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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations are extended to the Wheeler Basketball players named to the All-Regional and All-District teams. Good Work.

We received rain during the night on Sunday. When I picked up the paper, I didn't have much hope for a good rain. Surprise, I measured 0.65"; an additional 0.03" fell during the morning.

The rain was much needed and certainly appreciated.

Our mailing program was updated and we have finally been able to print labels the past two weeks, using the new program.

Bar codes are now printed at the bottom of the label. Hopefully this will speed up delivery of your papers.

The area schools are out for Spring break.

Wheeler's younger students held their Easter egg hunts on Friday afternoon before school was out.

Stormie, our youngest reporter, participated in an egg hunt in Hinton. Prize eggs meant they got to choose from a selection of items.

Her choice of the trinkets offered was a pad and pencil. Then she proceeded to 'interview people' and 'make notes'.

Mobeetie and Wheeler got some good publicity in the *Amarillo Globe-News* Sunday.

We made the trip to OKC on Friday evening and returned on Sunday afternoon.

Cards were played on Monday evening. Enjoyed the first game, which Rhonda and I won.

The second game was a runaway for Leroy, Dwight and Bob.

Barbara, Rhonda and I gave the other team a "run for their money" the last game, but lost by 75 points.

## STORM REPORT

As Reported By...  
Stormie Meriwether  
Pre-Kindergarten

The Egg Hunt was great! We found all the eggs. My Pop came to watch us and take a picture. We had a party and ate candy.

Now we don't go to school. My Mom and Dad and I sit by the fire and read a book. I have to pick up all my toys and books then I can pet my cat Gus. That's it.

## Steve Shields Wins Co. 4-H Pig Raffle

The Wheeler County 4-H would like to thank everyone that purchased a raffle ticket for the processed hog. The winner of the hog was Steve & LuAnn Shields of Morris, TX. Thanks to all the 4-H members for working hard to make this a successful fund raiser for the club. We appreciate everyone's support.

## NRCS Employee Wins Rangeland Award

Clint Rollins, rangeland management specialist with the USDA  
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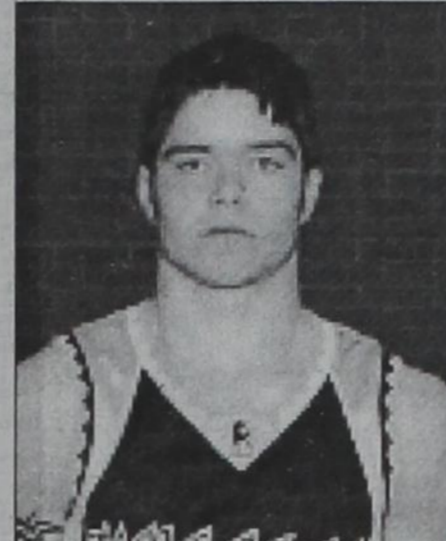
## Wheeler Boys, Girls Are Named To All-Reg., All-Dist. Basketball Teams



Jared Messer—Jr.  
All Regional & All-District



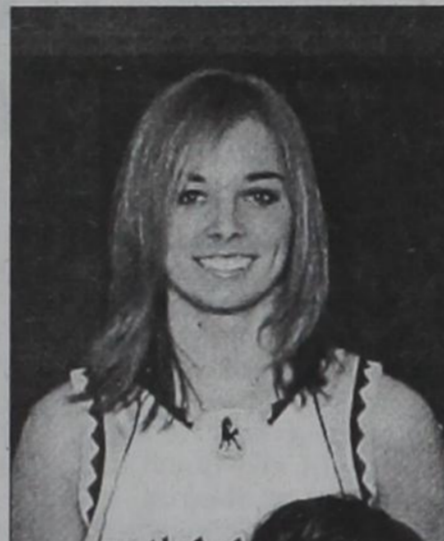
Terry Menefield—Sr.  
All-District



Tyler Richardson—Sr.  
Honorable Mention, All-District



Nicole Moore—Jr.  
Honorable Mention, All-District



Bree McCasland—Sr.  
Honorable Mention, All-District



Aspen Hathaway—Sr.  
Honorable Mention, All-District

## Parkview Hospital Needs More Parking

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Parkview Hospital. Present were: Chairman Thomas Helton; Vice Chairman Sue Chandler; Secretary James Batton and Dale Garner. Ray Hudson was absent.

## Lily, Pendergraph Concert March 26

On Wednesday, March 26, Blaine Lily and David Pendergraph will be in concert at the first Baptist church of Mobeetie. Wednesday is Youth and children's night at our church, but we would like to invite everyone to come and hear the Word proclaimed through song. Blaine has ties to many folks in our area. He and Mrs. Joann Love are cousins.

The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Hospital Notes

**Assisted Living**  
Jane Seitz  
Alvern Hutchison  
Tom Frye  
Iona May  
Duane Bradford

**Admissions**  
3/10 Jamie Denis  
3/11 Patsy Smith  
Mary Whitener  
Marie Badillo  
Jose Rincon  
3/12 James Laws  
3/15 Harrison Hall  
Sue Seitz  
3/16 Charles D. Brown  
Sandra Woodward

**Dismissals**  
3/12 Jamie Denis  
Jose Rincon  
Karen Kelley  
Julia Buckingham  
James Laws  
3/14 Stacy Arnold  
3/15 Marie Badillo  
3/16 Patsy Smith

Also present: Ann Fagan Cook, RN BSN and J. Patrick Lavelle, MD

Dale Garner made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the minutes regarding the correct number of trustees for election in May. Sue Chandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented a review of current investments. No further action was taken.

There was no bad debt or charity write-off for the month.

Ms. Fagan Cook gave the QAPI report. She stated that all financial indicators had been refigured to correct the errors pointed out in February. James Batton made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Sue Chandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented a bid to repair some flooring in Dr. Smith's office necessitated by the purchase of new x-ray equipment by Dr. Smith. Sue Chandler made the motion to accept the bid from One Stop Flooring in Pampa. James Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

We are due for a survey for trauma re-designation and this will be carried out on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Ms. Fagan Cook reported that we are in need of some additional parking areas on the hospital complex. Discussion ensued regarding the front area of the hospital.

## Translator System Meeting March 29

The Wheeler County Translator System members will hold a meeting on March 29, 2008, in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Wheeler County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. All interested people should attend. The meeting will determine the future of the translator service.

## Xi Upsilon Sorority Sweetheart Named

Xi Upsilon Eta met at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at the Coin and Copper Room of Wheeler Banking Center. The hostesses were Mandy Brown, Dena Brown and Rita Pearson. Members present were Ruth Cornell, Ann Lee, Cathy Hunt, Mandy Brown, Jane Dukes, Dena Brown, Kara Richardson and Jackie Lane.

Members absent were Tiffany Boydston, Patsy Rarden, Kenzie Watkins, Sally Adcock and Rita Pearson.

Scholarships were discussed with the decision on what scholarships will be offered to be made at the next meeting. The sorority is considering scholarships for ambulance attendant training, fire department training—these have been offered each year.

Ann Lee was crowned Xi Upsilon Eta Sweetheart.

The meal and conversation were enjoyed.

## Rites Read Tues. For Lois Hudson

Lois Irene Vaughn Hudson, 91, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas. Visitation was on Monday evening, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., at Wright Funeral Home with services at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the United Methodist Church, Wheeler, Texas with Bro. Aaron Laverty of Gageby, Texas, and Rev. Mike Dyer of Amarillo, Texas, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Lois Hudson was born to M.H. and Effie Haddox Vaughn on December 22, 1916, in Hopkins County, Texas. She lived most of her life in Briscoe, Texas, but resided at Park Place Towers Retirement Center, Amarillo, Texas, at the time of her death.

She married Oden Lester Hudson on December 22, 1933, in Wheeler, Texas. She was a member of the Methodist church.

She worked for the school cafeteria in Briscoe during the 1950s and 1960s. She and her husband owned and operated a milk transportation business from 1948-1970. After they sold their business, she worked in the Briscoe store and later became the postmistress of Briscoe. She retired from the Post Office.

Some called her Granny Lois, some called her Ma Lois, some called her Mom, but all her family loved her and visited as often as they could. Lois loved being around her family and often traveled great distances so that she could see them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Oden Hudson, two children, 11 brothers and sisters and one daughter-in-law.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Leroy Hudson and wife, Laverne, of Arlington, Texas, and Ray Hudson and wife, Glenda, of Briscoe, Texas; one daughter, Sharon Bertrand and husband, Harold, of Panhandle, Texas; one brother, E.T. Vaughn, of Latonia, Texas; one sister, Margie Meadows, of Wheeler, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Ernest Evans of Dallas, Texas, and Leonard Fulks of Amarillo, Texas; 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, four

## City-Wide Clean-up Set For Mobeetie

City of Mobeetie Minutes  
March 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes. Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes, Council Members—Patricia Kephart, Gaylord Thompson, Emma Swigart, Louise Shorter, Pam Jones

Ada Lou Lester was present to request water meters to be installed on her property. We will discuss and consider at next meeting.

Minutes for the February 11, 2008 meeting were read by Patricia Kephart. Gaylord Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Emma Swigart. Motion approved 5-0.

The Financial Report was read by Emma Swigart. Patricia Kephart made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 5-0.

Monthly bills were reviewed and considered for payment. Gaylord Thompson made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented, motion seconded by Emma Swigart. Motion approved 5-0.

Consider John McGinty as part-time employee for mowing property for city and other miscellaneous duties for the city. Motion was made by Gaylord Thompson to hire John McGinty, motion was seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 5-0.

Discussed having the city wide clean up on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The clean up will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Consider hiring Phil Richmond to spray city property for weeds and bugs. Motion was made by Emma Swigart to hire Phil Richmond, motion was seconded by Louise Shorter. Motion approved 5-0.

Mayor's Report: Looking forward to City-wide Cleanup.  
Water Report: Good.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it home and can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have to worry about pets or small children being harmed!



Lois Hudson

great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at [www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com).

## Steven Elliott, 50 Services March 12

Steven Wayne Elliott, 50, of Borger, Texas, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2008. Services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in the Carmichael-Whalley Colonial Chapel, Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Denzil Leonard, Steven's uncle and a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Elliott was born May 30, 1957, in Amarillo at the Amarillo Air Force Base. He attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1975. He married Angela Poole in 1994 in Pampa. He worked for Celanese for 15 years and for Tinney Lumber and Rice Construction for several years. He loved to cook barbeque and go camping in the outdoors.

Steven was preceded in death by his father, Bill Elliott, in 2005.

Survivors are his wife, Angela Elliott of the home; two sons, Jeremy Elliott and wife Sarah and Greg Elliott, all of Pampa; two daughters, Madysun Elliott and Miranda Elliott, both of Borger; his mother, Dutch Elliott of Pampa; two brothers, Mark Elliott and Brad Elliott, both of Pampa; one sister, Patti Williams of Pampa; three granddaughters, Harley Elliott, Kendal Elliott and McKenna Elliott, all of Pampa; and mother-in-law, Sharon Mack of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

## Grady Brown, 65 Is Buried At Carter

Grady Edward Brown was born July 24, 1942 in Sayre, Oklahoma to Edith and Grady B. Brown. He passed away March 11, 2008 the age of 65 years, 7 months and 17 days.

Grady graduated from Delhi High School. In February of 1964, he entered the US Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. After his discharge in 1966, Grady returned to Sayre to make his home and he began his 43 year career with the City of Elk City running the water plant. Grady married Gerri Stowers on April 20, 1991 at Sayre and they had 11 years together before she passed away in 2002.

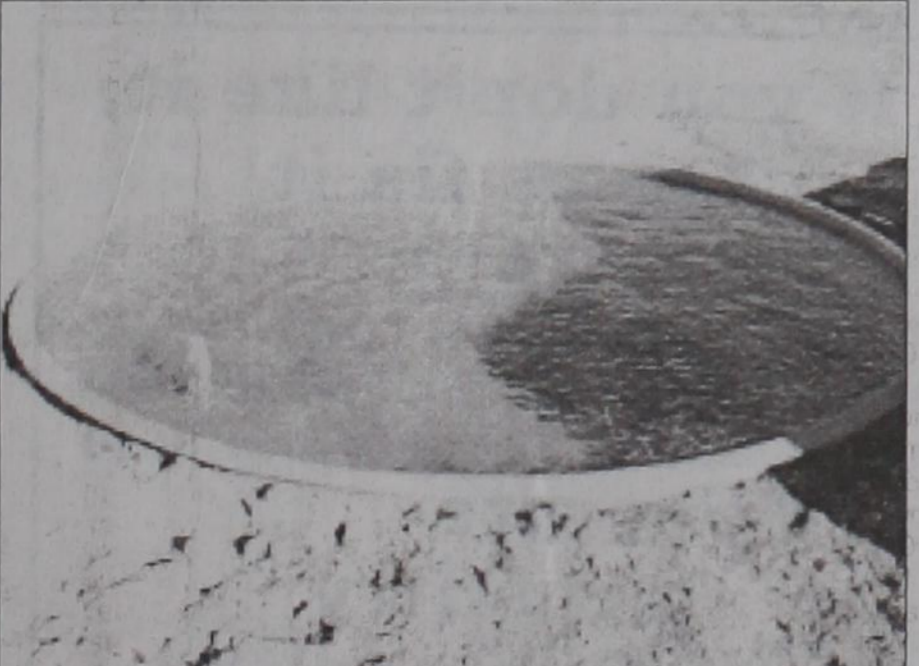
Grady was a common man and enjoyed a common life. He didn't take many vacations because he saw so much in the Army that he was happy to stay home and take care of his cattle and horses. One of his greatest joys was watching Johnny rope and following him to competitions. Grady also enjoyed spending time at cook outs with his family. He took great pride in being there for his family when they needed help and helping others in need, too.

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Mission in Erick, OK.

In addition to Gerri, he was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, Johnny Mack Brown, Sayre, OK; 2 sisters, Lucille Ellis, Albuquerque, NM and Pat Childress, Wheeler, TX; his special friend, Sue Livingston of Sayre, OK; 2 nieces, Tammie Ellis, Albuquerque, NM and Amanda Childress, Wheeler, TX; 1 great nephew, Jack Ellis, Albuquerque, NM; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will be held Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the Sayre First Baptist Church, Sayre, OK with Andy Taylor Officiating. Interment will follow in the Carter Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre, OK.



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## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 10, 2008—

MARCH 10, 2008  
SURVEY-Richard E. Johnson to The Public, 11-13-07, Blk. 6, Bradley Add., Shamrock.  
D-R. Neel Carter, et ux to Lorri Loeffelholz, 3-21-05, 73 1/3 acs. in N 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 50, Blk. A-5, H&G Ry. Company Survey.  
MD-John Michael Anderson to Bonnie E. Anderson, 3-4-08, W  
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**BEFORE TESTS:** Traci Smith, Paloma Contreras, Kristen Garner, Charmayne Hampton, Angelica Lopez, and Ciera Alvarado - Having breakfast before the TAKS EXAMS at Kelton.



Alli Banda - Working on a Math Lesson in Mrs. Koens Classroom over Time.



JD Martinez - Working on a Math Lesson in Mrs. Koens Classroom over Time



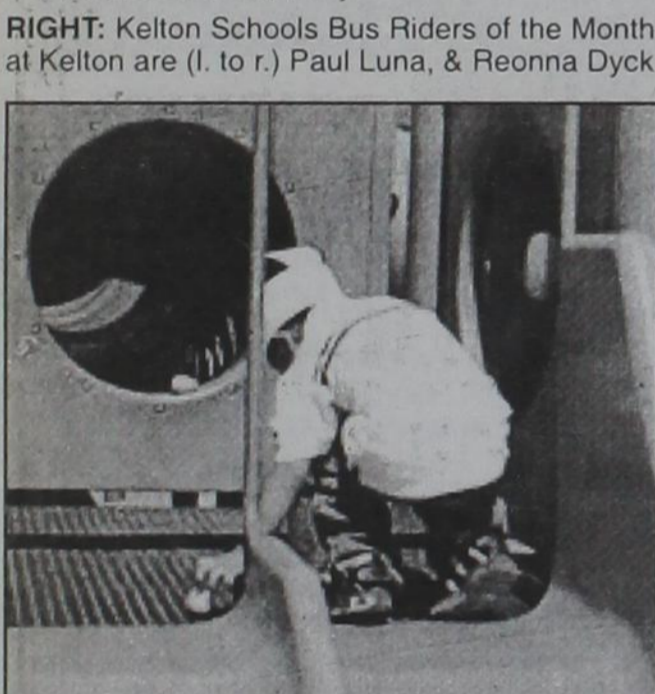
Morgan Martinez, Jose Huante, Kayleigh Coomer select books at the Kelton Library.



Kelton Schools Bus Riders of the Month. Principal Hardcastle & Eli McKinley



MaKalli Marshall & LeighAnne Cook - working with blocks during the first grade learning center time in Ms. Johnson's Classroom at Kelton.



RIGHT: Kelton Schools Bus Riders of the Month at Kelton are (l. to r.) Paul Luna, & Reonna Dyck.



Students at Thomas R. Helton Elementary held their Easter egg hunts on Friday, March 14. To the left one of Mrs. Smith's Pre-K students finds a couple of eggs on the slide.

Below Mrs. Smith's Pre-K students line up for a photo before being released to begin the hunt in the playground area.



Mrs. Amy Smith's PK Class is ready to begin the hunt. Pictured are (back, l. to r.) Dulce Pena, Kasandra Lopez, Yesenia Soto, Diana Gaucin, Jazmine Wilson, Jovany Gallardo, Alexis Lopez, Jesse Sierra, & Omar Herrera, (front) Micah Koen, Caleb Koen, Landon Saenz, Ismael Guevara, Kaydiegh McNeil, Jahir Lira, Bryce Richardson, & Hesston Marshall



Mrs. Bass' PK students (l. to r.) Houston Hardcastle, Stormie Meriwether, Braylan Contreras, & Lesly Alvarado



Hailey Spence and her mom Jana Spence check Hailey's eggs. Hailey is in Mrs. Bass' Pre-K.

## COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

"Happy Birthday" to Jess Turner, Macie Miller, Ella Mae Wood, Gaylord Thompson, April Mick, Genise Young, Mardi Ogle, Travis May and Mary Thompson, March 16; Ruth Wiley, Joe Miller, Landry Meadows, Aaron Dunnam, Lisa Carder, Keith Boydston, Kenney Boydston, Matt Helms, Logan Harris, Kaleb Meek and Steven Corcoran, March 17; Tricia Mitchell, Marcie Cook, Karla Murray, Blake Horton and, Brevin Hampton, March 18; Vaughn Christner, Ike Finsterwald, Debbie Haning, Rick Heiberg, Clifford Immel, Todd Moore, Tracy McMeans, Amanda Rives, Ken Rutherford and Debbie Ford, March 19; Todd Brashears, Gayla Cornett, Stephanie Doolittle, Chase Helton, David Hunsaker, Cherry Johnson, Calvin Lane, Mathew Smith, Will Woollard, Kathy Thomas, Hannah McCluskey, Cendie Newman, Ada Lou Lester and Julie Zybach, March 20; Sonya Holder, Ryan Parsley, Juanita Shugart, Dorothy Hink and Lisa Guest, March 21; and Mark Helton, Matt Helton, Quinn Newman, Glenda Galutia, Bob Stiles, Punk Childress, Tippi Smith, Hadlee Hamner, B.F. McClellan, Leksey Yarbar, Sam Kreitner and Avery McNeill, March 22.

"Happy Anniversary" to Keith and Tyne Horn and Butch and Pattie Anderson, March 17; Shawn and Robyn Johnson and Kyndal and Kathy Murray, March 18; John and Jill Baker, March 19; and Paul and Clarise Hathaway, March 21.

Just two ladies to quilt and visit at Totty School Thursday. They were Sydney Lynch and Audrey Seitz. Betty Haines had to go back to the hospital, but is home now and doing better. Pray for Betty Haines.

Nice to eat supper at Maxey's Friday night with Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen and Rita Pearson. Think they planned to go to Shamrock to St. Patrick's Day celebration Saturday. Some others at Maxey's were Jimmy Adams with Jim and Bobbye Hill; Joel Sabbe and Carolyn; Fat and Wanda Childress with a grandson (Colby Childress' son); Tim Adcock with several family members; Weldon and Dolores Simmons (celebrating her birthday) and many more!

Mary Margaret Dodd is looking forward to a visit from granddaughter Sharee Neider and sons, Graham and Micah, from Yellow Springs, Ohio, for next weekend. They will go on down to visit Jacque and John D. Foreman at Lubbock, also.

Best wishes to Jennifer Dowling and Zach Tipps as they plan to marry Saturday, March 22, at Wheeler United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. Family and friends invited.

Congratulations, Joel Finsterwald, on being elected sheriff of Wheeler County. Pray for Joel.

Golden Agers over 50 will meet at Wheeler Baptist Fellowship Hall, Thursday, March 20, at 11:30 for Home Health Ladies to do vital checks of blood sugars, blood pressures, etc. There will be a good potluck meal and a program. You are invited.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Lois Hudson of Amarillo in her death Saturday. I always enjoyed Lois and her family through the years. Funeral was Tuesday at Wheeler Methodist Church at 10:30 A.M. Lois lived in Briscoe area many years.

Take a little time to thank God for sending his son, Jesus, to live and die for us. He is alive forevermore! Jesus is our ticket to Heaven.

Happy 74<sup>th</sup> birthday, Bro. O.K. Bowen, and many more! Good to have you with us with good messages and friendly ways.

Stacey Horton sang a good special Sunday morning at Wheeler Baptist. Thank you.

Correction: Church-wide Fellowship for all ages at Wheeler Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited for food and fun.

I'm thankful for the nice shower of rain early Monday; over 2 inch in the rain gauge. Praise the Lord! Deleise and Riley Atwood and several other family members went to Germany to visit Jill Hamner and Hadley and Tristan for 9 days. (Daniel Hamner was back in the states for some schooling.) They also celebrated

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Hadley's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Deleise and Riley Atwood also went to Hardesty recently to celebrate Colton Johnson's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday!

Glad to know that Riley Atwood's mom, Wilma Barker, is back at Wheeler Care Center and is eating better and feeling better. Remember Wilma in your prayers.

Sylvia Shuler's mom, Laura Smith, is not feeling very well, but Sylvia is faithful to visit and feed her at Wheeler Care Center when she can get Laura to eat.

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the

family of God, Washed by His fountain, cleansed by His blood, Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod."

We enjoyed having the "Nearly Brothers and No Mountain Boys" band come to Wheeler Care Center Tuesday night, March 11, to make beautiful music. Visitors always welcome to come listen and greet and visit with the residents. Jay Godwin sang and played; Geoff Caldwell and Gene Keelin also made pretty music. Thanks for coming. Some other visitors were Leona Coates, Tria Godwin, Freddia Caldwell, some of Charles Hagerman's family, some of Curtis Hendrix' family, Karen Alston, Verna Fillingim and others. So glad to have Geoff Caldwell back to play with the band. Sounds great. Nice to visit with Freddia, Tria and others. The band will be back, Tuesday, March 25.

At the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Charlie Finsterwald got a "Man of the Year" plaque for always being so helpful putting up tables and chairs and other things. Charlie was proudly showing off his plaque at the Care Center music. Way to go, Charlie.

To help Dianne Sparks celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, daughter, Shelley brought a white cake with black frosting and decorations. (Very good) She shared with others at Wheeler Baptist Church supper Wednesday night. Thanks! (I'd like to be 60 again!) Happy birthday, dear friend.

"I am so glad that our Father in Heaven, Tells of His love, in the Book He has given.

Wonderful things in the Bible I see; This is the dearest that Jesus loves me.

I am so glad that Jesus loves me."

Cledith Burrell enjoyed a visit from Mark and Terrye Burrell from Lubbock Friday night. They had a good meal and a good visit. Also there was Trudy Kendall at Maxey's.

Mark Meek is the new commissioner of precinct 3, Hemphill County. Congratulations and best wishes. Pray for all our officials.

Leona Coates, Neld Burrell and Ella Mae Wood prepared the good sandwich and fixings supper for Wednesday night at Wheeler Baptist Church. Weldon Simmons led singing. Good job! Visitors always welcome. We also had prayers for the ill and the families of the bereaved.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Grady Brown, 65, of Sayre, in his death Tuesday, March 11. Survivors include a sister, Pat Childress, of Wheeler. Services were Friday at First Baptist Church in Sayre with Andy Taylor officiating.

Correction: Charleen Rainey and Virginia Puryear of Allison visited Lou Dean Douthit at her home south of Briscoe one day for a good visit.

"God be with you till we meet again."

• Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

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# ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise, For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was

done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:1-9

O Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 117

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with

the swelling thereof. Selah Psalms 46:1-3

The weather here in Allison this Tuesday morning is cloudy and windy and cold. But thank the Lord for the nice rain we received Sunday night or early Monday morning around three. It was a very electrical storm but glad to get the rain. It hailed some, but wasn't very big and didn't last long. Just thankful for the inch or so we received. Yes, I went to the cellar, but let me tell you its a little cold to be going to the cellar at this time.

Roma and Billy June Brown traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma on Monday and Billy had her vaccumn repaired and did some other business and they did some shopping as well. Also they enjoyed a tasty meal at Braum's.

Tuesday last week, Roma and Billy June Brown journeyed to Amarillo, Texas where Billy had a doctor's appointment for her heart. But the doctor gave her a good report, said that she was doing good. That is what we like to hear. Thank the Lord!! After Billy's appointment, she and Charline enjoyed a time of shopping in the Dillard's in the Westgate Mall. Roma and Billy June stayed the night in the home of Warren and Charline Brown. Enjoyed a nice visit with them. Wednesday morning Roma and Billy June headed for home, but stopped in Pampa, Texas and enjoyed some shopping there.

Doug and Amie Purcell of Midland, Texas visited Gary and Julie Boydston over the weekend. They took their son back with them that had stayed a few days with his grandparents, Gary and Julie.

Louise Boydston last weeks over night guest were Willis Harrison from Claremore, Oklahoma and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo, Texas. Jimmy and Vivian Wallace from Elk City, Oklahoma were lunch guest on Thursday and Friday. They were all doing some cleaning on their mom's home.

On Thursday evening they all went to Reydon, Oklahoma to the Senior Citizens dinner of fish and all the trimmings.

On Friday evening, Louise, Willis, Johnnie, Bennie, Debbie and Jason Boydston all went to Maxey's Steakhouse to eat. Had a great visit together.

Sunday afternoon, Louise, Vance and Carol Boydston visited Pearl Harrison at the Elkwood Assisted Living.

Louise received word that her longtime friend, Vera Glenn from McAlester, Oklahoma had passed away on Friday. They had met in 1954, when Clifton was working in the oil field. Also Louise got a call from Shirley Parson from Fairview, Oklahoma that their friend, Bessie Richter from Lyons, Oregon had knee surgery. Its always good to hear from old school friends.

Monday afternoon, Vance and Carol Boydston enjoyed a very delicious homemade Italian meal in the home of Bob and Frankie Garrett. Later they enjoyed having canola's and a special kind of coffee. Really had a nice visit. They also enjoyed their dogs, who are friendly too. Carol said Bob and Frankie's house was just so beautiful, since all the remodeling they did, she said it was just gorgeous.

Glad to report that Pearl Harrison is feeling better now. She smiled and talked and even walked the all around the halls where she living now. Way to go Pearl. Praise God for her feeling better!!

Sunday night, Juanita Boydston made two coconut cream pies and so she needed someone to share it with so she called Louise on her cellphone and asked if we could come visit her and share. She accepted gladly. So Lil had some sandwiches that was in a box and all you had to do is put everything to gether and heat it in the microwave. So we did that and also had tator chips and then had the pie for dessert. Vance and Carol, Opal and Juanita and Curtis and Lil all gathered at Louise's house and enjoyed the meal. Later, Greg, Tiffanye, Tori, Hannah, Kayalye, and Gavin Boydston came by and visited and then Gary and Julie came a little later. They enjoyed the pie and we all enjoyed visiting.

Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Curtis and Lillian Boydston to Pampa, Texas on business and enjoyed shopping some as well.

Wednesday, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Curtis and Lillian Boydston enjoyed breakfast at McDonald's in Shamrock, Texas and did some shopping in Shamrock and then came by Wheeler, Texas and did some shopping there.

Thursday, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Curtis and Lil to Reydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Senior Citizen's Building. We saw Jack and Freddie Moon there and invited them to sit at our table. Had a nice visit. Also saw Virginia Puryear and Charlene Rainey from Allison.

Saturday, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Vance and Carol Boydston and Louise Boydston



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gathered in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston and enjoyed a very delicious homecooked meal.

The United Pentecostal Church were blessed with Bro. and Sis. Calvin Burrows to preach and sing for them. After the service, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Vance and Carol Boydston, Louise Boydston and Curtis and Lillian Boydston traveled to Wheeler, Texas where they enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's Steakhouse. Enjoyed visiting and the food.

Monday night, Opal and Juanita Boydston enjoyed playing a game of Mexican Train in the home of Curtis and Lil Boydston. Curtis won this time

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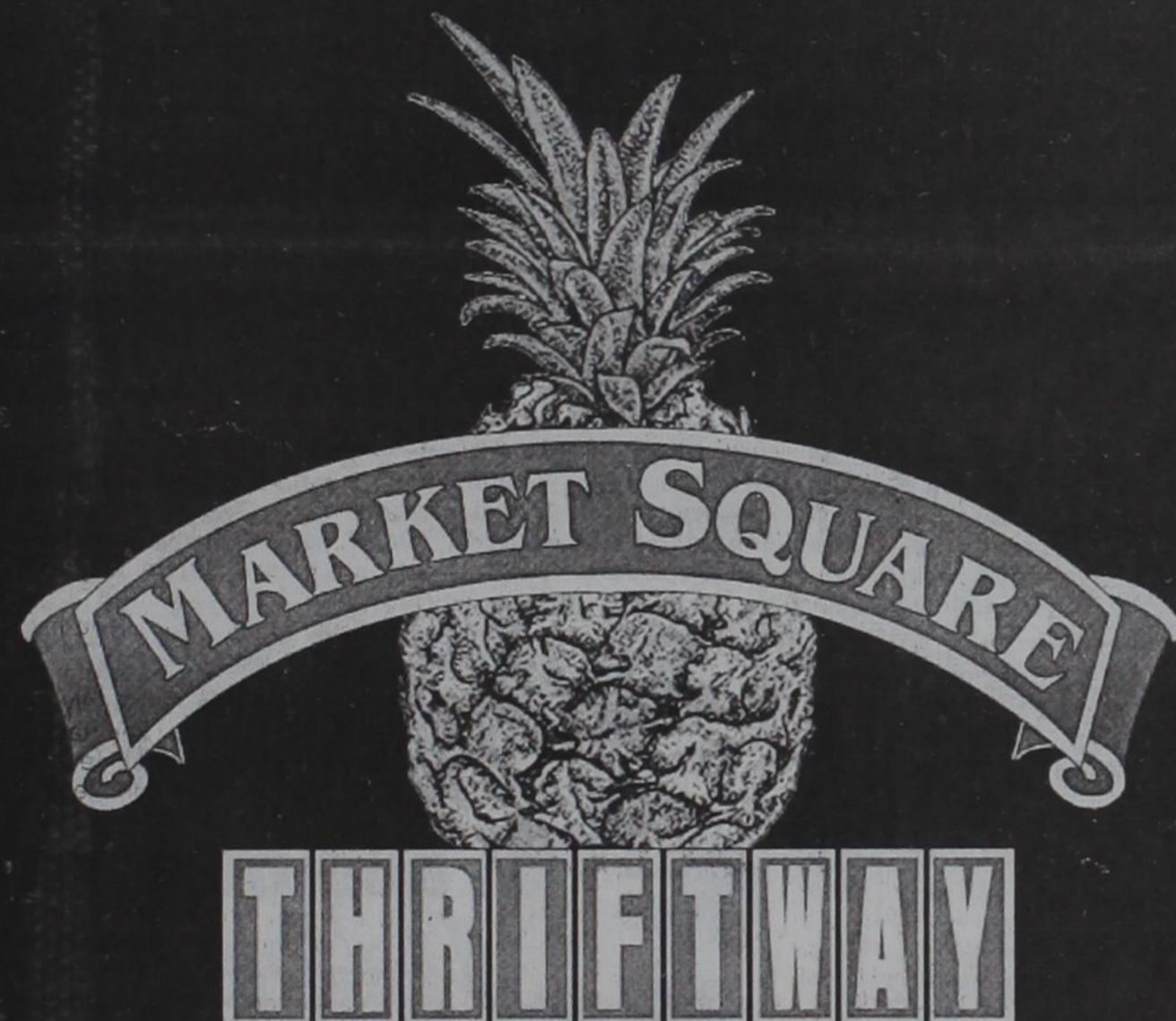
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#1918 Hoover, 2099' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 18, 41, H&T.C.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., Hobart Ranch, for the following wells:

#1969, 20' from South & 785' from West line, Sec. 69, A-2, H&G.N, PD 12800'

#2067, 1445' from North & 2069' from West line, Sec. 67, A-2, H&G.N, PD 13300'

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1 Young '52' 560' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 52, A-2, H&G.N, PD 15500'

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #7H Isaacs 'I', 1385' from South & 2047' from East line, Sec. 1, Alfred Lout, PD 12000' (BHL: 1676' from North & 1790' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & NORTH MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #9 Waterfield 'C', 1446' from North &

**The View of a Southern Woman**  
.... Southern California that is.

Another roller coaster-week for us with too much traveling and excitement. Amarillo saw us for my final eye surgery. Thank goodness, I have only two eyes. Of course, I am lost without my glasses, but I no longer need them unless it is real fine print on the baby aspirin bottle. I did not know that it was just a habit when I adjusted my eyeglasses and now I am adjusting non-existing glasses. We are creatures of habit for sure. Anyway, I can now see wonderfully and I am very grateful to Doctor Rush for giving me back my 20/20s.

Went to see the lake house in Oklahoma and check on some legal issues concerning the property. It seems there is a glitch in the deed and the owner may have to go to court to settle it. If it has to go through probate and it takes a few months, we will probably buy one of the other four homes at the lake. We stayed with our kids, SaRita, Robbie, Crissy, Kendi and Kelton, while there. They are anxious for us to complete our transaction and get down there in our lake home. Robbie is waiting to BBQ in the backyard this summer and, of course, fish, fish and fish! Glenn Frosty Forrest, Robbie and I went fishing Friday evening at the lake. Then Robbie got Glenn up at 3 am on Saturday to go fishing again. I told them that no fish was worth seeing at that time of day. SaRita cooked breakfast and we solved the problems of the world. Crissy is engaged and marriage is in view in 2 years. Both want to finish college first and that is wise. Of course, Tyler is a pretty smart man and seems to have their future mapped out really well. Kendi is an amazing 2-year-old and way too smart for her age. She told her day care teacher to "take a time out and stand in the corner and be sad about it." Robbie and Kelton were wrestling on the floor so Kendi called Robbie's mom and said he need to be disciplined. I thought it better to hide my cell phone during our stay there. You know the old saying, "Better be safe than sorry." She is so cute and she loves her grandma, but you cannot help but wonder what she will do next.

For several months, we have been wanting to have Henry's spurs cut back for they are growing into long circular spurs. I had asked the vet if he could cut them for me, but he did not know if it would be safe for he had not had that request before. Well, Henry solved that problem as one of them broke off and he did not bleed nor show signs of a problem, so now I think Glenn and I can cut the other one off. Three of our hens are setting on golf balls now. We have only three golf balls so hope the other three are not in the nesting mood. I told Glenn that we had a lot of black baby Koi fish and I did not know where they came from. He informed me that they were Fathead minnows that he uses for fishing. Boy, am I going to watch him from now on just to make sure he does not fish with gold, white or mixed color fish, for those are Koi not minnows.

Since I have lots of bantam eggs, I think I will dye some for Easter. They are really, really, cute. Happy Easter to all of you. With love, Betty Boydston.

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500' from West line, Sec. 105, C.G&M, PD 11200'.  
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #18, Byrum '6', 1095' from North & 2034' from West line, Sec. 6, B-1, H&G.N, PD 11000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & DYCO Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #6 Lohberger '25', 2173' from North & 853' from West line, Sec. 25, M-1, H&G.N, PD 14620'.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #804 '4', 1980' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 4, A-3, H&G.N, PD 18000'. Recompletion

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #1468R Stiles '48', 1725' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 68, A-7, H&G.N, PD 18000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Atoka) Forest Oil Corp., #2043 Davis, 1001' from North & 1776' from East line, Sec. 43, A-7, H&G.N, PD 16600'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #6 Legg '6', 467' from North & 937' from East line, Sec. 6, E, G.W. Jacobs, PD 18000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Linn Operating, Inc., for the following wells:

#3 Dobson Ranch, 1749' from South & 1908' from East line, Sec. 40, A-3, H&G.N, PD 16790'.

#5 Rizley '22', 2173' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 22, A-3, H&G.N, PD 16500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka & Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #1219 Bartz '19', 1980' from North & East line, Sec. 19, A-3, H&G.N, PD 18000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST PARK Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #2 Donelson '15', 1980' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 15, RE, R&E, PD 15090'.

Oil Well Completions  
ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #1 Flowers 'CCSL', Clay County School Lands, spud 9-17-07, drlg. compl 9-27-07, tested 2-13-08, flowed 58.9 bbl. Of 56.4 grav. oil + 35 bbls. water thru 42/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 10203, TD 9500' PBD 9500'

Gas Well Completions  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #12 Lola, '235', Sec. 235, C.G&MMB&A, spud 9-17-07, drlg. compl 10-5-07, tested 11-12-07, TD 13675 PBD 13184'

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #2368 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68, A-2, H&G.N, spud 11-26-07, drlg. compl 12-17-07, tested 2-6-08, potential 3063 MCF, TD 12805' PBD 12713'

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #15 Hobart '67' Sec. 67, A-2, H&G.N, spud 11-18-07, drlg. compl 12-1-07, tested 2-14-08, TD 12447, PBD 12370'

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #5036 Hefley, Sec. 36, M-1, H&T.C, spud 10-12-07, drlg. compl 11-9-07, tested 12-22-07, TD 13800', PBD 13760'

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #8048 Hefley, Sec. 48, M-1, H&T.C, spud 11-20-07, drlg. compl 12-18-07, tested 2-21-08, TD 13700', PBD 13666'

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Crest Resources, Inc., #6045 Fabian, Sec. 45, A, H&G.N, spud 7-3-07, drlg. compl 9-6-07, tested 2-12-08, potential 702 MCF, TD 12777', PBD 12758'

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Congratulations to all the honorees of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and people of the year. All of the recipients are very deserving of the awards. They have all contributed to the people of the community and the neighbors in Wheeler County. We in Mobeetie are very proud of Jack Hefley and all he has done to help Wheeler county grow. Jack received the Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award. Joe VanZandt received the Farmer/rancher of the year award. The Hefleys and the VanZandts have contributed so much to the growth and strengthening of the counties economy and vital restoration and preservation of the agricultural needs of Wheeler County. They are very active in the community and support the youth of our area.

We had a beautiful week around here for the school kids spring break. It worked out very well, as some of the FFA and 4-H youngsters were going to Houston for the stock show. Hope you had lots of good luck. Hope you all had a great time.

Our deepest sympathy to Dutch Elliott and the family and friends of her son, Steve. He passed away over the weekend and they had his graveside services at the Mobeetie Cemetery on Wednesday morning. Part of the family met at the Cowboy Oasis for lunch and a short visit before having to head home. Some of the family had gone to school and graduated from Mobeetie in the 1940's and 1950's. With a lot of help from Arica Lancaster, Mindy Duncan

**Protect Propane Tanks From Fires**

At this time of year, wildfires fanned by dry winds threaten propane storage tanks in many areas of Texas. The Railroad Commission—the state agency in charge of propane safety—wants Texans whose homes or businesses are fueled by propane gas to know what to do in the event of one of these fast-moving fires.

"Wildfires have burned more than half a million acres in central and west Texas so far this year," said Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams. "If you have a propane tank, you need to be prepared to protect your family and property."

"That means knowing what to do before, during and after a wildfire event," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "There are several simple, but important steps that need to be taken to be ready for wildfires."

"After a fire, if the service valve on your tank was closed, please contact your propane supplier before turning the tank back on," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "For safety's sake, suppliers are required by law to inspect and leak-test your propane system before restoring service after any interruption of service, including an emergency."

**Before A Wildfire:** Make sure any small propane cylinders are stored outdoors, and check the area around your main propane fuel tank. Clean and clear out vegetation of other items that can burn around the tank.

Mow close to the ground, and cut back all growth around tank supports. Trim overhanging trees or shrubs.

Your propane supplier can help by showing you where your service line is buried and how to operate your propane system's safety features. Have your supplier show you and your family how to turn off the gas at the tank.

Your propane supplier can also put a reflective Railroad Commission tank locator decal on or next to your electric meter or service box. The bright orange decal helps emergency responders find your tank, even if it's underground or dark outside. Finally, post emergency phone numbers in an agreed location and make sure all family members know your community's warning signals and how to tune into your area's Emergency Broadcast Network.

**During a Wildfire:** If it is safe to do so, disconnect small propane cylinders from grills or other appliances and move them away from any structures. Shut the cylinders' service valves by turning them all the way clockwise. In the event of an evacuation, follow emergency workers' instructions.

**After a Wildfire:** Propane storage containers exposed to fire need to be inspected and, if necessary, tested and repaired after an emergency. Contact a licensed propane supplier to inspect the container and system and ensure it is safe for use. Always use caution when re-entering buildings following an evacuation. If you smell gas, do not operate electrical switches, appliances or telephones. These actions could ignite propane vapor. Exit the building quickly and carefully. Go to a neighbor's phone or use a cell phone outside to call emergency personnel or your propane supplier for help.

For more tips to safeguard your propane-fueled home visit [www.propane.tx.gov](http://www.propane.tx.gov) or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

and her little waitress made the lunch rush without missing a beat.

The students and teachers of Pampa Middle School got out early on Wednesday to attend the funeral of a very special teacher. Alana Stump taught 6th grade English and reading. She passed away over the weekend at her home in McLean. Our granddaughter, Harley Mayfield, thought a lot of her. She was one of the better teachers that Harley has had. Mrs. Stump touched a lot of lives and will be greatly missed.

Word was received Wednesday night of the passing of "Little Bill" Carter of Pampa. He had fought brain cancer since his first surgery last August. Our sympathy goes out to Bill and Deana Carter, parents of Bill, his wife, Carolyn, and his brother, David. Carter's Sand and Gravel just hasn't been the same with Little Bill sick. He will be greatly missed. Services were held in Pampa on Friday afternoon with burial in OK on Saturday. Carolyn will be moving to OK as soon as the house is sold.

Sincere sympathy to Bubba and Trisha Smith of Panhandle in the death of their 11 year old son, Jason "J-Man" Inman on Tuesday. Services were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Panhandle with burial at the Panhandle Cemetery. Jason is survived by his mother, Trisha, and step-dad, Bubba Smith, his father, Robert, and step-mother, Candra Inman, all of Panhandle. He is also survived by 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Matt Smith, Tristan Inman, Hudson Inman, Kori Dee Smith, Ashley Inman and Audrey Inman, all of Panhandle. Jason grandparents are Barbara and Dick Cosper, Betty and John Holland and Linda Holland, all of Panhandle. Also Butch and Kathy Inman of Odessa, Mike and Mary Beth James of Phoenix, AZ, and Dan and Linda Trimble of Wheeler. His great-grandparents are Irene Davis of Panhandle, Harrison Hall of Wheeler, Gloria Trudeau of Albuquerque, NM, and Don Inman of El Paso.

Our condolences to Pat Childress and Amanda in the death of Pat's brother, Grady Brown, 65, of Sayre, OK. He passed away on March 11 and services were held Friday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church of Sayre with Rev. Andy Taylor officiating. Grady is also survived by a son, Johnny Brown of Sayre, and 2 sisters: Pat Childress of Wheeler and Lucille Ellis of Albuquerque, NM.

Sorry that "Grandma" Bulah Stuart is still under the weather and in the hospital at Shamrock. Leola has been down there with her every day. But now has a terrible cough so is having to wait until she get rid of that before she can spend any time with Bulah. Thank goodness for the telephone. Hope this finds you both feeling better.

It's good to hear that Frankie Herman of Miami is doing some better. She has been in the ICU at the Pampa hospital for 3 weeks. Most of that time was spent on a ventilator. But Friday they moved her to a private room, where she has been doing quite well. She has a long period of recuperation and rehabilitation ahead of her. The therapist worked with her leg and hip even though she was in ICU, so will have a head start on getting going again.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lois Hudson, 91, formerly of Briscoe. She passed away on Saturday in Amarillo where she had lived the last several years in Park Place Retirement Center. Services were held on Tuesday morning with Rev. Aaron Laverty of Gageby Church and Rev. Mike Dyer of Amarillo. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery. Lois and Oden were very active members of the Briscoe community for many years. They ran a dairy trucking business and farmed and ranched. Lois worked at the Briscoe school in the cafeteria for many years and was the post master at Briscoe until she retired. She loved people. Her family was her first love and pride and joy. She is survived by 2 sons: LeRoy Hudson and wife, Laverne, of Arlington, and Ray Hudson, and wife, Glenda, of Briscoe. She also has one daughter, Sharon Bertrand, and husband, Harold, of Panhandle. Lois is also survived by one sister, Margie Meadows, of Wheeler, and a brother, E.T. Vaughn of Latonia. She also had several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

After Ralph Mayfield's doctor appointment in OK on Friday we drove back to El Reno to have a birthday supper with Brianna and Michael Mayfield to celebrate his 16th birthday. We ate at his newest favorite place, Montana Mike's, where he is a host. He really enjoys his job. His birthday was Monday, but he had tennis practice and had to go right on to work. He had celebrated with his family on Saturday with supper at his most favorite place in the whole world, La Baggette, in OK. Mom and Kevin totally embarrassed him, as they ordered American food in a French restaurant. Brianna came home with us to spend a few days of her spring break with us. We had a very enjoyable visit.

Saturday Jennifer brought Jayden and Erica by before they went to spend spring break at the lake. Jayden and Erica are hop-

ing for good weather so Graddad can take them fishing on his day off. They can't wait for summer to get here so they can go swimming. There lake is still up quite a ways so their favorite spot is not accessible yet. Kourtney got to spend the day with us while Jennifer took the kids and some furniture to Nelson and Cindy Medley at Fort Cobb Lake. Kourtney is finally getting over RSV so they aren't taking any chances. Brianna enjoyed "babysitting". On Sunday Brianna and I went to Pampa to do a little shopping and visit with Harley, Uncle Jeff and Aunt Sky. Harley and Brianna had some cousin time together while we shopped. It was good to see Mary (White) Price while we were in Wal-Mart. Glad things are going okay.

What a nice surprise very early Monday morning. The thunder, lightning and small shower was really quite unexpected. I know that the guys on TV had predicted it, but we missed out on so much that others have gotten the last couple of months, that I didn't really believe that we would get even a trace. Sure glad I was wrong. We have some miniature iris blooming and will soon have jonquils. We noticed several apricot trees blooming, including our neighbors, John McGinty. They are so pretty. The dogwoods are all white and pretty too, in many places. Certainly hope that the fruit doesn't get caught this year.

Fred Thrasher had to postpone his shoulder surgery because of infection in his leg, now he has a cold and had to put it off again. Both Jackie and Fred are fighting colds. They got new pictures of their 9 month old great-grandson, Zander. He has 2 new teeth and is so proud of them. He is such a happy baby. Now he is walking and gets so excited. He lives in Wisconsin, so they really cherish all the pictures Mom, Krista, and Grandma Patty send. Fred was to go back to the Dr. on Tues. to hopefully set up his shoulder surgery.

There is a new Italian restaurant in Pampa where the old Dairy Queen was, on Hobart St. at the Borger Highway. They call it the Verona Bistro. There have been a few cars there every time we've been by. Will have to talk Bob into Italian food one of these days.

Dr. Ford has had his daughter, Samantha (Dr. Sam), working with him for several months there in Pampa. She is such a delight. They have just moved into their new offices on Price Rd. They did a beautiful job designing it, and decorating it. A relaxing place to be. Now they have plenty of room and have the rehab department in full swing. Congratulations to the Ford's and their wonderful staff.

Hope ya'll have a great week. Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Dutch Elliott and the family and friends of Steve Elliott, Bill and Deana Carter and the family and friends of Little Bill Carter, the family and friends of Jason Inman, the family and friends of Grady Brown, the family and friends of Alana Stump, Don and Mary Edwards, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Jack and Berniece Hefley, Bulah Stuart, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Jane Seitz, Iona May, Mabel Tabor, Peggy Dunn, Curtis Hendrix, John Thierstein, Peggy Frazier, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Kenneth and Vera Walker, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Leola Stuart, Iva Richardson, John McGinty, Shannon Pool, Chuck Carl, Mary Whitener, Byron Simpson, Shelton May and family, Lou Dean Douthit, Joe Tolle and family, Alvern Hutchison, Jimmy Love, Joann Couch, Fred Castle, Vance and Carol Boydston, Aaron Hartline and family, Charlie Brown, Melba Corcoran, Lonnie Hendrix, Andrea Aldridge and family, John Paul Harris and family, Scott Corcoran and family, Carl and Peggy Carter, Jackie and Fred Thrasher, Geoffrey and Fredia Caldwell, Jennifer Mayfield, Kourtney Mayfield, Louise Shorter, Sue Seitz, Danny Hendrix, Ralph Mayfield, Venita Weiss, Frankie and Bob Herman, Boozie and Maxine Howard.

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These concerns can be resolved only by laws carefully drawn to confine private use of handguns to emergency self-defense, as defined by objective law. Such laws must also prohibit all conduct by which handguns might present an objective threat to others, whether by intent or negligence.

Contrary to an often expressed worry, therefore, a right to keep and bear arms in no way implies that citizens may stockpile weaponry according to their arbitrary preferences. Cannons, tanks, and nuclear weapons have no legitimate use in a private emergency, and their very presence is a threat to peaceful neighbors.

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**Defining Right Of Self-Defense By Gun**

By Thomas A. Bowden

First, the robber hit Willie Lee Hill more than fifty times with a can of soda, knocking him unconscious. Later, the 93-year-old victim awakened, covered with blood, to find his 24-year-old assailant ransacking the bedroom. When Hill pulled out a .38-caliber handgun from near his bed, the robber lunged at him. Hill stopped his attacker with a single bullet to the throat. "I got what I deserved," the robber told police afterward.

That episode happened in Arkansas last July, but similar acts of self-defense occur by the thousands all across America every year. Overwhelming historical evidence and common sense demonstrate that guns—often called the "great equalizer," for obvious reasons—are a powerful method of self-defense in the precious minutes before police can arrive. In the District of Columbia, however, citizens may not lawfully possess a handgun for self-defense, even in the home. The Supreme Court will soon hear oral argument in D.C. v. Heller, which is expected to determine whether such a blanket ban violates the Second Amendment. But regardless of how the Court may interpret the Constitution, citizens deserve a legal right to own a handgun for self-defense.

As the Declaration of Independence recognizes, governments are created to protect our individual rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The right of self-defense is included and implied in the right to life. In forming a government, citizens delegate the task of defending themselves to the police. But to delegate is not to surrender. Each citizen retains the ultimate right to defend himself in emergencies when his appointed agents, the police, are not available to help.

But what constitutes an emergency? What acts of self-defense are permissible in such a situation? And what tools may private citizens own for emergency self-defense? The law's task is to furnish objective answers to such questions, so that citizens may defend their lives without taking the law into their own hands.

An emergency, properly defined, arises from an objective threat of imminent bodily harm. The victim must summon police, if possible. An emergency ends when the threat ends, or as soon as police arrive and take charge. During that narrow emergency interval, a victim may defend himself, but only with the least degree of force necessary under the circumstances to repel his attacker. A victim who explodes in vengeance, using excessive force, exposes himself to criminal liability along with his assailant.

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To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass and fill it 1/2 inch of Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. They will be drawn to the cup and gone forever!



**HEALTH FAIR:** The 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Health Fair was held on Saturday. The event was sponsored by Accolade Home Care, and Texas AgriLife Extension. Over 100 people attended the fair receiving health information and plenty of freebies. About 71 people received testing for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. Participants were also able to have their hearing tested and have an eye screening. Advanced Hearing conducted 20 hearing screenings and made 6 referrals. The Coffee Memorial Blood Center Mobile participated in the parade and was on site for blood donations. They received 10 blood donations and 2 referrals. Relay for Life is selling chances for a Relay Quilt made by Brunis Stokes. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. The event was very successful and we look forward to seeing you there next year! Laura Garrison is shown here testing blood sugar for a St. Patrick's Day visitor.

**Lapband Surgery Is Performed At GPRMC**

Dr. Henry Horrilleno, a general surgeon at Great Plains Medical Center, performed the area's first lap band procedure on Elk Citian Anita Clinesmith.

Horrilleno has been performing this surgery for several years in Dallas. He's now making it part of his surgery practice in Elk City. Horrilleno says it's one of the tools he can use to help his patients lose weight.

"The lap band procedure is the latest and, in my opinion, the best type of bariatric surgery available for those who, for whatever reason, can't lose weight on their own," says Horrilleno. For Clinesmith, the surgery was a last resort, but a necessary one.

"I've tried for years to lose weight, even lost 50 pounds a couple of years ago, but the weight kept coming back," said Clinesmith. "I was sick of dieting all the time, sick of diet pills, sick of exercising, sick of the whole thing."

"I also suffer from obstructive sleep apnea and have to use a C-PAP machine at night to sleep properly. My research indicated many obese sleep apnea patients can stop using the C-PAP machine once they get their weight down."

"I saw a review of the lap band procedure on the Internet earlier this year. When I started check-

**Rural Dev. Accepting Loan Applications**

Scooter Brockette, Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced today the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan Program until June 30, 2008.

USDA Rural Development Business Programs administer loans and grants designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. The purpose of the Rural Economic Development Loan Program is to provide zero-interest loans to electric and telephone companies who are USDA Rural Development borrowers not delinquent on any Federal debt or in bankruptcy proceedings. This entity establishes a revolving loan fund that can be used for community facilities and infrastructure. The funds support financing job creation projects and economic development within rural areas. A third-party recipient may be a private or public organization having corporate and legal authority to incur debt.

The Rural Economic Development Loan Program has approximately \$33 million available on a competitive basis nationwide. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than June 30, 2008. An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For additional information or an application package, contact Billy Curb at (254) 742-9780. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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ing to see who could do the surgery, I found out about Dr. Horrilleno. I signed up for the surgery not long after he came to Elk City."

Horrilleno says the lap band is a tool for those wanting to lose weight.

"With the lap band procedure, we can use the lap band to make the stomach smaller. By doing that, the stomach tells the brain its full quicker, the patient eats less and starts to lose weight. But, the patient must also do the other things necessary for weight loss, continue to eat less and exercise for at least 30 minutes a day."

"Like any type of bariatric surgery, it's possible for the patient to gain weight if they don't eat right and exercise. That's why it's so important for the patient to be totally committed to following the plan. The lap band is just one part of the equation."

Clinesmith says she's already lost 30 pounds and dropped four clothing sizes.

"I went on a liquid diet before the surgery to get myself ready. Since the surgery, the weight has started to come off. I'm walking 30 minutes a day and sticking to the diet. For two weeks after the surgery I was on a liquid diet, now I'm eating solid food and eating three small meals a day. One thing I've learned is the importance of eating slowly and chewing your food properly. With the lap band in place, you have to do both these things, otherwise, you can find yourself with an upset stomach."

Clinesmith says the surgery was easy as far as surgeries go.

"I went in early one morning, had the surgery and was released to go home later that day. I was a little sore for a couple of days but I feel great now!"

Horrilleno says the surgery is not as invasive or as drastic as stomach stapling or gastric bypass surgery.

"What we do is make five small abdominal incisions, all less than two inches long. I place the lap band around the upper part of the stomach, and then use saline solution to fill the band, making the small stomach opening smaller. By doing this, we trick the stomach into signaling the brain that it's full. Feeling full, the patient eats less."

Clinesmith says the thought of doing this surgery was a bit scary at first but Dr. Horrilleno put her at ease.

"He's such a great doctor. He really put me at ease about the surgery and what to expect. He's also given me a great deal of encouragement, helping to keep me motivated. My family's been great too, so supportive of my decision to have this surgery and they're helping me keep to the program."

Dr. Horrilleno says there are a few requirements to meet before being considered for the surgery. The person considering the surgery must have a body mass index greater than 35. The candidate for lap band surgery must not have any conditions that might make the surgery excessively dangerous.

With the surgery behind her, Clinesmith is feeling better, losing weight and thinking about the future.

"My goal is to get my weight down to 135 pounds, which means losing more than 100 pounds. Once I get there, I know I'll be able to keep the weight off thanks to the lap band and to the changes I've made in my lifestyle."

Dr. Horrilleno says that's the right attitude to have.

"Like I have said before, the lap band surgery is a tool, a tool to help someone who can't otherwise lose weight and keep it off. I think Anita will do great because she has the right attitude. She knows that keeping her weight down is up to her. We've give her the tools to lose weight and keep it off. Now it's up to her."

Clinesmith says she already feels better than she's felt in a long time. And that she says she can't wait to see herself when she's down to 135.

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