



COUNTRY NEWS
By Verna Fillingim

Timothy 2:1-3 I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior.

Happy Birthday to Evie Aderholt, John Moffett, Mathew Jewell and Jeannie Hennig on Feb. 23; Jan Newland, Audie Siviage, Dwight Tipps, Scott Luttrell, Rebeckah Morrison and Danny McNeill on Feb. 24; Andy Gonzales, Lauren Baird, Jimmy Hill, J. D. Tindol and Savannah Hampton on Feb. 25; Tom Helton, Kent Ware, Jimmy Sides, Sam Meadows, Elsie Glazner, Ray Brazeal, Susan Davidson and Ryan Henson on Feb. 26; Bob Wills, Jackie Don May, Beverly Bryant and Benny Sword on Feb. 27; Mary Whitener, Dixie Cook, Shea Weatherly, Heath Mitchell, Marcie Rose, Yreva Topper, Carolyn Buckingham, David Hale, Jeff Herd, Rozena Zybach on March 1.

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Dena Brown and Jimmy and Twan Sides on Feb. 25; Steve and Joy Zybach on Feb. 26.

Many friends and relatives gathered at Gageby Baptist Church Friday night for the wedding of Jerry Martinez and Bob Meller. We wish the very best to these sweet people. Michael escorted his mom and "gave her away". Caaron Neighbors was matron of honor, Tisha was junior bridesmaid and Andi was flower girl. Bro. Aaron Lavery officiated. Patsy Caswell played the piano and recorded

TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN WHEELER COUNTY:

Thank you Wheeler and surrounding areas for all of your care and concern after Lyndi's car wreck last Thursday. For all the prayers, calls, and other acts of kindness, thank you seems inadequate. We are so blessed that she walked away from the wreck and so blessed that we live in a community that cares about its own. Thanks to our medical personnel here in Wheeler, Dr. Mendiola, the nurses, and the ambulance crew for taking such good care of her. Thanks to Olaf Sivage for picking her up and getting her to Joel. Thanks to the Wheeler School Staff who covered my classes and helped out in my classroom while we were in Amarillo. The outpouring of love we received touched us deeply. God has blessed us and may he bless you, too. Thanks again.

The Finsterwald Family
Joel, Debbie, Lyndi, Lezli and Caleb

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, February 24, 2003 — FRIDAY, February 28, 2003
MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread/Butter, Fruit Cocktail
TUESDAY: Barbecue Beef On Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Apple Crisp
WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler
FRIDAY: Fried Catfish, Spinach, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bread/Margarine, Gingerbread/Topping

Groundhog: The second and third graders at Kelton learned about the groundhog. Part of the study was to write a story about the groundhog. The students show their writing papers. Pictured are Aaron Bennett, Matthew McNeill, Mark Mora, Jacob Presley, Terra Taylor, Tammy Lumpkin and Kimberly Westbrook. Third grade students, Benjamin Hodges, Shea Reeder, Junior Mora and Paul Luna.

songs were played. Joe Shelton took pictures. A beautifully decorated cake was served with punch. The newlyweds plan to live in the Barker house, south of Gageby church.

There were Valentine parties on the different wings of Wheeler Hospital with lots of delicious goodies served and gifts for the patients Valentine's Day. Their visitors could join in, also.

Danny Nelson and Danielle and Amy were weekend visitors to Vicky Nelson and Jimmy. They all and Keri went to Pampa Friday night to the Ft. Elliott vs Hedley game. Our girls didn't win, but they played a good game.

Erbin Crowell and Dorothea Morehead were married recently. Louise Crowell and Glen Morehead are deceased. Erbin and Louise had been married 65 happy years. Dorothea works at Hood Abstract.

Congratulations to Darrell Gaines for being promoted to President of Wheeler Branch of Wheeler Banking Center. A good choice. Also congratulations to Liz

Shipp and Stacy McQueen for being promoted to assistant vice-president and lending officers. Best wishes to all. The bank is in good hands.

Pray for Ray and Glenda Hudson. Ray will be having surgery Thursday to remove a knot on his neck. He and the doctors and God have been fighting cancer for many years. God always wins.

Congratulations to Jamie at Canadian Pizza Hut. She graduated from school in Kansas to be a shift leader. She always has such a warm smile. Best wishes. We enjoy seeing her at Pizza Hut.

William Cornell of Bessie, Okla., has been in Inegris Medical Center in OKC since January 23 and has lots of sore spots, but he is improving. There was a set back Saturday, when he developed a blood clot in his lungs. Bob and Mary Cornell of Allison went to see their son Monday. Doctors are trying to dissolve the blood clot with blood thinner. But had to wait about grafting skin from his thigh over some of the wounds. Keep praying for William and Vickie. So good she can stay in the room with him for help and comfort. They are such sweet kids.

Glenda Hudson went to Pampa Country Club to the Red Hat Club Thursday night. Ray and Shawn Patrick went out to eat at Mel's Thursday night. Saturday night Ray and Glenda ate at the Canadian Restaurant and went to the Prairie River Singing at Canadian Middle School and enjoyed it.

Debbie Kinnaman and Zane visited Lou Dean Friday night.

Nelda Cote spent two weeks with her folks, Ed and Erma Riley. She left Saturday, going back home to Newport News, Va. So good to see Nelda.

Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton from Cordell visited Ed and Laurel Hershman Saturday and they all attended the Valentine Dinner and activities at Wheeler Baptist Church Saturday night. It was a fundraiser for the youth ministries. They all had fun.

Doris Finsterwald and C. B. Brotherton went to Oklahoma City over the weekend to visit Maurine at Mercy Hospital. They have fixed a brace that really helps her walking and are working with her to strengthen her leg muscles. She hopes to get to come home in another week or so. She has been there 6 weeks. Keep praying for Maurine and C. B. We've missed you, Maurine.

Willa Fillingim talked to her sister, Eda Bynum in Mississippi, who has been fighting cancer and has had chemo. Willa got her to try coral calcium and the cancer seems to be shrinking some and some dead cancer cells. Isn't that great? Keep praying for Eda, a very special lady.

Willa has a 3-legged goat that has a big bag of milk, and is right ready for her kids to be born. Willa is keeping her up in a warm place and eagerly looking for the new babies any day.

Mozelle and Glenn Thomas' grandson, Cole, 6, was out of school in Amarillo Friday and Monday. Dick and Ruth Irvine picked him up Thursday night and brought him for a visit. Cole really enjoys Uncle Dick and Zach, Adam and Casey. Glenn and Mozelle went to San Angelo and spoke at a sweetheart banquet for Valentine Day.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hands have provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

David and Rita Pearson shopped some in Amarillo Sunday and got to see Lindsey Criswell and Blain at the mall.

Devin Debil McDaniels is improving and gaining mobility. Pam still goes up two days a week to go to class with her at Amarillo College. Sherry Clark still subs at Ft. Elliott Elementary. Keep praying for Devin. She graduates in May. One of Devin's little boys was a weekend visitor to grandma Pam Jones.

Good to see Wanda Estes with Diane Estes and Hailey and Bailey eating at Maxey's Tuesday night. Also there Marshall and Mary Andis with Gary and Nancy Miller and Joe and Cathy Montgomery. Wheeler Baptist Church was saddened to hear our beloved pastor and wife, Toby and Kloette

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as they move that God will bless their ministry. And pray for Wheeler Baptist to find just the right man to lead and inspire us. The Hensons all helped in many ways. The boys helped with music and younger kids. Much love to each of you. We can't hang on to things in this life. We have to love them and let them go. "If we never meet again this side of heaven, we will meet you on that" (Continued Page 5)

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Council (from Page 1)
a Plumbing Resolution allowing plumbing work in cities of less than 5,000 inhabitants to be performed by unlicensed plumbers. The motion carried unanimously.
Jimmy Hill made the motion to adjourn. Barbra Koelzer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Those present: Mayor Wanda Herd. Council members: Walter Simmons, Barbra Koelzer, Jimmy Hill, Bob McCain, and Jay Randels. Charles Kuntz, Frank Clymer, and Claudine Finsterwald

Legion (from Page 1)
tor), W. D. Mitchell, Bob Wills, Steve Walker, James Hubble, Earl Jolly.
The Auxiliary ladies present there were Gwen McCain, Helen Sabbe, Tillie Snelgrooves, Roberta Ware, Lou Dean Douthit, Dena Brown, Ruth Kenney, Nell Bradstreet, Lorene Paris (visitor), Mary Mitchell, Evangeline Wills, Joyce Walker, and (little daughter), Elva Wood, and Shirley Jolly.
I hope no one was left out!

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Monday the lawn attackers struck again Melba Corcoran sent them to the mayor. He sent them on to Greg and Diane Estes and they sent them on to Joe and Melba Darnell. They were a busy bunch that night.

Melba Corcoran spent the afternoon with Densel and Fern Reed on Tuesday. Dale Corcoran and Pauline Barnes came out after Dale got off work. They enjoyed the evening playing cards.

Word was received Wednesday that Bonnie Scribner had been moved out of ICU and into a room. She is recovering now. They got good news on her cancer. It was just beginning in the small intestines and was the slower spreading type. They had thought the surgery would last from 8 to 12 hours but only lasted 4 hours. Remember her in your prayers while she is recovering.

Lorene Rector and Orville Greenhouse shopped in Wheeler Wednesday.

The Christian Men's breakfast was held Wednesday morning at the Cowboy Oasis. They had a good meeting.

The newly form Red Hat Society Ladies went to Pampa to the Country Club as guest of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club. The program was "Off Our Rockers". The dinner music was presented by the "Grumpy Old Men" Jay Riley and Gene Jones. Lu Mitchell presented the program. Lu writes song and sings them. Lu is from Dallas

COUGAR NEWS

Events for the week are Boys BI District Basketball, Senior Little Dribbler's Tournament, Boys Area Basketball on the 20th and 21st.

Girls Semi-State Basketball on the 21 & 22. Our girls lost their game on the 11 and are now out of the play off. The boys are still alive.

On the 23 at 4PM will be one Act Play Practice.

The 24 and 25 will be the Boys Region Semi-Final Basketball. The 24 will be play practice at 7:00. It is also general store for elementary. On the 25 will be the TAKS for 10th and 11th English/Language Arts. It is also TAKS for 4th and 7th grade writing and for 9th grade reading.

On the 26 will be one act play practice at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations to the Little Dribblers in the Tournament this past weekend. They did real well.

and writes folk song about things that effect her or strike her funny. Some of the songs she presented was Paper Shredder, The Great K-Mart Singalong, Kuglesburg Bank, Has Grandma Clark's Garden Gone to Pot? Broccoli, Chiggers, The One and Only Fruitcake, Harry's Secret and Martha Stewart Have You No Shame. Those from Mobeetie Red Hat Society were Mae Bailey, Frances Collins, Betty Rogers, Arica Lancaster, Patsy Caswell and Melba Corcoran. Nelda Lancaster, Glenda Hudson and friend joined us. The Mobeetie group joined the Red Hat from

Canadian. The Group is just getting organized in Mobeetie. All women are invited to join. The only requirements are you must wear purple clothes and red hats. The next meeting will be March 25 at Maxey's. The only requirement is you wear purple clothes and a red hat and plan to have lots of fun.

The poem for the society is When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter. I shall sit down on the pave-

ment when I'm tired and gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells and run my stick along the public railings and make up for the sobriety of my youth. I shall go out in my slippers in the rain and pick the flowers in other people's gardens and learn to spit. But maybe I ought to practice a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised when suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Dale Corcoran took Lynn Sims to Amarillo Friday to catch the plane for the Philippines to pick up his wife. Dale then went on to the doctor.

Congratulation to Bob and Jerry Meller on their marriage. They were married Friday night.

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

Scott Neighbors went to Altus OK to visit his mother Freda Neighbors and his son Sunday.

Danny and Betty Rogers went to Amarillo Sunday afternoon. Danny had day surgery on his hand Monday. Danny is doing well and doesn't have to go back to the doctor for a week. He had a badly pinched nerve.

Those going to the Care Center Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist Church were Don and Wilene Burke, Marion Grimes, Liz Shipp, Lorene Rector, Jane Seitz, Orville Greenhouse, Paul Hathaway, and Arica Lancaster. Aspen Hathaway and Angie Taylor joined the group and sang a special.

Cole Goldsmith of Pampa preached at the First Baptist Church. Cole is married to Jana Hogan daughter of LaWayne and Marcella Hogan. The church has 4 piano players and all of them were gone. So Jana filled in for the church. Her grandmother Gazelle Patterson played for the church over 60 years. Next Sunday Lewis Ellis will be preaching.

Doris Finsterwald went to Oklahoma City over the weekend to visit family.

Estelle Hodges and Glenda Dickey flew to California. Estelle



Rain Forest Treasures Untold

The Kelton Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade classes have been studying about the Rain Forest. Doug Rives, elementary principal at Wheeler ISD, visited Kelton Elementary last week and gave a talk about the Rain Forest that he and several high school students visited this past summer. His pictures helped make the rain forest become a real place and the students were excited about the different animals that help make up the rain forest. Mr. Rives also

has a doctor appointment in Old Mexico with a doctor that has helped some people with their breathing problems.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sivage on her 100th birthday. All of the family was there for her party.

Leola Stuart visited in Panhandle Monday with Thurman Richardson. Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson visited with Mrs. Bulah Stuart and Otis in Shamrock Wednesday. They then met Iv

talked about how the rain forest was very valuable to our ecosystem. We would like to say thank you to Mr. Rives for his very interesting talk and showing his beautiful pictures of the rain forest in Costa Rica.

Turtles can recognize faces. They are one of the few reptiles that can be trained to do tricks.

Richardson of Erick and Lucille Pike at Mitchell's for lunch and a nice visit.

We want to welcome James and Diane Terrell to Mobeetie. They bought the Doyle Grimes place.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Saturday at the museum I had a nice visit with Terri Hensperger of California. She brought pictures and wrote up of her great-grandparents and grandparents. She was related to the J. J. Love's, the John "Bud" Eubanks, and the John Kerrs. She was a very nice lady.

These family histories help out the archives. We need more family's history to help preserve the history of the area.

On Thursday and Friday the ex-students met at the museum to get a letter out about the old grade school. Those meeting were Louise Bailey and Maurita Stribling. Joe VanZandt called a special meeting for that evening to decide what to put on the Honorary Board in the school for the donations. Those attending were Joe VanZandt, Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan, Bill Finsterwald, and Melba Corcoran. Jim Hill, Dutch Elliott, and Dale Corcoran voted by phone, as they were unable to attend. The others could not be reached by phone. Then on Friday those working on the letters were Louise Hogan, Bernice Helley, Louise Bailey, Bill Bailey and Maurita Stribling.

Melba Corcoran worked on archives and typing all of last week.

Bill Finsterwald kept the museum on Sunday.

Country (from Page 3)

beautiful shore."

Sorry to hear that Ft. Elliott High School girls basketball team lost 48-64 to a strong Hedley team at Pampa Friday night.

Ft. Elliott has had a good year with a 25-5 record and winning district and bi-district. We are so proud of you. Many fans to watch and cheer them on. Wheeler girls and Canadian girls also lost out. Sorry about that.

Rosalie Keelin and Jimmy ate lunch with Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy Sunday.

The Legion Auxiliary served a Valentine supper to the Legionaries at the Senior Center Friday night.

Darville Atherton has had some problems and been in Wheeler Hospital for observation to get his medicine regulated. Pray for Darv. Sammie is about the same. Chynna goes and feeds her grandmother every day.

At Olaf Sivage home west of Briscoe Saturday afternoon, many relatives and friends gathered to celebrate Mrs. Audie Sivage's 100th birthday. So good to see and visit with Audie and her precious family. Good to see David and Heather Hale and Sarah Beth from Canyon. They are expecting a baby boy in a few months. Yeal David still works in the prison. Heather will be graduating from college, WT, in May and hopes to teach English. Good to see Elizabeth, looking so pretty. She teaches at Weatherford, Texas, and will teach there again next year. Good to see Sarah Hale. She works 40 hours a week and takes 9 hours at Seminary in Ft. Worth. All seem happy and looking great.

Good to see Vernon and Sandie Sivage and daughters, Keri Bird and Madeline and Amy and Brad Kline, who are expecting a baby in a few weeks. Gaye's sister, Sue Snider, from Houston, was there with all her family.

Good to see Juanita (Clepper) and husband, Lee Parks, from Midland there. Audie and her family were dear and helpful to the Clepper family through the years.

Such an array of delicious food at Audie Sivage's party. White and Chocolate cake, beautifully decorated; Sherbet punch and spiced tea and many other tasty goodies, prepared by the girls and enjoyed by all.

Nice to meet Dane Rutherford's wife, a cousin. She was Arnold Pigg's daughter. Audie looked so beautiful in a red suit with white blouse.

Pray for Wanda Childress. She is home from the hospital but still not feeling well. Maybe pancreatitis.

Nice to have a call from Elton Fillingim at Prescott, Arizona. All doing well. She had a new cell phone with lot of minutes, so was calling all the kinfolks. She plays lots of 42.

Nice to have a letter from Barbara Austin. She really enjoys where she lives at New Braunfels. Not far from her kids, Ann and Chuck Jones and Grey and Diana Baker. She no longer drives, but rides a bus to church, activities, shopping. She has a friend from this area, Oleta Calcote Leavitt. They enjoy talking about their families. Hello, Barbara.

Hannah Faye Chapman wants her family and others to know how much she appreciates all that Von and Sindy Chapman and Dirk, James and Samantha do for her all the time, even tho she didn't mention it in last weeks card of

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List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 10, 2003 — February 13, 2003

FEBRUARY 10, 2003

HEIRSHIP AFF.—Dean E. Perry, et ux to Wayne Lancaster, 1-28-03, Sec. 2, Blk. H, W. H. Simpson Survey.

CORR. OF FACTS—Joyce Perkins, et al to Leon Gillis Fillingim, 1-24-03.

OL—Alice Ula Reed Burreto to EOG Resources Inc., 1-7-03, 204 acs.; 330 acs. Thomas James Survey.

OL—Gynell Reed Thompson to EOG Resources Inc., 1-7-03, 236.83 acs. Eastern Part; W 155 acs. Sec. 2, C&M Ry. Company Survey.

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ASSIGN.—Casillas Petroleum Corp. to Saxet Resources Inc., 12-27-02, Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Intrust Bank, NA to Golden Opportunities, 1-21-03, NW 1/4 SE 1/4; NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 9 and S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 10, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL RDT—First Ag Credit FLCA to Bobby J. Weatherly, 1-31-03, 200 acs. Sec. 34, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

CERTIFICATE ATTACHMENT—State of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to Benancio S. Lira, et ux, 1-30-03, NW 1/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

RELEASE A. OF JUDG.—Royce Cantrell Corporation to Kenneth Otts, 2-4-03.

TDT TVL—Violette P. Cantrell, et al to Molly K. Cantrell, 2-7-03, N 1/2 Lot 15 and 16, Blk. 83, WSSA, Shamrock.

BILLOF SALE—Lourdes V. Lopez to Humberto Fraire, 2-11-03.

CORR. D—Donald Ray Whiteley, et ux to James Dwayne Thomas, et ux, 2-4-03, 10 acs. NW 1/4 Sec.

Country (from Page 5)

lunch all their family got together at Deidre and John Paul Harris and Logan with Bevard and Diane furnishing pizza for all the crew plus Tracy and Andrea Aldridge as a Valentine gift. They enjoyed visiting and most went to Canyon to the warm up tournament where Fort Elliott boys played Stratford, but lost.

Carissa recently had a bike wreck. She rode her bicycle to school but ended up carrying it home because of a flat tire, in spite of a cracked rib from the wreck. Pray for Carissa.

I goofed. It was Audie Savage who visited her neighbor Doris Finsterwald and new baby Billy many years ago, only to find next day that she had the mumps. When Doris visited Audie recently, Audie reminded her of the event. Doris had forgotten; Audie has a great memory, especially for 100 years old on Feb. 24. How badly she must have felt that she could have caused them to have mumps. Doris did visit Jane Seitz also. Another sweet lady.

Don and Faye (Reimer) Gibson from Borger visited Thursday with Hannah Chapman. Faye used to live in Wheeler and graduated here.

Ned Burrell enjoyed a visit from Justin and Pamela Jean Burrell from Shamrock.

Nearly 50 ladies gathered at Mel's Diner Friday noon for lunch and fellowship on Valentine's Day. It's "Dutch treat" and ladies from different churches. Some we saw were Inez Wright, Sharon Wright, Katie Christy, Bobbie Jennings, Dorothy Ellis, Doretta Moore, Wilma Barker from McLean, Erma Riley, Nelda Cote from Virginia, Paula Britt, Mary Mitchell, Lula Buice, Elva Wood, Sandra Christner, Jo Redding, Joyce Perkins, Nancy Pierce, Annie Ruth Lee, Bobbie Sue Baker, Marie Baker, Marie Gudgel, Mary Margaret Dodd, Ruth Wiley, Mary Wofford, Ella May Wood, Evelyn Meek, Emma Rogers, Irene Rogers, Linda Hink, Dorothy Hink, Opal Hefley, Hannah Chapman, Vea Fillingim, Ned Burrell, Clara Holcomb, Martha Meek, Verna Fillingim. In charge was Shari Gale Porter and Nancy Pierce. Thanks ladies.

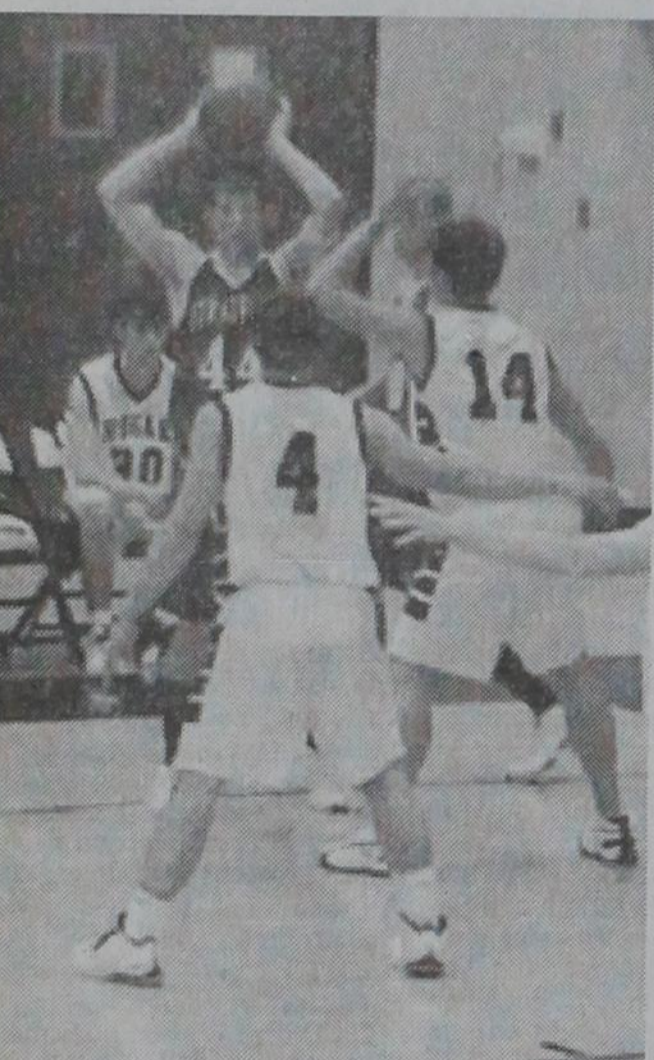
The food was delicious and good to visit. Next monthly meeting will be Thursday March 6 at Maxeys at 11:30.

"God be with you till we meet again."



PRACTICE: The Ft. Elliott Cougars played Memphis in a practice game for Bi-District. Shown here are Wesley Hathaway, Seth Meadows, Larry Horn and Jason Hathaway.

SATURDAY GAME: Ft. Elliott Cougars took on Stratford in a practice game Friday evening. Larry Lee Horn goes for two in the game.



UP: Caleb Kirkpatrick is up for 2 in the practice game against Memphis. Kade Zybach is ready for a rebound.

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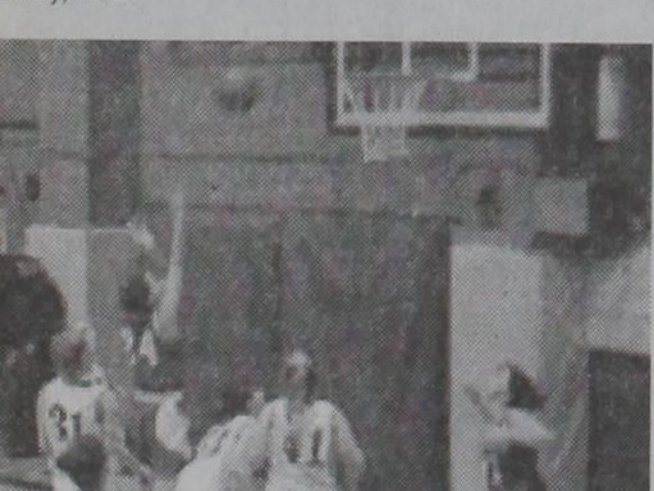
DEFENSE: Cade Kirkpatrick, #4, and Morgan Lane, #14 are ready to try for the ball when it comes into play.



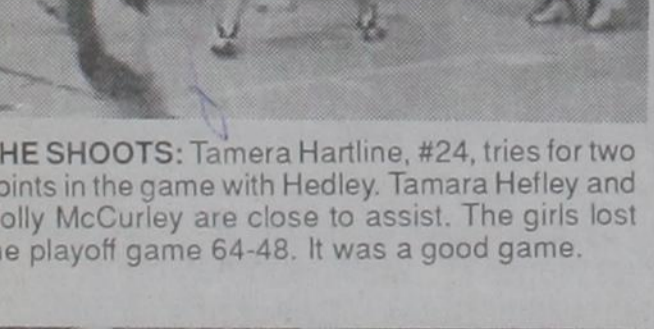
IT'S GOOD: Alicia Reis' free shot is good in the Hedley game. Lined up are Tamera Hartline, Andrea Hathaway and Tamara Hefley.



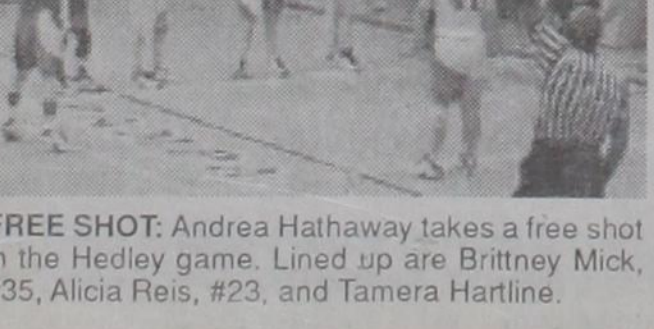
TWO POINTS: Tamera Hartline makes two points for the Lady Cougars in the game with Hedley. Also shown are Sarah Zybach, #21 and Tamara Hefley, #12.



A WIN: Ft. Elliott's Lady Cougars defeated Texline 49-32 for a win in the bi-district game on Tuesday, February 11. The girls are playing defense here; they are Sarah Zybach, #21, Holly McCurley, #10 and Tamera Hartline, #24.



SHE SHOOTS: Tamera Hartline, #24, tries for two points in the game with Hedley. Tamara Hefley and Holly McCurley are close to assist. The girls lost the playoff game 64-48. It was a good game.



FREE SHOT: Andrea Hathaway takes a free shot in the Hedley game. Lined up are Brittney Mick, #35, Alicia Reis, #23, and Tamera Hartline.



VALENTINE KING & QUEEN: Wheeler Care Center held their Valentine party Thursday, February 13, 2003. The residents and staff voted a Valentine King and Queen. The King, Floyd Burns, and Queen, Elsie Hughes, were crowned prior to strawberry shortcake being served the residents, staff and guests by the First United Methodist Church women of Wheeler.



SERVERS: Members of Wheeler's United Methodist Women served strawberry shortcake to residents, staff and guests at a Valentine party at Wheeler Care Center on Thursday, February 13. The women pictured here are (l. to r.) Emma Rogers, Mary Mitchell, Mary Margaret Dodd, Donna Walser and Carolyn Buckingham. Marie Gudgel was present, but not pictured.

Chat (from Page 1)

It was a quiet weekend in OKC with Sunday dinner at the Meriwether's. No major card playing.

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The card playing was Monday evening as usual. We had six playing. Dwight, Bob and I lost the first game, but made a comeback to win the last two. Our opponents were Rhonda, Mike and Leroy.

Ft. Elliott (from Page 1)

grade at Mobeetie and grades 6-12 at Briscoe). We also have agreed to have a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten class at Allison. We believe that this will allow us as a district to cut down on the travel our very youngest students and still utilize the Allison campus. Students will be allowed to go wherever they want.

3. Certified Personnel

The issue of certified personnel (teachers, administrators, etc.) is currently in the process of being worked out. We cannot at this time tell you where we will have conflicts, what we can say is that Allison has offered their employees a severance package, and all indications are—that we will have very few areas where one of our people will be going against one of theirs.

If we do have a conflict—both teachers will be hired for the upcoming year and then we will go from there. Also we will know specifically what conflicts we have (if any) before the consolidation election takes place. (May 3, 2003)

4. Support Personnel

We do not anticipate any changes in support personnel.

5. Tax Issues

The addition of Allison will save us some money on taxes. Although we will send money to Austin, the addition of their values to ours will save us on our bond payment. We will generate more money for the combined school district through the funding formulas (on the same tax rate). The additional money generated by the consolidation will be used to keep up the school plant at Allison, add programs, and fund Pre-K and K at Allison and Fort Elliott. Based on last years values, our bond payment for 2003-04 school year would be 6.7 cents on Fort Elliott's values alone and approximately 4 cents on the combined values of both districts. The following year 2004-05, on Fort Elliott's values alone, the cost would be 4.3 cents as compared to 2.6 cents on the combined values.

6. Process: How does consolidation happen?

a. Initiated by a resolution by the board of trustees or a petition requesting an election.

b. Election is held on the same day in both districts.

c. Voters in both districts must pass the resolution for consolidation by a simple majority vote.

d. All consolidations take place July 1.

7. The Fort Elliott CISD Board of Trustees is unanimous in its support of the consolidation issue.

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