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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

We received such a nice rain Tuesday and continuing through the night. 0.64" was measured Wednesday morning.

As the clouds thickened Tuesday morning and one dark cloud moved to the north of us, the townspeople became excited as storm watcher vehicles came to town. Cars and trucks stopped at the service stations and filled the gas tanks.

The conditions were right for severe storms to develop in the area, but fortunately for us they were wrong.

The cars were manned by college students from over the country, working on their college degrees. Storm chasing is part of their 'lab work'.

Four more Wheeler Scouts received their Eagle Scout badges. Congratulations, Jake Britt, Dirk Chapman, Gavin McQueen and Chris Simmons!

'A Tip of the Hat' and Thank You, Ben Ed Hillhouse! This man is a devoted scout leader. Sure he is doing what he enjoys, but a lot of work and time are involved.

And, Ben Ed also spends a lot of time working for the benefit of the community. Thanks, Ben Ed! You are appreciated.

Once again, Thanks, Lee Ann Hillhouse! for all the pictures of the scouts.

Will Burch deserves a Thank You! also. He is in charge of the Webelos. And, he is a member of (Continued Page 6)

Wheeler City Council Holds May Meeting; Ball Field, Water Discussed

MAY 20, 2002

Mayor Wanda Herd called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Claudine Finsterwald administered the oath of office to Mayor Wanda Herd and Council members Jay Randels and Bob McCain.

Walter Simmons made motion seconded by Bob McCain to approve the minutes of previous meetings as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Jay Randels made motion seconded by Bob McCain to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Scott Honeyfield of Parkhill Smith and Cooper discussed funding possibilities for a well to be drilled on the land in which Mr. Clepper had given the City the water rights. Jay Randels made motion seconded by Barbra Koelzer to apply for a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Texas Community Development Block Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob McCain made the motion seconded by Walter Simmons to apply for a low interest loan through the Texas Water Development Board to fund the construction of the well and pipelines on the Clepper Place. The motion carried unanimously.

Frank Clymer reported on the activities of the City employees. He stated that according to TNRC intruder-resistant fences with lockable gates must be constructed around the water storage tanks.

Charles Kuntz presented receipts and disbursements and discussed same.

The matter of the water bill for Britt Field was discussed. Charles Kuntz stated that it had been taken care of.

The Ball Field at the City Park was also discussed. It was brought to the Council's attention that new bases were needed at the ball field. Barbra Koelzer made the motion seconded by Walter Simmons to purchase bases for the Little League Ball Field. The motion carried unanimously. Jay Randels stated that he would order the bases. Lights at the Little League Field at the City park were also discussed. It was stated that other people besides the Little League may use the lights at the field. They may need to see John Earl or Frank for a key to turn the lights on.

Walter Simmons made the motion seconded by Bob McCain to approve the agreement providing for subdivision regulation by the municipality with the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality with Wheeler County. The motion carried.

Jimmy Hill made the motion seconded by Jay Randels to appoint Ken Daughtry as Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Wheeler and Wheeler County. He will be required to obtain 180 hours of schooling which is paid by FEMA including transportation and motel expenses. The Council approved a \$25.00 per diem for meals, plus agreed to pay him \$10.00 per hour for his time and effort getting things set up. The costs will be shared equally between the county and the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Those present: Mayor Wanda Herd. Council members: Walter Simmons, Jimmy Hill, Barbra Koelzer, Bob McCain, and Jay Randels. Scott Honeyfield, Colby Waters, Charles Kuntz, Frank Clymer, and Claudine Finsterwald.



Joe Flowers... well known in the area for his fiddle playing

Funeral Services Mon. For Joe Flowers

Joseph Ishmael Flowers, lived 58 years on a farm near Sweetwater passed away May 30, 2002 at the Erick Nursing Center. Joe was born January 18, 1915 at Erick, Oklahoma to Samuel Turner and Myrtle (Morgan) Flowers.

He attended school at Erick. He was a member of the Erick Primitive Baptist Church; was secretary and song leader. Joe worked at the Roger Mills County ASCS office in Cheyenne, Oklahoma for 20 some years while farming two farms. He retired in 1977.

Joe was a self-taught musician. He could play the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, bass fiddle -- basically anything with strings. He fiddled for 14 years with the Erick Kitchen Band, a group of retired folks that entertained at as many as seven nursing homes and the Veteran's Hospital at Clinton each month.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; one son, David; one grandson, Robert; and five brothers and sisters.

Services were held Monday, June 3, 2002, at 2:00 P.M. at Sweetwater First Baptist Church, officiated by Ed Wrather. Burial was at Buffalo Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home.

Joe is survived by his wife, Lois (Haag); two sons, Anthony Alden (Tony) and wife Carleene (McDaniel) of Orlando, Florida, and Joe Dale and wife Esther Pearl (Coleman) of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren, Melissa Susanne Mance, Michael Andrew (children of Joe and Esther) and Virginia Kathleene DeMarquis (daughter of Tony and Carleene);

two sisters, Elsie Pearl Dugger (Quitman, Arkansas) and Annalou Clifton (Las Vegas, Nevada); and two brothers, Paul Weston (Norman, Oklahoma) and S.T. (Tulsa, Oklahoma).

Joe and Lois celebrated their 64th anniversary on January 8, 2002.

Memorial Services In April For Bette Couch

Bette Jean Barber Couch, 60, of Moore, Oklahoma died April 1, 2002. She was born August 12, 1941, in Wheeler, Texas, and lived there until she married Joe Paul Couch of Allison, Texas.

The couple was married in San Diego, Calif., while he was serving in the Navy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R. S. Barber and Alta Aliene Barber, and a brother, Bobby Barber, all of Wheeler, Texas.

Memorial services were at 2:30 P.M. Thursday, April 4, 2002, in John M. Ireland Funeral Home and Chapel and buried in Reshavan Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla.

She is survived by her husband of Moore, Okla.; a daughter, Paula Diane Couch of Oklahoma City; two sons, Curtis and Gary Couch of Moore, Okla.; one sister, Francine Harris Rea of Amarillo, Texas; three brothers, Donald Joe Barber of Amarillo, J. C. and Dwayne Barber of Perryton; four grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Dr. Mark Lobaugh Opens His Obstetrics & Gynecology Practice

Dr. Mark Lobaugh opened his medical practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology on June 3, 2002 at the Family Medicine Center at 3023 Perryton Parkway, Suite 101, Pampa.

His practice focuses on gynecological surgery, infertility treatment, and both high risk and routine obstetrics. Permanent offices are slated to open in July in Suite 205. Appointments for both locations can be scheduled by calling 806-665-7700.

With nearly six years as an OB/GYN with the Wichita Clinic in Wichita, Kansas, and 13 years experience as a military Flight Surgeon, Lobaugh truly enjoys his work.

"Obstetrics isn't what I do, it's what I am," said Lobaugh. He chose to depart his thriving practice in Wichita which averaged 900 patients monthly and 350 deliveries annually, in favor of providing more personalized care in Pampa. "I look forward to establishing a solid patient base once again, as well as associating with Dr. Ann



Dr. Mark Lobaugh

Harral. To leave what I had worked hard to establish in Wichita was a difficult decision, but I'm anxious to follow a life-long dream by opening my own practice in a smaller town."

Lobaugh began his military and medical careers simultaneously. "Due to my deep religious convictions, I look at medicine as a ministry." He attended medical school through the Air Force's Health Professions Scholarship Program. Upon graduation he had a four-year Air Force commitment, which he served at McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas. During his tenure, he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm to Germany for 2.5 months and later deployed to the King Khalid Medical Complex (a tent city triage center) to assist in evacuating stable casualties to the German facility. He also had the unique experience of evacuating nearly 30 Iraqi POWs whose injuries were not severe, but whose nutritional status and morale were in ruins.

"The whole experience was interesting. As we prepared to leave for Desert Storm, I realized my whole life boiled down to three military "A" bags." On their way to the war zone, the medical personnel landed in England. Ironically, while the group stood at the roadside, an out-of-control car nearly ran them down. "We were almost killed before even getting to the war," said Lobaugh.

Lobaugh began his Kansas Air National Guard in 1995. At the same time he entered the Guard, he began his obstetrics residency, joining the staff of the Wichita Clinic upon completion in 1998. He made the career change because he found the whole reproductive growth process to be fascinating. "The unique part of obstetrics is you have a role in preventative primary care, as well as deliveries and surgeries."

The Air National Guard has been very supportive of Lobaugh's civilian practice, and has allowed him the flexibility to attend to his unpredictable civilian schedule. He enjoys parenting Christa 20, Lizzy 18, and Kurt 17. He looks forward to a long future serving the needs of the Pampa community.

Eagle Scout Recognition & Court of Honor Is Held In Wheeler June 2

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An Eagle Scout Recognition and Court of Honor was held on June 2, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler, in order to acknowledge the accomplishments of all the scouts of Troop 472, but especially Eagle Scouts Jacob Britt, Dirk Chapman, Gavin McQueen, and Chris Simmons. These four young men have been working toward the goal of the Eagle Scout rank since they joined Boy Scouts at the age of eleven. They are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. An intricate part of the qualification for Eagle Scout revolves around community service. Each of these four young men selected a project that was beneficial to their community. Jacob Britt, with the help of his fellow scouts, repaired bleachers at the city ballpark, as well as the dug-out benches, and helped paint the baseball park. Dirk Chapman chose to help the Wheeler First United Methodist Church by procuring materials and leading members of his troop in cleaning the parking areas and painting parking stripes on all of their parking areas. It was Gavin McQueen's desire to help make Tom Britt Memorial Baseball Field more secure from vandalism. To do this, he constructed a fence and entry gate that can be locked when the park is not being used. As did his fellow Eagle Scouts, he elicited the help of other scouts, as well as his father to help with the project. Wheeler Independent School District was the recipient of Chris Simmons hard work. Under his leadership and guidance of the younger scouts, the school tennis courts received new striping and the existing bleacher was refurbished.

Returning to honor Troop 472's newest Eagle Scouts were eight of the ten young men who have received their Eagle Scout rank since Jake, Dirk, Gavin, and Chris joined the troop. Andy Bradstreet, Brittan Davis, Drew Hillhouse, Ben Britt, Jed Brooks, Alan Gill, Kyle Masters, and Steve Marshall. Ben Dollar and Jeremy Davis were unable to attend due to illness or previous work commitments. The



EAGLE SCOUTS: Jake Britt, Dirk Chapman, Gavin McQueen, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Chris Simmons.

Graveside Today For Margaret Gilmer, 69

Margaret Gilmer, 69, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Zybach Cemetery in Allison with the Rev. M. C. McDaniel, pastor of United Pentecostal Church, the Rev. Larry

Ellis of Canyon and the Rev. David Myer of Groves officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gilmer was born February 3 1933, in Roy, N.M., to Lee and Mabel Ault. She married J. W.

Gilmer in Allison on August 26, 1951.

She was a homemaker and had lived in the Allison area for 50 years. She was a member of United Pentecostal Church in Allison.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Ault.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Ann Boydston of Beaumont, and Linda Ingersoll, Becky Gilmer and Jeanne Gilmer, all of Amarillo; her mother of Port Alto; three brothers, Bill Ault and Ray Ault, both of Amarillo, and Jim Ault of Port Alto; a sister, Dorothy Ogle of Allison; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Pampa.



First Baptist Church Bible Sch. June 10-14

First Baptist Church to hold annual Vacation Bible School. All children 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to come deep into the Amazon Rain Forest to embark on an expedition. Vacation Bible School will take place June 10-14th from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Come join us for a week of bible stories, crafts, fun music, missions, and rainforest recreation.

Pre-registration will be Saturday June 8th at the Wheeler City Pool from 10:00 till 11:30 a.m. Come join us for a time of fun and register for Vacation Bible School.



LOCAL ARTIST: James Williams has rediscovered the enjoyment he gets from drawing. After high school he went to college and studied art, but got sidetracked and it was not until about nine months ago that he discovered how relaxing it was to sit down and draw.

James is presently doing a set of portraits of Old West characters—Judge Parker, Annie Oakley, Judge Roy Bean, etc. His work, 15 drawings, will be displayed at Canadian's July 4th Celebration. First State Bank of Wheeler and Mobeettie will display his work the last of July, during the Blue Grass Festival.

James does research on the "Old West" characters before he makes his drawings. He has received a lot of help from Mary K. Christner and Mary Gibson at the local library in doing research.

The grandkids get a lot of credit for getting James back into drawing. They were all the time wanting him to draw cartoon characters or animals for them.

James is presently only using pencil for his drawings. He will make drawings from family pictures—people or animals. If you are interested in having a drawing done, contact James Williams in Wheeler at (806) 826-3346. Copies of the drawings he has are also available.



CORRECTION:

Jackie Cummings was surprised last week when she saw the picture of her century plant in the Times with Naomi Speck's name and address under the picture. When she told the editor about the plant blooming, she didn't tell him her name—a fatal mistake. He went down and took the picture. While writing the outline, he had to look in the telephone directory for the address—didn't register. The century plant was planted at 216 E. Twelfth in Wheeler by Jackie in the same location her mother had a century plant. The Times ran the picture of Jackie's mother's plant when it bloomed. This picture ran last week and the bloom stalk still continues to grow larger.

Totty School Reunion

Totty School Reunion will be held June 9, 2002.

The Totty Quilting club will be hosting the Totty School Reunion June 9, 2002. They will have lunch at 12:30. The club will furnish meat. Everyone is to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Hope to see you there. The quilt will be given away that day.

John 4: 22-24: Ye worship ye know not what; We know what we worship; forvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him spirit and in truth.

A sunny, windy Monday morning here in Allison.

Vance and Caroline Boydston left Friday before Memorial Day on their way to Ft. Worth. On Sunday Caroline and Kevin Boydston visited Randy Chapman at Tennessee Colony, Texas. They came home on Tuesday.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison came last Saturday morning and got my cooling system hooked up and going. Then Darrel went and visited his mother, Pearl, and then went on to the farm near Mobeetie. Johnnie and I had lunch together and she got my hair fixed. We had a good visit.

Sunday after morning service at church, I went to Wheeler and met my son, Jerry at Maxey's and we had dinner together. Then we came home to Allison. He spent the afternoon with me and worked all afternoon at some little jobs, but took time to get them done. I really appreciate all he did, and it was hot out yesterday too. He left going home about five-thirty. I know he must have been tired. I had tried to help him as much as I could. Cathy had flown to Dallas Sunday morning on a business trip.

Last Tuesday Opal and Juanita Boydston visited with Forest and Janice Boydston. And they went to Amarillo on Wednesday to be with Janice and her family as she went through surgery. She made it through the surgery good. Opal, Juanita and SaRita Green spent Wednesday night with Warren and Charlene Brown. Opal and Juanita came home on Thursday and Janice had to have more surgery on Friday, so they went back to Amarillo to be there with Janice and the family. Opal and Juanita

visited with Forest and Janice a while Sunday afternoon.

Red and Anna Dukes took Minnie Bell Vinson to Wheeler last Friday for a check up with Dr. Mendiola. After Church Sunday morning they ate dinner at Mel's Diner. From there they went to Shamrock and visited Bessie Crenshaw. On their way home they came back through Briscoe

and visited a while with Clyde Jr., and Jane Dukes.

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—WELCOME—

day evening visitors were Red and Anna and Nelda Dukes. Dewayne Lane and his two boys visited Glen and Nona after Sunday morning church.

Jonathan Walker made a cross country flight from Waco, Texas, to Wheeler airport last Saturday in a six-passenger twin engine plane. His pilot was Jerrod Schmidt. Andrea Walker and Jerrod's friend, Katherine, were passengers and Eddy and Wanda Walker and granddaughters, Meagan and Ashton Fleming and Justin and Stephanie Walker, Tyler and Addison met them at Wheeler airport and fed them lunch at their home in Allison. They then took them back to the airport. They all had a good time and visit.

Last Saturday Rita Grayson, Tim and Debbie Jones and Kerri Dukes of Miami went to Amarillo and did some shopping. They also visited Rita's sister at Clairmont home. Later they went out to Johnnie and Carol Grayson's home to a supper for Nathan Phillips to celebrate his high school graduation from Tascosa High School. Debbie Jones and grandson, Ky Markham visited Rita Grayson on Monday morning.

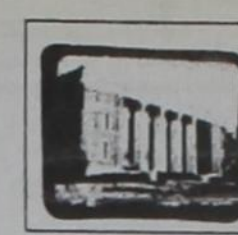
Nadine Reynolds' Sunday dinner guests were Heather and Jason.

Ruby Craig was in Wheeler Monday morning for business reasons last Monday then on to Pampa to do some shopping.

Margaret Gilmer is seriously ill in the Amarillo Hospice. All her family is there with her.

Roma and Billy Brown went to the Brown reunion at Silsbee, Texas. They left Allison May 23, and spent over night at his cousin Richard Green's in Anson. Then they went the next day to Silsbee, where they spent two nights in the home of Roma's brother, Cyriel. The reunion was May 25. On May 26 they went to their daughter, Lola Fuller, in Hugo for an over night visit. Then traveled home Monday, May 27. Roma and Curtis Boydston went to Amarillo Friday to have a new motor put in Roma's garden tiller. Billy went with Opal and Juanita to Amarillo Friday to be with Janice Boydston during her surgery. Thursia Poindexter was their dinner guest Sunday.

Jon and Connie Steffey, their daughter, Melissa Scales and her three children: Byron (5), Vaneesa (3), and Sarah (20 months), just returned from their camping trip. They camped along the White River in Arkansas. Byron became an excellent trout fisherman,



catching the largest trout as well as the most trout the day before they left.

Everyone enjoyed visiting Jon's grandmother. She certainly enjoyed the little ones. They also visited with old school chums of Jon's. Everybody had a great time, but were sure glad to come home again.

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

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Dale Corcoran went to Pampa on business Tuesday.

Visiting with Mae and Hugh Bailey Monday night were their great-great-granddaughter, Desiny Matie Ryan, and her parents Jeff and Tonya Ryan of Bakersfield, CA.

Bill and Dutch Elliott are back at the Museum after their vacation. They return Sunday.

Steve Walker entered the hospital Sunday suffering chest pains. He is being sent to another doctor for more tests.

Several from Mobeetie attended the First Sunday Night Singing in Gageby. Some of them were Doris Finsterwald, Marion Grimes and Chuck and Louise Hogan.

There was about 100 at the countywide joint worship service held at the museum grounds Sunday night. Rev. Jerry Jewell preached. It was a going away and thank you meeting for the Jewell's. The event started off with a covered dish supper at 5:30 with worship following.

Lynessa and Deidra Salas are spending the month with their father Antonio and Amanda Salas, Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson has been under the weather this week and had to go to the doctor twice. Sunday Leola Stuart attended the O. D. Richardson family reunion in Shamrock. Vanessa and Josh stayed with Gladys.

John and Frances Collins are at their home in Mobeetie. They arrived Sunday from California to spend some time here.

Clay White had overnight birthday party Sunday night.

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Densel and Fern Reed visited Thursday night in Wheeler with Pauline Barnes.

Saturday night Pauline Barnes and Dale and Melba Corcoran visited in Pampa with Frances Groves, Agnes Barnes, and Rayburn Corcoran. Phillip Groves of Fritch was also there.

Jerry Grimes of Amarillo visited Thursday afternoon with his parents Doyle and Bulah Grimes.

Saturday Jerry Grimes and Gary Grimes of Amarillo visited with their parents Doyle and Bulah Grimes and helped around the farm.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes went to Pampa Tuesday for Bulah's doctor appointment. She got another shot in the knee.

James and Doris Gatlir are home after visiting with Tom and Elaine Dennis and Hailey in Cache OK.

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

Jayton Childress honored with Birthday Party

Jayton Childress was honored with a birthday party for her sixth birthday. The party was held at the home of Tim and Sallie Adcock. A Barbie Cake and Ice Cream was served to the following Jim and Carol Adcock of Canadian, Jackie Don May of Fritch, Nadine Lane of Allison, Joe Shelton, Hugh and Mae Bailey, Cammie Ralston, Cole and Keelie, Bob Meller, Don and Willene Burke, Steven and Jean McAlpine, Bailey and Taylor, Antonio and Amanda Salas, Jayton, Garret, Garrett, Lynessa and Deidra, and Tim and Sallie Adcock.

the eyelids of snakes do not move, they are fused.

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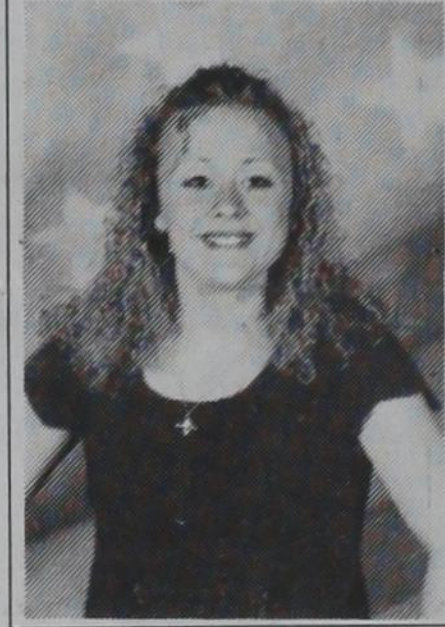
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Jessica Helton
Valedictorian
Allison Eighth Grade

JESSICA RENEA HELTON
Jessica Renea Helton or Jess, as she is also known, is the daughter of Justin and DeAnna Helton. She was born in Pampa on May 23, 1988, and has attended Allison schools for the past nine years.

Jessica has played basketball for the past nine years. She has played tennis for two years and in track and field she has thrown the shot and discuss for the past two years. She ran the 100 meter run one year.

She has served her school as cheerleader for the past three years.

She entered U.I.L. music competition. Her first year she got a two and her second year she got two medals—she scored a one on a solo and a one in an ensemble.

Jess is the valedictorian of her 2002 graduating class.

Future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University or Texas Tech. She plans to graduate after majoring in sports medicine, veterinary medicine or coaching. She also hopes to find Mr. Wright.

When ask for the teacher she will remember most, she stated, "I remember all of my teachers because they had to put up with me and I respect them. They all did something different for me to remember them by. But the one, who will probably stick out the most will probably be Coach Parker. He's helped and taught me a lot. Not only is he my teacher, but my very good friend."

Jess stated she had too many bad memory to select a "most memorable moment".

Of her parents, the young lady stated: "I wish God blesses both of them greatly and that their love for one another stays strong. I love my mom and dad. Love you, Mom! Love you, Daddy!"

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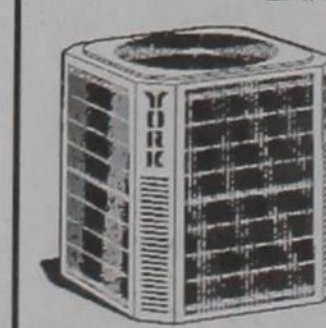
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Corinthians 5:1: For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down—when we die and leave these bodies—we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

Happy Birthday to Kyleigh Trimble, Kevin Meek, Lori Steen, Wes Bradstreet, Christy Jones Tadloc on June 9; Lisa Barton, Catrina Wash, Cole Hathaway and Betty Henard on June 10; Kloatte Henson, Shane Davis, Kay Hobdy, Steven Kephart on June 11; Beth Wills, Leesa Sims, Christy Willingham, Jane Dukes, Mae Shelton, Bailey and Ralph Hovey on June 12; Steve Emmert, Patricia Forrester, Mike Lee, Brandi Cochran, Wanda Estes and Janet Tatyrek on June 13; Dale Helton, Jessica Bentley, Shellie Johnson and E. J. Meadows on June 14; Helen Sabbe, Lavois Anderson, Dalton Kinnaman, Lisa Farmer on June 15.

Happy Anniversary to Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Mike and Jenny Smith on June 9; Clint and Amy Huff and Justin and Tera Wesbrooks on June 10; Randy and Carol McCurley and Dick and Ruth Irvine on June 11; Ben and Tonia Meadows and Donnie and Kathy Shorter on June 12; Geary and Mary Burrows on June 14; and Tom and Debbie Stribling on June 15.

Saturday visitors to James and Marty Ogle were Misty and Casey Gilmer and Abbey from Elk City and Melody Hendrickson and Joe Dylan from Higgins. Monday Mabel Parker and Dorothy Ogle were coming over to eat supper and play dominoes with James and Marty.

Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy visited Rosalie Keelin Sunday afternoon. Daniel is proud to be through Mortuary School and is still helping Wrights at Wheeler, Canadian and Shamrock, as he has for many years. We are proud of you, Daniel.

Sunday Dee Barr and Noveta Atherton took Randilyn and Chynna to Canyon to go to basketball camp this week. They will go back for them Saturday.

There will be registration for Wheeler Baptist Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 8, from 10 to 11:30 A.M. at Wheeler Pool and a swim. Kids 4 years to 5th grade invited. VBS June 10-14, 9-12 A.M.

Visitors to Elsie Hughes at Wheeler Care Center were son, Marvin and Linda Cox from Amarillo, grandson, Ronnie Pride, from Arlington and Joyce Perkins. Elsie enjoys their visits. The Coxes came on Mother's Day.

Mobeetie Baptist Church Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 3, from 6 to 9:00 P.M. each night through Friday night, June 7 for ages 3 through 5. So there will be no XYZ Friday night.

They had a good singing and good group at Gageby singing Sunday night. Always good refreshments. Next First Sunday Sing will be at Mobeetie Baptist Church Sunday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

Sorry to hear that Glen and Pam Arganbright will be moving to Amarillo soon. Pam will be missed at Thriftway and church. There was a nice retirement party for Pam at Thriftway. Dwight will be moving with them and attend West Texas A&M University. Paul will be staying as manager of Thriftway in Wheeler.

Sincere sympathy to H. B. Krug and other family members and friends in the death of H. B.'s brother, Ralph Krug, 70, of Fritch. Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Leta Stephenson, 86, of Canadian in her death.

Sorry to hear that Kathy and Danny Kiewer and Amy and Jeremy of Allison will be moving soon to Oklahoma. Danny has been working in his dad's factory that makes different kinds of windows and staying with his parents but coming home to Allison on weekends. Enjoyed visiting with Kathy at Thriftway Friday. She was getting boxes to help with packing for their house there.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Margaret Gilmer in her death at the Hospice in Amarillo Monday night, June 3. Many family members were there with her.

Sue Chandler and Bridget and Shea Weatherly and Hagen and Audra went up Monday to be with the family. Margaret is the wife of Pete Gilmer and daughter of Mabel Parker. May God comfort each of you.

Sue is expecting Brad home in a few days.

Kathy Kiewer took her daughter Amy and 5 friends to Elk City Friday evening to celebrate Amy's birthday with fun things to do. Kathy always has a sweet smile. We will miss her.

Nice to see Lorene Rector at Thriftway, always smiling. She enjoyed her family visiting her recently. Quite a crowd.

Good to see Bridget Weatherly and Audra and Hagen at Thriftway. Hagen wanted to give me a hug, but not for long. A busy little boy. Shea is out of school and now a certified welder. Can be reached at 826-3155.

I took Willis down to Claudine's Beauty Shop at 7:30 Saturday morning. He really likes the way she cuts his hair and shapes it and trims eyebrows, etc. Oleta Jones was already curled and under the dryer and Irma Riley came before she was through with Willis. Lots of early birds. Good to see Oleta looking perky. She said she still quilts a lot.

Lou Dean Douthit visited Jewell and Jerrie Moore Monday and ate lunch with a them. Jewell wasn't feeling very well. Remember Jewell in your prayers. They usually bring Bobby Moore up to visit them on Sunday from Wheeler Care Center.

JoAnn Morgenstern from Miami visited her daughter, Sue Gaines, and family and went to church with them Sunday night.

Our numbers were down at Wheeler Senior Citizens Monday, but still had a good meal and fun games of 80. Good to have Ray and Mae Brazeal back to Senior Citizens. Sorry Elva Wood was sick and she and Lois Meadows couldn't come. Some others there were Joyce Perkins, Jo Redding, Mary Margaret Dodd, Marie Guggel, Helen Sabbe, Martha Maek and Willis and Verna Fillingim. Next meeting will be Monday night, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited! Visitors welcome.

There was a good service at the Old Mobeetie Jail grounds Sunday night and lots of good food. Bidding farewell and God Speed to Jerry and Becky Jewell and boys. Sure hate to see them leave. But wish the best to them all. Fat and Wanda Childress went to the service. Pray for the Jewell family as they go.

Wanda Childress was surprised with a the Birthday supper Saturday night to celebrate her 69th birthday. They all brought food. Some there were Melvin and Cathy Hunt, J. R. and Shellie Gonzales and Raydon, Kay and Scott Luttrell, Jane and Clyde Dukes and Stacie and Addie Swift and Fat and Wanda.

Marie Guggel recently visited Ray and Mary Helen Corcoran, her kids, at Wray, Colo. They came for her and brought her back. Lindsey Criswell had to go to

Austin Friday to take State Board tests to get her mortuary license. Rita drove to Amarillo very early Friday and flew down with her to take the test to give moral support. She passed that test. They flew back to Amarillo Friday night with a lay over in Dallas. A young lady there came up to Lindsey and asked if she knew Willis and Verna Fillingim. It was Carrie Zumstein on her way to Waco to school. She remembered seeing Lindsey's picture at our house. Small world. Zumsteins are like family. Congratulations, Lindsey on passing the test and graduating.

Nice to see Terry Massey and his mom, Ruby Massey at Hasty at Shamrock. Terry makes lots of

ball games.

Nice to see Mae and Hugh Bailey at Wheeler Thriftway Tuesday. Mae will turn 80 years old June 12. A weekend of celebrating will follow starting with a pot luck supper on Friday night, June 14, at the Old Jail grounds and go through Saturday and Sunday. Friends and relatives are invited to come share in the fun and festivities as they honor this lovely lady.

We enjoyed a visit from Ray and Verline Currie of Pampa Wednesday. They had been to Waco to visit Ray's mom, who recently had a pacemaker put in. And also visited Stacie and Teresa and families. Tina and family are at Big Spring and Alicia at Amarillo.

So nice to have Sue Reames and Sue Ratliff come by for a little visit Tuesday. They had brought flowers to Melody and Timm Rodgers baby's grave and were going back to Canadian to see grandson, Gabe Rodgers play baseball. Both Sues work at Canadian at the hospital, but Sue Reames expects to retire next year. Very special ladies. God Bless! Come back again!

Katie Flanagan Reynolds and J. D., Micaela and Jason have been visiting Katie's parents, Kim and



Kevin Hampton and Shawna. Good to have them all out to Wheeler Baptist church Wednesday night. Beautiful Miss Madison Leah Vise was also out to church with her parents, Kent and Jo Lynn Vise and Kelby. Katie and family were also there Sunday to church.

There was a picnic in the park Sunday at Wheeler sponsored by Wheeler Baptist church for prospective VBS attendees and their families. Sunday School workers prepared the hot dog lunch.

Jo Redding and daughter, Susan Redding, left Thursday morning, May 23, to go to Helena, Montana to visit Susan's brother and wife, Joe and Karolyn Redding. Also there were Joe's daughter, Sharon and Chad Pecca and Wyatt from Bismark, N.D. Thursday night they stopped in Cheyenne, Wyoming and were a little surprised to see 6 inches of snow Friday morning. However it soon melted. They really enjoyed the trip and seeing everyone. They got back Wednesday night, May 29. Joe was still tired Saturday and Monday.

Nice to see Mary Margaret Dodd at Thriftway Friday. Looking so pretty. She said she was feeling better every day. Also visited some with Melissa Scales and Byron, Vanessa and Sarah. Such cute little ones. God bless you everyone.

Thanks, Lee and Michael Hbler, for a good job mowing our yard. Looking good!

Willis and I enjoyed going out to David and Rita Pearson's Saturday night for a very delicious Mexican supper and games of dominoes. Also there so good to see grandson, Dallas and fiancée, Krystal Berend. She had a new engagement ring to show us and an announcement about it. No final date has been set for the wedding. Pray for this happy young couple as they plan their life together. The wedding will be at Windthorst, Texas, in a church not far from Wichita Falls.

The Pearsons have the house all fixed up very pretty. They've done a lot of work on it, redoing water lines and out building maintenance, revarnishing paneling and woodwork, etc.

Bevard and Diane Dukes were married 31 years on May 29. Congratulations! The nicest thing they did was to each have two weeks vacation. Except Bevard helped Shawn Zybach quite a bit on their new house. Not real restful but have the outside looking nice. Diane and Bevard both go back to work Tuesday, June 4.

Carissa Dukes came home Thursday and spent a few days visiting. They went to Derek Murray's eighth grade graduation at Wheeler Thursday night. (Bevard, Diane and Carissa). Friday Carissa and Diane went to Elk City. They mostly looked but had a good day. Saturday Diane left home about 5:30 a.m. to go to Amarillo and go to garage sales with Andrea, Dieder and Logan. They found lots of bargains.

Diane and Bevard's kids had given them a gift certificate from Barnes and Noble Bookstore for their anniversary. Diane really enjoyed the books there and Logan thought it was great fun to pull the books off the shelves. Tracy Aldridge and Tysen met them for lunch.

Ned Burrell went to Amarillo Friday night to see granddaughter, Nyrie Dawn Burrell, graduate from Highland Park School. The graduation and reception were at the Civic Center. Ned also visited granddaughter, Heather Roberts, and her three: Ashtyn, Chanston and Quinlan. She also saw Clayton Hawley and Mitchell, Dustin and Ethan (Ethan is one year and recovering from a broken leg) at graduation. Ned drove home after graduation, getting there about 12 midnight. Kelly's wife, Lucy, brought Kelleena and Louringa over about 4:30 a.m. Saturday as she went to work at the Boot Camp (for Ned to keep.) Grandson, Justin Burrell, from Shamrock visited Ned Tuesday. Ned really enjoys her 12 grandkids and 8 great-grandsons. Ned frequently keeps Kelleena and Louringa Saturday nights to go to church on Sunday.

Amy and Danielle Nelson were weekend visitors to Larry and Vickey Nelson. Nice to see Vickey and the girls at Thriftway. Danielle is nearly 9 and Amy, 6.

Laurel Hershman took her mom, Willa Fillingim, to Elk City to the eye doctor, Robin Smith, Wednesday. Willa's eyes aren't perfect, but the doctor was pleased at the progress she had made. Thursday Ed and Laurel Hershman and Willa went to Amarillo. They stopped for lunch at the Bean Patch Cafe in Panhandle. They thought the food was very good and Panhandle makes a nice break stop before Amarillo. They enjoyed the Talent Show with over 20 kids in it. Really amazing that

such young kids would even get up and perform. Of course they thought granddaughter Micaela, 6, was the best. She did get two awards—one for first in her category of 5 at Highland Park School. She sang "Over the Rainbow". Also there were Darrell and Donna Moore to hear their grandson (or great-grandson) sing. He looked so cute. He wore a black hat and rode a little tractor in and sang with a tape. After the show, Sarita and Brad Dawson and Micaela and Shelby took them all out to eat at Pizza Hut—Willa, Laurel and Ed. Willa had a great 84th birthday. Happy Birthday, Willa. Ed was 61, too.

Joyce Perkins really is a gad-about. May 11, Joyce went with son, Robert and Marla Ford and Spencer and Mitchell, to see her oldest grandson, Jeremy Brown, graduate from Texas Tech at Lubbock. She met daughter, Becky and Warren Shirley there and went home to Caldwell with them and stayed about two weeks. Sometimes she went to work at an oilfield supply place with Becky and sometimes stayed home with grandson, Colton Shirley. On May 24, she went to LaGrange with Becky to see Janae Brown, granddaughter, graduate from High School. On Memorial Day, May 27, Becky Shirley and Joyce Perkins met Terry Seitz halfway. Terry took Joyce to Ft. Worth to see Tina Deger. Joyce spent the night with Tina and David. Tuesday Tina and Chelsea brought Joyce home to Wheeler. She had a great time and got to see her family.

"God be with you till we meet again."

The best way I know to win an argument is to start by being in the right.
—Lord Halisham

Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.
—Martin Farquhar Tupper



Grace Cornett, 2 years old, is the daughter of Cory and Gayla Cornett. Grandparents are Andrea Wright and Bob and Gwen McCain. Great-grandparents are Hiram and Mary Whitener and Roland and Sarah Ledford of Fritch.

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Week Ending May 30, 2002 Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUF-FALO WALLOW Granite Wash)
 Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #3012 Carr, 990' from South & West line, Sec. 12, 4, AB&M, PD 12000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Powledge, 467' from North & West line, Sec. 2, 4, AB&M, PD 8400'.
ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Lower Morrow) Alpar Resources, Inc., #2B Barbara Lips '157', 1500' from North & 2400' from West line, Sec. 157, 13, T&NO (BHL: 1900' from North & East Sec. line) PD 5800'. Horizontal well
Applications to Plug-Back GRAY (LAKETON Granite Wash 1-A) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #1 Cook, 990' from North & 1650' from West line, Sec. 10, M-2, BS&F, PD 10000'.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from May 24, 2002 — May 31, 2002.
MAY 24, 2002
 REL. FTL—United States of America to Lisa L. Jernigan, 4-28-02.
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 HEIRSHIP AFF.—William Schad to Richard Edward Patton, 4-5-02, E 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MAY 27, 2002
 "No Recording" Holiday-Memorial Day
MAY 28, 2002
 D—Daniel Garza to Maria Garza, 5-23-02, N 1/2 Lot 1, Blk. 33, Shamrock.
 C/C PROBATE—Elizabeth G. Mason to Ex Parte, 5-13-02.
 D—William T. Potter II, et ux to Pioneer West Museum Shamrock, Texas, 5-23-02, Lot 6, Blk. 12, Shamrock.
 RDT—J P Morgan Chase Bank to West Texas Gas Inc., 5-16-02, See Instrument.
 OL—Glen and Nona Elmore Living Revocable Trust to G. H. Land Company LLC, 3-20-02, S 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 OL—Larry Gene Elmore to G. H. Land Company LLC, 3-20-02, S 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 D—H. B. Taylor Jr., et ux to Lou Ann Hiatt, 4-2-02, Sec. 4, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MML—Danco Oil Tools to Holman Services, et al, 5-8-02, Sec. 1, Blk. 2, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
MAY 29, 2002
 D—Debra Callan Safford Tyree, et al to Bluebird Ranch LP, 5-14-02, NW 1/4 Sec. 38, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MML—Stephen A. Joyce, et ux to LUV Homes No. 395, 5-20-02, 1.43 acs. SE 1/4 Sec. 54, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 TMM—LUV Homes No. 395 to Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance Inc., 5-20-02, 1.43 acs. SE 1/4 Sec. 54, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Stephen A. Joyce, et ux to Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance Inc., 5-20-02, 1.43 acs. Sec. 54, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MAY 30, 2002
 D—Joe R. Weatherly, et ux to Bob Weatherly, 5-24-02, 485.29 acs. N 3/4 Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Bob Weatherly to Joe R.

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Weatherly, et ux, 5-24-02, 485.29 acs. N 3/4 Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 CORR. DT—Stephen A. Joyce, et ux to Vanderbilt Mortgage Finance Inc., 5-20-02, 1.43 acs. SE 1/4 Sec. 54, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 EXT. MML—Joe Curtis Duncan, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 5-28-02, 10 acs. out of 80 acs. S 1/2 Sec. 45, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 TDT—Jerry Hefley, et ux to Rodney Weatherly, et ux, 4-19-02, S/4 Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 EXT. OL—Jane Chizum Butt to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 4-10-02, NE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 STIPULATION INTEREST—Joe P. Pritchett, et al to Victoria Trading Co. LLC, et al, 3-20-02, W 1/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and E 1/2 Sec. 33, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MAY 31, 2002
 RDT—Citizens Bank to Lynn H. Holland Jr., et ux, 5-2-02, 162.15 acs. N 1/2 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MD—Charles J. Woodall, et al to Evelyn Sue Henry, et al, 5-23-02, N 1/2 and SW 1/4 Sec. 93, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 REL FTL—United States of America to David E. Rogers, et ux, 5-17-02.
District Clerk's Filings:
 #11182—In Re to Minor Child, 5-23-02.
 #11183—In Re to Minor Child, 5-24-02.
 #11184—In Re to Minor Children, 5-29-02.
 #11185—Shamrock ISD vs Pease G. Kimbell Jr DBA Shamrock Texan, 6-3-02.
 #11186—In Re to Minor Child, 6-3-02.

Family Dinner Honors Dirk Chapman, '02 Sr.

The Mustang Flag was on display at the Albert Chapman Home on May 31 in honor of Dirk Chapman a graduating senior. A meal was enjoyed at 6:00 P.M. Those attending the meal and graduation was Mr. and Mrs. Max Buckern of Amarillo; Gwen Hensley of Ft. Smith, AR; Mindy Anthrom of Ft. Smith, AR; Brad Hensley of Norman, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stowers, Teryan and Tanna, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nickell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dossie Nickell all of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Von Chapman, Dirk, James, and Samantha, and Hannah Fae Chapman of Wheeler.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL
 There will be a Public Hearing on Monday June 10, 2002 in the Board Room at Parkview Hospital to discuss changing to a Critical Access Hospital. The Public Hearing will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in the Parkview Hospital Board Room. Parkview Hospital is conducting this Public Hearing. 6/6

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 NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "Yo have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."
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JOHNNY L. GARCIA, an Individual, and his Wife, KARI GARCIA-Plaintiffs, VS. AMERICA'S HEARTLAND, INC. GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP.; AMERICA'S HEARTLAND MOBILE HOME SALES; AMERICA'S HEARTLAND; AND SILVER CREEK HOMES, TEXAS CORP.-Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **BREACH OF CONTRACT,** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The Plaintiff is represented by **PHILIP PENDLETON, Attor P.O. Box 280, Shamrock, 79079.** The officer executing this writ promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make return as the law directs. **ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COURT,** on this the 17th day of May, 2002, at Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas.

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Mobeetie Baptist Bible School Opens Farris Family Has Reunion May 25-26



The First Baptist Church had their pre-registration for Vacation Bible School Saturday at 10:00. They had 60. They had a parade. Ernest Lancaster drove the Fire Truck; the children rode bikes, trikes and 4 wheelers. The workers walked with Bro. Bob who carried a cross. The winners will be

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Tuesday Melba Corcoran served as docent at the museum. She also cataloged items. She did research on World War II for the display in planning.

Wednesday Bernice Hefley, Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran served as docent for Wheeler fourth graders in the morning to tour the museum. They had 27 students and 3 adults. At noon Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan, Bernice Hefley and Melba Corcoran served as docent for Wheeler second graders while they toured the museum. They had 16 students and 2 adults. Dale Corcoran hoed grass burrs.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Melba Corcoran cataloged items and served as Docent.

Dale Corcoran served as docent Sunday.

Monday Melba Corcoran typed and worked on archives. Dutch Elliott served as docent. Bill Elliott and Dale Corcoran worked on the grounds.

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announced in next week's paper, as they were unavailable at press time. The group also had a turtle race. The winners were 4th and 5th grade first place winner was Kelby Vise. Third Grade winner was Lynnessa Salas. Second grade winner was Andrea Martinez.

First grade winner was Brandon Hathaway. 5 year olds and kindergarten winner was Jayton Childress and nursery winner was Cole Ralston. Overall winners was Kelby Vise.

Following this the group had a hot dog dinner. The Pastor is Bob Meller, the director is Sallie Adcock, and Louise Hogan is the secretary. Courtney Finsterwald and Willene Burke teach nursery. Patricia Kephart and Steven Kephart teach the first grade. Jona Meek is the second grade teacher. Melba Corcoran and Nadine Lane have the third grade. Patsy Caswell and Mindy Duncan has the 4th and 5th graders. Kevin Ralston is in charge of the Missions. Cammie Ralston, Sherry Clark and Amanda Salas are in charge of the crafts. Wanda Hefley is in charge of the registration table and go between. Doris Finsterwald and Melba Darnell is in charge of the refreshments. Kevin Meek and the youth are in charge of the playtime. Gayle Hale is in charge of the music.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, June 10, 2002 — FRIDAY, June 14, 2002
MONDAY: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Pears
TUESDAY: Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake
THURSDAY: Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake
FRIDAY: Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

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New Admissions

5/28 Gladys Pannell
5/29 Julia Buckingham
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5/28 Denise Moon
5/29 Dorothy Daniels

The tenth annual Farris Reunion was observed May 25th and 26th. The affair was kicked off with the "favorite", a hot dog cook-out at the home of Earl and Leola Farris, on Saturday night. It was a beautiful night for a cook-out and all had a good time of visitation and good food.

On Sunday the group assembled at the Wheeler park, with tables laden with food. There was a busy time of catching up on family happenings throughout the year. Group pictures were taken. Those in attendance were: Atha Alward, Teddy, Donna, Brandon, December and Keri Alward, Billy, Angie and Crystal Beard, Carla Diane Bond, Pam Beard Caple, Angie Foster, Bonnie Grant, Susie Grant, Dean, Susan, Mabelle and Morgan Schaffer, (all of Amarillo) Barbara and Alva Clark, Gilford, Debbie and Clark Lisle, Shamrock, Jack Clark, Bedford, Texas. Blackie and Elsa Elam, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Brian, Sandra, Justin and Shayla Gandy, Don Gandy, Jimmy, Tonjala, Seth and Kami Witt, Panhandle. Tammy, Annie Sage, Sally May and Bobbie Kaye Greene, Trinidad, Colorado. Lewis Harding, Oklahoma. Jeff, Paula, Josh, Jared and Megan Harley, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bob and Carolyn Mulkins, Waxahachie, Texas. Kenneth, Sarah, and Kenny Schaffer, Mangum, Oklahoma. Marilyn Schaffer, Terra Bella, California. Tom Schaffer, Silverthorne, Colorado. Sammy, Lani, Samantha and J. T. Schaffer, Krum, Texas. Edward and Doris Boody, Earl and

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A Special Thank You to **Joey Sabbe** and to **Bobby Vanpool**. I am so thankful that you were at the cemetery last Thursday when my car stalled and would not start. Bobby and Joey were gathering the memorial day flags at the cemetery when my car stalled. The temperature was very hot and I would not have been able to walk home. They started my car for me and were following me home, when the car stalled again. So they called for help and stayed with me until my daughter came after me. Also, a special Thank You to **Kent Ware** for getting my car off of the highway after closing hours. I feel like my Guardian Angel was watching over me that day.
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GREAT STRIDES WALK FOR THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION: Dr. Reyes and his nurse, Teresa, are pictured here with Cooper Adams and his team for the Great Strides Walk for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on May 11, 2002. Cooper had nine members walking for him. Pictured here are Nana, Pam Hibler, Dr. Reyes, Joannie Adams, Cooper Adams, Stephanie and Matt Sullivan, Brandi and Michael Hibler, Doug Adams, Dr. Reyes' nurse, Teresa, Zachary and Layton Hibler.



GILLIGAN'S ISLAND: The local United Methodist Church women entertained the Wheeler's 2002 seniors on May 21 with a breakfast. The entertainment was a skit from "Gilligan's Island". Pictured in costume are (l. to r.) Bob Stiles, Gilligan; Carol Porton, Mary Ann; Paula Britt, Mrs. Howell; James Masters, Professor; Jauna Benefield, Ginger; David Britt, Mr. Howell; and Pastor Ricky Carstensen, Skipper.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

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-Contact Mike Brenner @ 806-358-8186

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may

ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 402 South Main in Wheeler.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Wheeler County Central Appraisal District, P.O. Box 1200, Wheeler, Texas 79096, phone 806-826-5900. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you

changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

Tick Season—Is Best To Avoid Them

Avoiding ticks best way to prevent diseases they carry

The weather is warm. The days are long. Both animals and people are in the countryside.

It's tick time in Texas.

Ticks are often found in the same spots that people like to visit—wooded, brushy and grassy areas. And they often land on animals as well.

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, human ehrlichiosis and tularemia. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses can almost always be successfully treated. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, even fatal.

The tick most likely to carry disease in Texas is the lone star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, according to Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," she said.

Other tick species prefer attaching to animals and staying there.

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country is Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite.

Untreated, Lyme disease can result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. Studies show that from 1 percent to 2 percent of ticks in Texas carry the organism that causes the disease. From 1990 through 2000, more than 2,200 possible cases of Lyme disease were reported in Texas. Of these, 732 cases were confirmed.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis include headaches, muscle aches and high fever. A

measles-like rash also may be present.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans, usually transmitted through a bite from an infected tick. It also can be spread through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals or by handling or eating undercooked rabbit meat.

Symptoms of tularemia include fever, an ulcerative skin sore and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

Antibiotics are used to treat tick-borne diseases.

"Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Mahlow said. "Keep fleas and ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home," she said.

To protect yourself from ticks:

✗ If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They can attach to any part of the body—head to toe.

✗ Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

✗ Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

✗ Use insect repellent containing DEET (chemical name, N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Ticks should be removed from pets using the same technique or by using a tick dip.

Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Mahlow said. Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH

laboratory. They should be put in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on. Never mail ticks loose in an envelope. Call the TDH laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on the proper way to submit live ticks.

People with flu-like symptoms following contact with a tick should get medical attention as soon as possible.

Dates Set For Estate Planning Seminar

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners—and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 4 and 5, 2002, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The Seminar will be from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on August 4, and on August 5 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, a light snack on Sunday and lunch on Monday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226, Fax: (979) 847-9374 or email: s-wehring@tamu.edu.

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—Martin Farquhar Tupper

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Ranch Estate Planning Seminar August 4-5

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many ranch families over \$200,000 in estate taxes." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have a ranch worth \$1 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

This is an eye opening fact for many ranchers. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in selling a ranch to pay estate taxes. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large as income tax savings if they have a properly prepared estate plan."

A 1 1/2 day seminar talking about these complicated tax topics will be held at College Station on August 4 and 5, 2002, at Texas A&M University in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Shortcourse.

The seminar is structured to help ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed using corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed also. "There are three problems with making gifts--the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient; the third is when somebody other than your intended beneficiary ultimately gets the gifted property."

Two problems that affect family operations--planning for inflation and growth needs of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the ranch and others are not, will be addressed.

The speaker, Wayne A. Hayenga, is a Professor and Extension Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension. An agricultural economist and attorney, Dr. Hayenga works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. He is a member of the Texas and American Bar Associations and the American Agricultural Law Association. He is active in the Agricultural Law Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

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The registration fee is \$100.00 and registration information is available from:

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Clarendon College Will Hold Baseball Tryouts

Clarendon College will host a tryout camp for the Bulldog Baseball team June 15, beginning at 10 a.m.

The camp will be held on campus at the Bulldog Field. Participants need to bring their own equipment for tryouts. No pre-registration necessary.

For more information, please contact Trent Petrie at 800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571.

A cultivated mind is one to which the fountains of knowledge have been opened, and which has been taught, in any tolerable degree, to exercise its faculties
—John Stuart Mill



WEBELOS: (l. to r.) Will Burch, Kelby Vise, Brandon Finsterwald, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Casey Jewell, Tyler Burch, Zack Andris.



LIFE SCOUTS: (l. to r.) Josh Miller, Blaine Rutherford, Joe Don Glassey, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Brad Masters, James Chapman.



WHEELER EAGLE SCOUTS: (l. to r.) J. C. Brooks, Alan Gill, Ben Britt, Jed Brooks, Andy Bradstreet, Steve Marshall, Kyle Masters, Jake Britt, Dirk Chapman, Chris Simmons, Gavin McQueen, Brittan Davis, Drew Hillhouse, Ben Ed Hillhouse. Not pictured Jeremy Davis, Ben Dollar.

'Walk Across Texas' Ends 7th Week Eagle

The Walk Across Texas program has finished the seventh week of walking. Below are all the CRUISIN' teams and their seventh weeks mileage. The Happy Hikers are the first team to reach our destination of Brownsville, Texas. Congratulations! Check out where your team is on the map. Please call in your teams miles by Friday so they can be totaled up for final placings. The last day of Walk Across Texas is June 5th. The awards picnic will be planned for late June. Watch for details.

They are listed as follows: At the end of the 7th week.

- Happy Hikers 1044 mi. (Brownsville)
- The Movers & The Scrappers 808.50 mi. (Brownsville)
- Texas Trotters 783 mi. (Brownsville)
- Wheeler Walkettes 597.16 mi.
- Hill's Uphill Gang 587.65 mi. (week 7 not reported)
- The 29 Club 471.5 mi.
- Wheeler Care Center 459 mi.
- Wheeler Banking Center 450.75 mi.
- Let's Walk 412.2 mi.
- Allison Scholar's 355 mi. (week 7 not reported)
- The Merry Milers 293.5 mi.
- County Chicks 264.5 mi. (3 weeks not reported)
- www. Walk.com 216.75 mi. (3 weeks not reported)
- Slugs 192.25 mi. (3 weeks not reported)
- Wanders (Team of 5 walkers) 139.25 mi.
- The Carpet Runners 127.1 mi.

Meek Family Reunion On June 22 At Old Jail

The Meek Reunion will be held at the Old Mobeetie Jail Grounds on June 22, 2002. Saturday registration will begin at 0900. Mr. Bar-B-Q will cater the noon meal. We need the pre-registration by June 15 for a count for him.

Bring your crafts, white elephants, etc. for a raffle.

Bring your musical instruments, videos, skits, readings, for entertainment.

Bring your stories, pictures, videos, to share. Send your stories to Niki Meek.

We'll see you then!
Thanks so much!
La Rue Flanagan Pierce

Click It or Ticket

In Texas NOT BUCKLING UP CAN COST YOU.

Texas leads the nation in traffic fatalities. In 1999, 3,519 people were killed and 339,448 were injured on Texas streets and highways. Many of the deaths and injuries could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing seat belts.

That's why the TX Dept. of Public Safety, TxDOT and with hundreds of police and sheriffs departments throughout the state to launch a massive statewide Click It or Ticket Texas effort to enforce the state's seat belt and car seat laws for adults and children. Click It or Ticket Texas is a proven initiative that combines a coordinated, cooperative effort to enforce seat belt laws with an intensive public education campaign to raise awareness about one fact: If you don't buckle up, you'll get a ticket.

Local law enforcement and state troopers will be out in force from May 20 to June 2 and around other holiday weekends when increased traffic deaths and injuries historically occur.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. All children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than four years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat.

The goal is to save lives and reduce injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes by increasing safety belt use from the current 76 percent rate to the Texas goal of 85 percent. Buckle up! No exceptions. No excuses.

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community of Wheeler has benefited from the projects of these young men in the past, including newly painted city fire hydrants, painting of the courthouse railing and help in installing the first of the downtown Christmas lights, a bone marrow and organ donor sign up drive, refurbishing of a county cemetery and recording names of those interred, repairs to a church playground, repairs to the city ballpark, park type benches at the school playground, striping of parking places downtown and around the courthouse, and a new flagpole at the football field.

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the Wheeler School Board of Trustees.

—cwe—
You will also notice the article on James Williams. It is great to see James doing something with his art ability. Great work, James.

—cwe—
Birthday greetings to Melba Arnold, the bluegrassing sister, and Patricia Forrester, my co-worker for about 20 years. Both will move up a year in age on Thursday, June 13.

—cwe—
Our sympathy to Lois Flowers and her family on the loss of husband and father, Joe Flowers. Lois has written Sweetwater News for a number of years—30 or more.

—cwe—
Barbara and I went to OKC Saturday morning and had Sunday dinner at the Meriwether's Hinton home. And only got in 1 1/2 games of cards

—cwe—
Cards were played Monday night. Barbara and I won the first game and were struggling through the second when Dwight arrived for his place at the table. Mike and Bob won the second and third game.

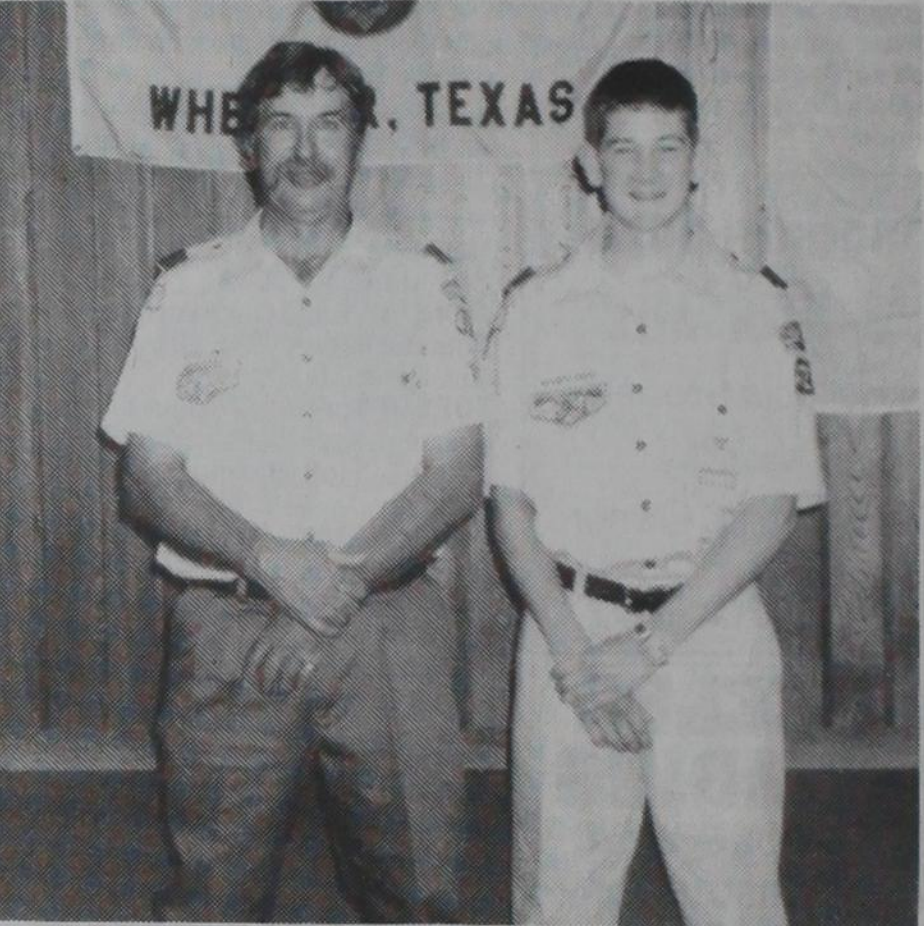
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In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard.
—Theodore Roosevelt

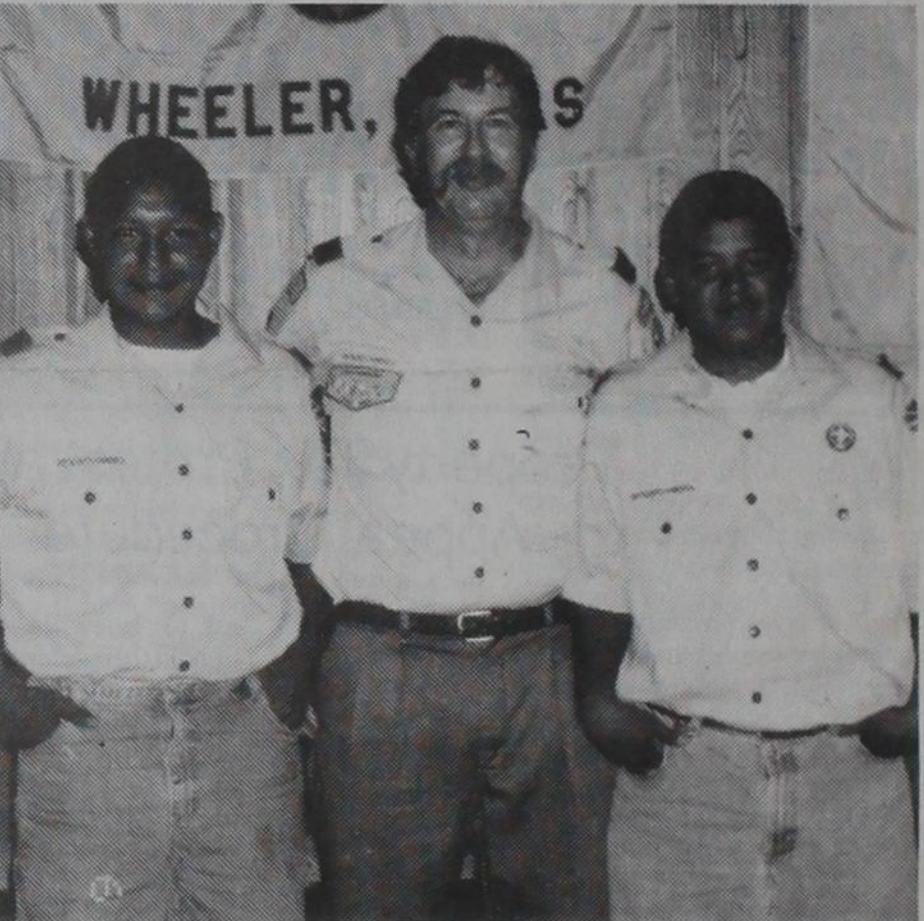
An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.
—Nicolas Murray Butler



NEW SCOUTS: (l. to r.) Randy Trevino, Ben Ed Hillhouse and Luis Perez.



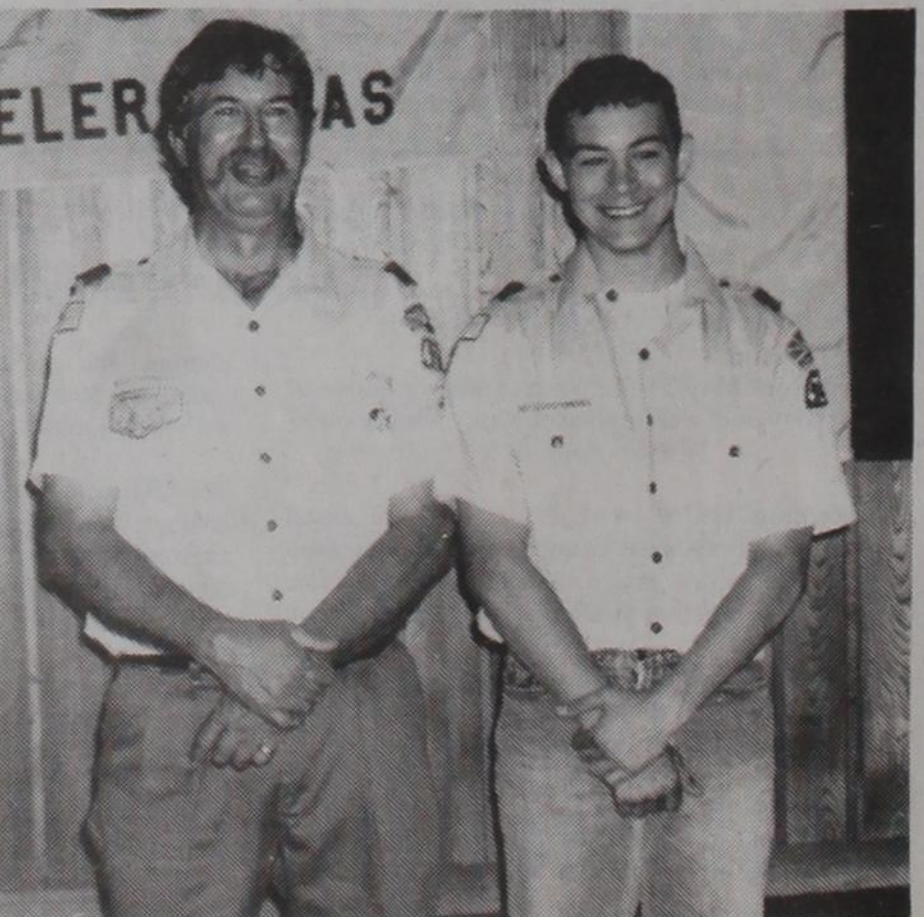
STAR SCOUT: (l. to r.) Ben Ed Hillhouse and Landon Sams.



SECOND CLASS: (l. to r.) Ricky Salas, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Chucky Rivera.



FIRST CLASS: (l. to r.) Josh Britt, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Samuel Hillhouse.



TENDERFOOT: (l. to r.) Ben Ed Hillhouse, Tanner Collins.