

SALAS, CHAPMAN NAMED TO GLOBE/NEWS 2002 SUPER TEAM



Joe Salas

... 5-10, 195, Jr., Wheeler—two-year starter for a team that averaged 164 yards a game on the ground, was named to the *Globe News* Golden Spread 1A Super Team Offensive Line as Offensive Lineman.



James Chapman

... 6-1, 180, Jr., Wheeler—43 solo tackles, 4 INTs, was named to the *Globe News* Golden Spread 1-A Super Team Defensive Line as Defensive Back.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

CONGRATULATIONS, COUGARS! The 2002 Ft. Elliott Cougars were named the 'Surprise Team of the Year' by the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

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CONGRATULATIONS, Joe Salas and James Chapman! These two members of the 2002 Wheeler Mustangs were named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* Super Team. (Continued Page 6)

Tractor Accident Claims Life of Clifton Boydston

Clifton Boydston of Allison was killed in an accident with a tractor Thursday near Allison.

An effort had been made to start Clifton's tractor to move some hay. When the effort to start the tractor failed, Clifton was called to the scene. He was standing beside the tractor trying to start the engine and was not aware the tractor was in gear.

The tractor started and lunged forward. Clifton slipped and the rear wheel ran the full length of Clifton's body. He died a few minutes later at the scene.

Clifton Boydston, 71, Rites Sunday

Clifton Wayne Boydston, 71, died Thursday, December 26, 2002, in Wheeler.

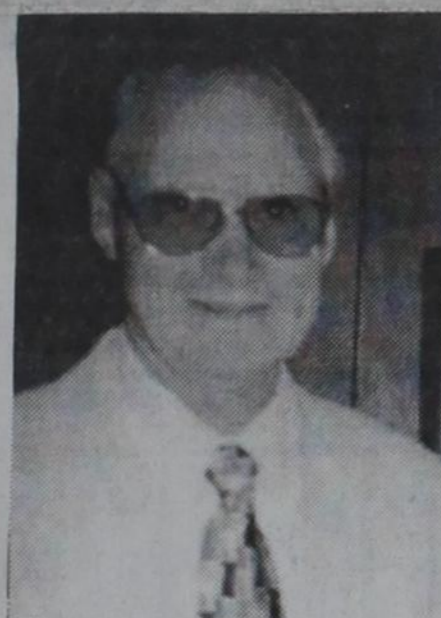
Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 2002, in Allison School Gymnasium with the Rev. F. R. Johnson, former pastor, the Rev. M. C. McDaniel, pastor and the Rev. Roy Jones of Midland, officiating. Burial was in Zybach Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Boydston was born on August 29, 1931, in Barber, Arkansas to W. H. and Opal Brown Boydston. He moved to Allison as a young child. Mr. Boydston attended Allison schools. He married Velma Louise Harrison on Dec. 5, 1950, in Wheeler. He was a lifetime farmer and rancher.

He also was employed by Parker Drilling Co. for 23 years, the last seven in international drilling, retiring in 1996. He served many offices in his church, Allison United Pentecostal Church, where he was a lifetime member. He also served on the Allison I.S.D. Board of Trustees. He loved hunting and fishing and was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved his family very much.

He was preceded in death by his father, and 1 daughter, Wanda Walker in July, 2002.

Survivors include his wife; 2 sons, Gary and wife, Julie, and Bennie and wife, Debbie, all of Allison; 5 daughters, Shirley Chadwick of Oklahoma City, La Quinta Hulse and husband, Mike of Tucson, Arizona, Sue Martin and husband, Ernie of Jones, Oklahoma, Cheryl Dupont and husband, Henry of Allison, and Kim Thompson and husband, Chuck of Amarillo; his mother, Opal Boydston of Allison; 3 brothers, Curtis Boydston, Vance Boydston and Forrest Boydston, all of Allison; 1 sister, Juanita



Clifton Wayne Boydston

Boydston of Allison; 22 grandchildren, Jonathon Walker, Justin Walker, Melissa Flemming, Melody Draper, Jeff Chadwick, Chris Chadwick, Greg Boydston, Amie Boydston, Michelle Phillips, Michael Hulse, Jeremy Montgomery, Tim Montgomery, Kristi Montgomery, Adam Martin, Heather Boydston, Jason Boydston, Sabrina Dupont, Cody Dupont, Kimber Thompson, Brittany Thompson, Chase Thompson and Christin Thompson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bret Begert, Larry Elmore, Mark Forward, Jimmy Gilmer, Gary Hall, Richie Kiker, DeWayne Lane, and Steve Walker. Honorary Pallbearers were Hiram Begert, Bob Cornell, Bill Donaldson, Henry Dupont, Pete Gilmer, Lester Hall, Richard Kiker, Alton Lohberger, Virgil Stinnett, and Harold Walker.

The family suggests memorials be to Allison United Pentecostal Church, Allison, TX 79003; or Tupelo Children's Mansion, P.O. Box 167, Tupelo, MS 38802.



SURPRISE TEAM OF THE YEAR: The 2002 Ft. Elliott Cougars were named the "Surprise Team of the Year" by the *Amarillo Globe-News*. The team is shown here after they won the Bi-District title; pictured are (back row, l. to r.) Caleb Kirpatrick, #21; Jason Hathaway, #11; Wesley Hathaway, #31; Larry Lee Horn, #24; Seth Meadows, #10; Graddon Schaub, #15; George Helton, #20; Hayden Hartsfield, #30; (front row) Calvin Helton, #44; Junior Newman, #12; Junior Gonzales, #80; Cade Zybach, #23, and Blane Baker, #34.

Ft. Elliott Shocks Six-Man World

Ft. Elliott was named the "Surprise Team of the Year" by *Globe-News*. The following story was in the *Globe News*.

Ft. Elliott's season may have surprised a lot of folks in the six-man world, none more so than those at home.

"We figured it was our year to make the playoffs, but we didn't know how far we'd advance," said Larry Lee Horn, running back/defensive end. "We were pretty sure we'd make the playoffs, but we didn't think we'd go as far as we did."

Indeed, a 12-1 record, a berth in the quarterfinals, winning 10 out of 12 games by the 45-point mercy rule, all of that exceeded expectations, including those who did them.

"We really didn't know how good we were," Ft. Elliott coach Curtis Smith said. "I didn't know if we were fast enough to play with Whitharral, even Silverton, but as we got on the field with them, we realized we were just as fast and just as quick. I don't think early on we realized we were capable of playing with those type of teams."

It was a breakthrough year in many ways for the small consolidated school, the *Globe-News* Super Team surprise team. Taking in the communities of Mobeetie and Briscoe, the high school has an enrollment of only 40. Out of 17 boys, 16 are involved in the football program, 13 of which play.

In the previous five years of varsity football, the Cougars had not made the playoffs. But there were signs last year that 2002 could be special.

Fort Elliott was 6-4. A 34-32 loss to Miami, that coming on a last-second field goal, prevented the Cougars from the playoffs.

But Fort Elliott returned all but one starter on offense and defense and the motivation of that loss kept the returnees focused.

"That game showed us we were close, but we needed to do some things to get us stronger and faster," Smith said. "As soon as basketball was over, we hit the weight room and the track. They dedicated themselves at that point to make sure it wouldn't happen again."

The senior-oriented 2002 Cougars used a balanced offense, a rugged defense and versatility to overwhelm opponents. Jason Hathaway threw for 41 touchdowns and 1,826 yards. Horn and Kade Zybach rushed for 757 and 657 yards respectively.

Defensively, the Cougars were often immovable. They allowed only 115 yards a game and permitted only 20 points in its last nine regular-season games. Defensive ends Junior Gonzales and Horn, as well as Zybach, the leading tackler, shut down teams.

The Cougars only played eight regularly and several could play different positions, a key to consistency, Smith said. And Smith probably underestimated how quick his players could move.

Immunization Clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for January 2003 in your area. January 22, 2003 in Wheeler at Wheeler School at 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

"Again, I didn't realize it at the time, but we were a lot faster than I thought we were," he said. "Look at our district track meet last spring, and we were fifth in the sprint relay, and didn't get anyone in the 200 finals, so I didn't think we were that fast."

"But as we played what I thought were fast teams, we seemed to be just as fast as they were. The six-man game is really a game of speed."

Fort Elliott put the finishing touches on an unbeaten regular season by shutting out Follett, last year's district champion, 48-0. Facing a 9-1 Silverton team in bi-district, the Cougars rolled to a 59-14 win.

That brought Whitharral in the area round in Happy. The Panthers were the defending state champions, and had a 26-game winning streak. But Fort Elliott was ready for the task. Despite being a 28-point underdog by sixmanfootball.com, the Cougars led 16-0 just minutes into the game.

Though Whitharral made a couple of second-half charges, Fort Elliott hung on for a 28-22 win, easily the biggest upset of the year for any area team.

"Last year, we knew Whitharral won it and you wonder what would it be like to play them—how bad would they beat you or would you have a chance?" Horn said. "We were all nervous, but we thought, 'This is crazy. We got nothing to lose. Let's go all out.'"

"We were pumped up, excited and ready to go. They fumbled the opening kickoff and (Brandon) Hoskins got hurt. Things just started falling into place right there."

And when Junior Newman knocked away a fourth-down pass with 1:21 left at the FE 35, the Cougars could begin celebrating.

"It was an unbelievable feeling," Horn said. "All the fans ran on the field. People were taking pictures. We got hugs from everyone. You didn't think, 'We just advanced to play another week.' No, you thought, 'We just beat the defending champions.'"

Ft. Elliott's season ended on the same field the next week, dropping a back-and-forth 45-41 decision to Sands.

"We worked hard and did what we had to do, but every workout was just fun," Smith said. "Sometimes they tried my patience, but they were a blast to be around. They really enjoyed the game of football."

Surprise Team of the Year Why Honored: Fort Elliott advanced to the six-man state play-

Hospital Notes

Extended Care

- Ruth Ledbetter
- Verne Lohberger
- Ardie Martin
- Gladys Pannell
- Geneva Hoggard

New Admissions

- 12/14 Willa Fillingim
- 12/27 Faye Risner
- 12/28 Charles Finsterwald

Dismissals

- 12/27 Willa Fillingim
- 12/29 Faye Risner
- 12/30 Estelle Orr

Winners of Third 'Cash' Drawing Are Named

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce's third 2002 'Cash' Drawing was held Saturday, December 21, 2002.

First to be handed out were the \$10 envelopes. They went to Buddy Sparks, Valerie Reeves, Dick Graham, Alvin Wingo, Sr., April Hampton, Betty Howard, Bobbie Hinnenkamp, Buddy Wood, Josh Couch and C. B. Brotherton.

Four lucky Wheeler shoppers each received \$25 in 'Cash'. They were Chase Helton, Betty Howard, Shai Daugherty and Mitchell Ford. The two \$50 winners were Jandee Taylor and Savanna Shipp.

Jamie Taylor was the big 'Cash' winner for the day. She received the \$100 envelop.

Following the 'Cash' drawing, four \$100 grocery certificates were given away. The drawing was sponsored by the Wheeler Student Council, Thriftway and Wheeler County Women's Club with the proceeds of the drawing to benefit Danielle Hughes. Connie Porter, Gail Sams and Sharon Horton won the groceries.

Gift Certificates Given At Tues. Cash Drawing

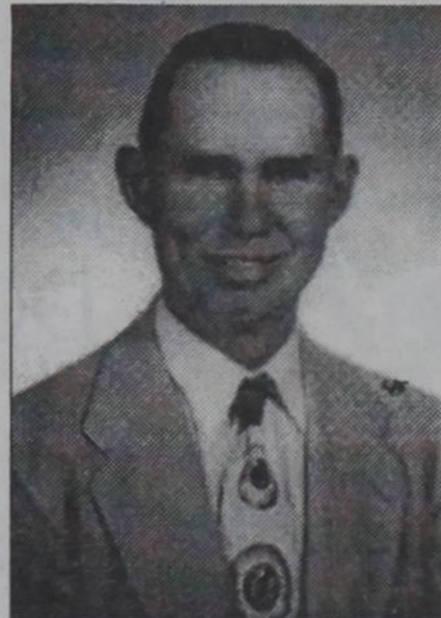
Christmas Eve was made a little brighter for seven lucky Wheeler shoppers at the fourth of the 2002 Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' drawings, held Tuesday, December 24, on the west side of the square. The first two \$25 tickets went to Josh Alonzo; other \$25 winners were Donna Walser and Gwen Wilson.

The two \$50 envelopes went to Kim Good and Christine Atherton. Two individuals each received \$100 envelopes; they were Shawna Hampton and Josh Couch.

Sue Gaines' name was drawn for the TV given away by the XI Upsilon Eta sorority. The proceeds were to benefit Mike Bailey.

Cody Dupont was the winner of the "World's Largest Stocking", given away by Hyland's Pharmacy.

The First State Bank, Mobeetie/Wheeler, gave away 24 certificates, worth \$25 each. Each of the certificates were to be spent with a different Wheeler merchant. Winners were: Ana Rosa Duenas—Mustang Video; Vernon Prator—Speedi-Mart; Seth Carpenter—County Star News; Josh Alonzo—Zodell's; Greg Hampton—Wheeler Vet Clinic; Bobbie Hinnerkamp—Wheeler Flower Shop; Martha Patterson—Marshall Discount Auto; Huey Carr—Wheeler Lumber Co.; Jamie Taylor—County General Store; Jennifer Carpenter—Maxey's Steakhouse; Roy Bradstreet—Jones Fuel; Christine Atherton—Hefley Hardware; Christine Atherton—Cross Car Center; Jamie Taylor—Dobson, Gary Ware; Teresa Soto—Paradise Cove; Amy Hunt—Antique Cupboard; Jamie Taylor—Hyland's; Betty Howard—The Wheeler Times; Josh Alonzo—Hibler Impres; Georgia Hall—Mel's Diner; Barbara Fourier—Wheeler Texaco; Harold Jones—Soto's Family Restaurant; Josh Couch, Wheeler Thriftway, and Valerie Reeves—E&L Enterprises.



Herchell Whitener

Graveside Services For Herchell Whitener, 89

Herchell Whitener, 89, died Wednesday, December 25, 2002, in Vista, California.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday, December 30, 2002, in Kelton Cemetery in Kelton, with Dr. Toby Henson of First Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Whitener was born to Hiram and Flora Rape Whitener on May 23, 1913, on the farm in Kelton. Mr. Whitener married Vivian Viola Johnson on December 23, 1933, in Erick, Okla. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Over the years he was a farmer, a carpenter and an oil field hand. On November 26, 1962, he married Hortense L. Pittman Phillips in Odessa and resided there for many years. Mr. Whitener was a member of Second Baptist Church in Odessa and Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City Center, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Wayne; a sister, Lena; two daughters, Bonnie Sue and Bonnie Louise; and a son, James Andrew.

Survivors include four sons, Glen Whitener of Carlsbad, California, H. Wesley Whitener of San Antonio, Donald B. Whitener of Flint, Michigan, and Ronald E. Whitener of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a sister, Flossie Lee Meyer of Sedro Wolley, Washington; many grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.



DRAWING FOR TV: Xi Upsilon Eta Sorority would like to thank everyone for supporting their fundraiser for the Mike Bailey Family. The winner of the TV was Sue Gaines. The sorority wants to say a special Thank You to Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank, Mobeetie/Wheeler Branch, and Citizens Bank of Shamrock for all the support and donations. We would also like to thank Teresa Ware at Wheeler TV, Louis and Barbara Stas at *The Wheeler Times* and Toby and Jessica Brooks at the *County Star* for all the advertising support. Pictured are Bobbie Walker, Kara Richardson and Dena Brown, representing the sorority and Darrell Gaines, whose wife, Sue, won the TV.

thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and you shall call his name Jesus, for He shall save his

people from their sins.
Happy Birthday to Rhonda McWhorter and Lou Dean Douthit on Jan. 5, Annie Ruth Lee, Nikki Robinson and Tommy Whitlow on Jan. 6; Evelyn Huff, C. B. Brotherton, Leonard Fulks and Carol McCurley on Jan. 7; Sue Giddens, Brenda Smith, Sue Reames and Michael Shorter on Jan. 8; William Cornell, Leta Meadows, Katie Christie, Kyle Masters and Villard Hunter on Jan. 9; Brooke Verden, Lynnette Lewis, Arden Kenady, Bonnie Maddox, Curt Smith and Betty Smith on Jan. 10; Audra Weatherly, Thomas Helton, Sallie Adcock and Collin Hampton on Jan. 11.
Happy Anniversary to Darv and Sammie Atherton on Jan. 5; Rob and Geniva Hogan on Jan. 7; Larry and Vickey Nelson and Steve and Bertie Eudey on Jan. 8.
Willia Fillingim got very ill in the night Monday night, Dec. 23, and was having breathing problem, away off over there by herself. She hated to call anyone at 2:00 a.m. but finally called 911. Richard Meadows a near neighbor, responded quickly, even at 2:00 a.m. and snowy and cold. Dewayne Lane, paramedic from near Allison soon came and gave her oxygen. David Pearson, with Briscoe Fire Department met the ambulance and brought them to Willia's door. The ambulance people worked with Willia and feared for her life. When they got to the hospital, Dr. Houseal and nurses took over. Dr. Houseal from Amarillo helps out in the emergency room some on holidays and weekends. Willia really appreciated him and all that helped. She wants to thank all who helped in any way and prays God's blessings on each of you.

Next Sunday, January 5, will be First Sunday Singing at Gageby Church at 6:00 p.m. (Briscoe Community Church will no longer be in the rotation). Everyone invited to Gageby to sing or give readings and worship the Lord. Fellowship to follow.
Next Friday night is scheduled for XYZ at Mobeetie Baptist Church, Jan. 3, at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. Everyone invited.

Christmas Day at Nelda Dukes home were Bevard and Diane Dukes, Garland and Charlene Dukes and Bronwyn, Brandon and Keri Dukes and David and Becky Zybach.

Sunday, Dec. 22, C. B. Brotherton took Maurine half way to Yukon, Okla., to meet Gary and Ryan Brotherton so Maurine could go visit them. C. B. left Wednesday morning to go to visit them and bring Maurine back and spend Christmas with them.
Christmas Day at Doris Finsterwald's were Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Brandon, Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald and April and Andy and Donald and Charles Finsterwald and Doris. Andy and Brandon also spent Wednesday night with Doris.
Nice to see Phyllis Hefley and Kristi eating lunch with Jim and Beth Alvey at Maxeys Thursday. They had their Christmas at Pauline Hefleys Christmas night. Phyllis was expecting Darren and Chalone Hefley and Dawson and Logan from Tulia to come Friday for a visit and Christmas celebration.
Also at Maxeys were Sherry and Randi Davis. Randi was leaving Friday to go to California to visit friends while on spring break from college.
We enjoyed having Lee and Esther Brown and Joan and Jessica come Thursday to visit. We did a lot of visiting and played 2 games of Chicken Foot and ate at Maxeys. Friday the Browns went on to visit Jennifer and Kevin Wood and boys at Claude. The Woods did not make it down to Ratliff City for Christmas because of the weather. The twins go to school at Fox and are very active in all things. They have four foreign exchange students at Fox. Jessica and Joan are 16 and have their drivers' licenses.
Leslynn and Ron Webb invite you to an Open House honoring their mother, Genevieve Webb on her 90th birthday, Wednesday, January 1, 2003, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 618 Nelson St. in Canadian.

Todd Meek will be in the country of Cyprus from Dec. 28 to Jan. 8, during Christmas break from Waco, helping with a retreat for Missionaries from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East and especially their children. Pray for Todd as he ministers to them. Todd also expects to go to Egypt this summer on a short term trip, co-leading a mission team.

Missionary to Russia, Bro. Donald Ford, has been home for a few short weeks during December for a visit and to touch bases with home and family. He showed films of the Charis Bible School, where he teaches and exciting work of what the Lord is doing to change people's lives in Russia. There are still 35,000 villages in Russia that have not heard the Gospel Message. Pray for Donald.

Gary and Kathy Brotherton and Ryan, JaNae and Adam from Yukon, Okla., surprised C. B. and Maurine Brotherton with a visit Saturday to celebrate Maurine's birthday and brought a beautiful cake and surprised her with a party with 46 friends and relatives there. Happy Birthday, Maurine! You are a special lady. Nice to have the Brothertons all out to church at Wheeler Baptist and lunch Sunday at Maxeys.

Pauline Hefley's family celebrated her 86th birthday with dinner at Maxeys Saturday and a birthday cake. Some there were Jim and Beth Alvey, Tina and Chuck Dale and Emily, Todd and Misty Alvey and Paige, Payton, Patterson and Preslee from Pampa, David and Phyllis Hefley, Kristi Hefley and Darren and Chalone Hefley and Dawson and Logan from Tulia. (Tina's family is from Little Rock, Ark.) Happy Birthday, Polly.

Lessie Austin enjoyed eating a delicious lunch at Joe and Liz Austin and Corbin and Payton on Christmas Day.
Weekend visitors to Ray and Glenda Hudson were Mike and Jennifer Graddy and Allison from



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Berend and Fillingim to marry Melvin and Joyce Berend of Windthorst, Texas are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ki LeAnn to Dallas Fillingim son of David and Rita Pearson of Briscoe, Texas, grandson of Willis and LaVerna Fillingim of Wheeler, Texas. The wedding will take place March 1, 2003 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Windthorst, TX.

Wichita Falls, Texas. The Graddys also visited folks at Canadian.

Tuesday night was the annual Christmas Eve service at Gageby Church in spite of the snow. The County plowed the roads and cleared the parking area of the church. They had a very good program and lots of good singing and delicious refreshments. Some there were Ray and Glenda Hudson, Evelyn, Kathy and Jocelyn Meek, Keith Meek, Devin and Jona Meek, and Shantell and Tommy and Aaron Laverty and Sonya and Patrick Hudson and others.
Wednesday Kathy Meek and Ray and Glenda Hudson and Patrick and Sonya visited the Abraham Home at Canadian. Ray was Santa Claus and handed out treats and got lots of hugs from the residents.
I hope all you people who have been singing about a White Christmas are happy. Enough already! Grandson Clint surely would have enjoyed the snow a few years ago. Ought to bundle some up and send to him. They rarely get snow in

Dallas. Thankful for the sun melted most of the snow.

Nice to see Lisa Singley Thriftway Tuesday. She was singing so pretty. She and husband Andy and Phillip and Katie The Colony are here visiting folks, Katherine and Harold Johnson. They also visited Willia at the pit.

Nice to have Danny and Glenda Fillingim spend Christmas Day with us. They brought some delicious food and helped with things. Danny shoveled snow from driveway steps and carried out the trash. They have not been out much.

Martha Meek had a quiet Christmas as none of her family could get out very well. She enjoyed visit from her neighbor, Debra Wingo. Slippery at Martha's.

Vernon and Sandy Siviage missionaries to Uganda. They are in Texas till April on furlough good to see them out to Wheeler Baptist Church with Vernon's Olaf Siviage, Sunday. Also daughters and husbands, Amy, Brad Klein and Keri and Brant and Madeline. They also visited with Grandmother Audie Siv and Gaye Hale and family.
Nice to see Rob and Glenda Hogan with Chuck and LeAnn Hogan and Robert and Lisa Shugart at Maxeys Sunday.
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TUESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Biscuits, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Filipino Adobo, Rice, Peas n Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage Gravy Hashbrowns, Biscuits, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Raisin Krispies, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Malt o Milk, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pigs n Blanket, Macaroni Cheese, English Peas, Carrot Cake, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk

(Menu subject to change)

Wheeler Church of Christ

I have recently read three books on virtually the same subject: the Dallas Cowboys at the time of the transfer of leadership from the Landry years to the Jerry/Jimmy years. I read Tom Landry's autobiography, Skip Bayless's *God's Coach*, and Jimmy Johnson's *Turning the Thing Around*. It was interesting how I noticed that after reading all three books I read three different versions of the same account: the firing of Tom Landry. Coach Landry himself says that when the actual day arrived he was just coincidentally resting down in Austin at a favorite golf course when Jerry Jones delivered the dreaded news of his firing. Skip Bayless says that Landry was actually running away and hiding at a golf course he rarely played so that this news could not be delivered. Jimmy Johnson says that Jerry Jones had to do a lot of questioning and research to track Tom Landry down but that he was easy to find once this location had been deduced. In sure the truth lies in there someplace, but isn't it interesting, and funny,

how there can be a variety of stories told concerning one specific event?

The first four books of the New Testament are known as the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Each of them tell the story of Jesus. Sometimes they say things that, at first glance might seem to contradict each other. Yet that is not the case at all. There are different perspectives with different themes, even when the same story is told. Tom Landry told his story from the perspective of one being fired. Skip Bayless told the same story from the eyes of a reporter. Jimmy Johnson told the same story from the point of view as an opportunistic opportunity. The same event. The same me truth. In the New Testament it is all correct and glorious. But the only way to understand the differences in these gospel accounts is to sit down and read the gospels. Take a little time to do that this holiday season and you'll see a great story (The real story) about our Lord.

Shawn D. Johnson

An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran



THE WHEELER TIMES
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"



FREE SHOT: Ft. Elliott played Shamrock Friday, Dec. 27. The game went into overtime with Ft. Elliott winning 56-53. Sarah Zybach, #21 takes a free shot in overtime. #12 is Tamara Hefley; the lady Cougar with her back to the camera is Andrea Hathaway, #02.



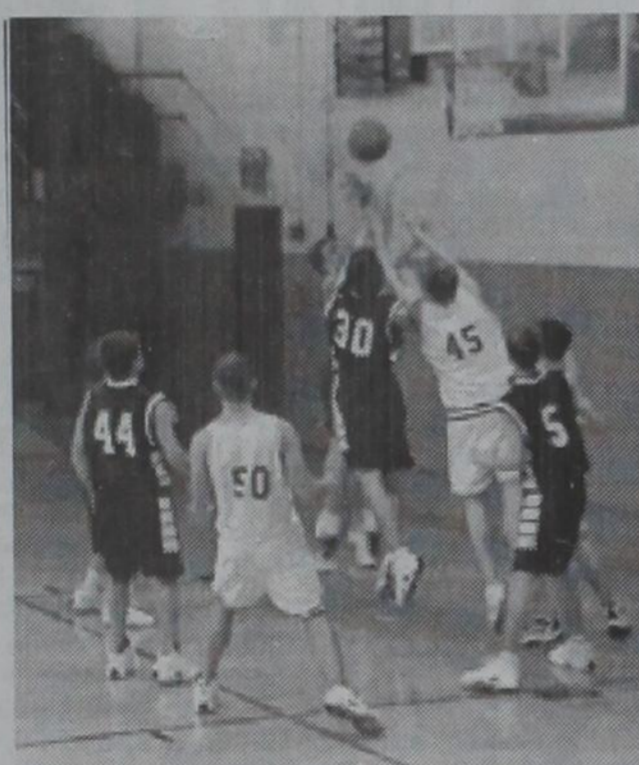
SHOOTING: Tamara Hefley, #12 for the Cougars, takes a shot at the basket in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock game. To the left of the picture is Andrea Hathaway, #02; far court is #21, Sarah Zybach. Holley McCurley, #10 is shown to the right.



LOOKS GOOD: Andrea Hathaway, #02 takes a shot at the basket. Tamara Hefley, #12 moves up to be in position for a rebound in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock game Friday, Dec. 27.



SHOOTING: George Helton, #21, shoots for points in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock Jr. Hi. game Friday night.



JUNIOR HIGH GAME: Ft. Elliott Jr. Hi. boys played Shamrock Jr. Hi. on Friday evening. Playing defense are Hayden Hartsfield, #30, Graddon Schaub, #5 and Calvin Helton, #44.

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FREE SHOT: Jason Hathaway, #11, takes a free shot in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock game Friday night. Wesley Hathaway is #31, Seth Meadows is #10 and Kade Zybach is #4.



MAKES POINTS: The shot by Seth Meadows, #10, looks good in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock game Friday, Dec. 27. Jason Hathaway is #11, Wesley Hathaway is #31 and Kade Zybach is #4.



JUMPING: Graddon Schaub, #5, jumps for control of the ball as overtime play begins in the Ft. Elliott/Shamrock game Friday night. Waiting to play are (l. to r.) Calvin Helton, #44, Blaine Baker, #34, and Kelsey Zybach, #23 to the left of #5.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Albert Newman. He passed away this past week.

Saturday Dale and Melba Corcoran visited in Amarillo with Phil Miller, Jesse, Kobe, Lacy, Brandy, Kayla, and Logan. They visited in Pampa with Bill and Dutch Elliott and Agnes Barnes.

Earnest and Brenda Lancaster, Stormi and Lamari visited in Crowell with Brenda's family Felix and Jean Taylor. They went over the weekend. The Taylor family was together.

Several from Mobeetie attended the singing in Canadian Saturday night.

Visiting Friday night with Dale and Melba Corcoran was Kevin Corcoran and Samuel and Angie Cornish of Pampa.

Those enjoying dinner with Aaron and Arica Lancaster Sunday were Bob Meller, Nadine Lane, Danny and Betty Rogers and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Biloixi are visiting with Pete and Sue Seitz, Jane Seitz, and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

I had a letter from Edith Cross. She asked that we remember Byron in our prayer list. He has prostate cancer and will be taking treatments in Jan. Right now he is on medication trying to shrink the tumor.

Melody Sherrell of Copan, OK visited Friday with Wilhelmina Sherrell and Lorene Rector. She had been in Elk City staying with her father C. W. Burch in the hospital. She returned to Copan on Saturday.

Jack and Bernice Hefley spent Sunday and Monday night in Amarillo. He had an early doctor appointment Monday morning. He underwent a heart cat. Jack is doing fine. He got a good report.

The cafe was open Monday but was closed Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas.

We had a big snow Monday. We had a white Christmas. It changed several peoples plans for Christmas. We were lucky the wind didn't blow.

Scott Neighbors went to Altus Wednesday to visit his mother, grandmother and son for Christmas. He had a doctor's appointment on Thursday.

Dale and Melba Corcoran fixed dinner and took it to Lorene Rectors for dinner Christmas day.

Audrey Seitz suffered a fall Tuesday and broke her kneecap. She was in the house and talking on the phone when she fell. She is in Amarillo in the hospital. Remember her in your prayers. They are not able to do surgery until they get her blood thicker. It was too thin due to medication she takes.

Edith McLaughlin was transferred from the Care Center to Amarillo and put in Hospice. Remember them in your prayers. Kent and Debbie McLaughlin were with her on Thursday.

Densel and Fern Reed, Bob Meller and Nadine Lane, Lorene Rector, Melody Sherrell and Dale and Melba Corcoran ate lunch at the Cowboy Oasis Friday.

C. W. Burch has been moved to a regular room at the hospital and may be discharged soon. He is on the road to recovery.

Lorene Rector and Melba Corcoran left Friday to go to Kenny and Melody Sherrell in Copan OK. They went to attend the wedding of Christy Sherrell and Daniel Hallock. The wedding was December 28.

Wilhelmina Sherrell, Penny Hilburn, Candy and Payton also attended the wedding of Christy Sherrell and Daniel Hallock.

Those visiting with Chuck and Louise Hogan during the holiday were Rob and Geniva Hogan of Stillwater, OK, Joe and Tasia Farrell, Joseph and Shawanee of Sayre, OK and Mike and Dani Lynn Farrell and Dillion Wayne of Elk City, OK.

Those enjoying dinner Christmas Eve with Jack and Bernice Hefley were Mark Hefley of Butler, OK, Mark and Melissa Hamilton, Dustin and Heather of Wheeler, Tamara and Justin Hefley of Mobeetie and Michael Hall of Pampa. They had the meal ready when Jack and Bernice got home from Amarillo.

Jack and Bernice Hefley fixed dinner Sunday and took it to Opal Hefley and visited with her.

Those visiting with Estelle Hodges over the holiday were granddaughters, Carri Teagardner, David and Cody Harkey and Misty Roland and Bailey of Durant, OK, Eddie and Gail Moke of Amarillo, Terry and Glenda Dickey and John of McLean, Hannah Jones of McLean and Brad and Melissa Dickey of Beaver, OK.

David and Melba Seitz went to Crowell last week to stay with grandchildren while Sherlyleen had day surgery.

Those visiting with Jane Seitz and David and Melba Seitz over the holiday were Mike and Sherlyleen Williams, Kerry, Bryan and Kantrell of Crowell, Dave and Terri Seitz, Kaylie and Emily of Wylie TX, Randy and Carol McCurley, and Holly of Mobeetie, Collin and Matt McCurley of Lubbock, Bo and Brenda Keys and Jerad of Reydon, OK, Lindy and Mark Fletcher of Elk City, OK, and Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Biloixi, Mississippi.

Jane Seitz spent Christmas day with Pete and Sue Seitz and families.

Sunday Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson went to Shamrock and visited with Mrs. Bulah Stuart and Otis.

Robert Stuart and Alexis of El Reno, OK visited with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart on Monday. Jimmy and Patsy Richardson and Lisa of Oklahoma City visited Tuesday with Leola and Gladys.

Those visiting Christmas day with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson were Dale Richardson of Elk City, Eddie and Amy Richardson of Wheeler, Ivy, Marsha and William Richardson of Erick OK.

KELTON MENU

THURSDAY, January 6, 2003 — FRIDAY, January 10, 2003

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Lasagna, Corn, Salad, Toast, Jellin/w Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pigs /n Blanket, Blackeye Peas, Macroni & Cheese, Strawberries Sheet Cake, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburgers, Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Onions, Strawberries, Ice Cream, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chili Cheese Dogs, Veggie Sticks, Tator Tots, Oranges, Milk

Menu is subject to change.



Diana Cook, 2 1/2 years old, is the daughter of Jon and Robyn Cook of Cloudcroft, New Mexico. She is the granddaughter of Jenny and Mike Smith of Wheeler.

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FIRST DEER: Kelton Green, age 7, of Binger Oklahoma, son of Robbie and SaRita Green, grandson of Forrest Boydston and the late Janice Boydston of Allison Texas, and the great-grandson of Opal Boydston of Allison Texas shot and killed his first deer November 23 close of Binger Oklahoma.

RAINBOW ROOM: IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

By: Nancy Young
Managing Editor
(This article is from the Pampa Daily News)

Abused and neglected children live in Pampa. Elderly residents who are abused and neglected also live here.

Both the children and elderly are in need of help. A group of local residents are providing assistance, but additional volunteers are needed.

Many of the calls caseworkers receive to help come in the middle of the night. These victims frequently need necessities, and stores are closed.

Top O' Texas Community partners (TTCP) formed in 2000 to assist these victims at the time they need it. Composed of people in area communities in Gray, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler Counties, the group works together to help these vulnerable children and adults.

Patterned after the successful Dallas Community Partner established in 1989, the group meets a need of the abused and neglected victims.

The local group coordinates volunteer programs to provide the needed supplies and services, said Eva Isbell, who chairs the TTCP.

The Rainbow Room is a store-like setting where caseworkers with the local Child Protective Service and Adult Protective Services programs of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services can obtain items in an emergency situation for those who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

This public/private relationship helps frontline caseworkers assist abused and neglected citizens, young and old, and their families.

Caseworkers have access to items such as new clothing, diapers, formula and cleaning supplies - free of any overhead or administration costs. The Rainbow Room is a ray of hope for these victims who need emergency assistance.

Isbell provided a typical scenario:

"A call is made to Child Protective Services caseworker Mary Smith at midnight. She is asked to check into a report on three children, ages 2, 5 and 7. Their mother had left them with a baby sitter three days earlier while she was looking for work in another city. The baby sitter stayed only one night and left the next morning. The children have been home alone since.

"Mary discovers the home contains rotting garbage and is infected with bugs. There is no food and Mary finally gives up her search for a dry diaper for the 2-year-old. Mary realizes that in order to protect the children she must move them from their home. She gathers the children's meager belongings in the only container she can find—a black plastic garbage bag and drives away with the three frightened children in her car.

"Luckily for Mary there is a source of immediate help. The Top O' Texas Community Partners provides a Rainbow Room, an emergency resource room that stocks items such as diapers, formula, car seats, clothing, lice shampoo and other necessities for caseworker who find themselves in Mary's situation. Just a few years ago, this wasn't the case. Mary would have searched for an all-night convenience store and bought the necessary items with her own money.

"The most basic needs of a family in crisis are often unavailable, and caseworkers typically cannot provide the necessities from their personal resources. With the Rainbow Room, assistance with basic needs becomes available. This helps keep families together through traumatic times and can be equally critical in developing a helping relationship between caseworkers and the families that serve."

The Rainbow Room motto is "Abused and neglected children and adults do not deserve abused and neglected things," she said.

Isbell said TTCP needs volunteers to keep The Rainbow Room stocked and organized. She said everyone from individuals to large corporations, churches or community groups can get involved, using gifts and talents in meaningful and rewarding ways.

"Everyone has a unique contribution they can make," she said. Both volunteering time in the Rainbow Room and/or making a cash or in-kind donation will help the victims of abuse and neglect.

Isbell serves as chair of the volunteer board. JoAnn Adams is vice-chair, Sam Shields is treasurer and Brienna Isbell is secretary.

Anyone interested in working with TTCP on a volunteer basis or as a donor can contact any of the officers, volunteer Kathy Hammer or Shonda and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services at 669-1888.



FIRST SNOWWOMAN: Dorcie Gillette of Lovelady, the 7-year-old daughter of Guy and Cathi Gillette was in Oklahoma City for Christmas and got to see her first snow. She built this snowman with the help of her mother and Aunt Jennifer.



SLEIGH RIDE: Jennifer Long and Dorcie Gillette are in a sleigh to be pulled by Kei Kei. Note the resemblance of Kei Kei's pose to the dog in Grinch Stole Christmas movie.

WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

Composting, or the biological process of converting organic waste under controlled conditions into a product that provides organic matter and nutrients to the soil, is an important issue concerning agricultural producers.

When an agricultural producer combines bedding materials, weeds, manure, grass, leaves, and other agricultural products, the results can be beneficial for the producer and the land.

One benefit of composting is improved soil structure. The soil structure is improved by creating passageways in the soil for air and water.

Composting holds moisture and reduces erosion, as well as immobilizes and degrades pollutants by binding to heavy metals, pesticides, herbicides and other contaminants, reducing leachability and absorption by plant. It provides organic matter to the soil, stimulating the increase of organisms, which promotes root development and growth of earthworms and other macro-organisms whose tunneling increases water infiltration and aeration. Composting also suppresses soil borne diseases and plant pathogens, as well as supplies slow release nutrients to plants such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur.

There are many benefits of composting that relate to industries of agricultural production from farming to ranching. For example, returning organic materials to the land can increase water quality and quantity, reduce nonpoint source pollution, and increase crop production.

Composting manure can also play an essential role in bringing

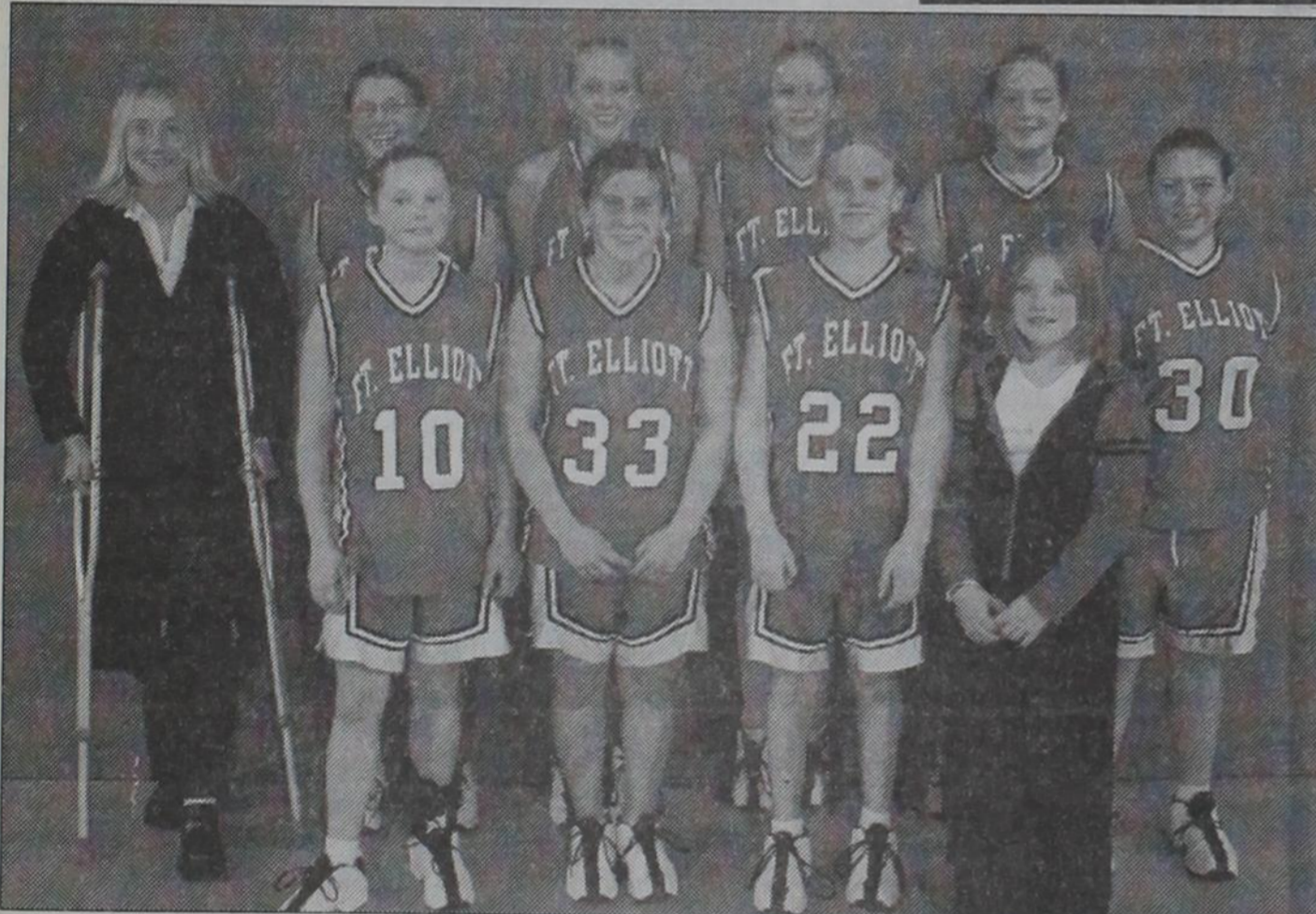
many Texas rivers, streams, and lakes up to environmental standards in watersheds where confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) are concentrated. Composted manure provides a viable and sustainable opportunity to move large volumes of organic material from the concentrated areas to other areas that need organic soil amendments.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is involved in a composting support project in the Bosque River watershed. The project coordinates composting activities in the Bosque and Leon River watersheds between the dairymen, composters, haulers, TSSWCB, local soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT), and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The TSSWCB encourages all agricultural producers to take the initiative to compost materials such as animal bedding, weeds, manure, plants, grass clippings, leaves, and any other agricultural products that are grown on the agricultural operation, with the exception of meats, fats, and dairy products. Composting is a safe, effective, and efficient way to fertilize the soil. Many agricultural producers will discover that compost is all that is needed to keep the land fertile and highly productive.

For more information on composting, please contact Jason McAlister at the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board - (254) 773-2250.

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FORT ELLIOTT JR. HIGH BASKETBALL GIRLS: back row (l. to r.) Chynna Atherton, Glory Hartsfield, Allison Bray, Jordan Alls, Cherie Shupert, front row (l. to r.) Crystal Pigg, Randi Barr, Mayci Meadows, Lauren Baird.



FORT ELLIOTT JR. HIGH BASKETBALL BOYS: (l. to r.) #33 Morgan Lane, Calvin Lane, #34 Brandon Finsterwald, Steven McAlpine, Michael McLaughlin, #10 Michael Bell, Chance Newman, #14 Edward Reeves, Tommy Meek, 11 Nathan McLaughlin, 12 Clay White.

"Sunshine Luncheon" Set For Tues., Jan. 7

Crown of Texas Hospice is sponsoring the following bereavement "Sunshine Luncheon" in January. Menu items are \$5 - \$8. The luncheon will be held in Wheeler, Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at Maxey's located off Hwy. 83 and is a social time for those grieving the death of a loved one.

There could be no honor in a sure success, but much might be wrested from a sure defeat.—T. E. Lawrence

The summer of 1995 was so hot that methane emitted by freshly cut bales of hay in Missouri spontaneously combusted.

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.. —Theodore Roosevelt

Set all things in their own peculiar place and know that order is the greatest grace. —John Dryden

Both humans and chimps have equal amounts of hair per surface area. Chimps hair is heavier.

In circus slang, paper money is called alfalfa.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means to say "Thank You" for the flowers, cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy extended to us after the death of Mother Porter.

Louis and Barbara Stas and family

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FT. ELLIOTT JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM: This group of young men are the 2002 Ft. Elliott Junior Varsity team. Pictured are (l to r.) Jacob Puryear, Blain Baker, Hayden Hartsfield, Calvin Helton, Steven Kephart, Kelsey Zybach and George Helton.

Chat

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How did you like the snow. An estimated measure was 9". The moisture content of the snow, sleet and rain was 5.2"

We were in Hinton, Okla., when it started and 10" fell in about two hours. The snowfall was preceded by rain. Some roads in the area were drifted closed.

We had our immediate family at Jennifer's for Christmas Eve with the exception of Guy. We were joined by the Fishers.

Cathi had moved her visit up one week to attend the funeral for Mother Porter, but we called and advised her and Jennifer not to make the trip out from Oklahoma City because of the snow storm in progress.

We missed being at the Arnolds in Del City on Christmas Eve for the first time. The streets melted during the day Tuesday, but were going to freeze as soon as the sun went down.

The Arnolds came over to Jennifer's Wednesday evening.

The Meriwether Christmas was on Wednesday.

On Thursday Greg Bryant flew in from Washington to Oklahoma City. He was met by his family, the Mike Bryants of Kelton and Jennifer. Greg has a little over a week leave from the Navy.

On Saturday we had our first card games of the week in Wheeler. Jennifer, Greg and Lacy Bryant joined Mike, Bob, Ben, and I.

If you see me being led around by a big dog, it's the grandpuppy.

We are puppy sitting some this week.

We had our Monday night game this week on schedule. Barbara started out on our team and was replaced after the first hand by Mike. We lost the first game really bad, but came back to win the second and third game. My team members were Mike and William. The losing team members were Dwight, Bob and Ben.

I took a break from work to play cards and then came back to work afterwards.

Thanks for the help in getting the paper completed early this week. I think everything will be back to normal next week.

Thanks, Patricia, for coming to my rescue last week, and Thanks, Ed, for coming down early Monday morning and taking the papers to the Post Office and other locations. Where would we be without friends?

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We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and food that was given to our family when Hiram passed away. It is a privilege to live in such a loving, caring community and we cherish your friendships.

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