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Old Mobeetie Music Festival Begins Fri.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

It is time for the Old Mobeetie Music Festival again and we are looking forward to a visit from the Del City bluegrassers, Melba and Gene Arnold. They will most likely arrive some time Thursday.

—cwe—

Find some time over the weekend to visit the festival for an enjoyable time with lots of good food and plenty of homemade ice cream. Good family entertainment.

—cwe—

And, also coming up next weekend will be 'Jackpot Bingo' on Saturday. It is lots of fun and you might win some money. We will be playing at the Wheeler Fire Department from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. We will begin serving hamburgers with all the trimmings at 6:30 P.M.

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We have certainly been hot the past few days with temperatures near and over 100. Rain is needed and promised for mid week; hope the weathermen get it right.

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Hard to believe the summer is almost gone. We have the schedules for the area schools in the paper this week. Starting date will be Monday, August 18. Where did the summer go?

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We are gathering the list of school supplies. Attention, teachers, we need your lists.

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Hospital Notes

Assisted Living

Verne Lohberger
Gladys Pannell
Glen Elmore
Odra Christopher

New Admissions

7/14 Beverly Bryant
7/19 Marie Osby
7/20 Gale Rowley

Dismissals

7/15 Gwen Loyd
7/16 Darville Atherton
Alta Jean Davis
Beverly Bryant
Audie Sivage
7/18 Pierce Walker
7/21 Gale Rowley
Marie Osby

Wheeler I.S.D. Pre-K, Kindergarten Registration Packets Are Available

Any child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, of this year is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Any child who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of this year may attend Pre Kindergarten at Wheeler ISD.

The State of Texas requires these things for a child to be registered in public school:

1. Copy of Child's official state birth certificate.
2. Copy of Child's immunization record.

Wheeler ISD requires a copy of the child's social security card for record keeping purposes.

Registration packets for children who will be attending the Wheeler ISD Pre K or Kindergarten during this school year are available and may be picked up in the hall outside the superintendent's office on business days starting July 28, 2003.

This packet contains information necessary for enrollment and all the required forms. The estimated length of time needed to finish the forms is from 15 to 30 minutes; some of the information required (for example...the date of the last dental exam or the phone number of your preferred hospital) is generally kept with other personal records at home or may even require a call to your family doctor.

Because of these factors, coupled with the usual, unavoidable registration "Traffic Jam" of waiting in line to complete the enrollment process, school personnel believed some parents might prefer the option of completing these documents in the quiet and privacy of their own homes. Parents who prefer to wait until registration day are welcome to get the packet then and fill it out in the cafeteria.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten registration will be in the Wheeler School Cafeteria on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

Paquetes de Inscripción Para Pre-K Y Kinder De Wheeler I.S.D.

Cualquier niño/nina que cumpla 5 años antes de 1 de Septiembre de este año califica para atender Kinder. Cualquier niño/nina que cumpla 4 años antes del 1 de Septiembre califica para atender pre-kinder en la escuela de Wheeler.

El Estado de Tejas obliga esto para que un niño/nina este registrado en una escuela publica:

1. Una copia oficial de el certificado de nacimiento;
2. Una copia de el record de las vicunas.

La escuela de Wheeler requiere el numero de seguro para los datos autenticos.

Paquetes de inscripción para niños que atenderán Pre-K y Kinder en Wheeler este año están disponibles para recoger en el pasillo afuera de la oficina de el superentente en los días de operacion.



ON STAGE: The Star Canyon Band will be performing at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival this coming weekend. Performances will begin on Friday evening and continue through Sunday morning. Pictured are (l. to r.) Eddie Stroud, Tim Tynes, Jeff Simmons and Rick Curlee.

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Commissioners Discuss Ways To Cut Costs Of Courthouse

The Wheeler County Commissioners met with Dale Sellers and Steven Dodge with Phoenix 1 and Jim Wharry and Forrest Whitescarver with Wharry Engineering of Dallas. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the possibility of cutting some items in the contract for the restoration of the courthouse.

Whitescarver went over each of the alternates mentioned in the contract. Of the fourteen, one is a definite cut and two are possibilities. Alter number three has to do with sanding and scraping some trim in the courthouse; it had been done earlier to eliminate the lead

base paint and should have already been subtracted (\$7,000.00). If the elevator is paid for at the time it is ordered, the cost could be cut \$2,112.50. An additional \$19,444 is estimated to be the cost of covering the floor in the courtroom with linoleum as originally used; the engineers and commissioners will work to have this flooring changed to carpet of the same design available at the time the courthouse was built.

The lowering of the \$300,000 was discussed, but this is a cushion and if it is not needed in the restoration, it will be credited. An example given would be if solid rock is found in digging the well for the elevator a portion of the \$300,000 could be used to pay the unexpected cost.

The commissioners were reminded a number of time of the actual cost to the county—\$0.193 on the \$1.00.

Phoenix 1 uses local labor where possible. Money brought into Wheeler county during the cost of the project could be as much as \$600,000. Ads will be put in the paper for common labor, brick layers, painters, etc.

The commissioners court will meet in regular session on Monday, July 28. The contract may be put to a vote at that time.

Autry Wallis, 63, Is Buried In Mesquite

Mesquite-Autry Wallis, 63, died Saturday, July 12, 2003.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2003 in Laurel Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Karl Tingle officiating. Burial was in Laurel Oaks Memorial Park.

Autry Wallis was preceded in death by his parents, J. T. and Bertie Wallis; and a sister, Margie Banks.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie; a son, Tommy Wallis and wife, Nicole; two grandsons, Luke Thomas Wallis and Hunter Cole Wallis; a brother, Wayne Wallis; three sisters, June Vanlandingham, Vondel Wallis and Marvella Rice and a host of nieces and nephews.

See You At The Old Mobeetie Music Festival Fri., Sat. & Sun.



SECOND APPEARANCE: Triple "L" Bluegrass will be returning to the Old Mobeetie Music Festival this year; They first appeared last year. The band consists of the Miller family, (back row, l. to r.) Lance, Amy, (front) Len, Levi and Landon. The festival begins Friday evening and continues through Sunday morning.

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The Fourth Annual Old Mobeetie Music Festival will be held this coming weekend, July 25-27, 2003. The festival will again feature Bluegrass, Western Swing, Country Western and Gospel along with other various styles. The weekend's schedule is:

Friday, 6:00 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 10:00 A.M.-midnight, and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Sunday's program will feature Gospel music.

J. C. Mills will be the M.C. Frank Cleveland is the sound man.

Featured bands and entertainers include:

- Star Canyon, San Antonio, TX
- Mysons, New Mexico and Oklahoma
- The Duffin Family, Montague, TX
- The Dyson Family, Sayre, OK
- Buddy and Tina Wright, Lubbock, TX
- Triple L. Bluegrass Band, Portales, NM
- Magic City Cowboys, Magic City, TX
- Larry Ford Bluegrass Band, Leedey, OK
- A Bunch of Grass, Amarillo, TX
- Texas Crossroads Band, Shamrock, TX

Admission on Friday will be \$8.00. Saturday's Admission will be \$10.00. A weekend pass is \$16.00. Children 12 and under are free. Admission on Sunday is also free.

R.V. Hookups are available at \$10.00 per day with no reservations; 139 hookups with lots of dry camping space. All will be on a 'first come basis'.

The concession will again be operated by the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department featuring their famous homemade ice cream.

Lots of shade is available, so bring your lawn chairs; seating is not provided. Nightly picking and jamming in the camp area each night following the regular performances.

Bring the family and have an enjoyable time.

Once again **No Alcohol or Drugs** permitted.

Artie Martin, 96, Is Buried Fri., July 18

Ardie Pauline Martin, 96, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at Wheeler, Texas.

Services were at 2:30 P.M. Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Wheeler Church of Christ with Dr. Shawn Johnson, minister, officiating.

Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin was born to Louis and Annie Miller Sivage on May 4, 1907, in Morgan Mill, Texas. Mrs. Martin came to Wheeler County with her family in a covered wagon in 1922. She attended Corn Valley School. She married Pymon A. Martin on August 7, 1925, in Corn Valley, Texas. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Wheeler Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 1 son, Louis; 1 great-grandson; 1 great-granddaughter; 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Survivors are 2 sons, Happy Martin and wife Nora of Farmington, NM, and Bob Martin and wife, Elaine, of Wheeler, TX; 1 daughter, Ida Mae Goad of Wheeler, TX; one daughter-in-law, Joyce Martin of Shamrock, TX; one sister-in-law, Audie Sivage of Mobeetie, TX; 4 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, 12 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Parkview Assisted Living Center, Wheeler, Texas or High Plains Children's Home, Amarillo, Texas.

Last Rites Are Read For Jim Donaldson

Jimmy Lee Donaldson, 41, died Monday, July 14, 2003, at Allison, Texas.

Services were at 10:30 A.M. Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Zybach Cemetery in Allison, Texas, with Rev. Mike Dyer and Gary Hall officiating.

Burial was in Zybach Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Donaldson was born May 25, 1962, in Canadian, Texas, to William and Kay Jones Donaldson. He attended Allison schools and lived in Allison all his life. Mr. Donaldson married Dawn Holbrook on May 25, 1979 in Allison, TX. He was a rancher. Mr. Donaldson was a member of the First Baptist Church in Allison and Christian Life Fellowship.

Survivors are his wife, Dawn Donaldson of Allison; one son, Monty Donaldson of Allison; two daughters, Darla Donaldson of Amarillo and Katie Donaldson of Allison; his parents, Bill and Kay Donaldson of Allison; one brother, Allen Donaldson of Katy, Texas; one sister, Jackie Lewis of Panhandle, Texas, step-grandmother, Nona Jones, Allison, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to your favorite charity.

Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Bd. Regular Meeting

The Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2003, at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were Bret Begert, Richie Kiker, Wade Hathaway, Richard Meadows, Keith Horn and Greg Estes. Kent McLaughlin was absent from the meeting. Guests present were Carl Baker, Gordon Maddox, Terry Maxwell and Brenda Lancaster.

1. Motion by Wade Hathaway to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion by Greg Estes to approve the Leaver Audit Report as presented by Gordon Maddox. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Greg Estes to pay checks #6028 and #6032. Second by Bret Begert. Motion carried. Voting for were Richie Kiker, Greg Estes, Bret Begert and Richard Meadows. Abstaining duo to nepotism were Wade Hathaway and Keith Horn.
4. Motion by Richie Kiker to pay the balance of the bills. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Bret Begert to enter into Executive session (Texas Govt. Code Section 551.074) to discuss personnel, at 7:50 p.m.

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DAWN DONALDSON SPECIAL FUND

Concerning the Donaldson Family tragedy that occurred Monday in Allison, Texas, those wishing to make donations for Dawn and her children may do so at the Wheeler Banking Center at Wheeler, Texas. Please send donations to: Dawn Donaldson Special Account P.O. Box 1040 Wheeler, Texas 79096

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GRAND OPENING: Hidetown Trading Co. will hold its Grand Opening on Friday, July 25, 2003, on Highway 152 east of the Mobeetie intersection (Next Door to Cowboy Oasis). The new business will feature Western Decor and Furnishings, Metal Art and Jewelry. A special Trunk Sale will be Friday and Saturday only. The business will be operated by Sherry Clark; her and her husband, Gregg, have lived in Mobeetie nearly 3 years. Gregg operates Clark's Welding behind the new business; he builds wood and metal furniture and will do custom work. The couple has three children: Dawson, 10, Cody, 7, and Camryn, 2. Gregg is originally from Shamrock and the couple moved to Mobeetie from Amarillo. The phone number is 845-1027. The bed pictured here was made by Gregg. Stop in for a visit and see their selection of items.

North Wheeler Co. Hospital Board Gives Employees Salary Increases

The regular monthly meeting of the North Wheeler County Board of Directors was held Monday, July 14, 2003, in the hospital board room at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Dean Tipps, Chairman; vice chairman, Thomas Helton, Sue Chandler, secretary; Dave Britt, Jim Batton and Ann Fagan-Cook, RN, BSN, Administrator; Sue Stiles, RN, Director of Nursing and Lanette Lewis, RN, Director of Home Health.

1. Chairman Tipps called the

meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2003 meeting: Dave Britt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sue Chandler seconded motion and the motion carried.

3. Payment of Bills: Sue Chandler made the motion that was seconded by Jim Batton to pay the bills. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Financial Statements, Investment Report, Statistics and Bad Debt Write-Off:

Ann Fagan-Cook reported financial statements and statistics. A review of current investments was presented. Thomas Helton made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Dave Britt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Dave Britt made the motion to accept the bad-debt write-off as presented. Motion seconded by Thomas Helton and motion carried.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Wednesday the ex-students met at the city hall to quilt the quilt and to get letters mailed on homecoming. Those working on the letters were Ruth Tucker, Marzelle Conner, and Dutch Elliott. Those quilting were August Brown, Louise Bailey, Maurita Stribling, Bernice Hefley, Jane Seitz, Carol McCurley, Pat Corse and Melba Corcoran.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo Tuesday shopping.

Carl Pierce of Cheyenne, OK visited his sister, Lorene Rector, Monday.

Virginia Mixon spent a few days with her mother, Orville Greenhouse. She went home Wednesday.

Our sympathy goes out to the Wallis family on the death of Autry Wallis. He passed away in Mesquite. He had been ill for a while. He graduated in Mobeetie in 1958.

Those quilting at Totty Schoolhouse Thursday were Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Sidney Lynch and Melba Corcoran. Sidney was hostess. Her double wedding ring quilt is in.

Danny and Betty Rogers and Tina went to Oklahoma City Thursday for Little Dan's birthday.

Orville Greenhouse and Lorene Rector went shopping and had lunch Thursday in Pampa.

Bernice Hefley and Edwina Johnson spent the day in Amarillo with doctors' appointments and shopping on Thursday.

Clint and Maurita Stribling attended the funeral of his cousin, Tas Stribling Jr., in Miamion Thursday. Our sympathy goes out to them.

Our sympathy goes out to the Donaldson family.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ardie Martin.

Melba Corcoran and Lorene Rector attended the funeral in Shamrock for Bud Hobbs. Betty was Jud's cousin.

There was a good crowd for the Friday night singing at the Cowboy Oasis. J. W. Lane was performing. He had a brother and cousin playing with him. His mother Sherry and grandmother Nadine also sang.

Several from Mobeetie attended the birthday party Sunday afternoon in White Deer for Audrey Alexander. Clint and Maurita Stribling took Orville Greenhouse and Lorene Rector with them. Doyle and Bulah Grimes were able to attend.

Clint and Maurita Stribling took Jerome home to Dumas on Friday.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of William D. "Popeye" Ford. He was the son of Richard Ford that lived west of Mobeetie. Will-

iam went to Totty School in the first grade. Then they moved to Pampa.

Those from the First Baptist Church going to the Wheeler Care Center Sunday for services were Lewis and Tula Ellis, Danny and Betty Rogers, Tina Covalt, Paul Hathaway, Marion Grimes, Liz Shipp, Doris Finsterwald, Nadine Lane and Melba Corcoran.

Pierce Walker is out of the hospital and back at the Care Center. He had broken his hearing aid and he talks in a whisper. He said he had a time in the hospital. He couldn't hear the nurses and they couldn't hear him. He has a new Corcoran.



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hearing aid and is doing better. Jimmy Walker got him out Saturday.

Visiting at the campgrounds with Bill and Dutch Elliott to help celebrate Bill's birthday was their son, Steve, and family.

Lee and Melba Brown, Nathan and Nelda Lancaster, George and Marie Kilcrease, Carlton Alexander, Bill and Marlene Scott, and Bill and Dutch Elliott are some of the ex-students camping at the campgrounds.

Several from Fort Elliott CISD attended the North South football game over the weekend in Lubbock. Jason Hathaway and Lee Horn were playing for the north. Jason threw a touchdown pass in the end zone with only 1 minute left in the game for the winning score.

Lewis Ellis, Sherry Clark and Paul Hathaway took the junior boys to camp Monday. Kevin Jones went as sponsor. They had 11 sign up to go. This was the junior boys camp.

Jena and Tyler Herd of Amarillo visited over the weekend with DeWayne and Lorie Selby, Crystal, Cody and Chelsea Selby.

Willene Burke took Don Burke to the VA emergency room on Thursday. He was having problems with his stomach. He has an infection. He was still feeling rough on Saturday.

Last Monday Dale Richardson

of Elk City visited with Leola Stuart. Tuesday Leola Stuart went to Lawton OK to visit with Ronnie and Tanya Stuart and Todd. On Thursday they all went to the Dallas area. Ronnie and Tanya visited with Chad Stuart. Leola went to Wiley and visited with Dennis and Vanessa Stuart, Garrett and Braydon. On Friday Ronnie and Tanya Stuart, Todd and Chad Stuart and a friend Josh came to Dennis' for supper. They all had a good time playing cards. They returned to Lawton and on Sunday Jarad Stuart came in from a job in Enid OK where he had gone to help open a new Wal-Mart. Jared lives in Duncan. Ronnie, Tanya, Todd, Jarad and Leola Stuart and Trea Taylor of Duncan all had lunch at the Red Lobster before Leola left to come home.

Monday Leola Stuart visited with Gladys Richardson, Eddie and Amy Richardson, and Jerry and Cheryl Richardson in Wheeler.

Monday night Calvin and Wilma Hogan and James and Alta Hogan spent the night at the campground. They were on their way home from Marble Falls where they attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob and Lavada Helton.

Scott Neighbors visited in Altus Ok over the weekend with his mother, Fredda Neighbors, son, Cody, and grandmother, Ruth Fox.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Dutch Elliott and Melba Corcoran worked on archives Monday. They also got the tickets ready to sell on the quilt.

Tuesday Bill Elliott worked on the grounds and served as docent for a while. Melba Corcoran worked on archives.

Campers are beginning to come in for the festival.

Wednesday Joe VanZandt, Bernice Hefley, Melba Corcoran, Tonya Finsterwald, Brandon Finsterwald met with Seth Davidson to brainstorm about the exhibit to go in the U Drop Inn travel center. Seth will have a draft ready for a called board meeting to be held July 27 as soon as the Festival is closed.

The campgrounds have been having jamming sessions since last Saturday night. They are playing nightly.

Bill Elliott has been busy getting campers set up.

Dutch Elliott served as docent on Thursday. Melba Corcoran and Dutch Elliott worked on archives and served as docent.

Nelda Lancaster and Melba Brown help Dutch Elliott stuff the program in the program books for the Festival Friday morning. Bill Elliott was busy parking campers. The campers are increasing every day.

Saturday Melba Corcoran worked on the archives and served as docent.

Dale Corcoran was docent on Sunday. Bill Elliott was parking campers and mowing and watering.

Monday Melba Corcoran worked on archives, Dutch Elliott served as docent. Joe VanZandt came by and gathered information on a grant.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, July 28, 2003—FRIDAY, August 1, 2003

MONDAY: Lima Beans W/Ham, Spinach, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Slices

TUESDAY: Barbeque On Bun, Potatoe Salad, Coleslaw, Roll/Margarine, Jello

WEDNESDAY: Chicken and Dumplings, Fried Zucchini, Cornbread/Margarine, Rice Pudding

THURSDAY: Enchiladas/Sauce, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Cornbread/Margarine, Peach Cobbler

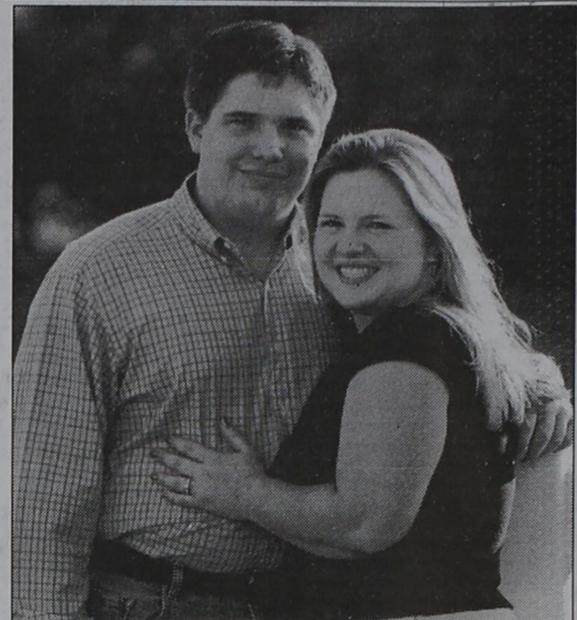
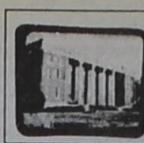
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Wheeler Church of Christ

On August 3-6 we at the Church of Christ in Wheeler will be hosting Eli Borden for a series over the book of Revelation. Some of you will remember Eli because he was with us last November preaching a gospel meeting. Perhaps more of you will remember Eli because he graduated from Wheeler High School in the late 1950's. Eli is a good man and will do a fine job in this presentation.

The book of Revelation is a complicated (maybe even the most complicated) book in the New Testament. There are thousands of different commentaries and articles written concerning this final book of the Bible - and many of them disagree with each other, offering competing opinions as to what the book means. Eli has studied this book at great length, and is highly qualified to present a study of this book. He even wrote a commentary/study book concerning Revelation himself. His book is entitled *The Death of the Beast, 666, What Daniel*



HICKEY-ZYBACH ENGAGEMENT/APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Charles and Debbie Hickey of Reydon, Oklahoma would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Shona Suzanne to Kyle Russell Zybach, son of Eric and Pauline Zybach of Briscoe, Texas.

Shona is the granddaughter of Hester and the late C.L. "Bud" Hickey of Reydon and Cloyd and Patricia Weathers of Eva, Oklahoma. She is a 1997 graduate of Reydon High School and attended SWOSU at Weatherford where she received a degree in Marketing and Communications.

Kyle is the grandson of Truman and Betty Zybach of Sayre and Vonneta Herriage and the late Paul Massey also of Sayre, and great-grandparents Neta Evans of Wheeler, Texas and W.T. Massey of Sayre, Oklahoma. He is a 1997 graduate of West Texas Christian School and a 2001 graduate of SWOSU at Weatherford. He will complete his Masters of Business Administration at SWOSU in December. He is currently employed as a CPA at Britton, Kuykendall & Miller CPA's of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The couple will be married at Trinity Fellowship in Sayre on Sunday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. Shona and Kyle would like to invite all family and friends to share in this exciting day.

Pendleton, Patterson, Bradshaw Reunion

On June 15, 2003, our reunion was held at the City Park in Wheeler, we had 157 people present. When this reunion was started in 1989, we had an older generation that attended and now just 14 years later we discovered that we are the older generation and part of our generation has died, so it really puts us in our place. We had people attend from all over and if someone reads this and don't see their name, and they were there, then you didn't sign in or I goofed and I'm sorry.

Those attending from Wheeler Texas, Beverly Lewis; Earl and Shirley Jolly; Buck and Mary Jones; Todd, Tammy, Nicole and Jaten Moore; Charles and Mary Lucille Moore; Brett, Tammy, Stormy and Baden Moore; Keri Koelzer; Delbert and Brenda McWhorter; Lanette Lewis; Riley and Deleise Atwood; Merinda, Kyle and Danny Dawson; Katie, Jhea, and Jet Weatherly; Weldon, Dolores and Jotanna Simmons. From Pampa Texas, David, Lorie, Brianna, Fayth, and Bubba Leshar; Daniel, Leslea and Ashleigh Wood. From Amarillo Texas, Jim and Floy Belle Lewis; Jimmie, Tracey and Brian Lewis; Brad Harrison and Wendy Lucas; Lee and Patty Ragan; Donna L. Pendleton; John and Teresa Smith; Randy Pendleton; Eldon and Bonnie Berry; L. B. and Ida Pendleton; Kim and Hallie Pendleton. From Albuquerque New Mexico, Beverly Gene De Gruedyer. From Blackfoot Idaho, Dennis and Barbara Norwood; Virginia Patterson. From Lamar Colorado, Sondra Wright. From Perryton Texas, Cathy and Frank Hooper. From Laughlin Nevada, Charlen Whitener; Ken Ahler. From Wichita Falls Texas, Steve and Glenda Johnson. From Briscoe Texas were Vickie, Danielle and Amy Nelson. From Canadian Texas, Debbie, Dewayne, Taylor and Andy Ford. From Missouri City Texas, Lonnie, Kim and Zachary Whitener. From Stinnett Texas, Carol D. Pendleton. From Borger Texas, Roger and Jeanette

So you see quite a group; they came from nine different states and thirty nine cities or towns. Lots of visiting went on and we had a wonderful meal catered by Mr. B.B.Q. It was very good. We had an auction which is always a lot of fun especially for those who are just sitting by watching the auctioneer, thank you (Sonny) Harold. Butch always makes it interesting. Look forward to seeing everybody in 2 years. Remember we're the older generation now so plan to bring your pills, ills, machines and whatever you need to survive that day.

God Bless you all for coming!!!!

Ft. Elliott (from Page 1)

Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Bret Begert to return from executive session at 9:21 p.m. Second by Richie Kiker. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Bret Begert to employ Terry Maxwell, subject to assignment, for 2003-2004 school year at state base, plus local increment. Second by Richie Kiker. Motion carried. Voting for were Richard Meadows, Greg Estes, Bret Begert, Richie Kiker and Keith Horn. Abstaining was Wade Hathaway.

8. Motion by Richie Kiker to donate the Cataline school house to Old Mobeetie Association. Second by Richie Kiker. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion by Greg Estes to approve the tax collection report. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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.

See You At The Old Mobeetie Music Festival
Fri., Sat. & Sun.

At Allison School. Other nights Truman Teel, well-known speaker will be preaching. Some guests were Monty and Jennifer Dukes from Kentucky and Glenda and Josh Pinion from Weatherford.

Nice to see Kellie Helton and Kaitlyn and Chase and Kellie's mom, Patti Guthrie at Thriftway. Pray for June (McCuiston) Heare of Miami. Such a sweet lady, but has been diagnosed with advanced cancer.

Roberts County Museum at Miami has been asked to fix a display and artifacts of the Buffalo Wallow Indian Wars. If you have anything you would loan to the museum or any knowledge, call Carl Williamson at Miami 868-6311. He

is heading up the display and would really appreciate anything you can do for it. He used to play ball against Thomas Roy (Tooter) Helton but Miami could not beat Tooter and Briscoe much. Tooter was so fast and tricky, though not tall. He could really jump. They are still friends. Pray for Ruth Edwards, who has been ill and in the hospital.

We are expecting our daughter, Mary Newman, and John and Katie to come for a few days over the weekend. Congratulations to David and Heather Hale on the birth of their new baby boy Monday, July 14, at Amarillo. Dalton Allen weighed 8 pounds and 1 3/4 oz. and is welcomed by big sister, Sarah Beth. Proud grandmother is Gaye Hale and proud grandpa is Jeff Bacon.

Allen Hale and Mrs. Bacon are deceased. Olaf Sivage is great-grandpa and Mrs. Audie Sivage is great-great-grandma. Best wishes. Elizabeth Hale is helping some with the new baby, as is Gaye.

So happy to know that Dawn Donaldson is improving and getting better. Keep praying for her. Heard she had been dismissed from Lubbock Hospital to stay with a sister-in-law for the weekend.

We are thankful that grandson-in-law, Ken Criswell came through gall bladder surgery in good shape and liver looked real good. What a way to celebrate Ken and Lindsey's third wedding anniversary on July 15. Keep praying for them all. Think they will be back in August to help Willis celebrate his 84th birthday. Also Dallas and Krystal. Hope sol Ken is back working.

Dan Cornett will be retiring as Hemphill County Extension Agent on August 31. Dan has enjoyed working with the kids in all their projects, camps, stock shows. But he has been doing this for 28 years. He is excited about the chance to take early retirement and do some other fun things. They went to Alaska last year and visited Mark and Karen Cornett. Katie and Kevin Clark of Sequin, Texas, are expecting a baby girl in September. They sure want to be there. And they always have things that need doing on their rental property. He got to choose when to retire. Best wishes.

Nice to visit with Opal Hefley at her house Tuesday. Beautiful home. Also had a good visit with Christine Underwood at Thriftway.



She and husband, Bob, just got back from a vacation from a few weeks into New Mexico and Colorado and visited a daughter.

Later in the fall, the Underwoods plan to visit Watson and Aldena Burgess in Michigan. They are acquainted with them from visits at the coast. They also plan to go to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in the northeast. Glad to hear the Burgess' are doing well. We miss them. Also had a nice visit with Rachel Stacy, Ricky Bond's aunt at Thriftway.

I went by to see Audie Sivage and Darville Atherton at the hospital but they were sleeping. Darville had a wreck that banged him up some, but think he is going to be O.K. The angels must be looking after him. Hope the people in the other vehicle are O.K. Darville is out of the hospital. Audie is in assisted living at the hospital.

David and Rita Pearson went to Amarillo Sunday and ate lunch with Lindsey and Ken Criswell and Blain. They also went to the gun show and to Sam's and had a

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good visit.

Larry and Vickey Nelson were on vacation last week. They went to Angel Fire, Red River, Santa Fe. Saw lots of pretty country. They also visited Susan and Dave Reichstadt with the Forest Service at LaJunta, Colorado. They are fine. Saturday they went to Pampa and met Sybil and Ivy Alexander at Dos Caballeros and Danny Nelson and Amy and Danielle for a good visit. They celebrated Larry's birthday, too.

Rosalie Keelin enjoys visiting Lucille Helton and Lucy. They have been such good neighbors and friends.

Nice to visit with Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy at Hastys Monday. Daniel stays busy at Wright Funeral Home. Gene and Norma work for Ware Chevrolet.

Ella Mae Wood enjoyed having granddaughters Kelsey and Katie Evans spend last week with her and Tresa Ware and family. They were from Austin. Vacationing this week at the Ware cabin at Lake George, Colo., are Mike Evans and Kelsey and Katie, Gary and Tresa Ware and Brady and Jason and Ellen Wood from Stillwater, Brady caught a 7 pound trout and Jason a 6 pound one already there near their cabin.

"If you strike a thorn or rose, Keep a-go-in!
If it hails or if it snows, Keep a-go-in!"

"Taint no use to sit an' whine
When the fish aint on your line;
Bait your hook and keep a-tryin'
Keep a-go-in!"
by Frank Staton
from "Flowers That Never Fade"

Stephanie Brock and Casey Tipps went to basketball camp this week. Casey has been staying some with Stephanie. Guess she is keeping Bryant, Timothy and Josh in line. She is used to two big brothers.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Roy Harold Johnson, 77, in his death. He grew up at Briscoe, graduating from Briscoe School. His mom was the switch board operator of our party line phones. Roy was married to Mable Alice Smith, a sister to R. J. Smith. Now deceased. Roy was a barber in Borger and a member of Wesley Methodist Church. He is survived by three daughters and a sister, Juanita Markham of Albuquerque.

Members of Miami Saturday night supper club enjoyed a meal at Maxeys Saturday night and included Myra Neil and Elmer McLaughlin, Carl and Shirley Williamson, Frederick and Carol Gordon, Tom and Jane Henderson, Shy Bailey, Ina Seuchs, Bill and Linda Russell from Dallas, Bernie Heare and Charles and Gayle Clark. For several years, they've been getting together and eating at different places on Saturday night, frequently at Maxeys. A fun group of people.

At Canadian nice to visit with Carolyn Warren at Pizza Hut Friday. She helps with Little House Day Care some. Sort of a disaster when a sewer line broke and flooded the basement where many toys, etc, were stored. What a nasty job to get it all cleaned up and much thrown away.

At Missouri City Kenneth and Violet Farris really appreciated Violet's sisters coming to their son, Shannon's funeral Tuesday, July 8. Shannon was 33. Anna Dell Myers, Evelyn Free, Mozelle Thomas, Estelle McAdams and their mom, Vea Fillingim were there. Ruth Irvine didn't get to go because that was the day that Ruth's grandson, Adam Tipps, had his kidney transplant. So thankful Adam and his dad, kidney donor, are both doing well. Praise the Lord! So sorry about Shannon, but know he has a wonderful place in heaven. Adam and Terry are both doing well since surgery. Pray for Violet and Kenneth. So hard to lose a son.

Watermelons have been extra good and sweet this year. Guess I was born addicted to watermelons. Mama loved them, too. On summer afternoons, we'd gather under the shade trees west of our house (three miles east of Briscoe) split a big'un and dive in with forks. Yummy! There would also be Gene, Valoise, Pauline and May Ruth. Oldest brother was working away from home. (Eldred-Jack) think they bothered dad (O. C. Evans) hay fever. And we had spoons for the juice.

Nice to see Charles and Margaret Kuntz and Darren from Texas Tech at Lubbock and Janet Kuntz, James Kuntz, and Whitney Hundley from Shamrock eating at Soto's Wednesday night.

Also at Soto's Bob and Linda Hink with James and Janette Umsted and boys eating at Soto's. Nice to see Deniz and Fern Reed and son, Andy, at Cowboy Oasis. Andy will be teaching at Rotan in the Abilene Area. Evan Reed moved with Andy and wife and will be going to college down there. Andy grew up at Allison and has taught at Kelton and Shamrock. Andy was helping his dad for a week.

Also good to see Pearl and Bill Darby at Mobeetie Cafe and Greg and Sherry Clark and Dawson, Cody and Camryn with grandpa Buddy Sparks. Also the Darbys were eating and visiting with Pierce Walker and son, Jimmy, at Mel's Monday.

I visited a bit with a beautiful young lady who was mailing a

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1
(HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2
(HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3
(HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4
(SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

PROPOSITION 9
(HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 10
(HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11
(HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12
(HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13
(HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14
(HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15
(HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16
(SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17
(HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18
(HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19
(SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20
(SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21
(SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22
(HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from July 14, 2003—July 18, 2003.

JULY 14, 2003
 RDT—National Bank of Commerce to Michele L. Brown, et vir, 7-11-03, N50' Lot 4, Blk. LX, Shamrock.
 D—Floy Hendrick to Royce L. Hendrick, 7-10-03, N 50' SW 1/4 Blk. XC1, Shamrock.
 OL—O. K. Henson, Jr., et ux to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SW 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 C/C PROBATE—Everett Lawley Jr. to Ex Parte, 5-12-03.
 NOTICE OF CONVERSION—States, Ltd. to The Public, 7-3-03. A. of JUDG.—Legend Bank to Kenneth E. McCasland, 6-16-03.
 REL. A. of JUDG.—Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. to O. B. Burton, 7-8-03.
 OL—J. V. Calcote to Hal French

Tax Scam Targets Child Tax Credit

The Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers about a new scam targeting potential recipients of the Advance Child Tax Credit. The IRS has seen isolated instances of this new scheme. A taxpayer receives a telephone call from a person who promises to speed up the payment of the Advance Child Tax Credit checks. The catch is the taxpayer must agree to a \$39.99 charge to a credit card.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that no person or organization can "speed up" the payment of tax benefits. In reality, taxpayers do not have to take any action to get the new benefit, which features an advance payment for up to \$400 per qualifying child. The Treasury Department and IRS will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer, beginning the week of July 25.

Under the new scam, the IRS is seeing the continuation of a trend that emerged earlier this year when the families of those serving in the Armed Forces were targeted. In both of these schemes, scam artists use current events to prey on unsuspecting victims. The scams also feature callers seeking credit card information to get taxpayers to pay for special benefits.

If the taxpayer agrees to the charge and provides a credit card number or other sensitive personal information, she could find a much larger charge on her account. By the time the taxpayers realize something is wrong, the scam operator is long gone, possibly victimizing another taxpayer.

If you encounter this latest tax scam or suspect tax fraud or abuse in some other situation, report it to your nearest Internal Revenue Service office. When in doubt, seek help from the IRS or a tax professional. You can call the IRS tax fraud hotline at 1-800-829-0433.

Additional information on tax scams may be found on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. Go to The Newsroom page and then click on the "Scams/Consumer Alerts" link under the Topics sidebar.

Editor's Note: H&R Block sent this news release to the Times to warn our readers.

LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Corliss Marie Brown Smith to Hal French LLC, 6-1-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Nancy Ann Thomas Champion to Hal French LLC, 5-29-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Shirley J. Roberts to Hal French LLC, 6-10-03, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 41, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Melissa Daniels Dye to Hal French LLC, 6-24-03, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 41, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Wanda Lee Sailor to Hal French LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Oleta Faye Levitt to Hal French LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Donna Jean Thomas Reed to Hal French LLC, 5-29-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Roy Lee Thomas to Hal French LLC, 5-29-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Robert B. Fleming to Hal French LLC, 6-10-03, S 1/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Mary Ellen Roberts to Hal French LLC, 5-26-03, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 41, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Carroll D. Brown to Hal French LLC, 5-20-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Jo Ann Brown Bryant to Hal French LLC, 5-20-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Odesa L. Mooney to Hal French LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Odis S. Calcote to Hal French LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Doretta E. Moore to Hal French LLC, 6-5-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Don H. Brown to Hal French LLC, 5-20-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Betty Louise Brown to Hal French LLC, 6-1-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 OL—Frances Larue Brown to Hal French LLC, 5-20-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
 DT—Jetta Production Company Inc., et al to Frost National Bank, 3-4-03, See Instrument.
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 DVL—Dan Trimble to Lewis E. Newman, 7-8-03, Lots 27-31, Blk. 3, Briscoe.
 MML—Lewis E. Newman, et ux to Fleetwood Home Centers of Texas Inc., 7-8-03, Lots 27-31, Blk. 3, Briscoe.
 TMML—Fleetwood Home Centers of Texas, Inc. to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, 7-8-03, Lots 27-31, Blk. 3, Briscoe.
 DT—Lewis E. Newman, et ux to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., 7-8-03, Lots 27-31, Blk. 3, Briscoe.
 CONTRACTORS AFF. COMPLIANCE—Fleetwood Home Centers of Texas, Inc. to Lewis E.

Newman, et ux, 7-9-03.
 OWNER'S AFF. COMPLIANCE—Lewis E. Newman, et ux to Fleetwood Home Centers of Texas, Inc., 7-8-03.
 MD—Margilu Reynolds to Bobby Joe Grayson, 7-14-03, NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
JULY 15, 2003
 DT—Anthony Francis, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 7-14-03, Lot 3, Blk. E., Potts Add., Shamrock.
 PARTIAL RELEASE DT—Bank One, NA to Exco Resources Inc., et al, 7-7-03, Sec. 83, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Carol Scott to Five State Oil & Gas Inc., 7-2-03, W 110acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Cert. 5720.
 TDT—Beal Bank, SSB to BRE-NH Inc., 7-9-03, 3.38 acs. E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 APPT. SUB. TRUSTEE—BRE-NH Inc. to Patricia Guthrie, 7-14-03, 3.38 acs. E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JULY 16, 2003
 ASSIGN.—Wildcat Cement Company to Fairway 2003-1 LLP, 7-15-03, See Instrument.
 MD—Clyde W. Beson Jr., et ux to Clyde William Beson Revocable Trust, 7-3-03, Sec. 55, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 C/C PROBATE—Charles D. Robertson to Ex Parte, 6-30-03.
 ASSIGN.—Zack Cain to Fairway Links Energy Inc., 5-29-03, See Instrument.
 ASSIGN.—Carl N. Day to Fairway Links Energy Inc., 5-30-03, See Instrument.
 ASSIGN.—G H Land Company LLC to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-2-03, W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN.—G H Land Company LLC to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-2-03, W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ASSIGN.—G H Land Company LLC to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-2-03, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JULY 17, 2003
 OL—Carolyn Henson Ross to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SE 1/4; NE 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Carolyn Henson Ross to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SW 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Peggy J. Bryant to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SE 1/4; NE 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Peggy J. Bryant to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SW 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—Lova Lee Ringley to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SE 1/4; NE 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 OL—O. K. Henson Jr., et ux to Glasgow Resources LLC, 4-1-03, SW 1/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RATIFICATION OL—James Thomas Miller to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-23-03, W 1/2 W 1/2 E 1/2; W 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RATIFICATION OL—Lynda Beth Banger to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-17-03, W 1/2 W 1/2 E 1/2; W 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RATIFICATION OL—Ray Kelly Miller to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 7-19-03, W 1/2 W 1/2 E 1/2; W 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RATIFICATION OL—Texas LaJean Patton to Bravo Natural Resources Inc., 6-30-03, W 1/2 W 1/2 E 1/2; W 1/2 Sec. 2, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
JULY 18, 2003
 QCD—Vera Hudson Glenn to Kathy Ross, et al, 7-18-03, Lot 6, Blk. 14, Mobeetie.
 QCD—Vera Hudson Glenn to Kathy Ross, et al, 10-18-02, Lots 1-6, Blk. 17, Mobeetie.
 DVL—Robert Edward Smets, et ux to Heath D. Mitchell, et ux, 7-16-03, 77.12 acs. Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT—Heath D. Mitchell, et ux to Citizens Bank, 7-16-03, 77.12 acs. Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #2R Bell, Sec. 208, B-2, H&GN, spud 5-6-03, drlg. compl 5-9-03, tested 5-23-03, TD 2770', PBD 2750'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #4R Sargent, Sec. 157, J&GN, spud 5-11-03, drlg. compl 5-15-03, tested 6-11-03, TD 2770', PBD 2680'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Hemphill-Walser '11', Sec. 11.4, AB&M, spud 4-27-03, drlg. compl 5-10-03, tested 6-30-03, potential 5559 MCF, TD 11730', PBD 11625'.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #14 Meek '67' Sec. 67, M-1, H&GN, spud 5-4-03, drlg. compl 5-19-03, tested 6-30-03, potential 5207 MCF, TD 11692', PBD 11602'.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) PN Resources, Inc., #8069 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69, M-1, H&GN, spud 5-8-03, drlg. compl 6-4-03, tested 6-21-03, TD 11935', PBD 11820'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #4076 Thorne, Sec. 76, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-21-03, drlg. compl 6-12-03, tested 7-9-03, TD 10787'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Hobart '49', Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, spud 4-19-03, drlg. compl 5-6-03, tested 5-9-03, TD 11500', PBD 11380'.
ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) BP America Production Co., #3170 Morrison, Scott & Conrad, Roy 'M', Sec. 170, 42, H&TC, spud 3-31-03, drlg. compl 5-31-03, tested 7-8-03, TD 11300'.
ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) Range Production Co., #3 Pioneer, Sec. 31, 43, H&TC, spud 2-18-03, drlg. compl 3-28-03, tested 5-21-03, potential 2519 MCF, TD 11400', PBD 11340'.
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package to India. I asked her if she had people there. She said all her family were there. Now I wonder about her being in the U.S. and all. Hope I meet her again. A lovely lady. Guess I'm just nosey. Good English.

Hi, Dennis Porter. Always nice to see you at Post Office or Thriftway.

There was a good crowd out to Cowboy Oasis Friday night. Good singing from J. W. Lane, Sheryl Lane and Nadine Lane with Morgan Lane, Jimmy Lane and J. W. Lane playing guitars. Congratulations, J. W. Lane for being in the top four at the State Convention. Doing good!

Nice to visit with Ray and Glenda Hudson and Glenda's daughter, Jennifer Graddy, from Wichita Falls Friday night. She went to WTAM with Dallas Fillingim and said nice things about him. Thanks!

Kyle Goldsmith is doing a great job as youth minister and also acting pastor, baptizing, organizing, taking kids to camp, preaching and singing some. His wife Tamra is a wonderful asset, too, very helpful. And beautiful little Kayleigh, 1, shines smiles to all. Thanks! We are so lucky to have them all at First Baptist Wheeler.

A special treat to have Tom Bible and daughter Savannah, 11, from Fritch come visit Friday afternoon.

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always find some things to do around here. They brought me a large beautiful picture and a few other things.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Wheeler last Tuesday to see the doctor. Their visitors from Tuesday to Sunday were Larry Brown and William Wilkins from Arkansas. Roma and Billy's Saturday visitor was Michail Berry and he was also a dinner guest from Borger. He was a former co-worker with Roma.

Pete Gilmer took his sister, Peggy Chandler, to Pampa last Friday to the eye doctor. Pete Gilmer and Bobby Cornell went to Quanah last Wednesday to take care of business. Last Thursday Bob and Lou Cornell traveled to Amarillo to be with Kiley and Sally Griffin during Kiley's surgery on his leg. He is now home recuperating. On Friday Bob and Lou traveled to Oklahoma City to be with Josh and Sarah McCollum and others of the family members for Sarah's surgery. She came through the surgery well. Bob and Lou returned on Saturday to visit Sarah.

Nadine Reynolds went to Karen Coleman's Tuesday at Laketon to visit her sister, Madeline Terry.

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

Triple "L" Bluegrass Band To Be At Mobeetie

We are glad to have the Triple "L" Bluegrass Band at the festival for their second time. The band consists of the Miller Family, Len, Amy, Lance, Landon and Levi.

Lance is the oldest of their sons, he plays what ever he picks up, but his specialty is the fiddle and guitar. He has played his fiddle since he was 7. He is 14 now. He bought his first fiddle with his own money that he earned by raising calves on the bottle. He has had a few violin and fiddle lessons, but mostly has taught himself. He has taught himself the guitar as well.

Lance sings for the band too. His other hobbies are motors of all kind! Landon is the middle son. He is 13. They bought him a guitar when he was 8 but found out later that he really wanted to play the banjo. He learned one song and a few chords on the guitar, and that was enough. He has had no formal lessons on the banjo, but has learned a lot from dad and friends.

Once he mastered the banjo he really took off. Now there are times he teaches Dad! Landon's other hobbies are reading and riding his horse and go-kart.

Levi is the youngest son. He is 10. He loves to play his mandolin and sings. He has big brothers for teachers so he has never had "formal" lessons either. Levi is the PR man of the band. He really enjoys meeting the people and listening to their stories. His other hobbies are animals: he has his own zoo.

Len plays the Dobro and rhythm guitar. He loves music and really enjoys playing with the boys. I guess music would be his hobby. Amy plays the bass and loves to knit. As a family they enjoy going to bluegrass festival during the summer as much as they can. They live on a ranch North East of Portales and run wheat calves in the winter. They have home schooled the boys for 10 years.

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Hadn't seen them in years. Tom's wife, Misty, was working at a jewelry store. Tom and Savannah like to ride dirt bikes, shoot guns. He was always pretty much to like a challenge. Still does wheelies. Tom went to Briscoe school grades 3-10 while his mom taught school at Briscoe. We always enjoyed visits from Wilma Bible and Tom and Carla. Tom and Jeff Baker were buddies. Jeff lives near Oklahoma City and recently visited Tom. Tom likes selling Honda cars. He and Misty attend Assembly of God Church in Fritch.

So very nice to have Lance and Lajuana Caroland and Lucas, 3, and Annika Lois, 6 weeks, from Lubbock come visit us Wednesday. We ate lunch at Maxey's and came home for naps. Beautiful people. Later they went down to visit Willa Fillingim. Meeting them there were Mayme McElroy and Kulani McDermott and Tannen, Donovan, Rachel and Rory. LaJuana's family spent last week with her folks, Don and Mayme, on the King Ranch north of Canadian. Kulani's family have been there since May. Her husband, Charlie, is in the Navy and on the ocean. Kulani home schools her children.

Good to have Estelle McAdams come visit awhile and play dominoes with us. She is visiting her mom, Vea Fillingim, for awhile.

Ed and Laurel Hershman and Willa Fillingim left pretty early Friday morning with a camper to go to Possum Kingdom, a big lake near Graham, for a Singleton Reunion. They met Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Shelby at Childress to go together. Some others there were Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton from Cordell, Gayle and Kay Singleton from The Colony, Andy and Lisa Singleton and Phillip and Katie from Frisco, Randy Singleton, Wayne and Marie Singleton and many other relatives. The children enjoyed playing in the water very much, a great place for a reunion. Many stayed in rented cabins. Wayne gave boat rides to all who were interested.

We met a beautiful young lady named Emily Hefley at Hastys Saturday. She was going to a bridal shower for her soon to be marriage. Best wishes Emily.

Glad to know Adam Tipps is still doing well. He got to leave the hospital at Fort Worth July 14, and is staying in the Ronald McDonald House nearby with Grandma Ruth Irvine. They have a room on the second floor. Breakfast cereal is furnished with milk, juice, bread. Also canned goods. They are free to use anything on the shelves or cabinet. There are also refrigerators with food and a small place they can keep things. There is a double bed and a trundle bed (2 twin sizes). They are responsible to keep their room clean and wash sheets, etc. It is such a blessing that they can stay there. Adam will need to be checked three days a week for several weeks. There are many things to entertain and lots of sick children. Keep praying for Adam and Ruth. They may get to go to a big baseball game while they are there with donated tickets. Adam and Ruth may get to fly home for a weekend or so soon. Keep praying! Doctors and nurses think Adam is doing great.

At the Ronald McDonald House one big meal—supper—is fixed each day by organizations or just families and food is donated and good. There is a game room with pool table, computer, TV, games. And a living room with books and another with large screen TV. Also an outside courtyard with basketball goals and many things. Also playrooms with toys for young children. Laura Faye Huddler has been real helpful to Ruth Irvine in many ways. She lives at Saginaw, Texas and is a cousin.

Glad to see work has started on cleaning out the inside of C. B. Brotherton's house and all the burned stuff so soon can start rebuilding the inside. Gary Brotherton and Ryan were weekend visitors to help with the clean up. What a

job! Nice to eat and visit with Ed and Laurel Hershman and Shelby at Mel's Diner for lunch. Ed and Sarita were leaving Tuesday to go to Indiana and bring back blueberries for many who ordered them. Micaela and Shelby stayed with Laurel.

There was a nice group out to Wheeler Baptist Golden Agers Thursday noon. Great to have Kent and Angie Ware with Jacob and Levi visiting. Jacob, 7, sang and played his fiddle some. Levi, 5, also sang a song he had made up with some help from Kent. Always good to have them. Others there were Mary and Marshall Andis, Joe Montgomery, Wesley Steen, Evelyn Meek, Emma Rogers, Kenny Frankenberg, Leona Coates, Betty Howard, Rachel Howard, Diane Sparks, Ned Burrell, Martha Meek, Hannah Chapman, Marie Baker, Verna Fillingim.

Keep praying for Estelle Hodges. She is still in Pampa Hospital and having therapy and much pain from a hip.

Audrey's Party
Happy 80th Birthday, Audrey Alexander. Sorry we couldn't make the dinner at White Deer Sunday. Some there were Doyle and Bulah Grimes from Guymon, Sid and Betty Talley from Miami, Orvel and Rosa Brewer from Pampa, Mary Sue and Lynn Stephenson and children from Amarillo, Gary and Marilyn Grimes from Amarillo, Jerry and Beverly Grimes from Amarillo, Marvin and Kelly Grimes and children from Lubbock, Mac and Virginia Vawter and Duard and Nancy Gipson from Oklahoma City, Clint and Maurita Stribling, Orville Greenhouse and Lorene Rector from Mobeetie. Many cousins, grandchildren, etc. Probably 150-200 people in the community building at White Deer. Audrey's boys had cooked barbeque pork and brisquets and many brought food. Gary went to Guymon to get Doyle and Bulah Grimes. They spent Sunday night with Gary and Marilyn in Amarillo for doctor's appointment on Monday. They are not doing real well. Pray for them! Carlton Alexander played music and sang. A great day.

Opal Hefley's 94th Birthday Party

Opal Hefley had a wonderful 94th Birthday party on June 29, 2003 hosted by her family. All her kids and most of grandkids and great-grand and even great-greats present at Church of Christ Multipurpose building in Wheeler. Some there were Bryan, Tiffany, Alexis and Alexander Johnson, Dorothy and Richard Hefley, Mark and Melissa Hampton, Dustin Hampton, Rochelle Rives, Betty Rives, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Justin Hefley, Deedee and Mike Hefley, Rachal and Jim Hefley, Fred and Kim Goad, Ida May Goad, Clinton and Maruita Stribling, Nancy Morrison, Happy Martin, Annie Ruth Lee, Nancy Pierce, Joyce Perkins, Charlie Brown, Harrison Hall, Bill Robertson, David and Phyllis Hefley, Mary Edwards, Linda Daughtry, Jim and Sharon Wright, Inez Wright, Kim and Rick Hefley and Katelyn and Ransom, Fat and Ruby Jones, Leona Coates, Betty Howard, Jerry and Donna Jenkins, Marie Gudgel, Greta Bass, Wanda Herd, Ransom Hefley, Bob and Elaine Martin, Larry and Claudine Finsterwald, Jimmy and Bobbie Hill, Judy Woodard, Frances Hefley, Thurman and Elaine Rives, Jerry and Carolyn Hefley, Ruth Kenney, Mildred (Henderson) and Milton Gierhart, Doneta Dollar, Vernell Hale Carden, Julia Buckingham, R. H. and Betty Dyson, Ruth Wiley, Joy Meadows, Iona May, Johnny and Donna Velasquez, Carolyn Corse, Billy and Carolyn Buckingham, Herbert and Lynn Smith from Pampa, R. L. and Rozena Zybach, Jodie Phipps, Christine Earl, Ernest and Era Jo Henderson, Katlyn Hefley, Stacy, Lisa and J'Shay McCasland, Shawn Johnson, Emma Rogers, Richard and Dianne Hefley, Martha Meek, Shari Porter, J. R. Hefley, Erma Riley, Doyle and Sarah Pond, Marla Ford and Mark and Darla Hefley, Heather Hampton and Marcia and Curley Rives.

Preacher at Wheeler Baptist Sunday was Bro. Jeff Parsons from Amarillo. Very challenging. Special music was Kyla Lynch in the morning and Amanda Bond with Joe Montgomery in evening service. All good. Especially enjoyed the Sharing time in the evening service. Several who had gone to youth camps or on the Mission trip to Carey spoke of the activities and blessings of the week. Pray for all these youth and adults. May

NRCS Grassland Reserve Program Sign-Up Started

Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to announce the 2003 Grassland Reserve Program sign-up is now starting. The program sign-up period will be from June 30th thru August 1st.

The Grassland Reserve program (GRP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners and operators restore and protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland, and other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands.

The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland and land containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion.

Eligible land include grasslands; land that contains forbs; shrubland (including improved rangeland and pastureland); or land that is located in an area that historically has been dominated by grassland, forbs, or shrubland when these lands have the potential to serve as wildlife habitat or significant ecological value. The emphasis for fiscal year 2003 enrollment is the preservation and improvement of existing grasslands and shrublands.

Program implementation is handled by both the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Applications will be accepted by either agency on a continuous sign-up basis. The two

agencies work in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. Program funding comes through the Commodity Credit Corporation. This program is available in all counties. This is a continuous sign-up program, however like EQIP, there will be a ranking cutoff date. This cutoff date is August 1st, 2003.

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To Save The Ogallala Aquifer, Save the Playa Lakes

Summary: As communities across the western Great Plains struggle to deal with drought and declining water tables, a major, yet relatively unknown natural resource is playing a critical role in replenishing and protecting the region's water supply.

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Full text below:

To Save the Ogallala Aquifer, Save Playa Lakes

As communities across the western Great Plains struggle to deal with drought and declining water tables, a major, yet relatively unknown natural resource is playing a critical role in replenishing and protecting the region's water supply.

Scattered across the western prairie landscape are thousands of playa lakes. Playa lakes are the most numerous wetlands in the region, totaling more than 40,000 in eastern New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming, western Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, and the Texas Panhandle combined. More than 95 percent of the world's playa lakes are located in the western Great Plains - they are a unique natural resource.

Playa lakes are shallow, usually round, wetlands with clay floors that lie in the lowest point of a generally large, closed watershed and collect rainfall and associated runoff from surrounding uplands. Their average size is 17 acres, and all playa lakes combined make up about 2 to 5 percent of the total western prairie landscape. They are ephemeral, or seasonal, in nature and hold water only after rainfall or runoff events. Most of the time, they are dry, which is partially why many people don't recognize them as wetlands. Playa lakes are sometimes mistakenly referred to as buffalo wallows, mud pits or evaporation pans.

But there are several good reasons why people should learn about and maintain playa lakes, one of which is the wetlands' role in recharging the Ogallala Aquifer.

Over the past several decades, researchers have gathered substantial evidence pointing to playa lakes as the primary source of recharge for the Ogallala. This is big news for western Great Plains states, which have relied on pumping the Ogallala for agricultural, municipal and industrial use since the turn of the century. Although this research has been going on for quite some time, the results are relatively unknown to the general public and even conservation professionals. Since about 99 percent of playa lakes are located on private land, this information is crucial for farmers, ranchers and natural resource managers who hope to conserve water and maintain agricultural economies of the region.

"We want producers to realize that protecting a playa on their land has direct benefits to them, and for decision-makers to understand that protecting playas is an enormous help to the aquifer and economies of the western Great Plains," said PLJV Coordinator Mike Carter. "Playas put money in peoples' pockets."

The 174,000 square-mile

God make a difference in each one through the school year.

Martha Meek and Mack and Linda Sides went to Brownwood Monday for the funeral of a sister-in-law, Ophelia Fort, 79, on Tuesday. Ophelia was married to Martha's brother, now deceased. "God be with you till we meet again."

Ogallala formation lies beneath portions of eight states: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. In 1990, it was measured to contain about 3.270 billion acre-feet of water. Use of the Ogallala began at the turn of the century, and since World War II, reliance on it has steadily increased. While in 1950 the Ogallala irrigated about two million acres of farmed land, by 1997 it irrigated 14 million acres. During this time, the Ogallala water supply has progressively declined and from 1950 to 1980 water levels dropped 9.9 feet, and from 1980 to 1999 they dropped 3.2 feet, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. With the recent advent of improved dry land farming and irrigation techniques, pumping of the Ogallala has decreased during the last decade, but still the rate of aquifer depletion far exceeds the natural rate of recharge.

According to studies conducted in the Southern High Plains region of Texas and New Mexico, natural recharge occurs throughout much of the landscape above the Ogallala but is focused through playa wetlands. When a dry playa lake receives rainfall or associated runoff, water flows into the playa basin and penetrates the clay layer through deep cracks, plant root openings and other pores in the floor. Water then flows through fissures in the cap rock layer, ultimately reaching the Ogallala formation. Cracks in the playa lake floor eventually swell shut as the clay absorbs more water, limiting or diminishing recharge through the basin. Recharge also occurs along the wetlands perimeter where clay is thin or non-existent. Landscape-wide recharge to the Ogallala in the Southern High Plains is about 11 mm of water per year, and about 9.2 mm of that - or approximately 85 to 90 percent - is focused through playa lakes, according to Dr. Warren W. Wood, Research Hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey. This means that 85 to 90 percent of all recharge is occurring on 2 to 5 percent of the landscape, amounting to about three to six inches per year under playa lakes.

"We've found that playa lakes are responsible for a significant majority of recharge to the aquifer, much more so than in the surrounding uplands," Wood said. "Replenishing the aquifer therefore means ensuring that playas continue to function normally and naturally."

Like the aquifer, playa lakes are also a threatened resource. Of the more than 40,000 playa wetlands in the region, resource managers estimate that at least 70 percent of those have been altered from their natural state through pitting, plowing or sedimentation. Of these, sedimentation is the single largest threat to playa lakes. Sedimentation occurs on all playa lakes that are surrounded by tilled lands. Water runoff from rain and irrigation carry soil into the wetlands, gradually filling them. Sediment build up reduces the volume of water they can hold and increases the rate of water loss through evaporation, ultimately limiting recharge.

(Editor's Note: "Playas... Gems of the Plains", a traveling exhibit project of the Northwest Texas Museum Association, is on display at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum through July 30.)

Star Canyon Band Returns To Mobeetie

Jeff Simmons, San Antonio TX, has been the leader of The Star Canyon Band since its inception 16 years ago. Having played music for what seems like "forever," Jeff plays guitar and sings lead and harmony in The Star Canyon Band. Born in Virginia, his music career began in the country music field, later taking the Nashville route where he shared stages with some of "the best" before converting to bluegrass music in the early 1980s. To the enjoyment of his many fans, there's still a touch of country to Jeff's music. Onstage, there's no doubt that he loves performing and sharing his God-given talents with the bluegrass world.

Rick Curlee, Cleburne TX, has honed his mandolin skills over the years after getting his start as a child playing with his family band. He later switched to traditional style bluegrass, also developing proficiency on the guitar along the way. Today, in addition to his mandolin and guitar expertise, Rick also writes music and sings lead, tenor and bass. He's said to have one of the very best high tenor voices around.

Tim Tynes, Burleson TX, is an accomplished artisan on banjo, guitar and dobro. Tim also shares vocal responsibilities of The Star Canyon Band. Though he enjoys different types of music-bluegrass music means the most to Tim. He has lived in the Fort Worth area most of his life. During his 29 years of playing music, he has been a part of several bands, taught banjo and assisted with area banjo workshops. When he isn't picking, Tim is enjoying time with his family, hunting or fishing.

Eddie Stroud is an excellent bassist and sings lead and harmony, as well. A native Texan, Eddie was born, raised, and works in Glen Rose TX where he still lives today. Eddie has been playing music for 16 years-starting out on guitar and later learning to play bass because "there never seemed to be anyone to play bass" for the jam sessions he frequented at a nearby bluegrass music park. He'll modestly tell you that there's "nothin' special 'bout me," but when he starts singing while playing guitar or bass, you'll know right

Army 1st Lt. Whatley Station In Missouri

Army 1st Lt. Shana M. Whatley has arrived for duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Whatley is a military police officer assigned to the Military Police Basic Officer Course.

She is the sister of Shara L. Bell of Farm to Market, Mobeetie, Texas.

The first lieutenant is a 1991 graduate of Mobeetie High School, and a 2001 graduate of Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.



Karlee Bynum, 3 years old, is the daughter of Rodney and Renee Bynum of Linden, TX. Grandparents are Charlie and Kathy Johnson of Linden, TX and Ricky and Sharon Watson of Plainview, TX. Great-grandparents are Dave and Betty Kreyling of Pampa and Ray and Laura Johnson of Clovis, NM. Great-great-grandparents are Fern Kidwell of Wheeler and Velma Johnson of Marble Falls, TX.

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quick-like that there is, indeed, something very special about him! Eddie readily admits that the thing that he loves most about bluegrass music is the people and "the people" love Eddie as well.

This personable, dynamic four-some came together in this venture dedicated to "being the best that they can be," and they are definitely "entertainers"—each member is an accomplished lead vocalist and, collectively, they perform some wonderful harmony coupled with one of the best balances of sound that you can hope to find. From the pooling and refinement of individual members' ideas, emerged The Star Canyon Band's own novel style of entertainment—a lot of bluegrass, softened with a little country, a touch of folk music added, and a dusting of humor injected here and there. They seem to have discovered the "mix" that folks want to hear...an 1100+ fan base supports their extreme popularity. These loyal fans readily proclaim these fellows to be "some of the most talented and nicest guys that you could ever hope to meet!" Their presence adds a special touch to any event!

For your enjoyment and entertainment, we present a quality performance in a unique style with unity, energy, and enthusiasm—THE STAR CANYON BAND!!

Weatherly Family Reunion Is July 13

The descendants of Joe and Virginia Martin Weatherly met July 13th, 2003 at Maxey's for lunch to start their Weatherly Reunion. After a bountiful lunch, everyone then went north of town to Bob Weatherly's place.

The only living child of this union, Beatrice Weatherly Mullin, Turkey, Texas, was buried there June 21st, 2003. We will miss her very much.

Family members attending the reunion were Harold D. "Sonny" Weatherly, Bud Weatherly and his son, Tony Weatherly all of Gordonsville, Tx.; Ann Weatherly Kuczala of Kingston, Okla.; Lloyd W. and Margaret Weatherly and two grandchildren of Littleton, Colo.; Kearby, Peggy and Liz Weatherly of Okmulgee, Ok., and Tony Weatherly also of Okmulgee, Ok.; Furman and Neva Weatherly Maxwell and daughter, Andrea of Borger, Tx.; Clyde and Anita Weatherly Guynes of Spring Branch, Tx.; Leon and Dot Weatherly of Pampa, Tx.; Susan Ford Manning; Jerry Woodruff; Dell and Mary Ford and daughter, P. J. of Amarillo, Tx.; Teresa Ford Rose of Sayre, Okla.; Marcie Rose, Peggy Weatherly Ford and Bob Weatherly of Wheeler, Tx.

Also attending the reunion were relatives of some of the Weatherlys, Bobby Sams of Amarillo, Tx., and Patsy Dunne Ayers of Colorado Springs, Colo.

We spent the afternoon pitching washers, looking at old photos taken way back when we were all younger, snapping new photo and visiting, visiting and visiting!

We plan to have another Weatherly reunion in the summer of 2004 and hope to see more Weatherlys in attendance.

Our first reunion was in Childress, Texas in 1962.

For many years the Belgian mystery writer Georges Simenon wrote, on average, one novel every eleven days.

Ounce for ounce the strongest bone in the body is the thigh bone—and it's hollow.

the eyelids of snakes do not move, they are fused.



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Back to School!

Wheeler Ind. School Dist. School Calendar: 2003-2004

Staff Development	August 11-14
Staff Work Day	August 15
Classes Begin	August 18
Labor Day Holiday	September 1
End First Six Weeks (29 Days)	September 26
Holiday	October 13
End Second Six Weeks (26 Days)	November 4
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 26-28
End Third Six Weeks (30 Days)	December 19
Christmas Holidays	Dec. 22-Jan. 2
Classes Resume	January 5
End Fourth Six Weeks (30 Days)	February 13
Staff In Service	February 16
Spring Break	March 8-12
End Fifth Six Weeks (33 Days)	April 8
Holiday	April 9
Bad Weather Day	April 12
Bad Weather Day	May 7
End Sixth Six Weeks (32 Days)	May 27
Junior High Graduation	May 27
High School Graduation	May 28
Staff Work Day	May 28

Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D

School Calendar: 2003-2004

Teacher In Service	August 11-15
First Day of School	August 18
Labor Day Holiday	September 1
Holiday	October 13
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 26-28
Christmas Holidays	December 22-January 2
Holiday	February 16
Spring Break	March 8-12
Holiday	April 9
Bad Weather Day/Holiday	April 12
Bad Weather Day/Holiday	May 27
Teacher Inservice	May 28-29

Kelton Independent School Dist.

School Calendar: 2003-2004

School Begins Monday, August 18, 2003

Student Holidays

Labor Day—September 1
Columbus Day—October 13
Thanksgiving—Nov. 26-28
Christmas—Dec. 22-Jan. 2
Presidents' Day—February 16
Spring Break—March 8-12
Good Friday—April 9

Test Dates

4th-7th Grade TAKS Wtg.—Feb. 24
3rd Grade TAKS Reading—March 3
Retest—April 28
Final Retest—June 29

3rd-7th Grade TAKS Math—April 27
3rd-7th Grade TAKS Reading—April 28
6th Grade TAKS Science—April 29

Staff Development

Holiday for Students

Friday, January 2

Friday, May 28

Bad Weather Days

Holiday, unless school days are missed due to cancellation of school because of weather.

Monday, April 12

Thursday, May 27

School Ends—May 27, 2004

Cornerstone Christian Academy

School Calendar: 2003-2004

August 25	Parent Orientation—7:00 P.M.
Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sept. 12-22	Cookie Dough Sale
October 8	Dismiss at Noon
October 9-10	Fall Workshop (No School)
October 13	Columbus Day
October 17	First Quarter Ends (No School)
October 21	PLAN Test (Soph.)
October 25	Daylight Savings Time Ends
October 27	Second PTF—7:00 pm (Dismiss at 2:30)
October 27-November 10	ULC Candle Sale
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 19	Christmas Party (Dismiss at Noon)

December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 12	Third PTF 7:00 P.M. (Dismiss at 2:30)
Jan 18-31	Citrus Fruit Sale
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 16	President's Day
March 5	Third Quarter Ends (No School)
March 8-12	Spring Break
March 22	Fourth PTF 7:00 P.M. (Dismiss at 2:30)
March 29-April 2	ACE Student Convention
April 4	Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 9-12	Resurrection Weekend
April 20-21	CAT/TCS Testing (Tenative)
April 30	Lase Day to Use Merit Leave
May 3	Fifth PTF 7:00 P.M. (Dismiss at 2:30)
May 14	Final Day/PACE Work
May 16	Graduation
May 19	Awards Night—7:00 P.M.
June 11	Re-Enrollment Deadline
June 19	Wash-a-thon

ACT Reg. Deadline

August 22, 2003

September 19, 2003

November 7, 2003

January 2, 2004

SAT Reg. Date

September 9, 2003

September 26, 2003

October 31, 2003

December 22, 2003

February 20, 2004

A.C.E. International Convention Flagstaff, Arizona

Test Dates

September 27, 2003

October 25, 2003

December 13, 2003

February 7, 2004

Test Dates

October 11, 2003

November 1, 2003

December 6, 2003

January 24, 2004

March 27, 2004

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5. Qualify Improvement Minutes: Julia Henderson, RN, is on vacation and no report was presented.

6. Report on Nurse Staffing: Sue Stiles, RN, presented a report on current staffing issues. The Director has been working the floor as a charge nurse 14 out of every 28 days. Hiring registered nurses is becoming more difficult. We need another registered nurse to cover the morning shift. Mrs. Stiles presented a contract with Nurse Finders, a staffing company out of Amarillo. She requested that she be able to contract with them as an emergency back up. There was a discussion with the Board, but no action was taken at this time.

7. Administrator's Report: A. Ms. Fagan-Cook reported that the annual disaster drill was held on June 24, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. with a simulated explosion in the hospital lab that rendered the hospital inoperable. The drill was carried out with the local fire department and the Wheeler Care Center participating. There were some difficulties with our current disaster plan and this has been referred to a committee to make the appropriate changes.

B. The semi-annual Trustee Orientation and Training meet is being held August 7-9, 2003, in Austin. Critical Access Hospital Trustees will be required to obtain 10 hours of continuing education every two years. Parkview Hospital received a grant from ORCA to defray costs for trustees to attend this meeting. Sue Chandler, Jim Batton and Ann Fagan-Cook will be attending.

C. Ms. Fagan-Cook requested that the Board set an equitable policy for staff who must be on call. Dave Britt made the motion that was seconded by Sue Chandler to pay employees in lab, x-ray and home health \$20 per day plus time and one-half for actual time worked if they are called in to work. Motion carried.

D. Discussion was held regarding setting the tax rate and property evaluations. Fagan-Cook reported that no information has been received from the appraisal district at this time. There was some discussion regarding the budget for next year. Fagan-Cook requested that the Board consider giving all employees a raise in the next budget. After much discussion, Jim Batton made the motion that every employee across the board be given a pay increase effective the next pay period which begins July 16, 2003. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Jim Batton made the motion to give incentive pay to both RNs and LVNs that are hired effective July 16, 2003. Fagan-Cook was instructed to work out the details of how this would be paid. Motion was seconded by Thomas Helton and carried unanimously.

Dr. Chris Eddens and his family will be arriving in Wheeler on August 10, 2003, to set up his practice. Staff has been hired but a date for him to actually see patients has not been established.

F. Ms. Fagan-Cook requested that the Board set a fee for the handling of insufficient funds checks that we get. Sue Chandler made the motion that was seconded by Jim Batton to set the fee at \$25.00. Motion carried.

G. Ms. Fagan-Cook reported that we have received a letter from NHIC regarding the 2002 cost report settlement. The money has not yet been received.

H. Home Health nurses are in need of a pulse oximeter to check patients with breathing problems. Dave Britt made the motion that was seconded by Jim Batton to purchase the pulse oximeter. Motion carried.

I. Fagan-Cook requested that she be allowed to amend the Assisted Living Contract to allow for a bed-hold fee when residents are in the hospital. Jim Batton made the motion that this is done with the fee set at \$5.00/day. Dave Britt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

J. Fagan-Cook requested that the automatic door opener at Home Health be repaired and that the bid she presented be accepted. Sue Chandler made the motion that was seconded by Thomas Helton and the motion carried.

K. Parkview Hospital has received three non-competitive grants recently. One from ORCA for \$3500 to fund trustee training, one from HRSA for \$11,500 to assist with bioterrorism readiness and one from SHIP for \$10,000 to continue with our HIPAA program and Quality Improvement efforts.

L. We are now putting our medical records on CDs and shredding

paper records that have been transferred. Fagan-Cook presented a bid for a paper shredder. Dave Britt made the motion that we accept the bid and purchase the shredder. Jim Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Tipps declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Also this week we have a list of the amendments to be voted on in September.

I made a trip over to Mobeetie on Tuesday afternoon to take a picture at the Hidetown Trading Co. Quite a place with lots of interesting items for sale.

I also had the opportunity to be in Mustang Video Monday. They have moved to a new location on the west side of the square in Wheeler. A really nice store with a large selection of items in addition to videos.

The Old City Drug, soon to be a bed and breakfast is coming along nicely. The new windows on the upper floor really look nice. Anxious to see the finished product.

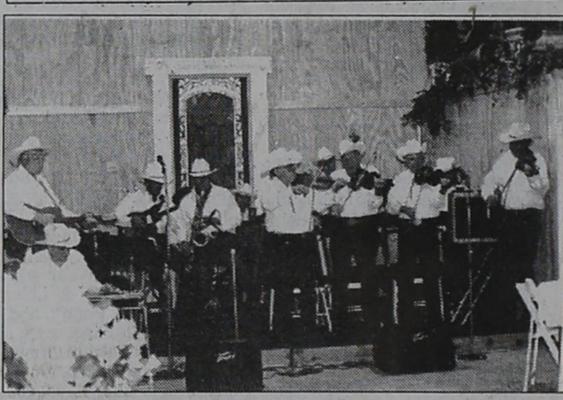
We traveled to OKC on Friday and returned by way of Hinton for Sunday dinner with the Meriwethers.

We gathered around the table on Monday evening for the regular card game. Rhonda, Leroy and Barbara—Dwight took Barbara's place the last hand of the first game—won the first game. The winners of the second and third games were Mike, Bob and I

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"



TO APPEAR: Magic City Cowboys Will be appearing at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival this weekend. Pictured are: Laurance, Leon Chambers, Billy Dozer (not shown), Larry Reed, Tony Ramsey, Jimmy Young, Chet Calcote, Gene Gassaway, Curley Lewis, Tiny Duncan and Bob Boatright.

Magic City Cowboys Are On Program

The Magic City Cowboys are a band keeping Western Swing swinging. Western Swing has sounds of Dixieland, jazz, blues and the sound of the big western band. It started with Bob Wills, Milton Brown and the Lightcrust Doughboys. It has ebbed and flowed, and it's enjoying a great resurgence in American music today. This will be their third year to play at the Mobeetie Music Festival. They hope you will accept their version of the most melodic and down-to-earth sounds, which honor their hero, Bob Wills. Members of the Magic City Cowboys include musicians who played with Bob Wills and some that still play with the most famous dance band our part of the country has ever known The Texas Playboys. The rest of the members of the group have played western swing all of their adult lives.

John Mann is the rhythm guitar & vocals. He is a trial lawyer from Magic City Texas raised on Bob Wills, Carl Smith & Hank Thompson. John is just honored that these fine men and musicians have welcomed him and accepted him into their group.

Jimmy Young plays the fiddle. Jimmy is authentic Bob Wills Texas Playboy is highly sought after by music producers and promoters around the country. Jimmy is at the top of the list in terms of versatility and musical ability and tours with the Texas Playboys to this day, spending many hours with his fiddle-case boarding an airplane. Jimmy lives in Amarillo where he works full time as a Luthier and instrument repairman. Jimmy is a

member of the Western Swing Hall of Fame. Chet Calcote is the Bass player. This guy is "Mr. Musician". Not only is he one fine man to be around, his versatility and talent are unmatched. Chet plays Western Swing, Jazz, Cowboy Campfire Music, in fact, Chet is playing in four different musical groups at the present time. Having toured Europe with the late Leon McAuliffe (Steel Guitar Rag) as Leon's bass player. Chet was the road manager and musical director of the group. Subsequently, he settled down in Amarillo to raise his family and become an insurance executive.

Tiny Duncan plays the piano. He started out hauling an upright piano from dance to dance in the 1950's. He was nominated for acceptance into the National Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California. He is, as are all of the men in the band, veteran of many recording sessions for various artists. There is not a song he can't play and not a key in which he cannot play it. He is one heck of a musician.

Did you know that a fish called the climbing perch can some times live out of water for two days? they can also climb trees.

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