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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

AROUND 1926: This picture shows the Wheeler County Courthouse as it appeared shortly after construction was completed. With the \$3.75 million grant received from the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation program, the structure will be returned as near to the original plans as possible. Work will begin within a short time and continue for a period of 18 months to 2 years.

Wheeler County Courthouse Is In Need Of Proposed Repairs

Using the original plans for the 75-year-old Wheeler County Courthouse restoration will begin. Funds in the amount of \$3.75 million has been received from the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Program.

In 1985 some work was done on the courthouse. Stair cases were re-surfaced, woodwork was refinished and the building was painted throughout. About this same time, the outside was sandblasted and the columns in front and back were refinished. This work only scratched the surface of the repairs needed to the building.

Quoted in a story in the Amarillo paper, Judge Hefley said, "The courthouse is 75 years old, so there's been some deterioration. If it lasts another 75 years, I'd say the last spent the money well."

The present heating and cooling system takes up the balcony of the courtroom and several storage areas in the courthouse. This system will be replaced with a geothermal; the test well has been drilled on the east side of the courthouse.

The present wiring dates back to 1926 and is not adequate for present day. The wiring is one of the most needed repairs. Computer wiring and

the telephone system will also be worked into the remodeling.

In order for the courtroom to be fully restored with balcony, it will be necessary to move the elevator and law library. The elevator will be moved to the north end of the building and the law library will be moved to the basement.

If there is any doubt as to the need for the work on the courthouse, have County Clerk Margaret Dorman or County Attorney Bobby Hill take you on a tour. Repairs need to be made from leaks from the past. Lead paint needs to be removed from the windows and asbestos needs to be removed from the building. Some structural repairs will have to be made also. A French drain system will take the water away from the building.

Lots of research has gone into this project to make the grant available to us. It will result in much needed repairs in the courthouse. The \$3.75 million grant is a matching grant—the state furnishes 85% and the county provides 15%. Counted in our 15% is the Smart-start grant of \$25,000 to hire a consulting firm and determine needs and the \$243,169 to hire a consulting firm for the project manual, plans and specifications. Work done on the roof in the past few years also counts.

Then-Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature created the Texas Historical Preservation Program in 1999 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million. In May 2000, the THC distributed \$42.4 million in matching grants to 19 counties.

An additional \$7 million was distributed to 28 Texas counties in October 2000.

Eighty-three Texas counties applied for grants with a total amount of \$195 million. Taken into consideration in awarding the grants was the age of the building and need of repairs in structure, wiring and plumbing.

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Robert 'Bob' Holdeman Graveside Wed., Dec. 18

Robert D. "Bob" Holdeman, 74, passed away on December 15, 2001. He was born in Eldorado, Oklahoma. While living in Wheeler, Texas, he farmed and owned Holdeman Implement along with his father. He worked for Hydro Conduit for thirty years. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy, his son and daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Jean; his daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Fred Seibert, his grandsons, Jeremy Seibert, Christopher Seibert and Roy Holdeman; sisters, Margaret

New Arrival

MICHAEL SHANE
Dee Mize and DeWayne Bridges are proud to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Michael Shane, born January 20th, 2002 at St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Less and Nita Mize of Lefors and Johnny and Tenny Bridges. Great-grandpa is Tony Griffin of Wheeler.

56th Annual Miss Irish Rose Competition Mar. 16

The 56th annual Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant will be held in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Celebration in Shamrock March 16, 2002, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Shamrock High School Auditorium. The Pageant is open to any girl currently enrolled in high school, who has never been married or never had a child. Entry fee is \$50 per contestant.

For more information, or an entry form, contact: Judy Abernethy at 256-3746 or the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce at 256-2501.

Wheeler County Grand Jury Returns Indictments

The Wheeler County Grand Jury met Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Seven indictments were returned. Named on indictments were:

Charles Edward Brooks, age 50, of Detroit MI. The charge was Possession of Marijuana

Dimitrios Nickolaos Monogios, age 24, of Harrison Township, MI. The charge was Possession of Marijuana

Virgil Kenneth Davis, age 24, of Flint, MI. The charge was Possession of Marijuana

David Wayne Bias, age 25, of Shamrock, TX. The charge was Possession of Controlled Substance.

Daniel James Chase, age 32, of Shamrock, TX. The charge was UUMV

Maria Elaine Richards, age 26, of Los Angeles, CA. The charge was Possession of Marijuana

Yerodin Kalonji Prince, age 27, of Los Angeles, CA. The charge was Possession of Marijuana.

Wheeler I.S.D. Board Holds Special Meeting

President Dan Sams called the Wheeler ISD Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration office. All board members were present. Mr. Sams welcomed all and the invocation was given by Dr. Hillhouse. Mr. Burch then led the pledge.

Mr. Sams then moved the meeting to the library due to the number of people in attendance.

Guests were James Umsted, Gary Miller, Tracy Burton, William McKinley.

School personnel: Brooks Symank, Dale Pulpan, Doug Rives, Nancy Miller, Noveline Loyd, Dora Salas, Jim Verden, Mike Bailey, Larry Hampton, Suzanne Hampton, Connie Porter, Judy Woollard, Debbie Finsterwald, Dianna Johnson, Rosemary Dodd, Machille Henson, Cathy Burrell, Cory Lynch.

The board held general discussion of the budget until 6:35 p.m. at which time they retired into executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

The board returned to open session at 7:59 p.m.

Next board meeting scheduled February 6, 2002, at 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Services In Wheeler Sat. For Roxie May Hanks, 88

Roxie May Hanks, 88, died Thursday, January 17, 2002, in Amarillo.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Moore of Wellington and Dr. Toby Henson, pastor officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hanks was born September 22, 1913, in Thomas, Okla., to James and Daisy Thomas. She married Bill Hanks on January 18, 1931, in Elk City, Okla. She was a longtime resident of the Wheeler area until she moved to Amarillo in 1999. She was employed at the Koshare Shop in Wheeler for many years and Wheeler Library. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1979; and a son, Doyle Hanks in 1999.

Survivors include five grandchildren, Darrell Hanks, Randy Hanks, Terry Hanks, Dave Hanks and Susan Ackley, all of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Carole Hanks of Amarillo; a brother, Milton Thomas of Nampa, Idaho; and nine great-grandchildren.

2002 WHEELER COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Schedule of Events:

Friday, January 25

2:00 p.m. - Weigh steers, lambs and hogs

Saturday, January 26

8:00 a.m. - Hog Show

Lamb Show -- immediately following the Hog Show

Steer Show - immediately following the Lamb Show

Heifer Show - immediately following the Steer Show

5:00 p.m. - Barbecue (Prepared by Steve Walker and Wheeler Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Meal is sponsored by the Wheeler County Commissioners Court

6:00 p.m. - Program and Auction

- Presentation of T. A. Hennard Citizenship Award

- Presentation of High Point Exhibitor Award

- Premium Sale

Local Community Stock Sale — Thursday, Jan 24, 5:00 P.M.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR "OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS"

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is once again taking nominations for the five outstanding individuals who will be recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet in February 23, 2002.

It is the desire of the chamber to recognize the most deserving individuals in each of the five categories. To be recognized are the Outstanding Woman, Man, Employee, Teenager and Farmer/Rancher.

Please make your ideas known and also list the reasons why the individual should receive the honor.

Your nominations will be considered by the committee appointed

to select the respective individuals to be named.

Each nomination is to be accompanied by a list of reasons for the nomination. The list will be used in determining the most deserving.

It is necessary that the nominations be returned by Thursday, January 31, 2002.



Robert Hogan

Robert Hogan Jr. Receives O.S.U. Grad. Fellowship

On October 10, 2001, Robert Hogan was awarded the OSU Foundation Distinguished Graduate Fellowship. The Fellowship provides for education expenses for the year 2001-2002 and may be renewed for 3 years. This fellowship was awarded to Robert only after being nominated by Dr. Clement Ward, Dr. Bryan Adams, and Dr. James Trapp, professors at Oklahoma State University in the Agricultural Economics Department.

On January 16, 2002, during an awards ceremony for Graduate Students Association in Agricultural Economics, Robert Hogan was presented 2 scholarships.

The Leo and Betty Blakley Graduate fellowship was awarded to Robert for the second consecutive time, the first being in 2001. Also, in January 2001, Robert received the Spielman Scholarship for the Top Masters Student. This January, Robert was presented with the Spielman Scholarship for the Top Doctoral Student. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, leadership ability and future potential in life as a citizen and productive member of society.

The Graduate Student Association of Agricultural Economics is an organization consisting of all graduate level students in that department. For more information about the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics, contact the Department at 405-744-6161 or at 308 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK, 74074.

Hospital Notes

Extended Care
Estelle Orr
Ruth Ledbetter
Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin
Addie Swift

New Admissions
1/12 Jesus Markham
Glenn Markham
1/16 Linda Buttry
1/17 Bryant Richardson
Bobby Stowe
1/19 Becky Hardcastle
1/19 Glenn Markham
Dismissal
1/15 John Wilson
1/16 Gladys Pannell
Linda Buttry
1/18 Glenn Markham
Minnie Barton
1/19 Maurine Brotherton
Becky Hardcastle
1/21 Glenn Markham



NEW IN TOWN: Greeting travelers coming into Wheeler is the new time and temperature sign at First State Bank at the south edge of Wheeler on Highway 83. In addition to the time and temperature, bulletins can also be posted. At the time the picture was made the bulletin was for the Wheeler basketball games. Work on the sign was completed January 11.

Aaron Davis, 61, Dies In Austin Sun., Jan. 13

Aaron Dale Davis, 61, died Sunday, January 13, 2002, at Austin, Texas. Services were under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Davis was born September 9, 1940, in Wheeler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1961 until 1965. He was employed by Sperry Univac for 19 years and Texas Meter and Device for six years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Cleo Davis; a sister Wylene Lee; and a nephew, Lavoe Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene Davis of the home; two sons, Brandon Davis and Duron Davis, both of Austin; a stepson, Chase of Denver, Colorado five sisters, Cheta Trimber, Joy Haynes and Sharon Brown, all of Pampa, Nellie Williams of Sudan and Glenda Pecka of Tucson, Arizona; two brothers, James Davis and Melvin Davis, both of Pampa; and five grandchildren, Valerie, Jacob, Aslan, Lukus and Pykasu.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Hospice of Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, TX 78759.

She is still having trouble with her leg bothering her from her fall and being sick at her stomach, causing her to throw up.
Preston Glazner fell about two weeks ago and bruised one leg pretty badly. It still is not doing well. He went

back to the doctor Monday. He is supposed to stay mostly in bed with hot packs on it for another two weeks. He can walk to the bathroom or table or sit up for a short time with his leg up. Keep praying for Preston and Elsie.

Ray and Glenda Hudson and Hack and Bobbie Coffee from Canadian went to Pampa Sunday to the Community Concert, featuring Manhattan Rhythm Kings at the M. K. Brown Auditorium. They enjoyed the concert and the visiting. Monday Ray went to Amarillo and ate lunch with his mom, Lois Hudson and Sharon Bertrand. Then he and daughter, Sonya went to a computer class.



leg was very swollen just strutted and seeping fluid. It is some better now. We missed her and C.B. at Wheeler Baptist Church two Sundays. She and C. B. are always so faithful to be there. Pray for Maurine and C. B.

Eddie Jr. and Levenna Pannell had a visit from their son and wife recently. Nice to see them all out to Wheeler Baptist Church. Eddie recently had shoulder surgery so can't help as much with his mom, Gladys. Gladys' daughter, Imogene Murray has been staying here more to help out. Imogene enjoys playing golf with the Wheeler ladies at Shamrock or Childress. She also plays golf with her grandchildren some.

Getting together for food, fun and 42 at Edna May's house Saturday night were Lou Dean Douthit, Virginia Puryear and Nadine Reynolds. They always have fun.

Don and Peggy North from Tolar are visiting Donald and Billy Stuckey and Lou Dean Douthit and Debbie and Bob Kinnaman.

Lou Dean visited Rosalie Keelin one day.
A special treat to have grandson Dallas Fillingim and friend, Krystal Berend, from Windthorst meet us for supper and a good visit at Maxeys Saturday night. She is a lovely young lady.

Also at Maxeys were Dean and Georgia Tipps, celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniver-

sary, Dean and Georgial! God bless you!
Ft. Elliott High School basketball teams and many fans journeyed to Reynon Friday night. Ft. Elliott boys and girls won.

Correction: Some at Cecil and Jean Meadows home Christmas were Dean and Shannon Meadows and Megan and Mechelle from Canadian, Dale and Shonda Meadows and Cassie and Dewayne and Betty Meadows and Bubba, Ashleigh and Leslie from Pampa.

Allison Junior High girls and Higgins Junior High boys will come to Briscoe Monday, Jan. 28, at 6:00 p.m. to play Ft. Elliott Junior High.

"That which seems a tragic ending To our red and tear filled eyes In our heavenly Father's wisdom May be mercy in disguise."

from Fritzhugh in "Daily Bread"
Nice to have a call from Willis's sister, Eula Mae Newman. She is back living with daughter, Laura Mae Hudler, a widow at Saginaw, Texas. Eula is 88, but still drives and able to go places to meetings, beauty shop, etc. She especially enjoys visiting the shut-ins from her Sunday School class.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Charlie George, 75, in his death.

Addie Swift has been in the hospital at Amarillo and Wheeler since before Christmas and is still pretty weak. They may get to bring her home Monday. Keep praying for Addie. She will be at Fat and Wanda's if she is dismissed. Addie did get to come to Wanda's.

Sunday L. D. (Fat) Childress' family had a get together at Soto's to celebrate Fat's 72nd birthday. Some others there were Wanda, Cathy and Melvin Hunt, Shelly and J. R. Gonzales and Junior, Kay and Scott Luttrell and Kayleigh, Jane and Clyde Dukes and Stacie and Jackie. Happy Birthday, Fat.

Sorry to hear Bob Aycock is in Veterans Hospital at Amarillo. He had some bleeding. They couldn't get stopped, but is doing better now. Pray for Bob and his family.

Doctor at the Diagnostic Clinic in Amarillo is giving Juanita Prater blood thinner to help the numbness she was experiencing. Keep praying for her.

Lacy Amber Crownover visited Charles and Lajo Crownover over the weekend and went to Gageby Church and to visit Grandma Willa. She wasn't at Willa's long but they did have a tea party and got to see some of the animals Sunday.

Dr. Howard Berg did surgery on one of Faye Sell's hips that popped out Monday late at B.S.A. He worked at strengthening it and said she had a 50-50 chance that it would stay in. He didn't remove anything. I think.

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MONDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pork Chops, Okra, Italian Veg. Blend, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Taffy Apple Bread, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Goopy Chocolate Cake, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Hashbrowns, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Beef Stew, Cheese Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Strawberry Short Cake, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Oats, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Cheese, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Juice, Milk
Lunch: Milk

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Sincere sympathy to Claudetta and Aaron Laverty on the death of Claudetta's brother-in-law in Arkansas. They attended the funeral over the weekend. Guest preacher at Gageby Church was Jim Baker from Canadian. Bill Hooten, 85, lived in Heber Springs and was buried there. His wife survives him and is Claudetta's sister.

Sunday dinner guests at Rosalie Keelin home were Sherry and Jerry Swires from near Lefors and Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy. Jimmy Keelin had prepared dinner Saturday night and put in the refrigerator for Sunday, but he had to be gone. He is a good cook. Sherry and Norma are sisters. They all had a good time together.

Shannon Faye and Johnny Prater from Oklahoma City spent a few days with their grandparents, Verneal and Juanita Prater. Sunday they all and Mary Lou Carter and Jeanette Jahnel and Dersey and Carl Lee ate lunch at Furrs in Pampa. From there Shannon and Johnny went on to Amarillo to visit their dad, David Prater, and will come back by when they go home to Oklahoma City. Verneal got his Coconut Cream pie.

Dick Irvine preached at Allison and Wheeler Methodist Churches Sunday in the absence of their pastor, who was at school.

I was too lazy to fix lunch Monday so we went to the Wheeler Dairy Queen. Nice to see Tina Bond and her little cutie, Abbe, 5, and her cousin, Mattie Eldridge, 6, from Pampa. Pampa school was out for Martin Luther King Jr., Day. The girls were having great fun. Also at Dairy Queen were George Giddens from North of Allison, Gayle Knight, Buster Haning and Kay Luttrell.

Sorry to hear Skeet Johnson was having to have part of a leg amputated because of re-occurring infection. Pray for Skeet and Diana and the family. We are sorry.

Maurine Brotherton got to go home from the Wheeler Hospital Saturday after spending all week there. One

WE ARE ALL OLD SETTLERS!

by Lorena G Males

April 19th will once again bring all of the former residents of Cheyenne, Okla., their friends and relatives, back home. They know it is the absolute best time to meet again. The only ones not present for this gigantic party are the ones too sick, too poor or too down in the dumps. Mark your calendar.

Be ready for a shock. I got one several years ago when Cheyenne was host to Old Settlers.

I was renewing my friendship with an old and cherished friend. I felt there must be some differences in our ages. She looked like an old-timer. I felt like a new comer.

"I came here to collect pioneer stories", I explained. "Could you tell me a story about when you were young?"

"My dear you and I were young at the same time. We were in the same grade in school. Why don't you tell me a pioneer story?"

I had a sudden awakening. I'm the old settler. Those early day people who deserve so much love and honor from us are all gone. Their stories are forever silenced. Their problems are solved, their tears are dried. What a shock to realize when a voice calls "Old Timer tell me a story" I can answer "Here I am".

Maybe you are a newcomer, what do I have to offer the newcomers to our area — the area that seems so strange to those who never knew the feel of our red earth, the sound of our wayward wind, the tang of our plum jelly that came from the front pasture.

We welcome all newcomers. Because of you, Western Oklahoma is getting a second wind, full of new and exciting ideas in our homes and communities. It's catching! We are coming alive.

So if I'm an Old Settler it's time for me to stop taking and start giving, it's time for me to tell the stories that were told to me by my pioneering grandparents, and Mama and Papa.

It's my time to teach the girls in the family to make sour dough biscuits around an open fire. Be careful or you'll get your dress tail on fire.

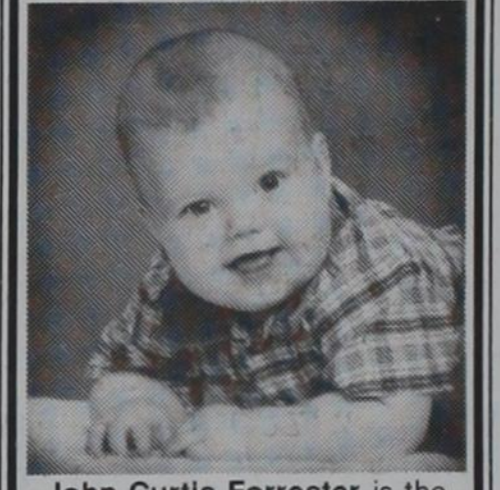
I'll tell my little grandson who wants to be a cowboy, that Western Oklahoma is cowboy county. We'll sing a cowboy song "Goodbye Old Paint I'm Leavin' Cheyenne" (Wyoming).

How can we help each other appreciate our great gifts? One day we'll go to the cotton patch and learn what work is. We'll go to the hen house and gather the eggs. We'll go to the barn and milk the cow (by hand). We'll bring in the wood and start the fire. Clean the lamp globe. We'll take a ride in a buggy, tap the horse with a buggy whip and pull the lap robe over our knees.

We'll look at old faded pictures as we tell a story of prairie fires with no fire trucks, of floods that raped the virgin land, of dust bowl days that sent our people on another "run", of the miracle of oil and gas stored underneath our rocky soil.

I won't tell stories of the tragedies that broke the hearts of all. The day of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Run, April 19, 1892, there was not a soul in the Red Hill Cemetery (Hammon). One by one our people were laid to rest in family groups. Tell the story!

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MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, January 28, 2002 — FRIDAY, February 1, 2002

MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread/Butter, Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY: Barbecue Beef On Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

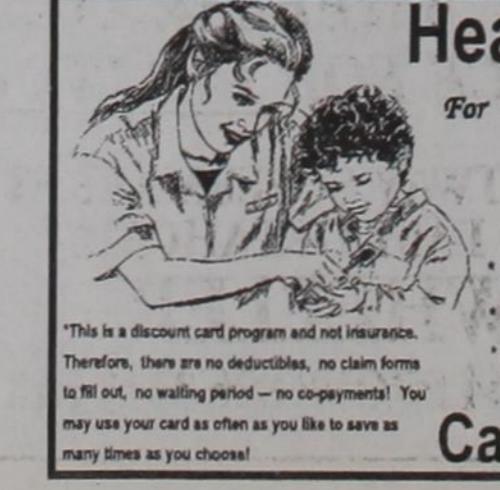
THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler

FRIDAY: Fried Catfish, Spinach, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bread/Margarine, Gingerbread/Topping

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ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

Ephesians 5:18-20: And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's a nice sunny day here in Allison this Monday.

I had never met Opal Heffley, but we did meet in the clinic last Wednesday morning and had a short visit while waiting to see Dr. Mendiola. I had seen her name in Verna's news quite often. Very sweet little lady.

Ruby Craig has been spending some nights in Wheeler this week and last Thursday night also with Tanner and Tyler McWhorter, her grandsons, while the boys parents, Billy and Rhonda are on vacation at Cancun, Ole Mexico.

Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston shopped in Wheeler last Wednesday. Curtis drove Bro. T. H. Chapman to Oklahoma City last Monday, the 14th, for Bro Chapman to fly to St. Louis, Mo., to attend a United Pentecostal General board meeting. He arrived back in Oklahoma City last Friday, where Curtis picked him up and they came home to Allison.

Roma and Billy Brown's last Sunday dinner guests was Thuria Poindexter from Cheyenne. Pete and Margaret Gilmer took her home after church Sunday night. Pete and Margaret were in last Tuesday for Margaret to see the eye doctor—all seemed to be going well.

Rita Grayson attended Monty and Jennifer Dukes wedding shower last Saturday afternoon at the Allison school cafeteria. Said they received a very nice shower. Rita's last Monday's over night guest was her sister, Jonell Grayson from Spearman. She also visited a while Tuesday morning before going home and on her way home she visited another sister, Lavois Anderson at Miami. After the wedding shower at the school on Saturday afternoon, Rita and Debbie Jones went to Shamrock to watch Bryan Markham's 7th and 8th grade girls play basketball in a tournament. His seventh grade girls won their game, but the eighth graders lost their game. Rita and Debbie visited with Tess Markham and her two little boys at the game. Ky came home with his grandmother Jones and spent the night. On Sunday afternoon Bryan visited Rita for a while.

Pearl Harrison and Louise Boydston attended the funeral of a cousin, Della (Harrison) Schmidt last Saturday at Cheyenne. Clifton and Louise Boydston's Sunday dinner guests were pastor McDaniel and Bro. T. H. Chapman. Hershel Sanford from Higgins and Gary and Julie Boydston, H. B. and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody and Pearl Harrison.

Nona Jones' over night guests last Friday night were Lee and Sharon Hall from Amarillo. They and Nona attended the ball game at the school Friday night. Nona and Nadine Reynolds attended the funeral of Charley George at Pampa last Friday. Charley was the brother of Nadine Lane and Betty Dyer. Our sympathy is for his family and relatives and friends. He had had cancer for quite some time.

Melody (Walker) Draper, Victoria William and Elizabeth from Bryan,

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MONDAY
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Lunch: Corn Dogs, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spear, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage Patty or Frozen Yogurt, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Beef Spaghetti, Texas Toast, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pancake Pup or Waffle w/Syrup, Toast, Milk, Juice
Lunch: Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Mash, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage Patty, Milk, Juice
Lunch: Fried Burrito, Grated Cheese, Salad, Chili Beans, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cold or Hot Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Fruit, Milk

(Menu subject to change)

Texas, are spending a few days with Eddy and Wanda Walker.

Hiram and Dorenda Begert were in Denver, Co., last week for Hiram to serve as judge for the Limousin Pen and Carload Bull Show at the Nation Western Stock Show. They also attended all the other Limousin cattle events and meetings while there.

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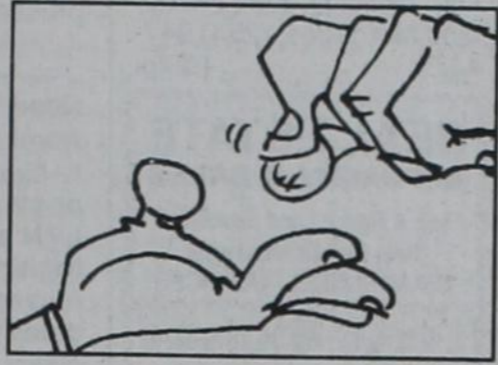
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We are blessed to good friends and neighbors.
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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Choice Scott got out of the hospital and went into Wheeler Care Center. She is doing well.

Our sympathy goes out to the Jim Kephart family on the death of his grandmother in Oklahoma. Jim returned to White Sands when he got the message about his grandmother so he got to stay to attend the funeral. Bob Aycock was taken to the VA Hospital Tuesday and was still there Sunday. He got a nosebleed and couldn't get it stopped. They got it stopped and were going to watch him over night. Joyce stayed up there with him.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster went back to Amarillo Tuesday evening. Arica had a doctor's appointment. They came back to Mobeetie on Thursday.

A key ring with several keys was found on the road near the city hall. They can be picked up at the city hall during the regular office hours.

Gary Grimes came Saturday to visit his parents Doyle and Bulah Grimes and took them shopping in Pampa. Their granddaughter Dorenda Aranda got to come home from Houston following her surgery. She will start her treatment in about 5 weeks. The cancer tumor was bigger than the thyroid gland. Remember her in your prayers.

Geniva Hogan was here over the weekend. She had a dentist appointment on Tuesday and will go home after the appointment. She has been visiting with Chuck and Louise Hogan.

Several attended the music at Canadian Saturday night. Among them were Ada Lou Lester, Aaron and Arica Lancaster and Bill and Patsy Caswell and Corey.

Alvern Hutchinson of Wheeler visited with her Aunt Orville Greenhouse Sunday afternoon.

Our sympathy goes out the family of Aaron Davis. He was the son of Wylie and Cleo Davis. He passed away last Sunday in Austin. His ashes were brought back to Pampa and buried Monday.

Those going to The Wheeler Care Center Sunday were Bro. Bob Meller, Nadine Lane, Lorene Rector, Marion Grimes, Doris Finsterwald, Estelle Hodges, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Patsy Caswell and Corey Lovelace.

The T. E. L. Class went to Wheeler for dinner following church. Those



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going were Lorene Rector, Nadine Lane, Estelle Hodges, Jane Seitz, Patsy Caswell, Audrey Seitz, Bob Meller, Corey Lovelace and the Robinson family.

Dale and Melba Corcoran took Lorene Rector to Elk City Thursday for her doctor's appointment. They met Lorene's brother Carl Pierce for lunch at the Golden Corral.

Jerry Rector of Amarillo came Friday and took Lorene Rector to her eye appointment in Elk City.

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Pauline Barnes visited Saturday night with Densel and Fern Reed. Sunday after church Aaron and Arica Lancaster, Danny and Betty Rogers and Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Mel's for lunch.

Our sympathy goes out to the Laverty family of the death of his brother-in-law Bill Hooten of Hurbar Springs, Arkansas. Aaron and Claudette Laverty, Caaron Neighbors and Leta Herring went for the funeral and returned home Monday. Visiting Sunday afternoon with

Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

Beautiful weather! But this is winter time and we need moisture. Right now the western half of the state is under a fire alert.

I still have birds. No blue birds, but jays, cardinals, and wood peckers. Plus a variety of sparrows. When I was a kid we called them pecker woods.

I watched the Olympic Torch bearers go thru Oklahoma on TV after they got through the city, a car took it to Amarillo. Then slowly on to Salt Lake City.

Route 66 on OETA was interesting since we are just 20 miles from it.

Francis Meadows of Victoria, Texas, and Betty Brown of Sunray, Texas, have been visiting their sister, Lois Bryan. They took in the ball game with Reydon. We won!

Our kids also beat Merritt this week in a home game. We barely won. The girls by a point. Boys by a half a dozen. The boys will also play Merritt in the Bi-County Tournament at Hammon.

Been a lot of talk about cloning not to be allowed in Oklahoma. Does a being formed by cloning have a soul and body? Know right from wrong, etc?

Shannon Anderson and Matthew Carlson were on the SOSWO honor roll.

Eva Atkinson hasn't been very well. Both boys were home from college over the Christmas break.

On the grade school honor roll were Katie Terry, Bobby Hanson, Jakota Ford, Nathan Dunlap, Michael Reed, Yvci Terry, Ashley Yrbrough, Elizabeth Terry, Rachel Miller, Dustin Crook, Bryan Greer, Dusty Jolly, Ryan Guidry, Kendra Holland, Haydon Snodgrass, Chris Sides, Chelsea Copenhaver, Larry Fowler, Bailey Davis, Marjorie Banks, Ashley Butler, Hannah Miller, Olivia Locke, Heather Dolloff, Dana Farrell, Jennifer Gracey.

The absentee "Oklahomans" finally showed up. Seems someone along the way put them in the wrong sack and they went visiting!

KELTON MENU

MONDAY, January 28, 2002 — FRIDAY, February 1, 2002

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Choc. Cake, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Jeltin/w Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Taco's, Grated Cheese, Refried Beans, Salad, Fruit Salad, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburger's, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, French Fries, Ice Cream w/Strawberries, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham or Tuna Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Cheese, Cookies, Milk

Menu is subject to change.

In my belief, you cannot deal with the most serious things in the world unless you also understand the most amusing.
—Winston Churchill

Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.
—Henry Van Dyke

Glady Richardson and Leola Stuart were Jerry and Cheryl Richard's, Katie and Tyler of Wheeler.

Leola Stuart visited with Addie Swift in Parkview Hospital Sunday morning.

Candy Hilburn's baby Payton is sick with virus. Remember him in your prayers.

Willene Burke has had pneumonia. She is better. She will be back at work Tuesday. Don is also doing better.

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

Doris Finsterwald visited Monday with Estelle Hodges.

COUGAR NEWS

Events for the upcoming week are:
January 24 to 26 Wheeler County Stock Show.

January 25 6:30 P.M. High School Basketball with Higgins at Fort Elliott.
January 28 6:00 P. M. Junior High School Basketball with Allison Girls and Higgins boys at Fort Elliott. 7:00 to 8:00 one act play practice.

January 29 6:30 P.M. High School Basketball Varsity with Miami at Fort Elliott.

January 30 6:30 P.M. FCA Job shadowing 10th and 11th
January 31 7:00-8:00 P.M. One act play practice.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

The Mobeetie Jail Museum will hold their regular workday Saturday January 26.

The museum received a letter from Texas Historical Commission announcing that they had received the grant for \$1,000.00 for a Project to store and take care of the old newspapers. The project will cost nearly \$3,000 with the museum furnishing the rest of the expense, which will include metal cabinets where the papers can be, place flat and protect sleeves that the papers will fit into so they will not have to be handled. Some of them are real brittle.

The Historical Commission received applications requesting \$15,809.00 and only had \$10,000.00 to distribute.

The Museum receiving grants for 2002 are Austin History Center, Austin \$1,000.00, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton \$600.00, Carson County Square House Museum Panhandle \$500.00, Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum, Crosbyton \$825.00, El Paso Museum of History, El Paso \$840.00, Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum, Hale Center \$377.50, Heritage History Museum of Orange County, Orange \$877.50, Mobeetie Jail Museum Mobeetie \$1,000.00, Museum of Printing History, Houston \$950.00, River Valley Pioneer Museum Canadian \$500.00, Swisher County Archives & Museum, Tulia \$500.00, Texarkana Museums System, Texarkana \$1,000.00 and Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, Galveston \$1,000.00.

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Court (from Page 4)

Cox Revocable Living Trust, 1-8-02, SE 1/4 Sec. 11, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT—Bank One NA to Renee J. Adams, 1-4-02, See Instrument.
NOTICE CHILD SUPPORT LIEN—Gaila J. Olson to Kenley R. Olson Sr., 12-27-01.
 RDT—Foothill Capital Corporation to Ram Energy Inc., et al, 11-29-01, See Instrument.
 RDT—First National Bank of Shamrock to J. G. Bachmann, et ux, 10-22-01, E 175 acs. of S 200 acs. of E 1/2 Sec. 52, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Vernon Bass, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Steve Bushansky, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Julian Carr Jr., 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Regis Dahl, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Jeanette Foster, et vir, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Robert Kraus, et ux, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Henry Merritt, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Mary Trotter, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Shirley Jane Weitzel, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to James C. Walker, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Stahl Petroleum Ltd., P/S 1980-1 to Thomas Walker, 12-14-01, E 1/2 SW 1/4, and the N 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JANUARY 16, 2002
 DVL—Daylon Johnson, et ux to John Hunt, et ux, 1-11-02, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 77, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—John Hunt, et ux to Daylon Johnson, et ux, 1-11-02, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 77, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Charles F. Doornbos Revocable Trust to Schonwald Land Inc., 8-12-

01, SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 OL—Edgar Taylor Close to Schonwald Land Inc., 8-27-01, Pt. N 1/2 Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 BS/QC ASSIGN. AGREE.—Phillips Pipe Line Company, et al to Duke Energy Field Services LP, 12-10-01, See Instrument.
 RDT—Opal E. Hefley to Jack W. Hefley, et ux, 1-16-02, N 80 acs. SE 1/4; N 80 acs. NE 1/4; and the SW 1/4 Sec. 73, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT—Bank One, NA, et al to Midcoast Energy Resources Inc., et al, 1-4-02, See Instrument.
JANUARY 17, 2002
 POA—Darrel Gene Hale to Wanda Jean (Jeanne) Weeks Hale, et al, 1-16-02, See Instrument.
 POA—Wanda Jean (Jeanne) Weeks Hales to Cathy Diann Hale Reinmund, et al, 1-16-02, See Instrument.
 DVL—South Wheeler County Hospital District to Adkins & Fling, and Shamrock Area Title Company, 1-16-02, .31 acs. E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Adkins & Fling and Shamrock Area Title Company to National Bank of Commerce, 1-16-02, .31 acs. E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and All of Lots 21-24, Blk. 2, Shamrock.
 RDT—National Bank of Commerce to South Wheeler County Hospital District, 1-16-02, .31 acs. E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT—First State Bank of Canadian to Gene Coward, et ux, 1-4-02, E 1/2 S 1/3; 10' x 155' Blk. 51, Stanley's Add., Wheeler.
 RDT/RVL—Melvin R. Franklin Jr. to Darrell E. Franklin, 12-18-01, 150.93 acs. S 1/2 S 1/2 Sec. 6, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT—Diversified Financial Services Inc. to Billy Buckingham, et ux, —, S 227 acs. SP Wheeler Co.
 RDT—Diversified Financial Services Inc. to Garland Moore, et ux, —, N 1/2 Sec. 62, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MODIFICATION AGREE.—Royce A. Marion, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 1-16-02, 40.22 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JANUARY 18, 2002
 CORR. EXT. DT—John Ronald Patton, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 11-28-01, S 150 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 CONVEYANCE—R. L. Bolin to R. L. Bolin Properties Ltd., 12-1-01, See Instrument.
 QCMD—Alton L. Weeks to Hollis H. Weeks, 12-31-01, See Instrument.
 QC ROY DEED—Alton L. Weeks to Hollis H. Weeks, 12-31-01, See Instrument.
 RDT—First National Bank of Shamrock to Joan Marshall, et vir, 1-9-02, Lots 1, 3 and the N 40' and the S 10' of Lot 2, Blk. 15, Shamrock.
 C/C POA—Ray L. Hart to Juanita Fern Hart, 12-22-00.
 D—Juanita Fern Hart, et vir to Jack Wardlow, et ux, 1-9-02, SE 1/4 Sec. 69, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Felicita Ledbetter to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 1-18-02, S 1/2 S 100 acs. Sec. 8, Blk. C, E. Montgomery Survey.
 RDT—First Ag Credit FLCA to George Gabel, et ux, 12-27-01, See Instrument.

Country (from Page 3)

Pray for Faye. She has been through so much; she is a fighter.
 Danny Nelson and Danielle and Amy visited Larry and Vickie Nelson Sunday.
 Ft. Elliott Junior High basketball teams and many fans traveled to Samnorwood Monday night. Our girls won, but boys lost.
 Roy and Nell Bradsteet were on their way to Wolfe City to visit a nephew and family Saturday. They were only about 15 minutes away when water on the road caused them to hydroplane and run off the road. Really messed the pickup up so couldn't be driven. They were pretty bruised but not badly injured. They had a cell phone and called 911. Someone brought them on home Sunday night. They are waiting for an estimate on the pickup from the insurance company and thankful they weren't hurt any worse. God was looking after you!
 Johnny Wilson turned 47 Friday. Mel's diner made him a pretty pink cake. He brought the cake to church Sunday and shared it with his Sunday School class and friends and brought coffee in. Happy Birthday, Johnny. God bless you!
 Kyle and Tamra Goldsmith are expected to be here next weekend for Kyle to be youth minister at Wheeler Baptist Church. There will be a pouncing at the evening service of good canned goods, staples, etc. Things this lovely young couple can enjoy. They also have a little daughter, Kailee. Pray for them and the Wheeler Youth. The church members have helped to clean their parsonage and new carpets have been put down. God bless you!
 Adam Tipps got Reserve Breed Champion Saturday on his Spot pig at the Hemphill County Stock Show. Zack Tipps got 6th on his Duroc pig at the Stock Show. Casey's pig didn't weigh quite enough to make the show. But she enjoyed going to a Junior High tournament, basketball, at Spearman. Casey is in the 7th grade at Canadian. Dean and Georgia Tipps went to Canadian to see the grandsons show pigs.
 Some from Mobeetie Baptist T.E.L. (Timothy, Eunice and Lois) Sunday School class eating at Maxeys Sunday were Nadine Lane, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Lorene Rector and Estelle Hodges and preacher Bob Meller. They planned to go to the Wheeler Care Center for a service. Others joining them to help with music were Marion Grimes and Doris Finsterwald.
 Also at Maxeys were Mark and Carol Roberson and Jonathan, Timothy, Rebecca, Deborah, Gracie Ann, Daniel and Phillip from Miami, who had been to Mobeetie Baptist Church.
 Sorry to hear Don Burke has been ill with breathing problems. Pray for him and Willene. Don is better and home.
 "Every person you meet was created and is loved by God. His Son died for each one. Each one is valuable to God; therefore each one must be valuable to me as well." from our Sunday School book
 Friday night at the home of John Paul and Deidre Harris and Logan in Amarillo was a surprise party celebrating Andrea and Tracy Aldridge 4th wedding anniversary and Andrea's 25th birthday. Andrea thought she was just dropping off Tysen so she and Tracy could go out. Deidre served a Mexican dinner. I can't spell but was very good and homemade ice cream. Also there were Diane and Bevard Dukes, Caressa Dukes and B. J. and Kisundra Harris. Spending the night were Diane and Bevard. They had to go back home Saturday pretty early so Diane could help with the wedding shower for Monty and Jennifer Dukes at Allison. Monty goes to college at Goodwell and they live in Guymon. Best wishes to all.
 Mary Finsterwald was honored with a birthday party Friday afternoon, Jan. 18, to celebrate her 96th birthday. They served beautifully decorated cake, punch and ice cream. Some there to the party were Evelyn Meek, Lois Meadows, Martha Meek, Kent Vise, Tonya Finsterwald, Rosemary Vise, Gladys Pannell, Imogene Murray, Inez Wright, Vea Fillingim, Katherine Holt, Leola Farris and Shelia Umsted and maybe others to the party at the Wheeler Care Cen-

Country (from Page 3)

ter, Happy Birthday, Mary. You are a special lady. Also there was Doris Finsterwald, daughter-in-law.
 I really appreciate you telling me your news. I'm sure people enjoy hearing about others more than us.
 Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Roxie Hanks, 88, in her death.
 Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Alice Fuller, 81, of Canadian in her death. She was the mother of Frankie Helton and others.
 Imogene Murray from Childress has been visiting her mother, Gladys Pannell. Gladys talked the doctor into letting her go home from the hospital

Wednesday so she could celebrate her 93rd birthday on Thursday, Jan. 17. Imogene invited many friends to the party at Gladys' house at 504 Kiowa. Imogene got lots of small gifts like lotions, picture frames, candy, fruit, nuts and drinking mugs for a Chinese gift exchange. There was a number on each gift and guests drew for numbers and could exchange with someone else if they wanted the gift they had. They took videos of the party. There was also a grand prize—a Honey Bear, for one lucky person. Gladys enjoyed opening gifts and cards. She really enjoyed her party. Some others there were Erma Riley, Hestel Killingsworth, Marie Baker, Alice Kelley, Elizabeth Meers, Dean Lane, Mary Finsterwald, Kathryn Holt, Shelia Umsted, Marla Lax (granddaughter), Eddie Jr. and Levenna Pannell, Butch Calcote. She also had a call and roses and candy from Jerry Biggers, a niece. Happy Birthday, Gladys. You are a beautiful lady. Cake was served with ice cream, root beer, cream sodas and nuts.
 There was a good crowd out to the Golden Agers luncheon at Wheeler Baptist church Thursday. We especially enjoyed hearing the poetry

readers give their humorous readings. They included Josh and Nick Hardcastle, Jessica Hubbard and Josh Henson from the 4th grade; Nicole Moore, Clay White, Zach Andis and Kelby Vise from the 5th grade and Samantha Chapman and J'Shay McCasland from the 8th grade. Adults with them were teacher, Tammy Moore and Debbie White. Thank you very much. Readers, you did great! Some others there for the delicious dinner were Ella Mae Wood and Hannah Faye Chapman, helping in the kitchen, Rosemary Vise, Toby and Kiolette Henson, Ed and Erma Riley, Joe Montgomery, JoLynn Vise, Betty Howard, Marie Baker, Willis and Verna Fillingim, Adrian Risner.
 Nice to have Ed and Laurel Hershman and Bob and Evangeline Wills join us for a visit and supper at Wheeler Dairy Queen Friday night. Also good to have Rita Pearson come by for a little visit. The Wills were going on to the Vega vs. Wheeler game.
 Nice to see Tess Markham and her two beautiful little boys, Ky, 3, and Payden, 5 weeks, at Hyland's. She is Bryan Markham's wife.
 Nice to see James Kephart at the ball game Tuesday night that Briscoe with Follett. He had a little time off with his family, wife Patricia and Melissa and Steven. He was supposed to go back Monday to the National Guard at White Sands.
 But he got work that his grandmother died, so got to stay till Thursday for the funeral at Guthrie. Sincere sympathy to the family and friends. She was in a care center.
 Follett has some good players. Follett girls won 47-37. Ft. Elliott boys

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 I Yuridia Soto and my parents Pedro and Hermila would like to invite everyone to my Quinceanera held on January 26, 2002 at Wheeler. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Soto's Restaurant with the food, then at church at St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m. We will have a celebration after church out at the old skating rink. Please join us at Yuri's 15 Anera.
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Yuridia Soto thanks God for each day of my life, I also give thanks to my parents for their love and sacrifice for trying to always make me happy. I also give thanks to my family, padinnos yaeo and friends. I am happy to celebrate my 15th birthday with all of you.
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Wheeler Girls' Basketball Statistics

The Wheeler High School girls' basketball team met Shamrock at Shamrock Tuesday, January 15, 2002. The final score was 81-64 in Shamrock's favor.

Scores by quarter were:

Wheeler	20	32	40	64
Shamrock	20	43	70	81

Wheeler individual scores were:

PTS	2s	3s	FTA	FTM	TP
Andrea Jones	3	4	4	6	6
L. Finsterwald	9	1	6	5	26
Taylor Hudgins	4	2	2	2	2
Keri Marion	2	1	1	1	1
Cassi Brown	2	3	2	6	6
Heather Leven	2	8	4	8	8
A. Osborne	2	6	2	1	6
Team	16	3	33	16	64

Wheeler JV girls played Shamrock on Tuesday. The final score was 51-9 in Wheeler's favor.

Scores by quarter were:

Wheeler	14	23	37	51
Shamrock	2	4	8	9

Wheeler seventh grade girls played White Deer at Wheeler on Monday, January 14. The final score was 15-32 in White Deer's favor.

Scores by quarter were:

Wheeler	4	8	8	15
White Deer	6	21	27	32

Fathers Are Urged To Read To Their Children

Be a hero FRED can help! FRED stands for Fathers reading every day. FRED last just 4 weeks. Your goal is to read to your kids at least 15 minutes a day for the first 2 weeks and at least 30 minutes a day for the last 2 weeks. By the end, you'll have a great habit that will pay off in a lifetime of benefits for yourself and your kids! Use the reading log to keep track of the number of books and the number of minutes you read, and total it all up at the end of 4 weeks. Then, come to the celebration! You and the other dads will get together, compare notes, talk about books and kid, and celebrate your success! FRED starts March 4th so come by or call the Extension office to complete your pre-survey and pick up your reading log.

What's so great about reading? Kids get a lot out of it. Kids whose fathers read to them are more creative, read better, and make better grades. They also know more words, speak better, and write better than other kids. And they know more about the world around them. It doesn't cost much! You can read anything that's handy, even the newspaper or a comic book. Or, you can tell stories from your childhood, your family, your favorite sport, or something you make up yourself and that's free. You'll be a hero. When you read to your kids and talk about what you've read, you get to know each other better. You can share the things you like and the things that are important to you. You'll do what nobody else can do - set your kids on the road to a bright future. And you'll be a hero to the most special people in the world - your kids.

Chat (from Page 1)
care of the puppy while we were there.

—cwe—
Things lived up in Wheeler Monday evening. We had eight to play cards. Once again, I was not on the winning team. Mike, Bob, Dwight and Leroy won the first and last game. Jane, Rhonda, Barbara and I won the second game.

—cwe—
This may have been Jane's last time to play. She is moving to Guymon and will be missed. Imagine, Delbert wanting Jane to move to Guymon.

—cwe—
We will miss you Jane. Surely you can find some excuse to come to Wheeler on Monday evening.

—cwe—
Holdeman (from Page 1)

Weatherly of Littleton, Co., Gail Parsley of Guymon, Oklahoma, Audie Jo Atherton of Roswell, Georgia and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Clarence and Virginia Holdeman.

Graveside service was Wednesday, December 18, at 1 p.m. at Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery, Santa Teresa, N.M. Interment followed in Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to La Mariposa Hospice, 2001 N. Oregon, El Paso, Texas 79902. Arrangements were by Hillcrest Funeral Home-Doniphan.

FT. ELLIOTT MENU

MONDAY, January 28, 2002 — FRIDAY, February 1, 2002

MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, Ham, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Beans, Tators, Ice Cream Milk/Tea

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Fish Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Milk/Tea

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage Pups, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Cake, Milk/Tea

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Eggs, Ham, Biscuits, Hash Browns, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn, English Peas, Garlic Sticks, Pudding, Milk/Tea

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Soft Tacos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Peaches, Milk/Tea
(Menu Subject To Change)

Political Candidates Are Warned About Signs

As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will remove campaign signs erected on highway right of way and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

"Sign" is defined as any outdoor sign, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or other thing that is designed, intended, or to advertise or inform.

A person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign. "The law is intended to keep highway right of way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public," said Craig Clark, Childress District Engineer. "That means you can't put signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs or other objects in the highway right of way."

The law doesn't just apply to campaign signs. It is illegal to put any sign, including garage sale and business, on state highway right of way without authorization.

As for campaign signs, they can be placed on private property with the landowner's permission if they meet certain restrictions. Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet. They can be erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after the election.

FRIDAY NIGHT LITERARY

Robert Small, age 18, and his family, had come into Oklahoma Territory with the Run, April 19, 1892.

Rose Trent, age 17, had just moved here with her family from Kentucky. They were waiting for Oklahoma to become a state in 1907.

How about coming by in the buggy and taking you to the Literary tonight? I'll take you home too.

"What do they do at a Literary?"
"Oh, they say pieces, sing songs, say declamations, make speeches about Oklahoma, the new state and the older people are big on that. Sometimes they have cyphering matches and spelling bees."

"What is a debate?"
They have a question and speakers argue to prove a point. Tonight they'll debate the subject: Resolved that fire is more destructive than water. If you agree with the subject you're on the affirmative; if you disagree, you're on the negative.

"I think fire is more destructive."
"Do they have any music?" Rose asked.

"More music than anything. It's the custom here to have a singing teacher come and teach everyone to sing by the do-me-so method. It's the shape note method. A little square music note, anywhere you find it, it is "Do".
"I'd like to see how it works. Sounds good. I took piano lessons in Kentucky."

The girls here like to have drills for the Literary program. We are all very patriotic—we love our homes and we've made a great sacrifice to get them.

The girls wear beautiful homemade costumes—usually red, white and blue. They march in formation and it gives you a lump in your throat to watch such perfection in motion. There's a boy who plays a jews harp so they can keep step. Sounds like an orchestra.

"You know, I thought we were moving to a raw new undeveloped land but the pioneers are making a good place to live here in the wide open spaces. I think I'd like to go with you to the Literary tonight but remember, no sparking!"

P.S. The basis for our cultural life today comes from these wonderful fore runners of who we are. They had no pianos, no money for private piano lessons, but they had a deep hunger for the beautiful. (Our grandmother made a rug out of gunny sacks. No walking on dirt floor for her.)

The educated pioneers, pioneers who'd had an opportunity for higher learning, soon began to teach the other pioneers the refined ways of life.

They sang, they read poetry, they danced, they studied.
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TAKE A PICTURE

by Lorena G. Males

We don't want anything to happen to the picture Kate Smith saw when she looked down from Pikes Peak and wrote our great song, "America the Beautiful". The song wrote itself. Kate Smith got us all singing it. Now there's a great revival.

Take a look at America. What do you see? Climb up a red hill and look around! I'll choose a wheat field in Western Oklahoma. The wheat looks like so many flags waving in the Oklahoma breeze, proudly parading. It's hard to choose a picture of America for there is beauty everywhere.

Let's take a picture of the Antelope Hills. Long, long ago, there was the "Battle of the Antelope Hills". Today things are quiet and beautiful except when a storm is bearing, like a mad dog, growling with fury. On a cold damp cloudy day the Antelope Hills seem to be in mourning. For Whom?

For bye gone days. Once the hills were important landmarks. They told the pioneers where they were, they're no longer needed. Where are the Indians? Where are the soldiers?

The Antelope Hills come in many sizes, many shapes. Some of the hills resemble a nursing mother as she lovingly feeds her baby.

Did you ever see the Antelope Hills smile?

It usually happens after a refreshing summer rain. Sometimes the rain drops resembled tears—so many events make us cry.

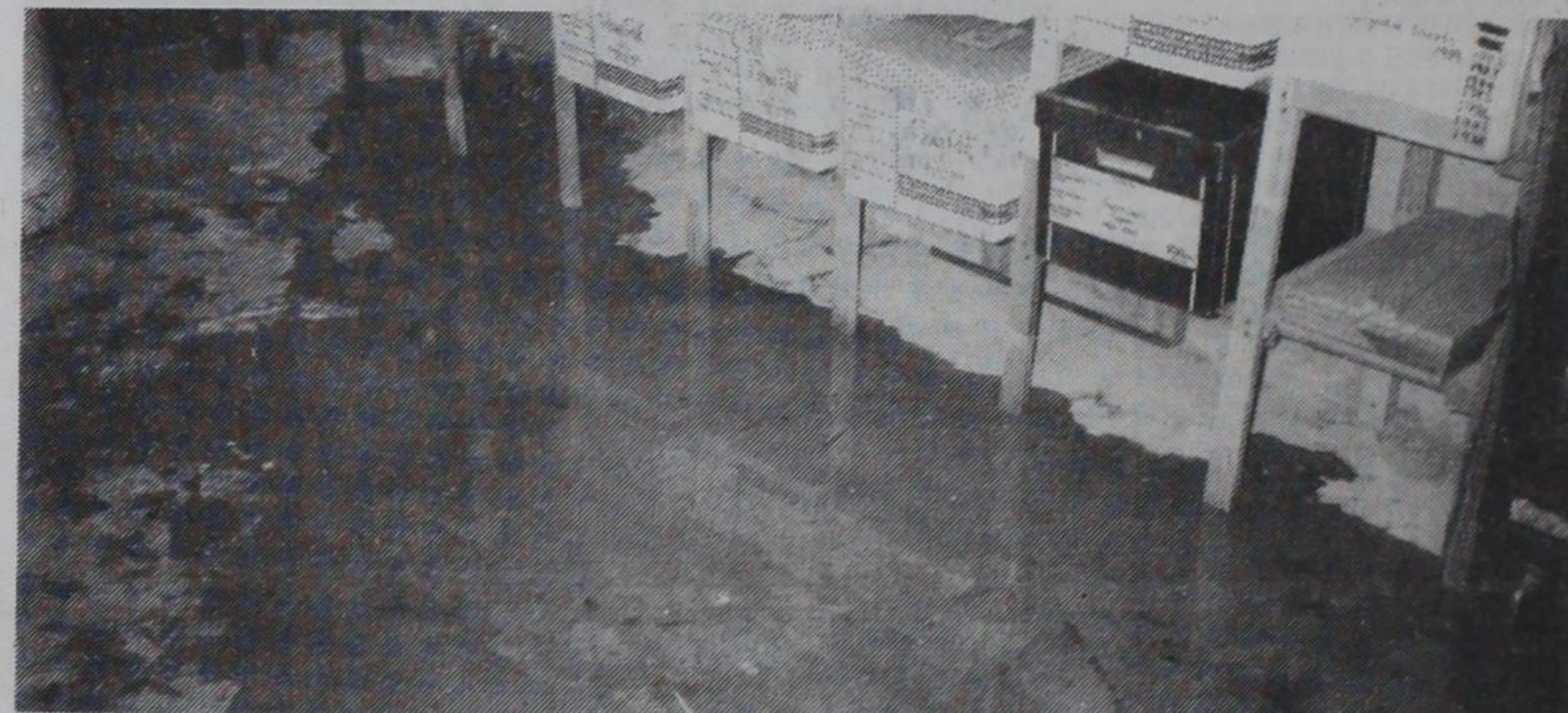
The next picture is of the red hills. The hills have been here for aeons. Local people took it all in stride until tourists started spooning up some of the priceless red earth to take home as a souvenir.

We've had our eyes opened to one of God's gifts to Western Oklahoma
Oh, red earth: So beautiful I can't take it all in!

P.S. I hear music in the distance
"Oh, beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain..."



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