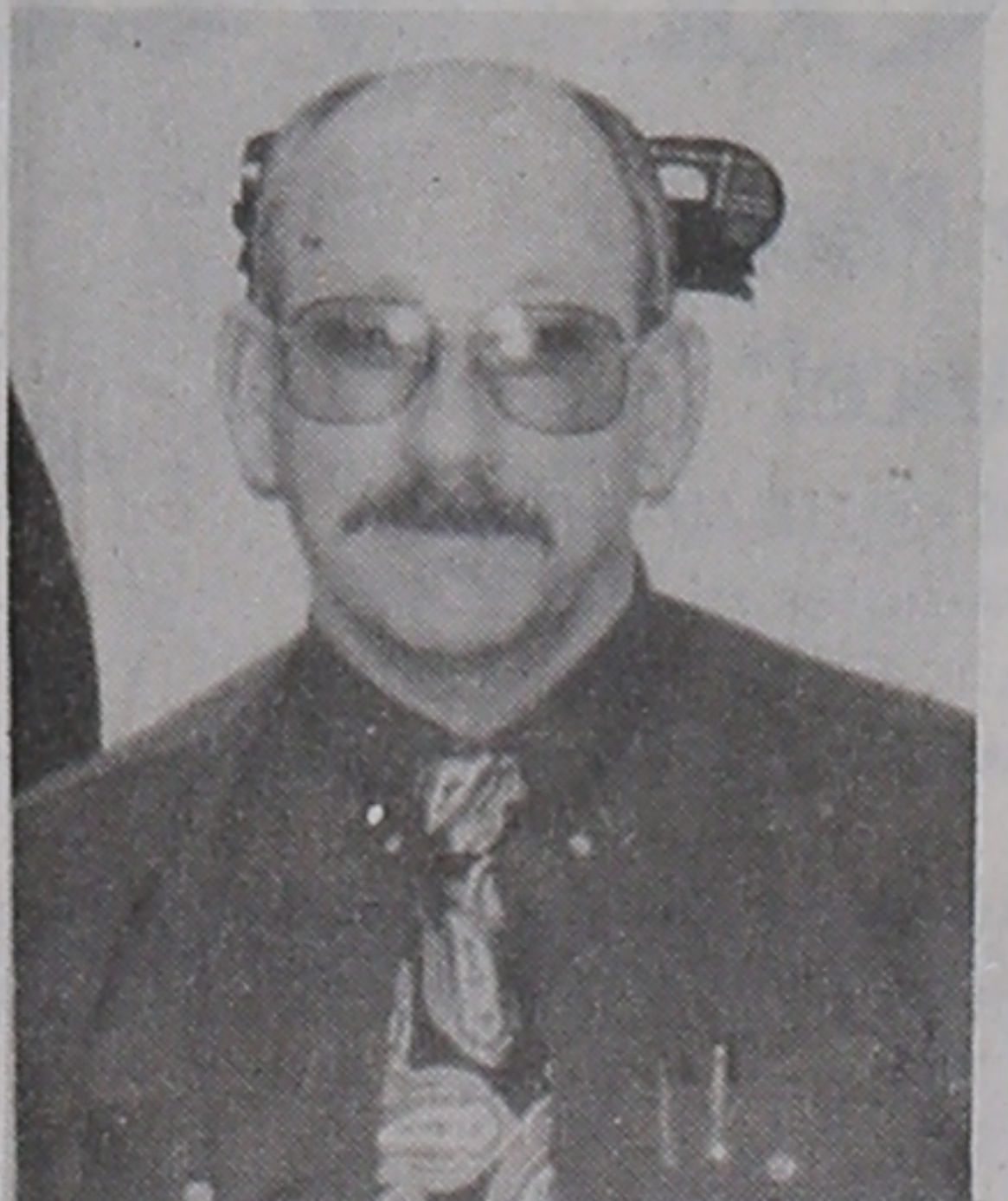
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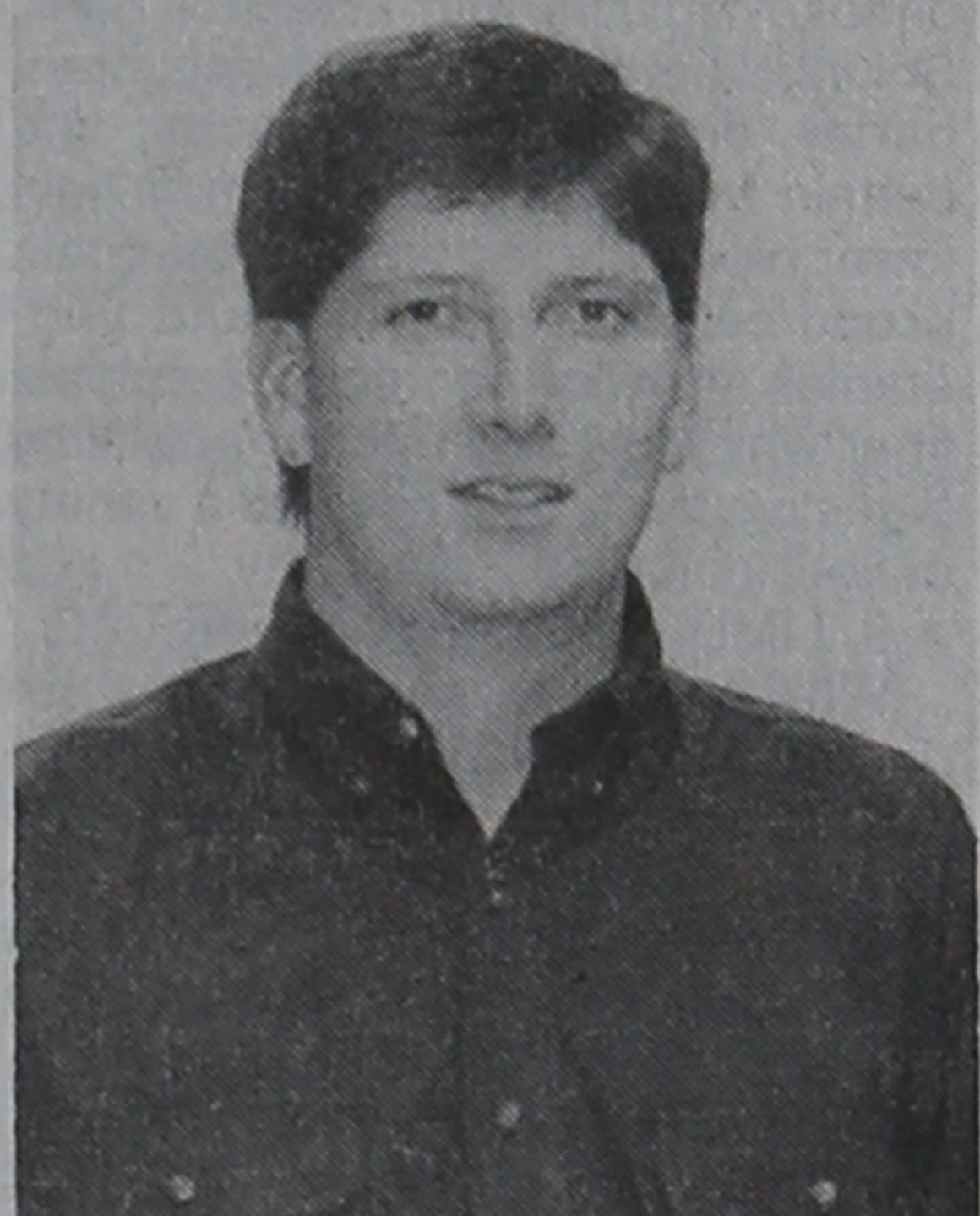
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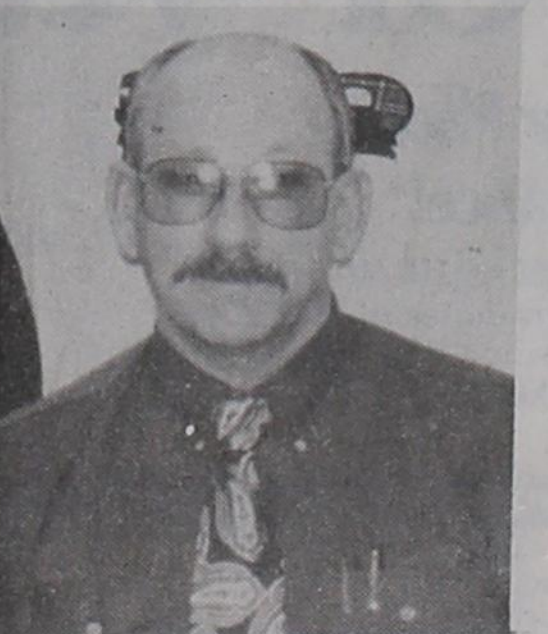
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NOTE: Voters OVER the age of 65 may apply to have their ballots mailed to their residence INSIDE the county. Voters UNDER the age of 65 MUST have their ballot sent to an address OUTSIDE the county.

Anyone having questions is urged to contact: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk at 806-826-5544.

Classes Continue At Kelton School

by Laura Green
No laughter, no rushing to get to class, no locker doors slamming, just silence. That's what you'll find when you enter Kelton High School, but if you walk out the backdoors, down the walkway and enter the Elementary School, it's a whole new world. Here you will find books, laughter, students, and teachers. All working together.

Kelton does still have a school. It may only be Pre-K thru 6, but it's still a school, all the same. "We have a small school, but we can give these kids a lot of love, one-to-one attention, and maybe an extra edge," says Superintendent Bill Crockett. "We Love all our Kids, we all work for the same goal, to make them the best they can be and to get them ready for the next stage in life," says Kathleen Reynolds, Pre K and Art Teacher. Kathleen Reynolds and Trish Ridgley (Continued Page 8)

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If ye Walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

So nice to have a warmer Monday morning this Monday, much better than them zero's. Some states are still having real bad weather. The snow was good. We needed the moisture. However, it was rather dry snow but there will be some moisture in it.

Sorry I didn't get any Allison happenings in the *Times* last two weeks. I was in Amarillo to be with my sister, Wilma Gilmer, and her family as Wilma went through heart surgery Monday Jan. 22nd. She was in surgery four or more hours and has been in I. C. U. most of the time, she has been there. She is some now improved and is in a room at this time at St. Anthony's. Her daughters, Ruby Craig and Joy Taylor, have been there with her as well as other relatives.

Recently Pearl Harrison went to Elk City and spent a couple of nights with Vivian and Jimmy Wallace. Pearl also visited her sister, Inez Townsley, while there. Last Saturday dinner guests with Pearl were Eddy and Wanda Walker and Louise Boydston. On Sunday her dinner guests were Henry and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody and Louise.

Last Thursday and Friday night Pearls guest was Sylvia Brown from Wheeler.

So sorry about Terry Grayson's death, out sympathy is for his mother Rita and his three daughters, relatives and friends.

Hiram and Darena were recently in Ft. Worth where Hiram judged the Shorthorn Cattle at the Ft. Worth Stock Show. They went on to San Antonio to attend the National Cattlemen's Beef Association—American National Cattle Women's

National Convention. Hiram represented the North American Limousin Foundation and Darena represented the Top O' Texas CattleWomen.

J. R. and Leota Black's weekend guest was Keith Boydston from Beaumont, Texas.

Recently Opal and Juanita Boydston, Forrest and Janice Boydston went to Minco, Oklahoma to Robbie and Sa Rita Green's and family to have a late Christmas. Others that joined them were Neal and Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra from Union City, Oklahoma. Last Sunday Opal and Juanita were dinner guest with Roma and Billy Brown and Merlyn Brown.

Shirley Chadwick spent Friday night with Eddy and Wanda Walker.

Sunday of last week Louise Boydston took Shirley Chadwick to Dallas and visited her son, Chris Chadwick, Monday and Tuesday. She had spent Friday and Saturday night at Allison.

Shirley Chadwick spent about ten days with her son and wife and new baby granddaughter born Jan. 16 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Jeff and Tonya Chadwick are the new parents. They named her Kabria Marie.

Cheryl Dupont, Cody and Sabrina and Louise Boydston spent last Wednesday and Thursday night with Chuck and Kim Thompson, Christin, Kimber and Brittany in Amarillo, TX. Henry and Dora Lea Dupont of Muskogee, Oklahoma spent last Thursday and Friday night with Henry Cheryl, Sabrina and Cody Dupont. Louise Boydston visited them on Saturday morning before they left for home.

Recently Roma and Billy spent a few days at Hugo, Oklahoma with their daughter, Lola and her husband Troy Fuller.

The weekend of Jan. 27th Bob and Lou Cornell's guest were Harmon and Brenda Parks from Duncan, Oklahoma. They also visited Anthony and Judi Cornell and Avarid Parks and family of Canadian, Texas and other friends there.

January 25th Red and Anna Dukes went to Bridgeport, Texas to Anna's daughter's, Sylvia and Joe Richardson's to celebrate Red's birthday with a dinner and birthday cake, then on Saturday Sylvia and Joe took Red and Anna to Ft. Worth to the fat Stock Show and rodeo. They spent

Saturday night with Anna's son and wife Jimmy and Shirley Pewitt at Paradise, Texas. Red and Anna attended a basketball game here at Allison last Monday and also on Tuesday night. Friday Red went to the Allison Home Coming game here. Anna and Red's Sunday afternoon guests were Clyde and Minnie Bell Vinson, they played some games.

Mike and Teresa Dyer and Amber's weekend guests were Ron and Danette Weller and Scott Dyer all from Canyon.

Pastor and Mrs. Roy Jones house guest for a few day's recently was their daughter and husband, Delia and Duane Foster and baby son from

Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Dick and Cletus Greene and Jamie's guest for a week or more has been granddaughter, Alexis Greene, from Gracemont, Oklahoma.

Verne and Susie Lohberger attended a friends funeral Roy Lee at Pampa one day last week.

Jonathan Walker from Chickasha, Oklahoma spent last weekend at home with Eddy and Wanda Walker and Justin and Jennie Walker were also Sunday dinner guests with them.

Recently Kevin Boydston and Leonard and Susan Berbee from Lubbock brought Lanora Morse home and spent the weekend with Vance and Caroline Boydston and also Kyle Boydston from Weatherford, Oklahoma. Saturday evening supper guests at Caroline and Vance were those above and Dick and Cletus Greene and Jamie. Caroline and Cletus recently visited their Aunt Anna Ruppanner at Dalhart, Texas.

The Baptist Church had visiting



evangelist and a song leader for Sunday night services.

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10 HINTS FOR A HEALTHY HEART

1. DON'T SMOKE
You may know that smoking is linked to lung cancer, but it's also a risk factor for heart disease. Tobacco has been shown to suppress the protective HDL (high density lipoprotein) levels in the blood. If you quit smoking, your HDL value will rise.

2. GET MOVING
Regular exercise is an important part of a heart-healthy routine. It can also help you control your weight and lower your blood pressure. Shoot for at least 30 minutes of activity every other day.

3. LOSE WEIGHT, IF YOU ARE OVERWEIGHT
People who maintain a healthful weight are not only less likely to develop heart disease, but also high blood pressure, diabetes, gallbladder disease and some types of cancer. You can lose unwanted pounds by eating fewer calories and increasing your physical activity on a regular basis.

4. LIMIT THE FAT IN YOUR DIET
Each gram of fat equals 9 calories—more than twice the calories found in carbohydrate or protein. A fat-rich diet encourages weight gain and may lead to elevated blood cholesterol. Current advice: limit fat to less than 30% of total calories.

5. BALANCE THE TYPE OF FAT YOU EAT

Fats are made up of a combination of Fatty acids: saturated, polyunsaturated and monounsaturated. Saturated fatty acids (found in the fat in animal products and coconut and palm oils) can raise blood cholesterol. Recommendation: keep saturated limited to about one-third of your fat intake or less than 10% of total calories.

6. WATCH YOUR CHOLESTEROL INTAKE

Dietary cholesterol (found in animal foods) may also raise blood cholesterol levels—although some people are sensitive to dietary cholesterol than others. Today's tactics: Limit dietary cholesterol to less than 300 milligrams a day.

7. CONCENTRATE ON COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES

Foods rich in complex carbohydrates, if eaten plain, are low in fat and are good sources of vitamins, minerals and fiber. Choose more whole-grain breads and cereals, pasta, rice and dried peas and beans. And enjoy fruits and vegetables more often. Your approach: have carbohydrates make up 50-60% of your total calories.

8. FIND MORE FIBER

There are two types from which to choose: soluble and insoluble fiber. Soluble fiber (found in oats, rice, bran, barley, dried peas and beans, and certain fruits like prunes) may help lower blood cholesterol. Whole grain bread/cereals and fruits and vegetables are good sources of insoluble fiber which is important for a healthy digestive tract. Strategy: eat a variety of fiber-rich foods every day.

9. LIMIT SODIUM AND SALT
While not everyone reacts to sodium the same way high blood pressure is sometime associated with a diet high in sodium. Check labels carefully and watch the amount of salt you use in cooking and at the table. Best approach: limit daily sodium intake to less than 3,000 milligrams.

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Groundhog Day and he didn't see his shadow when he got up but when he saw all this snow he probably scooted back in his hole anyway. The sun finally came out and it was snowing. They say if it rains with the sun shining it will rain again tomorrow. That may apply to snow too. The TV says we may warm up to freezing by Monday.

Just last Friday, they were saying this was to be a fine week, in the 50's with the storm going to the North. They sure missed the boat on that. The storm went so far south that most of Texas froze. I measured 5 inches of snow on top of the air conditioner.

Brother Paul from Norman, and Elsie and Wesley Dugger from Quitman, Ark., came Monday and spent the night. Brought supper from the Kentucky Fried. The Colonel sure is a good cook.

Mel and Linda Kelley from Clinton dropped by for a visit. They had been to the funeral of our friend Terry Grayson at Allison, TX.

Brendon Atkinson was home for his birthday. Eb and Eva took him out for supper and ran into Ronnie and Fern York. Had a nice visit. They told her about a fire on Irene's place.

Lisa and Jerry Alexander honored Joel with a party on his 16th birthday. Con Kahoa is to be honored Satur-

day at the Cheyenne Nursing home on his 90th birthday. Mable Holland will have a party on Saturday for her 75th birthday.

Heather Fesmire was named outstanding student of Health Science 2nd nine weeks at the Western Technology Center.

Harold and Mary Bollen, and Vir-

ginia Little of El Reno spent a few days with their sister and husband, Faye and Ted Curnutt at Abilene. Found them doing very well.

Ray and Doris Smith visited Bertha Coffey and brought her supplies to weather the storm.

We ventured out Saturday for getalongs. Had lunch at the Dairy

mart. Sure a nice place to meet friends. Saw Bethene Stone, Earline Patterson, Shirley Spitzer, and Vera Nation. Vera said Bob is at Grand and not very well.

The State School Superintendent says that students should have three years of math in high school. Said Japan and Europe required four



years. It seems to me that all students should have the basics, Multiplication tables, simple addition and subtraction memorized before they are given calculators and computers. Too many graduate and can't make change for a dollar which is sad. The electricity might go off at a critical time.

Stella Jenkins had talked to her grandkids in Michigan. They are having even worse weather than we are. Folks up north would be happy to warm up to zero. The TV weatherman are saying warm next week, beginning Monday. Hope they are right this time but I have a sack of books from Joe Dale and the mailman brought two new crossword puzzle magazines just in case. I'm prepared for the worst.

I remember a spell like this in the 20's. A family of cotton pickers was living in a tent on Sweetwater Creek. Some (I think, a grandmother and two children) died. Daddy and other men dug the graves in the Mayfield Cemetery. The ground was frozen so deep, they had to use pickaxes all the way down. I think they had the flu rather than froze but being cold, and worked down didn't help.

Helen and H. E. Smith and Debby Anderson visited Alta Nabors at Hensleys and did some grocery shopping. I really appreciated the apples I put up last summer when I went in the store and their apples were \$1.49 per lb.

Funeral services were Friday at the Fatheree-Albert Chapel in Erick for Daniel Allen of Belen, NM. He and Madge raised their family in this community. Burial was in the Mulberry Cemetery. The Baptist Church served lunch for the family.

Services were Saturday at Lone Oak Church for Lee Copenhaver with burial in the Lone Oak Cemetery. Lee was raised in the Bulo community and graduated from Sweetwater High School.

Services were Friday at Sayre Rose Chapel for Josie Daugherty, 99. Burial was in the Dempsey Cemetery. She was survived by two daughters, Geneva Fuchs of Sayre and Lela Cooper of Cheyenne.

Betty Sites enjoyed visits from Michael and Sheila Smith, El Reno, Mike, Sally, Megan and Cade during the week.

Ed and Eileen Logan, Monica and Chria Shoffner, went to Temple, Texas to visit little Morgan Haley Stites and

her folks. She was a very beautiful baby. Sherman and Wanda Wilson, Texoma, and Gail Sutton held down the fort at the store.

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JANUARY 25, 1996
NOTE RELEASE—Rolling Plains Production Credit Association to Larry F. Taylor, et ux, 1-5-96, See Instrument.

ASSIGN—Michael Veazey to Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, 12-14-95, Sec. 10, Camp County School Land.

ASSIGN—Scaramucci Minerals Company to Rio Grande Offshore, Ltd., 12-14-95, See Instrument.

CORR. FTL—United States of America to Benny V. Clark, 1-14-96.

CORR. FTL—United States of America to Benny V. Clark, 1-14-96.

POA—Virginia Foster Frye to Henry Frye, 1-24-96.

RELEASE LEASE AGREE—Jerry Rankin, et al to Grant Meek, et al, 12-22-95, NE 1/4 Sec. 52 and N 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1.

D—Jerry Lawrence Rankin, et ux to Charles Puryear, et ux, 1-19-96, N 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1.

DT—Charles C. Puryear, et ux to Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 1-25-96, N 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1.

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AFF—Rainey M. Warren, Jr. to Rainey M. Warren, et al, 12-26-95.

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AFF—Richard M. Warren to Rainey M. Warren, et al, 12-26-95.

ROL—Aikman Oil Corp. to Maldon W. Walker, et al, 1-23-96, Sec. 30, Blk. A-8.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Judith J. Barker to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-9-95, NW 1/4 Sec. 34, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Charlotte Fay Dyer Bentley to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-21-95, SW 1/4 Sec. 39, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Eddie R. Patterson, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-15-95, S 20 acs. E 1/2 SE 1/4 and the S 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 2, Camp County School Land.

EXECUTRIX OPTION AGREEMENT—Evanne H. Cox to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-9-95, All of Sec. 40 and the S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Karen Schwab Wehba to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-28-95, N 1/2 NE 1/4; and SW 1/4 Sec. 26, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Richard F. Greenhill to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-24-95, NE 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Buford William Meadows to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 12-21-95, S 1/2 NE 1/4; and SE 1/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Bonnie Moore Wuerflein to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-28-95, W 1/2 SW 1/4; and NW 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Laron Fillingim to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-27-95, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, Blk. A-4.

EXECUTOR OPTION AGREEMENT—Elva Hill Meek, et al to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-29-95, E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3; N 1/2 Sec. 1, H&GN, Cert. 13/2763; and the S 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Eileen Moore Huycck to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-27-95, W 1/2 SW 1/4; and NW 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Rebecca Louise Garrett to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 12-1-95, N 1/2 NE 1/4; and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 23, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Roy M. Bradstreet, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-30-95, SW 1/4 Sec. 34, Blk. A-4.

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OPTION AGREEMENT—Frank D. Walker, Jr., et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-27-95, Sec. 44, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Cecil Joel Hess to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-24-95, SW 1/4 Sec. 39, Blk. A-4.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Anita Beth Brown to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-22-95, Sec. 61, Blk. M-1.

OPTION AGREEMENT—Richard S. Brown, et al to Brigham Oil & Gas, LP, 11-15-95, Sec. 61, Blk. M-1.

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RDT—First State Bank of Mobeetie to Gary D. McWhorter, 1-23-96, 53 acs. S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 51, Blk. 17.

DT—Wynn-Crosby 1995 LTD to Union Bank, 1-24-95, See Instrument.

ASSIGNMENT—King Ranch Oil and Gas, Inc. to Wynn-Crosby 1995, LTD, 1-24-96, See Instrument.

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TO: JIMMY WAYNE COPENHAVER, Respondent,
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 31st Judicial District, Wheeler County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Wheeler, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from this date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of DEANA SHERYL COPENHAVER, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26th day of January, 1996, against JIMMY WAYNE COPENHAVER, Respondent, and the said suit being number 10211 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF CANDACE NICOLE BILLINGSLEY, TYLER D. COPENHAVER AND DUSTIN WAYNE COPENHAVER, MINOR CHILDREN," the nature of

which suit is a request to: TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. The following children are the subject of this suit: CANDACE NICOLE BILLINGSLEY, born on September 4, 1989 in Amarillo, Texas; TYLER D. COPENHAVER, born May 1, 1991 in Elk City, Oklahoma; and DUSTIN WAYNE COPENHAVER, born on April 13, 1994 in Sayre, Oklahoma. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's best interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of said Court at Wheeler, Texas, this 29th day of January, 1996.

Sherri Jones
Clerk, 31st District Court
Wheeler County, Texas
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Gas, Inc. to Wynn-Crosby 1995, LTD, 1-24-96, See Instrument.

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Proverbs 21:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.
Happy Birthday to Tina Watson Johnson on Feb. 12, Ethel Grimes, Cathy Hunt, Gina Herd and Peyton May on Feb. 13, Addie Swift, Nelda Dukes, Jeremy Childress, Russell Laverty, and Kent McLaughlin on Feb. 14, Clifford Hefley, Edith McLaughlin, Iris Ingram, and Richard Laverty on Feb. 15, Edna Crow and Chayenne Shelton on Feb. 16, Teresa Shelton, Verline Currie, Ulrich Stippel and Zinnia Bailey on Feb. 17, Don and Cindy Zumstein on Feb. 14.

Happy Anniversary to Grant and Karen Meek on Feb. 14 and Ulrich and Nova Stippel on Feb. 16.
Our last regular district game will be Friday night Feb. 9 at Higgins at 6:30. Fort Elliott P.T.O. will meet Monday night Feb. 19 at 7:00 at Briscoe. One Act Play will be presented and also parents will be putting on a play. There were conflicts at the regular PTO date. Fort Elliott boys will probably be in bi-district playoffs.

Wednesday Rosalie Keelin visited her sister, Ruth Taylor, and ate supper with Larry and Janie Taylor. They had delicious Mexican food. Thursday Diane Larkin spent the night with Rosalie, so she wouldn't have to drive back to Skellytown on icy roads. Diane is Briscoe Postmaster and a niece of Rosalie.

Gene Keelin came out Saturday and thawed out Rosalie's water. Sunday Gene and Norma and Tracy, Daniel, and Kara Kay came out and ate lunch with Rosalie.

David and Phyllis Hefley and Richard and Bonnie Meadows and Reagan went out to eat at Maxey's Saturday night.

Evelyn Meek visited David and Winnie Gilmer Sunday afternoon. Rita Pearson joined us for lunch at Wheeler Dairy Queen Friday. Nice to see David and Winnie Gilmer there. Pray for David. He had a board fall on his head and knocked him out. Had several stitches and having to wear a neck collar.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ina Satterfield, 91; funeral was at Pampa. They lived in Briscoe, Mobeetie area before moving to Pampa. Percy Farmer was a brother. "Grandpa's whiskers, old and gray. Often get in Grandma's way. Once she chewed them in her sleep. Thinking they were shredded wheat."

Old Burma Shave Signs—Ann Landers.
Rev. Bob Meller from Higgins is now pastor of Allison Baptist Church in addition to the Gem City church. God bless!

Clyde and Jane Dukes and Stacie and Jackie visited at Shannon with Mike and Brenda Castle and Angie and Brandon Lynn last weekend.
Some going to the funeral for little Bailey Lynn, daughter of Angie and Brandon Lynn of Shannon were Trisha and Walter Hand, Jane Dukes, Cathy Hunt and Shelly and Shawn and Brandi Luttrell. Mike and Brenda Castle are grandparents.

Pray for Vida Brown and Clara Holcomb. They were both in Wheeler Hospital Sunday looking pretty. Also visited some with Loyd Jones. He was sitting up and some better.
There was a family party at Maxey's Thursday night to celebrate Jackie Dukes 11th birthday and Amanda Childress 15th birthday. Others there were Wayne and Pat Childress, Clyde and Jane Dukes and Stacie, Fat and Wanda Childress, Cathy and Melvin Hunt and Shelly. Happy Birthday Amanda and Jackie!

Wheeler Senior Citizens was cancelled Monday night, because of icy conditions.
Nice to see John David and Ruth Wright at Maxey's Sunday. They are grandparents of Michael Ervin Cotter born Monday Jan. 15, 1996 at Coronado Hospital Pampa to Ruth's son and wife, Greg and Valerie Cotter.

Ray and Pat Hudson from Perryton were Saturday supper guests of Oden and Lois Hudson. Ray's shoulder still hurts a lot and his arm is in a sling, but he is able to work.

Sunday visitors at Odens were B. F. and Margie Meadows. Lois visited Lucille Helton and Lucy one day.
We had a good singing at Gageby

Church Sunday night in spite of the snow and cold and smaller numbers. Especially enjoyed songs by Sarah Hale, Londa and Terri Crowover and Evelyn Meek and Lois Meadows. Willis played the harmonica and had lots of congregational songs. Next time March 3 Martha Meek will be in charge.
Monday afternoon Truman and Betty Zybach came up to R. L. and Rozena Zybach's to help celebrate Irene Zybach's 89th birthday with cake and coffee and visiting. Happy Birthday, Irene.
Joe and Liz Austin and Payton visited Harold and Lessie Austin Sunday and ate supper. Joe feeds the cattle

and looks after them, too. So nice he's close.
Last weekend Dan and Teresa Trimble visited friends Jess and Ann Robertson at Dalhart.
Our son, Danny, came by Saturday and visited awhile. He's back home in Elk City after several months working on pipelines in Missouri.
Visiting Verneal and Juanita Prater Friday were old friends from Skellytown, Foster Horner and Alvin Cornelious. Verneal and family lived at Skellytown from 1951 to 1964 and worked for Northern Natural. Foster run a grocery store and meat market and Alvin was the shift foreman. He now lives in Pampa.
Carl Lee Jahnel went to Dallas with his grandma Mary Jahnel to see his great grandma.
Misty Walker works at Wheeler Care Center on weekends. She spent Saturday night with Cliff and Dorothy Walker in Wheeler, her grandparents. Lou Dean Douthit and Debbie

Kinnaman went grocery shopping to Wheeler Saturday. Sunday Lou Dean visited Rosalie Keelin at night.
Doris Finsterwald had —6 degree at her house Sunday morning, and her furnace wouldn't go on. Got pretty chilly, but had some small heaters and an electric blanket and warm clothes.
"Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing," Phyllis Diller
Lots of people are raising and feeding Ostriches or Emus. Did you know Dean Tipps is "pasturing" sand hill cranes on his harvested milo fields? He didn't mention profit.
Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Irene Webb, 89, and Cynthia Worthington, 80, sisters, of Mobeetie who died Monday with funerals at Mobeetie Baptist Church Wednesday and Thursday.
"The day is done,
The sun has set,
Yet light still tints the sky;
My heart stands still
In reverence
For God is passing by."
by Ruth Alla Wager
Sorry some of your news was left out of last weeks paper. Guess not room.
Had a nice visit with Lessie (Fitch) Lewis at the Pampa swimming pool Wednesday. Her parents had lived at Mobeetie before she was born or could remember and they made frequent trips to Mobeetie. She recently lost a son, Carl Parks, 50, at Pampa.
Nice to have Joy Davis meet us for lunch at Furs Wednesday. Keep praying for Joy. She is able to work part time cleaning the Pampa bowling alley. She doesn't have to take as many shots for her rheumatoid arthritis.
We started to Amarillo Thursday for a doctors' appointment. When it got to snowing hard and road began to get a little icy, we came back home while we could. It was a very beautiful snow, fell so softly and no wind. A good six inches or more and very low temperature. Little of it blew.
Bouquets to county road guys who pushed the snow off real good, so won't melt down and make it mushy.
"After the death of a beloved grandmother, a little girl said to her mother: 'Mom, you always said that Grandma walked and talked a lot with God. What I think happened is that one day God and Grandma went for an extra long walk. They walked on and talked on until God said to Grandma, 'you are a long ways from home and are so tired, you better just come home with me and stay.' And Grandma went."
There was a large crowd out to Briscoe Tuesday night for the exciting Fort Elliott—Higgins games. Fort Elliott High School girls played a good game, but lost 51-60 to make them 10-11 overall and 0-3 in district. Higgins girls are 14-7 and 2-1 in district. Fort Elliott boys worked hard and won 51-41 in a close game making the 3-0 in district and 15-8 overall. Higgins boys are now 2-1 in district and 11-12 overall. Follett boys are 0-3 and Allison boys 1-2 in our district. Follett girls are 3-0 and Allison girls 1-2 in our district after Tuesday nights games.
There was a large crowd at Allison

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Shana Reeves was the student of the week at Fort Elliott Elementary for the week of January 29, 1996. Shana is in the Fifth Grade and the daughter of George Reeves and Diane Reeves of Mobeetie, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS
Words can't express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Barbour and everyone that assisted in caring for Terry. We are truly grateful for the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food, floral tributes, and monetary gifts to the girls.
Also, our family greatly appreciated the use of the Baptist Fellowship Hall and the Allison School Gym.
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Reta Grayson
Debbie Jones and family
Johnny Grayson and family

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February 12 thru February 16, 1996
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THURSDAY: Burritos W/Chili, Cheese, Tossed Salad, Krispie Treats, Fruit, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburgers, French Fries, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk.
Hogue (from Page 1)
cation which recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students throughout the United States. She will be contacted directly by the National Dean's List regarding her interest in being included in this publication.
Rebecca Hogue is the daughter of Louise and Harold Hall of Stephenville, Texas and Wayne Hogue of Whitney, Texas.

Happy Birthday to: Dakota Jones, Alyssa Robertson, Golden Neilson, Ricky Pfeil and Jason Kysar on Feb. 8th, Bill Ridgway, Jason Miller, Alma Seitz, C. W. Burch and Charlotte Coward on Feb. 9th, Bill Caswell, Darren Hefley, Kandi Jones and Tisha McLaughlin on Feb. 10th, Gary Morris on Feb. 11th, Jason KinKead, Tina Watson Johnson, Mary Margaret Quarles and Anna Mae Lancaster on Feb. 12th, Cathy Hunt, Addie Swift, Ethel Grimes, Paul Hathaway, Peyton May and Judy Parker on Feb. 13th, Bill Bailey, Nelda Dukes, Edith McLaughlin, Kent McLaughlin, Zackery Quimby, Nelda Dukes, Olivia Abercrombie, Jeremy Childress and Russell Laverty on Feb. 14th, Clifford Hefley, Richard Laverty, Thelma Chamberlain, T. C. Lemons and Christian Wright on Feb. 15th and to Cheyenne Shelton, Mattie Jackson and Jerry Rector on Feb. 16th.

Happy Anniversary to: W. O. and Elton Fillingim and E. G. and Willa Fillingim on Feb. 9th, Cindy and Rodney Sweet on Feb. 13th, Grant and Karen Meek on Feb. 14th, to Ulrich and Nova Stippel on Feb. 16th. Our sympathy goes out to Jess Mixon and his family in the deaths of his two beloved sisters, Irene Webb and Cynthia Worthington. Losing two loved ones at a time is very difficult at best. Please keep the Mixon's in your prayers.

Irene and Cynthia will be greatly missed from our community. They had many friends.

I'm sorry the weather was so bad for Irene's funeral.

Boy! It sure did turn off COLD. But the snow was beautiful. The Lord was really looking after us with no wind with that powdery snow. But to my surprise there was more in it than I thought. After the sun came out Mon. it sure melted a lot of the snow away. The moisture just soaked right in.

Sorry to hear that Melvin May had a serious heart attack, followed by a couple more. Please keep Melvin in your prayers.

Melvin is in Coronado Hospital in Pampa. But Saturday Feb. 3rd they had Melvin detached from all his "accessories" and in a private room. He was answering his own phone "like only Melvin can". And even up roaming around some.

Steve and Joyce Walker went by Saturday to get first hand information and were pleasantly surprised to get to visit with Melvin themselves.

Gary May had driven down from Dawn, Missouri to spend a few days with Melvin and Helen. He headed home Saturday afternoon.

Melvin is to see Dr. Martinez in Amarillo on Thurs. to schedule surgery. Your in our prayers Melvin and Helen.

I'm sorry that I haven't been able to call most of you the last couple of weeks. It's just happened that I've had to work at the post office and we have had Michael and Brianna Mayfield. This "amma" just isn't used to working and then coming in to cram 8 hours of play into 4 and get supper and baths. Just not enough hours in the day to call my friends and get their news at a decent hour.

Not everybody is a night owl. But please feel free to call me anytime you have any news. I'd really appreciate it and so would your friends.

I really haven't tried to avoid anybody or make anybody mad at me I just haven't had the time to call anyone.

Hope this finds Pierce Walker feeling much better and home soon. He's had pneumonia and in Parkview hospital at Wheeler. Please keep Pierce and Nettie in your prayers.

Poor little Tisha McLaughlin has really been having a rough time with asthma and ear infections. Little sister "Ande" Martinez has had the ear in-

fection too. Mom, Jerry, has been taking them back and forth for shots. Congratulations to Misty Young on the arrival of her new daughter. More exact information next week. Sunday 4th "Nanny" (Sallie May) hosted a birthday party for Peyton May of Berger at her home in Mobeetie. Peyton turns 3 on Feb. 13th. Those

present for the big party were Peyton May, Mom Kellie and Jackie Don May, and brother Shelton of Berger, Great Aunt Cindie and Great Uncle Bill Newman of Elk City, Oklahoma, Tobie Newman and friend Kara of Elk City, and Great Grandma Nancy Shelton, and Great Grandpa Joe Shelton and Nanny and Uncle Sam and Aunt

Amanda Childress. FUN!!! Peyton had a great time. Couldn't wait to use her new Crayola's and paints from the Newman family. She had to fix Nanny a picture before she could go home. Sunday Kandi and Kevin Jones hosted a family birthday party for Dakota.

ATTENTION . . . DR ERICKSON'S PATIENTS

Due to various situations it has become necessary for me to make a difficult decision and this is one. Due to financial, personal and professional circumstances I will be closing my practice at 1010 S. Main St., Shamrock, TX. February 29th, 1996.

To avoid any break in your medical care, please arrange for another physician to handle your medical care. First Care patients must use a participating physician. In this area Dr. Blacketter and Dr. Barbour are First Care Physicians. You may obtain your record by signing a medical records release at the new physician's office and sending it along with a money order for \$15 to cover shipping and handling to Rt. 2, Box 211, Decatur, TX 76234. Our hours until the office closes will be: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 8:30 - Noon & 1:30 - 5:00 Watch the Cable for periodic changes in the Schedule. I and my staff wish you the best of health. R. C. Erickson, D.O.



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WHEELER LIVESTOCK BOOSTERS

. . . would like to thank all those who supported us for the premium sale and those that purchased travel voucher tickets. There were several individuals and businesses that made donations and we appreciate all of their help. We hope all those who attended our Prime Rib Dinner enjoyed it and will be back next year. We would like to also thank Pam Jones and Cheryl Daniels for providing the entertainment. A special thanks to Dyers of Pampa, Canadian Restaurant and Simmons Catch for meals donated for auction. Steve Walker donated a brisket that was drawn for and Joyce Martin donated a wonderful cake.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ! ! ! !

Winners of the travel vouchers worth \$500 were . . . **Ricky Day** of Meadow, TX and **Jon Sullivan** of Wheeler. Winners of the jackets given away at the dinner were . . . **Nathan Willeford** and **Charles Kuntz**.

Next week Tisha McLaughlin turns 5. Gran says Happy Birthday Tisha!! The Whaley's are planning a big birthday bash this weekend to celebrate Grandpa Doug's and Hailey's mutual birthday. It's actually Feb. 20th, but the family is getting together a little early.

Ashley Mixon of Pampa is coming to help Grandma Evelyn Kincannon with the party for Great Grandpa Doug and Hailey.

Jap and Alice Bailey survived the incimate weather quite well. Of course this wasn't any worse than some that they worked through. At least this year they could just stay in and stay warm.

Sorry to hear of the death of Jap's niece, Evonne Duncan, early in the morning hours of Feb. 5th. It was a blessing though. Evonne had cancer and was in a lot of pain.

Evonne had lived in Miami for several years. They had transferred her from an Amarillo hospital to the Hemphill County hospital's extended care unit in Canadian. Arrangements were pending.

Julia Williams is doing fair and pretty well holding her own. Sure hope you continue to improve Julia. You have lots of friends down here praying for you.

Bill Bailey of Pampa and Hugh and Mae Bailey of Mobeetie have been up to visit with Jap and Alice. It's always nice to have company.

Nice to see Lucy Johnston of Pampa and Mary Cheshire at the post office Monday afternoon. Lucy looks great and was enjoying the outing and sunshine.

Bill Ridgway was really tied up Monday morning. One of Virginia's cows was calving and having problems. Bill pulled a small 2 headed calf. I'm not kidding. It had 2 perfectly formed little heads. The prettiest little heads. I've only seen one other set and it was mounted, so I really had my doubts that it was a natural phenomenon. But I saw this one soon after it's birth.

Monday wasn't a very good day. Before the calf catastrophe, Virginia had to fix breakfast and dinner for the elementary kiddos with water dripping from the ceiling and the faucets cut off while Phil Richmond tried to fix a broken line.

Wed. while Melody Goad was cutting Michael's hair I got a chance to visit with Irene Rogers. We had a nice short visit. Good to see Irene looking so well and able to walk in regular shoes again.

I used to get to see Irene and Lewis at least once a month for about seven years. But since I've "retired" from house cleaning I've hardly gotten to see her at all. I sure do miss our visits.

Good to see Debbie McLaughlin, Tina Lee and Melody Goad all at the same time. I usually miss somebody. They always make the beauty shop a fun and interesting place to go. You can't help but come out of their with a smile on your faces. (It's contagious!) Thanks gals we need that!!!

Andrea Hathaway, great granddaughter of Ruth Hathaway spent Sunday (4th) afternoon making peanut butter cookies. Andrea is an excellent cookie maker and a great helper. She always finds chores she can do for great grandmother. Ruth always enjoys her visits.

Choice Scott has been very fortunate to have the home health nurses coming by everyday. They are a blessing. Even with the weather so bad they have been able to come out. Carol Remy hasn't been able to get out here so the nurses have been a God-send. We appreciate each of you.

We have several friends in our community that utilize these services. There are several company's involved. You nurses and aides know who you are. You'll never know how much we appreciate each of you and all you do to keep us in our home. Thanks!!! Jud and Lorene Rector were expecting Jerry Rector of Amarillo Monday (5th) afternoon.

Glad to hear your doing a little better Jud.

Jud and Lorene have had quite a bit of company the last couple of weeks. They enjoyed getting to visit with their family and friends.

Melody Sherrall and her family from eastern OK had been down for the weekend the last weekend of January.

It was a real busy weekend trying to spend time with Jud and Lorene Rector, Dale and Melba Corcoran, C. W. Burch, Wilhelmehia Sherrall, Penny Hilburn and Michael and Candy, along with William Burch and family in Wheeler.

William Burch had planned on coming over Sat. or Sun. to spend the day with his grandparents, Jud and Lorene Rector. Needless to say the bitterly cold weather changed all of those plans. Will ended up putting in 17 and 18 hour days at work.

Certainly hope ya'll could endure this cold spell on the inside. Sure did get our attention.

D. L. Rector of Amarillo has been down every chance he gets to visit at his folks and do some chores and odd jobs for Lorene. It's really a big help and Jud and Lorene really appreciate it.

Thanks to Jackie Thrasher for watching Michael and Brianna while I've gotten to work at the post office. They always enjoy going over there. But I think my "good", grandkids, showed their true colors Monday. Thanks for hanging in there Jackie.

Bob Krueger helped alot with the kids last week. Michael got a small guitar for Christmas. Bob tuned it up and taught Michael how to hold it properly and almost got a correct note or two. Thanks Bob!!! Michael was so excited.



Mack Strickland and son, Billy, pulled out for Arkansas Mon. (5th).

Billy South was on his way to Berger to get part of Ruth South's stuff. Maybe by this weekend they can get her all moved in.

It was so good to see Ravonda Hardcastle at the beauty shop. She is always so sweet and bubbly and always on the go. She is really excited about the new spring and summer clothing that is arriving. Drop by and take a peek.

Beulah and Doyle Grimes toughed out the cold spell in pretty good shape. Doyle was certainly thankful for that nice warm pickup. He can remember the days all to well when feeding and checking the cattle was an all day job. And all the guys felt like popsicles (I hardly think that would be classified under the title of the "good ol' days".)

The Baptist church ladies did a wonderful job serving the Worthington and Webb families.

Sunday (Feb. 4th) the Baptist Congregation enjoyed the Ackerson family from Crawley, TX. Larry preached a good sermon at the morning service. But because of the weather and the distance that Larry, Vivian, and their 16 year old son, Paul, had to go there were no evening services.

Last Friday granddaughter Dixie took Dylan Floyd to Oklahoma City to an asthma specialist. Poor little Dylan had just gotten out of the hospital after another week of trying to get a handle on the asthma. Please keep Dylan and his grandpa Jerry Tucker in your prayers.

Jerry has to have foot surgery in Amarillo Feb. 7th. The doctors may have to remove a bone from his foot. Sure is going to tie him down for a while. But if Jerry can get some relief.

and be able to walk on it again, it will all be worth it.

Ella Trout brought some new pictures of her darling great granddaughter. She is only 5 weeks old and can already smile for the camera and Daddy. Ritchie and Camaron Watts are so proud of her. Camaron has had a really rough time, but is finally feeling some better. Camaron really gave us all a scare. Please keep this new little family in your prayers.

Calvin and Leola Stuart have been kind of slowed down since this cold weather hit. They had a little trouble with their water well Sunday. But nothing serious thank goodness.

Saturday (Feb. 3rd) they went to Shamrock to visit with his mom, Beulah Stuart, and brother, Gerald Stuart. They ran out of the snow completely after they passed the rest stop south of Wheeler. Hard to believe with all the snow we still had. But I'm not complaining. Calvin visited with a man from Hammon, OK that said he'd gotten 12" of snow and most of it was still there.

Saturday after visiting in Shamrock and being sure Beulah was OK they went on to Erick, OK. Beulah had fallen during the ice and snow. But luckily just got bruised up. Thank goodness that was all.

Beulah is sure lucky. She certainly must not have any signs of osteoporosis. She fell down the cellar steps last summer and just ended up bruised up and stiff and sore. She must have an angel on her shoulder.

Glad your doing so well Beulah. While visiting in Erick with Gladys. Iva Richardson came by after work and they all went to Elk City for supper. They all had a good time.

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Wheeler Church of Christ

Congregational Concerns: On this coming Saturday morning, February 10th, the ladies of this congregation will host their annual "love luncheon." This luncheon will begin at 11:30 A.M.

The men's monthly business meeting that is scheduled to be held on Monday night, February 12th has been postponed. This business meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the multi-purpose building on Tuesday night, February 14th. A fellowship meal will be served before this business meeting is held.

The spring quarter of the Bible School program will begin on Sunday morning, February 18th.

Mary White has returned from her brother's home in Oklahoma City, where she recuperated from a recent surgery on her arm.

Mabel Tabor recently had surgery. She is now recovering at her home in Mobeetie.

Ben Griffin remains hospitalized in the local hospital.

From The Minister's Desk:

One of my favorite texts is found in the first letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. This text is I Corinthians 1:18-21 and it says: "For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.' Where is the wiseman? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

I was reminded of this text when I recently read an article by the national syndicated columnist, Cal Thomas. This excellent article was entitled, "There's Something About That Name", and it said: ---

"Christmas makes us contemplate things some of us may try to avoid the rest of the year, such as family and relationship, and the most fascinating person who lived: Jesus, whom some call 'the Christ.'"

"No other is better known. It is more universally recognized than that of the current or former presidents of the United States and more powerful than all of them combined. His name is used for cursing and blessing, for praying and healing. Have you ever heard the name of Buddha or Mohammed or Moses taken in vain or invoked in so many circumstances? And yet Jesus is largely misunderstood and his teachings misapplied."

"The late Senate chaplain, Richard Halverson, once wrote about the kind of country and world we have if people who claimed to believe in Jesus actually lived as he instructed: love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you, visit prisoners, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, don't divorce."

"The teachings of Jesus produce the objectives most of us seek through other methods. Yet they remain largely untried and are considered irrelevant by those who search for salvation in the temporal world."

"No matter the families of human systems and philosophies, so many people look for new ways to avoid old truths. The latest attack on biblical wisdom comes courtesy of Time magazine, which last week did a

cover story titled "Is The Bible Fact or Fiction?" While Time couldn't bring itself to say the Bible is fiction, its reporters quoted enough "scholars" to lead the biblically illiterate to the conclusion that while the Bible contains some elements of historical truth, you can't rely on it to order your life."

"Has it ever struck these scholars that if God is God, He might operate on a different frequency? For example, Deuteronomy 34:6 says that after Moses died, (God) buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is."

"Two British geologist say they have discovered the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. These supposedly wise men conclude that Lot's wife was not turned to salt because she disobeyed God. No, she became salt because of the briny nature of the Dead Sea. The geologist say it was saturated soil and highly flammable bitumen, not God's wrath, that caused the demise of the twin cities of sin. Different frequency."

"Faith is never solely a matter of evidence, otherwise all would believe in the evidence that has been revealed. Faith is a matter of the will. People choose to accept or reject evidence. (Recall the public --- and jury --- response to evidence presented in the O. J. Simpson trial). The Communists worked hard to kill faith in Jesus, but they failed. And so will the scholars."

"Last week in New York, I saw the 'Christmas Spectacular' at Radio City Music Hall. The show concluded with a magnificent Nativity scene. Over a scrim ran the words to the poem 'One Solitary Life' which noted the obscurity and powerlessness of Jesus' birth (nothing has less power than a baby)."

"In summarizing his life, the writer said, 'Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that ever sailed and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life.'"

"Others may seek more proof this Christmas. That's enough for me."

**Bill Morrison, Minister
Church of Christ
Wheeler, Texas**

Services:
An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship ... 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

WIND EROSION, A Threat To County

Wheeler county farmlands are in worst condition for wind erosion damage in many years. Poor stands of wheat due to, dry weather and cold, poor residues from cotton and milo, are the prime causes. Overseeding small grains into cotton stalks or windstrips did not make adequate cover to protect from wind erosion.

This creates a problem for everyone. Breathing and even driving are made difficult. It also creates a problem with the Food and Security Act of 1985. A farmer must have a FSA plan and be applying it to be eligible for government payments.

Surface Roughening is an alternative to be done when lack of residues or growing crop is present to control wind erosion. This is the case on many of our fields. It is hard to make the decision as when to apply this

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Now they're looking forward to the next domino tournament.

Iva has worked for Mitchell's restaurant in Erick for several years. She now is responsible for all the pies, desserts and salads.

Ronnie and Tanya Stuart called Sun. to check on everybody. Boy did they rub it in. They were running around in shorts and doing yard work. Everyone out there was fine and busy as usual.

Aunt Rita Smith of Wheeler had been there for a visit. They always enjoy her visits. They have such a good time.

Betty Talley of Miami stopped by Beulah and Doyle Grimes Sunday evening. She had admitted Sid to the hospital in Wheeler. He has so much back trouble. They had to put Sid in traction for a couple of days. If all goes well he'll be able to go home Tues. (6th) or Wed. (7). Hope this finds you feeling much better Sid.

Jeff Kelley reported -17 degrees below 0 Saturday morning and Sallie May reported -13 degrees. Brrr!! I knew it was cold. But I think I felt better when I didn't know exactly how cold it was. Hope ya'll have a wonderful week.

Our concerns and prayers—Pierce and Nettie Walker, Jap and Alice Bailey, Jud and Lorene Rector, Garnett Gunter, Julia Williams, Violet Knight, Jess and Deanna Mixon, Tisha McLaughlin, Andrea Martinez, Brandon Hathaway, Misty Hallet Young and daughters, Melvin and Helen May, Doug and Doris Whaley, Choice Scott, Pauline Hooker, Carrie Harris, Laura Fern Selby, Dylan Floyd, Jerry Tucker, and Sid Talley.

practice. Everyone is hoping that the wheat will make sufficient growth to protect the land. However if you are spot checked or turned in by someone and you have not tried to stop it you could be found out of compliance and lose government benefits. Money already earned may have to be paid back.

Listing, chisling, deep breaking or other deep tillage are recommended to make land cloddy or leave it in a roughened condition. Dry weather is and act of mother nature and we cannot control this. However a farmer should have done all possible to install wind strips or overseeding in a timely manner. If this was done tillage may be an alternative. If these practices were not done or if milo stalks were grazed to a point that they are not controlling erosion the possibility of being out of compliance still exists.

Our deep sands create a problem as there are no clays in the subsoil to bring up clods. Listing is probably the only tillage that is the most effective on these soils. On problem areas mulching with hay or manure could be used. If clods are plowed up and rain or snow occurs to melt the clods addition tillage may be needed.

If you have any questions on how to stay in compliance with your FSA plan please contact the NRCS office in Wheeler or call 806-826-3565. Programs and services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

MANN-HARDCASTLE NUPTIALS ARE EXCHANGED IN AMARILLO JAN. 6

Heather Gail Mann of Borger, exchanged vows with Marcus Wade Hardcastle of Wheeler, on January 6, 1996 at 4 p.m. in St. Stephens Methodist Church of Amarillo.

Heather is the daughter of Angie and Stanley Mann of Borger, and Marcus is the son of Gary and Becky Hardcastle of Wheeler.

Dr. Kurt Oheim officiated the double

ring ceremony. Organist was Terry Lowe of Amarillo and vocalists were Wade and Julie Hampton of Wheeler.

Carrie Matthews of Canyon was the maid of honor. Erica Mann, sister of the bride; Candace Matthews of Canyon, and Mindy Brashears of Stillwater, Ok, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids.

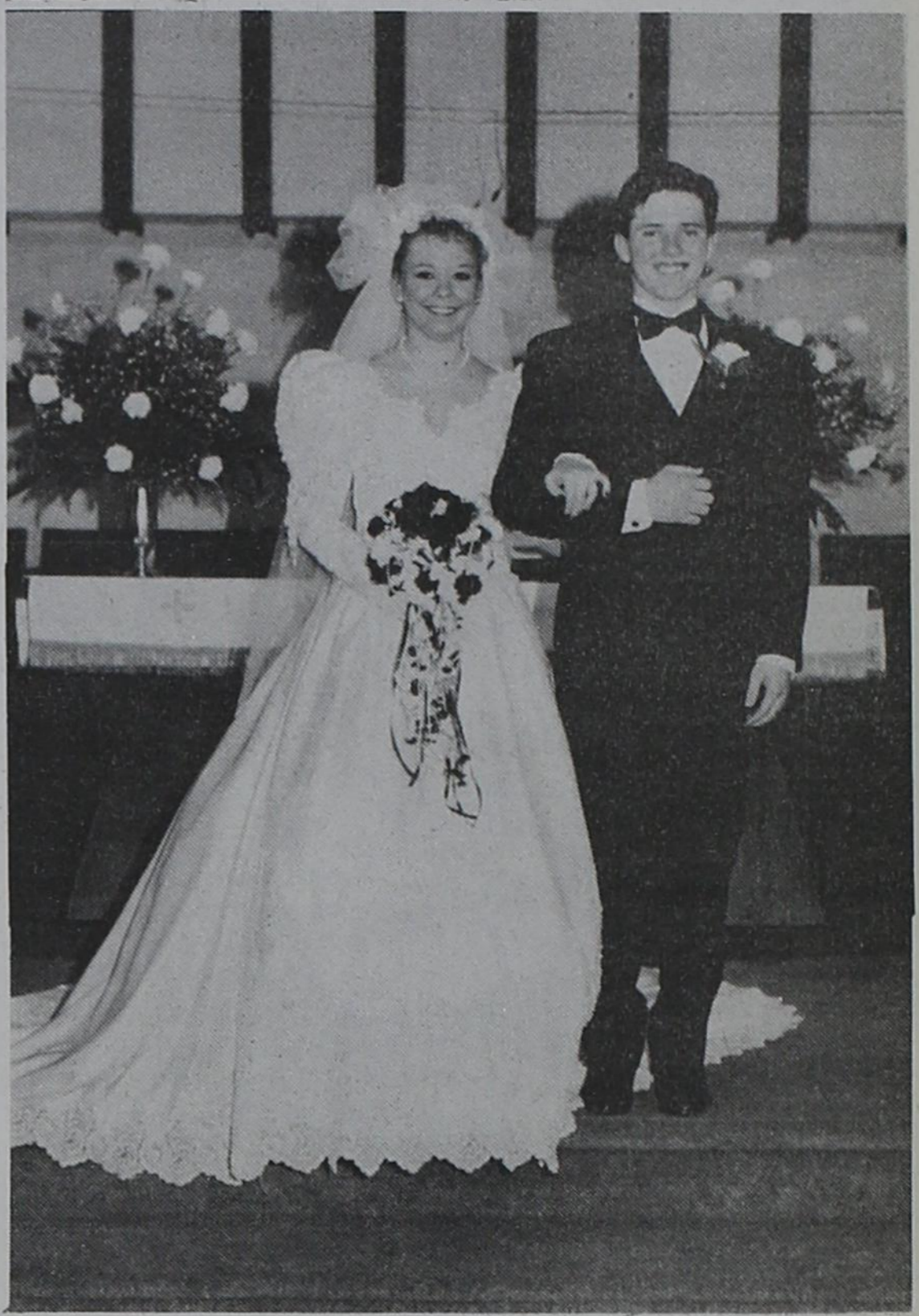
Chad Rives of Borger served as best man. Brandon Chick of Lubbock; Chad Dunnam of Wheeler, and Todd Brashears of Stillwater, Ok, brother-in-law of the groom were groomsmen.

Josh and Nick Hardcastle, cousins of the groom, were ringbearers. Mark and Alex Hermann of Amarillo, cousins of the bride, were candlelighters.

Ushers were Jason Miller of Canyon, and Brandon Renner of Canyon.

A reception following the ceremony was held at the Raddison Inn Ballroom in Amarillo.

The couple will be residing in Canyon where Marcus is employed by Western Valve, and Heather is a student majoring in Elementary Education at WTAMU.



Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hardcastle

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,
I have heard time and time again that all we have are "small town, small time cops", and I must admit I have done the same, but I have realized this is not New York and we should be thankful. This last Friday I had what you call a "small town, small time crisis." My keys got locked in my car. Sure everyone has done it, but I had just placed my five month old baby girl in the car. Worried and knowing there was no other key, I called the Shamrock police department. The dispatcher was very kind and prompt. She knew the consequences with a small child in the car, in this weather. She immediately dispatched two officers from Wheeler, and in ten or fifteen minutes they arrived and in five seconds my car was unlocked. My baby was warm and sleeping soundly. I had three heroes that day. It may not seem they did much, but in my eyes they did! This is "small town cops, solving small town crisis." Would that happen in New York?
Thank You So Much,
Julie and Alyssa Kinnaman

February Designated As American Heart Month

Each year, millions of people volunteer their time and talent to the American Heart Association to help in the fight against cardiovascular disease—this nation's leading killer—and stroke. Recognizing the need for all Americans to take part in the continuing battle against heart disease and stroke, in 1963, the U.S. Congress mandated that the President issue a proclamation annually designating February as American Heart Month. The AHA works with the Administration in the drafting and signing of this annual proclamation.

Each year during American Heart Month, there is a nationwide educational campaign. The educational message for February 1996 is "Don't die of embarrassment," which calls attention to the fact that many heart attack and stroke victims wait too long to seek medical help because they don't want to risk the embarrassment of a "false alarm." Survival and subsequent quality of life dramatically increase with immediate medical attention.

The AHA is committed to funding cardiovascular research to learn more about the treatment and prevention of heart disease and stroke. Today, the chances of saving a life and

reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than ever because of research done in our lifetimes. Much has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done to educate people to recognize when heart attack and stroke are occurring and to respond immediately.

During American Heart Month, American Heart Association volunteers across the country visit their neighbors and provide educational information about cardiovascular disease and stroke and solicit funds to help support the AHA's ongoing research and educational initiatives.

Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department Has Training

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department met Thursday, February 1, 1996 at the Wheeler Fire Station. Fourteen WVFD members and five Junior members participated in Basic/Intermediate Texas Forest Service Ground Cover certification training.

Ken Daughtry taught the Basic/Intermediate Ground Cover class. WVFD members receiving 2 hours training in the Ground Cover class: Gary Davis, Ken Daughtry, Dell Ford, Robert Ford, K.D. Ford, Chuck Hartline, Luke Horton, Lyndon Loyd, Bobby McNeil, Kyndal Murray, H.L. Owens, Daryl Snelgrooves, Jackie Sparlin, Jason Brownfield, Rusty Archer, Wade Brickey, Brandon Simmons, Shane Sparlin and Ethan Wills.

Other WVFD members attending the business meeting: Steve Walker.

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month. The next training meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m., with 2 hours of Basic/Intermediate Texas Forest Service Ground Cover, to be taught by Ken Daughtry.

All WVFD training is SFFMA/TCFP approved and all area firefighters are welcome to attend.

WHEELER MENU

February 12 thru February 16, 1996
Monday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, granola bars, milk.
Lunch: Chili dogs/cheese, tater tots, chili beans, milk/tea, peaches.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits/gravy, scrambled eggs, peanut butter, milk.
Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, English peas, bread, milk/tea, mixed fruit.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, cinnamon roll, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, apple, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, french fries, milk/tea, pears.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, pancake pups/syrup, toast/jelly, hash browns, peanut butter, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, m. potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll/butter, milk/tea, apricots.
Friday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, granola bars, milk.
Lunch: Burrito/cheese, salad, Spanish rice, Mexican corn, crackers, milk/tea, pineapple.
(Menu Subject to Change)

Pt. Elliott Calendar

February 11 thru February 17, 1996
Sunday 11: San Antonio Stock Show
Monday 12: San Antonio Stock Show
Tuesday 13: San Antonio Stock Show
Wednesday 14: San Antonio Stock Show
Thursday 15: San Antonio Stock Show and End of 4th 6 Weeks
Friday 16: San Antonio Stock Show and Ski Weekend
Saturday 17: Ski Weekend

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for your love and support to use at the time of Rex's sickness and death. Thanks to all that brought food, flowers, and cards at the community church at Briscoe. We are fortunate to have all this in our small town. Thanks most of all for your prayers.
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DT—M. Kent Sims to Wheeler Banking Center, 1-25-96, All of Sec. 35 and the S 1/2 Sec. 46, Blk. A-4.
DT—M. Kent Sims to Wheeler Banking Center, 1-25-96, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 35, Blk. A-4, Exc. Mins.
SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT—Amelia Ann Sims to Wheeler Banking Center, 1-25-96, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 35, Blk. A-4, Exc. Mins.
JANUARY 29, 1996
D—Jerry W. Pritchard, et ux to Danny Carol Pritchard, 1-23-96, Pt. Sec. 41, Blk. 17.
ASSIGNMENT—George Wayne Vinson, et ux to Vinson Living Trust, 1-25-96, Sec. 2, Blk. A-4.
OPTION AGREEMENT—Harold R. Traylor to R. D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 12-22-95, SW 1/4 Sec. 38, Blk. A-4.
OPTION AGREEMENT—George C. Pendleton, Jr. to R. D. Davis & Associates, Inc., 12-28-95, Pt. Sec. 38, Blk. A-5.
DT—Shamrock Pipe Line Corporation to Texas Commerce Bank, et al, 12-7-95, See Instrument.
STIP. OF INTEREST—George M. Young, et al to George M. Young, et al, 1-24-96, See Instrument.
D—Coral Inez Sisemore to Darlene Tollison, 8-15-95, Lot 11, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock.
MD—Larissa K. Langley to Avalon Energy, 1-23-96, Sec. 47, Blk. 23.
OL—Keith Kelly to Bendigo Mining Corporation, 12-6-95, NE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-7.
AFF—Gladys Evan to Elizabeth McGar Stoughton, 1-24-96, E 80 acs. NE 1/4 Sec. 49 and NE 1/4 Sec. 51, Blk. 24.
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D—Jerry Dan Hefley, et ux to Billy W. Robertson, et ux, 1-12-96, Pt. Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
DT—Billy Robertson, et ux to Wheeler Bank Center, 1-12-96, Pt. Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
RDT—Wheeler Banking Center to Jerry Dan Hefley, et ux, 1-12-96, Pt. Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
PARTIAL RDT—Wheeler Banking Center to Jerry Dan Hefley, et ux, 1-12-96, Pt. Blk. 50, Stanley Add., Wheeler.
EXECUTOR D—Corrina B. Kroeker to Roy Allen Kroeker, 1-24-96, Secs. 1-3, Blk. E, Sec. 2, Blk. —, B&B Survey, and Secs. 16 and 17, Camp County School Land.
RDT—Frist American Bank, SSB to Thomas W. Spielman, et ux, 1-24-96, Lot 6, Blk. 1, Parklane Add., Wheeler.
EXECUTRIX D—Mary Wofford, et al to Mary E. Risner, 1-29-96, Pt. Sec. 6, Blk. A-4.



PUPPY TO BE AUCTIONED: Caprock Country Kennel is donating a Pointer puppy for the "Art for Heart" auction on Friday, February 16, 1996 at the Pampa Country Club. The event is scheduled from 6 pm to 9 pm. This is "Babe" the mother dog. She is bred out of Miller Chief, Fiddler Ace and "Buck" the father dog is bred out of Texas Double Cross Nick and Peregrine Lorene. "Buck" is currently running in NSTRA Competitions. Bloodlines are available upon request. Ronnie Preston is the owner. Tickets for this event may be purchased from Terri Gambin at NBC Bank or by calling Dee Barker or Chrys Smith at Shepherd's Crook Nursing at 665-0356. Tickets are \$6.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for a couple.

Farm, Ranch Families Needed As Hosts

Ranch and farm families are needed to share their lifestyle and view with a foreigner for two to four weeks. Our wide open spaces of the west are just a dream to some.

Melyn Johnson, Coordinator for World Learning, is working to make the dream of being a cowboy in the west a dream come true. Europeans who have watched John Wayne on film and who have long been an admirer of the cowboy would like to spend some time "on the range."

World Learning would like to give them that opportunity. The short term program matches a person with a family for a two to four week stay. The American family shares their culture and invites a foreigner into their lifestyle. The visitor is more than just a guest, he is a member of the family. He is someone who helps when the family is working together, who learns when the family is learning, and who shares when the family is together.

Many participants on the short term stay are university students who are visiting to improve their English, maybe for an important English exam, maybe because they know they will go further in their chosen field of work with better English skills. Some simply want to see the United States, but as a family member and not as a tourist.

"I have never seen the stars," said Yumiko Mori of Tokyo, "and I never knew the sky went from side to side. It is only up in Tokyo."

Several have read about the west and would like to experience it firsthand.

Do you have an extra bedroom on your farm or ranch, a horse available to be ridden by a beginning novice, cattle to be worked, a friend who can give a tour of a feedlot, a chance to go to the sale barn, or anything similar to this nature? If you do, and might be interested in hosting someone from Japan, Germany, Switzerland, please call Melyn at 806-339-7109 (a local Guyton number).

Southwestern Public Service Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company (NYSE:SPS) today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents per share on common stock.

The dividend on common stock is payable March 1, 1996, to holders of record at the close of business Feb. 15, 1996.

SPS does not have preferred stock outstanding.

Southwestern Public Service Company is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprised of eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, and the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Through its Utility Engineering Corporation and Quixx Corporation subsidiaries, the company also provides engineering, design and construction management services to a variety of industries and is involved in a number of non-utility power generation projects. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo, Texas.

You never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough.
—Samuel Blake

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Kelton (from Page 1)
(aide), are in charge of helping mold the minds of 19 loveable, sometimes rowdy, Pre schoolers.

These kids have come along way, as parents may know, since school first started. They are learning to read, write, and solve problems. She is using the High Scope program, you may contact her about this. This semester they will enter the "Space Age" when they start using computers. All students at Kelton use computers under the guidance of teacher Helen Beck.

A sixteen-year veteran of Kelton, Earlene Rose, is busy everyday teaching her Kindergarten and First graders the three R's. "A lot of what we do daily is, working on sounds, blending sounds, I think, it's the most important part of learning to read," says Rose.

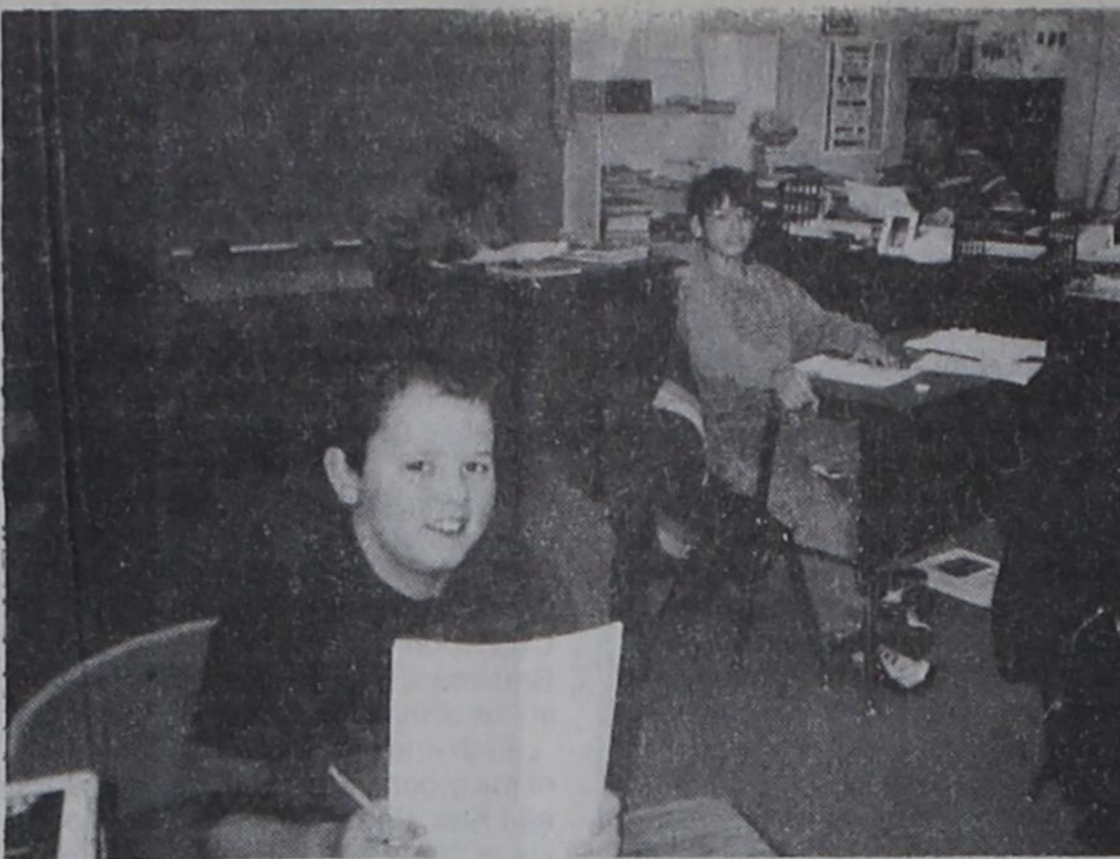
Preparing the 2nd and 3rd graders is for the TAAS test that all students

must take, is a big part of life for Pam Reed's class. Her students also have Learning Centers, and they learn the basics to prepare them for next year.

Bill Smith has a very hard job this year. He has 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to contend with. "They all have different styles and levels of learning, I find that level and build on it," said Smith.

All of these teachers have different styles of teaching and there are others who help make Kelton a great place to go to school they are Lynna Crockett, Jenny Coffey, Kim Ray, Robert Shugart, Rosanna Verden and of course the ladies who make the great breakfasts and lunches, Colleen Alls and Barbara Harris.

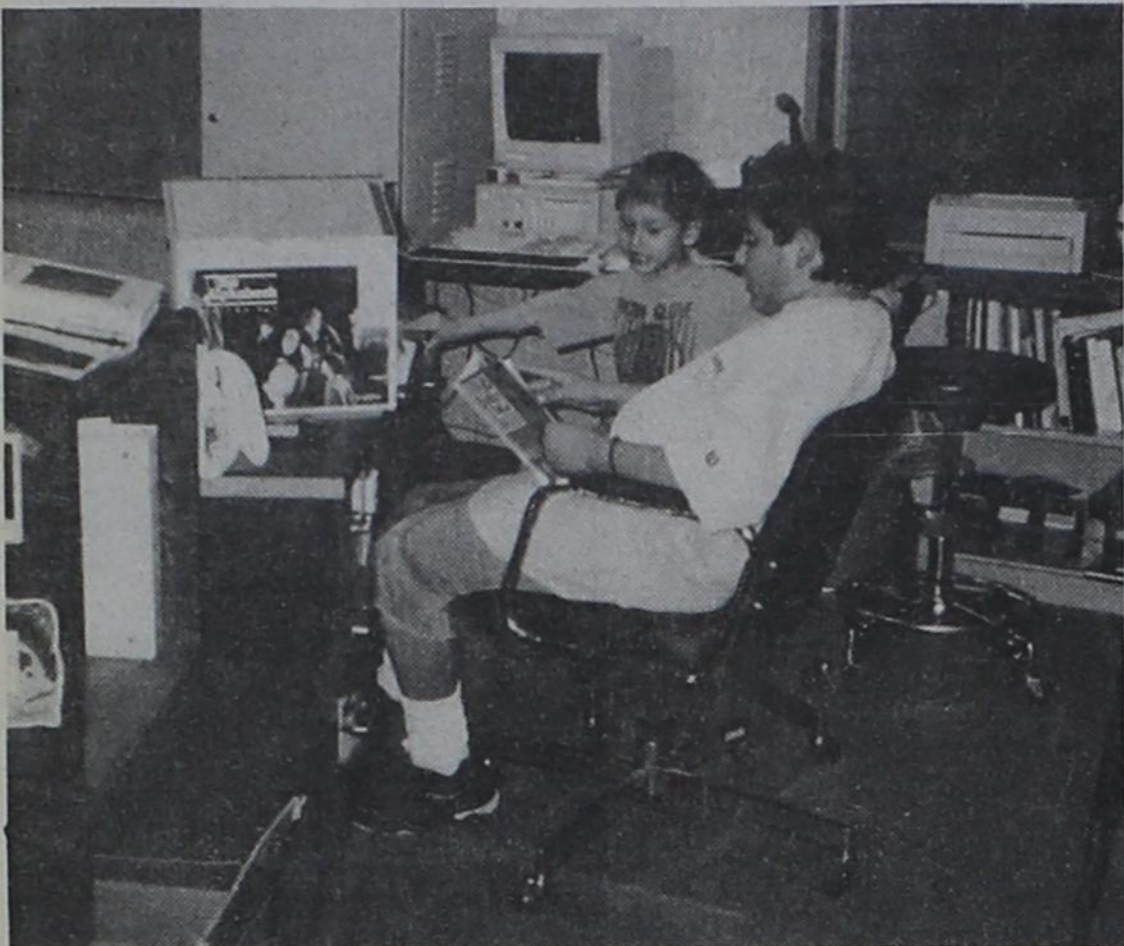
Each of these people deserve our deepest Thanks. They are helping build a foundation on which the future will be built on, because these children are **Our Future!**



Bill Smith's 4th, 5th, and 6th graders working hard on reports.



Earlene Rose's kindergarten and 1st graders listening to sounds.



Nino Lopez and Shawn Mata reading a book about Dinosaurs.



Ashley Dion, Shawn Mata, Tyler Zaiantz, Karyssa Childress and Katie Leven plays "Let's Pretend."



Pre-K teacher Kathleen Reynolds teaching students a new book called Two Feet.

WHEELER BASKETBALL PLAY RESULTS

Booker 39, Wheeler 31 (JV Boys)

Wheeler	10	17	24	31
Booker	7	16	22	39

Individual Scoring

Player	FG(2)	FG(3)	Fl.	To.
Z. Smith	0	0	0	0
K. Boedeker	2	0	0	4
A. Salas	2	0	0	4
J. Bradstreet	0	0	1	1
J. Davis	0	0	0	0
C. Rowley	1	0	0	2
D. Hutchison	0	0	0	0
S. Stribling	0	0	0	0
M. Montgomery	3	0	1	7
M. Hampton	1	0	0	2
Juan Salas	1	0	1	3
B. Judo	4	0	0	8

figures with 11.

Wheeler 60, Booker 43 (Varsity Girls)

Wheeler	7	23	39	60
Booker	12	26	36	43

Individual Scoring

Player	FG(2)	FG(3)	Fl.	To.
Wallace, J.	3			4
Woollard, K.				
McCasland, K.	3		1	7
Wallace, C.	1		1	3
Dollar, P.	1		2	4
Keuhler, M.				
Bradstreet, E.				
Thomas, A.	6		4	16
Smith, R.	3		3	9
Bradstreet, K.	1			2
Goad, M.	4		1	9

Coach Bailey's Comments:
We played our Freshman and J.V.'s against their Freshmen and J.V.'s. Both of us substituted complete ball teams. It was a good hard played game, and the pressure bothered the J.V. team quite a bit. Brian Judd led all scorers with 8 followed closely by Michael Montgomery with 7. We need to do a better job against a team that presses us.

Our Next Game:
Friday night against Shamrock in Shamrock at 5:30.

Groom 53, Wheeler 42 (Varsity Boys)

Wheeler	14	25	34	42
Groom	13	26	37	53

Individual Scoring

Player	FG(2)	FG(3)	Fl.	To.
Ty Ferguson	2	0	3	7
Travis Stevens	3	0	1	9
Robert Remy	0	0	0	0
Dusty Case	1	0	0	2
Ramon Meraz	3	0	0	6
Jason Porton	5	0	0	10
Jason Bradley	0	0	0	0
Aaron Dunnam	4	0	0	8
Andy Francis	0	0	0	0

Coach Ridgley's Comments:
A big, big victory for our Lady Stangs. As can be seen from the scoring we had a well rounded offensive attack, especially from our inside players. Our rebounding hasn't been this strong all year and that is what made the difference. Booker came out shooting poorly, and our rebounding did not allow them any second chances at scoring. The second half was the big difference, we seemed to want the game more intensity wise. We have to continue this rebounding attack and good offensive movement of the ball to remain successful.

Coach Read's Comments:
I don't know what Groom does to us but we cannot put the ball in the hole against these guys. This loss does not eliminate us from the playoffs; however, it will be very difficult to get there as we must win our last two and still get some help from others. Porton scored 10 first half points but was shut out in the second half. Ferguson added seven points in the first half also and was shut out like Porton in the second. No one else was able to pick up the slack in the last 16 minutes.

Next games:
Tuesday, February 6, Booker, 8:00.
Friday, February 9, at Shamrock, 8:00.

Booker 67, Wheeler 61 (Varsity Boys)

Wheeler	14	26	42	61
Booker	20	38	53	67

Individual Scoring

Player	FG(2)	FG(3)	Fl.	To.
Ty Ferguson	0	0	1	1
Travis Stevens	4	0	3	11
Robert Remy	0	0	0	0
Dusty Case	1	0	2	4
Ramon Meraz	7	0	1	17
Jason Porton	12	0	2	26
Jason Bradley	0	0	0	0
Aaron Dunnam	0	0	2	2
Andy Francis	0	0	0	0

Groom 58, Wheeler 51 (Varsity Girls)

Wheeler	13	27	37	51
Groom	13	27	41	58

Individual Scoring

Player	FG(2)	FG(3)	Fl.	To.
Wallace, J.	4		1	2
Woollard, K.				
McCasland, K.	2		1	2
Wallace, C.				
Dollar, P.	2			4
Keuhler, M.				
Bradstreet, E.				
Thomas, A.	3		2	14
Smith, R.	1		1	3
Bradstreet, K.				
Goad, M.	4			8

Coach Ridgley's Comments:
We really needed to win this game, and probably should have. After playing a good first half we came out a little short defensively against Groom's big post girl and this hurt us. Again, rebounding seemed to improve, but we gave up to many easy baskets underneath the basket. When Groom did not shoot a free throw the entire game, we probably played a little to tentative underneath and around the basket. Again, from the scorers table, we had a well rounded scoring attack, but still must establish the inside game and make those shots close in. For the rest of district, it is up to us to win out to have a chance of getting into the playoffs.

'Art For Heart' Auction In Pampa Friday Feb. 16

It is time for the Tri-County Area to host it's second annual "Art for Heart" auction at the Pampa Country Club on Friday, February 16, 1996. The times for the event are from 6 pm until 9 pm. Artists from the local area are donating paintings, pottery, jewelry, etc. for the live auction beginning at 7 pm. Local merchants are donating items for the silent auction from 6 pm until 9 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 for an individual and \$10.00 per couple. Tickets may be obtained by calling Terri Gambin at NBC Bank in Pampa or by calling Chrsy Smith or Dee Barker at Shepard's Crook Nursing at 665-0356.

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Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest. Representing 932 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 15,000 entries this year. A variety of animals is shown in the junior division of livestock competition: market steers, market barrows, market poultry, market hogs, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Last year, junior market auction sales totaled \$4,545,349.

"The very heart of the Houston Livestock Show is the educational opportunities being offered to junior exhibitors in the state of Texas," said Don Jones Jr., Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo assistant general manager. "Our Show, which is the largest junior livestock exhibition in the world, is highly competitive, and a win in any division is highly coveted. These young people, who, through the dedication, hard work and ambition, benefit greatly financially as well as educationally."

In addition to world class livestock competition for two weeks, superior horse show competition also is on the event's agenda. The International Cutting Horse Contest and the Houston Livestock Show Cutting Contest kick off horse show competition beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14. The National Cutting Horse Association World's Championship Finals are scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 15 - 18. The 1996 horse show also features competition in seven different breeds: Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Miniature, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse.

Go Texan festivities officially launch the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo the weekend prior to the start of the rodeo, Feb. 8-11. Barbecue cooking fans can enjoy the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest beginning Thursday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. in the northwest corner of the Astroarena parking lot. The contest continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 - 10. Gates open at 4 p.m., Feb. 8, at noon, Feb. 9, and at 9 a.m., Feb. 10. Judging takes places Saturday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the streets of downtown Houston will fill with hundreds of thousands of spectators for the 58th annual downtown rodeo parade. The parade, featuring more than 6,000 trail riders, marching bands and colorful floats, will begin following the Conoco IOK Rodeo Run. Starting downtown at 9:45 a.m., this year's race is expected to draw approximately 5,000 runners. All entry fees will be donated to the Show's scholarship fund.

The weekend continues with Go Texan contests held at the Astroarena complex. Dominoes, washer pitching and horseshoe pitching contests take place Saturday in the Astroarena, while hauling competition is held in the Astroarena. The team penning, competition gets underway Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Astroarena. Winning entries from the Go Texan quilt and photography contests will be on display throughout the duration of the Show in the Astrohall Hayloft Gallery.

The 1996 carnival will feature approximately 50 of today's most

up-to-date rides, roller coasters, fun houses, hundreds of games and prizes and every kind of food imaginable. Many park benches and picnic tables also are available to accommodate carnival visitors.

A new attraction at this year's complex highlights rodeo information and education.

Rodeo Round-up: Scores and More features the equipment used in rodeo along with live demonstrations. Visitors will be able to get a real feel for the intricacies of the sport. The area will have daily postings of the scores and standings from the previous Houston Rodeo performance as well as an autograph corral and an opportunity to meet cowboy athletes.

The Show also welcomes another new attraction: Remington at the Rodeo. In conjunction with the Museum of Fine Arts, the spectacular exhibition will feature 14 original works and six life-size photographic enlargements of paintings by artist Frederick Remington. Located in the Astrohall's Western Heritage Gallery, this exhibit is featured in a new area dedicated to art exhibitors and working artists.

Show patrons will again be able to enjoy the milking parlor, one of the Show's most informative exhibits. The entire milk production process, from the cow to the grocery store, is colorfully presented. Actual milking demonstrations are conducted daily throughout the duration of the Show and include special commentary by university professors accompanied by video presentations.

The stands will again be packed for the thrilling pig races, as these contestants race around a 150-foot track in a quest for the prized Ore cookie at the finish line. Races are held in Astrohall Plaza, Feb. 16 - March 3, at 10 a.m., noon and 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

The Wild West Show, which will be held in the Astroarena, highlights four amazing acts this year. Times for the Wild West Show are as follows: Tues., Feb. 20 - Fri., Feb. 23 and Mon., Feb. 26 - Fri., March 1 at 5:30 p.m. each night; and Sun., Feb. 25 and March 3 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Another fun family feature will be the petting zoos, with three locations for young and old alike to enjoy holding, feeding and petting the exotic animals. Petting zoos are located in the Astroarena South Annex, in Astrohall Plaza and at the Astrohall/Astroarena divider street. Children of all ages also will be able to enjoy elephant and pony rides, located in Astrohall Plaza. For a cost of \$2 per person, anyone can take a fun elephant ride through Astrohall Plaza or ride a beautiful Welsh pony. Photographs of your ride also will be available. Elephant and pony rides can be taken Monday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; and on Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

The Country Music Midway will again be in Astrohall Plaza. This tented area spotlights the very best in local entertainment and up-and-coming talent. Show visitors can stop by and listen to premier country singers "up close and personal." The Midway is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and country music fans can enjoy live shows from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and from noon to 8 p.m. on weekends.

The daily show parade also returns this year. This colorful attraction features fire trucks, Astroworld singers and dancers, marching bands and youngsters rounded up from the Show grounds, riding on floats and trains. The parade forms outside the south entrance of the Astrohall and travels throughout the complex. The daily Show parade starts at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Continuing a tradition of recognizing the state's rich Hispanic heritage, the Show will celebrate Go Tejano Day on Sunday, Feb. 25. The rodeo performance features two talented Tejano entertainers, Oscar de la Rosa & La Mafia and La Diferencia, as well as the Texas State Finals Mariachi Contest. Go Tejano Day at the 1995 Show recorded the highest overall attendance.

Additionally, Black Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. This special day of festivities spotlights the contributions of black pioneers to the cultural achievement and heritage of the city of Houston and the state of Texas. Activities include a rodeo performance featuring Gladys Knight and Kool & the Gang, a gospel music competition, zydeco music and other local entertainers performing in Astrohall Plaza, as well as many educational and informative exhibits.

Spectators can take advantage this year of the Coors Light Rodeo METRO Express shuttle bus service from five satellite parking sites: The Aramco parking lot at 9009 West Loop South; Gulfgate Mall, located at Loop 610 and IH-45; the METRO Park-n-Ride lot at 7821 N. Shepherd at Steubner Airline; the METRO Park-n-Ride lot at Loop 610 at North Braeswood; and Delmar Stadium, located at West 18th at Mangum. The shuttle service, beginning Feb. 16, will run from 9 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and Sundays and 5 p.m. to midnight on weeknights. The fare will be \$2 per person round trip. The shuttle bus service also will run for two days during the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. However, the shuttle bus will not run on Thursday, Feb. 9. The schedule for this weekend is as follows: Friday, Feb. 9, 5 p.m. to midnight; and Saturday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to midnight.

Ticket prices are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association sponsored events), the livestock show, the carnival, all commercial and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo.

Tickets are available at the Astroarena Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Sears, Foley's, Blockbuster Music, Fiesta and Randalls Food Markets.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo fans also will be able to enjoy championship rodeo action and concert entertainment on pay-per-view television for only \$29.90 for the three-event package. The first RodeoHouston telecast is Friday, Feb. 23; the second broadcast will be Thursday, Feb. 29; and the final pay-per-view telecast on Sunday, March 3, will be a live broadcast of the rodeo finals in its entirety. RodeoHouston will be available nationwide on DIRECTV; on TVN Satellite Theaters in the United States and Canada; and on cable in Houston and the rest of a five-state area of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Coupons for \$5 off any single telecast or the three-event package will be available at Houston and Dallas-area Kroger stores for cable television customers.

All net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,500 students receive some form of Show-sponsored financial assistance. Since the first scholarship was given in 1957, more than 11,500 awards have been presented to Texas youth at a cost exceeding \$40 million.

The 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo begins with horse show competition, Wednesday, Feb. 14 followed by other livestock competition beginning Friday, Feb. 16. The first rodeo performance will be

held at 7 p.m., Feb. 16. All events conclude March 3.

SPS, PSCo Shareholders Approves Co. Merger

Shareholders of Southwestern Public Service Company (NYSE:SPS) today approved the proposed merger of the utility with Public Service Company of Colorado (NYSE:PSR) to create a holding company called New Century Energies, Inc.

Public Service Company of Colorado announced today that its shareholders also approved the merger.

More than 74 percent of the outstanding shares of SPS common stock were voted for the merger at the company's annual meeting in Amarillo, Texas. More than 72 percent of the combined outstanding shares of PSCo's common and preferred stock were voted for the merger at a special shareholders meeting in Denver, Colo. At each company, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares was required for approval.

"Our shareholders understand the changes under way within our industry," said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton. "The vote today signals their desire to see that our two firms join to create a strong and innovative company that can succeed in the more competitive utility industry that is quickly developing."

"There are significant benefits in this merger for our customers, as well," Helton said. "Customers will share in the efficiencies the merger will create, through continued quality service and future electric rates that will be lower than they would be otherwise. We are now focused on the state and federal regulatory approvals necessary as we work toward our targeted completion date of fall 1996."

New Century Energies will become the parent company of SPS and PSCo, which will maintain their separate identities and continue to serve customers in their respective service areas. New Century Energies will be headquartered in Denver, although significant operations of the holding company will be in Amarillo. Amarillo and Denver will remain the headquarters of SPS and PSCo, respectively.

Also at the SPS annual meeting, shareholders re-elected all four directors of the 12-member board who were standing for election this year, including Chairman Bill Helton.

Check Your W-2 Forms For Correct Name, S.S.#

Be sure your Social Security number and name are correctly shown on the W-2 form (statement of earnings) your employer is required to give workers before the end of January. Social Security Manager, Joe Deschaine announced.

Compare the number and name shown on the W-2 with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and local Social Security office right away. The name and number on your W-2 must match your Social Security record so that your earnings will be credited to the correct Social Security record. You may call the Social Security toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 or any Social Security office if you detect a problem on your W-2.

Retirement, survivors and disability benefits are based on an individual's earnings record. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

The Pampa, Texas Social Security office is located at 125 S Gillespie. Office hours are 9 AM until 4 PM, Monday through Friday. The telephone is 806-669-1010.