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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## **CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

The first day of school is just around the corner. August 27 is the day. And as the saying goes, "Where did the summer go?"

—cwe—

Have you looked at the trees lately? My maple tree seems to be starting to turn. Early frost?

—cwe—

I ask where the summer went, and we are just now starting to have summer days. And, we have had some hot ones.

—cwe—

Jennifer and Greg came for the weekend, to get away from the heat. Their air conditioner went out on Aug. 2. They have had to wait

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## Hunter Education Classes To Be Offered

A Hunter Education Class will be held August 17-18 at the Shamrock High School Library. The cost will be \$15.00. The class is open to ages 12 and up.

Classes on Friday will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Classes on Saturday will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Individuals must attend both days of classes.

For more information, contact Robert Greenwalt at 806-683-5957.

## SAFETY FIRST

By Jennifer Ritz

To condense the research of Mindy Brashears into fewer than 600 words is nearly impossible. The amount of research she has conducted is staggering, amounting to nearly \$7 million in research grants to Texas Tech University—grants not only from the USDA, but countless private organizations such as the National Cattleman's Beef Association and the American Meat Institute Foundation.

The focus of her work is food safety, mainly pathogen reduction, in meat. She is prolific in the breadth of her research—her curriculum vista is more than 31 pages long. She is not only known nationally for her work, but also internationally as she travels with Texas Tech's International Center for Food Industry Excellence. Currently, she is working with a group of Italian engineers in Italy to develop a microwave system to pasteurize foods that does not change the physical properties of food. The group has successfully pasteurized eggs without changing egg quality and has reduced pathogens in cheese and spices. Some preliminary experiments Brashears has conducted for the Italian group at Texas Tech have shown that the microwave process eliminates 99 percent of salmonella in shell eggs, listeria monocytogenes can be reduced 99.9 percent on the surfaces of meats in the package without changing quality attributes and mold in bread can be eliminated resulting in a shelf life of 60 days for military operations.

The Italian company that funded the development of the technology entered into an exclusive agreement with Texas Tech University, and all intellectual property rights have been assigned to Texas Tech.

Some of her most recent and well-known projects in the United States include carbon monoxide packaging and how it reduces salmonella and

E. coli in ground beef, use of lactic acid bacteria to reduce E. coli and salmonella in fresh meat and poultry products (a newly-



Mindy Brashears

## Commissioners Meet In Regular Session Monday, Burn Ban Remains In Effect

Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007, at the Wheeler County Courthouse. Eighteen items were on the agenda for the 10:00 meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

The monthly reports of the Justices of the Peace, County Treasurer, County Tax Assessor (May, June and July) County Clerk and District Clerk were accepted as presented.

The county's bills were approved for payment as presented. Two transactions had to do with the budget. Moneys were transferred within Precinct 3's accounts. Funds were transferred from the Constable's accounts into the County Sheriff's account to correct a budget deficit.

The court feels it is still necessary for the county to be under a burn ban.

David Rushing, Shamrock E.D.C., met with the commissioners to seek a tax abatement for a hotel being built in Shamrock. The city of Shamrock had agreed to an abatement. The county did not approve the requested abatement.

Kevin Buck met with the court to see if back taxes on property he recently acquired could be forgiven. The commissioners were not able to forgive any of the back taxes, but informed him that time payments could be arranged.

Wheeler County agreed to ac-

cept an oil/gas check for \$100 for mineral interests in the Rathien well. The county has a 0.0017756 interest in the well. The check was for a 3-year period.

The county agreed to allow Dominion OK, TX, E&P, Inc. to cross County Road 28 for installation of a salt-water disposal line.

Kenny Brdecko, County Agent, met with the commissioners to present a proposed policy for Wheeler County Ag and Family Center. The policy is not complete, but it is necessary to give approval in order to receive some of the grants. The policy was approved with the understanding changes would be made. The Ag and Family Center will be alcohol-free.

It was voted to allow Lynn Switzer, District Attorney, to supplement the salary for Evelyn Rutherford out of the seizure account.

Tax Assessor, Scott Porter, presented the Delinquent Tax Roll for 2006. \$43,000 is still owed; 98.9% of the taxes owed have been paid.

The county's tax collection rate was increased from 1% to 1.5%. This is for collecting taxes for other county taxing entities.

The last four items on the agenda were for the placing of speed limit signs in Briscoe, effective Monday, August 13, 2007. A 25-mph speed limit sign will be placed on CR 14, north of Briscoe off FM 1046; North Oak Street in Briscoe; Santa Fe Street in Briscoe and Elm Street in Briscoe.

The next regular meeting of the commissioner's court will be Monday, August 27.

## Fund Is Established For John Paul Harris

A special account has been set up for John Paul Harris at the First State Bank of Mobeetie. John Paul is the son-in-law of Bevard and Diane Dukes and the husband to Deidre and father of Logan and Breeley. John Paul has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. John Paul is very strong in his faith and has a positive outlook. If you would like to make a contribution you can do so at the Mobeetie or Wheeler office.

## Services Are Wednesday For Herbert Coleman

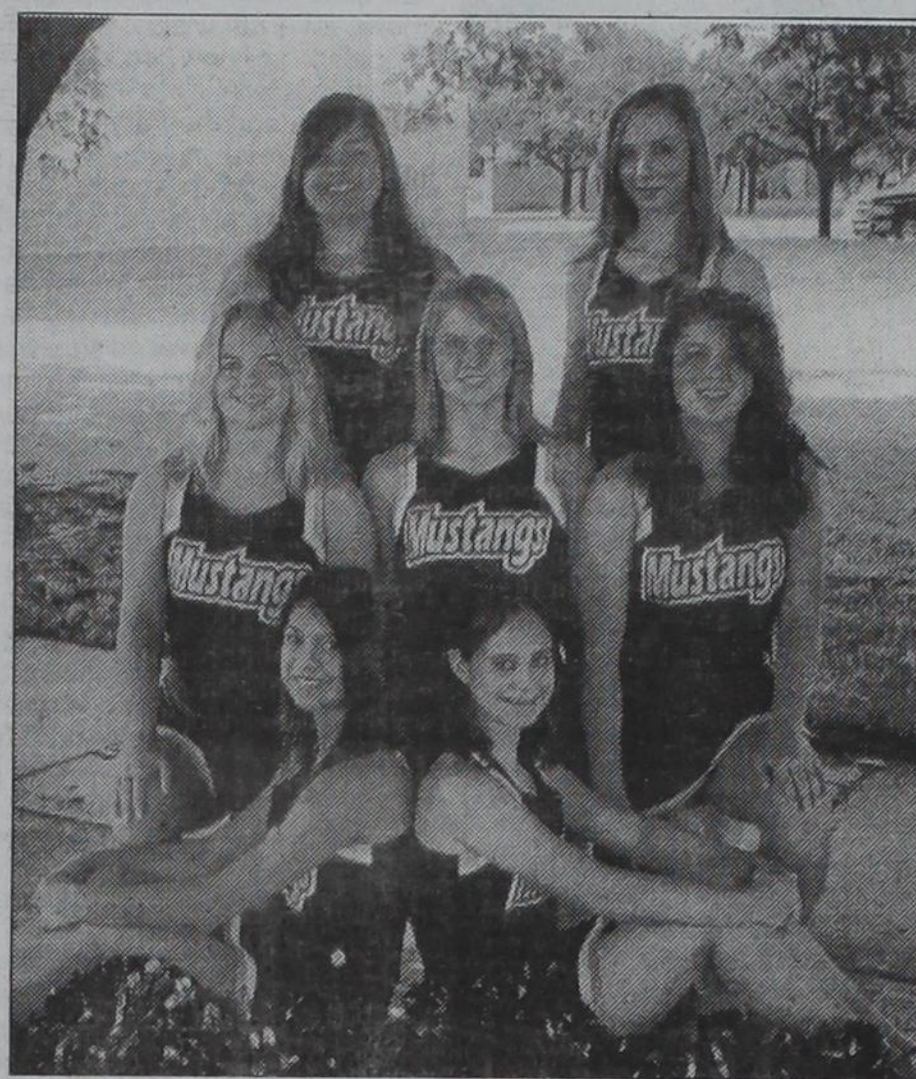
Herbert Donald Coleman, 78, died Monday, August 13, 2007, at Shamrock, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at the Dozier Cemetery with Doug Rives and Byron Bell officiating.

Herbert Donald Coleman was born September 21, 1928, in Dozier, Texas, Collingsworth County to John Alex and Lettie Mary Coleman. He married Martha Montgomery on November 12, 1947. He later married Patsy Embrey on September 26, 1981.

Mr. Coleman attended Samnorwood School and graduated in 1947. He farmed and ranched in the Samnorwood and Dozier areas most of his life. He was a member of Samnorwood Lion's Club; former school board member; and a member of the Dozier Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy



**2007-2008 W.H.S. CHEERLEADERS:** The Wheeler High School Cheerleaders attended an NCA Cheerleading Camp at Shamrock Aug. 1-3. The girls received many awards and the "Top Ten" trophy and Spirit Stick. Macie Miller and Nicole Moore were nominated to try out for "All American Cheerleader". Pictured here are (l. to r., back) Carla Mendoza, Olivia Locke, (middle) Nicole Moore, Ashley Gallagher, Macie Miller, (front) Tania Flores and Bailey Richardson.



**"ALL AMERICAN":** Nicole Moore, Wheeler W.H.S. Cheerleader Captain, was chosen "All American Cheerleader" at the NCA Cheerleading Camp held in Shamrock recently.

## First State Bank Is Named Top Performer

ICBA Independent Banker, the national magazine of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) highlighted First State Bank as a "Top 20" industry earnings performer.

First State Bank was recognized for posting one of the 20 best year-end earnings performances in 2006 for ICBA member banks with less than \$50 million in assets.

"Community banks are integral parts of the economic and civic fabric of thousands of towns and cities across America," said ICBA Chairman James P. Ghiglieri, Jr., president of Alpha Community Bank, Toluca, Ill. "In addition to offering the quality financial products and services their customers need, community banks like First State Bank spend countless hours and resources helping their communities thrive. ICBA congratulates First State Bank for serving its community so efficiently and effectively."

First State Bank was identified in ICBA Independent Banker's annual year-end ranking of ICBA members based on the standard industry performance measures of return on average assets and return on average equity. The magazine compiles its annual member rankings in its June issue from year-end FDIC call report data.

Separate performance rankings are listed for Subchapter S corporation community banks and Subchapter C corporation community banks among five asset categories. For details, visit the online news and media center at [www.icba.org](http://www.icba.org) and click on Top 20 Best Performers.

ICBA Independent Banker is the flagship magazine published by ICBA. The monthly magazine is the only nationally distributed publication that exclusively covers the community bank marketplace.

## Gospel Jamboree Set For Saturday At Erick

If you enjoy good old gospel music and are looking for a "cool" night out, don't miss the "Gospel Jamboree" sponsored by the Roger Miller Museum in Erick, this Saturday night, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to great entertainment, you will enjoy the comfortable stadium seating and air-conditioning that the newly renovated Clifford Macklin Auditorium provides.

Performing gospel selections will be 9 year old Westin Woodruff, Hollis; the Methodist Men's Group and Bro. Ralph Chapman, Sayre; Joe Jernigan, Shamrock; and Beverly Baker, Elk City. Erick performers will include the Baptist Quartet, Charlie Floyd, the Nazarene Church, the Assembly of God Church chorus, Roy Clymer, Retta Snowden, Glenda West and Marlene Durham, and Mack Smotherman.

Admission is free (donations will be accepted at the door). All proceeds will benefit the Roger Miller Museum; however, the museum will be donating 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the proceeds to the Erick Ministerial Alliance. The Ministerial Alliance is a great organization that helps many individuals in many ways.

## L. B. Pendleton Jr. Dies Tuesday, Aug. 7

L. B. Pendleton, Jr., passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born October 17, 1924, in Wheeler, Texas, to L. Byron Pendleton and Jennie Carter Slaton. L. B. was preceded in death by his parents and his only sister, Billie Jean Wood of Amarillo, Texas. He attended Wheeler Schools and joined the US Navy during World War II. He started his career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1950, retiring after 34 years of service in Amarillo, Texas, and recently moved to San Antonio, Texas. On April 13, 1952, he married Ida Lou Campsey and together they had three children: Larry Byron Pendleton of Abilene, Texas; Donna Lynn Pendleton of Amarillo, Texas; Ileta Kim Pendleton of San Antonio, Texas and one granddaughter, Hallie Ann Pendleton of Houston, Texas.

## Exie Darlene Francis Graveside At Gageby

Exie Darlene Francis, 84, died Tuesday, August 7, 2007, in Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, at Gageby Cemetery in Hemphill County with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, Texas, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Miss Francis was born January 29, 1923, in Hemphill County, Texas, to John Henry and Maye Barker Francis. She resided with her parents on their farm in the Gageby Community until age 19. At that time, she attended business college in Amarillo, Texas, for 8 months before going to work for Magnolia Petroleum Company in Amarillo on June 14, 1943. Exie was transferred to Dallas, Texas, on October 1, 1962, where she worked in several different departments of Magnolia/Mobil, retiring July 1, 1982, after 39 years of service. She was a past president of Desk and Derrick Club of Dallas and was a member of the Book Mark Review Club. Her church membership was still at First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas. She loved God, her country, her beloved family and her many good friends.

Survivors are a brother, Cecil Clay Francis, of Pampa, Texas; a sister, Noveta Faye Shannon, of Pasadena, Texas and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Zane Gray Francis.

The family suggests memorials be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79101 or Park Place Towers, 1300 S. Harrison, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Family and friends may post tributes on the online registry at [www.carmichael-whalley.com](http://www.carmichael-whalley.com).



Exie Francis

## Blake Hathaway Memorial Fund

A memorial honoring Blake Hathaway has been set up through the Pampa Optimist Youth Club. Memorials can be sent to Pampa Optimist Youth Club P.O. Box 802 Pampa, TX 79065.

## Mobeetie Bible School Set To Begin Monday

Hey Sports fans, This year the theme for Vacation Bible School is Game Day Central! We will be learning about Heroes!

To start off our week of activities we will be having a "Tailgate" cook-out and swimming party on

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**CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** On August 17, 2007, Wanda and Lavon Williams will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Lavon Williams and Wanda Buchanan wed August 17, 1957, in Anton, Texas, at the Methodist Church. They have made their home in Wheeler for the last 33 years. Lavon currently owns Williams Appraisal Services. Wanda is a homemaker. They have four daughters: Sharon Patterson, Shamrock, TX.; Brenda Leigh, Pampa, TX.; Donna Williams and Teresa Harmon, both of Boyce, LA.; seven grandchildren: Brandi Dougherty, Wheeler, TX.; Misti Patterson, Venice, IL.; Taryn, Clint and Shayla Harmon, Boyce, LA. and Shannon and Allison Leigh, Pampa, TX. and five great-grandchildren: Tre McElveney; Melody Mcgruder and Shai, Alex and Tessa Dougherty. The family will celebrate on Friday, August 17, at Maxey's Steakhouse for a night out.





**ENTERPRISING YOUNG LADIES:** With the temperatures in the high 90's these young ladies decided to open a lemonade stand. They located the business on the west side of the square and joined "Farmer's Market" Wednesday afternoon. Pictured are (l. to r.) Caitlynn Walker and Cassidy Andis.

## ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and they way ye know. Jesus saith, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If he love me, keep my commandments. John 14:1-4 & 6 & 7 & 11-15

The weather here in Allison, Texas on this Tuesday morning is very very HOT already. Its hot and dry, but by watering we can keep the flowers and trees and veggies still looking pretty and also can still gather the garden things. Praise be to God for his blessings!!

The Harrison/Bradley Reunion was held at Cloudford, New Mexico and around 104 was in attendance.

Louise Boydston of Allison, Shirley Chadwick of Jones, Oklahoma, Ernie and Sue Martin of Leedey, Oklahoma, Adam and Amber of Jones, Oklahoma, Mike and LaQuinta Hulse of Sahuarita, Arizona, Chuck, Kim, Kimber, Britany and Chase Thompson of Amarillo, Texas, and Trey Latham of Amarillo, Texas all stayed in the Crown Point Condominium in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Then they all traveled to Cloudford to attend the Harrison/Bradley Reunion on Saturday and Sunday.

Wednesday, Opal and Juanita Boydston traveled to Wheeler, Texas on business and did some shopping and then on to Shamrock, Texas on business and more shopping.

Thursday, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Glenn and Betty Boydston to Reydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a delicious meal of fried chicken, creamed potatoes and gravy, english pea salad, hot roll and mushmelon for dessert. Others there from Allison were: Virginia Puryear, Reta Grayson and Charlene Rainey.

Thursday afternoon, Opal and

Juanita Boydston visited in the home of Roma and Billy June Brown for awhile. Roma and Billy June shared some of their green beans and blackeyed peas out of Roma's garden for Opal and Juanita to can. Thanks Uncle Roma and Aunt Billy!!

Welcome back to Allison again Curtis and Lillian Boydston. On Friday after arriving back in Allison, Curtis and Lil came up to visit awhile in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Saturday, Opal and Juanita Boydston visited in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston and enjoyed a game of Mexican Train. Juanita won this time.

Sunday, after church, Opal and Juanita Boydston traveled to Wheeler, Texas where they enjoyed a delicious meal at Mel's Diner. After the meal they did some shopping before going home.

Sunday evening after church, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Glenn and Betty Boydston gathered in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston where they visited and played a game of Mexi-

### The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

Many years ago, my family spent spring vacation in Death Valley, California. Lately, I feel as though we live in Death Valley as the heat here has stayed in the 90s for days! Thank goodness for the evenings, nights and mornings when it gets into the 70s. I think we have had enough heat for a while. Anyway, back to Death Valley. Around Easter time, my husband and young son, Mike, used to take a week or so to visit Tecopa Hot Springs and Furnace Creek Inn with my sister-in-law, Franqueline, her husband, Fred, and young daughter, Gyl. We were all so young and had lots of fun, but it got out of hand one day when Fred did not want to put his boat in the lake a few miles away for a day of fishing. He decided to take a nap and while he was asleep, my son and husband put the boat in the swimming pool at Tecopa Hot Springs. They all had fun until Fred woke up and asked, "How do we get it out of the pool?!" It took a few good men a long time to get it back on the boat trailer. We were always doing fun things to Fred. He was so surprised when we painted his toenails red while he slept on the beach in San Clemente and told him there was no way to get it off except wear it off. All those people are gone now with the exception of Mike and me. This heat we are having now reminds me of Death Valley and the fun days of our youth, but right now I am thinking more of snow or rain.

Our kitten, Charlie, is a real handful, but so cute and funny. He has to be with people all the time. He understands "NO" very well, for it is used a lot and his favorite toy is a 2-foot long cord that he drags around the house most of the time. Right now, I think it is his only friend. Today I found him curled up in the bathroom sink with his cord when I got out of the shower. We have to lock him out of the atrium because he will eat the plants, out of the bedrooms for he will walk on you all night and out of Glenn Forrest Frosty's office where he can undo all the computer, fax and copier wires in one swoop. I am beginning to think we could use a few more doors in this house. I just know Charlie will grow up someday.

There is a couple in our community that I want to give recognition to and that is Harold and Elaina Walker. They make it their job to keep this place real nice and they do it out of the goodness of their hearts. They mow the roadsides and empty lots, cut down dead trees and so many other really nice things for Allison, Texas. Some people really do make a difference and they sure do. A big thank you to both of you and we do appreciate what you do for this community, Harold and Elaina!

Glenn was watering the chickens the other day and I saw Henry  
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can Train and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Juanita won this game, but only by three points.

Monday, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Curtis and Lillian Boydston gathered in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston where they enjoyed a delicious meal.

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Glenn grilled some really good burgers and Betty fixed all the trimmings and Lillian brought the squash and baked beans. Juanita made some homemade vanilla ice cream and made a homemade coconut cream pie. We had a good time visiting. After the meal Juanita enjoyed seeing the new rooster and the baby chicks and when Betty fed her Coy fish, they came to surface of the pond and was beautiful. Also enjoyed playing with Glenn and Betty's new cat, Charlie. He is very playful.  
May God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time.

### To The Friends And Family Of . . . Tamara Hefley and Christopher Gallagher

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### Wheeler Church of Christ

Our family has just returned from a good vacation. We drove through Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota getting to see such inspiring things as Pike's Peak, Devil's Tower and Mt. Rushmore. We went to the Denver Mint, a Colorado Rockies game and spent the night on a bison ranch outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Half of the time we stayed in our tiny camper and half of the time we stayed in hotels. We cooked some meals on a Coleman stove and ate out at some unique restaurants. There were exciting times, although I think that both of my older children might end up remembering the trip most because they were able to read and finish the final *Harry Potter* book during a lot of our spare moments.

What I will remember the most from this vacation, though, is that all five of us were together. Maybe that is something that is

easily taken for granted; but, the realization has already set in that the number of family vacations that include just us five are very limited. Five more years and our oldest child will move away from home to start college, and there may be summer jobs that limit her participation even earlier than that. All of our lives are busy...and getting busier with each passing year.

What I am learning is that I must treasure this time. Not just the vacations, but also all the time with these children with which God has blessed my wife and me. Psalm 127:3-5: Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Shawn D. Johnson

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

Services:  
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# Old Mobeetie Jail Museum



by Tonya Finsterwald  
OMTA Secretary  
The Old Mobeetie Association is making great progress on the

remodeling of the Old Mobeetie Grade School located 2 blocks east of the museum.

Currently the texturing of the walls is almost complete and the painting is about to begin. Beautiful cabinets for the kitchen and gift shop have been hand crafted by carpenter Jimmy Davis. They are simply amazing.

This project began late last fall with museum board members and volunteers ripping out the old walls and ceilings in preparation for the carpenter, electricians and plumb-

ers to begin their work. What looked almost impossible at the time has turned into an impressive building that is sure to awe all who visit it. Other projects completed include all new windows, a new roof, and cabinetry.

Carl Williamson of Miami visited with the group during the regular meeting in July. He gifted the museum with copies of photos he took at the Old Town Hoedown. Some had been converted to a sepia tone and looked just like vintage photos. The photos were

given to the museum to use as they see fit. They are wonderful photos and greatly appreciated.

Over 378 people visited the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in June. Of those 45 were from out of state and 2 were from Germany. The amount of visitors to the website continues to amaze members. In June, alone, the website received 59,314 hits for an average of 1,977 daily hits. Two new countries visiting the site were Benin and Macedonia. Almost 2,000 website hits a day is absolutely amazing.



The Old Mobeetie Music Festival was once again a success. The new t-shirts sold like hotcakes. Thanks to all the advertisers featured in the Old Mobeetie Music Books. For the past few years we have been hiding "Mobeetie Pete's" (a small critter holding a banjo) through out the ads. Visitors finding all of them are entered into a drawing for a special prize. All the fans seem to love this and some early birds are usually ready to sign up before the festival even begins! This is a fun game for the visitors and provides greater exposure for our advertisers who we appreciate very much and want to promote as much as possible.

The museum appreciates Ed Hershman, Harold Walker and friends mowing the grass prior to the festival. It takes so many volunteers, mowing, weed eating, raking, hauling off limbs, painting and more, to get the grounds in tip top shape for the events and all year round.

Megan Horn has been helping out at the museum this summer. Sarah Horn and Karly Lovelace have filled in when Megan had prior commitments. Megan is a hard worker and doing a wonderful job assisting Melba Corcoran in the office and giving tours.

Tonya Finsterwald and Melba Corcoran have been added to the museum store committee. They join current members Bernice Hefley, Louise Hogan and Maurita Stribling.

The organization is also working on a history book on Wheeler County, mainly focusing on Old Mobeetie and Fort Elliott. If you have any old photos or stories you think might be of benefit, please contact Tonya Finsterwald at 375-2168.

Tonya Finsterwald has assumed the role of secretary following the recent resignation of Bobbie Hill. The Executive Committee is made up of 6 board members and 5 officers. Current board members are Bernice Hefley, Bill Finsterwald, Louise Hogan, Ada Lou Lester, Maurita Stribling, Jimmy Hill and Dutch Elliott. Officers include president Joe VanZandt, vice-president Dale

Corcoran, treasurer Melba Corcoran and newly installed secretary Tonya Finsterwald. were David Seitz and Carl Williamson of Miami.

Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of each month 7 pm in the Lodge Building on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. The next workday is set for Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Anyone interested in preserving the history of Wheeler County is invited and encouraged to attend. The more the merrier!

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## 2007-'08 Back-To School SUPPLY LISTS WHEELER ISD FORT ELLIOTT CISD

- Wheeler ISD Pre-K Supply List**
- 1 Large box crayons
  - 1 Watercolors
  - 2 Packages of markers
  - 4 Jumbo Elmer's Glue Sticks
  - 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
  - 1 Pair of small scissors
  - 1 Small package of pencils
  - White t-shirt that will fit all year
  - 2 Containers of baby wipes
  - 1 Box of Kleenex
  - 1 Disposable water bottle
  - 1 Disposable Camera
  - Backpack
  - 1 Towel for nap
  - 1 Package of brown paper sacks (lunch size)
  - 1 Folder with Pockets
- Mrs. Boring's Kindergarten Supply List**
- 1 Towel: The towel will be sent home once a week to be washed. You may want to buy 2, so you will always have a clean one.
  - 1 Box with **Exactly 24 Crayons** (NO MORE!!!): Make sure crayons have color names on them for reading.
  - 8 ounce plastic cup/glass . . . No Lid
  - 8—#2 Lead Pencils; Top Quality, Please!!!
  - 3 x 6 inch sponge (You can cut a large one to the correct size if you can't find a 3 x 6".)
  - Water Colors: Prang's if at all possible!
  - 1 Bottle school glue . . . 8 oz. (Preferably, Elmer's!!!)
  - 1 Pair **Blunt Tipped** scissors (Fiskars, Please!!!)
  - 1 large box Kleenex
  - Backpack: (not bag) Not huge but large enough to hold school work folder; kids wear these frequently during the day. Foam backpacks are not comfortable.
  - School Work Folders: For keeping papers neat, flat and uncrushed in backpack
  - Please put your child's name on each item (including every crayon and pencil) that your child brings to school.** A Sanford Sharpie works best for this.

- Mrs. Robin Smith Kindergarten Supply List**
- 1 Large box crayons
  - 1 Watercolors
  - 2 Packages of Markers
  - 4 Jumbo Elmer's Glue Sticks
  - 1 Bottle Elmer's Glue
  - 1 Pair of small scissors
  - 1 Small package of pencils
  - 2 Containers of baby wipes
  - 1 Box of Kleenex
  - 1 Disposable water bottle
  - 1 disposable camers
  - Backpack
  - 1 Towel for nap
  - 1 Package of brown paper sacks (lunch size)
  - 1 folder with pockets

- Wheeler First Grade Supply List**  
(Mrs. Burrell's Class)
- 4 oz. Elmer's glue or glue stick\* pair of Fiskar brand scissors (These are the best scissors for the price and quality.)
  - 2—#2 pencils\*
  - Crayons—8 per box. You will also need pink, white and gray. Check your child's crayons at home to find these.
  - 2 large boxes of tissue watercolors
  - dry erase markers\*
  - large eraser\*
  - \*You will need to replenish these as your child uses them.
  - 6 oz. to 8 oz. Bottle of hand sanitizer
  - 1 container of Clorox wipes or something similar
  - a box to hold supplies—make sure it will fit in the desk
  - tennis shoes to be kept at school for gym use only
  - Please, no backpacks with wheels or handles. They will not fit in our lockers.

- (Mrs. Porter's Class)
- 4 oz. Elmer's glue
  - pointed tip scissors
  - 2—#2 pencils—sharpened
  - Crayons—8 per box. You will also need pink, white and gray. Check your child's crayons at home to find these.
  - 1 large box of tissue watercolors
  - box each of sandwich and gallon size ziplock bags
  - 30 or 60-minute cassette tape
  - large eraser
  - 1 box of dry erase markers
  - a box to hold supplies—make sure it will fit in the desk
  - tennis shoes to be kept at school for gym use only
  - Please, no backpacks with wheels or handles. They will not fit in our lockers

- Wheeler Second Grade Supply List**
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
  - 1 - pocket folder for paper package of No. 2 pencils
  - 1 large pink eraser
  - pointed scissors
  - 3 glue sticks
  - large box of Kleenex
  - box of 24 crayons
  - small supply box
  - gym shoes
  - SMALL plastic drinking cup with handle
  - 2-10 oz. Hand Sanitizers
  - backpack (regular size that will fit in the locker—NO WHEELS)
  - no binders or trapper keepers

- Wheeler Third Grade Supply List**  
(label all supplies)
- notebook/binder
  - wide-ruled notebook paper (NOT COLLEGE RULED)
  - 1 folder for paper
  - 4 #2 pencils
  - personal pencil sharpener
  - 2 large pink erasers
  - pointed scissors
  - 4 oz. bottle of glue
  - 2 glue sticks
  - 3 large boxes of Kleenex
  - 1 box of 24 crayons
  - small supply box
  - map pencils
  - wooden ruler with inches & centimeters
  - \$1.00 for plastic drinking cup w/handle
  - gym shoes
  - Please, no backpacks with rollers and/or handles. They will not fit in our lockers.)

- Wheeler Fourth Grade Supply List**
- Pencils
  - 3 Large erasers
  - 3 Ring Binder "Trapper Keeper"
  - 3 Folders with brads
  - 1 Spiral notebook
  - Subject Dividers (7)
  - Map pencils
  - Crayons/Markers
  - Wide Rule Notebook Paper (Not College Rule)
  - Scissors
  - Ruler
  - Glue
  - Red grading pencils
  - 3 Boxes Kleenex
  - 12 oz. Hand sanitizer
  - Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
  - Gym Shoes—required
  - No large backpacks on rollers.

- Wheeler Fifth Grade Supply List**
- Notebook (2-3 in.)
  - Wide Rule Paper
  - 7 Subject Dividers
  - 6 One-Subject Spiral Notebooks
  - (make sure it is wide ruled paper)
  - Pencils
  - Red Grading Pen
  - Map Pencils
  - Crayons or Markers
  - Scissors
  - Ruler
  - 2 boxes of Facial Tissues
  - Protractor
  - \* No College Ruled Paper
  - \*Please, no large backpacks!!!
  - They will not fit in lockers!

- Wheeler Sixth Grade Supply List**
- Notebook (2-3 in.)
  - \*Wide Ruled Paper
  - 7 Subject Dividers
  - 4 One-subject Spiral Notebooks
  - (make sure it is WIDE ruled paper)
  - Pencils
  - Red Grading Pen
  - Map Pencils
  - Crayons or Markers
  - Scissors
  - Ruler (customary & metric)
  - 2 Boxes of Facial Tissues
  - NO college ruled paper
  - Please, no large backpacks!

**KELTON STUDENTS**  
Need Backpacks & Tennis Shoes—The rest will be furnished by the School.

- Pre-K Supply List**
- 2 large erasers
  - 1 box of 12 count YELLOW #2 pencils
  - 1 pair of scissors
  - 4 LARGE/JUMBO glue sticks
  - 1 backpack
  - 1—1 inch 3-ring binder
  - 1 paint shirt
  - 1 pair P.E. shoes
  - 1 towel for nap (no blankets or pillows)
  - 1 complete labeled change of clothes (for accidents/spills)

- Kindergarten Supply List**
- 2 folders with pockets
  - 1 set of magnetic alphabet letters
  - 2 large erasers
  - 1 box of 12 count YELLOW #2 pencils
  - 1 pair scissors
  - 4 LARGE/JUMBO glue sticks
  - 1 backpack
  - 1—1 inch 3-ring binder
  - 1 paint shirt
  - 1 pair P.E. shoes
  - 1 towel for nap (not blankets or pillows)
  - 1 complete change of clothes (for accidents/spills)

- First Grade Supply List**
- 4 large glue sticks (No liquid glue)
  - 4 plastic folders
  - 1 back pack
  - Shoes for P.E.
  - Pencils, crayons, scissors, rulers and paper will be provided.
  - Unneeded items will be sent back home.

- Second Grade Supply List**
- 2 plastic folders w/pockets
  - 1 box of water colors
  - 1 supply box
  - 1 bottle of glue
  - 1 back pack
  - 1 pair P.E. shoes
  - 1 old t-shirt to paint in
  - \*Pencils, crayolas, scissors, rulers and paper will be provided
  - \*Unneeded items will be sent back home.

### CORNERSTONE ACADEMY WHEELER

- Reading Readiness & Kindergarten**
- 1. Two #2 lead pencils
  - 2. Playdough
  - 3. 2 Boxes of Crayons
  - 4. Scissors
  - 5. Glue
  - 6. 2 Kleenex
  - 7. Small box for supplies
  - 8. (2) pictures/snapshots of student
  - 9. Big markers

- Primary Learning Center**
- 1. Personal Bible (Old King James Version) for PACE work and Scripture memory)
  - 2. Ball point pen (standard blue or black ink only—non erasable)
  - 3. (2) Kleenex
  - 4. Big eraser
  - 5. Ruler—one with metric and standard measurements
  - 6. (2) #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
  - 7. Small container to hold supplies
  - 8. Crayons
  - 9. Scissors
  - 10. Glue (white glue and a glue stick)
  - 11. Package of standard notebook paper

- Third Grade Supply List**
- 1 Bottle of White Elmer's Glue
  - 1 Box 24 Count Crayons
  - 1 Box #2 Pencils
  - 1 Back pack
  - 1 Box of Map Colors
  - 1 Box Crayola Markers (Regular Colors)
  - 1 Pair P.E. Shoes
  - 1 Pair of Sharp Point Scissors
  - 1 Large Button up Shirt for painting
  - 1 Set of Multiplication Flash Cards

- Fourth Grade Supply List**
- 1 Box 24 Count Crayons
  - 1 Box #2 Pencils
  - 2 Glue Sticks
  - 1 Backpack
  - 1 Package Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
  - 1 Spiral Notebook
  - 1 Box Crayola Markers (Regular Colors)
  - 1 Supply Box for inside of Desk
  - 2 Folders w/Pockets
  - 1 Pair of Tennis Shoes for P.E.

- Fifth Grade Supply List**
- 3 Pkg. Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
  - 3 Spirals (Wide Ruled)
  - 1 Black or Blue Pen
  - 2 Boxes #2 Pencils
  - 1 Box Markers (Regular Colors)
  - 1 Box Crayons
  - 1 Box Map Pencils
  - 1 Metric Ruler (Not Bendable)
  - 1 Large Bottle Elmer's White Glue
  - 2 Large Erasers
  - 1 Pair Sharp Point Highlighters
  - 1 Pair P.E. Shoes
  - 1 Large Button-up Shirt for Painting
  - 1 Red Pen
  - 1 Backpack
  - 3 Pocket Folders
  - 3 Glue Sticks

- Upper Learning Center**
- 1. Personal Bible (Old King James Version) for PACE work and Scripture memory)
  - 2. Ball point pen (standard blue or black ink only—non erasable)
  - 3. (2) Kleenex
  - 4. Big eraser
  - 5. Ruler—one with metric and standard measurements
  - 6. (2) #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
  - 7. Small container to hold supplies
  - 8. package of standard notebook paper
  - 9. Notebook or Trapper-Keeper
  - 10. Scientific calculator (high school students)
  - 11. Good compass (ask for clarification)
  - 12. Clear protractor
  - 13. Spiral notebook for devotions and chapel
  - 14. Colored pencil
  - \*Please Label All Items\*

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Week Ending August 9, 2007  
Intentions to Drill  
GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, PD 3200', for the following wells:  
#4 Castleberry, 1591' from North & 1017' from East line, Sec. 7,30,H&GN.  
#4 Willis, 1321' from North & 1720' from East line, Sec. 8,30,H&GN.  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS Upper Morrow) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #1 Hartley '244', 1980' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 24,C,G&M&A, PD 17000'.  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) B & W Operating, L.L.C., #8 Meadows '4', 1000' from North & 2300' from East line, Sec. 4,4,AB&M, PD 11600'.  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc. #61 Meek '67', 1000' from North & 2510' from West line, Sec. 67,M-1,H&GN, PD 14000'.  
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #8070 Hobart Ranch, 1515' from North & 785' from East line, Sec. 70,A-2,H&GN, PD 12800'.  
Recompletion  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GEM-HEMPHILL Douglas) Cordillera Energy Partners III, L.L.C., #3 Shell Fee '53', 2495' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 53,41,H&TC, PD 8300'.  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & MEG Granite Wash) Latigo Petroleum

Texas, L.P., #1 Cook '64', 660' from South & West line, Sec. 64,41,H&TC, PD 12600'.  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Cimarex Energy Co., Flower-Lister '62', Sec. 62,B-1,H&GN, PD 12000', for the following wells:  
#8, 1330' from North & 1000' from East line of Sec.  
#9, 2350' from North & 467' from East line of Sec.  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LARD RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #6061H Lard, 1650' from South & 550' from East line, Sec. 61,C,G&M, PD 14000' (BHL: 2343' from North & 1030' from East Sec. line) Horizontal  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SOUTH LEDRICK RANCH Upper Morrow) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #802H Wilde, 467' from South & East line, Sec. 8,B,H&GN, PD 12000' (BHL: 2343' from North & 1030' from East Sec. line) Horizontal  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #8 Earp '60', 1425' from North & 487' from West line, Sec. 60,B-1,H&GN, PD 11100' (BHL: 1695' from North & 1493' from West Sec. line) Horizontal  
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc. #1 Helton, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 60,M-1,H&GN, PD 14800'.  
Recompletion  
WHEELER (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Atoka) Questar E&P Co., #6027 Puryear, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 27,3,H&GN, PD 16000'.  
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Forest Oil Corp., for the following wells:  
#101 Holloway, 1650' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 1,A-3,H&GN, PD 15200'. #2011 Hill, 1260' from North & 1550' from

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East line, Sec. 11,A-3,H&GN, PD 15380'.  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Britt, Sec. 1,5,B&B, PD 15900', for the following wells:  
#601, 990' from South & 467' from West line of Sec.  
#701, 990' from North & 1650' from East line of Sec.  
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #10 Stiles '21', 1580' from South & 1750' from East line, Sec. 21,A-3,H&GN, PD 18000'.  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., Recompilation for the following wells:  
#4015 Britt Caldwell, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 15,A-3,H&GN, PD 15800'.  
#6025 Stiles, 467' from South & 980' from West Line, Sec. 25,A-3,H&GN, PD 16000'.  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., Britt, PD 16000' for the following Recompilation wells:  
#5034, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 34,A-3,H&GN.  
#6026, 467' from North & 1800' from East line, Sec. 26,A-3,H&GN.  
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Questar E&P Co. PD 16200', for the following:  
#6013 Puryear, 467' from South & 2150' from East line, Sec. 13,3,H&GN.  
#104 Smith, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 4,L,J,M, Lindsey Survey.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Zephyr Lone Star Operating Co., L.L.C., #720 Armstrong, 467' from North & 860' from West line, Sec. 20,3,H&GN, PD 14000'.  
WHEELER (N.E. WHEELER K.C.) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Young '32', 1325' from North & 1940' from East line, Sec. 32,A-3,H&GN, PD 12410'.  
Recompletion  
Gas Well Completions  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3045 Meek, Sec. 45,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-18-07, drlg. compl 5-7-07, tested 6-26-07, potential 8432 MCF, TD 13516', PBTD 13388' —  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc #1219P Carr '12', Sec. 12,4,AB&M, spud 2-28-07, drlg.

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**Oil** (from Page 4)  
compl 2-28-07, tested 4-17-07, TD 11712', PBTD 11639' —  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1223P Carr '12', Sec. 12,4,AB&M, spud 8-4-06, drlg. compl. 8-15-06, tested 4-17-07, TD 11685', PBTD 11620' —

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #4618P Graham, Sec. 46,A-2,H&GN, spud 2-19-07, drlg. compl 3-8-07, tested 7-17-07, TD 12806', PBTD 12658' —  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5706P Holland 'C', Sec. 57,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-4-05, drlg. compl 12-19-05, tested 7-17-07, TD 11854'. PBTD 11740' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5424P Vandiver, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-30-07, drlg. compl 2-13-07, tested 4-17-07, TD 11925', PBTD 11780' —  
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1868 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68,A-2,H&GN, spud 3-28-07, drlg. compl 4-16-07, tested 7-5-07, potential 8649 MCF, TD 12800', PBTD 12712' —  
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1968 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68,A-2, H&GN, spud 4-28-07, drlg. compl 5-11-07, tested 7-5-07, po-



**QUAIL FOREVER:** Some young wildlife enthusiasts had the opportunity to study wildlife habitat recently thanks to the High Plains Chapter of Quail Forever. The group gathered near Twiddy to explore and locate plants and environmental conditions that are good for producing high-quality wildlife such as quail, deer, and turkey. Pictured left-to-right are Clay Wilson, Chase Miller, Cole Wilson, Mitchell Ford, Spencer Ford, Troy Miller, and Doug Rives, Youth Chairperson for the Chapter. Attending but not pictured were Peyton and Corbin Austin.

## Honored With Party Eula Mae Fillingim

Eula Mae Fillingim Newman celebrated her 94th birthday on Saturday, August 11 with family and friends in Richland Hills, Texas between 2:00-5:00 PM. There were 45 of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren in attendance, plus 13 friends, giving a total of 60 including Eula in attendance. Eula was surprised by her son and daughter-in-law at the party, William and Annette Newman. They flew in from Alabama to surprise her. Two of her great granddaughters Stephanie and Samantha Oldham (twins) that had just turned 18 flew in from Virginia and surprised her. She had not seen Stephanie and Samantha in 5 years. Eula was overwhelmed with joy to see them as well as seeing other family and friends. Her children in attendance were Maxiene Newman Oldham, from Houston, Texas; William Newman, from Oneonta, Alabama; Laura Newman Hudler, from Saginaw, Texas; Annie Newman Freeman, Fort Worth, Texas; and Robbie Newman Bleakley from Conroe, Texas.

Eula was born August 15, 1913 to I.G. and Laura Coker Fillingim in Turkey, Texas. Her and her family moved to Wheeler County in 1926. Eula married Robert Lee Newman on December 29, 1937 and together they had six children. Eula and Robert moved to Fort Worth in 1948. Eula has 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren. Eula's family continues to grow, there will be one more great grandson due in October and another great great grandson due in January.

Eula is still very active at her church, AARP, and with her family and friends. She is loved by all her family and friends. Happy Birthday Eula!

tential 19127 MCF, TD 12805', PBTD 12710' —  
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Earp '60', Sec. 60,B-1,H&GN, spud 7-24-06, drlg. compl 8-17-06, tested 7-5-07, potential 2917 MCF, TD 11100', PBTD 11008' — Form 1 in Gruy Petroleum  
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Earp '58', Sec. 58,B-1,H&GN, spud 9-1-06, drlg. compl 9-16-06, tested 7-5-07, potential 1614 MCF, TD 10950', PBTD 10862' —  
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #16 Byrum '4', Sec. 4,B-1,H&GN, spud 4-8-07, drlg. compl 4-21-07, tested 7-5-07, potential 3094 MCF, TD 10750', PBTD 10644' —  
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #19 Byrum '4', Sec. 4,B-1,H&GN, spud 4-28-07, drlg. compl 5-12-07, tested 6-30-07, potential 770 MCF, TD 11072', PBTD 10983' —  
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #6028 Mother Bear, Sec. 28, N-1,H&GN, spud 4-22-07, drlg. compl 5-6-07, tested 7-5-07, potential 3670 MCF, TD 10700', PBTD 10605' —  
WHEELER (LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #2206 North McAllister, Sec. 22,L, J.M. Lindsey Survey, spud 4-15-07, drlg. compl 5-9-07, tested 7-17-07, TD 13730', PBTD 13610' —

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## View (from Page 2)

eyeing him from across the pen so I knew what was coming. I yelled at Glenn and also told Henry not to attack. In fact, I yelled at him twice not to do it, but he was set on the ankle attack and there was no way to stop him from the three floggings he had in mind. Glenn

just said, "Henry, what are you doin'?" I need to take the movie camera to record this as I know Henry will not live forever and I am sure Glenn would want to remember Henry after he is gone. I think Henry is three and a half now and his lifespan will be 5 or 6 years, if he is lucky! No hens are setting anymore, thanks to Frank Clymer, but we do have a rooster problem since that young black and white bantam started crowing. Henry makes him stay in the hen house all the time. Guess Glenn will have to make a new pen for him. He is way to beautiful to give away! He may turn out to be another Henry in a couple of years and I know Glenn will like that. With love to all of you, Betty Boydston.

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# MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Hurray! Hurray! Shelton May finally got to take one of his last big chemo treatments. He was in Amarillo on Thursday for all his blood work, tests, x-rays and the PET scan. He was then admitted to the hospital for a set of those whopper blasts that he has to take for 4 or 5 days. With the completion of this series, he will have only one more set left and he will be



"Happy 5th Birthday, Erin Jaci Edwards" August 16.

completely done. They can have a real celebration. He was very upset that they couldn't put it off a couple of days so that he could be with his friends and family for the Relay for Life walk in Shamrock on Friday night. He had planned to be down there and do the grand march of all the cancer survivors and do some walking with his team. I know they missed him a lot, but everyone was so excited that he got to take his treatments. Only one more series to go now... Yea! Nanny, Sallie Adcock, and cousin, Jayton Childress, carried a banner for Shelton and

walked his survivor lap with his friends that are all survivors and have so much to give to all that they meet. They are an amazing bunch of people. What courage and determination! The crowd was so generous and cheered for Shelton. Nanny called him on the phone so Shelton could hear from all of his friends, fellow supporters and family. Caaron McNeely called Shelton at the hospital and sent him some pictures. With all of the modern technology, Shelton was able to talk to his friends via the cell phone and a good loud speaker. Shelton got several calls and updates throughout the evening. One of the most special was to hear the Mason Jars dedicate a song to him. That really made his day! Next year, maybe you can do the whole thing with them, Shelton. Now that will be a party. On Thursday his cousins,

Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett Childress were by to get donations in honor of Shelton for the walk the next night. They were going to walk part of Shelton's time on the track. Mom was taking them around to get sponsors.

Amanda is so glad to be back at work at the Wheeler Care Center. She will have to work until ten on Friday night, but will go down to the track in Shamrock when she gets through. It's so good to see everyone again. She isn't going to complain about working anymore. Those 5 months off after her accident just about drove her crazy. She and her mother, Sallie Adcock, had spent the day in Pampa working at the emergency room at the hospital, as they try to finish up all their clinicals so they can take their state tests for the ambulance service. The test on Monday night went well and gave every one a boost. They have only eight more classes and a Saturday full of cramming and practicing before their big test. They will all do well, though. They have great teachers, lots of moral support and good study buddies. Best of luck to each of you that has stuck with it. I know it hasn't been easy, but so worthwhile.

Sallie will be the first responder for Mobeetie when she is done. She is usually the first one there in any emergency, anyway. Before, she just relied on her first aid training; now, she will be better equipped until the ambulance gets here. We appreciate all the time she and Amanda have spent away from their family to make this possible. We, here in Mobeetie, are so lucky to have so many reliable, dedicated neighbors that are always there in times of crisis. Our volunteer fire fighters are hard to beat. It's very comforting to know that we have so many capable people that we know will come to our rescue, if necessary. Thanks to each of you that spend so much time giving to others and making Mobeetie a safer place for all of us.

Jackie, Don, Kellie, Peyton and Shelton May have been enjoying an extended visit from Kellie's parents from Payson, AZ. Shelton and Peyton are really enjoying their visit. They usually get to spend a few weeks out there visiting with Grandpa and Grandma and a lot of their cousins each summer. But this year, they have had to wait for Shelton to finish his chemo treatments. So, Grandpa and Grandma fixed part of the problem. When they are in Arizona Grandpa calls Shelton every day. So glad that Grandpa is doing so much better and able to come visit with the family. They have all been enjoying their visit.

It was such a nice surprise to have Elaine (Glazner) Quandt drop by for a visit on Thursday. So glad things are going some better and both she and Steve are staying busy and trying to work on finishing the house, too. It is such a project, but is all coming together and looking more like the home they had planned. Everything is always hurry up and wait. Of course, the money always runs out before all the necessities are completed. It's a good thing they are so talented and not afraid to tackle just about anything. I can't wait to see the progress that they have made. Congratulations to Michael McLaughlin and Megan Keelin on the arrival of their new son. Jessie Don McLaughlin arrived on Friday, August 9, 2007. He weighed in at 8# 13oz. and is 21" long. All are doing well. He has a head full of silky, soft black hair. He is a mini-Michael. Proud Grandma, Jerry Meller, was there in Amarillo to welcome the young man, as was Megan's mother. The Keelin family has a lot to celebrate. Tracy and Glenn welcomed their tiny 5# daughter the week before in Pampa. They are keeping an extra careful eye on her as she arrived 6 weeks early, but Tracy and the baby are doing quite well. More details later. Congratulations, Tracy and Glenn. Julie and Braydon wanted their mom and sister to come home the very next day.

Friday, the Fort Elliott junior high girls went to Fritch for their first volleyball game of the season. They had a good workout and won the game. Great way to start the year girls...keep up the good work!

Saturday, the high school girls went to Amarillo to play volleyball. They really worked hard, but just couldn't pull off the best two out of three. The Rockets were just ready for them. It was close. They are ready for Tuesday night, though, and looking forward to bringing home a win. They will be traveling to Childress. The first game of the season is always hard. After being out of touch with most of the team, it takes some getting used to. Practice is one thing, but those real life opponents are a whole another story. The only thing on their mind is to win.

So sorry to hear of the horrible diagnosis that John Paul Harris received recently. Our prayers are with you and your wonderful family. Miracles still happen.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Odessa Scribner. She and Albert made lots of wonderful memories. They attended school here and lived here some. Albert passed away in 1992. She continued to make trips

back to Mobeetie for the Old Settler's Reunions and the All-School Reunion. She will be greatly missed.

Hope you had a wonderful birthday, Jane Seitz. Sounded like quite a party. Belated birthday wishes and many more.

Sorry to hear that Kenneth and Vera Walker have been having a tough summer. Vera has been having so much trouble with her knee and has to depend on her

cane now. Kenneth just had foot surgery last week to remove a heel spur. So they have really slowed down and been tied down this summer. Hope this finds you both doing better and feeling better.

So glad to hear that Bulah Stuart is doing some better. Leola was down one day this week to do some errands for her. They always have a good visit. It's so good to hear that Todd Stuart is doing so

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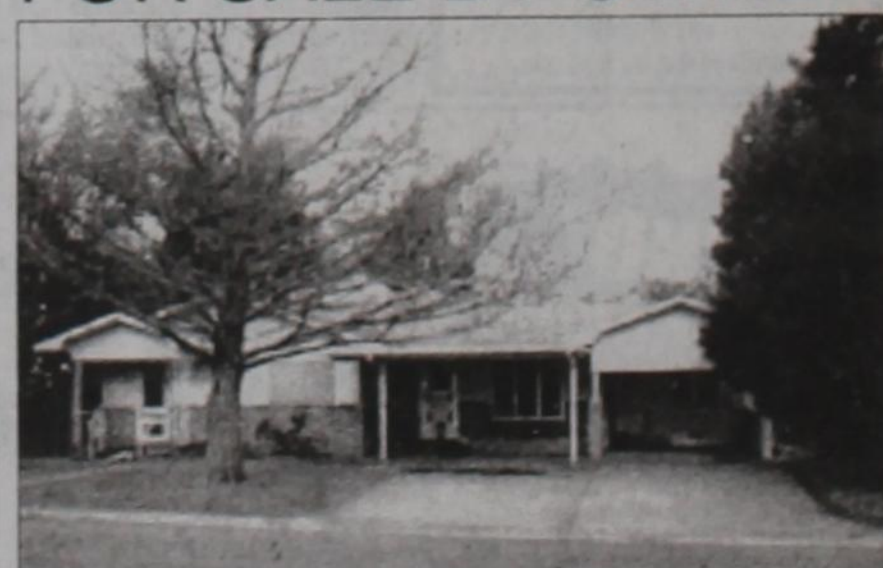
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**ENTERTAINING THE YOUNGSTERS:** The youngsters in the family became Juan Badillo's responsibility this past week. He decided to take them for an outing. They enjoyed a "train" ride around town, including a trip to the park. In the "train cars" are (l. to r.) Sebastian Gonzalez, Adan Devora, Issac Gonzalez, Ximena Badillo and Jasmin Gonzalez.

## COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

Isaiah 43:2: When you pass through waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire you will not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you (Isaiah 43:2). He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3).

Happy Birthday to Nancy Hampton, Von Chapman, Heather Leven, Audra Rives, Angie Hunsaker; Jim Wright, Angelia Keelin, Suzanne Baker and Angie Thomas on Aug. 12; Sharron Gowin, Claude Laverty, Shane Everett, Robert Swindler Jr, Trey DeArment, Dillon Helton, Skeet Johnson, Cody Sparlin and Jack Sparlin on Aug. 13; Krista Marshall, Steve Marshall, Daryl Snelgrooves, Lisa Whitaker and Amy Nelson on Aug. 14; Eula Newman, DeWayne Lane, Shawn Hunt, Trey Wood, Toby Newman, Samantha Rowe, Traci Stiles, Layne McCasland, Bradd Morgan and Jeff Helsted on Aug. 15; Erin Edwards, Pam Hill, Joe Dan Ledbetter, Eric Shields, Richard Meadows, Wayne Williams and Katie Cornell on Aug. 16; Zane Kinnaman, Rebecca Richmond, Rasalie Keelin (85), C. G. Dodd, Sam Wash, Kallen Moore and Ervin Emmert on Aug. 17; H. L. Owens, Zach Verden, Alyssa Kinnaman, Irene Taylor, Callee Holliday Roy Moran, Melody Hendrickson and Juanelly Eberting on Aug. 18 and Mary Margaret Dodd on Aug. 19.

"Revive us again: fill each heart with thy love; may each soul be rekindled with fire from above."

Happy Anniversary to Todd and Mindy Brashears, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Curtis and Brenda Smith, Glenn and Lois Hughes and Mark and Mandy Meadows on Aug. 12; Ethel and Marion Grimes (56) and Charlie and Edie Phillis on Aug. 13; Danny and Brenda Mitchell, Jim and Sandra Wright and Eric and Pauline Zybach on Aug. 14; Kenny and Karan Wallace and Mark and Annette Meek on Aug. 15; Will and Misty Snelgrooves and Jason and Sheena Adams on Aug. 16; Bret and Tammy Moore and Troy and Lana Jones on Aug. 18.

Congratulations to Bill and Phyllis (Richerson) Helton on 50 years of marriage. They celebrated with a family trip to Cancun, Mexico. Bill lived near

Briscoe and graduated from Briscoe School. Phyllis lived at Wheeler and graduated from high school there. They were married Aug. 9, 1957, at Wheeler Baptist Church. Bill retired from Southwestern Public Service. She is a homemaker. They have three children and ten grandchildren. Best wishes to all.

Greg and Jennifer Bryant were weekend visitors to Louis and Barbara Stas and Mike and Beverly Bryant. Good to have them out to church at Wheeler Baptist. Eating lunch together at the Spot were Greg and Jennifer, Mike and Beverly Bryant, Bro. John and Eulis Denton and Rick and Tina Bond and Abby and Amanda.

Good to have Bro. John and Eulis Denton from Berger back to Wheeler Baptist Sunday. Bro. John always has a good message. Wesley Steen sang a good special. Youth of Wheeler Baptist were meeting after church Sunday night at the Darrell Gaines home for food, fun and fellowship.

Ladies going to Panfork Monday to fix lunch for the volunteer workers were Dolores Simmons, Ella Mae Wood, Bobbie Sue Baker and Beverly Bryant.

From a song: "Through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, I've learned to depend on God's word."

Nice to see Laverne (Finsterwald) and husband, Don Patterson from Carlsbad, N.M., at Thriftway one day. They were here on business and visited her brothers, Donald and Charles Finsterwald. Laverne grew up in Briscoe and attended Briscoe School. Good to see them.

Happy 94th birthday Aug. 15 to sister-in-law, Eula Newman. She still drives some and gets around to things and works at things. God bless you! Fifty-nine family members and friends gathered to celebrate. Eula had six children, 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren, 45 of whom attended the celebration with friends and church family. After the Saturday party, several family members went out to eat and came back to Laura Huddler's to visit.

Nice to see Carol Roberson and Jonathan and Timothy at Thriftway on Tuesday. Carol is a teacher at

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Ft. Elliott. Football practice has started at Ft. Elliott and the boys will be playing with Ft. Elliott. The boys had enjoyed the scrimmages and practice.

Glad to hear that Shirley Jolly is doing pretty well and is nearly through with her radiation treatments. The machine broke down. She and Earl have made lots of trips to Amarillo to the doctors and some to Elk City. Keep praying for Earl and Shirley. Vickie Nelson and Kerri, Caden, Audree and Austin were weekend visitors to Shirley. Monday, Earl and Shirley visited Brad and Wendy Harrison and Levi in Amarillo. Frank and Cathy Hooper and Darrell and Donna Moore ate lunch at Furr's with Earl and Shirley for a good visit.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Exie Francis, 84, in her death. Graveside services were Thursday at Gageby Cemetery. The daughter of John and Maye (Barker) Francis, she grew up in the Gageby community and attended Briscoe School. Survivors include a brother, Cecil Francis of Pampa, a sister, Faye Shannon of Pasadena and other relatives. After the service there were refreshments and visiting at Gageby Church.

Sincere sympathy to Katelin Ratliff and other family and friends of Dena Bales, Katelin's grandmother, who died of a massive heart attack. Katelin has lived in the Dallas area with our daughter, Mary Newman, most of the time since she was a baby. We are sorry, Katelin. Dena was only 51.

Thanks, Lee Hibler, for making my yard look nice. Good job. "I wondered why 'somebody' didn't do something. Then I realized, I was 'somebody'."

Nice to have Earl Husted back to Wheeler Care Center for Tuesday morning church with Betty and Mayci. He doesn't move quite as fast since his heart surgery, but is improving right along. Keep praying for Earl. He is doing well to have had five bypasses. Also helping faithfully was Joyce Wood from Shamrock. Nice group of residents out to sing-a-long. Some there were Wilma Barker, Robert Ailstirk, Wayne Stanton, Gelemmia Back, Norma Bowerman, Rosalee Attwood, Rosalie Keelin, Opal Hutchison, Ella Cross, Patrick McBride, Lenna Vick, Bill Dyson, Nina Hervey, Minnie Bell Vinson, Doris Hathaway and maybe others. Nina played the piano, Betty led singing, Earl had a message from the Bible and there were prayers for all.

Best wishes to Amanda Bond and Jason Floyd as they plan to marry December 15, 2007.

So sorry about John Paul Harris' health problems. Keep praying for him!

Bob and Evangeline Wills and Lonnie and Ruth Kenney prepared the delicious Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church with grilled hamburgers on buns; baked beans, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, onions, pickles, lots of delicious watermelon and other goodies. Others brought desserts. Thank you!

Coming by for a visit Thursday afternoon were Verneal Prater and daughter, Mary Lou Carter, and granddaughter, Jeanette Clayton and her children, Carl, Jahnel and Desiray. Jahnel is in 2nd grade; Carl is 14, in 8th grade at Canadian and stays with Gary and Possum Jahnel and helps Gary. Jeanette works at Little House Day Care. Desiray comes after school and helps her mom pick up and clean up at the Little House Day Care. They were our neighbors on the farm. Pray for Verneal. He expects to have cataract surgery soon to help his vision.

Mary Lou Carter is looking forward to having sister, Wanda Prater, from Abilene State School, come soon to make her home (or at least visit a while) with Mary Lou and her dad, Verneal Prater.

Quilting and visiting at Totty School Thursday were Betty Rogers, Betty Haines, Sydney Lynch, Melba Corcoran, Mabel Tabor and Audrey Seitz.

This is how God showed His love only on: He sent His one and only Son into the world that

we might live through Him (1 John 4:9).

Joyce Perkins baked the birthday cake for Wheeler Senior Citizens recently. It was very good and sounded simple. I hope to try it soon. You need to grease and flour a Bundt or other pan. You will need a yellow cake mix. Mix according to directions on the box; add a container of German Chocolate frosting; mix together and bake. No outside frosting.

### Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Alaina Marie Moon at the Mobeetie Baptist Church, Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. Alaina is the daughter of Sara Moon. She was born July 10, weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. Also, remember them in your prayers.

Dub Swift from Pampa came to Wheeler Care Center Monday. He parked his big cattle truck nearby while he visited his mom, Addie Swift, in the Center for a while. Addie enjoys her family and looked cute in her red hat. Strawberry shortcake, punch and other goodies were served.

Martha Meek enjoyed having Shawn and Amy Everett and Codi and Colton from San Antonio come Monday to visit a few days and play games. Shawn is a grandson.

## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from August 6, 2007 — August 10, 2007.

**AUGUST 6, 2007**  
D—Woodson Oil and Gas LP to Doug Fowler, et ux, 7-26-07, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Doug Fowler, et ux to Great Plains National Bank of Sayre, 7-27-07, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
D—Keith Rizley to Kim Rizley, 8-2-07, NW 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; SW 1/4 NW 1/4; S 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 55, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT DT—National Bank of Commerce to Jack Fullbright, et ux, 8-1-07, Lot 8, Blk. 28, Shamrock.  
RDT—Ultimate Mortgage Corporation to Kandi Foster, 7-25-07, N 80° E 1/2 Blk. 54, Stanley Add., Wheeler.  
ROW—LLB Trust to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 3-21-06, Sec. 50, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
PARTIAL ASSIGN.—Chesapeake Exploration LLC to Chesapeake Investments, 7-23-07, SE 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL—Bonnie K. Trust to Jackfork Land Inc., 3-23-07, NE 1/4 Sec. 4, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
WATER WELL ASSIGN.—BP Anadarko Asset to David William Seitz, 5-18-07, 64 acs. Sec. 45, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
LEASE—Huff Ranch to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 7-3-07, 25' x 25' SW 1/4 Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
QCMD—Alfred T. Carleton to Carleton Royalties, 7-25-07, Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Elk City Oklahoma Pipeline LP to Wachovia Bank National Association, 7-27-07, See Instrument.  
**AUGUST 7, 2007**  
RATIF. OL—Robert Lee Murrell & Thomasina Jo Murrell Living Trust Dated May 5, 1989 to Rio Petroleum Inc., 7-31-07, SE 1/4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
A S S I G N . — K e n n e t h Wischkaemper to Rio Petroleum Inc., 7-20-07, E 1/2 Sec. 66, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
A S S I G N . — K e n n e t h Wischkaemper to Joanna Lawhon Revocable Trust, 8-2-07, Sec. 91, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
CORR. DT—Jerry L. Allison, et ux to Fort Worth Community Credit Union, 7-13-07, Lot 7, Blk. 6, Mont-Lew Add., Shamrock.  
AMEND. DT—Esperanza Resources Corp. to Summit Bank, 8-6-07, Sec. 44, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
**AUGUST 8, 2007**  
ROW—Densel Reed, et ux to Chesapeake Operating Inc., 5-29-07, Sec. 1, C&M Survey.  
ROW—Robert L. Martin, et ux to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 8-15-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 65, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Verne Lohberger to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 3-9-06, W 1/2 Sec. 13, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
ROW—Dobson Ranch Limited Liability Company to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 8-24-06, Sec. 40, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Orville Greenhouse to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 6-18-07, S 1/2 Sec. 4, Blk. H, J. M. Cooper Survey.  
ROW—Thurman J. Horn, et ux to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 6-18-07, N 1/2 Sec. 4, Blk. H, J. M. Cooper Survey; SE 28.4 acs. Sec. 49, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RATIF. OL—Rodney Wade Coate, et al to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 7-10-07, E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.—Brian Marra to

**Crossroads Revival**  
Glad to hear there was a good turnout (over 100) for the Crossroads Revival at Laketon on Saturday, August 11. Many were blessed by the good gospel music and singing. They had gotten four big tarps that made shade from the sun like a tent. Also, a blessing to have testimonies from some from different places. Ed Robinson, from the Hamburger Station in Pampa, cooked delicious food. Some asked if they would have it again next year; with more help they may manage it. Hosts, Ray and Marilyn O'Quinn, would like to, but not sure if they can. Pray with them about next year. They all had a great time.

Fellowship Dinner was served at Wheeler Methodist Church Sunday. A good time of visiting and good food.  
The family of Marie Baker would like to invite you to Marie's 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, August 19, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

No gifts please. Cards could be sent to Marie Baker, P.O. Box 573, Wheeler, TX 79096

Sincere sympathy to W.J. Lisle and other family and friends in the recent death of his dad. W.J. is a resident of Wheeler Care Center. Several ladies from Wheeler Care Center and a few friends were out to the Red Hat Club party at the Center Monday afternoon. Nicole brought materials to decorate some red hats and the ladies fixed them up pretty. The hats looked cute on the ladies. Working on the hats were Neva Smith, Lela Pride, Johnnie Bird, Gelemmia Back, Opal Hutchison, Dorothy Hink, Wilma Barker, Addie Swift and Jeannette Bird, visitor, and others.

Neva Smith is a new resident at Wheeler Care and has many family members in Wheeler. After the death of her beloved husband in Arkansas, she came to Wheeler to be near family.  
"God be with you till we meet again."

Michael J. Marra, 7-11-07, Sec. 39, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.—Brian Marra to Jean Marra, 7-11-07, Sec. 39, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MD—Jonathan Thomas Graham Jr., et ux to Thomas and Barbara J. Graham Trust, 7—07, Sec. 2, J. Poitevint Survey.  
PART. RDT—National Bank of Commerce to John Richard Hefley, et ux, 8-3-07, 5 acs. Sec. 56, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MD—E L and Ruby Wallace Revocable Trust to J D and Vivian Wallace Living Trust, et al, 8-8-07, S 1/2 Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
DVL—Francisco Duenas, et al to Gilberto Garcia, et ux, 8-8-07, W 1/2 S 100' Blk. 44, Stanley Add., Wheeler.  
DT—Gilberto Garcia, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 8-8-07, W 1/2 S 100' Blk. 44, Stanley Add., Wheeler.

AFF.—Michael K. Whiteley, et ux to The Public, 7-26-07, Lots 11-13, Potts Add., Shamrock.  
AFF.—Tommy Whitlow, et ux to Alacritty Lending, 5-22-07, 5 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
**AUGUST 9, 2007**  
D—Dorothy Sue Simmons to Mark Quade Simmons, 4-9-07, 79.55 acs. Sec. 61, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
POA—Delma Raye Wingo to Eldon Ray Wingo, 8-8-07.  
MD—E. Keith Coltharp to Sheila R. Reynolds, et al, 8-1-07, W 1/2; NE 1/4 Sec. 58, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DVL—Paul Lee, et ux to Barbarella Bryant, 8-8-07, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. D, Smith Add., Shamrock.  
DT—Barbarella Bryant to National Bank of Commerce, 8-8-07, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. D, Smith Add., Shamrock.

ROW—Mark K. Brown, et ux to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 8-3-07, Pt. N 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Bob Zyach to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 7-17-07, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 14, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
ROW—Frank L. Donelson Estate to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 7-31-07, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 15, Blk. R-1, Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
THIRD AMENDED DT—Fairway Links Energy Inc., et al to Bank of Oklahoma, National Association, 6-30-07, See Instrument.  
QCMD—Quentin Scott Noble to Alpine Royalties LLC, 7-23-07, See Instrument.

**AUGUST 10, 2007**  
D—Richard Smith, et ux to Douglas Y. Robertson, et ux, 8-8-07, Lot 11, Blk. 16, Shamrock.  
DT—Wheeler Hospitality Inc. to Citizensbank, 8-9-07, 150' x 300' S 1/2 SE 1/4; 150' x 25' S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
B of SALE—Vernon Davenport to Clifton Morgan, 8-1-07.  
ASSIGN.—Wildcat Cement Co. to Wendell C. Morgan, 8-1-07, E 1/2 Sec. 22 and All Sec. 21, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
D—Wildcat Cement Co. to Wendell C. Morgan, 8-1-07, S 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSUMPTION DT—Wendell C. Morgan to Wildcat Cement Co., et al, 8-1-07, S 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Wendell C. Morgan to Vernon Davenport, 8-1-07, Sec. 21 and E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk; 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and S 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Norman G. Wallace to Frana M. Wallace Revocable Trust, 8-2-07, Sec. 3, AB&M Survey.

ASSIGN./ B. of SALE—BP Anadarko Asset to John J. Sims Jr. Rev. Management Trust, 5-18-07, 153 acs. SW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSIGN./BILL of SALE—Devon Energy Production Company LP to William A. Gruy, et al, 8-3-07, Sec. 16, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
ROW—Keith Rizley, et ux to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 9-6-06, Pt. Sec. 22, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—George C. Walker, et ux to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 3-16-06, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 25, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT.—Marilyn Ann Sturdivant, et al to Rio Petroleum Inc., 7-11-07, N 1/2; N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT. OL—James M. Porter to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 6-15-07, Sec. 22, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXT. OL—Sally J. Ferrell to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 6-15-07, Sec. 22, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT. OL—Janet L. Waiser to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 6-15-07, Sec. 22, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DVL—Eddie Hughes, et ux to Roman Marchen, 8-9-07, Pt. Blk. F-1, Prairie Lawn Add., Wheeler.  
DT—Roman Marchen, et ux to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, 8-7-07, Pt. Blk. F-1, Prairie Lawn Add., Wheeler.

**District Clerk's Filings:**  
#12020—Michael and Cassie Braddock vs Oak Creek Homes, L. P.) and Nationwide Housing Systems D/B/A Oak Creek Home Center, 7-20-07, Inj./Damage Other. Than Motor V.  
#12021—Amarillo Production Company vs Upland Resources Inc., 8-2-07.  
#12022—Ex Parte vs Terrill Cruz and Victor Cruz, Applicants, 8-3-07.  
#12023—Charles Robert Unterkircher Jr. to Dana Diana Unterkircher, 8-6-07, Divorce.  
#12024—In Re: To a Minor, 8-7-07.  
#12025—Amanda Jo Salas vs Antonio Salas, 8-7-07, Divorce.

## Regular Physical Exercise Good For You

Regular physical activity is good for physical and fiscal health, said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist. That's because the lack of exercise can be expensive for both individuals and communities. Physical inactivity helps increase the risk of coronary heart disease, colon cancer, osteoporotic fractures, diabetes and high blood pressure, and breast cancer to the tune of about \$24 billion per year, according to the Task Force on Community Preventive Services in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Healthful habits can be established one step at a time, said Janet Pollard, extension associate for health. Because family is so important when it comes to influencing children's activity levels, these efforts need to start at home, she added.

She recommends starting with small but significant goals, such as:

- Setting goals for increasing regular physical activity and monitoring personal progress.
- Building social support for these new behaviors, such as establishing a "buddy" system or group for exercising.
- Providing rewards and positive feedback for goals met.
- Establishing methods to maintain these changes.
- Guarding against relapses into old behaviors.

Healthful physical practices are important for the community too, Rice said, but establishing these practices takes time, coordination and cooperation.

"Community efforts are essential to create a social environment that promotes physical activity as well as healthy behaviors," she said.

Some of these community efforts that can help spread the word are:

- Information such as signs near elevators or escalators that encourage use of the stairs, and television and radio spots touting the benefits of healthful physical activity.
- Behavior and social methods including school-based physical education classes and individual exercise as daily activity.
- Environmental and policy approaches including easier access to parks, walking trails and pedestrian-friendly sidewalks.

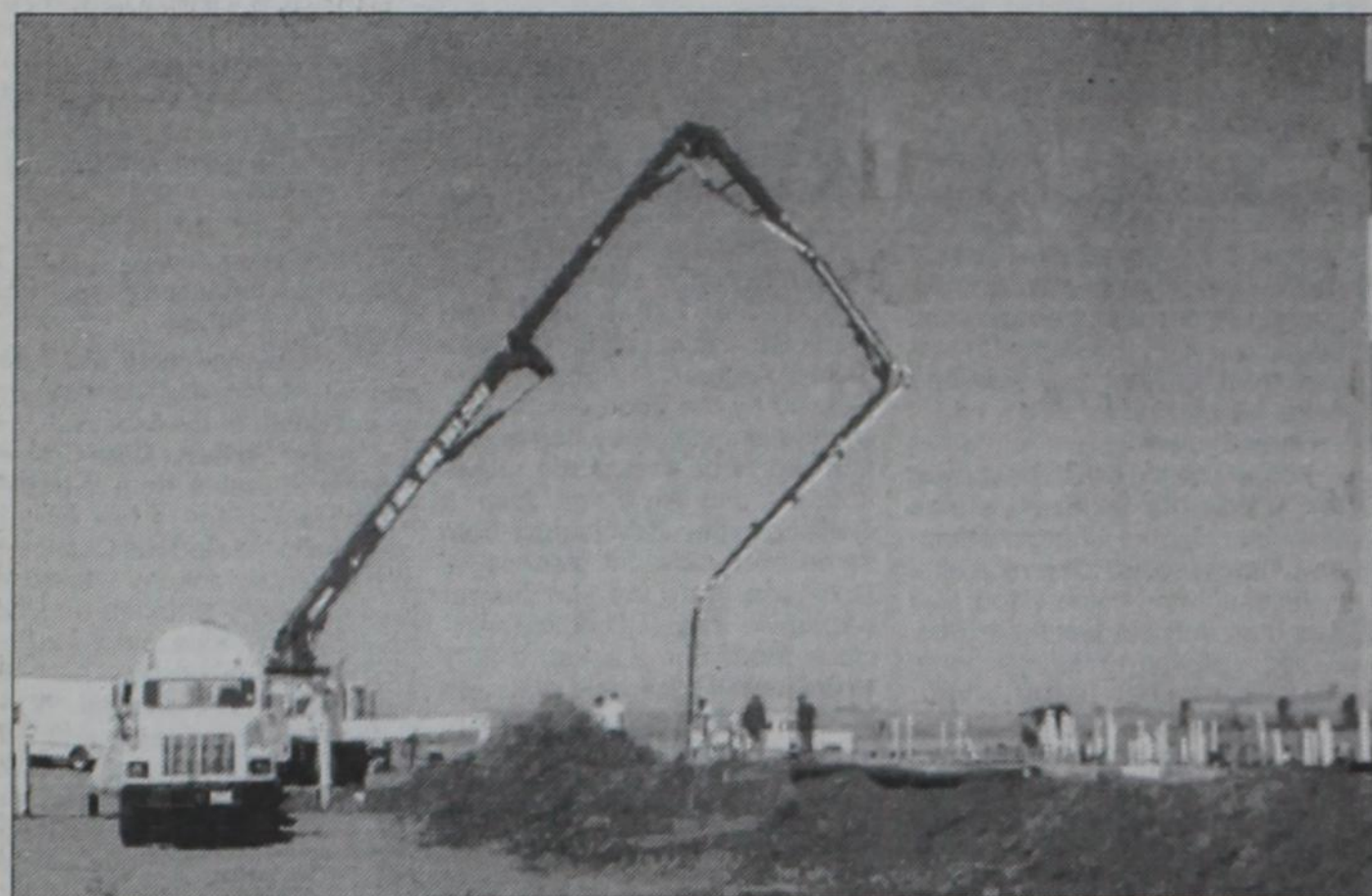
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**PROGRESS:** A large crane was brought in to the site of Wheeler's new motel. The crane was used for the pouring of the concrete.

**Mobeetie** (from Page 6)

well after his surgery. His headaches are so much better and even his allergies aren't as hard on him this summer. He is really looking forward to college. He has started running some and is finally getting his life back. He had such horrible headaches before that most of his junior and senior year he was home schooled. There were so many molds in the band room at school that it would set off his allergies in no time. Todd had quite a scare with his little white poodle, Prissy. They had sprayed the yard for fleas and ticks and then the perimeter of the house for other creepy crawlers. Later in the afternoon, they let the dogs out and Prissy started throwing up and wouldn't quit. They had to take her to the veterinary. Her teacher they found out that a scorpion had stung her on the lip. They had to do five shots and an IV. When they got home, Todd stayed up all night with her to be sure she didn't have

any other reactions that the vet had made them aware of. Tanya had just happened to notice a scorpion when she was out by the trash cans, but it still had its stinger so must be more around somewhere.

Vanessa Stuart is trying to get everything organized and all the loose ends tied up before she has to start her new job as the assistant principal at an elementary school. They are hoping to get the bus to come by and pick Braydon up for the same school; then, he can ride home with Mom after school. Garrett is in middle school this year. Both boys enjoy school and do well so they are looking forward to getting back in the swing of things.

Bobby Horn hosted the canasta club at her home Monday. Leola and the girls had a great time. Bobby is so talented and always has some crocheted project going. Kenneth and Doreen Mayfield and granddaughter, Dora Faye Tolle, came by on Saturday for a visit. Friday was Dora's last

day at her job at the senior citizens building in Arnett. They start to school this Friday. She is looking forward to a shopping spree on Saturday or Sunday.

Sorry to hear that Andy Eubanks' aunt, Wilda Elibee, has been in the hospital with an episode of congestive heart failure. She is to see a cardiologist in Amarillo sometime this week. Wilda lives in Dumas. She is such a neat person and always on the go or working on a new sewing project or quilt.

The crew at the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie is getting the field ready for another great year at Vacation Bible School next week. They sponsor an area vacation bible school and want to close the summer with one huge week of partying. The theme this year is Game Day Central. They will kick off the week with a tailgate cookout and swimming party at the Wheeler City Park on Saturday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. The hamburger cookout with all the trimmings will be at 7:00 p.m. fol-

lowed by swimming from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Sunday, they will have Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. and church at 11:00 a.m., followed by a hot dog dinner and a parade before registration in anticipation

of a great week of food, fellowship, arts, crafts, stories, games and learning about our precious Savior. Being part of His team is a blessing. Every night the events will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper. The evening's events will finish up at 9:00 p.m. There will be a bus over at the Briscoe gym at 5:30 p.m. and return at 9:20 p.m. If you live in Mobeetie and need a ride, please call Sallie Adcock at 845-2453 or 845-2301. She will make arrangements for someone to get you there. On Monday night after supper, you will meet your part of the team and get a game card for the week. Tuesday is BRING A FRIEND night. Come enjoy supper and introduce your friend to the teams and other new friends. Everyone who brings a friend will receive a special surprise. Wednesday, they will be taking a group picture after supper. We want your smiling face in a picture that will be making history. Thursday is T-shirt night. You will get a chance to paint your own T-shirt after a yummy supper. Friday is family night. They will need you there at 6:00 p.m. for the evening's game plan and putting the finishing touches on your surprises for your families and special friends. They will all need to be there at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful evening with the teams. Hope to see you there. It's going to be a great way to end your summer vacation. In just a couple of weeks, our little town will be jumping with excitement again. We are looking forward to all the festivities planned for the Labor Day weekend. The 56th Annual Old Settlers' Reunion kicks off with a parade on Main Street at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 1, 2007. Right after the parade, the awards will be given out at the City Park across the street from City Hall on south Wheeler Street. Hot dogs will be provided courtesy of the City of Mobeetie and served by the coun-

cil members. The Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department will be selling some of their delicious homemade ice cream for \$1.50 a cup. The ex-students will all be getting together at the school for visiting, grazing and more visiting. There will be a business meeting of the Ex-Students at 4:00 p.m. in the gym, with a delicious BBQ supper to follow at 5:00 p.m. They are lucky enough to get Mr. and Mrs. BBQ, Steve and Joyce Walker and daughter, Caitlyn, to have everything waiting for you. For reservations and more information call Maurita Stribling at 806-845-2671. To top off the day there will be a dance down under the arbor at the Old Jail. This year you can dance and listen to the music of Lonnie Cox and the Nightlife Band. Come join the fun. Tickets are \$7.00 a person. On Monday, September 3, the day starts early with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come enjoy a visit under the beautiful shade trees and check out all the new additions and improvements at the Old Jail Museum. Enjoy the yummy pit barbecued beef and all the fixings. Entertainment and awards are from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Come join the fun and enjoy a delicious meal while you catch up with old friends and new. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! There will be free admission to the museum after 1:00 p.m. There are RV hook-ups available at the Old Jail Park for only \$12.00 per day or \$75.00 for a week. Hope to see you all around sometime during the weekend! Hope you'll have a great week! Please remember our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Don and Mary Edwards, Mabel Tabor, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan, Lorene Rector, Leola Stuart, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Tawni and Teni Loftus, Jennifer and baby Mayfield, Barrett Meadows and Mandy Meadows, Aarons and Arica Lancasters,

Charlie Brown, Chris Mick and family, Peggy Frazier, Bulah Stuart, Andrea Audridge and family, Curtis Hendrix, Lonnie Hendrix, Chuck Carl, Vance and Carol Boydston, Shannon Pool, Nelson Medley, Audrey Seitz, Jane Seitz, Byron Simpson, Augusta Brown, Alvern Hutchison, Orville Greenhouse, Shelton May and family, Judson Wilhite and family, Penny Summers, Iva Richardson, Jack and Berniece Hefley, Opal Hefley, Bea and Glenn Williams, Jerry Lister, John McGinty, Kenneth and Vera Walker, Iona May, Melba Corcoran, Lou Dean Douthitt, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Danny Hendrix, Rhonda Gallagher, baby girl Keelin, Wilda Elibee, John Paul and Deidre Harris

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in line for it to be fixed.  
—cwe—  
Mahler Family Practice Clinic opened Monday in the east half of the building next door to the Times Office.

—cwe—  
The Chamber of Commerce Welcome should have been in the paper this week, but I goofed.

—cwe—  
Lisa Mahler is the wife of Clay Mahler, Wheeler's school superintendent. She has been practicing in Sayre. **Welcome!**

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We were home this past weekend and were a part of the Smith Family Reunion hosted by the Meriwethers. We are not Smith by blood—but by marriage in a 'very' round about way.

—cwe—  
We played cards Monday evening at the Meriwethers and only had time for two games, which were won by Rhonda, Barbara and Bob. Leroy, Mike and I did not have a good night.  
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**Wheeler County JAIL REPORT**

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ALMEIDA, JORGE ARMANDO JR 21 W/M WHEELER 07-21-07 TO 07-21-07—DWI 1<sup>ST</sup> \$1,000 BOND MEADOWS
- PENA, MICHAEL SCOTT 19 W/M SHAMROCK 07-21-07 TO 07-25-07—EVADING WITH MOTOR VEHICLE \$5,000 BOND MEADOWS
- CRUZ, VICTOR HENRIQUE 21 W/M WELLINGTON 07-22-07 TO 08-02-07—AGG ASSAULT \$50,000 BOND JAMES
- CRUZ, TERRILL EUGENE 26 W/M WELLINGTON 07-22-07 TO 08-07-2007—AGG ASSAULT \$50,000 BOND JAMES
- GONZALES, AGRRELO VIGEL 26 W/M OKLAHOMA 07-25-07 TO 08-07-07—MISD PROBATION VIOLATION - PLED OUT IN CO COURT—RELEASED
- GONZALES, JAVIER COMPUZANA 36 W/M HOUSTON 07-26-07 TO 07-26-07—POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE \$5,000 BOND EMMERT
- YARBOROUGH, CAROLYN ANN 53 W/F SHAMROCK 07-26-07—THEFT - SENTENCED TO TDCJ
- GREEN, LETCHER KAY 45 B/F SHAMROCK 07-28-07 TO 07-29-07—DWI 2<sup>ND</sup> W/CHILD UNDER 15 YOA \$3,500 BOND MEADOWS
- ROCHA, ALEJO M 56 W/M OKLAHOMA 07-29-07—DWI 1<sup>ST</sup> \$2000 BOND MEADOWS—ICE HOLD - BOND DENIED
- OWENS, DALLAS DEWAYNE 21 W/M WHEELER 07-30-07 TO 07-31-07—ASSAULT F.V. \$1,000 BOND MEADOWS
- FLEMING, ELISHA DAWN 22 W/F WHEELER 08-01-07—UNAUTH USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE \$5,000 BOND MEADOWS
- BROWNIE, JENNIFER RENEE 28 W/F SHAMROCK 08-01-07 TO 08-01-07—THEFT—\$500-\$1500 \$2,000 BOND MEADOWS
- CURRY, ROBERT DEWAYNE SR. 43 B/M AMARILLO 08-02-07 MISD PROBATION VIOLATION BOND DENIED HEFLEY
- LILLY, JOSEPHINE LUNA 49 W/F SHAMROCK 08-04-07 TO 08-04-07—DWI 3<sup>RD</sup> OR MORE \$5,000 BOND MEADOWS
- MENDOZA, MELISSA MICHELLE 24 W/F SHAMROCK 08-04-07 TO 08-05-07—DISORDERLY CONDUCT \$1,000 BOND MEADOWS—DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID \$500 BOND MEADOWS
- CROSS, DAVID CHRISTOPHER 21 W/M SHAMROCK 08-05-07 TO 08-07-07—THEFT—\$1500-\$20K \$10,000 BOND MEADOWS
- POSADA, ROSARIO 40 W/F OKLAHOMA 08-06-07 TO 08-06-07—HEMPHILL CO WRNT \$5,000 BOND MEADOWS
- GONZALES, AUDEN VILLAREAL 22 W/M SUNRAY 08-07-07 TO 08-09-07—JONES CO WRNT \$5,000 BOND MEADOWS
- JOHNSON, ROBERT EDWIN 36 W/M MOBETTIE 08-07-07 TO 08-08-07—PUBLIC INTOX - ISSUED CITATION AND RELEASED

**Let The Truth Lead The Way In Iraq**

by Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13)

Recently, I was one of the House and Senate members asked to go to the Pentagon for a classified briefing from General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker in Baghdad. As I walked out of the tunnel-like hallways in the basement of the Pentagon, I was struck by the contrast between the factual report I had just heard and the debate going on in Congress. It was truly two different worlds.

Not that the news from Baghdad was all positive. It was not. There were areas where clear, significant progress is being made, and there were other areas that have been disappointing. But that report was based on the facts on the ground. The debate in Congress seems to be based on something else.

Henry Kissinger recently wrote "Vietnam and Iraq are different conflicts in different times, but

there is an important similarity: A point was reached during the Vietnam War when the domestic debate became so bitter as to preclude rational discussion of hard choices." My biggest concern is that we are approaching a point in the debate on Iraq where facts no longer matter.

Take a moment to think about what that means. Political partisanship and passions get so inflamed that rational decision making is not possible. Positions get so locked-in that no amount of evidence can change someone's mind. Decisions are based not on truth, but on politics, emotions, and what someone wants the truth to be.

There are ominous signs. Once it became clear last month that there were not enough votes to force our troops to leave Iraq, the Senate Majority Leader took the entire Defense Authorization Bill off of the floor. If his position on

Iraq was not going to prevail, he would not permit there to be any defense bill at all for the first time in 45 years. In the House, staff strains their imaginations to come up with new ways to vote on the Iraq issue every week. The impact of these acts on what the troops are trying to accomplish are brushed aside.

Of course, the danger of ignoring facts can apply to both sides in the Iraq debate. Just as there are those who pronounced the new strategy a failure before it was ever tried, there may be those who resist change even when a different course makes sense. Those of us who believe the strategy should be given a chance must be willing to objectively consider any evidence that it is not working. But the key is to be open to the facts, not locked into a partisan position.

General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker reported that all of the troops needed to implement

their new strategy have been in place only since mid-June. The planned increase of civilians to help with reconstruction is only about one-half complete. There has been a remarkable turnaround in some provinces that had been seen as lost but were now rejecting Al Qaeda foreign fighters. Sectarian deaths have been dramatically reduced while the more spectacular vehicle bombings have gotten most of the attention. On the other hand, the government of Iraq is moving too slowly to pass the reforms needed for reconciliation and rebuilding.

Of course, Al Qaeda is expert at using the media for their own purposes. It was recently revealed that the top Iraqi in the organization never really existed. He was a fictitious character invented for the media. Our soldiers have learned that the truck bombs we hear about are carefully placed in locations where the American

media is sure to cover it. Innocent lives are expendable to terrorists.

Iraq is a pivotal piece in the increasingly complex war on terrorism. General Petraeus will come back to Washington in mid-September to report on where we are and what the prospects are for success. We should all expect that his report will again include some good news, some not-so-good. Will we be able to listen to his professional military judgment objectively, or are the bitterness and divisions too deep?

There are well-intentioned people on both sides of the debate, and there are clearly no simple answers. That is why we must stay focused on the facts, put partisanship aside, and let the truth lead the way.

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) is a senior Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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