

THE WHEELER TIMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

certainly hope so.

The Wheeler Centennial Committee is in the process of getting permission from the State of Texas six months, beginning in April. -cwe-

We need lots of people to play project.

community-wide aluminum can begin at 7:00, continuing until collection. The trailer is being pre- 10:00. pared for the collection. It will be parking lot. Save your cans! -cwe-

The Wheeler Centennial Committee is starting these projects to raise money, because it is going to take a lot of money for this celebration on the first week of August,

Many thanks, Charles Kuntz! We have been making a lot of demands of him these past few days. He is about to get our computer back in operation after it crashed last week.

-cwe-

We took a trip to south Texas last weekend. We left with sleet falling about 7:30 Friday morning, but not sticking to the roads. We had some wet roads, but no ice.

And it was wet at the ranch; they had received about 7" just recently -cwe-

We returned through Sherman and Oklahoma City, spending the night Sunday in OKC. -cwe-

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And, the cards were dealt Mon-

Hospital Notes

Extended Care Ruth Ledbetter Verne Lohberger Ardie Martin Gladys Pannell Ollie Brock

New Admissions Sudie Galmor Tamara Hefley

Stormy Kelley **Dismissals** Timothy Padron

Faye Risner Sudie Galmor 2/27 Tamara Hefley 2/28 James Smith

CWECHAT Jackpot Bingo' Is Coming Are you ready to play bingo? I To Wheeler On April 26 The Wheeler Contential Com.

A concession stand will be open,

offering hamburgers, hot dogs,

cokes, bottled water, popcorn, etc. This project is the first in an

"Jackpot Bingo" is coming to Wheeler, beginning Saturday, to hold jackpot bingo the last Sat- April 26. It is intended for the games to be played the last urday of each month for the next Saturday of each month for the next six months. Proceeds from the activity will go into the Wheeler Centennial Celebration fund.

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The "Jackpot Bingo" will be held and lots of people to help with the at the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department in the 200 block of East Sixth in Wheeler. The doors will We are also going to have a open at 6:30 p.m. and play will

The size of the jackpots will be on Fourth Street on Thriftway's determined by the number of people playing each night. When the games begin, the jackpots will be announced.

The Wheeler Centennial committee is presently processing the paperwork for the games. The date for beginning is subject to receiving permission from the state.

Aluminum Cans Are To Be Collected Soon

The Wheeler Centennial Celebration committee wants you to start saving your aluminum cans. It is intended to have a trailer located in the 400 block of Sweetwater Street on Wheeler Thriftway's parking lot.

The can collection is to be a joint effort of the citizens of Wheeler communty to help raise money for the upcoming Wheeler Centennial Celebration the first week in August, 2005.

Other communities have managed to raise a surprising amount of money in can collections.

The trailer is to be parked within the next two weeks.

Allison Lists Students For Fourth 6-Weeks

grade; Jason Boydston, 10th

and J. W. Goldsmith, 2nd grade; Matthew Kiker, 4th grade; Cody Essay, 5th grade; Leslie Archer, 6th grade; Cody Dupont, 7th grade; Jessica Helton, 9th grade; Logan Chupp, Sabrina Dupont, and Russell Lohberger, 10th grade; Katie Donaldson and Laura Lohberger, 11th grade; Bronwyn Dukes, 12 grade.

All A's: Vicky Goldsmith, 4th

grade; Chelsea Archer, 12th grade. All A's & B's: Jade Forward

Wheeler Centennial Celebration Photography Contest Explained

contest is to select photographs taken of scenes in Wheeler County that best depict the beauty, lifestyle and places in Wheeler. The photographs will be used as post cards to sell to raise funds for the 100th anniversary of the City of Wheeler. 16 cards will be selected, 1 for the cover post card and 15 for post cards to be sold in the packet.

RULE ONE: Anyone can enter. Those seventeen and under must have a parent's signature.

RULE TWO: All photographs must be made in Wheeler County. RULE THREE: A fee of \$5.00 per picture must accompany each entry. Please make one check out to Wheeler Centennial Celebration Committee.

RULE FOUR: By entering the contest the participant grants permission to the Wheeler Centennial Celebration Committee, ownership of the photograph and the rights associated to use the photograph in any promotional publication and any other media without compen-

RULE FIVE: All prints must be 8" x 10", permanently mounted on solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness, suitable for hanging without an additional

PURPOSE: The purpose of this frame. Each print shall be accompanied by a 3" x 5" original and a

negative, transparency, or disk. RULE SIX: Each entry must include all of the following information to ensure proper entry. The information must be legibly printed or typed on a label securely affixed to the back of the photo in the upper left-hand corner.

Name Address Age

Telephone Number

Location of Subject in Photograph, Where Photograph Taken Entries that do not follow the labeling procedures will be disqualified.

RULE SEVEN: Judges will determine the Cover, and place 2 and place 3. Decision of the Judges will be final

RULE EIGHT: A prize of \$50.00 will go to the Cover Winner, \$35.00 to Second Place and \$25.00 to Third Place

RULE NINE: The contest begins January 1, 2003 and ends

December 31, 2003. All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5:00 p.m. to P.O. Box 302, Wheeler, TX 79096 or 410 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, Attention: Bobbye Hill.

Name: Address: Telephone Number: Age: Parent's Signature (if under 18) Signature Black and White Photos: Number of Entries @5.00 \$ Color Photos Number of Entries @5.00 \$ **Total Amount Enclosed**

Please make one check payable to: WCC Committee

effort to raise money for the centennial celebration and lots of volunteer help will be needed for the operation of the "Jackpot Bingo",

in addition to lots of people to play. Keep the last Saturday night of each month open for the next six months, beginning April 26, 2003.

Fifth Annual Ja'Nae Goad **Golf Tournament April 19**

The Fifth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 19, at the Shamrock Country Club. This tournament will be an 18 hole scramble format and will offer tee times of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. To enter, please contact Cecil Thomas at 826-5809, Ida Goad at 826-5254 or Bobby Jennings at 826-3153. The entry fee is \$25 and teams will be drawn from the first 120 paid contestants.

Wheeler Honor Roll For

Carraso, Moroni Cota, Shai Dougherty, Zack Johnson, Abel Lomas, Tre McElveney, Kylie Schubert, Becky Simmons, Praject Singh, Jake Ware; A & B-Stormy Moore, Brody Richardson, Keenan White, Ethan Johnson

Grade 2: All A's-Lane Erwin, Daniel Gonzalez, Elizabeth Horton, Shawn Hudson, Zay McCasland, Jason Pike, Brooke Randels, Breann Robinson, Jesus Zapata; A & B—America Almanza, Ismael Buenrostro, Irving Flores, Zack McCasland, Miguel Rincon

Grade 3: All A's-Alyssa Johnson, Tayt McCasland, Kallen Moore; A & B-Tanzia Brown, llene Butler, Trevor Carr, Aidee Emiliano, Brett Johnson, Paige Jones, Trent McAnear, Genaro Mendoza, Gabi Menefield, Victoria Noonan, David Ramirez, Banesa

Zachary Verden; A & B-Spencer Ford, Kaylee Marion, Mariah Marshall, Carla Mendoza, Collin Hampton, Haley Sparks, Taylor

Grade 5: All A's-Joshua Hardcastle, Nicholas Hardcastle, Joshua Henson; A & B-Eddie Chavez, Darren Gaines, Danna Gallardo, Cesar Gonzalez, Jessica Hubbard, Tracy Keelin, Macie Miller, Braden Moore, Bailey Richardson, Adam Robles, Sara Guilds. Salazar, Kaycee Swift

Grade 6: All A's-Diana Corral, Kelby Vise, Chandler Osborne; A Stefen Tucker, Mattis Back

Grade 7: A & B-Wade Hampton, Chace Horton, Bree McCasland

Grade 8: A & B-Cole Nall, Jonathan Hampton, Ryan Henson, Carlos Hernandez, Samuel Hillhouse, John McArthur, Dalila Mendoza, James Rivera

Grade 9: All A's—Joshua Britt. Samantha Chapman, Bo Compton, Lezli Finsterwald, Heather Hampton, J'Shav McCasiand, Tyler McWhorter, Jansen Moore, Katie Richardson; A & B-Ashley Baldwin, Kayla Gallardo, Dustin Lee, Jennifer

Grade 10: All A's-Saharay Barboza, Shanna Horton, Rachel Howard: A & B-Amanda Bond, Cameron Burton, Ana Duenas, Jose Flores, Savannah Hampton, Whitney Hundley, Lindsey Lewis, Landon Sams, Carl Scales, Savanna Shipp, Yuridia Soto

Grade 11: All A's-James Chapman, William Rutherford: A & B-Chelsea Brooks, Joe Glassey, Brenton Goerend, Dustin Lira, James Masters, Joshua Miller, Devin Parker, Jose Salas

Grade 12: All A's-Rachel Bass, Colby Brickey, Cassi Brown, Josh Bryant, Trevor Burton, Guadalupe Duenas, Lyndi Finsterwald, Miriam Garcia, Benjamin Howard, Heather Leven, Tyler Lewis, Keri Marion, Hadley Mitchell, Dagen Moore, Amy Osborne, Evan Watts; A & B-Amanda Childress, Drew Emmert, Kandra Gaines, Daniel Glasgow, Andrew Hampton, Matt Helton, Janet Kuntz, Tanner McWhorter, Jeret Moore, Pamela Murphy, Cody Parsley, Juan Salas, Ericka Trevino

Donations of \$25 from businesses will go toward special prizes such as closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt. Donations from individuals or businesses or \$50 or more will sponsor a tee box. Individual gifts for door prizes are also accepted.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Ja'Nae Goad Golf Scholarship. This scholarship was designed to financially assist a Wheeler County high school senior who has participated in golf. The first scholarship recipient was Alan Segura of Shamrock. J. J. Johnson of Wheeler and Curtis Grade 1: All A's-Meagan Smith of Ft. Elliott received the awards in 2000. The 2001 scholarships went to Nathan Hefley and Julie Zybach of Ft. Elliott and Kacie Schlegel and Amanda Reeves of Shamrock. Last year's recipients were Jacob Caldwell from Sham-Britt from Wheeler and Justin Hefley and Stephanie Baker from Ft. Elliott.

Alwyn Dysart Foster Dies Monday, Feb. 24

Alwyn Dysart Foster, 92, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, joined her wonderful parents in Heaven at 10:31 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2003, beloved wife of Artemis Foster for the past 38 years and loving mother of Cortland, Keith and Sue by her first marriage.

She was born on March 13, Grade 4: All A's—Caitlyn Burch, 1910, in Wellington, Texas to Carey Omar Lopez, Jaten Moore, and Minnie Dysart, genuine pioneers. The first of six industrious, talented children, Alwyn was reared in Mobeetie on a 640-acre farm, occasionally riding horse to school, 5 miles round trip, graduating from Mobeetie High School in 1928. She studied art at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview and later painted landscapes and still lifes—oil, acrylic and water color, winning awards in both the Hereford and Sulphur Springs Art

An avid gardener, she loved growing flowers, fruits and vegetables, sharing the bounty annu-& B-Zachary Andis, Tyler Burch, ally with friends and relatives. A Nicole Moore, Blake Randels, faithful, tithing member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs since 1977, she was the treasurer of the Diamond Set Sunday School Class for many years. Beginning in 1939, she worked as a secre-(Continued Page 6)

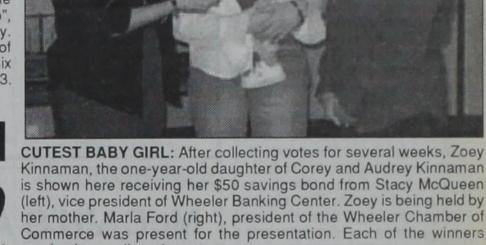
New Arrival



Hampton, Andrea Jones, Josefina ADAM CLAY BROTHERTON

Age 2 months

Grandparents, C. B. and Maurine Brotherton, along with Big brother and sister, Ryan and Janae, and proud parents, Gary and Kathy Brotherton, announce the newest member of the Brotherton family. Adam Clay Brotherton was born Saturday, November 16, 2002, at 10:05 A.M. at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, tivities within their district. Oklahoma. Adam weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. Another blessing has been added to The Brotherton fam-



(left), vice president of Wheeler Banking Center. Zoey is being held by her mother. Marla Ford (right), president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce was present for the presentation. Each of the winners received a small trophy



rock, Gavin McQueen and Jake CUTEST BABY BOY: The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a "Cutest Baby" contest. Cans were placed around town with pictures of the competing babies on them. Individuals had the opportunity to place votes (money) in the cans to determine the winner. Ashton Lee is shown here receiving his \$50 savings bond from Bill Howard (right), vice president of the First State Bank of Mobeetie. Ashton is the 5-month-old son of Josh and Suzy Lee. Marla Ford (right), president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce was present for the presentation. Each of the winners received a small trophy.

First State Bank Earns Superior Rating

FL. BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation's leading independent bank Northwest Texas for 97 years. It research firm, proudly announces currently operates through two that First State Bank, Mobeetie, Texas has earned a 5-Star SUPE-RIOR RATING, the highest given,

for the 6th consecutive time. First State Bank's ability to earn a 5-Star Superior rating consis- Christopher Simmons tently over time speaks to its strength, stability and longevity.

"First State Bank's achievement represents the best in banking," said Karen L. Dorway, president of values and security it represents,"

Information Given On **Your Soil Conservation**

Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District was organized on April 6, 1948. Wheeler Soil and Water conservation is located inside the Natural Resource Conservation Office. Both of these offices work side by side to conserve soil, water and other related natural resources

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are political subdivisions of state government without authority to tax or take property for public use. The Soil and Water Conservation District purpose is to bring about an understanding of the need to take care of soil and water conservation and to inform the public that it is each of our responsibility to conserve the soil and water. SWCD's aid farmers and ranchers in their district through a voluntary program. The Districts are assisted by Federal and State government to accomplish their objectives.

There are around 201 soil and water conservation districts to promote voluntary conservation programs. Each of the districts is governed by five elected resident landowners chosen by landowners. These officials called district directors, who must be actively engaged in farming or ranching. Their responsibility is to coordinate and administer the conservation ac-

The creation of soil and water conservation districts was made possible by the passage of State Soil Conservation Law in 1939. (Continued Page 6)

February 2003. Coral Gables, services to Wheeler, Gray, Roberts and Hemphill counties in conveniently located offices in Mobeetie and Wheeler.

First State Bank: "Your 5-Star Community Bank."

Completes Training

Christopher Simmons, a 2002 graduate of Wheeler High School, the research firm. "With all the completed Navy Basic Training uncertainty consumers face in with Division 951 at Recruit Traintoday's financial environment, it's ing Command in Great Lakes, Illia pleasure to feature First State nois on November 15th, 2002. He Bank on our Recommended Bank was a member of the Rifle Drill & Thrift Report and recognize the Team while in recruit training and performed for several graduations including his own. Chris qualified First State Bank was established for and entered the Navy Nuclear in 1906 and has provided banking Power Program in January of 2002 on the delayed entry program. He is presently stationed at the Nuclear Power Training School in Charleston, South Carolina. Chris will complete two schools consisting of electronics and nuclear power over the next year and a half, becoming a qualified nuclear reactor operator. He will then join the submarine fleet. He is very proud to have the opportunity to serve our country in the United States Navy! Our prayers are with Chris as well as all those who are serving our country: military and non-military roles. May God bless and be near.

Chris is the son of Will and Patricia 'Sissy' Burch of Wheeler, Texas. He is the grandson of Butch and Evie White; Chuck and Kathy Simmons all of Sayre, Oklahoma and C.W. Burch; Dale and Melba Corcoran of Mobeetie, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Lorene Rector also of Mobeetie, Texas.



Christopher Simmons

Early Day Pioneers Mobeetie Texas 1877-1899

James Alexander Clark was a Mobeetie Ox Freighter. He was born August 17, 1845 in Mississippi. He knew hardship and hard work as a child when his parents lived near Cumberland, Mississippi. His mother died when he was a child. Jim did not get along with his new stepmother so he ran away from home. He lived with his aunt and uncle near Viaden, Mississippi. He joined the Confederate army at the age of 17. He instructed his guardian to buy land with all the money he sent home. They didn'tjust saved it in a chink in the mantle fireplace. He was captured in the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi. When he was free he sent home to learn that his savings were worthless, being in Confederate dollars. Shortly after the war ended he went west. In 1870 he was near La Junta, Colorado. He was a cowboy.

He met Amanda Kirkpatrick in La Junta, Co and they were married there. Amanda was living with her grandfather Anderson. Their son Walter Alexander was born there March 18, 1875. They decided to return to the Texas Panhandle in the spring of 1877. The families were that of Henry Madison Anderson, his sons William Walter Anderson, John Anderson and grand son-in-law James Alexander Clark. They traveled in caravan with cattle, horses, farm animals and equipment, and household goods. The trip was plagued with problems. At one point James lost his temper with a young mule that was not working in the harness. He cut the mule out from the team and cut its throat with his pocketknife. The Anderson children saw this, young John and siblings took the mule and doctored it. The knife only scratched the mules' tough hide. The children stayed clear of James with his red hair and temper to match. The mule was their prize pet thereafter. Amanda drove one wagon with her two-year-old son Walter. The caravan ran out of water one day, Walter suffered so that day and cried often. Amanda would pacify him by saying that there may be water over the next hill. They topped the hills his wailing became louder; finally they located some water near nightfall. Amanda thought nothing of driving one of their wagons, even though she was just weeks from delivering their second son James Wesley Clark. This was not a pleasant trip for anyone.

Henry and W. W. Anderson settled on the Chicken Creek, killed, there would be bleached Madison Anderson.

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making shelter for their first sum- bones as far as the eye could see. mer. James and Amanda settled James and his helpers would on a draw on Sweetwater Creek gather buffalo bones to be sold at near the Red Rock School that Dodge. Fertilizer and buttons were James helped to build a few years made from the bones. Some bone later. He was proud to throw off the yards were fifty feet high. Most of first rock for its construction. They the time he hauled from Ft. Dodge named the draw Clark Draw. The Kansas, then later Ft. Supply, and first house they built was of sod. even from Wichita Falls, Texas. There was no lumber to be found James used oxen to pull his wagat that time. Windows and doors ons. They were superior in some came much later. They had been ways. Their digestion was such so in their Soddy home just a few that they could graze a short while days when on July 29, 1977 James in the evening and thrive. Horses Wesley Clark was born. James and mules could graze all night, began a small operation of hauling start the day tired and be underfreight for the Army at Ft. Elliott, nourished to do work of the day, so then later for the merchants of lost weight and strength. There Mobeetie. When traveling with was another well-known oxempty wagons through the vast freighter operating at that time, L. areas where the buffalo had been B. Anderson, a nephew of Henry

The first spring on their homestead brilliant flowers bloomed from the sod covering the roof of their sod house. Birds even nested there. They had very little trouble with Indians, but some did. Renegade Indians slipped off the Oklahoma Reservations and raided the

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John 14: 6: "Jesus saith unto him,

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no man cometh unto the Father but by me.'

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settlers' homesteads or would catch them away from protection and attack. They stole livestock continually. During the summertime the Clarks ate under a brushcovered arbor, it was cool there and sometimes they slept there. One day as the family was having dinner an angry Indian charged the family as they sat at the table. James grabbed his rifle quickly to shoot the Indian, but he turned his horse just before jumping over the table. Sure scared the

Henry Madison his wife Sarah Collier, and their Negro cook and her two children moved from Chicken Creek to the mouth of Gageby Creek, mostly because his cattle kept running off to that area to graze the better grass. Henry built a southern style home, he lived in one structure, and the cook and her children lived in another structure connected by a dogtrot made of pickets. Mary Anthony cooked in her part, and delivered meals to the other part of the house.

The Indians were given commodities of food at the various Agency Warehouses. They took their allotment, even if they did not want all of it. One Kiowa man told of emptying out the flour making a big pile in front of their shelter. The whole family would run through the pile of flour making themselves white-men, with much laughter and fun. They also would take pork meat, then throw it into a ditch along the trail, they thought it was bear meat. They did like the brightly colored blankets though. But for warmth their buffalo robes could not be beat.

One time a group of Indians rode into the Clark's yard after getting their supplies. They traded some blankets for a small patch of watermelons the Clarks had grown. One Indian woman wanted to trade a blanket for little Nancy Alice Clark, ababe in arms, as a tease. Amanda was horrified and went into the house. The Indian woman had much fun with this bargaining. The children went to the watermelon patch after the Indians were out of sight, they had eaten green melons, this caused the whole family to laugh, knowing the belly ache that would follow.

James would take his orders to be filled in Dodge City and any freight to be sold, and he always hauled buffalo bones to be sold where space could be found. The prairie was speckled with white buffalo bones, from hundreds of housands of buffalo. Amanda could calculate within a day of when James and wagons would arrive. If the weather was good, she would load a buggy with children and home comforts and drives to meet the caravan of freight wagons. James would be happy to see them, they would always have a picnic, and sometimes he would leave the freight wagons for the bull whackers to drive on to Mobeetie where he would meet them the next day.

One day the children found an orphaned buffalo calf. They brought it home and put it on a fresh cow to nurse. The buffalo thrived and soon was larger than the nurse cow. When it would hunch for milk it would almost lift the cow off her feet.

James Clark made freight hauls in the winter if it was absolutely necessary. These trips were painfully cold, and the animals suffered on these trips. James had buffalo robes and gauntlet gloves to protect himself, but the animals had nothing. If the wind blew they would take shelter in a gully or creek bed.

Near the Clark homestead lived the Davis family. This was a large family from Virginia. One of the boys named Ed lived closest to them. Clara Davis asked Amanda to help when it was time for the twins to be born. Clara died before the second child could arrive. Amanda laid out Mrs. Davis before burial. She was buried in a little cemetery on a hill above the Red Rock School House. Clara's maiden name was Chilton, and that family lived nearby also. James threw off the first rock for the construction of the rock school. Several neighbor men hauled the rock;

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PAGE 2—Thursday, March 6: 2003 Wheeler, town of friendship and prode



Mrs. Dallas Fillingim . . . nee Krystal LeAnn Berend

Berend-Fillingim Vows Exchanged Krystal LeAnn Berend and Dal- Joseph Berend and Christian

las Fillingim were married on March at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Father David Kraeger officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Melvin and Joyce Berend of Windthorst. The groom is the son of David and Rita Pearson of Briscoe, TX.

was matron of honor. Bridesmaids Briscoe High School and West were Kerry Dillon, Kandace Berend, both sisters of the bride, ployed at Mid-American Research Lindsey Criswell, sister of the groom, Stacey Steinberger, Carla Taylor and Michelle Hubbard. Junior bridesmaids were Paige Dillon and Brooke Dillon, nieces of the bride. Corrina Lackey, cousin of groom, was flower girl.

Clay Gentry was best man. Groomsmen were Bart Wyatt, Kirk Self, Tab Hathaway, Charlie Blalock, Chris Bell, and TJ Crawford. Klay Dillon, nephew of bride, was ring bearer

Ushers were Jerry Dillon, Louis Garrett and Kenny Davis, all brother-in-laws of the bride, and Ken Criswell, brother-in-law of the

Candlelighters were Cody Geis,

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception at the Parish Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were hosts

of the rehearsal dinner. The bride is a graduate of Windthorst High School, and is employed at Texas Recreation Kelli Garrett, sister of the bride, Corp. The groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University, and em-Chemical Corp.

After a cruise to the Carribean, the couple will make their home-in Wichita Falls.

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I was down in Abilene last week for the annual Abilene Christian sons, too. University Lectureship. Basically it is a three day gathering where there are several sermons, Bible classes, and a lot of singing. It usually helps me re-energize and prepare me for some things I want to preach in the months to come. I got one additional thing out of the Abilene trip, though: COLD! To the sounds of thunder the freezing rain, sleet, and snow came down from the sky. Driving around Abilene became nearly impossible. Watching the television you could see all of the school and business closings. Even the Lectureship was affected. A few speakers were unable to make it to Abilene. The Lectureship was cancelled from 4:00 p.m. Monday afternoon through 11:00 am. on Tuesday. So not everything that was scheduled to happen actually happened. Yet it was an excellent

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vited to attend any of the weekly

services of the Wheeler Church of

Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan

Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas

week for a variety of other

For instance, my grandparents live in Abilene and I did stay at their place while there. I got to spend more time with my 90year old granddad and 88-year old grandmother. My Great Atent Mary from Kilgore was in town And all of us were stranded at their house. We played several games of 42 and Poor Man's Bridge. I was able to look through the old photo albums of when was just a little boy, and also of when my dad was just a fiftle boy, and also of when my granddad was just a little boy.

I have always been prove of my heritage, and I am now glad that the bad weather hit Abilene - allowing me to spend more time with these wonderful people. Cherish your family Cherish your heritage.

Shawn D. Johnson

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John 3-5,6 Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is boin of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee; ye must be born again.

More fog this Monday morning here in Allison and I guess it was very big frost, so much wondered whether it was a snow or a frost. There is some wind but the sun is now shinning here at noon. So many days lately we didn't see the

Harold And Elena Walker's weekend guests were their daughter, Joy Walker, from Lubbock and Trevor and Michelle Richardson and son Colin from Enid, Oklahoma. It was good to have them in church with us Sunday morning.

Others visiting here at Allison were Jonathan and Andrea Walker from Waco, TX. They had visited with Justin and Stephanie Walker and family in Elk City and visited Eddy Walker here at his home. They are such a sweet young couple. It was good to have them at services with us at the U.P. Church Sunday morning. They were going home Sunday evening.

Vance Boydston's guests for a long weekend were Kyle and Bernaette Boydston and son Noah from Roswell, NM. Vance and his quests were dinner quests at the cafe with Dick and Cletus Greene, Jonathan and Alexis Greene, Shawn and Jamie Downnie.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo came Friday afternoon. Darrel went for a drive over in Oklahoma, and Johnnie and I visited. When Darrel got back they visited a while here at my home, then went down and visited Darrel's mother, Pearl. Then they went on to Amarillo. Aways enjoy them coming.

Merlyn Brown had gall bladder surgery last Saturday morning at the Elk City, OK hospital. The doctor released him Saturday evening to go home. He is improving and plans to be back to work in a few

Monday February 24 Opal, Juanita and Forrest Boydston shopped in Amarillo and spent Monday night with Charlene and Warren Brown. On Tuesday they went to the Eye-Mart for Opal to get her eye glasses repaired. On Friday the 28 Opal, Juanita and Curtis attended a birthday celebration at the Roma Brown's home for Roma. Sunday Opal, Juanita and Curtis were dinner guest at the Forrest Boydston home. Others there were Robbie and SaRita Green and Kelton from Binger, Oklahoma and Neal Boydston and a friend, Daniel Morgan, from Loveland, Colorado.

Melvin and Betty Sue Stinnett and Pete Gilmer made it home from a vacation at Aransas Pass, Texas where they had spent the winter. Melvin and Betty Sue are here visiting with Peggy Chandler a few days.
Talked to Lou Cornell this Mon-

day morning and she gave a good report on her and Bob's son, William. She said, he was doing good. He went through a bad time with his leg and a lot of pain and suffering. It will take awhile for his leg to heal, but he is improving and is at home now. That is good news. There was a lot of prayers prayed for William.

Pearl Harrison, Louise Boydston went to Elk City last Thursday and spent the night with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. Pearl saw the eye doctor on Friday. Pearl and Louise came home Friday evening. Pearl's over night guest last Friday night was her daughter, Louise. Saturday afternoon Pearl's visitors were William and Annette Sanford and baby girl from Oklahoma City, and was also supper guests.

CARD OF THANKS

A special thanks for all the many cards, calls and concern shown to me and my family during my recent lengthy hospitalization in Oklahoma City. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community and to be blessed by so many wonderful friends. It is a joy to once again be at home in Wheeler. Maurine & C. B. Brotherton

Louise Boydston's Sunday dinnerquests were Nadine Reynolds. Jonathan and Andrea Walker from Waco, Texas, Eddy Walker, Pastor McDaniel, Bennie and Debbie Boydston and Jason and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody.

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ROL-Fairway Links Energy Inc. to Audrie M. Howard, et al, 1-31-03, NW 1/4 Sec. 69, Blk. 23, H&GN

Ry. Company Survey. **FEBRUARY 24, 2003** OL-Ted Burris to Crawley Petroleum Corporation, 12-30-02, E 1/2

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List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 21, 2003 — February 27, 2003. **FEBRUARY 21, 2003**

RDT-First State Bank of Mobeetie to William J. Ridgway, et ux, 2-12-03, S 1/2 Sec. 7, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

REL. ROW-Oneok Westex Transmission LP to Raymond Moore, et al, 12-12-02, Pt. Sec. 62, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 61, and Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 55, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-Marilyn Guild to Guild Family Trust, 2-7-03, See Instrument. DT-L. H. Webb, et ux to First State Bank of Canadian, 2-6-03, W 1/2; SE 1/4 Sec. 11, SW 1/4 Sec. 10, and Sec. 70, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. PARTIAL RDT-Bank of Okla-

ergy Inc., 1-31-03, NW 1/4 Sec. 69, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company

homa, NA to Fairway Links En-

Sec. 24, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey OL-Katy Lee Greenwood to

Roberts & Eddleman Survey OL-Donna Jo Helms Nall to Crawley Petroleum Corporation, 12-30-02, E 1/2 Sec. 24, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. OL-Marshall & Winston Inc. to Crawley Petroleum Corporation, 2-14-02, E 1/2 Sec. 24, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey CERTIF. OF MERGER-Phillips Company Petroleum ConocoPhillips Company, 1-14-

C/C PROBATE—Mary Beth Rector to Ex Parte, 10-18-02. D-Jan E. Watts to Coleman Hold-

ings Family Trust, 2-20-03, Secs. 28 and 33, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey

ROY D/MD—Bank of America NA Trustee to Susanna Moss Ryburn Hegeman Trust, 10-29-02, W 1/2 Sec. 3, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Carl M. Turner to EOG Re-

sources Inc., 2-4-03, E 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman OL-Lisa A. White to EOG Resources Inc., 1-22-03, E 1/2 Sec.

22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman OL-Joe D. Reames to EOG Resources Inc., 1-22-03, E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman

MD-Dale Swetnam to Amy M. Defendis, 2-3-03, Pt. W. H. Simpson and S. A. Stephens Survev; and 10 acs. E. J. D. Grinolds

CHANGE AFF.-C. Randall Hill, et al to Cortez Operating Company, 2-10-03. **FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

D-Vance W. Boydston to Kyle David Boydston, 2-19-03, 2.9 acs. S 1/2 Sec. 6, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey

MD-Vance W. Boydston to Kyle David Boydston, 2-19-03, NE 1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Suvey.

TDT-U. S. Bank National Association to Bank of Oklahoma National Association, 2-1-03, See In-

AMEND. DT-Nielson & Associates Inc. to Bank of Oklahoma National Association, 2-10-03, See Instrument.

FEBRUARY 26, 2003 RDT-United States of America-Farm Service Agency to J. S. Ryan, et ux, 2-24-03, See Instrument.

CD-Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Jewel Chapman, 2-26-03, SE 1/4 Sec. 2, TDT-WTG Gas Processing LP,

et al to Wells Fargo Bank Texas, National Association, 2-18-03, See Instrument.

DT-West Texas Gas Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank Texas, National Association, 2-18-03, See Instrument. ASSIGN.—Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership to Dyco Petroleum Corporation, 1-27-03, Pt. Sec. 28, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey

ASSIGN.-Dyco Petroleum Corporation to Samson Resources Company, 1-27-03, Pt. Sec. 28, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman

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DT-Casey Velasquez to Amarillo National Bank, 10-2-02, Lot 6, Blk. 1, Parklane Estate, Wheeler. **FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

MD-David Madison Britt, et al to David Madison Britt Jr., et al, 2-27-03, Sec. 7, Blk. 2 and Sec. 5, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey. RDT-United States of America-

Rural Housing Service to Terry L. McCasland, et ux, 2-14-03, See Instrument. CD—City of Shamrock to Carolyn Glover, 4-30-84, NW 1/4 Lot 9,

Blk. I (2 spaces) Shamrock Cem-

ASSIGN. CD-Carolyn Glover Stratton to James M. Newsted, et



PAGE 3-Thursday, March 6, 2003 Wheeler, town of friendship and pride

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#11304—Tamatha

Drewery, 2-13-03, Divorce.

Drewery vs Rondy Lee Owen

#11305-Vicky Ann Collins vs

Grover Lee Mack, 2-14-03, Di-

#11306-William Allen Umsted vs

Susan Uryl Umsted, 2-19-03, Di-

#11307-Tonya Lynn Owens vs

Richard David Owens, 2-20-03,

#11308-Colby Ray Rowley vs

Jessica Sue Rowley, 2-26-03, Di-

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National Council announced this

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Council has made two Top 10 na-

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was listed as #6 in the country in

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units. There is a list of 8 different

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must be met in order to achieve

The Golden Spread Council, Boy

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and volunteers in a 27 county area

that includes the top 24 counties of

the Texas panhandle and the 3

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National Quality Unit status.

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ux. 11-14-00, NW 1/4 Lot 9, Blk. I 13-03. (2 spaces) Shamrock Cemetery. CD—City of Shamrock to Carolyn Glover, 4-30-84, S 1/2 E 1/2 Lot 9, Blk. I (2 spaces) Shamrock Cem-

CD-Carolyn Glover Stratton to James M. Newsted, et ux, 11-14-00, S 1/2 E 1/2 Lot 9, Blk. I (2 spaces) Shamrock Cemetery. ASSIGN. PARTNERSHIP INTER-EST-Kenneth Lee Crawford, et al to Neal Wayne Crawford, et al.

ASSIGN. PARTNERSHIP INTER-EST-Donalu Oil Co., et al to Kevin vorce. Lee Crawford, et al, 1-1-03.

District Clerk's Filings: #11301—Felecia Ann McCarty vs Mary and Ira McCarty Blackburn,

#11302-In Re to Children, 2-6-

#11303-In Re to Minor Child, 2-



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GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Moore, 660' from South & East line Sec. 2,30,H&GN, PD 3500'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #13 Meek '67' 943' from North & 1503' from East line, Sec. 67, M-1, H&GN, PD 12200'

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUF-FALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., PD 12000', for the following wells:

#43-12P Bourassa 'A', 1800' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN.

#70-06P Brotherton, 2250' from North & 1650' from West line, Sec.

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

70,M-1,H&GN.

#12-15P Carr '12', 660' from E&P, Inc., #1 Thorne '18', Sec. South & 2085' from East line, Sec. 18, Y W. W. Lewis, spud 11-11-02, 12.4.AB&M.

#14-09P Carr '14', 1650' from 03, potential 542 MCF, TD 12276', South & 467' from East line, Sec. PBTD 10628' --14,4,AB&M. #14-13P Carr '14', 467' from HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) EOG Re-

South & West line, Sec. sources, Inc., #2 Humphreys, Sec. 14,4,AB&M. #68-09P Meek '68', 2200' from 7-25-02, TD 7300' (dry) -

South & 467' from East line, Sec. HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) 68,M-1,H&GN. #55-06P Pearson, 1650' from Johnson 'K', Sec. 70,46,H&TC,

North & 2450' from West line, Sec. spud 4-8-54, plugged 2-10-03, TD 55,M-1,H&GN. #43-01P Teas, 467' from North Dr. Sam G. Dunn & East line, Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN

#43-08P Teas, 2310' from Huber Corp., #2012 Byrum-Cof-North & 467' from East line, Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN. #54-03P Vandiver, 990' from

North & 1660' from West line, Sec. 54, M-1, H&GN. Amended Intention to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUF-FALO WALLOW Granite Wash)

Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #41.-11P Hefley, 2170' from South & 1800' from West line, Sec. 41,M-1,H&GN, PD 12000'. Amended to change well location Oil Well Completion

HEMPHILL (SOUTH FELDMAN Tonkawa) Questar E&P Co., #1021 Hodgson, 21,42,H&TC, spud 11-1-02, drlg compl 11-13-02, tested 1-29-03, pumped 5 bbl. of 48 grav. oil + no water, GOR 5400, TD 7950', PBTD 7900' -- Operator plans to com-

mingle in the near future Gas Well Completions GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #9 Lewis, Sec. 65, E, D&P, spud 9-13-02, drlg. compl 9-15-02, tested 11-

11-02, potential 490 MCF, TD 2651' --GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Rice 'A', Sec, 33, R, A. Rowe, spud 10-14-02, drlg. compl 10-16-02, tested 11-25-02, potential 1100

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On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con sietecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales"

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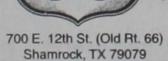
En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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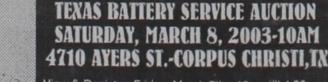
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and Sue Helms on March 9, Sarah Hudson, Krystal Fillingim on March 10, Estelle Hodges, Chase Scales, Jason Reed, Nathan Hefley, Tammy Newman on March 11 Diane Sparks, Andy Finsterwald, Marki Stringer on March 12, Darla Childress, Delore Simmons, Zachary Kirkpatrick, T. K. Carter, Kyla Young, Bryan Moran, Willene Burke, Jared Keys and Nikki Wiggins on March 13, Brad Moran, Dana Trimble, Mickey Macina, Andrea · Hershenrader and Lori Selby on March 14, Robbie Bleakley, Michelle Shorter, Tim Adcock, Ellie Wilkerson and Heather Marshall on March 15.

Happy Anniversary to Sybil and Ivy Alexander and Bob and Debbie Kinnaman on March 12

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Hestell Killingsworth, 95, in her death. She will be singing and making music with the heavenly choir. And God said, "Come up hither, Hestell; I have a place prepared for you and many joys." (My version)

Helping Jackie Don May celebrate his 30th birthday Thursday "night were parents Sallie and Tim Adcock, Grandpa Joe Shelton, who celebrated his 70th birthday in February, Jackie's wife, Kellie, and Peyton, who celebrated her 10th birthday in February and Shelton May and Jayton Childress all at Maxey's Saturday night.

Good to see Eddie and Leta

Meadows also at Maxeys and Bro. Jim Baker and some of his family from Canadian. Also Steve and grandparents of Clay and Raegan Joyce Walker and Kaitlyn with Harold and Katherine Jones and Mrs. Lucille Underwood. Also Ed and Laura Heshman with Joe and Cathy Montgomery. Also Lessie Austin with Joe and Liz Austin and Payton and Corbin.

birth of their new baby boy, Clayton moving to Perryton from Farewell (Clay) Alan Franklin, born in late January. He is welcomed by big Happy Birthday to Jimmy sister, Raegan, 2. They finally got Maddox, Tyna Horn, Sylvia Shuler their new home completed and got to move in just a few days before Lax and James Michael Braddox ciated. Pond, Jewell Moore, Michael Clay was born. Congratulatins to in their marriage. Mayfield, Edie Phillis, Hayden all! Russ and Amy Lucas are still



Dorcie Ann Porter Gillette. 7 years old, is the daughter of Guy and Cathi Gillette of Lovelady, Texas. Dorcie is the granddaughter of Louis and Barbara Stas of Wheeler, Texas and Guy and Doris Gillette of Yonker, New York.

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going to college at University of Kentucky in Lexington. Proud are Rick and Lucy Lucas. They've had a big ice storm over much of Kentucky with no heat in places. Great-grandparents were the late

Richard Laverty has been called to preach at First Baptist Church Congratulations to Charissa and Perryton. Richard and Karen and Roy Franklin of Kentucky on the Trey, Shaleena and Brenee will be Wheeler, Texas and Antonio in June after Trey graduates from ana were united in marriage Sathigh school. Best wishes! May God bless your ministry.

Roy and Lois Meadows.

the goat to Willa (kin to Leola, was February. The nanny had had diana. a big bag of milk for weeks. Looks like she'll need all she can produce. Willa was helping each baby to get some warm milk. The mama goat is 3 legged. Goats, anyone? Heard goats only have 2 teats.

The number at Wheeler Senior of the bride. Citizens Monday night was smaller, but they had a good meal and a good visit. Some there were Jo Redding, Lou Dean Douthit, Mary Margaret Dodd, Hannah Chapman, Joyce Perkins, Marie Gudgel and Evelyn Meek. Kathy Meek brought Evelyn by and then went on down to Shamrock and visited ex-teacher, Dorothy Jo George, and ate with her. Hello,

Willa Fillingim enjoyed a visit Monday from Carol Roberson and Rebekah, Jonathan, Timothy, Deborah, Grace Ann, Daniel, Phillip and Seth. They enjoyed seeing her baby goats and other animals and fowl and helped with things. Carol helped with milking as the wardrobe supervisor. the goat and took some of the milk home. Willa likes the milk.

Sincere sympathy to Aaron and Claudetta Laverty and family in the illness of Aaron's sister in Arkansas. She was very near death, so Aaron and Claudetta went to see her. Preaching at Gageby Sunday was Bro. Jim Baker from Canadian. He also lost his dad, Carl Baker of Shamrock and went on down after church for family dinner and services at Shamrock. Sincere sympathy to the Baker family.

Willa Fillingim went with Evelyn Meek and Doris Finsterwald to cal guitar and cello. The music for singing at Allison Sunday night. Good singing, but smaller crowd. Next singing will be April 6 at Gageby church at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

Arvid and Joetta Sword went to of the evening. Brownwood to Howard Payne son, Ben Sword had the male lead in a play called "And Then They membering the world of Ann met Ann Franks in Auxowitcz Con- carried her mother's Bible which centration Camp. Ann and her mom were both killed in the camp about 2 weeks before they would have been liberated. Later Eva's mom married Ann Frank's dad. (Ben played the part of Eva's boy friend.) Eva herself was at the play and talked some and answered questions. Very impressive!

Laverne and Delores Roper were honored with a 50th Anniversary celebration at Henderson, Texas February 22. Elva Wood is a cousin. She enjoyed having son James Hubble take her down Friday February 21 and really enjoyed getting to see here grand kids, Zane Hubble at Bridgeport and Amy Hubble, who is in college at Huntsville. And also getting to see Elizabeth and Lanny Atchley from Marble Falls and many other relatives. They got back Sunday

night. Glad to hear the Wheeler Methodist Church Congregation got to move back into their Sanctuary after several months of work on it with painting, new carpet, new benches. Looks beautiful.

Sunday night visitors at Edna May's were Virginia Puryear, Lou Dean Douthit and Irene Keys. They had pot pies, cake and fruit for supper and played 42 and had a good time visiting.

Willis and I enjoyed going to Dallas Fillingim wedding to Krystal Berend at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst Saturday night. Ed and Laurel Hershman drove us down and took care of everything. Many, many thanks! Many thanks also to all family and Teresa and Skeeter Powledge, Rifriends who cared enough to come down. So good to have you all there. Some there were Mary Newman, Clint Newman from Plano, John Poteet and Katie Ratliff, Ruth Irvine, Becky Tipps Wheeler Baptist Church Sunday and Casey, Vea Fillingim, Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber, Georgia Tipps, Vickey Nelson, Jimmy Nelson, Danny Nelson and Amy and Danielle, Keri Koelzer, seven years the Hensons have Gena Seitz, Phyllis and Kristi Hefley. Also there David Pearson's hate to see them go, but we will be mom, Mary Pearson and Glenn and Kathy Pearson and Kisa, Sam and Tina Tankersly all from Stam- things for the Lord, in His strength. ford. Rita's brothers Joe Lackey And we are counting on God to from Amarillo, Carrol and JoAnn Lackey from Fort Worth, Jerry and to that end. (Continued Page 6) Marion Lackey and Christy and Pat Steffek and Jeff and Julie Lackey and Cornina and Elise from Halletsville. (Christy's kids are Bailey and Clay Steffek). The church was beautiful. Many hymns and readigs from the Bible were used. Big crowd there.

After the wedding and mass, delicious snacks and dinner were served in the parish hall. We enjoyed meeting Krystal's parents, Melvin and Joyce Berend. Her three sisters were bridesmaids. Lindsey Criswell was a bridesmaid and Ken was an usher. Seven of Dallas's friends were groomsmen: Clay Gentry, Bart Wyatt, Kirk Self,

Adams-Garfias **Vows Exchanged** Sat., Oct. 5, 2002

Stephanie Dawn Adams of Garfias Jr. of East Chicago, Indiurday October 5th 2002 at the Adams home in an outdoor wed-Best wishes to Cassie Denise ding. Father Milton Raybould offi-

The bride is the daughter of Willa Fillingim's nanny goat fi- Jimmy and Marie Adams of nally had babies Thursday Feb. Wheeler, Texas. Parents of the groom was performed for the bride ries, butterfly cookies and other 27-tripletts. The people who gave groom are Estella Garfias of East and all those in attendance. Chicago, Indiana and Antonio and sister-in-law) had said due date Maria Garfias Sr. of Marillville, In- by Jason Adams, brother of the

> Mansoor, sister of the bride. Bridal of the bride, read the butterfly legattendants were Denise Garfias and Sylvia Sanchez, sisters of the groom, Melanie White, D'Anne Dupree and Melissa Zeidy, friends

Best man was Armando Rodriguez, cousin of the groom, groomsmen were Jason Wynn Adams, brother of the bride, Tony Kiene, friend of the groom, and Eric Bailey friend of the bride.

Ring bearer was Mason Adams Mansoor nephew of the bride. Victoria Grace Mansoor, niece of the bride, 7 months old, was also in attendance.

Stephanie is a graduate of Wheeler High School. She graduated from Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and her Masters of Fine Arts degree from Louisiana State University. She currently works for Blue Man Group in New York City

Antonio graduated from East Chicago Central High. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelors Degree and the University of Missouri in Kansas City with a Masters Degree. He currently works for Blue Man Group in New York City as their sound engineer.

The wedding took place at sunset in the backyard of the Adams home overlooking acres of beautifulland. The music for the evening was a Mariachi Band and the Adams cousins Richard Smith and Julie Adams Smith on the classithe dance that followed the reception was provided by Buddy Payne beginning with a dad/daughter dance and a series of other songs and 'DJ' Jason Adams for the rest

The bride wore a Cinderella style University over the weekend. Their gown with a beaded bodice with a full-length chiffon skirt accented with silk ribbon at the bottom of the Came For Me", a true story-re- gown. The fingertip veil was accented with silk ribbon at the bot-Franks. the author, Eva Scloss, tom and a beaded tiara. The bride

> Tab Hathaway, Charlie Blalock, Chris Bell and T. J. Crawford. Dallas and Krystal planned a 3 day cruise in the Carribean. Two of the sisters had brand-new babies, even younger than Blain Criswell, who is two months. So glad we could go be a part of the wedding celebration. Dallas and Krystal will be making their home in Wichita Falls. Pray for this fine couple; they are special. We had a good trip and got back to Wheeler about 11:30 and ate at Maxeys Sunday noon. We hope to have a visit from

> Dallas and Krystal soon. We stayed Saturday night at the Hampton Inn in Wichita Falls as did many of the other wedding guests. It was very nice and clean and the beds even slept real good. Price wasn't bad. There was a very delicious free breakfast with all sorts of good things: juices, yogurt, coffee, sausage biscuits, toast, boiled eggs, etc. and a mi-

crowave and toaster to use. Briscoe Community Church had a Fellowship Meal Sunday and enjoyed visiting after church. Some there were Lou Dean Douthit. Don and Billie Stuckey, Debbie Kinnaman, Delbert and Elizabeth Newman, Melvin and Cathy Hunt, Ruth Cornell, Fat and Wanda Childress, Alice Kelley, Elizabeth Meers, Rosalie Keelin (for church) and Johnny and Patty Crawford.

Big crowd at Maxeys Friday night, in spite of the cold. Nice to see Mary Hovey with daughter-in-

law, Terri Hovey and children. Larry and LaDonna Elmore with chard and Carol Kiker and grandchildren Matt and Kaylynn, Jim and Beth Alvey and David Hefley,

Charles and Margaret Kuntz. There was a big crowd out to night to bid farewell to our beloved pastor and wife, Toby and Kloette Henson and Ryan and Josh. Many spoke of pleasant memories in the been here-all ages. How we all praying for them and it is exciting to know they will be doing great send us a strong pastor as we pray

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black tuxedo with gold vest and fingertip jacket. The yard was decorated with fresh wildflowers and tiered white cake, accented with roses of gold and red hues. The red ribbon and fresh flowers, which wedding vows were exchanged in was placed upon a silver pedestal. front of the gazebo.

Quotes from the Bible were read bride, and Sylvia Garfias, sister of Matron of honor was Stacy Diane the groom. Stacy Mansoor, sister end at which time Monarch butterflies were released to carry away the secrets.

Wedding vows written by Stephanie and Tony were read by the bride and groom to each other. After the couple was pronounced husband and wife, the grooms grandfather, Juan Allamillo, presented the couple to all those gathered. Just following the ceremony

was carried at her wedding and a new family photograph was taken her sister Stacy carried at her wed- and all in attendance were invited ding and her brother Jason had to join the family for a chuck wagon. carried at his wedding. The brides barbecue and the traditional cutbouquet was fresh cut roses and ting of the cakes to follow. The wild flowers. The groom wore a mariachiband played to everyone's enjoyment during the meal.

The brides cake was a three A dessert table was also laden A song written and sung by the with chocolate covered strawberlovely desserts.

The groom's cake was a multi layered chocolate and white cake with strawberries, pudding and bananas between the layers.

Serving at the brides table were Meredith Schooler and Mackenzie Schooler of Amarillo, Texas and Courtney Tyree of Wayside, Texas all are cousins of the bride.

Flower girls were Katy Acuna, cousin of the bride, of McLean, Brianna Angelica and Nita

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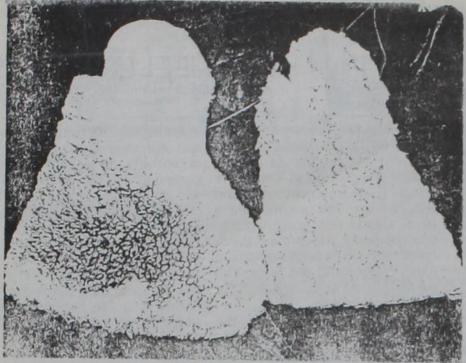




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1899 James Clark, Walter, Wesley

and Lillie all filed on a quarter

south and west of the town site of

Sweetwater, Oklahoma. They kept

with them. They did not know he

was an escaped convict infected

with small pox. Within a few days

the Clarks were sick. January 18,

John Sylvester Clark died; he was

buried just north of their dwelling

on James's Oklahoma claim. Janu-

ary 28 Th. James Alexander Clark

died also. James was buried be-

Harvey Sparks. They moved to his

homestead down the creek a few

miles and moved into a half-dug-

out. Walter worked his land, as did

Wesley. There were four Sparks

children born during the next eight

years. They all completed high

school and all attended college;

this was quite a goal for those

days. Lillie Clark Sparks died in

1934 of consumption. The Clark

children remained in the west and

This is not an unusual family

history of those who settled on

there, but is just another bit of

By some miracle, two items of

this time have survived in this fam-

ily to this date. One is a school

memory book written while Lillie

Clark was attending school in

Mobeetie in 1890. The other is a

pair of buffalo hide gloves worn by

James Alexander Clark during

those years. The gloves were

homemade. These items have

been given to the Mobeetie Jail

Museum for safe keeping, because

it is doubtful that they can be pre-

served for another 100 years by

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all raised families.

Mobeetie (from Page 2) James whipped his team just to be first to unload. The Clarks attended school there until they were to go to High School. Then the family moved to Mobeetie. Living in Mobeetie worked well for James. he could get more orders for freight

hauling.

December 1891 the children were sick with whooping cough. During the night one of the childrenthrew up, so Amanda cleaned up and mopped the floor. She became wet and chilled. Soon she had pneumonia and died December 7, 1891. There were 6 children the youngest girls were 8 and 6 years. James sent the two girls to his sister Nan Tarver at Peoria Texas by train. Her husband Jim Tarver was a rural mail carrier near there. The trip from Mobeetie was uneventful for the grieving and sick girls. They arrived very tired. Jim met the children and loaded them with their baggage and started the long and cold buggy ride home. A rider who told him his wife Nan had died during a nightmare the night before met them. He turned around in the road and returned to the train depot where the girls made the long trip back to Mobeetie. The oldest girl Lillie was 11 years old. She took over the household duties, and the others shared duties where they could. They all learned to cook and wash. Mobeetie was becoming a hasbeen. The town site moved onemile north; many old timers remained in Old Mobeetie. Then the Courthouse moved to Wheeler,

Country (from Page 5)

Bob and Gena Zybach left February 10 to go to South Padre Island for most of three weeks. (You know how the kids all like to go there for Spring Break.) The first night they spent at Marble Falls on the way down. They enjoyed meeting friends Chester and Oleta Noah from Leedey and Dale and Eudora Trent from Harmon at Johnson City for supper and a good visit. Next day they went on down to Port Isabell where they stayed. They would go over to South Padre during the day and pick up sea shells. Bob did lots of fishing, but mostly were too small to keep. They are really strict about that. They picked lots of grapefruit and oranges and brought back, so good and fresh. Gena enjoyed crocheting and resting and visiting with many people they have met on past trips. It was a nice trip and they enjoyed it, but had to drive on ice for about 300 miles coming home. Bob went deep sea fishing one day, but got awfully sea sick and no way to get back till the boat comes back. They got to drive out on the beach to look for shells, but they didn't go swimming. Most of other people there were from Minnesota, Montana, Illinois, Iowa. Bob and Gena enjoyed going to church there, too. Preacher portrayed Bible characters.

Saturday morning Becky Zybach, Daphne Zybach, Christy Willingham and Diane Dukes all went to Canyon to a wedding shower for Darren Lanow's upcoming wedding to Robin Williams of Pampa. Roads were very icy from Mobeetie to Panhandle. (Darren is a brother to Daphne). After the shower Diane and her girls: Carissa McCarter, Andrea Auldridge and Tysen and Deidre Harris and Logan all got together and went shopping. They also saw Kathy Zybach and Casey who were shopping for Caseys coming wedding to Ben Pigg of Valley June 6.

"God be with you till we meet

OBSERVATIONS

I received a very nice letter Judy (826-5241) last week from Jane Kelly who is Amarillo College's Transition ordinator. She was writing to com-

our students. If you are interested possible. in allowing one or more of our students to "job shadow" or ob- cus in on a career choice will have serve your work day, please call an advantage in making the transi-

Foster (from Page 1)

tary/clerk/typist in Mobeetie, then Allison, then Wheeler County, where she taught herself shorthand, via a correspondence course in 1943, Childress (1946-1948), and Hereford (1948-1977), retiring from the Farmers Home Administration, USDA, at Hereford in 1975. Moving to Sulphur Springs in 1977, she utilized her good business sense to continue to do well financially. In addition to church activities, she was active in the Art Guild and the National Association of Federal Employees. She was a sweet, loving wife and mother and was lovingly known as "Momma" by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her strong Christian faith, ensection of land each in Indian Ter- couragement, generosity and exritory. Their claims were on emplary life greatly influenced her Sweetwater Creek just 2 miles family and friends in a very posi-

tive manner. She is survived by her husband, their house in Mobeetie. One night Art Foster; her children, Cortland a man came by and had supper Savage and wife, Jan, Keith Savage and wife, Kathryn, Sue Savage Huston and husband, Sid; brothers, Norman Dysart and wife, Vircie, David Dysart; a sister, Laverne D Holcomb and husband, Henry A.; a stepdaughter, Mary Jane Foster Chrisman and husband, Darrell; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; cousins, side his son. The family remained nieces, nephews and step-grandteam of horses and married Julius and two brothers, Carey A. Dysart and Elwyn Dysart.

Funeral services were held at Springs at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Lewis officiating. Burial was at Restlawn Memorial Park, with Duke Huston, David Huston, James Carey Savage, Michael Blake Whitley serving as pallbear-

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. for all Sweetwater Creek to live and die their special care to our mother; also to the First Baptist Church for their love and prayers. Memorials may be made to the Hopkins County Hospice, 115 Airport Road, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482. We are so thankful for each and every

> Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Soil ^(from Page 1)

The law established the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Five elected board members chosen by a delegation of soil and water conservation district directors also head this board. This agency is in charge of coordinating all of Texas' soil and water conservation program with state's

The Wheeler Soil and Water District Board members would like to urge you to come by the office on the first Thursday of every month and meet with each of the directors. This committee is committed to conserving our soil and water in our district. Wheeler SWCD is looking forward to working with our farmers and ranchers.

The Wheeler Soil and Water Conservation District office hours are Monday thru Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

of assisting our students in career exploration and the transition that pliment our district on our students is needed from high school to cawho visited AC recently on a Job reer or college, Mrs. Woollard also Shadowing experience. She spoke has the responsibility of informing of the students' maturity and po- our secondary students of the opliteness and of the level of pre-portunities and deadlines that face paredness that the students ex- them in preparation for graduation. If you have questions about Judy Woollard organized this scholarships, applications, or colparticular job shadowing event and lege entrance exams, please conis seeking to give all of our high tact her and let her try to get anschool students at least one ca- swers to your questions. She is reer exploration type experience seeking to put as much informaeach year. This type of activity tion in the hands of our seniors as helps our students explore the she can on a regular basis. These various career opportunities they are very important decisions that have before them. I believe that our students are making and we the people who participate in these are seeking to give them as much experiences benefit as much as information and experience as

... from the Wheeler SUPERINTENDENT

Along with the responsibility

Students who are able to fotion from high school to college. I believe that students who have some general knowledge of what career they want to pursue will be more successful in high school and college. Students who do not have any idea about what career they are interested in tend to be less motivated in regards to studying and learning in general. Average students who have definite career goals outperform students with more academic ability but less motivation. We have all witnessed the amazing transformation of the poor student who returns to college as an adult and is very successful. I believe a major factor in the change is the connection that they can make as adults between what they are doing in education and how it will benefit them in a

Leffer To The Editor

Dear Editor:

As we all know, our world has much turmoil today. It appears that we could be involved in a major military action at any moment. Most of us sit at home and wonder what we can do to help.

I think our greatest source of help is through God, our heavenly Father. The USA has not been a lucky country; it has been a blessed together for one more year. Lillie children. She was preceded in country. Our founding fathers built met Julius Harvey Sparks, and death by her parents, Carey Allen this country around some very then Lillie traded her claim for a Dysart and Minnie Kesler Dysart basic principles and then stated, "In God we Trust", which we can find printed on our money

If we really trust in God, I think the First Baptist Church in Sulphur it's mandatory we look to God's word, the Bible, to know in whom February 27, 2003, with Rev. Fred we trust and how to trust Him. It seems to me that it is easy for us to focus on God when times are rough or bad, but when life is sailing along smoothly, we forget God. I Savage, Michael Drudge and don't think any parents would be content to hear from their children just when they are in need. It's kind of nice to hear "Mom, I love you" or "Thank you Mom" at just a spur of the moment. I think God is the same way. He wants to hear from us constantly, if only momentary thoughts such as "Thank you Lord for this beautiful day!" He wants to hear our needs and take care of those needs, but He also demands our obedience.

God has given us a manual by which to live, the Bible! If we look at the 10 commandments in Exodus 20: 1-17, we find some simple, basic principals by which to live.

1. We are to have only one God, and this is our heavenly father.

2. We are to worship him onlynot our money, our land or even our family. God is first-ALWAYS!

3. We shall not task His name in vain. This includes cussing or even mentioning His name in disrespectful manner.

4. We are to obey our parents and honor them.

5. We are not to murder.

6. We are not to commit adultery, even though this act is glori-

fied in movies and television pro-7. We are not to steal.

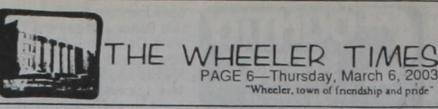
8. We are not to lie or bear false witness. We should be honest and truthful without the need for a legal

9. We are not to envy or covet what our neighbor has. Be grateful for what we have-our basics (food, health, homes, clothes, etc.); our luxuries (car, television, vacations, eating out at restaurants); even things that we take for granted (good water, fresh air, etc.).

Keep the Sabbath day holy. Basically, nine of these ten commandments are repeated in the New Testament (Mathew 5:17-47 and Galatians 5: 19-21. Instead of the Sabbath day (seventh) we now

have the first day of the week. Other scriptures condemn practices that we see in our world today. Drunkenness is a sin; homosexuality is a sin. These things are condemned in God's word, and why? They are bad for us! Would we turn on an iron and give it to our 4-year-old toddler to play with? If we are loving parents, we wouldn't! Why wouldn't we? Because we love that child, and we don't want him to be harmed. It's basically the same thing with God's rules for us. He loves us and He doesn't want us to be hurt.

We need to look at some of the changes that have occurred in our country. At one time we could own a slave. Slavery was abolished and that is good. A man shot a pregnant woman and killed her baby, but her life was spared. The man was charged with murder and that was good. Why can pregnant women choose to abort or murder their babies and that is not consid-





WAAIC: pictured left to right are Ben Ed Hillhouse, Charles Kuntz, Dave Britt, Randy McCurley, and Jay Randels.

Wheeler Area Activities & Improvement Council Work For Benefit Of Wheeler

Improvement Council, Inc. was established in 1993 to enhance and improve the quality of life for the people of the Wheeler Area. The Council offers organizations a method to improve the service they currently provide by receiving, maintaining, and dispensing charitable gifts and resources.

The Council recently received donations from the First State

The Wheeler Area Activities and Bank, Mobeetie, Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler, Wheeler Economic Developement Corporation, Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, Britt Ranch, Johnny Velasquez, and T. G. Puryear for the promotion of nature tourism in \ County. Wheeler County ing thru the Texas Prairie Association and with Davidson from Miami, Te



FIRST PLACE: The Ft. Elliott K-2 Little Dribblers' basketball team took second place honors in the little dribbler's tournament held at Ff. Elliott on Saturday, February 22. Pictured are (back row, I. to r.) Derek Hungate, Tyler Schaub, Travis Elmore, Brandon Hathaway, Dale Hathaway-Coach, (front) Andrew Huff, Cody Clark, Blake Hathaway, Zane Zybach and Braden Trimble.



FIRST PLACE: The Ft. Elliott 3-4 Little Dribblers took first place honors in the basketball tournament held in Briscoe on Saturday, February 22. Pictured are (back row, I. to r.) Carl Jahnel, Gatlin Duncan, Rowland Newman, Grant Archer, Matt Kiker, Joe Thaldonado, Davis Corse, (front) Jordan Robinson, Daniel Hovey, Jayton Bell, Dawson Clark and Kory McLaughlin.

that life style is condemned in the life. Bible (Leviticus 18: 22-24, Romans protect the "rights" of people that are plainly stated as sin and goes against God's will for us, then we have major conflict when we ask God to bless America, or state, "In God we Trust"! We can't live on both sides of the fence. If people choose to defiantly disobey God's word than they may need to choose a different country in which to live. We are a God fearing nation that trusts in God! We must stand up for what is right; and we must elect leaders for our state and our country that uphold Bible truths, if we want God to continue to bless us.

We have all sinned and continue to sin. God has promised to forgive us if we will turn from our sinful ways and obey His word. We must not depend on our preacher, some Bible scholar, our neighbor or whomever to tell us God's will. He has given us His word and we are responsible to read it. We can study with others, but we still must

can choose "alternative life styles" read the Bible, study it and obey and then fight for their rights, when it-apply those teachings to our

My son asked me the other day 1: 26-27). If we create laws to what we could do to help our country's situation. I told him that we need to pray and that we need to be ready to meet our Lord. If we are Christians and do our best to completely obey God's word, then there is not one thing anyone can do to take the most precious gift of live away—eternity in Heaven. God has made that promise to us and He keeps His promises!

> Thank you, Melanie Reed

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