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Tornado Warning

Two 30 second blasts of the sirens in Wheeler indicate a funnel has been spotted. TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Katie Donaldson! She was named "Girl's Player of the Year" in Basketball by the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

Congratulations, Coach Curtis Smith! He was named "Girls Coach of the Year" by the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

Congratulations, Macie Ellis! As one of three members of Wheeler's one-act play, she was named to the All-Star Cast at Zone competition.

Congratulations, Lauren Fite and Savanna Shipp! These young ladies received Honorable Mention for their performance at the one-act play zone competition.

Wheeler's one-act play did not make it past the zone competition. The young ladies mentioned above and the stage crew, Samuel Hillhouse, Brad Masters and Josh Britt put in a lot of work.

I saw the dress rehearsal for the one-act play Tuesday evening and they did a great job.

Wheeler's Centennial Committee will soon be taking orders for Crispy Kreme donuts. Pay when you order and they can be picked up on the square on Saturday, May 1. Bobby Hill is committee chairperson.

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Curtis Smith, Katie Donaldson Are Named Coach & Player Of the Year

Curtis Smith set the standard for hard-working coaches throughout the Panhandle.

Smith led both the Ft. Elliott boys and girls into the playoffs and carried the Lady Cougars to their first state tournament appearance.

Smith's ironman performance makes him a shoo-in for the Golden Spread 1A girls coach of the year award as well as a finalist for the boys coach of the year.

Katie Donaldson led the lady Cougars in scoring and rebounding to earn the Golden Spread 1A girls player of the year honor.

Smith inherited not only the Ft. Elliott girls and boys basketball programs, but also every other sport in the system.

Ft. Elliott's merger with Allison

complicated the transition as four of Smith's 12 players walked in new to the program.

But Ft. Elliott turned in a year to remember. The Lady Cougars advanced to the state tournament for the first time in school history, falling 48-41 to Fayetteville in the Class 1A Division II title game. On their way to the state tournament, the Lady Cougars dumped two No. 1-ranked programs and finished with a 32-2 record.

Ft. Elliott beat defending regional champion Hedley 64-59 in the area playoffs.

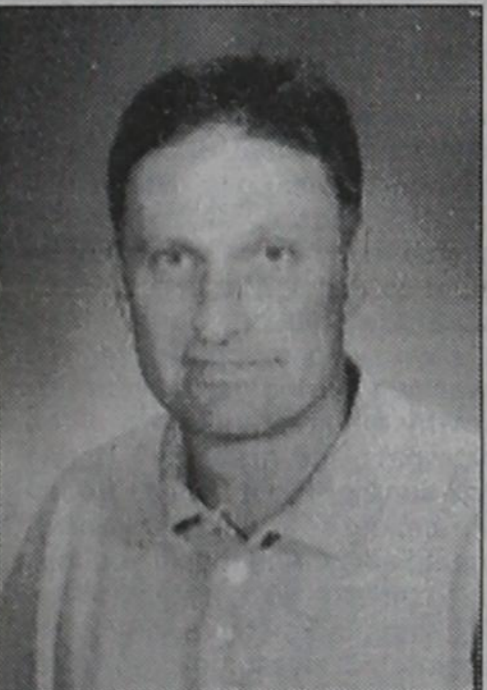
A week later, Ft. Elliott took down Happy 47-46 in the semi-state semifinals.

Katie Donaldson, who moved to Ft. Elliott after the merger, led the Lady Cougars in scoring and rebounding at 19 points and 12 boards a game.

(This article was taken from the *Amarillo Globe-News* dated Tuesday, March 30, 2004.)



Katie Donaldson



Coach Curtis Smith

Wheeler Co. Grand Jury Indicts Five

The following individuals have been indicted in the 31st Judicial District Court by the Wheeler County Grand Jury according to information released by the office of 31st Judicial District Attorney Richard J. (Rick) Roach.

Tina Satterfield, Evading Arrest
Corey Nielson, Possession of Controlled Substance
Johnnie Harkins, Possession of Controlled Substance
Mark Acosta, Possession of Marijuana
Colton Miller, Burglary of a Building

The family asks memorials be to Linda Thomas Memorial, %First State Bank, Dalhart, Texas.

Services Tues. For Linda Kelly Thomas

Linda Ann Kelly Thomas, 46, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, in Dalhart, Texas.

Services were at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Dalhart, Texas. Burial was in Zybach Cemetery, Wheeler County, Texas, at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Horizon Funeral Home.

Andrew Housley, Minister First Assembly of God in Dalhart, Texas, and Claude Hendricks, First Assembly of God in Olney, Texas, officiated.

Survivors include the husband, Steven Franklin Thomas of Dalhart, Texas; one daughter, Bethany Ann Thomas of Dalhart, Texas; mother, Alice Kelly of Briscoe, Texas; sisters, Elizabeth and her husband, Lewis, Meers, of Pampa, Texas, Diann and her husband, Glenn, Rose of Canyon, Texas, and Janice and her husband, Allen, McCloy of Morse, Texas; nieces, Ginger Meers of Springfield, Missouri, Kelly Rose of Dallas, Texas, Savannah Rose of Canyon, Texas and Elanor Crawford of Ft. Worth, Texas; nephew, Jared Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; mother and father-in-law, Frank and Jeanne Thomas and sister-in-law, Deborah Thomas of Ft. Worth, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her infant son, Jason Adam Thomas; father, E. O. Kelly and one nephew, Kirby Johnson.

Linda Ann Kelly was born May 15, 1957, in Wheeler, Texas, to E. O. and Alice (Helton) Kelly. She received her early education at the Allison School in Allison, Texas, where she graduated in 1975. She graduated from Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., in 1981, where she was a member of the women's Basketball team. On January 3, 1992, she married Steven Thomas in Pampa, Texas. Linda taught school for 24 years, including Briscoe, Texas, on the Navajo Reservation in Gallup, N.M., Baton Rouge, La., Bovina, Texas, Marlin, Texas, and Dalhart, where she was the ESL and Dyslexia Coordinator at Allyn Finch Intermediate School for the last 6 years. She had a special love for the children she taught. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Dalhart, where she was very active as a musician, board member and children's Church leader. She was also a member of the Zeta Chi chapter of Zeta Nu Upsilon Sorority.

The family asks memorials be to Linda Thomas Memorial, %First State Bank, Dalhart, Texas.

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living

Glen Elmore
Odra Christopher
Ruth Ledbetter
Neta Evans
Glen Williams
Verne Lohberger
Garnett Gunter
Opal Hefley

New Admissions

3/22 Bud Hodges
3/23 Heather Hampton
3/25 Avis Parker
3/26 Betty Arrington
3/27 Burl Bonge

Dismissals

3/23 Betty Arrington
3/24 Heather Hampton
William Darby
3/25 Ruth Wiley
3/26 Bud Hodges
Avis Parker

Notice Appraisal Dist. needs your new address. See Page 3



ONE ACT PLAY: Wheeler entered the U.I.L. one-act play zone competition on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Shamrock. The cast consisted of three characters, played by (l. to r.) Lauren Fite, Macie Ellis and Savanna Shipp. Stage hands were (l. to r.) Samuel Hillhouse, Brad Masters and Josh Britt. Macie made the All-Star Cast and Lauren and Savanna received Honorable Mention.

Parkview Hospital Board Meets; New Xray Equipment Purchased

March 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Dean Tipps, Chairman at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Those present were: Dean Tipps, Chairman, Thomas Helton, Vice Chairman, Jim Batton

Also present: Ann Fagan-Cook, RN, BSN, Administrator
Chairman Tipps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2004 meeting:

Jim Batton made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. Payment of Bills:

Thomas Helton made the motion that was seconded by Jim Batton to pay the bills. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Financial Statements, Investment Report, Statistics and Bad Debt Write-off:

Ann Fagan-Cook reported financial statements, statistics and investments. Jim Batton made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Thomas Helton made the motion to accept the bad-debt write-off report as presented. Jim Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (OAPI) Minutes:

Ann Fagan Cook presented the minutes of the QAPI meeting that was held on March 2, 2004. There was discussion regarding the scorecards. Motion was made by Jim Batton to accept the QAPI report. The motion was seconded by Thomas Helton and motion carried.

5. Order of Election of Directors: Jim Batton made a motion to

order the election of a director from the Wheeler and the Kelton School Districts on May 15, 2004. Thomas Helton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

6. Annual Review of Investment Policy:

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Ophelia Wood, 88 Services Are Sun.

Ophelia Elizabeth Wood, 88, died Friday, March 26, 2004, in Amarillo, Texas.

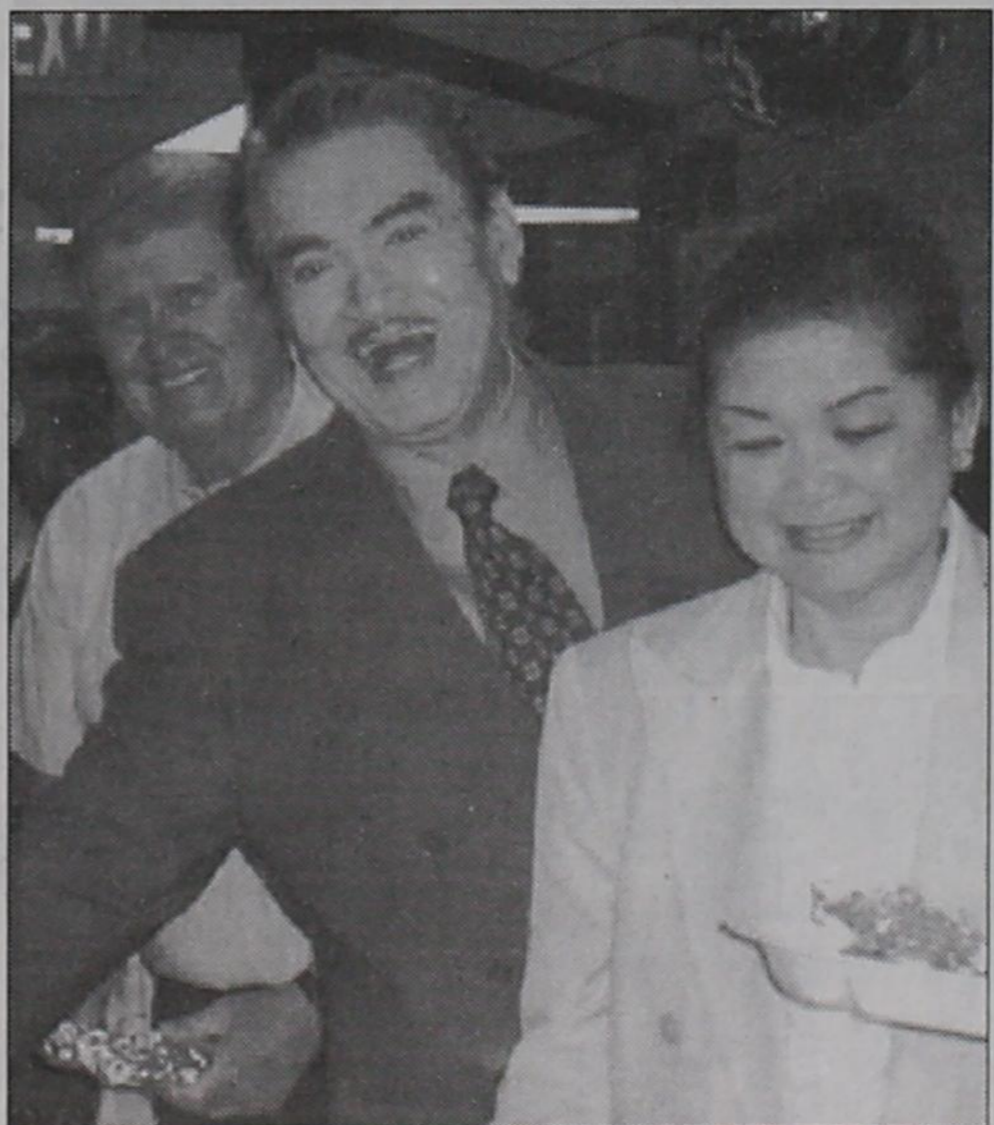
Services were Sunday, March 28, 2004, at 2:30 P.M. at the Wright Funeral Home in Wheeler. Rev. Bill Stiles, pastor of the Allison Baptist Church, officiated.

Graveside services were at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Cedarcrest Cemetery in Baytown, Texas, with Rev. Mark Broussard, pastor of the Cedar Bayou Baptist Church officiating, under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home of Baytown.

Mrs. Wood was born in Vernon, Texas, on October 10, 1915, to Robert D. and Alice Carpenter Massey. She married Kenneth LeRoy Wood in McLean, Texas, on December 24, 1936. He died January 24, 2001. She was a long time resident of Baytown before moving to Wheeler 3 years ago. She was a member of the Cedar Bayou Baptist church in Baytown.

She is survived by one daughter, Judy Mae Wood of Staten Island, New York; one sister, Mae Helton of Wheeler and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Parkview Home Health Agency, P. O. Box 1030, Wheeler, Texas 79096, or Odyssey Health Care, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas 79101.



DOCTOR'S DAY BREAKFAST: Tuesday, March 30, 2004, was Doctor's Day at Parkview Hospital. The doctors, board members and staff were on hand for a breakfast buffet, prepared by the hospital cooks. Parkview is fortunate to have 3 doctors on staff—two physicians and a dentist. Dr. Eddens will be joining the staff shortly. Dr. Mendiola has served as chief of staff for the past two years; Ann Fagan-Cook, hospital administrator presented Dr. Mendiola with a certificate for having recently completed his Advanced Trauma, Cardiac and Pediatric Life Support training. Dr. Galutia and Dr. Chris Eddens have these qualifications. Parkview is awaiting their survey to become a Trauma IV Emergency Room. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Dr. Mike Smith and Dr. Mrs. Louie Mendiola. Dr. Galutia arrived after the picture was taken.

Era Jo Henderson Services Are Wed.

Era Jo Bryant Henderson, 89, died Sunday, March 28, 2004.

Services were at 10 A.M. Wednesday, March 31, 2004 in First United Methodist church with the Rev. Terry Lowe, pastor and Joe G. Jernigan officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Henderson was born August 9, 1914, in Cottle County. She moved to Wheeler County in 1918 with her parents, Bertha Harville Bryant and J. Alford Bryant. She attended school in Wheeler and graduated in the class of 1933. She attended McMurry College in Abilene and West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon. She taught school in Center and Wheeler.

On March 23, 1935, Era Jo married Ernest E. Henderson of Twitty. They made their home in the Twitty and Shamrock communities for 69 years. Mrs. Henderson was a member of First United Methodist Church and a working member of United Methodist Women. She was an officer and teacher of Sunday school, was a member of the church choir for many years and a very active supporter of the church's mission programs.

She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as Worthy Matron and celebrated 50 years of service in 1993. She was a mother advisor of Rainbow Girls and a member of Times Study Club and Forum Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Noel W. Bryant.

Survivors include her husband; a son, James E. Henderson and wife, Pat Wilson, of Greenville; a daughter, G. Lee Gieseman and husband, Jim, of Denver; five grandsons, Bill Henderson and wife, Lesley, of Pflugerville, Britt Henderson and wife, Connie Hodges, of Iowa Park, Glen Dunkin and wife, Lisa, of Denver, and Michael Gieseman and wife, P. J. Duncan, and Tim Gieseman and wife, Shellah, all of Arvada, Colo; four granddaughters, Janna Henderson Nemeth and husband, Steve, of Conifer, Colo, Joann Henderson Patchinsky and husband, Terry, of Lewisville, P. J. Dunkin Gieseman and husband, Michael, of Arvada and Linda Gieseman Land of Denver; 11 great-grandsons, Patrick Henderson, Michael Henderson, Timothy Henderson, Bradley Guzman, Steven Nemeth, Britt Nemeth, Justin Gieseman, Matthew Gieseman, Liam Dunkin, Owen Gieseman and Even Gieseman; and three great-granddaughters, Brittani Henderson, Julia Patchinsky and Abigail Patchinsky.

Bluebonnets Are Needed At Old Jail

The Museum members are attempting to redo the bluebonnet bed in front of the Old Jail at the foot of the Ft. Elliott Flagstaff. We had a large bed of bluebonnets several years ago; however bindweed took control after several years and we had to abandon the project. We are interested in building it again. The flowers will be planted in the shape of Texas inside an outline of white rocks. What we need is bluebonnet plants. If you have extra plants we would be thrilled to come dig them for you. A bed this size takes many plants and we are trying to accomplish this as economically as possible. SO IF YOU HAVE EXTRA, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT 826-3427 or 845-2028. We would like for you to have a part!!!



TO BE GIVEN AWAY: Three items are on display at Wheeler Banking Center during the week and at Maxey's on weekends; these items are being raffled with proceeds going to the Ja'Nae Golf Scholarship Fund. The annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2004. Chances on the painting by Sibly Clark are available for \$1.00 each. The chances on the Adirondack chair, made by Kelsey Zybach are also \$1.00. A chance on the hunting bow, made by Vic Helton costs \$3.00. Stop in and see these works of art by local artists and buy some

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ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston



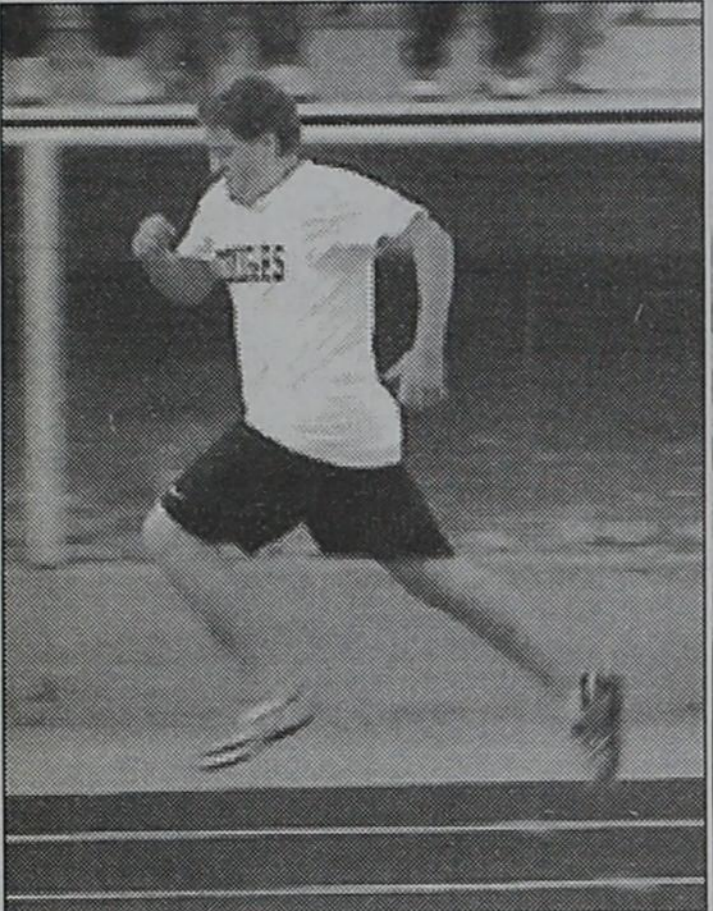
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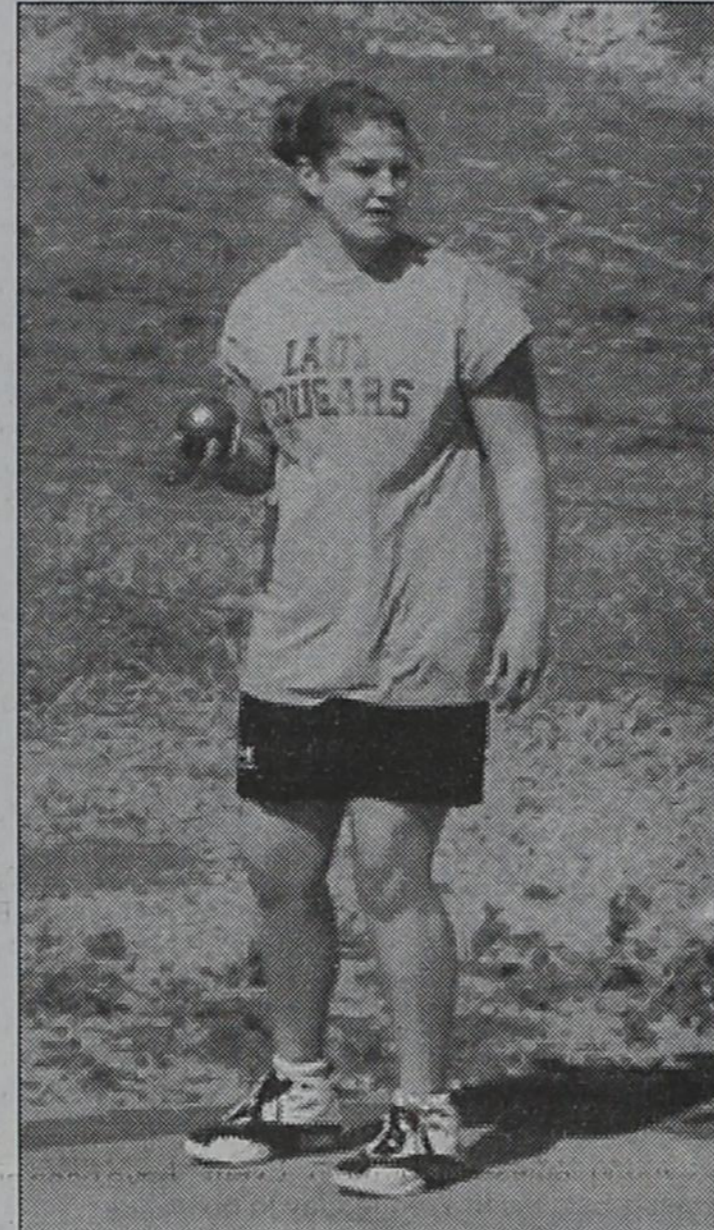
Alicia Reis broadjumps for third place at the Miami Track Meet on March 27.



Tisha McLaughlin runs the junior high 100m hurdles in the Miami Track meet on March 27.



Jay Hovey participates in the junior track meet at Miami on March 27.



Glory Hartsfield prepares to throw the shot put at the Miami Track meet on March 27.



Jordan Alls runs her leg of the junior high relay at the Miami Track meet on March 27.



Tamara Hefley enjoys the finals in the 100 meter run at the Miami Track meet on March 27.



The Ft. Elliott high school relay team prepares to take to the track at the Miami track meet on March 27. Pictured are Randi Barr, Alicia Reis, Tamara Hefley and Glory Hartsfield, substituting for Shealee Coulter.



Mayci Meadows takes on the hurdles

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. Psalm 48 1 & 2

We were saddened to hear of the death of Linda Kelly. Our prayers and sympathy goes out to the family.

Bret Begert flew to College Station, Texas over the weekend. He met the North American Limousin Junior Association Board of Directors there and they all attended the Youth Beef Industry Congress. YBIC is held every other year and is a meeting for the fourteen cattle breed's National Board of Directors to gather, get acquainted, and discuss future cattle industry directions.

Roma and Billy June Brown traveled to Pampa on Friday. They enjoyed some shopping and a tasty meal at Braum's.

Peggy Chandler and Jennie Walker were in Wheeler Tuesday enjoying shopping and a very delicious meal at Maxey's.

Sunday, Linda Sanders of Amarillo, Texas visited her mother and they enjoyed eating at Maxey's in Wheeler.

Pearl Harrison traveled to Elk City on Thursday where she visited her daughter and husband, Vivian and Jimmy Wallace.

Friday, Vivian Wallace and Pearl Harrison visited Bill Parks in the Elk Nursing Home.

Saturday, Pearl Harrison visited Lanora Morse and Norvita Robertson and then she went by Cheryl Dupont's house to visit awhile.

Sunday dinner guests of Pearl Harrison were Bro. and Sis. David Bault and Sabrina Dupont.

Pete Gilmer journeyed to Amarillo, Texas on Friday where he had an eye appointment. He stayed with his daughters, Becky and Jennie Gilmer and Rodney and Linda Ingersoll met them for a very delicious meal at Country Pride.

Reta Grayson stayed in the home of Jason and Hattie Hughes and cared for their son, Colton, while Hattie attended college all week. I'm sure that Reta enjoyed that week for sure.

Roy, Reba, Becca and Lorienne and Alexis Greene of Sayre, Oklahoma Jamie Greene of Allison and Robert of Wheeler were dinner guests of Dick and Cletus Greene and Jonathan.

Louise Boydston went to Rockport, Texas with friends, Virgil and Joan Stinnett. They visited the Stinnett's daughter, Judy Brooks, and did some fishing and watched the birds. The white pelicans were especially beautiful. Then they came back to Eules, Texas and visited another daughter and family, Linda Henry, a few days and visited with their son and wife, Wendell and Gayle Stinnett also.

Then Jean Stinnett and Louise Boydston went on a church van from Hurst, Texas to Lufkin, Texas and attended a Ladies Conference. While there Louise visited with her granddaughter and family, Melissa Fleming, also another granddaughter, Melody Draper, and family who had just moved to Lufkin, Texas. Melody's husband is manager of a Shoe Carnival Store and had just been transferred there from Bryan, Texas. Also Louise saw her granddaughter-in-law, Andrea Walker, and her mother from Waco, Texas and she saw Ann Boydston from Beaumont, Texas, Nancy Cornwell from Savoy, Texas and several other ladies she knew. There were 1200 ladies registered at the conference. We all had a great time.

Louise's grandson, Chris Chadwick, and his wife, Patricia, and their baby, Elizabeth, from Irving, Texas came over to Eules and visited for a few hours with them one afternoon.

Monday, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Len and Betty Brown of Dumas, Texas visited in the home of Roma and Billy June Brown where they enjoyed very tasty refreshments and lots of visiting.

Len and Betty Brown of Dumas, Texas arrived here on Monday for a few days stay at their Allison cottage.

Tuesday, the Allison United Pentecostal church enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Little from Perryton, Texas to preach for them. Had a great service. Was sure glad to have Sis. Little to play the piano for us.

After church on Tuesday night, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Roma and Billy June Brown gathered at Len and Betty's house for refreshments and more visiting.

Wednesday, Opal and Nita accompanied Vance and Carol to Reydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a catfish supper at the Senior's community building. Everyone is always welcome. The food is so very good. After returning back to Allison, Opal and Nita stopped by Vance and Carol's and played three games of spinners.

Saturday, Allison was blessed with some good showers. We needed the rain to help the flowers and trees and garden that had been planted. Vance and Carol Boydston were dinner guests of Opal and Juanita.

Sunday, Bro. and Sis. David Bault of Guymon, Oklahoma was guest preacher for the United Pentecostal Church, he preached both services. Had a great time with

them there. After church Juanita accompanied Vance and Carol to Canadian, Texas where they enjoyed a very delightful meal at the Filling Station, the name of the restaurant. Afterwards they really did enjoy a wonderful service at the Canadian United Pentecostal Church where on Sundays at two, Bro. and Sis. Little from Perryton, Texas comes there and ministers to the people in Canadian. Opal Boydston opt to stay home and enjoyed a very tasty meal at Forrest and Betty's house where she enjoyed visiting with Neal and Michelle and Corinna Boydston of Milliken, Colorado.

Forrest and Betty Boydston traveled to Canadian on Tuesday on business and did some shopping. They enjoyed a meal at the Cattle Exchange.

Wednesday, Forrest and Betty Boydston were in Elk City, Oklahoma on business.

Sunday dinner guests of Forrest and Betty Boydston were Opal Boydston of Allison and Neal, Michelle and Corinna Boydston from Milliken, Colorado

God Bless ya'll till next time!

The View of a Southern Woman

I firmly believe that we have a big problem here with some kind of tomato plant eating animal. Forrest, Glenn, Frosty, my husband, and I bought some tomato plants in Elk City last week and put them on the patio. Next morning all that was left was a small stub on each one. Now I expected to have trouble when we put them out in the garden, but this is something else! We need a fair chance to fight back. There is wire, netting and plastic covers to protect them from after planting, but just overnight at our patio door? In San Clemente, California, I had raccoons, opossums and skunks that seemed to live on my property all year and they never bothered my garden. I had parrots, crows and seagulls that visited everyday along with a large variety of birds and none bothered my garden. My cats never dug or layed in the garden and grandchildren did not touch except to pick something for lunch or dinner. I know it was not the deer or turkeys here. Could it be the rabbits or squirrels? Think I will buy some more plants and have Glenn take the night watch. I am determined to have some home-grown tomatoes as I have had for most of my life and I will not be outdone by some unseen tomato plant eating animal. Such is life on the home front. Love, Betty

Oh my, did you realize March is almost ready to march on to give room to April? March just didn't seem thirty-one days long. It feels like we skipped some days. The twentieth was the first day of Spring so why is everyone in awe of all the blossoms and greenery? Spring has sprung! Right here in Allison the beauty of it all can take your breath away. And then if you look up to the sky, what a sight to see! All kinds and colors of clouds against that awesome blue. And at night the stars are shining bright and the moon sometimes even has a halo around it. God's art is all around here! Take some time to enjoy it. Why worry, worry, worry about there might be a heavy frost or a freeze and nip everything in the bud. Let Mother Nature be innocent until proven guilty. Since when did worry help anything anyway?

Monday night last week I was waiting for the Allison News. 1, being Carol and guess who was snoozing in the blue lazyboy recliner? You got it! Vance! He had already had his hot tea and cook-

ies. It's called relaxing after a hard day at the salt mines. Gigggle, giggle!!! But when the writing is all finished he, Vance, rushes the news up the hill to let Juanita get it typed and sent. My, what a team we all are. And then to beddy-bye.

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I have been watching some of the NCAA Basketball tournament. I love the atmosphere of these games because everyone knows that if you win, you keep playing; and if you lose, you have to wait until next season. What this means is that each of these college basketball players gives it their 110% best effort. And for the seniors, this marks the end of their playing days, unless they just happen to be in the upper echelon of players who get to consider going pro. The intensity in these games are great as even the smaller schools get opportunities to knock out their version of the Goliaths. Except for my favorite college teams, I almost always root for the underdog or the team from the smaller school. Back in the mid-80's I recall how Villanova, a team seeded eighth or ninth when the tournament began ended up winning it all. Very exciting!

I mentioned "Goliath" a moment ago. Perhaps most people know that Goliath is a biblical character. Goliath was a champion both because of his track record, but also because of his

imposing size (over 9 feet tall!). It was obvious that no one else could defeat this champion in a one-on-one battle and therefore Goliath and his Philistine comrades were able to humiliate and control the Israelite army. Until a small underdog, just a boy by the name of David, decided that enough was enough. Armed with virtually nothing that could protect him from attack, he went after the heavily-favored Goliath with a few pebbles that he could throw in a sling. But his aim was perfect and the giant was defeated. If you want more details, turn to I Samuel 17 to see this story play out in full.

Although when re-reflecting on this story, I have got to say that the underdog did not win. Sure, Goliath was big and if you look only at David you would have to say he was small. But what David knew was that Goliath was not the biggest force in this or any battle. He was on God's side and God gave David the victory. When God is fighting our battles for us we are never the underdog, but the assured favorite to win.

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.

Pampa visited cousins Leonard and Bertha Hollis at Bolivar, Missouri and escorted them back to Mobeetie, Texas. Welcome back Friends. Happy Birthday, Leonard, on March 25. And many more!

Willis and I celebrated our 61st Wedding Anniversary Thursday, March 25 with lunch at Maxeys with Laurel and Ed Hershman. Willis enjoyed seeing people. We were married March 25, 1943 at the Methodist preacher in Wheeler's house. Bro. John English. We are thankful for all the good years and some not so good.

Many thanks to all who called or sent a card for your love and caring. Nice to have Sue Chandler visit me Thursday. It was her anniversary, too but Brad left Wednesday for Nigeria. They celebrated early.

Happy 40th anniversary to Larry and Mattie Norton. She came to our house when he worked on our clock. Good visit. God bless you!

Lou Dean Douthit went to Roaring Springs last Wednesday and visited Billie and Donald Stuckey. Their daughter, LeAndra Whittenberg, and Mathew and Kenna were also there. The Whittenbergs will be leaving for Switzerland April 4. They won't take a car. Mostly public transportation is used. Best wishes to

Montie and LeAndra and Mathew and Kenna as they go. Lou Dear got home Sunday.

Doris Finsterwald visited with Georgia Tipps and Iona May Saturday and helped C. B. some. She also visited several at the Care Center. Know they appreciated that.

"Lord, grant me the gift of a generous heart that embraces each person I see. A heart reaching out in true kindness and caring to share all the best that's in me."

—from Emily Mathews on a card
Nice to see Mabel Parker and Dorothy Ogles and Peggy Chandler and Jenny Walker at Maxeys Thursday. Also Kathy Shorter and Mechelle and her little cuties.

Correction: Recent visitors to Joe and Liz Austin and Payton and Corbin were Joe's brother, Kenneth and Paulette Austin and Christopher, Nicholas and James from Gravette, Ark. They all ate at Maxeys Friday night. Good to see them.

The Red Hatters lunched at Soto's Wednesday and then toured some of the new business places in town: City Drug Bed and Breakfast, Hidetown Trading Post and others.

Martha Meek, Betty Howard and

enjoyed seeing the Wheeler One Act Play Monday. In it were Macie Ellis, Savannah Shipp and Lauren Fite. Good job! Think all of Wheeler School was there to watch, plus teachers and some parents. Name of the Play was "Vanities"—a cute play.

A lovely lady, Eva Jo Bryant Henderson, 89, died Sunday. She was married to Ernest Henderson for 69 years. They lived in Twitty, Shamrock communities. Sincere sympathy to family and friends.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ollie Evans Brock, 91, of Amarillo. She was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans, west of Allison. Some siblings were Fannie Mae Bradstreet, Venita Wright, Clint Evans, Forace Evans and many more.

Barbara Austin's family moved her to an efficiency apartment in New Braunfels. She doesn't do any cooking. They serve 3 meals a day in the dining room. No dishes to wash. Barbara rides the bus to church and to Senior Citizens three days a week. The food is good. She exercises at the Senior Center and works some in the Thrift Shop. Enjoys seeing people. She is in a retirement home.

Some visiting Addie Swift at the Wheeler Care Center Sunday evening were Dub and Mary Swift and Morris from Pampa and Wanda Childress. Susie Umsted is the new activity director at Wheeler Care Center.

Colby and Stephanie Childress and children live in Elk City now.

Dallas Fillingim sees coach Jerry Brown and wife, Paula, and three beautiful girls at Chattanooga, Okla. school in the course of his work. The Browns said "Hi" to their friends here. Coach Brown took his basketball team to the Oklahoma State tournament, losing by a few points in the state quarter-finals. This was the third team Jerry has taken to the Oklahoma State Tournament.

Bevard and Diane Dukes went to the Allison Church of Christ Revival several nights. Saturday Andrea and Tracy Aldridge and Tysen and Tayton came down and spent the night and went to church on Sunday with Bevard and Diane. Gena enjoyed cuddling Tayton, their great-grandson. (or one of them)

Best wishes to Rusty Ferguson and Susie Isbell as they plan to marry July 3 at Cental Baptist Church in Pampa. Rusty is the son of Gene and Rhonda Ferguson of Wheeler and is employed by Pampa Concrete.

So good to eat lunch at Canadian at the Pizza Hut Tuesday with Joe and Anna Dell Myers, Evert and Estelle McAdams, Vea Fillingim and Ruth Irvine. Good visits. Joe and Anna Dell were leaving Wednesday to go back home to Reddingon Shores, Fla. Been nice to see them and the others. We enjoyed seeing Leon and Vea's girls grow up into fine young ladies—all of them. Evert and Estelle left Wednesday to go back to Plains, Texas.

Nice to see Minnie Bell Vinson at Wheeler Care Center looking so pretty and pleasant. She thought it was pretty nice there and she gets around real good. I really appreciate all they do there For the residents.

Evert and Estelle are looking forward to seeing their son, Ken, and Kimberly and Abigale soon as they come home from China, where they teach in the University. They are expecting another baby in May. Best wishes.

We had a great revival at Wheeler Baptist Church recently with challenging sermons from Patrick Six from Amarillo with wife, Dwaina, and children and good music from Paul and Christy Newberry from Dallas. Many came forward. Randal Hatcher was baptized Sunday.

Samantha Chapman sang a solo Sunday—sounded good.

David and Rita Pearson were weekend visitors to Dallas and Krystal Fillingim at Wichita Falls. Krystal has been pretty nauseated, but is doing much better. She is pregnant. Isn't that exciting? But she isn't feeling very well.

Ed and Laurel Hershman went to Amarillo after Sunday School Sunday and visited Brad and Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Shelby.

Kim and Rowena Morgenstern and Alexis from Dallas flew up to spend a few days with JoAnn Morgenstern (his mom) and other relatives. Sunday they all got together at the home of Darrell and



Sue Gaines and Aaron, Darren and Gracie and visited and ate and celebrated Alexis' second birthday. Others there were Mark and Carol Roberson and Benjamin, Rebecca, Timothy, Jonathan, Deborah, Grace, Phillip, Daniel and Seth, Christy and Brett Hall and Dylan and Chase. Happy Birthday, Alexis and God bless you everyone. The Gaines have lots of things to entertain kids.

"God puts love in our hearts, smiles on our faces and songs in our hearts, so we may be a blessing to others."

Rita Pearson went to Amarillo Thursday. Lindsey was having a sonogram for her unborn baby to be sure all was o.k. and Rita wanted to be there. The baby looked perfect. Yeal Due date is about Aug. 3.

Nice to have a call from sister-in-law, Elton Fillingim, at Prescott, Ariz. All doing pretty well there and hope to come to Fillingim-Rose Reunion July 2-5 at Shamrock. Fillingims will meet Friday night, July 2, and all day Saturday. Roses will be July 4 and 5. But many will go to both groups. All meet in Shamrock Community Building, a nice place.

Cecil and Jean Meadows house in Wheeler looks so pretty with that blue roof and cream colored brick. They have also done some painting.

Ray and Glenda Hudson had all of the Hudson kids and most grandkids for the weekend to be here for Ray's ordination as deacon at Gageby church on Sunday. Some there at Ray's and Glenda's were Cheryl Fraley and Steven, Rodney and Keri Hudson and Hayden and Kailey from Levelland, Brady Hudson and Mika and Megan from Perkins, Okla., Sonya Hudson and Patrick and Roland Newman. They enjoyed playing in the gym and had birthday cake and hamburgers. Some road horses also and watched a movie. Having March birthdays were Steven Fraley, 10; Hayden Hudson, 13; and Brady Hudson, 40.

Some others there for the Deacon Ordination were Johnny Crawford, Bob Meller, Richard Laverty and Brenee from Perryton, Martha Meek, Erma Riley, Verna Fillingim, Hack and Bobbie Coffee and her mom from North Dakota, Claudette Hand, Cindy Sweet and Jessie Ray and Nathan.

Also at Ray's Deacon Ordination were Evelyn Meek, Kathy Meek, Kim Coleman, Willa

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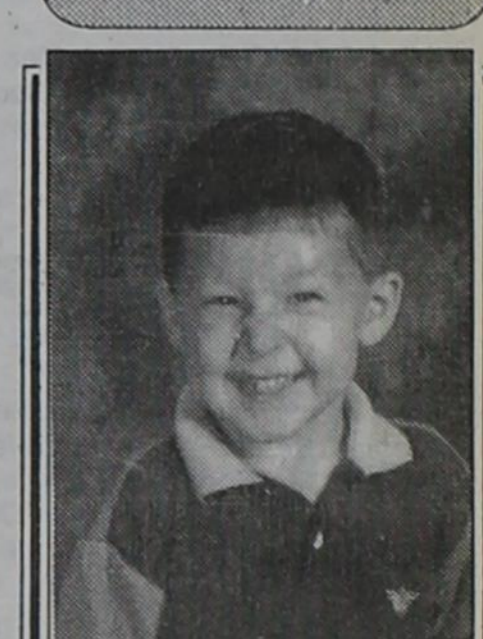
Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.

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Fillingim, Lajo Crownover, Kent and Caaron McNeeley, Aaron and Claudetta Laverty.
Delicious punch and cookies were served. Richard Laverty preached the sermon; Johnny Crawford led the singing. A good service. Ray gave his testimony of how God had worked in his life through the years. Others gave words of encouragement to Ray.
Sincere sympathy to Mae Helton and other family and friends in the death of Mae's sister, Ophelia Elizabeth Wood, 88. A service was Sunday at Wright Funeral Home. Burial was to be at Baytown Wednesday.
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MARCH 17, 2004

OL—Frances Merlene Witham to Genesis Land & Mineral Resources, 12-11-03, 160 acs. Sec. 22, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey. OL—Jody Scott Woods to Genesis Land & Mineral Resources, 1-20-04, SE 1/4 Sec. 6, J. Poitevent Survey. OL—Bryan Matthew Shaffer to Genesis Land & Mineral Resources, 11-18-03, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 49, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. TRUSTEE'S D—Lisa Booth to Citizens Bank, 3-2-04, 140' x 100' Outlot 27, Shamrock. AFF.—Heath D. Mitchell, Trustee to Lisa Booth, et al, 3-2-04, 140' x 100' Outlot 27, Shamrock. MODIFICATION AGREEMENT—Michael J. Wood, et ux to Community Bank Wellington, TX, 3-10-04, Lots 1-24, Blk. XLVIII, Shamrock. ASSIGN.—Marshall R. Young Oil Company to Chevron USA Inc., 1-1-04, NW 1/4, S 1/2 Sec. 2, BBB&C Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.—Weiss Trust to Minco Oil and Gas Company, 1-21-04, Sec. 27, Camp County School Land. OL—Richard Norman to Todco Properties Inc., 10-26-03, Sec. 50, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. OL—Robert Norman to Todco Properties Inc., 10-26-03, Sec. 50, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. OL—Adrian R. Risner, et al to Todco Properties Inc., 10-26-03, N 1/2 N 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.—Jack Halbert to Halbert Royalties Inc., 3-10-04, Pt. Sec. 22, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. C/C PROBATE—Ronny Dean Burrell to Ex Parte, 3-4-04, Sec. 48, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RDT—Wheeler Banking Center to

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Intentions to Drill

Week Ending March 25, 2004
GRAY (WILDCAT above 4400') Pantera Energy Co., #1 Dalton, 2110' from North & 1000' from West line, Sec. 62, A-6, H&GN, PD 4400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #1 B.H. Flowers, 2236' from North & 1987' from East line, Sec. 36, 41, H&GN, PD 11000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Upper Morrow) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #1 A.D.H. Honath, 1375' from North & 1500' from East line, Sec. 75, M-1, H&GN, PD 12400'. Replacement well for #1 D.H. Honath HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GILL RANCH Brown Dolomite) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1301 Mathers Gas Unit, 900' from North & 525' from West line, Sec. 13, A-2, H&GN, PD 12500'. Rule 37
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, Fred A. Hobart, Sec. 67, A-2, H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells:
#1067, 660' from South & 1810' from West line of Sec. #1167, 467' from South & West line of Sec. #1267, 700' from South & 467' from East line of Sec.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippi) Range Production Co., #1 W.C. McGarragh, 3507' from N/South & 3617' from West line, W. Croper Survey, PD 10000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & McMORDIE RANCH 11000') Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3 Hale, 14138' from North & 4175' from East line, Clay County School Land, PD 10800'.

Applications to Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1 Hobart '49 SWD, 1712' from South & 2072' from East line, Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, PD 8100'.
HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH Tonkawa) Devon Louisiana Corp., #10 Mathers Ranch, 2360' from North & West line, Sec. 166, 41, H&GN, PD 11150'.

Oil Well Completions

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Tonkawa) J-Breck Co., #1 J-Fel, Sec. 9, 43, H&GN, spud 9-5-03, drlg. compl 9-19-03, tested 2-26-04, pumped 32 bbl. of 47 grav. oil + 38 bbls. water, GOR 2368, TD 7800', PBTD 7755'.

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #17 Zybach '66', Sec. 66, M-1, H&GN, spud 12-11-03, drlg. compl 12-24-03, tested 2-5-04, potential 3226 MCF, TD 11667', PBTD 11626'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., #9066 Young, Sec. 66, A-2, H&GN, spud 10-18-03, drlg. compl 11-9-03, tested 12-30-03, potential 505 MCF, TD 11505', PBTD 11000'.

WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT) Devon Energy Co., L.P., #1 Holt, Sec. 20, RE, R&E, spud 9-25-03, drlg. compl 10-30-03, tested 11-10-03, potential 978 MCF, TD 18169', PBTD 12300'.

Miguel A. Martinez, et al, 3-15-04, All Lot 5 and E 9' Lot 6, Blk. 6, Parklane Estate Add., Wheeler. ASSIGN.—Family Tree Corporation to DLG Energy LLC, et al, 3-12-04, Sec. 25, Blk. OS-2. HEIRSHIP AFF.—Sherli Kathleen Frankenbery to Mark Lewis Frankenbery, 3-15-04.

OL—Terrill E. Davis, et ux to Trilogy Inc., 3-5-04, 37.25 acs. Sec. 24, Blk. OS-2.

ROW—John W. Monych to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 2-18-04, NW 1/4 Sec. 41, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL RDT—Bank of America NA to Samson Investment Company, et al, 3-3-04, See Instrument.

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CORR. ASSIGN.—Rader & Associates to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 3-16-04, Sec. 33, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Tracy Cleon Ligon to Rader & Associates, 12-13-03, Sec. 67, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Wilma L. Ligon to Rader & Associates, 12-13-03, Sec. 67, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Bertha M. Hollis to Rader & Associates, 12-13-03, Sec. 67, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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Just thankful Andrea, Justin or Brandon were not seriously hurt when the lady ran the stop sign near Elk City, shook them up and banged them up and trashed Andrea's pickup.

Welcome home to Wilhelmina Sherrell. Her heart surgery went very well. But they had to do quadruple bypass instead of triple. But being able to recuperate at home is such a blessing. She is thankful to have her daughter, Glenda, from Ada, Oklahoma here with her during this time.

Hope you'll soon be feeling very perky Wilhelmina!

Tuesday was good to see Freida Caldwell in Wal-Mart at Pampa. She was all perky. Always good to visit with her.

She and Geoffrey had been entertained the week of March 15-19 by their 3 youngest grandchildren who were on spring break.

Then Saturday, March 20 Frieda finally pulled "one over" on Geoffrey. She gave him a surprise birthday party at the Wheeler City Drug Bed and Breakfast. Several family & friends helped Geoffrey celebrate his 77th birthday. (It's okay. Your secrets still safe.)

Good One Frieda!!! They had a great time.

Happy Belated Birthday Geoffrey & Frieda. Geoffrey's official birthday is March 24 & Frieda's is March 27. Hope you had great days dear friends and terrific years to follow. Enjoy!

Congratulations to Lori Erwin on her new job at the Mobettie First State Bank. It's always great to see her smiling face.

Our son, Tim, had a birthday the 23. Happy Birthday Son!

So this has been a great week for birthdays. Lots of good people born this last week.

Belated birthday wishes to Leonard Hollis. He turned 80 years young on March 25.

He had a wonderful party in Missouri before they left with 22 close friends and family at a good restaurant. They had him a big cake. Brought some of it with them, so he'd have cake for his birthday. Just like the best of life, gets better with age. People, relationships, and friendships.

A couple from Pampa came down the 25 and took Leonard and Bertha to Maxey's in Wheeler for a nice supper and great visiting.

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TORNADO SAFETY TIPS FOR TEXANS

Tornadoes can occur at any time of year in Texas, including December, but they happen most often in spring and summer. Spokesmen for the Division of Emergency Management urge Texans to learn what to do when a tornado is sighted. The most important rule is to get low and stay low.

* Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet or room without windows.
* Go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor of the office building, or to the designated shelter area.

* Leave your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Mobile home parks should have a designated area, as well as a monitor to track broadcasts during severe weather.
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* At school, follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually the school's interior hallway on the lowest floor. Stay out of auditorium, gyms and other areas with wide, free-span roofs. If you are in a portable or manufactured building, go to a nearby permanent structure or take cover outside on low, protected ground.

* Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in your car.
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Two 30 second blasts of the sirens in Wheeler indicate a funnel has been spotted. TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

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Really appreciate the City Council member and Mayor being sure that this service is made available to us. Since all these environmental guidelines eliminated any dumpsite for our town. But the Council made sure that at least twice a year we have an alternative. Otherwise we have to load it up and take it to Pampa and pay to dump a load of trash.

Wow! What we do with our neighbors. John McGinty and Charlie Brown came to my aide Saturday.

Charlie was up from Amarillo planning to work on his house, but ended up helping me instead. Thank you so much. So sorry you ended up not feeling well.

Charlie and Shirley bought Anna Lee Sims' house and have been working on remodeling the kitchen, dining room and living room. Replacing the furnace, plumbing, and electric lines. So they have quite a project going.

John McGinty is helping Charlie all he can.

Bobbie Walker has already completed part of her face lift on her home. It is so cute.

She bought LaVerne Scribner's house. Bobbie and her "team" took up the carpet and sanded the floor. They are gorgeous. Really brightened that little house up. Of course, Bob Walker's taping and texturing of all the walls made a world of difference. The new faux tile in kitchen is beautiful. The laundry room is great.

Her next project is the bathroom. But she's got to take a break. Please keep Bobbie in your prayers. She will be having surgery next week. She is looking forward to getting it over with, feeling better, getting some R and R and enjoying her beautiful new home and yard.

Good luck Bobbie.

Bobbie, her sister and brother-in-law, Gina and Dean Seitz worked hard all day Sunday landscaping her yards. Looks like a whole new world down there. Going to take some getting used to

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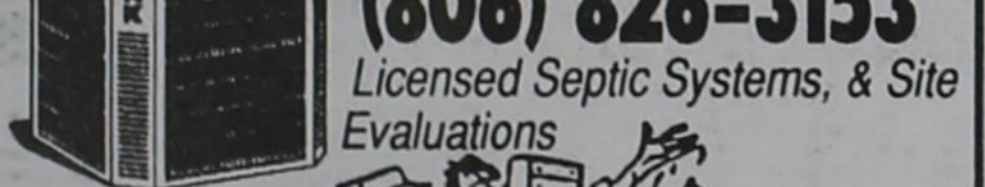
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Ft. Elliott Board of Trustees Meet; Teachers Re-Hired for 2004-05

The Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 16, 2004, at 7:00 P.M.

Members present at the meeting were Bret Begert, Greg Estes, Richard Meadows, Keith Horn, Kent McLaughlin and Wade Hathaway. Absent was Richie Kiker. Guests for the meeting were Carl Baker, Janet Tatyrek and Sonya Holder.

Keith Horn led in opening prayer.

1. Motion by Wade Hathaway to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Bret Begert to pay all bills. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried. Voting for were Richard Meadows, Greg Estes, Kent McLaughlin and Bret Begert. Abstaining due to nepotism were Keith Horn and Wade Hathaway.

3. Motion by Wade Hathaway to enter into Executive session (Texas Govt. Code Section 551.074) at 7:43 p.m. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion by Bret Begert to return from executive session at 8:37 p.m. Second by Kent McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion by Bret Begert to re-gratefully accept the resignation of Kyla Lynch, effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by Greg Estes to renew the contracts of the part-time certified personnel, as attached. Second by Kent McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Wade Hathaway to renew the contracts of the full-time personnel, as attached. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion by Bret Begert to renew the contracts of full-time certified personnel, Tyna Horn and Kathy Hathaway. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried. Voting for were Richard Meadows, Greg Estes, Bret Begert, and Kent McLaughlin. Abstaining due to nepotism were Wade Hathaway and Keith Horn.

9. Motion by Bret Begert to approve the 2004-2005 salary schedule. Second by Kent McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion by Wade Hathaway to adopt all textbook titles. Second by Keith Horn. Motion carried

unanimously.

11. Motion by Keith Horn to retain Walsh Anderson as school attorneys for Fort Elliott C.I.S.D. Second by Bret Begert. Motion carried unanimously.

12. The Board discussed designation of honors classes for transcripts. No action was taken.

13. The Board discussed banners for gymnasium. No action was taken.

14. Motion by Wade Hathaway to approve budget amendments. Second by Kent McLaughlin.

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

16. Carl Baker presented the

Wheeler I.S.D. Board Meets; Teachers Hired For 2004-05

The regular meeting of the Wheeler I.S.D. Board of Trustees was held Thursday, March 18, 2004.

I. Establish Quorum
A. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith at 6:32 p.m.

B. The pledge was led by Dr. Hillhouse

C. The invocation led by Mr. White.

D. All board members were present, less Kent Vise and Jauna Benefield.

E. School personnel present were Daymun White, Connie Porter and James Hubble.

II. Open Forum: A hearing of any group. No comments.

III. District Recognition: None presented.

IV. Reading of Minutes: Motion by William Burch, second by Dr. Hillhouse, to approve minutes of the February 12, 2004, board meeting as read. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Financial Report:

A. Ratification of Bills: Motion by Mark Tucker, second by William Burch, to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Financial statement by Mr. White

VI. Reports/Discussion Items:
A. Reviewed update (legal) policies for incorporation in the board policy manual

Action Items:
(Kent Vise arrived at 7:04)

A. Approval of Textbook Adoptions. Mr. White recommended adopting state approved textbook

Elk City Farmer's Market At Expo

The Elk City Farmers' Market will be present at the Farm and Ranch Expo at the Elk City Convention Center, April 2 and 3, market manager Darrell Wootten of Retrop announced.

"In particular," Wootten said, "we are seeking additional farmers and home gardeners to become part of our summer and fall market. We will have members on the site with applications and regulations." The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture has opened up farmers' markets to include produce from nearby Texas areas. Anyone interested can also call Wootten at (580) 393-4449 or Marilyn Lynch at (580) 243-1300.

Aquilla and Bob McLemore of Colony will be on hand with such items as cocktail peanuts, red skin peanuts and trash mix as well as almonds and walnuts as well as raw peanuts to be used for bird and squirrel food. Marilyn Lynch will be present with house plants. Oklahoma grown and made honey and jelly will also be available.

Exercise Program Underway On Mon.

Started Monday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Texas Christian school in Wheeler. It is not too late to join. The program is free and will meet every Monday at 6:00 p.m. The exercise program will include weight strengthening exercises and the SMILE Program (So Much Improvement with a Little Exercise). The exercises are by no means high impact and are not aerobics. Anyone can do these exercises!! Please call the Extension Office to be included in this eight-week class 826-5243.

McCasland Family Gathering March 14

Twenty-three family members attended a family gathering Sunday afternoon, March 14th, at the Wheeler home of Mrs. Lula Buice. Most were descendants of the Lee and Abigale McCasland family of early Wheeler County, with Mrs. Orville Greenhouse, of Mobeetie, being the only living child from that family of eight children—six daughters and two sons. Others at the gathering were also descendants of other early Wheeler residents—the Adams, Barr, and Hampton families.

These attending families enjoyed the afternoon looking at pictures, taking more, looking at beautifully made quilts, visiting, sharing memories, and eating delicious cakes, cookies and having tea and coffee. It was a pleasant time of getting to know each other better—aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws. Those present traveled from Amarillo, Shamrock, Wheeler, Twitty, Lubbock, Dumas, and Kerrville. And it can be said that a good time was had by all.

LADIES' DAY OUT

Ladies' Day Out will be Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 11:30 A.M. at Maxeys. All ladies invited to come visit and eat together. Dutch.

Superintendent's report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 P.M.

Ft. Elliott certified personnel are Lori Baker, Stacy Finsterwald, April Goad, Gaye Hale, Kathy Hathaway, Becky Herran, Tyna Horn, Pam Jones, Kyla Lynch, Ariel Lohberger, Terry Maxwell, Rolanda Meadows, Kevin Meek, Curtis Smith, Misty Tucker, Rosanna Verden and Mike Wesbrooks.

Ft. Elliott half-time certified personnel are Samie Corse, Angela Forward, Pat Graham and Alton Lohberger.

list. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse. Second by Kent Vise. Motion carries unanimous.

B. Approval of Shared Services arrangement with ESC 16 for Title I thru 5. Mr. White recommended to continue with this arrangement. Motion by William Burch. Second by Dr. Hillhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Break at 7:10 P.M.
Returned from break at 7:17 P.M. and

The Board retired into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:17 P.M.

Board meeting returned to open meeting at 8:17 P.M.

C. Consider contracts administrative contracts for 2004-2005.

Mr. White recommended a renewal of a 11 month contract for Doug Rives as principal. Motion by Kent Vise. Second by William Burch to renew Mr. Rives' contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. White recommended a renewal of a 12 month contract for Jim Verden. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse. Second by William Burch to renew Mr. Verden's contract. For: Smith, Tucker, Burch, Vise, Hillhouse. Opposed: McWhorter.

Mr. White recommended a renewal of an 11 month contract for Mike Bailey. Motion by Kent Vise; Second by William, to renew Mr. Bailey's contract. For: Smith, Tucker, Burch, Vise, Hillhouse; Opposed: McWhorter

Mr. White recommended a renewal of all teachers' and nurse contracts. Motion by William Burch, second by Kent Vise. To renew contracts: Tucker, Burch, Vise, Hillhouse, McWhorter. Smith Abstained.

Considered Budget amendment regarding counseling stipend. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse; second by Kent Vise, to add \$2,500 to Mr. White's Salary as a counselor stipend. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be April 15.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

'04 Trinity Fellowship Camp of Champions

The third annual *Camp of Champions* hosted by Trinity Fellowship of Sayre/Elk City will be held beginning May 31 and continue through June 5. The Camp of Champions is one of the most unique church camps to be found anywhere. The camp incorporates rodeo event instruction for boys and girls from the ages of 6-17 years of age. Instructors for the camp are a virtual "Who's Who" of the professional rodeo world.

Past instructors have included Paul Tierney, PRCA World Champion Calf Roper and All-Around Champion; Rope Myers, PRCA World Champion Steer Wrestler; Cody Custer, PRCA World Champion Bull Rider and PBR Great; Rob Smets, 5-time World Champion Bull Fighter. Other instructors have included Wes Stevenson, National Finals Qualifier and world-record holder in Calf Roping; Scott Johnston, PRCA National Finals Qualifier in Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding; Todd Pierce, Wilderness Circuit Bareback Riding Champion Lee Akin and Cory Navarre, PRCA National Finalists in Bull Riding and PBR standouts; Tamara Reinhardt, PRCA, National Finals Qualifier in Barrel Racing; and Jennifer Heisman and Tygh Myers, Hiatt National Intercollegiate greats.

The Camp of Champions incorporates rodeo event instruction during the day and nightly church services performed mostly by the rodeo instructors. The instructors are known for their achievements in the rodeo arena as well as recognized as great Christian role models in the rodeo world.

A baptism service is held at the end of each camp and in the two previous years over 80 young people have received Jesus Christ as their Savior!

For information on the Camp of Champions write to: Trinity Fellowship, PO Box 452, Sayre, OK 73662 or call: 580-928-2345.

Off the Internet... Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately—without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain "relievers."

Off the Internet... Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns.

Allison (from Page 2)

Tuesday, Vance always begins his morning with prayer. After he praises Jesus, he starts praying for most everyone around Allison and some others far off. A praying husband is something to be thankful for! Dressed for work, breakfast fed and a little smoochie wochie, Vance is off to the salt mines. Carol calls her dear mother, Dorothy Newman, as she does each morning. Indiana is a long way from Allison, Texas when you only have one daughter. So telephones are important to us but it still doesn't measure up to a good ole hug. Vance and Carol needs to make a trip to Indiana soon. After all, they have a daughter who has a new boyfriend, Bob, that they haven't met yet. Linda, their daughter lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. And then there are grandchildren and great-grandchildren and aunts and uncles and cousins galore. So many to see when they travel there. And all those friends too. Whee! Think there better be a lot of resting going on before that vacation. Sounds like it could take a lot of energy! Enough of that.

Carol best get over to the United Pentecostal Church for ladies prayer meeting. Lunch and supper, then weekly Bible Study usually scheduled for Wednesday evening is this week on Tuesday with Brother and Sister Little of Perryton church. They are filling in for Pastor McDaniel who is away on vacation and visiting his daughter-in-law who had surgery. We are very happy to hear she is doing fine and he will soon be home. The Little's are such a blessing wherever they go. Brother Little gave us a wonderful message from God and Sis. Little sang a beautiful song for us. And we were so happy to have her play the piano in Louise's absence. Louise just got back from vacation and we are so happy to have her home! Can she play that piano! Cheryl Dupont helped us out quite a bit and we really want to thank her. She is a real blessing to the church.

Pearl Harrison, Cheryl's grandmother is a real blessing too. She had Vance and Carol over two different evenings to watch family videos of gospel singing. What a sweet hostess she is. She serves her special popcorn, soft drinks and sometimes grapes or cake and ice cream. She also had Vance and Carol, Gary and Bennie all for a lovely noontime meal one day. Then on Sunday, she prepared dinner for the visiting minister and his wife, Brother and Sister David Bault of Guymon, Oklahoma. He gave us at the United Pentecostal Church of Allison two wonderful messages. What wonderful services we had as we praised the Lord!

Mom Boydston is another good saint in the church. She fed Vance and Carol a couple of times last week, once for lunch and another time for supper. Then they had a few games of spinners. We won't discuss who won and who lost. Someone keeps saying, Carol wins all the time. Not!

Thursday night, Vance took Carol and Juanita Reydon, Oklahoma for the Senior Citizens dinner. They were serving catfish! Oh my, Mom Boydston went too. It was last time, Mom didn't go. We teased her because this real cute, slender guy comes in his overalls and string tie and white shirt and western hat. Does he look spiffy! And when she wasn't with us, he cleaned his plate and was gone in a jiffy. We told her we thought he wasn't all disappointed that she wasn't there. It seemed that way. Anyway, last Thursday she and Carol really enjoyed the catfish and slaw! The Boydston's found two really nice ladies from Cheyenne, Oklahoma to sit with. One was a retired school teacher and the other had worked at a bank. It's so much fun to go over there and meet so many different people. And the friendly four are usually there before their games begin. The time and menu can be found at the Post Office in Allison when they get it planned out. It's a fun community event. The food is good and the price is right!

On Friday, Juanita and Carol drove into Wheeler. The folks at the bank are always so friendly. After visiting there they took some time to look in on an old friend who is making her new home at the Wheeler Care Center, Minnie Belle Vinson, was having a great time with several other residents playing Bingo. She jumped up in surprise when she saw Juanita and Carol. She excused herself from the game and hurried her guests to her room where they all had a wonderful visit and caught up on all the latest. Minnie just insisted on having a picture of her good friend, Juanita. She was so happy to have company and she said to tell all Allison "Hi" and she loved them and to come and see her. She said, "They, at the center are feeding her good food and taking good care of her. And her son, Don, gave her a brand new television for company. Many miss seeing Minnie Belle walking on the streets and roads in Allison. She was an inspiration for many. She loved to walk for exercise. She is looking forward to coming to Allison to church again. She has really been faithful.

One of our teenagers in Allison could have slept in Saturday morning but instead she chose to help Vance, Juanita and Carol clean the Juniors Sunday School classroom. She deserves some cheers! She pitched right in and did a wonderful job! Sabrina Dupont is setting a good example for other young Christians! Keep up the



good work Sabrina! She is also in charge of games for her class. Cody would have helped too but he was out of town with his ag teacher helping with some judging. Then he got back to town in time to go some bull riding. Guess he is really good at that. Keeps some friends and family praying for his safety. Well he will enjoy a clean classroom next Sunday, right Cody!

Vance and Carol have been setting out some plants that Mom Boydston gave them starts of. Like her red bush, her yellow forsythia and a snowball bush. Tonight she gave them some starts from her red bud tree. It would be so wonderful if they would all live!

Sunday evening, after church service, Mom Boydston, Juanita, Vance and Carol were invited out to Glen and Betty's for snacks and soft drinks, cake and you guessed it, spinners! Glen proudly kept two prizes, Thang one and the Beaver. Then Mom walks away smiling with Donald Duck and the Count rode home with Vance and Carol. Lots of fun was had by all!

Sunday, Vance, Juanita and Carol dined at the "Filling Station" in Canadian. They sure served some delicious food and the service was excellent! Going again was a unanimous vote! After dinner the trio attended afternoon two o'clock services at the United Pentecostal Church in Canadian. It was first started years ago by Lanora Morse's father, Brother Stewart. And that's where she received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. Brother Christian later pastored there but the church since

History Comes To Life Sat., April 3

The sound of muskets, carbines and sabers is now silent, the sound of bugles blaring and the thundering hooves of a hundred charging horses can only be heard in our imaginations... until now.

The honor and traditions of the past is being brought back to life with the "living history" group known as the "Frontier Regiment of the High Plains", based in the panhandle of Texas. With the careful guidance of one of the founders of the group, Jimmy Northcutt, a long time member of the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) and veteran cavalry re-enactor, the group endeavors to preserve Texas panhandle history by "Re-living" that history centered around the 1870's Red River War. Many remember the Alamo, but do they remember the struggle at a place called Adobe Walls in 1874; do they remember the conflict that became known as the "Red River War", or the "Battle of the Palo Duro Canyon". Do people realize or remember the hardships of life, that the people faced daily as they tried to tame the panhandle, known as the last Texas frontier?

Members of the "Frontier Regiment of the High Plains" understand and through their dedication, will not let this important part of Texas history be forgotten.

One way that they accomplish this is by providing historical programs for museums, schools, parades, and workshops to the public. On April 3, 2004, the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains is sponsoring a Cavalry "School of the Horse Soldier", workshop in Pampa, Texas. This is a one day school open to adults and teenagers, who are interested in learning more about the cavalry re-enacting. Students can provide their own horses and equipment if they have them or they may be outfitted with some of the members' equipment. The students will be instructed in the same cavalry horsemanship and maneuvers as was practiced in the late 1860's and 1870's and will learn about the life of the military men that traversed these panhandle prairies.

There will also be instructions on the equitation style of the 19th century Lady riding in her habit and sidesaddle, demonstrating the form and riding qualities as were in vogue during the latter 19th century for the horsewoman.

The instructor for this school has much experience as a Cavalry re-enactor. He is First Sergeant Butch Kelly, 7th Cavalry (Memorial), from Lamar, Colorado. He is a veteran "Living History" presenter and is knowledgeable in all phases of the School of Cavalry Horse". He and members of his group have appeared in many movies, as well as presented living history programs at Ft. Larned, Kansas, Cheyenne Frontier Days, and numerous public schools. The group has participated in the Little Big Horn battle re-enactment as well as competition in the National Cavalry Competition sponsored by the U.S. Cavalry Association.

His wife, Laura, is an accomplished sidesaddle competitor and is excellent in her presentation to the ladies of the regiment or public for competition or pleasure sidesaddle riding.

This one day workshop is open to the public and will be conducted at the Mark Craddock arena located 1/4 mile south of the highway 60 intersection traffic light on Price Road, west of Pampa.

All interested persons in attending the school, or needing more information should contact Jimmy Northcutt at 806-622-1289, leave message or jnorthcutt@amaonline.com. For those who still hear the sound of the bugle.

then has been closed for awhile. Just last year the pastor at Perryton has felt the burden to remodel this church and reopen it. Brother and Sister Little and family members and some other saints have been having some spirit filled services there. God is working to reach the lost lambs that they might be saved before He returns for the church. The Allison Trio sang a song there Sunday in their worship service for the Lord. Later they enjoyed a butterfly bizzard from Dairy Queen and headed back to Allison like three homing pigeons. Just at the edge of town, they stopped in on some other Boydston, Gary and Julie. Turned out Gary was out on business but the trio had a great visit with Julie! She is so much fun and shared some of her artwork with them. She's looking forward to a game of spinners later.

Well on to church, the trio has more singing to do.

Everything around Allison seems A-Ok except Juanita is about to drive everyone crazy with that big smile and talking about that Ronnie guy from Arkansas. Hope those telephone lines don't melt down from overuse!!

It's Spring and love is in the air! Right Juanita?

Tooth Fairies Lead Walk Across Texas

Walk Across Texas kicked off in grand fashion this week with lots of miles being logged. In the lead are Mike Smith's Tooth Fairies with 215.5 miles, Lori Baker's 29'ers and Melissa Hampton's Hampton Hoopers with 167 miles each, Dori Butler's Dori's Dolls with 158 miles, Kenna Howard's Wheeler Nursing & Rehab with 152.5 miles, Katie Gallardo's Pavement Pounders with 114 miles, Debbie Finsterwald's Travellin' Tutors with 105.9 miles, Lisa McCasland's The Cattle Drive with 86.2 miles, Tammy Moore's Hearts Not In It with 74.5 miles, Brenda Sparlin's Parkview Terrapins with 61.5 miles, and Sallie Adcock's 8 Wonders of the World with 58 miles for a total of 1212.4 miles. Carol Porton's Courthouse Cruisers, Sharon Brownlee's PALS, Maggie Marshall's "A" Team, and Ronda Rutherford's The Black Gold of Texas were not available for updates this week. Great job teams! Keep up the walking and we will see you next week on down the road.

Chat (from Page 1)

We went down south to Lovelady on Thursday to visit Cathi and Dordie Gillette. The boys, Guy and Pipp, were performing in Midland from Thursday until Tuesday.

We had the opportunity to see a Kathy Mattea concert in Crockett on Saturday evening.

When we went up to get the tickets, the woman, working the window looked up and said, "I know you!" and looked straight at me.

And she did. It was Carrie Gately when she lived here some 15 or so years ago in Wheeler and was co-owner of Gately Electric.

Carrie Garms and her husband, live in Crockett and quite often frequent Camp Street for the music and know Cathi and Guy, but had not connected Cathi to us since Jennifer was the only child at home when she knew us. Another 'small world' experience.

Tickets for the A. W. Love concert on Saturday, April 17, 2004, will soon go on sale. The proceeds go to the Wheeler Centennial Committee to help pay for the celebration in 2005.

It was good to see Mary K. Christner Tuesday evening at the reception. Since she had to move to Buda to recuperate from the accident, the community had not had the opportunity say, "Thank You and Good Luck!"

You are missed, 'Band-Aid Buddy'! We put lots of miles on those ambulances in the twenty-plus years. Good to know you are staying busy. I hope they appreciate you as much as we do.

On our return to Wheeler on Sunday we stopped in Sherman and OKC. We spent the night in OKC.

It's Happy Birthday time for brother Raymond on Thursday, April 8. He's older than I am, but able to be on the golf course most every day.

At cards Dwight and I started off quite well; luck was with us. But that all changed the next two games; Barbara and Mike managed to win both games.

Off the Internet... Elminate puffiness under your eyes..... All you need is a dab of preparation H, carefully rubbed into the skin, avoiding the eyes. The hemorrhoid ointment acts as a vasoconstrictor, relieving the swelling instantly.

Off the Internet... Honey remedy for skin blemishes..... Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a band-aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile and speeds healing. Works overnight.


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