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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Did you miss the rain on Monday. I did. There were only a few drops and you about had to be outside to know.

—cwe—
It is getting serious. We are needing rain.

—cwe—
The Chamber of Commerce Board met Tuesday to discuss the upcoming activities on Saturday, May 3—the annual city-wide garage sale and related activities.

—cwe—
We have been having some excellent weather for cleaning out the garage and/or storage shed. May 3 will be an excellent time to have that garage sale and get rid of all those extra items you no longer need.

—cwe—
HAPPY Birthday, Lillian Lee! She will be the guest of honor at a party on Saturday, March 22. Here's a HUG!

—cwe—
Congratulations, Willis & Verna Fillingim! The couple will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on March 25. Family and friends will be gathering at Maxey's on March 22.

—cwe—
The *Times* would not be the same without you, Verna. Keep up the good work.

—cwe—
It is so good to see people out and about who have health problems.

—cwe—
Irene Rogers was at the Post Office and looks great.

—cwe—
W. D. Mitchell was in the office to pay his subscription. Also looks great.

—cwe—
'Wife #2', Inez Erwin, keeps me posted on her cancer treatments. She maintains her sense of humor and credits her 'well being' to your thoughts and prayers.

—cwe—
I get to brag on my granddaughter, Jessica, a senior at S&S, near Sherman. She was named best actress in her one-act play competition and the play gets to advance.

—cwe—
We are ready to go to Austin again, Jessica.

—cwe—
We have had company this week. Cathi and Dorcie are spending springbreak with us. They arrived Sunday afternoon.

—cwe—
Places visited while here were the courthouse square, the city park, the Wheeler Public Library and The Old Mobeetie Jail.

—cwe—
Their visit was a reason to get the ice cream freezer out for the first time this year. Toasted Coconut with chocolate chips and Banana Nut with almonds were the flavors of the day.

—cwe—
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Chamber Plans Numerous Activities for Sat., May 3

Plans are underway for the Chamber of Commerce City-wide Garage Sale activities. In addition to the garage sales the Chamber will sponsor the annual car show, motorcycle poker run and lawnmower races.

Pokey The Clown will again be on hand. In addition to the many activities Pokey brings with him, the chamber will sponsor a model car show for youngsters. Youngsters entering model cars will be divided into two age groups, 2-8 and 9-12.

Changes are planned for the car show. The divisions will be years: 0-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & Up, Pickups and Motorcycles. New this year will be the People's Choice Award; individuals can pay \$1 to vote for the vehicle of their choice. The chamber will again be cooking and selling their hamburgers with all the trimmings.

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Lillian Lee To Be Honored on 90th

Shari and Jim Porter and Lonelle and Arden Kenady would like you to come celebrate Lillian Lee's 90th birthday, Saturday, March 22nd, 2003, 2:00 - 4:00 at the United Methodist Church, Wheeler, Texas. No gifts please. Lots of Hugs.

Sue Chandler Named To Hosp. Board As Allison Representative

The North Wheeler County Board of Director's meeting was called to order by Dean Tipps, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Those present were Dean Tipps, chairman, Thomas Helton, vice chairman, Dave Britt, secretary and Jim Batton. Also present were Ann Fagan-Cook, RN, BSN, Administrator and Sue Chandler.

1. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the February 10, 2003, board meeting were presented and Thomas Helton made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Dave Britt. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Payment of Bills: Jim Batton made the motion to approve payment of bills. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Statement and Statistics: Ann Fagan-Cook, reported financial statements and statistics. After some discussion regarding two items on the accounts payable list and two refund checks that had been issued, Dave Britt made the motion to accept the report as presented. Jim Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Quality Improvement Minutes: Julia Henderson, RN, presented the Quality Improvement minutes of March 4, 2003. After discussion regarding a mis-statement in the report, Jim Batton made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of New Board member from Allison District. Dave Britt made the motion that was seconded by Thomas Helton to appoint Ms. Sue Chandler, representing the Allison District to the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board. Motion carried unanimously. Dean Tipps, chairman of the board, gave the oath of office to Ms. Chandler.

7. Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code No. 551.074 (A)(1) Personnel—Administrator Evaluation

Chairman Tipps called the Board into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

8. Action Item for Texas Govt. Code No. 551.074(A)(1) Motion was made by Dave Britt and seconded by Jim Batton to continue the contract with Ann Fagan-Cook for the next year as Administrator/Chief Executive Officer of the North Wheeler County Hospital District. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Administrator's Report
A. Parkview Hospital Assisted Living Center Update—Sprinkler system is being manufactured and should be installed in early April.

B. Budget is still in the preparation states.

C. Physician recruitment efforts are continuing. There will be a candidate to interview at the April 14, 2003 meeting.

D. Motion was made by Jim Batton and seconded by Dave Britt to approve temporary ER privileges for Dr. Ezra Joseph. Motion carried.

E. Fagan-Cook reported that the nurse call system in the hospital could no longer be repaired since parts for it are obsolete. We will also need a separate enunciator panel for the Assisted Living Wing. Bids were obtained for replacement. Motion was made by Dave Britt and seconded by Jim Batton to accept the bid from A-1 Audio Electronics for replacement and installation of the system. Motion carried.

F. The Board reviewed wage matrix for LVNs and RNs. Since we are not in line with area hospitals Dave Britt made motion that was seconded by Jim Batton to approve new starting wages for LVNs and RNs. Motion carried.

G. After discussion of the current Investment Policy and Procedure, Jim Batton made the motion that was seconded by Dave Britt to approve the current policy with no changes. Motion carried. Chairman Tipps requested that beginning in April Fagan-Cook give a detailed report of all current investments.

H. Fagan-Cook reported that the Compliance Committee held its regular quarterly meeting March 10 and that the HIPAA Committee has finalized training plans for all employees and Board members. The first training will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 from 3-6 p.m. We must be finished by midnight on April 14, 2003 with all current employees. Committee reports indicated that this would be done.

I. Ms. Fagan-Cook reported that 468 accounts have been turned over for collection. She requested that these accounts be written off of the current books and put into a collection account. Any monies collected will be posted back to the account receivables. Jim Batton made the motion that was seconded by Dave Britt to write these accounts off. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

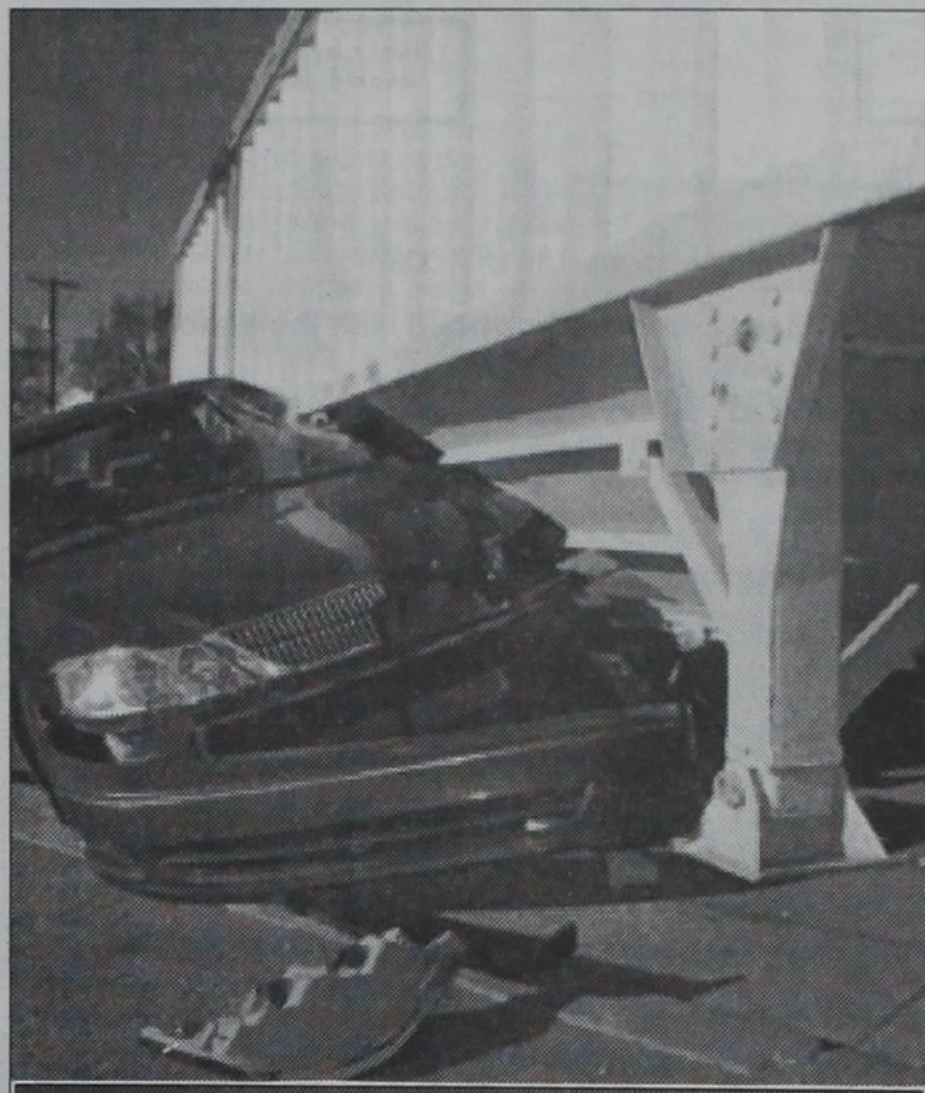
WHIP-Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service are taking WHIP applications right now. The sign-up period started on March 05, 2003 and the closing date for taking applications is April 11, 2003.

WHIP is a voluntary program, which provides both technical assistance and cost-sharing to restore degraded native habitat on private land. District cooperators can receive up to 50 percent cost-share on all eligible cost-share practices. This is an excellent opportunity for district cooperators to improve their wildlife habitat on their own land.

If you are interested in knowing more about the WHIP program, please feel free to come by the office and talk with Calvin.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.



COLLISION: A couple from Kansas occupied this vehicle which was struck by a truck in the 300 block of Alan L. Bean Blvd. The accident occurred Friday morning when the truck made a right hand turn into Omega Grain. The car in the right lane of traffic was apparently out of the sight of the driver. The car was run over by the trailer. There were no injuries from the accident.

Miami Family Named Ag Family Of The Year By CattleWomen

Bob and Glenda Adcock of Miami and their family have been selected as Ag Family of the Year by Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Each year a Cattlewoman's family is selected from the Eastern Texas Panhandle to tell their story to celebrate National Ag Day which is March 21.

For some of you that enjoyed a delicious steak this past week, you might be interested to know that piece of beef was 2 years in the making. From the time of concep-

tion until that baby calf was born was 9 months and during that time that mother cow had to be fed, watered, and checked on and helped sometimes in delivery if she produced a healthy calf. After the calf is born it takes approximately 9 months until it reaches a desirable weaning weight and during that time that mother cow needs

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Party Sat. To Honor Willis, Verna Fillingim

The family of Willis and LaVerna Fillingim would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate 60 years of marriage for Willis and LaVerna. Maxey's Steakhouse in Wheeler will be the setting for the occasion, between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Saturday March 22, 2003. Cake and punch will be served in the north dining area of the local restaurant.

Willis and LaVerna were married on March 25, 1943, in the home of a Methodist minister in Wheeler, Texas. Willis was in the service at this time. When Willis got out of the service in 1945 they moved to a home in the Briscoe community. They bought pigs, cows and land and were well known throughout the years for the large garden they shared with the entire neighborhood and their Christian faith. Willis was a good businessman, excellent farmer and dairyman. LaVerna, a 1942 West Texas State College education graduate, who shared her knowledge with many students, has always been by Willis' side helping in every way possible.

Willis and LaVerna have two children, Dan Fillingim, and wife, Chris, of Elk City, Oklahoma and Mary Newman of Waxahachie, Texas. They have three grandchildren; Dallas Fillingim, and wife, Krystal, of Wichita Falls, Lindsey Criswell, and husband, Ken, of Canyon, and Clint Newman of Plano. They also have one great-grandson, Blain Austin Criswell of Canyon.

Please come to Maxey's this Saturday night to congratulate Willis and LaVerna. Your presence is all the gift they would ask!

Truman Rowell, 78 Graveside Services

Truman Rowell, 78, died Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Entombment was in Memory Gardens Mausoleum by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rowell was born July 2, 1924, in Commerce. He was a veteran of the Navy, serving in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; three daughters, Kathy West of Buckeye, Ariz., Pam Hibler of Wheeler and Teresa Knott of Odessa; three sons, Perry Rowell of Borger, Jason Rowell and Don Rowell, both of Pampa; three sisters, Opal Davidson of Sweetwater, Grace Banner of Brownsville, Tenn., and Naomi Gardner of Anaheim, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Wheeler School Bd. Meeting Thursday

Notice of Meeting/Board of Trustees
Wheeler Independent School District

March 20, 2003

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler Independent School District shall be held on March 20, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of Wheeler Independent School District at 1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- I. Establish A Quorum
- A. Call to order—President of Board
- B. Pledge
- C. Invocation
- II. Open Forum
- D. Hearing of any person/group that wishes to address the Board
- III. District Recognition
- E. Job Shadowing students
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- A. Minutes from February Board meeting
- V. Financial Report
- A. Ratification of bills
- B. Financial Statement
- VI. Reports/Discussion Items
- A. UIL realignment Possibilities
- VII. Action Items
- A. Approve Textbook Adoptions
- B. Consider Bids Submitted on Pickup Truck
- C. Consider increase in attorney's fees for delinquent tax collection.
- VIII. Personnel
- A. Consider Resignation/reassignment/employment of
- B. 2003-04 Contracts for Teachers and Nurse
- IX. Adjournment.



Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fillingim—1943



Verna & Willis Fillingim—2003

Hospital Notes

Extended Care

- Ruth Ledbetter
- Verne Lohberger
- Ardie Martin
- Gladys Pannell
- Maurine Brotherton

New Admissions

- 3/9 Irene Taylor
- 3/11 Lillian Lee
- 3/12 Ruth Wiley
- 3/13 Anita Reeves

Dismissals

- 3/13 Jewel Moore
- Anita Reeves
- 3/14 Ruth Wiley
- Lillian Lee
- Tillie Snelgrooves
- 3/15 Irene Taylor



SAVE YOUR CANS: The trailer is in place and the saving of cans is in full swing. The cans are being collected for Wheeler's Centennial Celebration in 2005. The trailer is located in the 400 block of Sweetwater St.—Thriftway parking lot. Individually, can collection does not add up, but as a community it works.

Proverbs 31:30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that fears the Lord shall be praised. Happy Birthday to Chance

Newman, Tim Mayfield, Darby Dorman, Patty Brooks and Terry Menefield Sr. March 23, Kenzie Watkins, Jason Wesbrooks, Chrystal Selby, Crystal Pigg, Jimmy Adcock, and Layton Hibler on March 24, Harrison Hall, Leonard Hollis, Berkley Wood, David Cross, Brittany Woodworth, David Moore and Peggy Hunt on March 25, Gaye Hale, Justin

Brown, Charlie Flanagan, Nathan McLaughlin and Tanya Waldo on March 26, Gayle Singleton, Greg Bryant, Jada Murray, Travis Goad, Susie Umsted, George Reeves and Robert Bull on March 27, Clay Hawley on March 27, Riley Bradstreet, Ian Finsterwald, Tara Buckingham and Phil Wiggins on March 28, Barbara Austin, Cindy Hartsfield, Marti Meek, Ruby Craig,

Kelby Vise and Stormy Reeves on March 29. Also Bobby Jennings, Marcie Wright, Jennifer Schubert, Andy Vinson and April Brown on March 29, Wesley Steen on March 10.

Happy Anniversary to Dewayne and Lori Selby on March 24, Bob and Charlene Carey, Glenn and Mozelle Thomas, Brad and Sue Chandler and Willis and Verna Fillingim on March 25, Jamey and Diane Brice and Larry and Sharon Zamora on March 27, Dr. Bob and Glenda Galutia on March 28. And Kyle and Tamra Goldsmith on March 11.

So sorry Doyle Grimes had to be taken by helicopter to Oklahoma City from Guyton hospital. Doctor thought that he would have to have 3 by passes, but had 3 stints instead. Pray for Doyle that this will help. He was expected to be back to Guyton soon at home. Thanks Betty Tally for information. Several of Doyle's family went to be with him at Oklahoma City. Thanks, Orvel. Doyle is home.

So sorry that good friend Liz Carr, 84, of Pampa died rather suddenly. Betty Tally had a good visit with Liz on Saturday and she seemed pretty well. She had to call off her bridge club meeting on Tuesday and died Thursday. Such a lovely lady.

Dianne Sparks celebrated her birthday with supper at Maxeys Wednesday night with her family: Buddy Sparks and Taylor and Haley. Happy Birthday, dear friend.

Ember Keith and son Miles, 1 1/2 years have been visiting Cindy and Wes Bradstreet this week. Ember teaches school and is on Spring Break. Cindy and Ember and Miles spent a few days visiting Cindy's mom at Pampa. Cindy will take Ember and Miles to Guthrie to meet Ember's husband half-way.

Guest speaker at Allison Church of Christ Sunday was Terry Shelton with wife Marsha from Dill City. They ate lunch at Bevard and Diane Dukes home. Others there were Nelda Dukes and Tim and Debbie Jones.

Gary and Teresa Ware and Brady and Mike and Shan Evans and Kelsey and Katie and two friends from Austin went to Colorado skiing during spring Break. They all ate supper with their mom and grandma, Ella Mae Wood at Maxeys Saturday night after they got back. They celebrated Ella Mae's 61st birthday and Teresa made her favorite Chocolate Cake. Some of the group went to Shamrock to the parade.

Tuesday Dean and Georgia Tipps and Jennifer Maddox went to Career Achievement Awards at Amarillo Association of Realtors. Terry Tipps friend, Sam Mason, was one of three or four who got the prestigious awards. They had a reception with good food and door prizes. Dean got a flower arrangement. Congratulations, Sam.

Saturday Georgia Tipps and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber went to the parade at Shamrock. Georgia and Jennifer stayed for the concert that night.

Pray for dear friend Lorene Rector, who has been having trouble eating or drinking anything swallowing. Dale Corcoran was taking her to Elk City to the doctor Monday. May have to have surgery. Hope you are soon o.k.

Melba Corcoran is expected home from Germany Wednesday, March 19 after about 3 weeks away. She's been searching for ancestor in Germany.

Brad and Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Shelby from Amarillo were weekend visitors to Laurel and Ed Hershman. They also went out to Dick and Ruth Irvines Saturday to see the cute tiny little Maltese puppies and out to Willa Fillingim and visited. Nice to have Laurel and Ed and Brad and Sarita and Micaela eat lunch at Maxeys with us Sunday. Micaela stayed to spend a few days with the Hershmans. Laurel and Micaela went to Pampa with Willa Monday. The Dawsons took supper to Willa's Saturday night.

Everyone is invited to the Vision Bible Conference starting next Sunday March 23 and going through Wednesday night March 26 at Wheeler Baptist Church. Darrell Burton from Martin Baptist Church will be the speaker Sunday morning at 11:00 and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night at 6:00. Music evangelists will be the Todd Keller fam-



ily. Tuesday noon will be a Todd Keller Family Concert in Fellowship Hall with a covered dish meal. There will be supper Wednesday night at 6:00 before the service in Fellowship hall.

Nice to see Amanda and Antonio Salas with Lynessa, Deidra, Jayton and Jarrott eating at Maxeys Saturday night. Garrett was at Grandma Sallie's sick. But much better Sunday.

Wednesday nice to visit with Ina Pearson and her daughter Becky Dinsmore of Miami at Dr. Kamnani Imaging Center. Ina and Willis were having tests run. We always enjoyed visiting with Ina when we went to Fun Bunch at Miami. Pray for Ina. She hasn't been well. Problems with her heart.

Russell and Linda Hollis of Pampa have been visiting cousins Leonard and Bertha Hollis at Bolivar, Missouri and seeing the sights. They will all be coming back

to Texas soon. Nice Russell and Linda could help them get off to Texas.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Elva Ring (Mrs. Thurman Ring), 82, in her death. Sweet lady. Heaven will be sweeter. Thurman died in Nov. 1999.

Pray for Carrie Harris in New Mexico. She has been diagnosed with cancer. She is a sweet lady.

Some from Mobeetle Baptist Church at Wheeler Care Center Sunday for church were Bro. Lewis Ellis, Paul Hathaway, Estelle Hodge, Marion Grimes, Jane Seitz, Doris Finsterwald, Danny and Betty Rogers and Laura Vandever. They also visited with the residents.

Saturday Bevard and Diane Dukes and Nelda Dukes went to Amarillo to celebrate Logan Harris' second birthday. There was lunch at Andrea and Tracy Aldridge and Tanner and Tysens. Turned out to be kinda cold for a picnic. The birthday party with a football theme was at Deidre and John Paul and Logans. Some others were ones above and John and Jackie Harris from Hartley, Julie Toland and Jarrett from

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THURSDAY, March 24, 2003 — FRIDAY, March 28, 2003

MONDAY
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Lunch: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bu. Toast, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Peanut Butter, Syrup, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Jeltin/w Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Bu. Toast, Choc. Pudding, Milk

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

FRIDAY
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Wheeler Church of Christ

It is still a little early, but we want to start advertising an event that will happen in the middle of next month. On Sunday evening, April 13, 2003, the Church of Christ in Wheeler will be hosting "An Evening with Friends." At 6:00 p.m. everyone in the community are invited to be at our evening worship services. We will have a lot of good singing and I will present a sermon that should motivate and encourage everyone. Stick around after services, though, because other things are planned as well. Several of our men are going to man the barbecue grill and cook up a bunch of hamburgers. Of course there will be a lot more food, too. We have also asked the Mason Jars to sing for us. This is going to be a great night for everyone in town, and yes, it is free. We just want you here. I'll say more about this in the next few weeks articles in the newspaper, but if you need more information before then, please call the church building.

Different subject. Recently 1, along with several other preach-

ers in Wheeler, began conducting the afternoon worship services at Parkview Hospital. I have been privileged to be there twice so far. Our time of worship is nothing fancy - I don't know how the other preachers have done it, but I've lead several songs, preach a lesson from the Bible, and say a prayer while visiting with these residents in an informal gathering. The numbers are small, and I was by far the loudest singer who was present, but it was an inspirational opportunity. Song books were not required because the residents have all of the songs memorized. There is a longing to hear the "old, old story" that comes from the Word of God. Those of us who are younger and/or more able to get around can still learn valuable lessons from these pacesetters who understand how valuable it is to participate in worship and praise to our Lord. I congratulate and applaud these fine people's examples. If you can join in these times of worship some Sunday afternoon, I heartily recommend it.

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:
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:55 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study ... 7:00 P.M.

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Some fog again here in Allison this Monday morning with some clouds and very little wind.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison of Amarillo came last Friday morning. Darrel went back to the farm. She stayed here with me and fixed my hair. We had lunch together, did a little visiting. She helped me hang a window curtain and then went and met Darrel over at our corner meeting place. They went home from there. Always enjoy our time together.

Jerry and Cathy Gilmer came last Sunday morning and joined me at the U. P. church. After church we went to Wheeler and had dinner at Maxeys. Peggy Chandler, Linda Sanders and Jennie Walker were also there for dinner. Sunday afternoon Jerry fixed a leaky faucet in the bathroom, which I appreciated very much. Then we had time for some visiting before they went home shortly after four o'clock. Enjoyed their short visit.

Roma and Billy took their son Larry to Oklahoma City for a doctor's appointment. There the doctor did a biopsy from a growth near Larry's eye. Roma and Billy were in Cheyenne last Friday doing some shopping for garden supplies.

Peggy Chandler's house guests for a few days are Markl Stringer,

Chandler, Kinin and Jordan from Temple, Ok., and Cindy Burrus and her daughter-in-law, Erin Burrus and her baby boy, Jagger, from Canyon.

Glen and Nona Elmore's Sunday night visitors were Wayne and Kathy Zybach, Casey and her boy friend, Ben Pigg, and Ray and Sue Giddens.

Pearl Harrison was dinner guest with Louise Boydston last Thursday. Others there were Laquita Hulse, Gary Boydston, Eddy Walker, Melissa Fleming, Meagan and Ashton from Lufkin. Pearl went to Elk City late Thursday afternoon and spent Thursday and Friday night with Jimmy and Vivian Wallace and came home Saturday. She came through Cheyenne and visited Thursia and her daughter, Delores Poindexter. Walt and Teresa Hodges of Nakona Park, Okla., spent Saturday night and Sunday with Pearl and attended church with her both services and left Sunday night after church, going to Perryton. Pearl's Sunday dinner guests were Walt and Teresa Hodge, Gary and Julie Boydston, Thursia and Deloris Poindexter from Cheyenne. Gary and Walt fixed Pearl's leaking faucet in her kitchen while they were there, which Pearl appreciated very much.

Pete Gilmer went to Amarillo last Thursday and attended Becky Gilmer's birthday celebration at the

home of Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew's home.

Vance Boydston, Juanita and Opal Boydston were in Amarillo for business reasons last Monday.

Lee and Sharon Hall from Amarillo spent a weekend with Nona Jones and Lee got fertilizer put down on her yard while here.

Dick and Cletus Greene and Alexis Greene went to Tulsa last Friday and visited with Kevin and Theda Boydston and Chlisa. Ted and Caroline (Theda's parents) and Dick and Cletus and Alexis all went out and had supper together. From there Cletus, Dick and Alexis went to Branson sight seeing. They got back home on Wednesday night.

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

Country (from Page 2)

Andrews, D. J. and Kassandra Harris from Canyon, and Oral and Karen Moore and Emily.

"Just like a boomerang, may all the love you give come right back to you."—from a card.

Glad to hear work has started on the City Drug Bed and Breakfast in Wheeler in the old drug store/Hospital/Hotel. And maybe another business starting up soon on Main Street. Yeal

Nice to visit with Betty (Marshall) Henning and daughter, Lola, at Mobeetie Cafe. Betty grew up between Allison and Reydon and attended Allison school. She remembered playing basketball against Briscoe. The Marshalls had a Dairy on the Texas side. They are in the process of moving back to the Marshall home place from Lamesa. Welcome!

Keep praying for Maurine Brotherton. She is still not doing very well, but hopes to be going home from the hospital soon if they can get her blood sugar and blood pressure regulated some. Pray for C. B. as he does all he can to help Maurine. May also have Home Health.

Glenda Hudson went to a Karos meeting at Pampa over the weekend. Sonya Hudson and Patrick visited Ray and helped on the corals.

The Steve Vandevers were out to the church at Gageby Sunday. They own the Carson place a mile north of the church. Brittainy and Asher Laverty also visited at church.

Sorry to hear that William McKinley had another stroke and is in Veterans Hospital. Pray for these sweet people, William and wife Rosel

Gayla Hathaway is often our waitress at Cowboy Oasis. She plans to downsize her big garden from 5 acres to 2 and just sell locally, as her kids won't be able to help much. Instead of taking veggies to Amarillo. But still will have okra, blackeyed peas, tomatoes and many other things in Mobeetie.

March 17 was Keith and Tyna Horn's wedding anniversary. They celebrated with supper at Maxeys. God bless you!

Danielle and Amy Nelson spent last week with grandma Vickie Nelson. Great-grandma, Shirley Jolly, kept them some times, when Vickie had to work.

Vickey enjoyed eating lunch at Mel's Saturday with good friend, Michie Hubbard. They went to nursing school together.

Maurine Brotherton is hoping to go home Tuesday, March 18, after 10 weeks in the hospital in Oklahoma City and Wheeler. Keep praying for her and C.B.

Last Friday Montie and LeAndra Whittenberg and Mathew, 5, and Kenna, 2 months, from Corinth, Texas, came Friday to Canute, Okla., to visit Montie's grandparents. Saturday afternoon they came on to Briscoe to visit LeAndra's folks, Donald and Billie Stuckey and grandma, Lou Dean Douthit. Some other weekend visitors were Bud and Brenda Dickinson and Dawson and Debbie Kinnaman and Cory, Zoey, Zane and Audrey.

Sincere sympathy to Pam Hilber and other family and friends in the death of Pam's dad, Truman Rowell, 78, of Pampa.

A youth group from Wheeler Baptist Church went skiing at Aspen, Colo., last week, getting back early Saturday morning. Some who went were Joe Don Glassey, Josh Miller, Britton Goerend, Judy Soto, Lacy Bryant, Katie Richardson, Aspen Hathaway, Josh Bryant, Sandy Bradstreet, Amanda Bond, Mike and Beverly Bryant and Wes Bradstreet. They had a great time and ate out a lot. Wes had an accident and broke his collarbone, but made it to church Sunday and helped with communion with one arm in a sling. They had bus trouble on the way home in the van and were delayed a few hours.

Preston and Elsie Glazner went to Canadian to First Baptist Church Sunday to see granddaughter, Nikki Rodgers, baptized. A special time.

There was a nice bridal shower at Canadian First State Bank Saturday for Heather Ratliff, bride-elect of Shane Stanton. Best wishes! Hostesses were D'Lisa Briant, Tina Stapleton, Anita Webb, Leslie Coffee, Dawn Webb and LeeAnn Julian. They will marry April 12 at Canadian First Baptist



and live in Plano, TX.

Jim and Bobbye Hill enjoyed having their grandkids all last week during spring break. Melissa's daughters, Meredith and Courtney Schooler from Amarillo and Sonya's Mackenzie and Ethan Tyree from Happy kept them busy. Beautiful children.

Mary Whitener enjoyed having Joey Sabbe and several of her family members come Saturday and replace a sliding door on the patio with an atrium door. Some there to visit and help were Mary's daughter and husband, Sherry and Terry Mickler from Jacksonville, Tex. Mary's daughter, Gwen and Bob McCain, granddaughter, Christin White and Brooke and Keenan and Mary's sister and husband, Virginia and Carroll Pettit from Pampa. They were all eating at Maxeys Saturday night.

Ruth Irvine and Becky Tipps and Casey went to the Bull Buckoff at Shamrock Sunday. Dick and Zach and Adam went fishing.

Some enjoying quilting and visiting at Totty School house Thursday were Bobbye Ehman, Estelle Hodges, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Sidney Lynch, Augusta Brown, Laura Vandever, Elaine Martin and Elva Wood.

Pray for Sue Reames. She had quadruple heart by passes and was doing pretty well, but has lost lots of weight from about 95 to 82. Doesn't feel like eating. Hope you are soon o.k. Sue.

Pray for Mrs. Christopher, 94, who fell and broke her hip and pelvic and is in Amarillo Hospital.

Pray for Evelyn Meek, who has a fractured pelvis from a fall. She is home with help from Home Health and Kathy.

There were about 50 who gathered at Maxeys Saturday night to celebrate James and Sub Keathleys 35th wedding anniversary. Happy anniversary! Really big crowd at Maxeys. Keathley's live at Sweetwater.

William Cornell got to come home to Bessie after 5 weeks in the hospital. Some of the skin grafts are healing pretty well, but some have to have more work done on them. He is to have therapy for another month and will go back to the doctor March 28. May be able

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MONDAY, March 24, 2003 — FRIDAY, March 28, 2003

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cold Cereal or Hot Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cheese Burger, French Fries, Hamburger Fixings, Sliced Pickles, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Bacon and Scrambled Eggs, Jelly or Honey, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Cook Choice, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cold Cereal or Pancake Pup, Buttered Toast, Jelly or Pancake Syrup, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage Patty, Jelly or Honey, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza Sticks, Dipping Sauce, Pickle Spears, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cold Cereal or Hot Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Onion Rings, Fruit, Milk
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List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 10, 2003 — March 14, 2003.
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OL—Ronald G. Cox to Jackfork Land Inc., 1-29-03, E 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ASSIGN.—L & I Exploration Corp., et al to Elm Grove, LLC, 2-28-03, Sec. 74, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXECUTRIX ASSIGN./MD—John M. Hamilton to Dorothy Trust, 2-27-03, See Instrument.
ASSIGN./MD—Dorothy Trust to Dorothy G. Hamilton, 2-27-03, See Instrument.
OL—Mary Ann Harrison to Crawley Petroleum Corporation, 2-4-03, E 1/2 Sec. 24, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
RMML—Pacesetter Corporation to Thomas L. Edwards, et ux, 2-27-03, E 1/2 Lot 5, Blk. 55, WSSA, Shamrock.
ASSIGN./ROY/MD—Dewey Lee Duke to Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership, 3-3-03, All Wheeler County Interest.
ASSIGN.—Phoenix Oil & Gas LTD. LLP to Quantum Strategies, LLC, 11-3-00, Sec. 1, D. Tindale Survey.
POA—Carolyn Sue Coburn to Paul Coburn, et al, 2-21-03.
DT—Britton Ray Davis, et ux to First National Bank & Trust of Elk City, 2-28-03.
DISTRIBUTION D—Mary Kathryn Marshall Children's Trust to Julia Carol Stoeker, et al, 1-25-03, Sec. 3, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DISTRIBUTION D—Julia Carol Stoeker, et al to Christopherr Children Partnership, 1-25-03, Sec. 3, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DISTRIBUTION D—Bernard J. Timmerman, et al to Timmerman Family Partnership, 1-25-03, Sec. 3, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Viola I. Carlton to EOG Resources Inc., 2-1-03, E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Viola I. Carlton to EOG Resources Inc., 2-1-03, E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Edward W. Estes, et ux to EOG Resources Inc., 2-6-03, 560 acs. of Sec. 21, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Margaret Illene Reames Francis to EOG Resources Inc., 1-22-03, E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
MARCH 11, 2003
No Recording
MARCH 12, 2003
D—Caaron Jaylene Neighbors to Richard Aaron Lavery, 3-11-03, 2.31 acs. SE 1/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—Kay Pitcock to Citizens Bank, 3-10-03, Sec. 56, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Jane Ann Zybach Hall to EOG Resources Inc., 1-15-03, W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL—Mary Diane Zybach Dukes to EOG Resources Inc., 1-15-03,

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Crock w/Lid and Spicate, Super Nice; 1—Small Kerosene Lantern; 1—Conn Silver Saxophone, Dates Back to 1930's, in Case; 1—Thor Winger Washer; 1—Small Kitchen Metal Table; 1—Baby Buggy w/Doll, Good Shape; 1—Small Kitchen Metal Stool; 1—King LP Heater; 1—Tappan LP Cookstove; 1—Lot 78 Records; 1—Lot 33 1/3 Records; 1—Steward-Warner Radio in Cabinet; 1—Zenith Plastic Radio; **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT & PARTS:** 1—Jimco TB5 Tester for Alternators w/Large Lot Manuals, Complete Used less than 10 Hours; 1—Lot Rebuilt Starters & Alternators: GM, Chrysler, Ford, Delco, 2 Large Truck Starters; 1—Large Lot Alternator Cores; 1—Large Lot Starter Cores; 1—Lanagan Growler Tester for Alternators; 1—18" True Cut Alternator Lay & Undercutter; 1—12" True Cut Armature Lay; 1—Super Large Lot New Pieces & Parts in Boxes on Shelf to Rebuild Alternators & Starters; 1—Large Lot of Good Armatures; 1—Large Lot of New Parts & Pieces for Western Methanol Chemical Pumps; 10—Metal Shelves, 1'x6' Tall; 1—3'x15'x52" Metal Shelf; 2—Metal Shelves 3'x1' Wide x3' Tall; **SHOP TOOLS & EQUIPMENT:** 1—Coleman Elec. 110, 4 hp. Air Compressor, Looks New; 1—B&D 7 1/4" Circular Saw, New in Box; 1—3" Belt Sander, New in Box; 1—HD Steel 4'x8' Workbench w/ 2 Vises Mounted on Table-1 Pipe Vise; 1—3/4 Drive Socket Set, 3/4" thru 2"; 1—Set HD Jumper Cables; 1—Shop Made HD Bearing Puller; 2—Knockout Pullers; 1—Lot Stainless Steel Fittings; 1—Lot Small Pipe Fittings; 1—Shop Built Air Operated Oil Transfer Pump; 1—20" Vertical Band Saw; 1—6" Pipe Alignment Clamp; 1—3" Pipe Alignment Clamp; 2—18" Pipe Wrenches; **OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:** 1—Super Large Lot Computers. Some of the computers are complete and working. Lots of miscellaneous parts and pieces. Several different brand names. Too many to list. These were the property of school and county offices. Several will be set up in working order on tables.; 1—Large Wood Desk w/5 Drawers and Office Chair; 1—Teacher's Wood Desk; 1—Large Metal Shop Desk; 1—Veinforce Credit Card Machine, Almost New; 1—5' Legal Size Metal File Cabinet; 1—Lot Printers, Lap Tops, Monitors, Typewriters, Calculators, Keyboards, Copiers, Fax Machines; 1—Metal Reception Chair; 4—Metal Desk Chairs; 1—Computer Rollabout Stand; **CLASSIFIED:** 1—Chrome Headache Rack, Grill Guard & Bug Deflector, Fits 1991 Ford F150; 4—5-Hole GM Chrome 15" Wheels w/Beauty Rings; 1—Fury LP 40 Gal. Water Heater; 1—Myers 1 1/2" Electric Pressure Pump; 1—Thor Elec. Air Compressor, Compressor Stuck; 1—United 21 cu. in. Upright Freezer; 22—Joints Fiberglass Pipe, 3 1/2", 30-32' Long; **MISCELLANEOUS:** 10—Cattle Guards, Need Repair; 1—LP Tank for Pickup, Approx. 50-60 Gal.; 1—Lot Gas & Diesel Fuel Tanks; 1—Large Lot Tires, 15" thru 22"; 10—Truck Rims, 1000x22; 6—22" Eirea Rims; 18—Woodworking Plans; 3—Brace & Bits; 1—Wooden Box, Containing Drafting, Lettering Set; 1—Lot School Lockers; 1—Wood Corner Shelf, 28"x6"; Three Shelves, Glass Doors, Bottom Wood Door w/2 Shelves; 1—Lot Liquid Concentrated Cleaner; 1—Lot School Desks; 1—Wood Trophy Case; 1—Wood Gun Case; 1—Kirby Vacuum w/All Attachments; 1—Lot Cameras; 1—Lot Knives; 1—Large Lot Bicycles, VS; 1—16mm Movie Projector; 1—Overhead Projector; 1—Lot Record Players; 1—Lot Computer Cabinets; 1—Backyard Buck II Target; 1—Lot Metal Shelving; 1—Lot Tool Trays; Many More Items, Too Numerous to Mention.

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Week Ending March 13, 2003
Intentions to Drill
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Upper Morrow) BP America Production Co., #3170 Roy Morrison, sources
HEMPHILL (IMMEL Douglas) St. Johns Operating, L.P., #3013 Immel, Sec. 13, 1,G&M, spud 12-14-02, drlg. compl 2-1-03, tested 2-4-03, potential 2300 MCF, TD 7472', PBTD 7382'
Form 1 filed in Questar E&P
ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) BP America Production Co., #2 Courson 'D' 22, Sec. 22, A,H&GN, spud 1-3-03, drlg. compl 1-8-03, tested 2-17-03, MD 5331', TVD 3223'
Horizontal well
ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) BP America Production Co., #78 Courson Ranch 'B' Unit 5, Sec. 29,44,D.A. Abernathy, spud 12-3-02, drlg.

compl 12-11-02, tested 2-27-03, TVD 3466' -- Horizontal Recompletion
ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) BP America Production Co., #80 Courson Ranch 'B'
Unit 3, Sec. 21, A,H&GN, spud 12-5-02, drlg. compl 12-29-02, tested 2-27-03, MD 5465', TVD 3267' -- Horizontal Well Plugged Wells
HEMPHILL (WASHITA CREEK Morrow) Conoco Phillips Co., #1 Bowers 'B', Sec. 256, C,G&MMB&A spud 6-2-64, plugged 9-17-02, TD 16275' (gas) -- Form 1 in Phillips Petroleum Scott & Conrad 'M', 1320' from North & 2350' from West line, Sec. 170,42,H&TC, PD 11300'
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Lower Morrow) BP America Production Co., #3172 Warren B. Parsell, et al 'K', 1980' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 172,42,H&TC, PD 11300'
WHEELER (WILDCAT & EAST THORNDIKE) Texahoma Oil & Gas Corp., #1 Taylor '4', 759' from South & 1823' from West line, Sec. 4, A-2,H&GN, PD 12000'.
Applications to Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) BP America Production Co., #2 Webb, et al 'P', 467' from South & 2020'

from West line, Sec. 190,C,G&MMB&A, PD 11260'.
**Application to Re-Enter HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Turner Transportation, #105 Meadows, 1320' from South & 2440' from West line, Sec. 5,4,AB&M, PD 5700'.
Application to Deepen (withln casing) HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #201 Oca Milom, 880' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 1,1,I&GN, PD 11150'.
Recompletion
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #11-12 Carr 'P', Sec. 12,4,AB&M, spud 1-3-03, drlg. compl 1-18-03, tested 2-13-03, TD 11700', PBTD 11590' - Form 1 filed in Bravo Natural Re-**

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Country (from Page 3)

to go back to work April 1. William never missed work before the trouble with his leg, so he has lots of sick leave built up and still getting a pay check. That's great! And can't be on his leg very much or it swells. Keep praying for William and Vicky. They ate lunch with Sarah and Josh Sunday at Weatherford. William is taking blood thinner and skin grafts are looking good. Vicky is able to work some at her job—maybe TG&Y.

Nice to visit with Orvel Brewer at Walmart Wednesday. He and Rosa are doing pretty well. So sorry to hear that Doyle Grimes (Orvel's brother-in-law) had a heart attack soon after he got out of the hospital and had to go back in and in I.C.U. Bulah isn't feeling very well either. Pray for these sweet people.

Nice to have Carolyn May of Diana out to Wheeler Baptist Church last Sunday with her dad, Wesley Steen. He was having a birthday, so two of his daughters made cake for him to bring to share in our Sunday School class. Good too. Thanks!

We met a pleasant, friendly couple at KFC in Pampa Wednesday, Lee and Wanda Eslick. They come down to Mobeetie Musicals.

So nice to have Estelle McAdams from Plains and Evalyn Free from Tyler visit us while Tuesday afternoon. They were visiting their mom, Vea Fillingim and other relatives and helping, where they could.

Nice to see Dorothy Jo George and Debbie Johnson eating at Maxeys Tuesday night. Dorothy and I graduated from WT in 1942.

Also Dudley and Velda Miller and Stacey and Luke Horton were celebrating Dudley's birthday with supper at Maxeys. He didn't say how young he is. Happy Birthday Dudley.

Several Childresses were enjoying supper and visiting together at Maxeys Wednesday night and included Fat and Wanda Childress,

Helen Dyson from Sayre, JoAnn and Buz Bresciani from near Ft. Worth, Wynola and Linden Sanders from Pampa, Brenda Childress and Martha Childress (Mrs. Bo).

There was a big crowd out to Cowboy Oasis Friday night for a good meal and lots of music. J. W. Lane, Nadine Lane and others sang. Jill Lister played one of the bass fiddles. James Ogle, Jerry Lister, J. W. and others played guitar. A nice evening.

Carol Roberson and children

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MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, March 24, 2003 — FRIDAY, March 28, 2003

MONDAY: Pinto Beans W/Ham, Fried Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread/Butter, Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY: Barbecue Beef On Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler

FRIDAY: Fried Catfish, Spinach, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bread/Margarine, Gingerbread/Topping

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from Miami came to see Willa Fillingim Thursday and got the 3 legged Alpine goat and her triplets. The boys helped Willa with jobs. They loaded the cream can with the big coon in it so Willa could carry it away off so he couldn't come back and kill more chickens. Willa lives on the Washita River. She took him to Gageby creek, but he wouldn't get out of the cream can. She had to leave the can and went back in about three hours and he was gone.

Our members were down at Wheeler Baptist Church Sunday. We miss some who weren't there, but thankful for the faithful, who were there. We need to work together. We miss Toby and Kloette and boys but it's not the end of the world. Bro. Larry Heard and wife, from Pampa were there. Larry is Area Missionary and brought good messages morning and night. Pray for our church and the search committee. We had the Lord's Supper and good music. Visitors always welcome.

Nice to visit some with my sweet sister, Polly Hefley. She looks so pretty. Also there was Joyce Carr, taking good care of her.

Willis and I will be married 60 years on March 25, 2003. We are so thankful for the many good years and wonderful family and friends. There have been problems at times, but God has been faithful and prayers and scriptures have pulled us through. Scriptures that have been especially meaningful are Romans 8:28: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purposes." and

Court (from Page 4)

W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

OL—Bob R. Zybach to EOG Resources Inc., 1-15-03, W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

OL—Schroeder Oil Financing and Investment Company to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 12-4-02, N 1/2 Sec. 30 and S 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TRUSTEE OL—A. J. Stivers to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 11-15-02, Sec. 24, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TVL/TDT—D. W. Rankins, et ux to Deborah Latham, 3-3-03, Lot 16, Blk. 71, WSSA, Shamrock.

D—Wanda Lee Sailor to Jerry Lister, 3-11-03, S 5 acs. of N 10 acs. of 11 acs. NW 1/4 SE 14 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

MARCH 13, 2003

OL—Reid T. Sidwell to EOG Resources Inc., 2-18-03, Sec. 26, Camp County School Land.

AOL—Jenny Henderson Babb to Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership, 2-26-03, No Land Given.

QCMD—Bankworth Group Inc. to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-14-03, NE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Ruby Zybach to EOG Resources Inc., 1-15-03, W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN.—William Robert Ware to Bettye Caroline Ware, 3-5-03, See Instrument.

DVL—Thurman L. Rives to Robert C. Nobles, et al, 3-11-03, N 50' Lot 2, Blk. LVI, Shamrock.

MARCH 14, 2003

OL—Black Stone Acquisitions Partners I, LP to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-28-03, N 1/2 Sec. 30 and S 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Black Stone Acquisitions Partners I, LP to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-28-03, Sec. 37, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD—Matrix Resources LLC to Mekuskey Oil Company LLC, 2-25-03, 2 acs. NE 1/4 Sec. 100, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and 5 acs. S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

A. of JUDG.—Billy Scribner Welding Inc. to Kenneth Otts, 3-12-03, RVL/RDT—Robert Randel Bradshaw to 5-C Cattle Company, 2-21-03, See Instrument.

RVL/RDT—Marian Lucille Wood to 5-C Cattle Company, 2-24-03, See Instrument.

D—5-C Cattle Company, et al to Michael L. Oldham, et al, 3-10-03, S 1/2 E 1/2 E 1/2 NW 1/4; S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 27, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Three Data Store Inc. to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 3-12-03, Pt. Lot 18 and All of Lots 19-24, Blk. 8, Shamrock.

CORR. ASSIGN.—Dyco Petroleum Corporation, et al to Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership, et al, 6-30-96, Sec. 29, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN.—Dyco Petroleum Corporation, et al to Samson Resources Company, et al, 1-27-03, Sec. 29, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN.—Samson Resources Company, et al to Samson Lone Star Limited Partnership, 1-27-03, E 1/2 Sec. 20, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and N 314.83 acs. Sec. 13, Blk. OS-2.

ASSIGN.—Dyco Petroleum Corporation, et al to Samson Resources Company, et al, 1-27-03, S 1/2 Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ASSIGN.—El Paso Production Company, et al to Chesapeake EP Corporation, 3-13-03, See Instrument.

Chat (from Page 1)

The card players were happy Monday night.

—cwe—
Patsy and I managed to win the second game and put up a good fight for the last game, but Dwight and Bob won two out of the three games.

—cwe—

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Some of our family want to celebrate with a party. It will be at Maxeys. Saturday, March 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the north room. You can order from the menu and eat a meal or just eat cake and punch and visit. Please no gifts. (We've accumulated way too much stuff in 60 years.) Relatives and friends are invited and it's come and go as you wish. God bless you everyone!

"God be with you till we meet again."

Family (from Page 1)

good food and care to produce a profitable calf. After weaning the calf now a yearling usually goes on wheat or grass pasture for 3 or 4 months until it reaches a weight of 750 to 850 pounds and then sold to a feedlot. The yearling stays at a feedlot for approximately 90 to 120 days on a hot ration of corn, hay, minerals, etc. to make the meat tenders and tasty. It is then sold to a packing plant that prepares the meat for your supermarkets and restaurants. So the next time you eat a piece of delicious beef remember it took 2 years to get to your plate!

The following is one family's story and their part in getting that beef to you:

When asked to write a little about ourselves and what we do, I really struggled. How do you write about what you do, it is all so busy, fun and hard work but it is a Labor of Love. The Adcock Family is so typical of the agriculture industry because they love what they do. We all know that in our lifetime we will never be rich in money, but rich in Family and Traditions.

The LAZY 11 brand was first used in the early 1900's by Bob Adcock's grandfather Frank Harris, Sr. Bob and his eleven brothers and sisters grew up working with his parents Elwood and Helen Adcock on the Cobb Ranch near Ramona, OK. Most of the family today are actively involved in the ranching business. Upon Graduation from High School he married his High School sweetheart Glenda and remained working there while leasing pasture and establishing his own operation. Glenda was raised on a Dairy Farm near Bartlesville, they both were active in 4-H and FFA. They have four children Dwayne, Burke, Julie and Bobbi.

In 1976, they bought their first land. Starting out with 370 acres and leasing 2100 for the cow/calf and yearling operation. In 1978 Bob left the Cobb ranch to start his own operation leasing 2000 acres of Ranch country near Oologah and 750 acres of Farm ground near Collinsville. Making a place for their two sons whom were beginning families of their own in the early eighties. We started an oil purchasing business in 1981 and we run that business as well as helping the boys with the cattle and farming. In 1988 we leased the Bledsoe Ranch near Owasso and Julie and her husband Todd Watkins moved there to take care of the cattle.

In 1992 we leased a 30,000 acre ranch near Gruver Texas, and continued leasing it until in 1998 we bought a 5000 head capacity Feedlot in Texhoma that had not been in operation for several years. In 1999 in Miami Tx, they found the 14,000 acre Clark Ranch for Sale and it was a dream come true, it was exactly what we had been looking for, an opportunity to raise the grandchildren in the manner their parents had been raised. We sold the oil business and all the families moved west. We don't even mind being called transplanted Okies. We love Miami Texas and were welcomed as if we lived here all of our lives Home is where the heart is.

Dwayne and wife Kathy live in the historic home at the headquarters of Lazy Eleven Cattle Company with daughters Taryn (17) Bailey (12) Marium Hannon (17) and oldest daughter Lacey lives on Cowan Rd. and works in the Court House in Pampa. Dwayne works at the Ranch with Bob as well as having his own yearling

THE WHEELER TIMES
PAGE 5—Thursday, March 20, 2003
"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

County 4-H Clothing Project Begins Mon.

The Wheeler County 4-H Clothing Project started on Monday, March 17, at the Extension Office. Julie Boydston, a volunteer leader taught the 4-H'ers part of the sewing machine and gave the youth directions on how to use those parts to sew straight lines and circles. They enjoyed practicing sewing. The youth will meet every Monday at the Extension office

immediately after school. If you are interested in joining this sewing group, meet us after school or call the Extension office 826-5243 for more information. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. Youth are ages 9-19 years of age. The project is free!! Youth may need to purchase some supplies as needed. Sewing is fun! So come check it out!!



LEARNING: The Wheeler County 4-H Clothing Project started Monday, March 17. Shown here are Ilene Butler, Stormie Moore, Shawna Hampton, Don Butler and Julie Boydston, Leader.

and cow calf operation, and Kathy works for State Farm Insurance in Pampa.

Burke and wife Kim live on Hopkins Rd. four miles east of Ranch with daughter Katie (13) and son Ty (12). Burke trains horses, has his own yearling operation and works for various Ranches and shoes horses. Kim works for the Extension office in Miami.

Julie and husband Todd live on the Ranch with daughter Sadie. They have a backgrounding business as well as their own cattle and work for several couples taking care of their cattle. Todd and Julie both do day work for Ranches.

Bobbi and husband Matthew Gill, live on Stone road on the Ranch with daughters Gracee and Emma. Bobbi teaches High School Economics and History and Coaches Girls softball. Matthew is completing his BA in Nursing at WTAM and will be graduating in May.

We live in the main house on the Ranch and the view is unbelievable.

All of the older grandchildren are very involved in 4-H and FFA, doing community work as well as having show animals. They also participate in Basketball and Ty plays Football. The summer months finds them competing in NWOJR rodeos. All on horses trained by Mom's or Dad's and used on the Ranch.

We are lifetime members of Oklahoma Cattlemen Assn. and members of Texas Cattle Feeders, and all of the boys are members of the Working Ranch Cowboys Assn. In 1999 the team qualified to go the World Championship Finals in Amarillo and won the steer doctoring event and still holds the arena record in the wild horse race. The team consisted of Dwayne, Burke, Todd, a nephew Burr Gagan, nephew Jay Adcock and Jeff Begley.

Today our operation works as a Stocker operation, buying 300 to 400 pound Okie and crossbred cattle growing them here on the ranch or leased ground and sending them to the feedlot. We have always tried to keep about 200 Mama cows. This past year we leased the adjoining Clark Ranch and are calving out 560 first calf heifers at the present (anyone want to come help?) We farm about 1000 acres of farm ground and the last few years have planted wheat and grazed for the winter and then cut the wheat for insilage.

They also lease acreage in Southwest Oklahoma all of these places have a long historic agricultural past and we hope to con-

tinue that tradition. We cannot express the importance of family traditions as we firmly believe there is no better way of life for us and for our grandchildren and for generations to come.

Texas CattleWomen Meet In Shamrock

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen met at Mitchell's Family Restaurant in Shamrock, Texas on March 10, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. President Liz Austin asked Carolyn Buckingham to give the invocation.

Dianne Buckingham reported that we have a number of supporting members of businesses and individuals whose donations help us promote beef. We are very appreciative to these people and organizations. Anyone wishing to become a supporting member should contact Dianne at (806) 256-3633 or write her at: 66 Ranch, 7000 CR 21, Shamrock, Texas 79079.

Sandra Christner requested a clarification of the rules for the students who apply for our scholarship. The change was from a person living in the nine counties, (Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler) to a person must attend a state accredited school in these counties. We hope this clarification will help the students in our area. The dead-line to have the application in is April 25, 2003.

Carolyn Buckingham reported on Ag Day and Ag Week preparations. The Ag Family of the Year has been chosen. Keep an eye on your newspaper for this news. Also we hope to have some agriculture facts on the Dale Buckner Show on KGNC in Amarillo with prizes of Beef Gift Certificates. Tune in!

The Spring Convention is scheduled for March 22 & 23 in San Antonio at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. On-site registration is \$50.00.

The dead-line for those who would like to enter the National Beef Cook-Off is fast approaching. Rules are available on website: www.beefcookoff.org

Students ages 16 - 19 who wish to enter the state Beef Ambassador Contest should contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397 for information.

Ladies present were Glenda Adcock, Liz Austin, Lilith, Sena, Amy and Edy Brainard, Anita Brown, Carolyn and Dianne Buckingham, Sandra Christner, Mary Mitchell, Kay Stiles, Julie Watkins and guest Sadie Watkins.

The next meeting will be Pampa, Texas.

ANTIQUA TRACTOR SHOW

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 11th annual antique tractor show March 22 and 23 at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview, TX. There will be antique tractors, small engines, and antique equipment on display. The display will be 8-6 on Saturday and 9-4 on Sunday. A children's pedal tractor pull will be held Saturday afternoon. Concessions will be by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. For more information contact Paul Sarchet at 806/744-4457.

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THIRD & FOURTH: This group of girls make up the 3rd and 4th grade little dripper team. The team played in the Ft. Elliott Little Dribblers' tournament held over the weekend. Pictured are (back, l. to r.) Peyton May, Chelsea Selby, Sarah Horn, Adrian Reis, Marissa Keelin, Alexis Green, (front) Ailene Wyant, Andrea Martinez, Alexis Zybach, Charity Baird and Jada Hathaway.

Correct Steps In Planting Trees, Shrubs

March 3, 2002 - As winter comes to a close and spring begins to emerge, homeowners and agricultural producers alike begin to plant trees and shrubs. The best time to plant hardy native trees and shrubs is when the weather is not frosty, or excessively windy and drying. Ideally, months such as March and April also provide much needed rainfall to help water newly planted trees and shrubs.

The first step in planting trees and shrubs is to find a species that is most tolerant of the climate in your area. For help in finding the right trees or shrubs for your home, office, recreational area, farm, or ranch, you can call your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Site selection is the next important step in planting trees and shrubs on your chosen property. First test soil drainage before plant-

ing. Dig a test hole to determine drainage in the area. Also, consider weed control in the planting area, as weeds compete for water and nutrients that are beneficial to your young tree or shrubs. Soil should also be examined for compaction before planting. If soils are compacted, consider replacement with a good loam, or incorporating several inches of an organic material such as composted yard waste.

Site preparation first dig a shallow planting hole two to three times as wide as the root ball. Wide, shallow holes encourage horizontal root growth that trees and shrubs naturally produce. Next, backfill half the soil, then water thoroughly to settle out air pockets. Finish backfilling, then water again. Cover any exposed root ball tops with mulch. You may choose to incorporate slow-release granular fertilizers into backfill soil to provide nitrogen or other nutrients. Avoid using fast-release agronomic fertilizers that can dehydrate tree roots. Your local SWCD can perform a soil test for your chosen planting area.

Tree care after planting can also help to increase tree health and hardiness. First, remove tags and labels from trees and shrubs to prevent girdling branches and trunks. Following up with good watering helps promote root growth. Two to three inches of mulch around the new tree or shrubs helps prevent weed growth and retain moisture. Finally, only stake trees with large crowns or those situated on windy sites or where they can be easily knocked over. If your tree must be staked, only stake for a maximum of one year and allow for a slight amount of flex.

For more information on soil surveys and trees native to your area, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District, or call the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Headquarters at (254) 773-2250.

Natural Gas Prices Raise Energy Bills

Escalating costs of natural gas used at power plants to generate electricity are forcing Xcel Energy to ask Texas utility regulators to increase the "fuel cost recovery" portion of monthly bills for eight months, beginning in May.

If the Public Utility Commission of Texas approves a request Xcel Energy filed yesterday, residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electric service would see an increase of \$1.05, or 1.7 percent, through December.

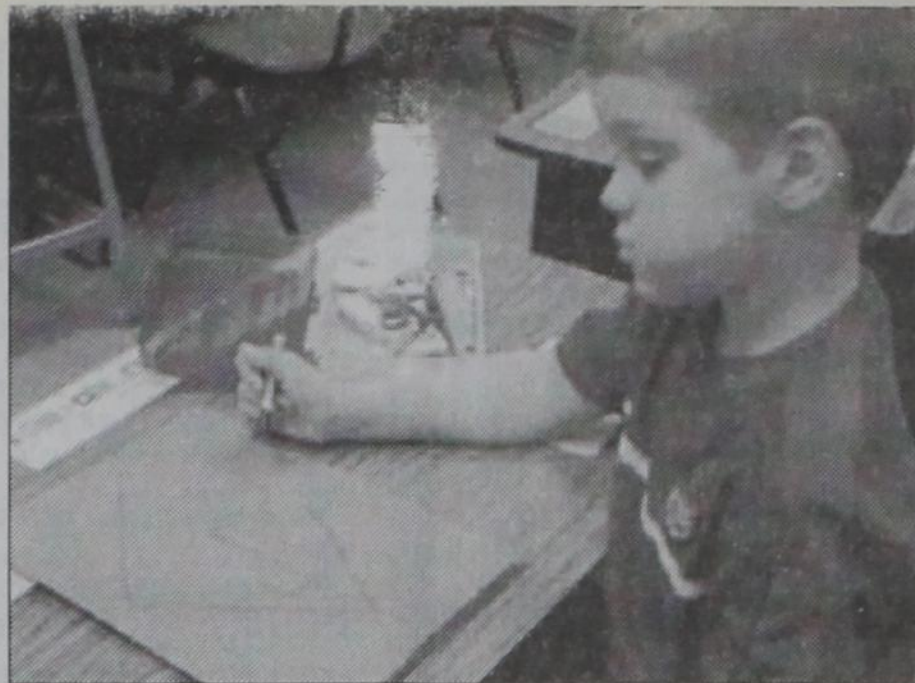
Commercial and industrial customers use larger amounts of energy, and would see higher percentage increases during the eight months, said Davidson, Xcel Energy director of regulatory administration. The overall increase would be about 5 percent.

If costs of natural gas continue to stay high, or to climb, as is expected, Xcel Energy may ask for another increase, as well, Hudson said.

"Even with these potential increases, Xcel Energy's overall prices—for all class of customers, everywhere we serve—will continue to be among the lowest in the Southwest and even the nation," said Hudson.

Price comparisons on the PUCT's website, www.puc.state.tx.us, show Xcel Energy served residences on average use 812 kWh at this time of year, at a price of \$50.97. The average Xcel Energy residential bill is the lowest among the compared utilities. The highest comparable average bill is \$94.57; the average among the utilities is \$65.30.

The fuel cost recovery portion of an electric bill changes when boiler fuel costs increase or decrease. Under Texas law and regulations, utilities must pass through power plant fuel costs to customers on a penny-for-penny basis.



Quentin Parker designs the "Diamond P" for the brand to go on his book.

RIDING THE RANGE WITH COWBOYS

The Kelton Pre-K and Kindergarten classes rode the range, went on a trail drive, branded cattle, fixed fence, broke horses, fed the cattle and horses, and did different kinds of chores with the cowboys of the past. The students learned that the life of a cowboy wasn't easy and that it was lonely and adventurous. The life of a cowboy

today is not like the life of a cowboy back in the 1800's. The technology and selling of the ranches has made the life of a cowboy almost nonexistent. The students created their own brand for the title of their book they made about the life of a cowboy. The students also learned die RODEO originated from the cowboys of different ranches get-



Tanner Reynolds designs the "Rocking TR" for the brand to go on his book.

ting together on their days off to see who the best cowboy was in bronc riding, roping, bulldogging, and eventually bullriding.

USDA Has Funds Available For Texas Rural Housing Renovation

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that Panhandle Community Services was awarded a \$126,140 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). Rural Housing Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

"USDA Rural Development is

very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA funds will be used to assist 28 families with essential home repairs in 26 Panhandle counties. The estimated population of these counties is 360,000, with 9% being very low income. Each county will receive assistance based on the total population, percentage of

low income and amount of funds available and areas of greatest need. Panhandle Community Services have received 400 applications from very low-income rural homeowners for repair of their homes. The funds will be used to correct safety and health hazards, conserve energy, improve accessibility for the handicapped, and reduce overcrowding.

The purpose of the HPG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very-low income housing. Grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at (806) 468-8600, ext. 4.

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ATSWCD Meeting Is Held In Austin

The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District's (ATSWCD) Special Committee of 100 held a conference on March 3-4, 2003, in Austin at the Hilton Austin North. The ATSWCD Special Committee of 100 has the responsibility of responding, on behalf of districts, to various legislative issues and other concerns affecting the state's soil and water conservation program. Members of this committee remain active throughout the year in efforts to strengthen the conservation program in Texas.

During the Committee of 100 Business Meeting, members were provided with an update on the latest state and federal legislative activities. In addition handouts for use in scheduled meetings with legislators were distributed.

Events included a reception honoring state senators and representatives held on the evening of March 3, 2003 at the Hilton. Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs delivered the keynote address during a breakfast meeting on March 4, 2003. For the remainder of the day, committee members met with legislators to discuss a variety of issues including Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Abatement, the Brush Control Program and grants to local soil and water conservation districts.

For more information about the Committee of 100, contact the ATSWCD at (254) 778-8741 or visit <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/swcd/association.html>.

Where Does Your Food Come From?

If you're like many Americans, the answer is the grocery store. And frankly, that disturbs me. The grocery store isn't where food comes from - it's just from where it's distributed. In reality, far too many people are unaware of the role of American agriculture in their daily lives . . . and what it really takes to have food on their dinner table.

Just a few generations ago, most people were a part of - and had friends or relatives involved with - agriculture. Today, that's no longer the case. That's why I'm writing, because agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of life . . . food, fiber, clothing, and shelter. And it's about time Americans recognize that contribution!

American farmers are working harder than ever, and it shows. Today, each American farmer feeds more than 120 people. And the need for food produced in the United States is dramatic. Agriculture is this nation's #1 export and vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy.

And it's not just the farmer who makes our food possible. The entire agriculture industry, all the way to the grocery store, are vital links in a chain that brings food to every citizen - and millions of people abroad.

Frankly, it's easy to take agriculture for granted in America. Our food is readily accessible and safe. For this, we're unbelievably fortunate . . . but that doesn't mean we don't have an obligation to recognize how it's made possible.

This March 21, 2003, is National Ag Day, hosted by the Agriculture Council of America. Ag Day is a good time to reflect - and be grateful for - American Agriculture.

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