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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

Annual Chamber of Commerce

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE, CAR SHOW IS SAT.

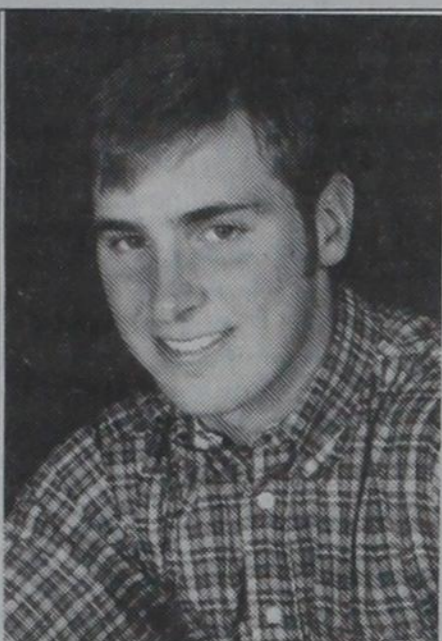
CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

CONGRATULATIONS, Andrew Hampton! and Good Luck at Austin in Calculator Application.

CONGRATULATIONS, Lyndi Finsterwald! Lyndi was named to the third team of the TSWA All-State Girl's Basketball Team.

CONGRATULATIONS, S&S High School and Jessica Stas! The S&S One-Act Play will compete this weekend on the state (Continued Page 6)



Jacob Britt

Jacob Britt Awarded OSU Ag. Scholarship

Jacob Britt was recently awarded a scholarship to attend Oklahoma State University and major in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Britt was awarded the Joseph Fleming Memorial Freshman Scholarship in the amount of \$750. Britt will graduate this spring.

"Continued support from alumni and friends allows us to increase the total number of scholarship awards and the amount of individual awards," said CASNR Associate Dean Ed Miller. "We do not set a target goal for scholarship dollars every year. However, this growing support allows us to compete for quality students and helps deter their rising educational costs."

It was estimated that more than \$753,125 in scholarships and awards was presented this spring by CASNR to deserving OSU agriculture students for the 2002-2003 school year. More than \$685,000 in scholarships and awards was presented last year.

Miller said it is a priority that college officials continue to increase scholarship availability. "Developing the scholarship fund continues to be a priority so the College can compete with other institutions in attracting quality students."

Mustang Sports Set For Monday, May 13

The Wheeler Mustang Sports Banquet will be May 13, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. in the Wheeler School Cafeteria. Tickets will be \$10.

Call 826-5241, Kim Goad by May 10. No tickets will be sold after May 10.

Hospital Notes

Extended Care

Estelle Orr
Ruth Lehbetter
Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin

New Admissions

4/22 LaVeda Burcham
Percy Farmer
4/24 W. D. Mitchell
4/25 Jess Hardin
Bob Moore
Calvin Helton
Charlie Helton
Freddie Rangel

Dismisals

4/24 Sammie Atherton
4/25 Jess Hardin
4/26 LeVeda Burcham
Bob Moore
Calvin Helton
Charlie Helton

Retiring

4/26 Betty Hennard



STATE BOUND: Andrew Hampton, a junior at Wheeler High School will represent Wheeler in the State U.I.L. Scholastic competition this weekend in Austin. Andrew competed with his Calculator Application team at district; he placed third individually and advanced to state.



ALL-STATE: Lyndi Finsterwald has been named to the third team of the Class 1A Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Girl's Basketball Team. Lyndi is a junior at Wheeler High School.

Steer Validation Is Set For Monday, May 6

The deadline to order Validation Tags for Junior Market Steers is Monday, May 6. If you are planning to show a steer at the county livestock show or any major livestock shows in the fall of 2002 or the spring of 2003, you must order a validation tag. Tags and supplies will cost \$6.00 per head and Wheeler County will conduct validation of steers during the 3rd week of June. It is important that you communicate with your supervisor to order and pay for your tags before the May 6 deadline. No extra tags will be ordered, so purchase what you might need.



RETIRING: Tuesday, April 30, 2002, is officially Betty Hennard's last day as secretary to the Wheeler County Judge, a job she has held for the past 29 years and two months. Judge Jerry Hefley was unable to be present at the party Tuesday afternoon. Betty will not be gone from the courthouse after Tuesday, she will be in from time to time, if her assistance is required. Betty is shown here with her former boss, Judge Wendell Morgan.

MOTORCYCLES, MODEL CARS ARE ADDED

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Sixth Annual Car Show on Saturday, May 4, 2002. The garage sales will be located throughout the city limits and the car show will be on the square in the 100 block of East Texas Street. It is hoped to bring in lots of shoppers from out of town with the men having a car show to go to while the women shop the town bargains.

Added in 2002 will be Kid Model Car Show and Motorcycle Show. The model car show will be divided into two age groups, 2-8 and 9-12. Motorcycles will be in one group with first, second and third place awards given.

The Chamber will again be selling hamburgers. The booth will be across the street, north of the square.

POKEY THE CLOWN
Pokey the Clown will be on the square, with entertainment and competitions for young and old alike.

Peddle Pull contests for youngsters 4-12 will have a \$2.00 entry fee. Each age group of boys and

W.H.S. Honor Roll For Fifth Six Weeks Period

All A's

Twelfth: Britt, Jacob M; Sams, Lauren D; McQueen, Gavin D; Hudgins, Taylor M; Gentry, Raymond S

Eleventh: Moore, Dagen Weldon; Brown, Cassi S; Finsterwald, Lyndi J; Leven, Heather R

Tenth: Rutherford, William B; Chapman, James A; Miller, Joshua M; Salas, Jose S

Ninth: Howard, Rachel Ann; Sams, Landon Craig; Horton, Shanna R

All A's & B's

Twelfth: Arganbright, Dwight L; Chapman, Dirk S; Simmons, Christopher J; Jewell, Corey Allen; Shipp, Katie E; Childress, Amanda Louise; Hefley, Kendall L

Eleventh: Lewis, Tyler J; Mitchell, Hadley D; Duenas, Guadalupe; Howard, Benjamin C; Garcia, Miriam Lizette; Rhine, Gareth L; Marion, Kerri E; Gaines, Kandra B; Watts, Evan Jerrett; Emmert, Drew E; Trevino, Ericka A; Bass, Rachel Brooke; Osborne, Amy L; Burton, Trevor D; Moore, Jeret C; McWhorter, Tanner W; Murphy, Pamela A; Hampton, Andrew J; Brickey, Colby R; Bryant, Joshua S

Tenth: Glassey, Joe D; Hampton, Dustin Keith; Fite, Karry Amanda

Ninth: Barboza, Saharai Crystal; Hernandez, Sugey J; Lewis, Lindsey Sue; Hampton, Savannah Elaine; Haning, Jarrod Gilbert

All A's

First: Gonzalez, Daniel; Horton, Elizabeth; Pike, Jason; Randels, Brooke; Zapata, Jesus

Second: Butler, Ilene; McCasland, Tayt; Moore, Kallen

Third: Burch, Caitlyn; Callaway, Kacey; Ford, Spencer; Hampton, Collin; Lopez, Omar; Moore, Jaten; Verden, Zach

Fourth: Hardcastle, Josh; Hubbard, Jessica

Fifth: Vise, Kelby; Osborne, Chandler

Seventh: Fite, Lauren

Eighth: Britt, Joshua; Finsterwald, Lezli; Hampton, Heather; McWhorter, Tyler; Moore, Jansen

All A's & B's

First: Erwin, Lane; McCasland, Zack; Rincon, Miguel

Second: Brown, Tanzia; Emiliano, Adee; Johnson, Brett; Jones, Paige; Mendoza, Genaro; Menefield, Gabriela; Ramirez, David; Salas, Deidra; Sapon, Banesa

Third: Austin, Payton; Boaz, Kambra; Erwin, Leslie; Hampton, Shawna; Horton, Jeremy; Hubbard, James; Lewis, Robert; Marion, Kaylee; Mendoza, Adrian; Mendoza, Carla; Mendoza, Karen; Zapata, Gladys

Fourth: Chavez, Eduardo; Gaines, Darren; Gallardo, Danna; Hardcastle, Nick; Henson, Josh; Keelin, Tracy; Miller, Macie; Moore, Braden; Salazar, Sara; Swift, Kaycee; Venzor, Jonathan

Fifth: Burch, Tyler; Corral, Diana; Moore, Nicole; Randels, Blake; Tucker, Stefan; White, Clayton

Sixth: Benefield, Jake; Hampton, Wade; Hathaway, Aspen; Horton, Chace; McCasland, Bree; Richardson, Tyler; Rutherford, Katlin; Salazar Veronica

Seventh: Nall Cole; Henson, Lacey; Henson, Ryan; Hillhouse, Samuel; Jones, Tracy; Mendoza, Dalila; Tucker, Mike; Taylor, Brentney

Eighth: Compton, Bo; Gallardo, Kayla; McCasland, J'Shay; Murray, Derek; Jones, Jennifer; Richardson, Katie

girls will compete separately. Money raised from this contest will go to Special Olympics.

Adults will have their own tractor or peddle pull. Entry fee will be \$5.00 with proceeds going to the Relay for Life fund.

Keith Rose will help Pokey.

GARAGE SALE

The City-Wide Garage Sale will give local residents a chance to clean their closets and/or attics and earn a little extra spending money in the process.

Individuals wishing to participate in the sale will be charged a \$10.00 fee. The charge will provide them a place on the City Garage Sale Map and advertisement. On the day of the sale, city maps will be available showing the location of the registered sales. The event will be publicized in area newspapers and radio stations. Spaces on the square will be made available for area residents, who wish to bring their items to Wheeler for this sale.

To register your sale, contact the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce office at 806/826-3408 or write P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

If you are wanting to have a garage sale and want to be insured of a good crowd, this is your opportunity. But, you now need to contact the Chamber office now!

CAR SHOW

Registration for the car show will be in the 100 block of East Texas, south side of the square. Cars will be registered from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; the entry fee will be \$10.00. The top three vehicles of each class will be recognized in each of the seven divisions. Classes are: Pre-40, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-Up, Pickups and Special Interests. Dash plaques will be given to each of the entries. Awards will be presented at 4:00 p.m.

MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Registration for the motorcycles will be in the 100 block of East Texas, south side of the square from 9-12; the entry fee will be \$10.00. First, second and third place awards will be given.

MODEL CARS

There will be no registration fee for model cars. First, second and third places will be recognized in each of the two age groups: 2-8 and 9-12. Registration will be on the south side of the square from 9-12.

For additional information, contact the Chamber office at 806/826-3408.

Remember to vote in the City and School elections while you are in town

W.H.S. Parent, Student Meetings Are Called

There will be a High School parent and student meeting for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

For Seniors: May 6 at 5:00 p.m.
Juniors: May 6 at 6:00 p.m.
Sophomores, May 7, 6:00 p.m.
Freshmen: May 7, 7:00 p.m.

We will be going over class schedules for Next School year. For any questions, call the High School principal's office at 826-5534.

ADDITIONAL GOLF PICTURES ARE ON PAGE 6



Jane Rives

Services Are Monday For Jane Hamill Rives

Jane Hamill Rives, 74, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at Wheeler, Texas.

Services were at 2:30 P.M. Monday, April 29, 2002, in the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler with Rev. Ernie McCaughey of Tulia, Texas, and Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rives was born July 28, 1927, in Meridian, Texas, to Earl and Lucille Ferguson Hamill. She attended Shamrock Schools. She married Thurman Rives on July 28, 1946, in Shamrock. She had lived in Wheeler for the past 51 years.

She was a homemaker, a member of the First United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star and the Thursday Review Club. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Jo, one infant son, Barry, her parents and one sister, Betty Harrell.

Survivors include her husband, Thurman of the home; three sons, Ron Rives and wife, Donna, of Hereford, Texas; Don Rives and wife, Sammie, of Morton, Texas and Larry Rives of Stephenville, Texas; grandchildren, Michael, Chad, Makesha, Carley, Blake, Chayse, Audra and Colby Rives and one great-granddaughter, Chelsea Rives.

The family requests memorials be sent to the First Methodist Church Building Fund.

Ja'Nae Goad Tourney Deemed A Success

In spite of the rain and cool temperatures, the Fourth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament was a great success. 131 golfers and countless volunteers braved the elements for this event that honors Ja'Nae's memory and financially assists college bound Wheeler County youth. Donations were extremely generous and participation was truly inspiring.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Ja'Nae Goad Golf Scholarship. This scholarship was designed to financially assist a Wheeler County high school senior who has participated in golf and meets the requirements of good citizenship, scholarship and character. The first scholarship recipient was awarded to Alan Segura of Shamrock. JJ Johnson of Wheeler and Curt Smith of Fort Elliott received the awards in 2000. Last year's recipients were Nathan Hefley and Julie Zybach of Fort Elliott and Kacie Schlegel and Amanda Reeves of Shamrock.

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City of Wheeler To Hold Election Sat., May 4

The City of Wheeler will hold an election Saturday, May 4, 2002, in the Wheeler High School Cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. until 7 p.m. A mayor and two council members are to be elected.

Names on the ballot are for Mayor: Wanda Herd; Council member, Place #2: Jay Randels, and Council member Place #4: Bob McCain. Irene Owens has filed as a write-in for place #2.

Geniva Hogan Will Do Internship At Old Jail

A Wheeler County woman, Geniva R. Hogan, will begin an internship with the Old Mobeetie Texas Association in May 2002 and continuing through August 2002. Geniva is volunteering for the summer at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum because of her interest in small rural areas.

As part of her continued education at Oklahoma State University, Geniva will be working at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum helping to research and develop programs to help with the education of the Mobeetie and Ft Elliott areas.

Through research and development of these areas, Geniva hopes to create a program that will help create interest in the local area. The development of our rural areas is paramount to the survival of the small farming/ranching communities. Working from that standpoint, any area that can be developed as a tourist interest is where the Museum is helping to create increased business for local merchants.

For more information about volunteering at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, contact the museum at 806-845-2028 or by visiting the museum any afternoon from 1-5 p.m. except Wednesday.

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Johnny E. Brannen Is Sent To Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Johnny E. Brannen, a 1995 graduate of Fort Elliott High School, Briscoe, Texas, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf to support Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Brannen is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS John F. Kennedy Carrier Battle Group and USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group.

While on deployment, Brannen will participate in joint-service, multi-national operations and join the U.S. - led war against terrorism.

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1ST PLACE-PM TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Michael Snelson, Brad Logan, Fred Goad, Noel Walton, Charlie Brown, Harrison Hall.

Proverbs 16:5-7: Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

A pleasant Monday morning here in Allison. Kinda hazy clouds with very little wind here.

I have been a little lonely the past three or four days, missing my daughter, who had spent a week with me. I took her to Wheeler last Thursday where we met Darrel and Johnnie Harrison at Mel's Diner and had dinner together. Peggy went on back to Amarillo with them and spent Thursday night with them and spent Friday night with her daughter, Marsue and Dean Roush. Saturday afternoon she drove on home, to Clovis. I enjoyed her visit with me.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hall of Pampa were here last Sunday for both morning and evening services. Enjoyed his spiritual annotated preaching and singing at the United Pentecostal Church. Pastor McDaniel is gone visiting some of his family.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Elk City last Tuesday and did some shopping. Their Sunday dinner guests was Thurlia Poindexter from Cheyenne.

Last Tuesday Wanda Walker and grandson, Tyler, were dinner guests with Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston. On Friday Clifton

Boydston was a dinner guest with Opal, Juanita and Curtis.

Peggy Chandler, Brad and Sue Chandler were all in Amarillo for medical and dental reasons last Monday and also did some shopping.

Ruby Craig's visitor last Saturday was her grandson, Tanner McWhorter, from Wheeler. He did some work for Ruby around the place.

Patsy Stinnett from Buena Vista, Colo., and Phyllis Heffley from Briscoe visited Ruby Sunday afternoon. Betty Sue Stinnett was

visiting with Peggy Chandler this Monday.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer's house guest for a few days is their daughter, Margaret Ann Boydston, from Beaumont. She flew in to Amarillo last Saturday and was met by her sister, Jeannie Gilmer, who brought her on down to their parent's Pete and Margaret.

Linda Ingersoll, who had spent some time with her parents, had been at their home for a few days, went back to Amarillo with Jeannie to her home.

Louise Boydston and Pearl

Harrison went to Oklahoma City last Thursday and visited with Shirley Chadwick for a while. From there they went to Claremore and visited from Thursday to Saturday morning with Willis and Mary Harrison at their new home. They came back through Jones and visited Sue Martin at the beauty shop, where she works and they picked up Shirley at her home in Oklahoma City and she came home with them to spend some time here in Allison with her parents, Clifton and Louise Boydston. They stopped in Elk City on their way home at Jimmy and Vivian Wallace's. Pearl shampooed her hair there and Vivian fixed it for her and they were also supper guests at Jimmy and Vivian's before coming home to Allison.

Clifton and Louise Boydston's Sunday dinner guests were Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hall from Pampa, Hershel Sanford, Pearl Harrison and Shirley Chadwick, Stephanie Walker and children, Tyler and Addison from Wheeler and Wanda Walker.

Eddy and Wanda Walker's house guests from Thursday to Sunday were Frank and Alberta Fleming and granddaughters, Meagan and Ashton Fleming all from Lufkin, Texas.

Nadine Reynolds, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Heather and Jason ate Sunday dinner at the Hill Top Cafe near Reydon.

We are proud of some of our young people at Allison and community. Jason Boydston of winning the United States National Award Winner in Science, Congratulations, Jason!

And also of Bret Begert getting named to the North American Limousin Junior Association Board. He is Director of Junior Activities. Congratulations, Bret!

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



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Frank and Kitty Edwards of Spearman wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Jocelyn Alane to Dillon Derrick Miller. Dillon is the son of Jim and Marlene Miller of Spearman. Jocelyn graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She is employed as a science teacher at Bradley Middle School in San Antonio, Texas. Jocelyn will attend graduate school at the University of Houston in July. Dillon graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. He currently attends the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. The couple will be married June 22, 2002 at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Bobbie and Jack Hart of Amarillo and June Edwards and the late Wayman Edwards of Spearman. Grandparents of the groom are the late Mary and E. M. "Spud" Moore of Wheeler, Texas and Virginia Miller and the late Rex Miller of Allison, Texas.

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WHEELER MENU

MONDAY, May 6, 2002 — FRIDAY, May 10, 2002

MONDAY

Breakfast: Cold or Hot Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Beef & Cheese Nachos, Corn, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage Patty or Frozen Yogurt, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Enchiladas, Salad, Chili Beans, Grated Cheese, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake Pup or Waffle w/Syrup, Toast, Milk, Juice

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mash, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage Patty, Milk, Juice

Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Fries, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: "No School" Lunch:

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no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,
This year, we are raising money to purchase Accelerated Reading library books for our school through a fund-raising program called General Mills Box Tops for Education™. Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top we collect! The more we collect, the more cash we earn. This simple fundraiser requires no door-to-door selling by the children and it costs nothing to become involved. We encourage the entire community to help by saving General Mills Box Tops for Education logos.

This year, General Mills has expanded the Box Tops for Education program to include Betty Crocker® products. With the addition of Betty Crocker, Box Tops will be available on over 330 General Mills products—nearly tripling the number of participating products. We are asking our community to save Box Tops for Education logos from General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Betty Crocker desserts, main meals and side dishes, Yoplait® yogurt multipacks, Yoplait GO-GURT™ yogurt and Lloyd's, barbeque buckets.

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Sincerely,
Belinda Masters
General Mills Box Tops for Education Program Coordinator
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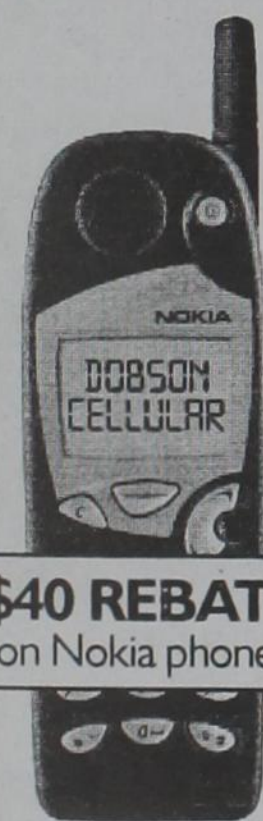
AgriPartner Report

Week of April 15, 2002
Greenbugs which have been around all winter and early spring are rapidly on the decline and should no longer be a problem in area wheat. Armyworm remains about the only insect pest that has potential of attacking wheat from now until harvest. Armyworms migrate into this area from the south. Reports from south Texas do not indicate any problem at this time with armyworm in wheat.

Alfalfa weevil infestations are near economic threshold levels in area alfalfa fields.

A more virulent form of cowpea aphid is suspected to be infesting much of the alfalfa in the Texas Panhandle. This aphid has been observed causing severe stunting over large areas in alfalfa fields. The cowpea aphid is much darker than the pea, blue alfalfa and spotted alfalfa aphids which commonly infest area alfalfa. Alfalfa producers need to check their fields for this potentially very damaging pest.

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Hebrews 11: 29, 30: It was by faith that the people of Isreal went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians followed they were all drowned.

Happy Birthday to Kelli Helton, Jeremy Reames, Rachel Howard, Theresa Copeland, Charles Kuntz and Zana Jones on May 5; Cecelia Greene, Danny Nelson, Tera Westbrook, Sherry Wagoner and Karen Puryear on May 6; Carol McCurley, Mary Mitchell and Melanie Reed on May 7; Pat Morgan, Sandy Bradstreet, Becky Johnson and Kathy Brotherton on May 8; Irene Keys, Jessie Ray Sweet on May 9; Sue Ratliff, Von Jones, Debbie McLaughlin, Jami Brice, Mary Burrows, Kelly Rose and Vera Nolly on May 10; Tonya Jones, Berkley McAlpine, Wilhelmina Sherrell, Ronny Jones, Steve McAlpine and Kate Woollard on May 11.

Happy Anniversary to Kenneth and Paulette Austin on May 5; Dale and Debbie Stinnett on May 11.

Next Sunday night, May 5, at 6:00 will be First Sunday Sing at Briscoe. Good singers expected. Everyone welcome to come participate and worship the Lord and fellowship together at Briscoe Community Church. Refreshments.

Panfork Senior Adult Day will be Friday, May 3, at Panfork Camp. Cost is \$10.00. Registration starts

Sweetwater News
By Lois Flowers

Spring has sprung! Trees are leafing out and roses in bloom. And so cold! I have the heater on. If we don't get a down pour in the next 5 days, we will have had a year without a real rain. It is amazing how good things look, tho.

L. G. and Anne Reed came by Saturday and we took in the Cheyenne Old Settlers' Reunion. They had a wonderful parade. And people! I didn't know there were that many folks in Western Oklahoma. I guess we are Old Timers. We moved here in the '40's. I was asked to be a hostess, an honor, but just couldn't make it. We had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pudge Beavins.

I have had all kinds of birds coming up to dine with my squirrels. Even a rabbit. We may have a freeze yet. Mama wouldn't get out her tomato plants till after May 10th for fear of frost.

Gerald Tipton tells me Judy and friend, Fern Gordon, are on vacation in Georgia.

Lavonda and Traci Beavins spent the night with her folks, L. G. and Anne Reed, of Wheeler.

Eileen and Edmond Logan spent several days in OKC, where they attended the wedding of their grandson, Chris Shoffner, and Emily Libscomb. Also celebrated two birthdays and an anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Jenkins of Kingston, are here visiting his mother, Stella Jenkins. Really, I think it is Lake Texoma.

Congratulations to our Security State Bank at Cheyenne. They are having a 90th anniversary!

Joe and Faye Mong and all the Western Oklahoma Trail Riders took their wagon and mules to the Jim McMullin place, 15 miles east of Roll Thursday. They had a covered dish supper and camped out. Friday, they rode into Cheyenne to be there for the Saturday parade. Got a little cold!

Sammie Atherton is in the Wheeler hospital.

Services were Wednesday for Rollie Ray Howell. He was in Tony's class. Burial was at Buffalo.

There was a full page article with pictures in the Oklahoman about a Leedy sculptor, Joe Smith. Really nice.

Services are pending for Opal Nabors, Elk City. We grew up neighbors.

The swim meet was April 13 at SWOSU in Weatherford. Sweetwater students going were Brian Chandler, Bailey Davis, Kim Gracey, Jenny Gracey, Dana Farrell, Curtis Chandler, Tyler Locke, Ricky Hanson and Karl Humphrey.

at 9:30. Always fun and inspiring with good food and fellowship.

Everyone invited to a bridal shower for Suzy Galutia, bride-elect of Josh Lee at Mel's Diner Saturday, May 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. Notice change of place.

Everyone invited to Wheeler Senior Citizens Monday, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. for delicious pot-luck meal and games of 88 and canasta and visiting.

Eleven Golden Aegers from Wheeler Baptist church and friends were leaving early Monday, April 29, to go to Fredricksburg to see the blue bonnets and come back Wednesday.

Chad and Shonda Harrison from North Carolina came Thursday to visit relatives. Getting together at the home of Earl and Shirley Jolly Saturday were Chad and Shonda, Frank and Cathy Hooper from Perryton, Brad Harrison and Lexie, Keri Koelzer, Lynna Watson, Irene Owens and Carly, Marion Jolly and Brian and Amber Cogbil and Rylee, friends of Chad and Shonda from Oklahoma City and Larry and Vickie Nelson.

Larry Nelson has been working at El Reno and Calumet, Okla. He is now managing the Farm Supply and Elevator at Calumet but comes home on weekends to Briscoe. Or Vickey goes there.

Danny and Jimmy Nelson were in the Bass club fishing tournament at Lake Allen Henry, near Post, Texas, over the weekend.

Willia Fillingim visited Laurel

Hershman Monday and brought her some watermelon seeds to plant.

Remember Lois Meadows in your prayers. She has some health problems. Lois has always been so strong and helpful to everyone and a real prayer warrior for others.

Rusty and Noveta Atherton and Chynna spent the weekend together at Amarillo for some family time. They stayed at the 5th Season Inn and ate out. Chynna enjoyed swimming in the indoor pool and spending time with her dad and meeting new people.

Rosalie Keelin spent a few days in Shamrock Hospital, coming home Sunday afternoon. Remember Rosalie in your prayers. Bro. Johnny and Patty Crawford visited her Saturday night and brought her a candy bouquet in a cup to the hospital.

Sunday Phyllis Hefley went to Skip Out Lake and brought her sister, Patsy Stinnett to visit her and brought Kewpie (Betty) Stinnett to visit her sister, Peggy Chandler, a few days. Don and Patsy and Melvin and Kewpie are from Buena Vista, Colo., and have been fishing at Skip Out. Monday Phyllis and Patsy were going to Pampa for a girls' day out and shop at little and eat out.

Nice to have Ed and Laurel Hershman join us for supper at Maxeys Friday night. Good crowd there. Nice to see Mrs. Davis and daughter from Shamrock, Richard and Samantha Rowe and Junior Newman, Alice Kelley with Jim and Carolyn Reimer from Oklahoma.

Benny and Connie Reeves enjoyed having family members eating with them at Maxeys Friday night after Benny's Retirement Party.

Next Friday night, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. will be XYZ at Mobeetie Baptist church for a fun time and devotional, delicious pot-luck meal and games of 42 and Chicken Foot and visiting. Visitors always welcome.

Willia Fillingim enjoyed going to Katie Shipp's voice recital at Mobeetie Sunday.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Willa Rea Dumlner, 85, in her death at Canadian.

Best wishes to Lynna Watson and Vince Koelzer as they plan to

marry Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo. God Bless!

Pray for Dr. Mendiola as he tries to be back in his office part days, starting in May. God Bless you, Dr. Mendiola.

Don't forget to vote in the Ft. Elliott School Board Election Saturday, May 4. Incumbents, Wayne Zybach, Wanda Hefley and Bob Finsterwald face challengers, Kent McLaughlin, Keith Horn and Jimmy Maddox. All fine people.

Glad to hear that the newly restored Mobeetie Store on Highway 152, will be opening May 1, with a Cafe, some groceries and gas and diesel pumps with cards. Good luck! Harry Sims is owner; Kim Moore will be running the cafe and will be serving homemade ice cream.

Tuesday, good to have Brad and Sue Chandler join us for supper at Maxeys and come out and play 80 with us. Always enjoy their visits, even though the guys beat most times.

Monday Brad and Sue and Peggy Chandler went to Amarillo for doctors appointments. Brad and Peggy got good reports. Brad's sister, Cindy Burrus of Canyon met them for lunch and a visit.

Thursday Brad went to Vernon and met brother-in-law, Bob Young to go to Pottsboro to fish and come back Friday.

Brad and Sue went to New Iberia, Louisiana for Brad's school the first week home from Nigeria. They saw lots of blue bonnets and other wild flowers.

Patricia Kephart is expecting her husband, Jim, to come home for a few days to visit her and their kids, Melissa and Steven. Know it will be a great time. God bless you all!

Nice to see Greg and Sherry Clark and Dawson, 9, Cody, 5, and Cameron, 1, at the recital. The boys go to Ft. Elliott School. Such a cute little family.

Lois Meadows enjoyed having Eddie and Leta Meadows and Laura and Amy and Dustin Hardisty and Larry Meadows all out to Gageby church with her Sunday. Larry was flying from Amarillo to Virginia Monday after two weeks here visiting Lois and Eddie's family and other relatives.

Nice to see Britiane and Breanna Hennig, 7, out to the recital with grandparents, Jeannie and Ed Hennig and great-grand Naomi Speck. The girls' mom is Katie Jo.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Jane Rives, 74, in her death.

Playing 88 at Doris Finsterwald's Saturday night were C. B. and Maurine Brotherton, Ray and Glenda Hudson and Jo Redding. They had pie and soft drinks. And a good time together.

Enjoying an 88 party and Mexican pile on supper at Ray and Glenda Hudsons Friday night were Claudette Hand and Hack and Bobby Coffee, all from Canadian, Evelyn Meek, Kathy Meek, Olaf Sivage, Lou Dean Douthit, Martha Meek, Jo Redding and Doris Finsterwald.

Pray for Jeff Fraley, Cheryl Hudson's husband. He starts cemo May 6.

Friday Deidre Harris and Logan brought Tysen Aldridge to Panhandle to meet Bevard and Diane Dukes. Tysen spent the weekend with the grandparents. He especially enjoyed riding the lawnmower around and around the place with Bevard or Diane. He also liked visiting Bob and Gena Zybach and watch them feed 4 baby calves and see the baby kitties. He also went with Bob and Gena to feed the cows and every time the pickup door was open he jumped out and ran. A real farm boy. Andrea came down Sunday morning and went to church with them and took him home.

Best Wishes to Sarah Cornell, daughter of William and Vickey, and Josh McCollom as they plan to marry June 22 at the First Baptist Church Weatherford, Okla.

Glad to report Edna May is feeling better. She and Alene Parman ate at Reydon at the Senior Citizen Center Saturday.

Many friends and relatives gathered at Mobeetie Baptist church Sunday afternoon for Katie Shipp's senior voice recital. Katie has a beautiful voice and has won many honors as she competed in different places. She has had 5 voice teachers. Present teacher is Susan Draper of Pampa, who played for her to sing. Katie plans to attend college at WTAM this coming fall. Best wishes, Katie. Cake and



punch were served by Shantell Meek and Tamera Hefley with Jona Meek helping. Best wishes in your career, Katie.

Mabel Parker and Jimmy Joe Ault from Port Lavaca are visiting Dorothy Ogle and other relatives. James and Mari Ogle visited them Saturday. Mabel is doing well. Howdy, Mabel!

Laurel and Ed Hershman took Saturday off and took a little trip to Woodward to an auction. They didn't buy anything, but enjoyed the day off and away.

Laurel is involved in a team walking for Life. They are called the Walkettes (not Rockettes) and get lots of miles in. Laurel frequently walks to the laundry from her house. Laurel took Shelby, 2, home Wednesday after being here since Sunday.

Dick Irvine's sister, Rebecca and Truman Price from Lubbock came Friday and ate lunch and visited with Dick and Ruth and went back. Didn't spend the night.

Mobeetie Baptist Church workers met at Maxeys Tuesday night to eat and work on plans for Mobeetie Community Bible School. All children welcome first week in June. Some present were Bro. Bob Meller, Melba Corcoran,

WAS IT WORTH IT?

Lorena G. Males

Part I:
The two old men, sitting on the bench on Cheyenne's Main street, were a replica of Santa Claus, with long, dirty white beards, barn-yard stained boots, ex-cowboys.

"I been a growin' this here beard for six months and if the Old Settlers Whiskers contest don't hurry and git here. I'm whacking it off," said Silas.

"Well, every body tells me I look good so I'm lettin' my whiskers grow. I like it," answered his friend, Jack.

"You gonna have any folks here on April 19 to help celebrate the Cheyenne-Arapaho Land Run?" asked Silas.

"Nope, ain't got none left. Lonesome day far me. If I live till April 19 it'll be six Old Settlers I've watched come and go—like a TV show. There's too many missin'. They keep talkin' about free land-if the young folks only knew the human misery it took to git this Oklahoma show on the road. We had to start from scratch. My grandpa and my great-grandpa had to endure floods, drouths, famine cyclones, small pox-you name it."

"Remember the good times—forget the bad."

"Some things a man can't forgit. That year the flood took grandpa's prize cotton crop did him in. It looked like he had it made. The next day that cotton crop was wiped out as slick as a whistle—Poor grandpa! He just couldn't make it."

"But remember the good times. We wuz kids. Went to the Wild Horse Picnic close to Hammon every year I can still see the stock tank where they cooled the pop bottles—the good lemonade the women made! Made in the shade by an old maid—stirred with a spade! the horse racing—the play party games and the singin'. Makes me young just thinkin'."

Part II:
"I been thinkin' bout all them people comin' here from Kentucky, Tennessee, Kansas, Illinois, Texas lookin' fer free land. On a wild goose chase. Nobody had no idea how that Oklahoma Terrioty would turn out. Those early settlers bet all they had on the future of that new land. Life was so hard the new cemeteries soon filled up—especially with women and children. Some people lived in dugouts with the rattlesnakes. Life was Tough!"

"But look at it now. Our colleges are bustin' at the seams with our children. Life is good. Special attention is given the elderly and infirm. Our fields are terraced and our fertile red earth produces food and fiber beyond our wildest dream. Lakes dot the countryside. Wildlife abounds. A surprise package are the gushing gas and oil wells. Wouldn't the early settlers be surprised?"

"Those brave determined early settler paid a big price for it. Do you think they'd do it again?"

"You bet your bottom dollar! They came here to make a new better home but they had adventure in their blood."

We still have the same old Oklahoma spirit—to get on a good horse, run like a deer, stake out a new home on free land!"

Jona Meek, Sallie Adcock, Patricia Kephart, Nadine Lane, Gaye Hale, Pam Jones and Wanda Hefley. Pray for our VBS everywhere. They also went to the VBS meeting at Wheeler Baptist Church.

Shea Weatherly has been helping Brad Chandler tear down Grandpa Chandler's old house at Allison and clean up the area, cutting down old trees and weeds and cleaning up trash. Making it look nice.

Many thanks to relatives and friends for all the sweet cards to celebrate my 80th birthday. I feel so unworthy of things said, but many thanks! Love you everyone!

Nice to see Buddy and Susan Wood and son, Sy, eating at Maxeys Monday night. Susan works at Hyland's Pharmacy.

Lou Dean Douthit fills in at playing Canasta or Chicken Foot when they need replacement for someone ill or gone. Last Monday she played Canasta at Mary Margaret Dodds and Chicken Foot later at Ned Burrells. They have fun.

Fat Childress had microscopic gall bladder surgery Monday at Elk City and is doing o.k. Expects to go home Tuesday. Pray for Fat as he heals.

Lois Meadows is expecting a visit from daughter, Lucy Lucas from West Port, Kentucky. Hello, Lucy; we love you.

Glad to hear W. D. Mitchell was able to be moved to Wheeler Hospital from Amarillo and is improving from the broken hip and pneumonia. He had been in an Amarillo Hospital for some weeks. Pray for W.D.

So nice to have a call from my "Baby Sister", Mary Ruth VanSant on my birthday. Sure good to chat with her. Can you believe she will be 74 in July? Hope she doesn't mind my saying that. The big news in the family is that Sunny's daughter and her husband, Jamie, and Toby Dobbs in Atlanta area, are expecting a baby boy in September. Congratulations! Valoise is the proud great-grandma. She and Mary have shared in the joys of the family. Mary Ruth has always enjoyed eating at Maxeys. She said they have the best chicken fried steak in the world. They have traveled over much of it.

I had a wonderful 80th birthday Thursday with many calls and cards. Thank you everyone! And thanks, Danny, for visiting and taking us out to eat at Maxeys to celebrate on Thursday night. I really don't feel that much older.

God be with you till we meet again!

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with the group. Bill and Dutch Elliott went home for the weekend. They came back Monday to work.

Mac Strickland moved his trailer house to Pampa over the weekend.

Mae Pigg is doing better and is out of ICU. She is still in the hospital.

Gary Grimes of Amarillo spent Thursday night with his parents Doyle and Bulah Grimes. He took them to Elk City Friday for Doyle's laser on his eye.

Lorene Rector and Myrtice Pierce of Sayre visited Tuesday in Reydon with Luther Pierce and in Cheyenne with Dale Pierce and

Cleo Pierce. They also saw Carl Pierce. Lorene came home Wednesday.

Leola Stuart took her mother Gladys Richardson to Elk City Wednesday to have her pacemaker checked. Dale Richardson met them for lunch and they went back to his house to visit.

Mobeetie Cemetery Association Meeting Held.

Mobeetie Cemetery Association held their spring meeting Monday night April 29, 2002 with Randy McCurley in charge. Randy gave the financial report. Donations were up and the expense was lower than last year.

Bill Elliott and Dale Corcoran

reported that all of the equipment was in good condition. The Association asks that all old flowers not in vases be picked up by May 10th for the annual cleanup for Memorial Day.

Those attending the meeting were Bill Ridgway, Randy McCurley, Bill and Dutch Elliott and Dale and Melba Corcoran.



The Vacation Bible School workers from Mobeetie met at Mel's for supper before attending the Bible School training held at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler. Melba Corcoran, Gay Hale, Pam Jones, Patricia Kephart, Nadine Lane, Melba Corcoran, Wanda Heffley and Joana Meek. Bro. Bob Meller and Mary Nell Finsterwald joined them for the training. Aaron Lavery also attended the training.

Clint and Maurita Stribling went to Amarillo Tuesday night. Clint and Maurita both had doctors' appointments Wednesday.

Jack and Bernice Heffley spent Monday night in Amarillo. Jack saw the doctor Tuesday and will have more tests later. Jack will have a stent put in his heart on Tuesday. They went up Monday night and spent the night before the surgery.

Our Sympathy goes out to the family of Jane Rives.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Randall Harden. His parents bought the A. B. Lancaster farm.

Katie Shipp presented her concert Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie. There was a good crowd present.

Sunday there was a good crowd for the Last Sunday Dinner at the First Baptist Church.

Kevin and Cole Ralston went to Childress Sunday afternoon to mow his grandmothers lawn.

Those attending Mt. View Quilting Club Thursday at Totty Schoolhouse were Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Sidney Lancaster, Augusta Brown and Estelle Hodges.

Charlotte Coward has been having lots of problems with her leg. She has a pinch nerve. Remember her in your prayers.

There were 4 boys and 2 adults attending the father and son campout at Pan Fork Encampment from Mobeetie. Bob Meller went

Walk Across Texas At End of Second Week

The Walk Across Texas program has finished the second week of walking. I am so very happy to see everyone out walking. This is absolutely awesome that so many people are making such a valiant effort to make exercise a daily part of their busy lives. Below are all the AWESOME teams and their second weeks mileage. There seems to be some friendly competition already. The Happy Hikers have taken the lead this week and the teams from Briscoe and Mobeetie seem to be dominating the top few places.

They are listed as follows: At the end of the 2nd week.

- Happy Hikers 253.9 mi.
- Texas Trotters 251 mi.
- The Movers & The Scrapers 248.5 mi.
- Hill's Uphill Gang 189.85 mi.
- Wheeler Walkettes 167 mi.
- The 29 Club 164.5 mi.
- Wheeler Banking Ctr. 137.5 mi.
- Let's Walk 118 mi.
- Wheeler Care Center 104 mi.
- The "Merry Milers" 97 mi.
- www.Walk.com 80.25 mi.
- Allison Scholar's 71.6 mi.
- Carpet Runners 67.5 mi.
- County Chicks 66 mi.
- Slugs 59.25 mi.
- The Wanders 47.25 mi.

The Texas Cooperative Extension wishes to thank everyone who is participating in the "Walk Across Texas Program." Good Luck and Good Health as you head for Brownsville.

Karen Tellman, FCS Agent, Wheeler County

Wheeler Amb. Service Open House Is May 21

The Wheeler Ambulance Service would like to invite everyone in the area to our First Annual Open House.

We would like you, your family and friends to come by from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2002, at the Wheeler Ambulance Station, located at 300 Alan L. Bean.

This is a good opportunity to get to know some of your volunteers and their ambulance service. The volunteers and their service are proud to serve all your medical needs.

There will be refreshments served, plus something for all ages.

Come and enjoy. Your support and help are very much appreciated.

Thank you,
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Be A Powerful Voice For A Child

For some kids, childhood means soccer games and family picnics. For others, it means abuse, neglect and a life of hurt. These kids have little hope for a safe, permanent home. But you can help them by being a powerful voice in their lives.

CASA of the High Plains will be holding an informational meeting on Monday, May 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Come and find out how you can become a Court Appointed Special Advocate to speak for these kids. The meeting will be sponsored by Bobby Hill, Wheeler County Attorney and will be held at Mel's Diner. A meal will be provided so please RSVP with your name and address at 669-7638 by May 16th.

It may be time for you to take a positive step and make a real difference in a child's life by being a powerful voice for them. Attend our informational meeting on Monday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. to find out how you can help.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, May 6, 2002 — FRIDAY, May 10, 2002

MONDAY: Lima Beans w/Ham, Spinach, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Slices

TUESDAY: Barbeque On Bun, Potatoe Salad, Coleslaw, Roll/Margarine, Jello

WEDNESDAY: Chicken and Dumplings, Fried Zucchini, Cornbread/Margarine, Rice Pudding

THURSDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Cornbread/Margarine, Peach Cobbler

FRIDAY: Tuna Casserole, Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

Pecan Pie

By: Lorena G. Males

Two old men, stooped with age, with snow-white hair sat on a park bench visiting. "It's such a pretty spring day. I'd like to plant a pecan tree," said one of the men, smiling. "It would be a waste of time, you'd never be here to see the pecans mature, to bake a pecan pie," the other man sneered.

"Oh, but I have a son who likes pecan pie and he has a son one year old. The baby will probably like pecan pie when he gets his teeth."

"Well, I decided a long time ago it's two late for me to plant a pecan tree. Takes years to produce."

There are two kinds of people in the world. Those who refuse to plant a pecan tree and those who do plant one.

The man who refuses to plant a pecan tree thinks of self only.

The man who plants the pecan tree plans for the future of others. He rejoices to see a new young pecan tree put on green leaves.

Men who refuse to plant a pecan tree grow selfish. Their hands cup in. Their voices grow shakey, they walk at a slow pace. They've lost interest in everything. They're unhappy. They're dead inside.

Men who continue to plant a pecan tree are generous. Their hands are wide open ready to help others. Their voices are kind and they walk at a brisk pace, in tune with the world.

Have you planted your pecan tree?

While close to 70 percent of the earth is covered by water, only about one percent of that water is drinkable.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Monday Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran worked on the archives.

Tuesday Louise Hogan, Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran got things ready for the Career Days Wednesday. Dutch Elliott worked on the archives in the afternoon. Melba Corcoran cataloged items in the afternoon. Bill Elliott and Dale Corcoran took the supplies to Wheeler for the Career Days. Bill Finsterwald helped load the supplies that Louise carried. Louise Hogan, Bernice Heffley, Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran spent the day Wednesday at the C. O. W. Days in Wheeler. They gave all that visited their booth a pen or pencil and had them register for some coins to be given away. The names drawn for the coins were Andrea Jones, Vanessa Huff, Hayden Hartsfield, Karry Fite, Shana Horton, Blake Randels, Carly Owens, Stefan Tucker, Crystal Pigg, Spencer Ford, Jonathan Emiliano, Leslie Erwin, Giovanna Luna, Zack McCasland, Winona Parsley, Allison Bray, Cody Essay, Jessica Helton, Ryan Henson and Jimmy Henson. The museum thanks all that visited their booth for coming by. Bill Elliott and Dale Corcoran came over and moved the supplies back to the museum.

Toney and Frances Dickey worked on the grounds at the museum on Wednesday.

Thursday Bill and Dale picked tins and supplies donated to the museum for a shed.

Friday Bill Elliott worked on the grounds, Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran work on the archives.

Saturday was workday. The men worked on the grounds and got tin and metal from the roping arena to be used on the shed. The women worked on archives, festival posters, and put pictures in protected sleeves. Those there were Bill Finsterwald, Keith Oliphant, Bill Elliott, Jimmy Hill, Dale Corcoran, Bobby Hill, Dutch Elliott, Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran.

Mobeetie Texas December 6, 1935 Dear Santa Claus: I heard that it was hard to get enough polar bear hides to make a warm suit this year. Please bring Johnny Murrell a baseball mitt and bat, a cowboy outfit, and a football and basketball. Please bring me some nuts and candy. Yours truly, M. T. Cruce.

Mobeetie Texas December 6, 1935 Dear Santa Claus: How are you coming along making your suit? How is your wife Merry Christmas. The things I want you to bring me are a wrist watch, a ring, and plenty of candy and nuts. I will leave you a piece of cake on a chair by my sock. Your friend, Clara Corcoran.

Mobeetie Texas December 6, 1935 Dear Santa Claus, My cousin has been real good. She wants a wrist watch and a cedar chest for Christmas. Her name is Tressa Godwin. She is in the eighth grade. She would be greatly pleased to get the wrist watch. Yours Truly, Sylvia Gabriel.

Mobeetie Texas, December 6, 1935. Dear Santa Claus: How are you getting along with your toy making this year? When you come to my house, I want you to give my little brother a hammer, ball, train and shovel. You may bring me a bicycle, doll, and bat and Mr. Box (his teacher) a Negro doll. Your Friend, Jerald Wayne (Scribner).

Mobeetie Texas December 6, 1935. Dear Santa Claus: How are you getting along with your toy making this year? I heard that it was so cold up there that you could hardly find enough seal skins to make your suit. When you come Christmas please bring Donald Ray Bartram, a small rubber doll, a gun, a car, a box of candy and a train. Please bring Allen Webb a bicycle, a pocket watch and a box of candy. Please bring me a box of candy and plenty of nuts. Love, Mary Ruth Bartram.

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MONDAY, May 6, 2002 — FRIDAY, May 10, 2002

MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Bars, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, French Fries, Fruit, Milk/Tea

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Tacos, Salad, Spanish Rice, Corn, Fruit, Milk/Tea

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: French Toast, Ham, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Rice, Rolls, Fruit, Milk/Tea

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits w/Gravy, Sausage, Eggs, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Smoked Sausage, Brown Beans, Fried Potatoes, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk/Tea

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Donuts, Yogurt, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburgers, Hamburger Fixin, French Fries, Cake, Milk/Tea (Menu Subject To Change)

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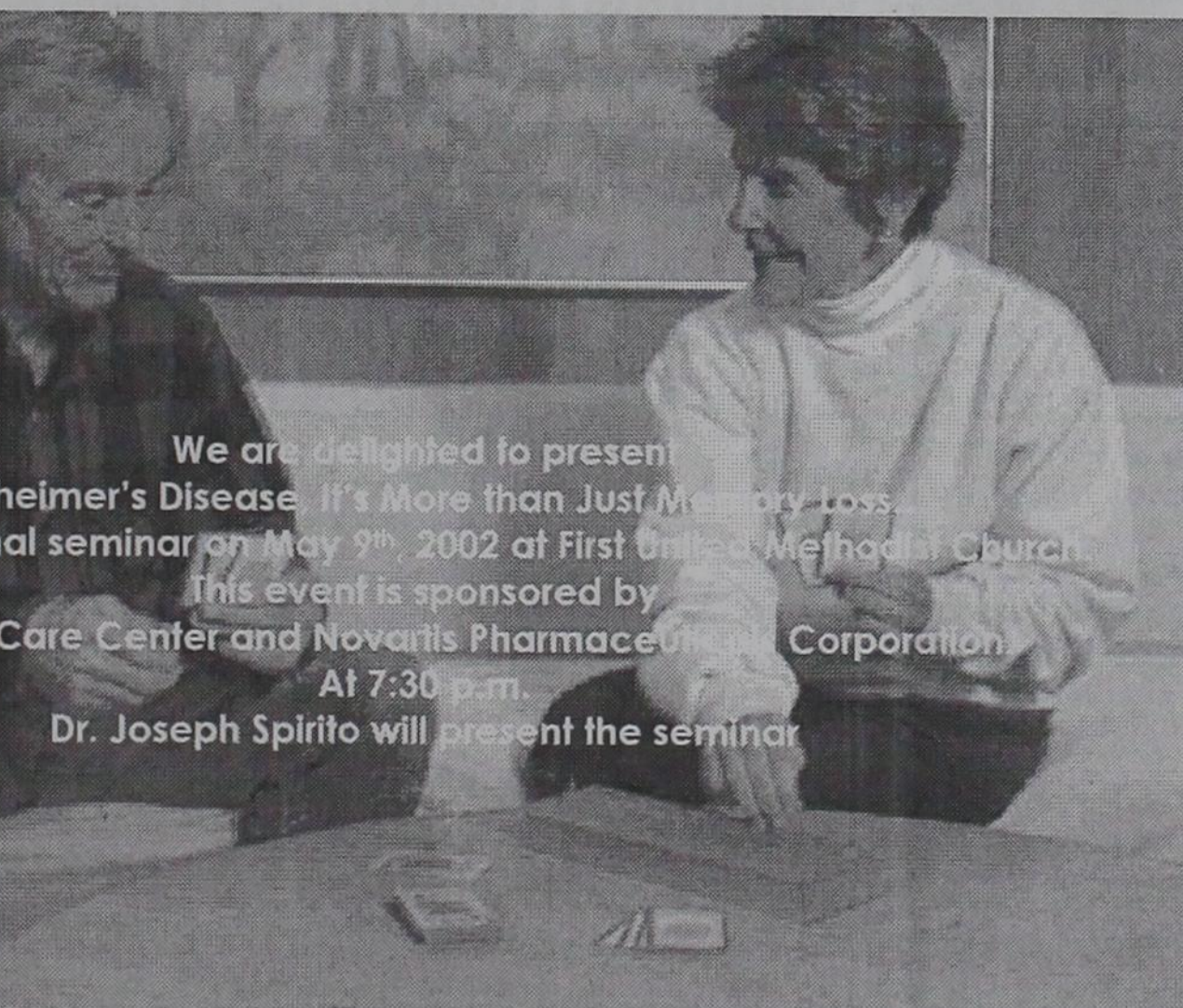
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We are delighted to present "Alzheimer's Disease, It's More than Just Memory Loss." An educational seminar on May 9th, 2002 at First United Methodist Church. This event is sponsored by Wheeler Care Center and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. At 7:30 p.m. Dr. Joseph Spirito will present the seminar.

This is an event you will not want to miss, So mark your calendar and plan to attend!
The seminar will take place on May 9th, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
At First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Wheeler Texas. For more information, please call Kenna Howard (806) 826-3505.

Brannen (from Page 1)

Prior to deploying, the groups participated in a 17-day Atlantic joint task force exercise designed to prepare naval forces for contingencies they may encounter during the deployment. Sailors from Brannen's ship trained in amphibious, undersea and surface and anti-air warfare operations and maritime interception.

USS Hue City is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

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Currently in the United States there are approximately four million Americans diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and that number is expected to rise dramatically over the next several decades as the population ages. This program is designed to educate seniors about the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, patient risk factors, diagnosis and treatments available. We will also provide you with caregiver tips to help improve the lives of both the patient and caregiver. Valuable information will be distributed to all attendees.

Saddle Up For St. Jude Children's Research Trail Ride To Be May 4

The 11th annual trail ride for St. Jude will be May 4th at Bill and Greta Arrington's Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. In case of rain or excessive heat the ride will be held on the 11th.

Registration starts at 8 am with the ride beginning at 9. Each rider needs a minimum of \$15 to ride and a negative coggins certificate dated within the last 12 months on their horse in order to ride. Without this certificate they will not be able to ride.

We will return to the trailers around noon and enjoy a BBQ lunch with all the trimmings. Family members who don't ride but would like to eat may purchase lunch at \$5.00 per adult and \$3.50 per child.

All prizes will be given away at this time. First prize is a yearling bay Appaloosa colt donated by Mark and Tracy Collier of White Deer for the most monies raised over \$1,500. Second prize is a double tiered saddle rack donated by Chris and Christie Mitchell of Pampa. Many other prizes have been donated and all will be given away. The ride will then continue until around 4 pm.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is America's leading childhood cancer research center. The hospital has provided care and treatment to all its patients without regard for the family's ability to pay. Thanks to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, children who have leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, Pediatric AIDS

and other child-killing diseases now have a better chance to live.

At St. Jude, scientists and physicians are working side by side seeking not only a better means of treatment, but also the causes, cures, and prevention of these terrible killers.

All findings are shared with doctors around the world to ensure that children everywhere will benefit from the work being done at St. Jude Hospital.

Funds to support this battle against childhood catastrophic disease come primarily from public donations through events like the Saddle Up for St. Jude program.

No child is ever turned away because of an inability to pay. All costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and the total costs for families who have no insurance are paid by the hospital. If a family is unable to pay travel expenses or room and board while their child is being treated at the hospital funds donated specifically for this are available.

For entry forms or to sponsor a rider please call Sharon Williams at 806-669-0176 or Wednesday through Saturday 806-883-2042.

Chat

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level at Austin. S&S is a consolidated school near Sherman, Texas—Southmayd and Sadler.

Remember the elections Saturday—City and School. Elections are being held in Wheeler, Mobeetie, Briscoe and Allison. Voice your opinion!

There was quite a turnout at Betty Hennard's retirement party Tuesday. She has worked for the county for 29 years and 2 months. Here's hoping you get to spend a lot of time with those kids and grandkids, Betty. You will be missed.

They also retired Betty's throne, her office chair, and her tape dispenser. She gets to keep them both.

We said 'goodbye' to Jane Rives this week. We have known Jane and Thurman for at least 40 years. She will be missed.

You notice a difference in the *Times* this week. One of many over the years. The newsprint manufacturers are making the paper narrower, therefore we have to 'go with the flow'.

I could give you this speech most have that 'it will be easier to handle', but I won't. Here it is, we had to change.

Years ago, it was the old seven column, 14" page. Then someone got the bright idea of going to the eight column page—to get more on it. Then came the six column 13" page. We now have the six column, 11 5/8" page.

The weekend was spent in OKC. Walked the Sunday puppy, played cards and had Sunday dinner with the Meriwethers. Routine.

We did not get to play cards Monday night; four of the regulars could not be present. So we played Tuesday night. Leroy, Dwight and I, guaranteed we would not be skunked with a win the first game, but our luck ran out. Rhonda, Barbara and Bob won the second game and trumped us the third game.

Fed. Funds Available For Housing Repair

Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are now available for USDA Rural Development's Section 504 Repair Loan and Grant Program.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

Generally, repair loans and grants may be used to remove health hazards by repairing roofs, providing a sanitary water and waste disposal system that meets local health department requirements, installing windows, or taking other steps to make the home a safe environment in which to live," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development makes home improvement loans to people who may not need or cannot afford a new house, but need some work done on their present house to bring it up to minimum standards. To be eligible for a grant the applicant must be very-low-income, elderly homeowners, 62 years or older and unable to pay for any repairs on the house.

Interested homeowners should contact the Amarillo Local Service Center at (806) 468-8600, extension 4 for more information on the USDA Rural Development Section 504 Loan and Grant Program as well as the availability of other USDA Rural Development programs.

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

W.V.F.D. Training Class On Terrorism Is Held

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department had a 16 hour Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Considerations: Company Officer: Training Class.

The class was taught by Dallas Renfrew with the Texas A&M University System, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Emergency Services Training Institute.

Class was Monday, April 22, thru Thursday, April 25, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

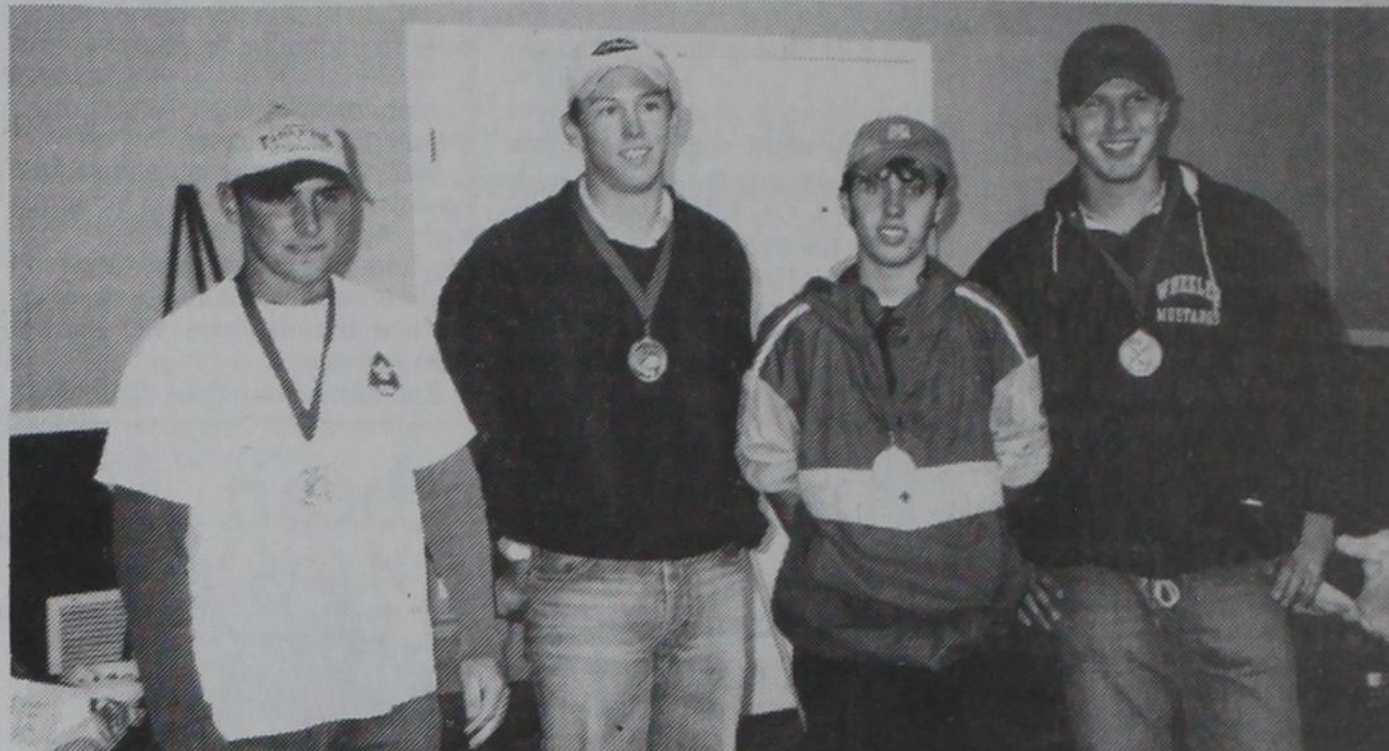
Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department members taking the class were Randy Finsterwald, Robert Ford, Kevin Frankenberg, Brenton Goerend, Jerry Horton, Jr., Luke Horton, Bret Moore, Ken Daughtry, Jerry Horton, Sr. and Justin Darnell.

David Pearson with the Briscoe

Arabella Babb Mansfield was the first woman admitted to the practice of law in the United States. She was admitted into the legal profession in 1869.

Volunteer Fire Department took the class.

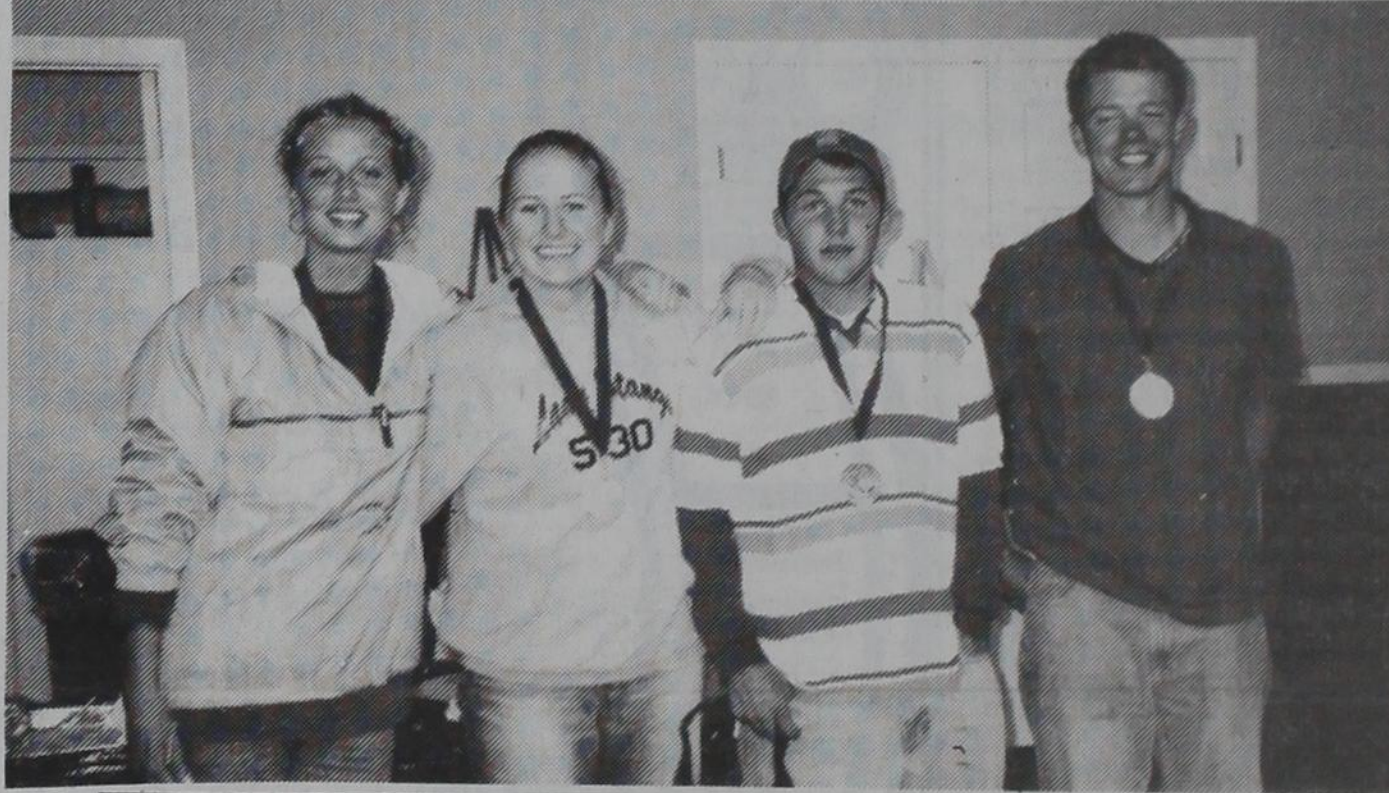
The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department was represented by three members and Canadian had two firemen take the class.



1ST PLACE HIGH SCHOOL-PM TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Jake Britt, Dirk Chapman, Will Vise, Gavin McQueen.



2ND PLACE-PM TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Josh Peach, Kevin Brinkley, Mika Goad, Jeremy Martin, John Ayers, Bret Goad.



2ND PLACE HIGH SCHOOL-PM TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Kinsey Cogburn, Keri Marion, Dee Alston, Raymond Gentry.

W.V.F.D. Represented At Higgins Rescue Sch.

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department attended the Thirtieth Annual Higgins Rescue School at Higgins Volunteer Fire Department in Higgins, Texas on Saturday, April 27, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The school was conducted by the Emergency Services Training Institute of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a member of the Texas A&M University System.

All seven members took SCBA training. (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)

Instructors from Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department attending were Randy Finsterwald, Pete Cole and Ken Daughtry.

Members of the local department attending were Brenton Goerend, Jerry Horton, Jr., Josh Alonzo and J. D. Cole.

Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. Says, THANK YOU!

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following people for their donations to this year's Easter Egg Hunt: Wheeler Realty, Hibler Implement, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Vet Clinic, First Ag Credit, Maxey's, Speedi-Mart, Wheeler County Farm Bureau, First State Bank of Mobeetie, Elva Wood, Peggy Ford, Heritage Beef Cattle, Cross Car Center, Jones Fuels, Robert Ford, Hyland's Pharmacy, Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, Wheeler Flower Shop, H&R Block, Marshall Auto, Wheeler Plumbing, and many, many more.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

USDA Funds Available For Rural Development

Bryan Daniel, State Director, USDA Texas Rural Development, today announced that fiscal year 2002 funding is available through the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program.

Rural Business Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

The purpose of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to pay the cost of providing economic planning for rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials.

To be eligible for a RBOG applicants must be a public body, non-profit corporation, Indian tribe, or cooperative with members that are primarily rural residents (any area in Texas that is not within the boundaries of a city with a population in excess of 10,000 inhabitants). Availability of funds is \$2.1 million. The size of grants approved is limited by the amount of program funds available but are generally \$50,000 or less.

For more information regarding the RBOG program, please call Mr. J. Pat Liles, Director, Rural Business-Cooperative Service at (254) 742-9780. The regulation for this program is available at: http://rdinf.usda.gov/regs/regs.toc.html (click on Part 4284 - Grants, click on 4284-G). Forms are available at: http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/Form Search.asp

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The Goad and Zybach families and the tournament committee truly appreciate everything that was done to make the 2002 tournament a success.

Sincerely,
The Goads, the Zybachs and the Tournament Committee

2ND PLACE HIGH SCHOOL-PM TOURNAMENT: (l. to r.) Kinsey Cogburn, Keri Marion, Dee Alston, Raymond Gentry.

Letter To My Granddaughter

By: Lorena G. Males

My dear Sarah, I was so happy to receive your graduation announcement. What a great milestone you've reached! You live in far away Sweden and we don't see each other often. But the main problems of life—the principles of life—are the same world wide. I'd like to tell you how I view your graduation day.

Although your graduation card says YOU are graduating, it also included all the others who helped you. You could not have done it alone and the first thing you should do is thank these people.

Those who gave the most to help you climb this ladder are your parents. Before you were born they started planning your graduation day.

"All I ask is a normal child. It doesn't matter. Boy or girl. I like pink as well as blue. We'll do everything we can to help our child like school."

"I don't care if you are a little sick, you get right on to school," said mother.

"Son, if you make the honor roll we'll get you a new suit."

"And remember when your mother sat up until two o'clock to finish your dress for the 4-H Dress review."

"No stones were left unturned. We knew that life without a high school diploma would be so difficult. No sacrifice was too much. We did without things we wanted so you could have your senior pictures."

"But Mother our teachers helped so much."

"Yes, teachers are with you more than we are. They know if you succeed, they succeed. They know that today's road to success is rough and steep. They know that tomorrow life will make great demands on you so your teachers lie awake at night making plans to help you."

How much do you consider your diploma is worth?

It's priceless. It means that you have your ticket to success. You have reached step one.

There is nothing you'll ever do in life that compares with graduating from high school.
 Best wishes for an interesting journey.
 Love,
 Grandmother