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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Once again, it is time for the Wheeler Ex-Students and Teachers to gather in Wheeler for fun and fellowship.

The golf tournament on Friday will kick off the weekend with a few parties planned for Friday evening.

Registration begins at 9:00 at the school with lots of visiting throughout the morning.

Plan to be present—especially you local exes. You are the unofficial hosts.

Joyce Perkins brought us some pictures of the classes of '55 and '56. Thanks, Joyce.

We were happy to hear that Kenna Howard will continue at Wheeler Nursing and Rehabilitation. She is doing a great job as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks, Kenna!

We also need to give a 'Tip of the Hat' to Darrel Gaines. Darrel is in charge of the annual Turkey hunt and spends many hours on behalf of the chamber getting this organized and carried out.

As soon as the Ex-Student/Teacher Reunion is over, we need to start planning for the 4th of July celebration. That will be on Monday this year and will be lots of fun for everyone.

The fiddle on the door of I.H.S. Music certainly catches ones eye. This is the work of Jill Lister.

Barbara and I stayed in Wheeler this past weekend and were hosts to Greg and Jennifer and the grandpuppies, KeiKei and Stitch.

Cards were played on Monday evening. Rhonda and Barbara enjoyed the first game more than games 2 and three, Patsy and I won those.

## Lacey Bryant Earns Awards With Degree

Lacey Bryant received her Associates Degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island on Saturday, May 21, 2005.

Lacey received the Silver Quill Award for maintaining an average of 3.96, graduation Cum Cum Laude.

The Governor Christopher DelSesto Trustee Award is given to the students who have the greatest contributions in service to the University. Lacey also received this award.

Lacey left Sunday, June 5, 2005, for Italy, where she will continue her studies toward her Bachelor of Culinary Arts Degree. She will spend three months in Italy.

Lacey is a 2001 graduate of Wheeler High School and the daughter of Mike and Beverly Bryant of Wheeler.



**ONE YEAR IN BUSINESS IN WHEELER:** The Sweet Shop, at the corner of Oklahoma and Canadian Streets in Wheeler has been in business for one year. The Sweet Shop offers a full range of exercise equipment, which is available with the price of a membership. Bob and Sue Stiles are shown here with a cake at a reception held in honor of the anniversary.

## Wheeler Ex-Students & Teachers To Gather For Reunion June 11

Plans for the Wheeler Ex-Students and Teachers Association reunion on Saturday, June 11, 2005, are just about final.

To "kick off" the reunion, a golf scramble is scheduled at Shamrock on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Registration will be in the main lobby of the school, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Dues for the association are \$10.00 and the alumni book is \$5.00.

Tickets for the noon meal in the cafeteria will be sold at the time of registration. Cost of the meal will be \$8.00. The barbecue meal will be prepared by Steve Walker.

Visitation will continue through the morning at the school.

A business meeting will be held in the auditorium at 1:30 with door prizes and entertainment. Garth Nash is on the program for entertainment.

Class parties are planned for the afternoon and evening. Those made available to the Times are: Class of '55—Joe VanZandt home at Mobeetie on Friday, beginning at 6:00.

Gwen Barnes McCain and Sherry Barnes Mickler will co-host a party on Saturday evening at the McCain home at 910 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd.

A party for the Class of '75 is planned at the Scott Weatherly Home at 1000 S. Main in Wheeler. The classes of '85 and '95 will have parties, but additional information is not available.

The Class of '65 will gather at the City Drug Bed and Breakfast. The gathering is open to anyone wishing to attend. Admission is \$10.00 for the 6:00 p.m. affair on



**PICTURED ARE GIRLS OF THE CLASS OF 1955:** Bonnie Moore, Pat Pride, Lonnie Lee, Ada Pierce, Corrine Lott, Katie Pierce, Betty Bowerman, Joyce Cox, Janice Jaco, Jaunita Sanders, Francie Barber. — Photo from Joyce Perkins



**SOME OF THE CLASS OF 1955 AT FRESHMAN INITIATION** — Photo from Joyce Perkins

## Final Standings Announced For Walk Across Texas; 24,551 Miles

We made it to South Padre Island 753 miles. Wheeler County walked 24,551 miles in eight weeks.

Remember walkers if you turn in an wrap-up form to the Extension office you get a free pedometer. The first 5 place team participants received gift certificates to local services in town. Dr. Mike Smith walked the most miles walking 623 miles in 8—weeks. He received a bottle of pink nail polish as a joke. That he would work so hard to win and the prize would be a pink pedicure. Dr. Mike wasn't thrilled that the shirt color this year was bubble gum pink. So we ordered him a blue one, but still teased that he would probably win a pink pedicure. An Ode' to Dr. Mike Smith was read at the finale party.

Ode To Dr. Mike  
Oh fearless leader,  
Of this we are sure.  
Because you walked so many miles,  
You deserve a Pink Pedicure.  
You pushed and you nagged  
And you called in our miles,

## Totty School Plans Reunion Sunday

The Totty School Reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, 2005 at the old school. The event will be hosted by the Mt. View Quilting Club. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner at 12:00 with the meat and drink furnished by the club. Bring your favorite dish and come for good food and lots of visiting.

But now it is finished,  
And for that we can smile.  
So sit back, relax,  
And have a good rest,  
For now we all know,  
You are Wheeler County's BEST!

By Julie Boydston

- Final Standing**
- 1st Tooth Fairies (Dr. Mike Smith)—2911.4 received a month free to the Sweat Shop
  - 2nd Energized 8 (Maggie Marshall)—2730.45 Received a massage certificate
  - 3rd Doozies (Andrea Auldridge)—2282 Received a massage certificate
  - 4th Dori's Dolls (Dori Butler)—2235.65 Received a massage certificate
  - 5th The Jammers (Janet Stevens)—1526.65 Received a manicure certificate
  - 6th 29er's (Lori Baker)—1246.4
  - 7th Jay Walkers (Ronda Rutherford)—1160
  - 8th Walkers Walkers (Joyce Walker)—1159.5 (Almost there!)
  - 9th Parrotheads (Kim Goad)—1145.3
  - 10th PAL—(Parkview Assisted Living)—1061.96
  - 11th The Family Ties (Carl Scales)—1022.5
  - 12th Sweat Hogs (Sue Stiles)—984.4
  - 13th Texas Two Steppers (Sallie Adcock)—832.5
  - 14th Horny Toads (Kirby Barr)—819.5
  - 15th The Dust Busters ( Lisa McCasland)—776.5
- The following teams have not turned in their final mileage.
- 16th Lone Star Chicks (Deleana Whitaker)—771
  - 17th Sheriffs Posse (Carrie Gaines)—615.72
  - 18th Texas Trekkers (Sonya Hudson)—419.5
  - 19th New Teachers (Trisha Mitchell)—466.5
  - 20th Walkie Talkies (Marla Ford)—384

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The Gold Sponsors are Britt Ranch, Great Plains Breeders Service, Inc., Dr. Mike Smith, DDS, The Sweat Shop and Marshall Discount Auto.

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We would like to thank these sponsors for their support and encouragement of a healthy community. Walk Across Texas results will be posted at the Sweat Shop, in the local newspapers and on the website <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu>.

Wheeler County Extension has a website. Check it out <http://wheeler-tx@tamu.edu>. If you would like to receive a free Family and Consumer Sciences newsletter, Email me at [k-tellman@tamu.edu](mailto:k-tellman@tamu.edu) The newsletter contains recipes, health education and craft ideas.

## Mobeetie City-Wide Garage Sale Is Set

The City of Mobeetie will host a City Wide Garage Sale June 25, 2005. The Sale will last from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All Residents are encouraged to participate if interested. Visitors are welcome. Mobeetie City Council

## 4th of July Celebration Is Next On Chamber Calendar Of Events

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, June 7, at Mel's Diner.

The chamber had been told that president, Kenna Howard had accepted a position in Amarillo and would be leaving. At the meeting Tuesday, Kenna presided and informed the group that she would continue her position at Wheeler Nursing and Rehabilitation.

### TURKEY HUNT

Darrel Gaines reported on the success of the 2005 Spring Turkey Hunt. The chamber sponsors the hunt each year to promote Wheeler tourism, allow the area farmers and ranchers to make money and as a money making project for the chamber.

This year 8 land owners were hosts to 23 hunters with a total of 47.5 days hunted. 56 birds were killed. Landowners were paid \$6,412.50. The chamber's income from the project was \$1,900.00.

Darrel Gaines is to be commended for the many hours and hard work he has put in to the program for the past 7-8 years.

### 4TH OF JULY

The Wheeler Chamber will again sponsor Wheeler's Annual 4th of July celebration on Monday, July 4.

**Fun Run/Walk**  
Individuals planning to participate

in the Fun Run/Walk are informed that registration forms will be available within the week. Registration will be from 7 to 7:30 a.m. with the run/walk to begin at 7:35.

### Booths

Organizations and/or individuals wishing to have a booth at the park on the 4th of July are ask to contact the Wheeler Chamber of

Commerce office at 826-3408.

Remember, first come, first serve on the types of booths. We try not to have duplications.

If you need any information on the 4th of July, please feel free to call the chamber office at 826-3408. If no one is in the office, the secretary will get back to you at her earliest convenience.

## Wheeler Honor Roll Grades 7 Thru 12

### 6th Six Week Period

#### All A's

**Seventh Grade:** Joshua Hardcastle, Nicholas Hardcastle, Tracey Keelin, Danna Gallardo

**Eighth Grade:** Kelby Vise, Nicole Moore, Stephan Tucker, Mattie Beck, Diana Corral

**Eleventh Grade:** Josh Britt, Samantha Chapman, Lezli Finsterwald, Heather Hampton, J'Shay McCasland, Tyler McWhorter, Katie Richardson, Bo Compton

**Twelfth Grade:** Sabrina Badillo, Shanna Horton, Rachel Howard, Landon Sams, Carl Scales, Saharay Barboza, Amanda Bond, Lindsey Lewis, Leslie Weaver, Jarrod Haning, Savannah Hampton.

### Gonzales, Sara Salazar

**Eighth Grade:** Zachary Andis, Sarah Miller, Stefan Tucker

**Ninth Grade:** Aspen Hathaway, Jennifer Scales

**Tenth Grade:** Lauren Fite, Jonathan Hampton, Lacey Henson, Samuel Hillhouse, Steven McAlpine, Mikel Tucker

**Eleventh Grade:** Hayden Hartsfield, Jansen Moore, Cristi Raff, Jennifer Jones, Kelley Timmons, John Williams

**Twelfth Grade:** Cameron Burton, Ana Duenas, Jose Flores, Sugey Hernandez, Savannah Shipp, Yuridia Soto

## Class of '40, '56, '45

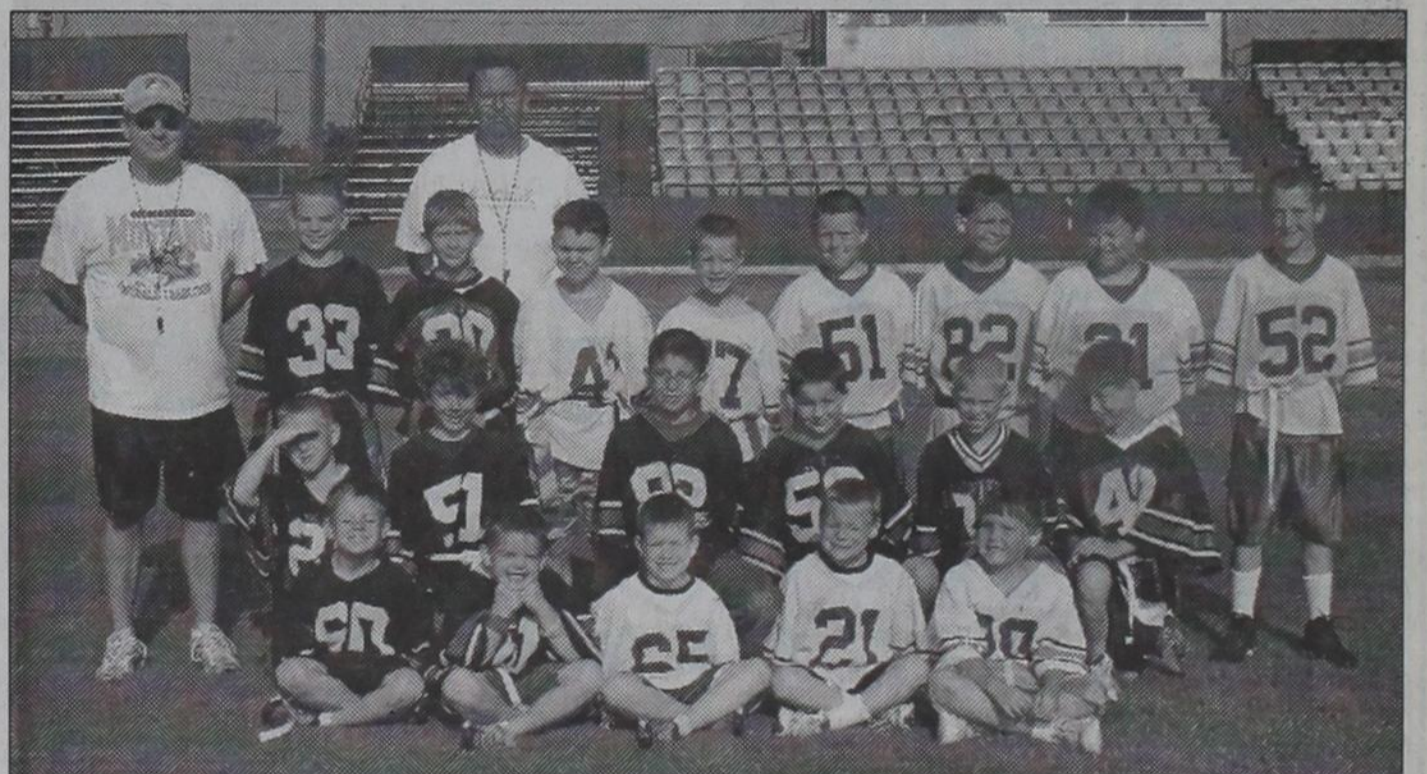
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## Class of 55

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## Ft. Elliott Awards

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**MUSTANGS OF TOMORROW:** Coaches Tucker and Rutherford are holding a Little Football Camp for grades first through seventh. Twenty youngsters, shown here, registered for the four day event.



**CLASS OF 1955 AT 25TH REUNION:** (back row) Robert Denson, Joe VanZandt, Burlay Owen, J.T. Grimes, Arden Kenady, (?), (middle row) Glenda Gaines, Janice Jaco Marr, Juanita Sanders Starnes, Lonelle Lee Kenady, Pat Pride Banda, Ada Pierce Broyles, Katie Pierce Whitson, (front row) Joyce Cox Perkins, Janet Russ Farmer, Bonnie Moore Wuerlein.

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**Ft. Elliott Award Recipients**



6th Grade Choir



6th Grade Math



Mrs. Hathaway to Lancaster—Algebra I



7th Grade UIL



Amber Maddox & Hayden Duncan



Andria Keelin & Justen Bryant



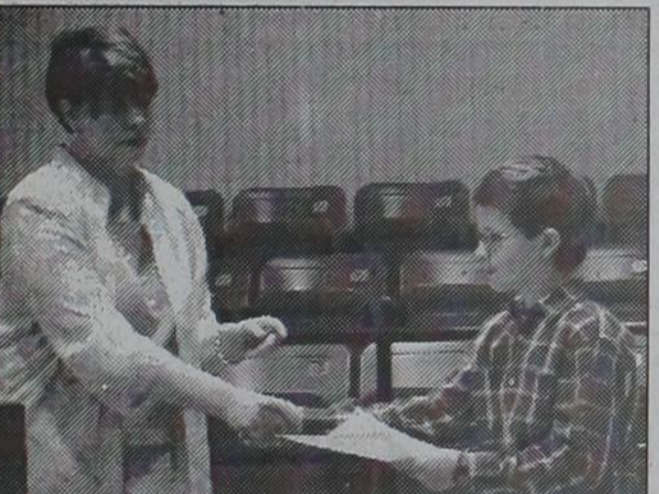
Mr. Baker, Russell Lohberger & Andrea Hathaway



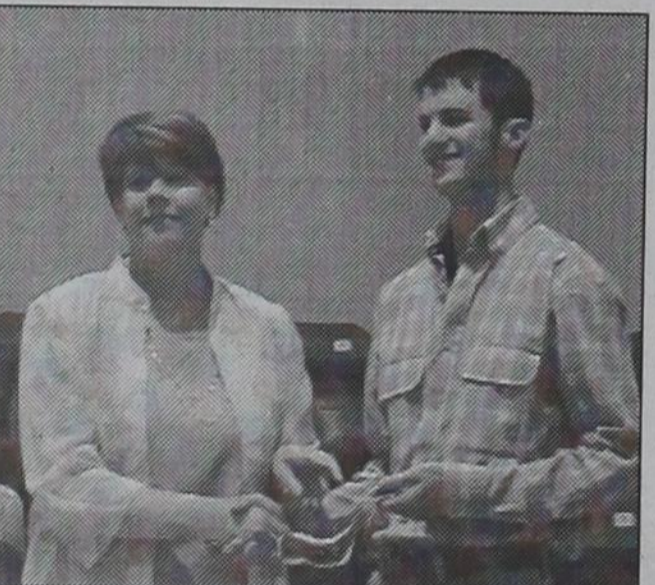
Mr. Lohberger & Kelsey Zybach



Mrs. Forward, Blake Baker & Payton Ails



Mrs. Horn & A.R. Reader—Dawson Clarke



Mrs. Horn & Jason Boydston



Mrs. Meadows & Blake Baker—H.S. Chemistry Award



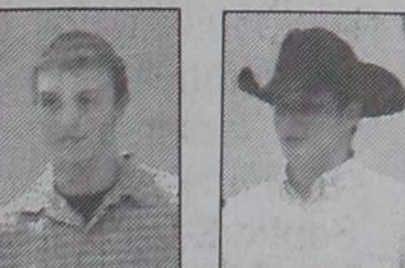
Mrs. Meek & Andria Keelin—Spanish



Mrs. Tucker & Blake Baker—ACT as 7th Grader



H.S. Golf Girls



Special Writing



6th Grade Reading

their visit and they fished and caught some really big fish. Glenn and Betty stayed the night with Robbie and SaRita.

Glenn and Betty arrived back to Allison on Sunday night.

Sunday night, Sabrina and Cody Dupont visited in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston. They had a nice visit with Sabrina telling them about her school trip and Cody talking to them about his riding bulls in the rodeos. Very good refreshments were served as well.

Pearl Harrison traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma and on the way she stopped by and visited Thuria Poindexter in the Nursing Home in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. Pearl attended the Elk City United Pentecostal Church on Wednesday.

Thursday night, the Elk City United Pentecostal Church enjoyed a really nice picnic.

Friday, the Elk City United Pentecostal Church hosted a Youth Rally for the surrounding towns in Oklahoma. There was a good turnout and those that attended enjoyed the skits put on by the youth.

Pearl Harrison returned back to Allison, Texas on Saturday.

Gary and Julie Boydston and grandson, Ryne Purcell, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma enjoyed a delicious meal Sunday in the home of Pearl Harrison.

Sunday night, Louise Boydston and Cheryl Dupont visited in the home of Pearl Harrison.

I'm proud to announce that Carissa Green's baby girl arrived on June the 6th, 2005. She weighed in at six pounds and twelve ounces and is nineteen and half inches long. Her name is Kendi Shay. Grandparents, Robbie and SaRita Green are so very proud of Kendi. SaRita called and told Opal and Juanita about the great news and she said, "oh grandma she is so beautiful." Isn't that just like a grandma? Congratulations Carissa and baby girl, Kendi.

Was saddened to receive word yesterday of the death of Don Lee's wife, Ann. Our sympathy goes out to Don and the family. You are in our prayers.

Pat and Alberta were hosts to the Gillispie-Hartley Reunion at the Ranch May 28th. There were 70 some signing the guest register. The afternoon was filled with visiting, good homemade music provided by Jack, Carolyn Selby, Kenneth and Betty Crawford, Robert Brewer of Pampa, along with the original Hartley family members. Justin Helton served up great steaks from the grill along with family-brought 7 tables of delicious covered-dishes of food served under the carport. Families of Sam and Tom Gillispie and Albert, Jess and Earnest Hartley enjoy reminiscing of the former days gone by. Nancy Chloe (Lindley) Speilman, Dona Lou's daughter and school teacher, formerly of Bakersfield, California and recently

moved to Ozark, AR., presented much of both families Genealogy, dating back to the early 1500's, coming to America from England, Switzerland, Ireland and Scotland. Saturday, the 28th was also Reydon's School Alumni reunion. After the Alumni Banquet, Charles and Edell Haskell and Oden Henson came by for a short visit with Alberta's sister, Dona Lou Sossoman of Ozark, Arkansas, was great to see them! Dona Lou and Edell (Henson) attended Reydon School and graduated there together and have stayed in close touch thru the years. It was a great Memorial Day weekend.

Friday evening, June 3rd, Pat and Alberta's children, Justin and DeAnna, Wade and Tammie, Lori and Danny and Jarrett and Melissa hosted a 40th Wedding Anniversary for their parents at the

Pampa Country Club. It was a very heart-moving evening with the Power-Point presentation slide show of the earlier days of dating, marriage, the children, the family life, brought out the kleenex box. Justin, Wade, Lori and Melissa, speaking in representation of Jarrett, all spoke of the gratitude of their parents teachings of life. The decorations, the bouquet of fresh flowers, the beautifully decorated Wedding cake, punch, refreshments and the fellowship of friends all made it an evening to never be forgotten. Pat surprised everyone, especially Alberta, with a beautiful new Wedding Ring.

The Fenton Dodge dealership in Pampa had memorabilia on display this past week pertaining to the Pampa PRCA Rodeo for the week. In this display was the picture taken of Justin Helton at the age of 18 when he won First Place at the Pampa-PRCA Rodeo Bareback Riding Event, July 1985, riding the horse, "Rip-Cord", owned by Buelter & Sons of Elk City, OK. "Rip-Cord" was a horse taken to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV five or six years.

May God bless and keep you till next time.

Reception immediately following

**To The Friends & Relatives Of Heather Boydston & Josh Archer**

Heather Renae  
 and  
 Josh DeWayne  
 together with their parents  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Boydston  
 and  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Archer  
 invite you to share in the joy  
 when they exchange marriage vows  
 and begin their new life together  
 on Saturday, the eleventh of June  
 Two thousand and five  
 at six o'clock in the evening  
 First Baptist Church  
 East First Street  
 Allison, Texas

**The View of a Southern Woman**

.... Southern California that is.

This may be a day to remember and I sure hope so. Our granddaughter, Carissa, was admitted to the hospital this morning and hopefully we will have a baby girl before day's end. Glenn Forrest Frosty and I spent the weekend with them in Binger, Oklahoma and will probably have to go back today or tomorrow as this is Glenn's first great-grandchild and we are quite anxious to get to know her. Now I am an old hand with greats as I have about 4 out in California. Then there are 5 grandchildren that my oldest son Mike has and one great-great grandson on the way this month. All of these people plus my 3 children kind of make me realize just how the multiplying thing works. I am responsible for 13 lives and no telling how many more to come. Now I know there are people reading this that can beat that score and for some it takes a calculator to add them all up. Some may forget a few and some may want to forget a few, but I think it is great that we can count the lives we have put upon this earth. Now I have added a few more lives to my children list when I married this big Texan. He has 2 children and 4 grandchildren and now this baby that could be born today, so all totaled we have about 20 people. The more I add them up, the older I feel. Whew!!

We watched our grandson, Kelton, play baseball on Saturday and boy, is he good. Got on base every time, hit a homerun and scored several times. Watching him play makes us forget that he is only 10 years old. He is also a fisherman like his dad and grandpa, but when he kissed the catfish that Glenn had caught, I realized just how much of a clown he can be. We took him a new fishing pole and reel, but he caught about the same amount of fish as he did last week when they were here. New fishing gear seemed to make no difference in his fishing skills. He seems to be good in anything he does.

Glenn and I spent some time with our tomatoes last week. Seems as though they grow overnight. We are having a time keeping them in their cages. I do think they grow a foot a day!! Must be the banana peels at the bottom of each plant.

Cody and Sabrina Dupont came by and he put some minnows in one of our tanks in the back yard. Unfortunately he put them in Glenn's tank with those fish eating wild things of his and I am sure they were devoured in seconds. Now he knows that my tank is the safe tank as my fish do not eat other fish. We all had a laugh about

it while eating ice cream.  
 I had better get back to television watching. Robby could call anytime with news of baby.  
 With love, **Betty Boydston**.

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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

Jerusalem Marketplace Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, June 18th at the Church of Christ from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for all those who are between 3 years old and just having completed the 6th grade. It is going to be so much fun for everyone - and that includes the adults who are helping, too. Some of them are going to dress up in costumes that might have been the popular clothing of the 1st century (kids, you can do that, too!). Some of our adults will go with the children to each of the activities, while others will do things that would have been popular tasks in the first century. There will be an adult doing some gardening, running an herbs and spice shop, doing some weaving and basket-making, even one who will be showing off some birds. Look closely and you might even see a Roman soldier, a beggar, and a tax collector. Everyone who shows up will get to

participate and mingle with these interesting characters and stores. There will be time to run around, time to sing, time to hear some Bible stories about Jesus, time to eat... in other words, it is going to be a great day. The specific lessons will all be about Jesus, showing us that he is King, that he shows us God's love, that he loves us, that he died for us, and that he lives again. The kids will each have several things to bring home, including five newspaper pages from the Jerusalem Daily News (I've already looked at them, and they are filled with fun and interesting things related to Vacation Bible School).  
 All who show up are going to have a great time. I hope you will let your children be a part of this year's Vacation Bible School at the Church of Christ. If you have any questions or comments, call me at the church building at 826-5542  
 Shawn D. Johnson

**An Invitation:** You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas  
**Services:**  
 Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Sunday Morning Worship .. 10:55 A.M.  
 Sunday Night Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.



John 15:1 am the Vine, you are the branches, whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can't do a thing.

Happy Birthday to Jane Dukes, Beth Wills, Christy Willingham, Mae Bailey, Leesa Sims, Tristan Hamner, George Christie, Preston Stiles, Moderi and Selena Lopez on June 12; Steve Emmert, Janet Tatyek, Mike Lee, Wanda Estes, Brandi Cochran, Patricia Forrester, Dani Johnson, Jerod Reynolds and Bryce Chisum on June 13; Abigail Rogers, Dale Helton, Jessica Bentley, Mary Kate Waggoner and Shellie Johnson on June 14; Lisa Farmer, Lavois Anderson, Matt Rhine, Helen Sabbe, Wayne Miller, Dalton Kinnaman, Wayne Kuehler, Kristopher Gaines, Cathy Burrell, Britney Steward, Bill Watson on June 15; Rusty Ferguson, Julie Porter, Tiffany Anderson, Troy Timmons, Brandon Dukes, Cole Ralston on June 16; Brooke Childress, Justin Barnes, Amalia Velasquez, Darville Atherton, Jodi Walker, Maralee Singleton Rush on June 17; Payton Austin, Buck Dollar, Bryan Lehman, Brody Richardson and Heather Ratliff Stanton on June 18.

Happy Anniversary to Ben and Tonia Meadows and Donnie and Kathy Shorter on June 12; Geary and Mary Burrows and Tom and Jean Janner on June 14; Calvin and Evelyn Kincannon and Tom and Debbie Stribling on June 15; Robert and Marla Ford and Wayne and Kathy Zybach on June 16; Eddie and Helen George and Billy and Voneva Robertson on June 17; Greg and April Hampton and Billy and Kara Richardson on June 18. Happy 22nd Anniversary to Dennis and Emma Williamson June 4.

Wheeler Baptist Golden Agers and friends will meet Thursday, June 16, at noon at Fellowship Hall for a delicious Pot Luck Meal and visiting. You are invited.

Nice to visit a little with Sarah (Mrs. Brady) Meadows at Wheeler Post Office. They have bought Rita Smith's house and are doing a little painting and sprucing up before moving in. God bless you and your family.

Congratulations to Ashley and Jackie (Dukes) Lane in the birth of their new baby girl Friday, June 3, at Elk City. She weighed 6 lbs. and 6-1/2 ozs and is named Chasey Rhea.

Grandparents include Clyde and Jane Dukes, Dewayne Lane and Jamie and Charles Nelson. Great-grandparents include Judy and Melvin Waiser, Fat and Wanda Childress and Nadine Lane. Addie Swift is great-great grandma. Red and Anna Dukes are great-grandparents.

Mobeetie Baptist Church is inviting everyone to come to their church June 19 at 6:00 p.m. for an ice cream fellowship followed by a short worship service. That is Father's Day.

Mobeetie Baptist had 89 kids and staff for their Bible School for a great time in the Lord.

Wheeler Baptist Church Ramblin' Road Vacation Bible School is this week from Monday to Friday, June 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 4 through grade 6. All those ages invited. Musical and Fellowship will be Sunday night, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

We had a good group out to Ladies' Day out at Mel's Diner Thursday noon. Several are no longer able to come or have passed on. Nice meal and a good visit. Ones there were Leona Coates, Iona May, Marie Baker, Doretta Moore, Joyce Perkins, Ella Mae Wood and Verna Fillingim. Next month we meet Thursday, July 7 at Maxeys at 11:30. All ladies invited.

Nice to see Peggy Chandler, Jenny Walker and her daughter, Linda Sanders, eating breakfast at Mel's. They serve breakfast till 11:00 if you want it. Looked good.

Enjoying a 5 day trip to Cancun Mexico were Savanna Shipp, Landon Sams, Carl Scales, Jerrod Haning, Savannah Hampton, Leslie Weaver, Sabrina Dupont, Melissa Dierra and sponsors, Gail and Dan Sams. They flew from Amarillo to Dallas and from Dallas to Cancun. They got back home

Saturday night and had a good trip.

Best wishes to Justin Lohberger and Brandi Armstrong as they plan to marry Saturday, June 18, at 5:00 p.m. at White Deer at First Baptist Church. They will reside in Sayre, Okla.

Decendants of Edwin and Flora (Widmer) Rose plan to meet in Amarillo Saturday, June 11, for a family get together. Many will stay at the Holiday Inn. Six sisters and families and other relatives expected to be there. Will include Faye Sell, Gay Andler, Eda Bynum, Veal and Willa Fillingim and Joyce Hardage.

Willa Fillingim enjoyed a visit Thursday from Charles and Lajo Crownover and granddaughters, Lacy Amber and Rose Crownover.

Sorry to hear that Kenna Howard, Administrator of Wheeler Care Center is moving to Amarillo with her family. She will be working at the Ware Memorial Care Center, where Faye Sell lives. Best wishes, Kenna. You did a good job here. Kenna's house is up for sale.

Glad to hear that Rita Smith is doing well and recovering from her broken hip and has gone on to Conroe to be near son, Greg and Ruth Smith. Yay! Rita was a Dunn from Mobeetie and was married to Bynum Smith, now deceased.

Robert and Kim Andris are buying the new house on Main Street that Chip Hill is building and expect to get moved soon. We are happy for you. The Hills have bought four lots in Wheeler that Chip will be building on soon, also. Wheeler is a fine place to live.

Happy Birthday, Arvid Sword! He turned 66 on Thursday. He and Bobby Schubert put in about 20 hours working that day. He finally got his blood sugar down below 200 and his eye sight is clear now and he is feeling better. His eye sight had been cloudy.

Kristi and Jon Sullivan went to Oklahoma City over the weekend and got to hold their grandson, Keegan, son of Matt and Stephanie Sullivan. Keep praying for them. Keegan is doing well.

Bob and Evangeline Wills went to Odessa over the weekend to visit Robert and Lisa Wills and see grandson, Andy, graduate from Odessa Permian High School.

Trudy Kendall, daughter of Ned Burrell, has been very ill in California but is some better and off the ventilator. Ned has been with Trudy in California but was expected to be home some time Saturday night, June 4, for a while. Trudy will have surgery later.

Iona May had to spend a few days in Parkview Hospital, but came home Tuesday and is doing better. Doctor changed some of her medications. Good to see Iona May. She looks good and is back

quitting on her king-sized quilt. Nearly finished.

David II and Shannon Gilmer got to come home to their house in the Mobeetie/Wheeler area Tuesday from Houston. Hospice will be helping. Remember them in your prayers.

Suzanne (Sides) Baker in Shamrock has some cute puppies she would like to find homes for and they are free. They would make great pets for a kid or an adult, who would like a pet. She loves them, but has too many to feed. Phone number 256-1128. Part blue heeler, maybe.

Pray for Wilma (Riley) Barker in Wheeler Care Center. She isn't feeling very well and has a deep cough.

Nice to see Daryle and Carrie Perry and son from Elk City eating at Maxeys Sunday. Daryle has been preaching at Country Chapel. God bless all you sweet people.

Ella Mae Wood has been a real friend to Reba Wofford, a friend of many years. She visits her frequently at Wheeler Care Center and takes her goodies sometimes. Memorial Day, she got aides to help put her in the car and Ella took her for a ride around town to see many things. A real treat for Reba.

Thank you, Ella. That was sweet.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Charles Walker, 76, of Shamrock in his death. He was in Wheeler Care Center for a short while and in Wheeler Hospital a short while. Daughter-in-law, Debbie Walker, is secretary for Wheeler Farm Bureau office.

Wesley Martin, 6 weeks, son of Randy and Tonya Martin is at Medical Center Children's Hospital at Dallas and is improving and doing better and holding his own and they can hold him. Remember him in your prayers. Bob and Elaine Martin are grandparents. Lula Buice is great-grandmother.

Sorry to hear that Zeland Rainey has been very ill and in Wheeler Hospital. Remember him in your prayers.

Cassy Tipps is in the band at Canadian School. The band left last Sunday and went to Cosmel on a cruise. They came back Saturday night.

Adam Tipps is going to summer school at Tyler and taking college courses. He is making good grades. Congratulations.

Verneal Prater and daughter, Mary Lou Carter, and great-granddaughter, Deseray Jahnel, were eating lunch at Maxeys Friday.

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1:30 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.

Ed and Laurel Hershman ate lunch at Cowboy Oasis at Mobeetie Saturday and went on to Amarillo and shopped a little. Had meant to fix a lawn mower, but the lady wasn't home.

Rankins used to live where Keith and Tammy Meek and family live. Florence Rankin married Brady Meadows, Sam Meadows uncle. Jerry Rankin and wife from Colorado still have some mineral interest in this area. They have been checking the records at the Canadian Courthouse and visited Sam and Barbara Meadows. Saturday they ate lunch at Maxeys with Grant and Karen Meek in Wheeler.

Mark and Mandy Meadows have bought a new ready built house. They have sold the house they live in east of Sam and Barbara's and will live in the Teas house until the new house comes. We are happy for you.

Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams and Eddie and Lavenna Pannell prepared the delicious pancakes and syrup and egg, sausage, cheese casserole with juice and milk and coffee and tea Wednesday night at First Baptist Church. It was good! Thanks!

Lynn (Hefley) has been in lots of pain in her neck and shoulders. She had surgery at BSA Wednesday, June 1. They found damaged vertebrae and bone spurs and repaired them in a long surgery. She had 2 ruptured disks and doctors had to do bone grafts. It was a successful surgery, but she won't be able to drive or lift anything more than a coffee cup or do anything for 8 weeks. Some there to be with Lynn and husband, Herb, were Leo and Sylvia Shuler, Frances Hefley, Bill Hefley and James and Charlotte Hefley. Frances says she misses Wheeler and the Baptist Church and people here. We miss you, too, Frances. Pray for Lynn to have a good recovery. God bless you everyone.

Many of us have wondered how Lillian Lee is doing. She is still at Craig Rehap, but she is gaining strength every day and able to walk a little each day. It has been hard to walk with a walker when she had a broken right leg near her hip and a broken right arm near her wrist. Keep praying for this sweet lady. Her daughter, Lonnelle Kenady, lives in Amarillo and visits her a lot. Shari Gayle goes up often, too.

Pray for Florene Walker. She has not been able to walk much and is not doing well. May God surround Florene and Marvin with his loving healing presence.

Lou Dean Douthit picked up Irene Keys, Virginia Puryear and Edna May Saturday and they went to Reydon for lunch at Hilltop. They came back to Edna's and played 42.

St. Mary's Catholic Church at Windthorst celebrated their 113th birthday over the weekend with a picnic and games for the kids and a German Sausage festival. David and Rita planned to go visit Dallas and Keaira at Wichita Falls and go to the Festival with them and see their new house going up near Windthorst. And hold that precious little granddaughter, Keaira. The Pearsons enjoyed the weekend. But sirens went off when a tornado was sighted near by on Saturday night. The main activities were Sunday with lunch at noon, auction and games.

Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Tamara went to a Hartline Family Reunion over the weekend.

Ft. Elliott Seniors, Jessica Puryear, Andria Keelin, Jason Boydston, Russell Lohberger, Shantell Meek, Justin Bryant, Andrea Hathaway, Steven Kephart and Tamara Hefley and sponsors, Carl and Lori Baker and Dennis and Brenda Hefley got back Sunday night from a week's cruise. They left from Miami, Florida, and stopped at several islands, including Puerto Rico, San Juan, St. Martens, St. Thomas, Nassau and Bahamas. They got to explore the islands and had activities on the ship. Hope someone will write up an account of their trip.

I'm so thankful for all the wonderful showers that keep things green. I had one inch and .4 in my rain gauge this Tuesday morning, May 31. But I may not have emptied it. But still over an inch is great. Every little bit appreciated.

Sincere sympathy to Benonia Maddox and other family and friends of Wayne Maddox, 88, formerly of Miami in his death. Wayne and Benonia were very active in Gideons and Baptist Church and other good things.

Evalyn (Fillingim) Free and granddaughter, Kallie, 11, took a four day trip to New York City. They had a special time together and especially enjoyed the "Lion King" show. Evalyn enjoys making beautiful quilts. She has retired from teaching school.

Saturday Dennis and Emma Williams offered snow cones to kids coming to pre-register for Bible School. Pray for Bible School that God will be glorified and kids will come to know the Lord. Nearly 50 kids came to pre-register. Thanks for your visit, Dennis and Emma.

Buddy and Dianne Sparks went to Round Rock Sunday to visit her brother and his wife. Darla Henderson is terminally ill with cancer. Remember them in your prayers.

Nice to eat lunch at Maxeys Sunday with Ed and Laurel Hershman and Martha Meek. We celebrated Ed's 64th birthday. But we were kind enough not to sing to him. Happy Birthday Ed, Laurel

and Ed will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on June 20. They were married at Gageby Church with a reception at our new house in the country. We had moved in it in August, 1964.

C. G. and Rosemary Dodd and Mary Margaret Dodd went to Graham, Texas, Saturday and visited Diane and Jack Cody. They also got to see Jackie and John D. Foreman from Lubbock and Joel and Laura Dodd and Brandon, Brandi and Bradley from North Richland Hills and Mary Margaret's brother, Bud and Texas McCarroll, and Antonio and Dee Rodriguez from Vienna, Austria. Sunday all of Mary's family went to Arlington to see Mary's other brother, John McCarroll. So good to get to see John, even though he is not well and nearly 90 years old. C. G. and Rosemary and Mary Margaret came back home Monday. They enjoyed the trip. That was memorial weekend.

From a column:  
"One time I heard a story about this man from Texas, who was bragging about how big his state was. And a man from Alaska overheard him. This man from Alaska said, "Mister, if you don't quit bragging about how big Texas is, we are going to divide our state in half and then Texas will be third."

Farris family members got together over Memorial Day weekend in Wheeler. Earl Farris is the only surviving member of the older generation. Saturday night, 53 members got together for supper at Earl and Leola Farris' home. Sunday 63 members got together for a pot luck meal and visiting at Wheeler Park. The younger generation did the work. They had a nice time.

Best wishes to Eddie and Leta Meadows. They bought a house in Amarillo and moved there.

Guests to Charles and Lajo Memorial Day weekend were Terri Crownover and boy friend, Londa Crownover and Boyce and Angie Crownover and Rose. Rose entertained great-grandma Willa and Darin and Maralee Rush and Whitley, 11, while the others worked cattle. The crownover kids were from Amarillo. Whitley really enjoyed the tame rats. At family reunions in past years, the rats were the favorite pets. Darin and Maralee and Whitley also visited Ed and Laurel Hershman and were weekend visitors to Willa Fillingim.

Sincere sympathy to Bob Kinnaman and other family and friends in the death of an aunt in New Mexico.

Nice to visit with Aerial Lohberger and Laura at Maxeys Friday. Laura will be going to college at Norman this fall to the Nazarene College. It used to be called Bethaney. My dad, O. C. Evans, went to college there in the early 1900's.

Martha Meek and I enjoyed a visit with her daughter, Suzanne Baker, and her neighbor, Linda, who was helping her with things Saturday morning. We came back and ate lunch at Maxeys.

Tracy and Andrea Auldridge and Tysen and Taton and Diane and Bevard Dukes went to Cheyenne, Okla., to their city-wide garage sale Saturday morning. They found lots of good bargains.

Pray for Deidre Harris and Logan, who have been ill with strep throat and intestinal problems. So far baby Breeley has escaped. Logan had ear infection also.

Lacey Bryant has been going to culinary school in Providence, Rhode Island. Her parents, Mike and Beverly Bryant went up to see her graduate with an Associate's Degree. She has been visiting her parents and Josh on the ranch. Also visiting are Gary's wife, Regina, and Sarah and Cameron. Lacey will be spending the summer in Italy, as part of her training for a Bachelor's Degree in culinary arts. Just a week at home.

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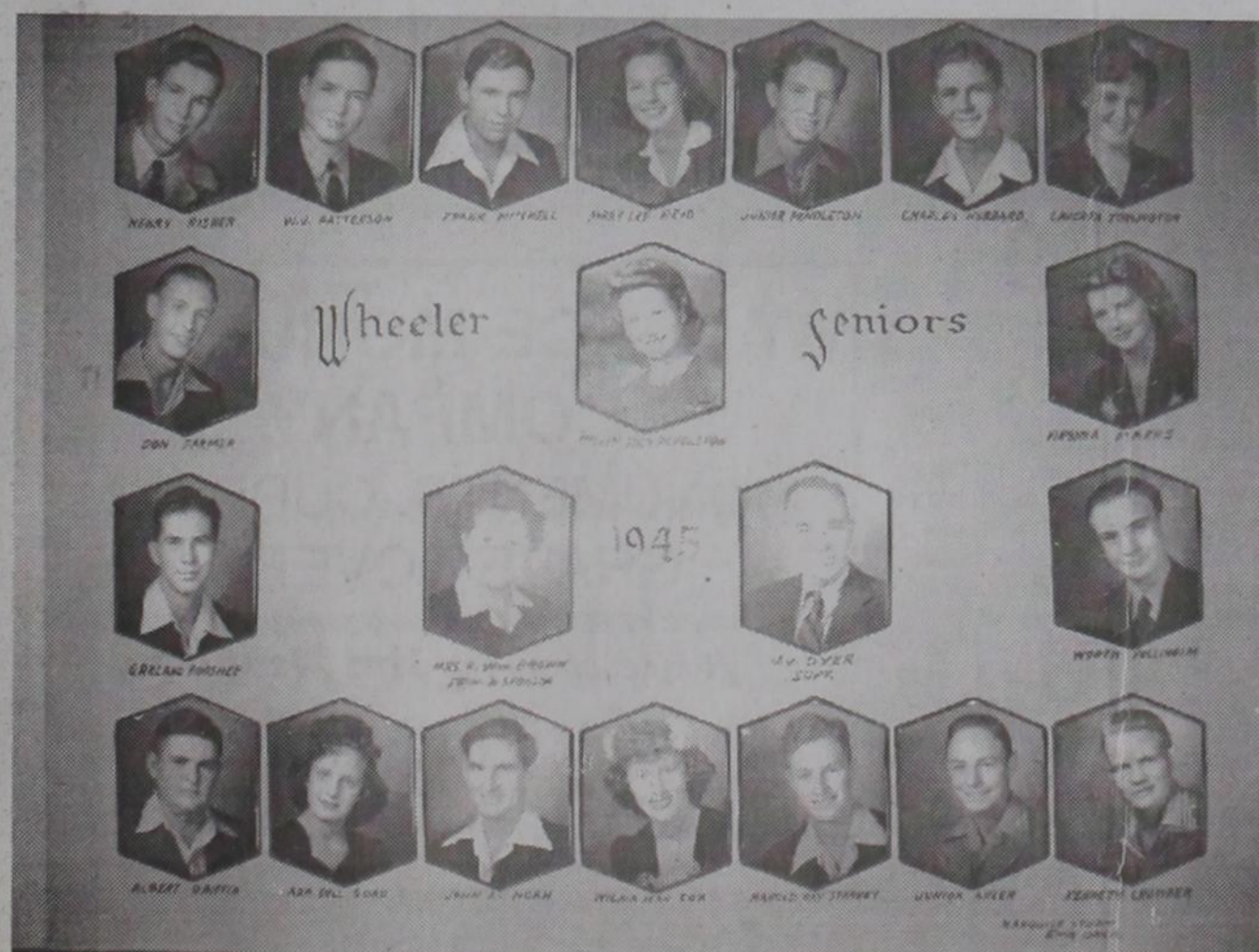
— Thanks to Ruby Jones for the '40 Panel

## W.H.S Class of 1956

— Thanks to Melissa Schooler & Bobbye Hill for the '56 and '45 panels.



## W.H.S. Class of 1945



### Information Given On Care Of Trees

-- **Thinning** selectively removes branches to increase light penetration and air movement through the crown and reduces weight on heavy limbs to retain the tree's natural shape.

-- **Raising** removes lower branches from a tree to clear space for buildings, vehicles, pedestrians, and views.

-- **Reduction** trims the height or spread of a tree by pruning back the leaders and branch terminals to lateral branches that are large enough to assume the terminal roles (at least one-third the diameter of the cut stem). Compared to topping, this helps maintain the form and structural integrity of the tree.

#### When to prune

Most routine pruning to remove weak, diseased, or dead limbs can be done at any time of the year. But growth is maximized and wound closure is fastest if pruning occurs before the spring growth flush - when trees have just expended a great deal of energy to produce foliage and early shoot growth. Heavy pruning immediately after growth flush can stress the tree. Avoid pruning during active disease transmission periods. A few tree diseases, such as oak wilt, can be spread when pruning wounds allow spores to access a tree.

#### Proper pruning cuts

A pruning cut's location is critical to a tree's response in growth and wound closure. Pruning cuts should be made just outside the branch collar, which contains trunk or parent branch tissue that should not be damaged or removed. When removing a large limb, first reduce its weight to avoid tearing the bark, make an undercut about 12-18 inches from the limb's point of attachment. Then make a second cut from the top, directly above or a few inches further out on the limb.

#### How much to prune

The amount to remove depends on the tree size, species, and age, as well as pruning objectives. Younger trees can tolerate more pruning than mature trees. Skiera says: "A tree can recover faster from several small pruning wounds than from one large wound." Removing just one, large-diameter limb can create a wound that the tree may not be able to close. The older and larger the tree, the less energy it has to close wounds and ward off decay or insects.

#### Hiring an arborist

Pruning large trees can be dangerous - it usually involves working above the ground and using power equipment. Ensure your safety, and that of your trees, by hiring a professional arborist.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world.

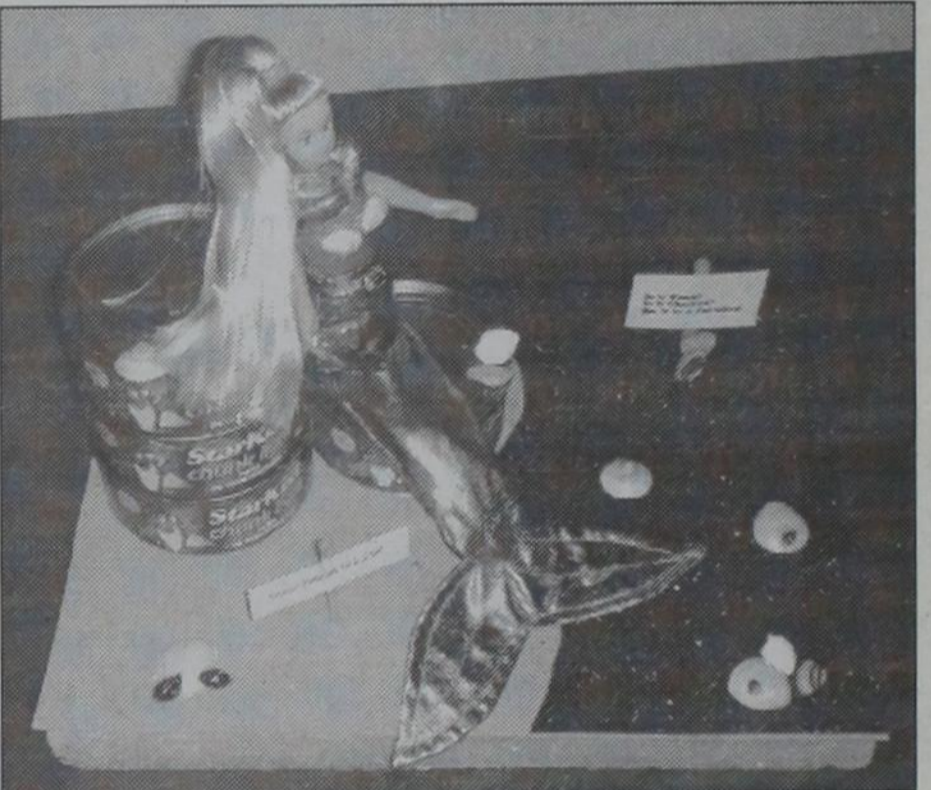
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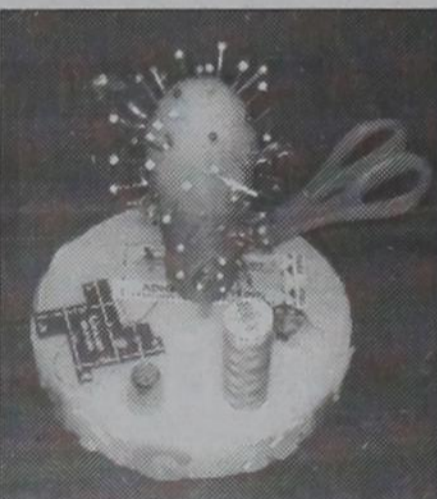
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### Thursday Review's Corn Dog Festival

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Sewing Kit—Elaine Martin



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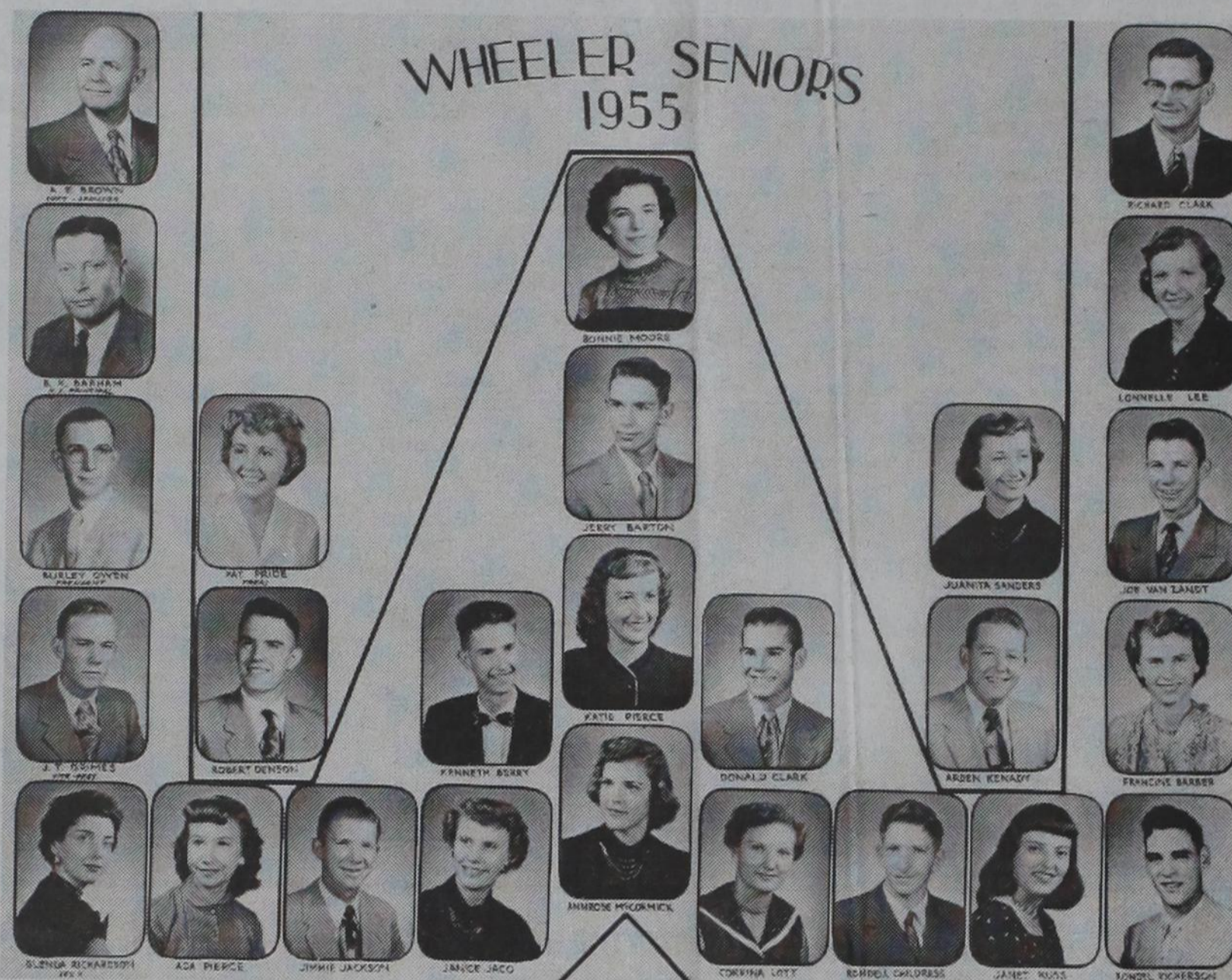
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OCMD/OVERRID. ROYALTY—Betty K. Hill to Betty K. Hill Revocable Trust Dated April 29, 1998, 5-27-05, See Instrument.  
D—Dana Rae Rikard to Tammy Craig, 5-25-05, N/3 Lot 3, Blk. 35, Shamrock.  
DVL—Mark D. Wright, et ux to Jackie Lane, et al, 6-1-05, 25.28 acs in NE 1/4 Sec. 37 and SE 1/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Jackie Lane, et al to First Ag credit FLCA, 6-1-05, 25.28 acs in NE 1/4 Sec. 37 and SE 1/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Jackie Lane, et al to Mark D. Wright, et ux, 6-1-05, 25.28 acs in NE 1/4 Sec. 37 and SE 1/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL—Margaret Holt Wilson to Cold Water Creek Exploration LLC, 6-1-05, W 1/2 Sec. 30, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.  
EXT. DT—Randy Mark Galmor, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 5-26-05, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 57, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL—Cathy Sue Varenkamp Trust to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 3-1-05, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
CONVEYANCE—RCF Investment Company LLC to J & J Royalties LP, 5-29-05, See Instrument.  
**JUNE 3, 2005**  
EXECUTORS MD—Helen B. McCoy Estate to James P. McCoy Jr., et al, 5-29-05, See Instrument.  
OCMD OVERRID. ROYALTY—Gerald N. Furseth to Gerald N. Furseth Revocable Trust Dated April 29, 1998, 5-27-05, See Instrument.  
MD—Royce E. and J. Eileen Zell

Family Revocable Trust to J. Eileen Zell Revocable Trust, 5-20-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 49 and NW 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT. DT—Johnny H. Christner, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 5-11-05, S 50' Lot 10 and all of Lot 11, Blk. 9, Mont-Lew Add., Shamrock.  
MODIFICATOIN AGREE.—Royce A. Marion, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 5-25-05, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Jocelyn A. Meek to Peak Operating of Texas LLC, 5-25-05, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
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## Hospital Notes

### Assisted Living

Odra Christopher  
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Opal Hefley  
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Willie L. Gideon

### New Admissions

5/31 Ernest Maddox  
6/1 Bob Rowley  
Zeland Rainey  
Matthew Morris  
Dorothy Ellis  
6/4 Melvin Todd  
6/5 Gwen Loyd

### Dismissals

6/1 Ann Jones  
Viola Hungate  
Bob Rowley  
Matthew Morris

Company Survey.  
OL—Burton Oil & Gas Properties to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 5-4-05, Sec. 60, Blk. A-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXT. DT—Wheeler Feed Yard Inc., et al to Amarillo National Bank, 5-24-05, See Instrument.  
MML—Dianne Sparks, et virto Big State Remodeling, 5-24-05, 165' x 123.5' SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Buddy Sparks, et ux to Amarillo National Bank, 5-24-05, 165' x 123.5' SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
**District Clerk's Filings:**  
#11681—City of Mobeetie vs Mrs. John London, 5-13-05, Tax Suit.  
#11682—Wheeler ISD vs C & C Oil Producers, 5-20-05, Tax Suit.  
#11683—Shamrock ISD vs Richard and Lyn Smith, 5-23-05, Tax Suit.  
#11686—In Re: An Unborn Child, 5-27-05.  
#11687—Shamrock ISD vs F. L. Willingham Estate, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11688—Shamrock ISD vs G. C. Austin Estate, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11689—Shamrock ISD vs Faye Wilson Estate, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11690—Shamrock ISD vs D.M. Frye, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11691—Shamrock ISD vs Wade Thomson, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11692—Wheeler ISD vs M.J. Patton and Bill Baker, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11693—Shamrock ISD vs Jim and Cheryl Wakefield Ind./DBA Corner Drug Store, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11694—Shamrock ISD vs Sharon Platz, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.  
#11695—Wheeler ISD vs Misty Brown, 6-2-05, Tax Suit.

## Abandoned Wells Threat To Safety

An estimated 150,000 abandoned water wells exist in Texas, and each one poses a threat to water safety, said Dr. Bruce Lesikar, Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural engineer here. "An abandoned well is a direct channel from the surface to the aquifer below," Lesikar said. "Contaminants that enter a well are introduced directly into the aquifer with no opportunity for natural filtration by soils or geologic materials." If the abandoned well is uncapped, a contaminant can easily enter and potentially pollute the underlying aquifer. Plugging abandoned wells is not just a smart move to keep water safe, but it's also the law, said Dr. Monty Dozier of College Station, Extension soil scientist. Texas law holds landowners responsible for plugging abandoned wells and for any contamination or injury the well caused. "Abandoned water wells need to be properly closed," Dozier said. A well is considered abandoned if it has not been used for six consecutive months. In some cases, landowners can close the well themselves. Landowners can generally plug both water wells with less than 100 feet of standing water, and large diameter, hand-dug wells, Lesikar said. But before any work is done, they need to contact the Water Well Drillers Program of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and get a plugging method approved, he said. A well plugging report must be completed and filed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the local Groundwater Conservation District.

To plug the well, the dimensions are taken, debris is removed, and the well is disinfected with bleach. Some of the outside casing is removed, and the well is properly filled. The last step is completing the well plugging report. Filing this report is critical to documenting the proper closure of the water well. Wells can be filled using bentonite chips (an absorbent aluminum silicate clay), cement slurry, clay or caliche soil, Lesikar said. If well type or depth requires a professional to fill the well, or if the job is too much to handle, a licensed well driller and pump installer can legally fill wells according to code. Water is one of Texas' most valuable resources, Lesikar said. A clean supply allows citizens to enjoy a constant food supply, sanitation, recreation and everyday leisure. It provides employment for hundreds of thousands of Tex-



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ans and helps keep families safe from disease. Once a water resource is contaminated, it requires additional resources to remove the contaminants. Therefore the job of protecting it goes to all Texans, he said.

Further information about plugging abandoned wells is available by contacting an Extension agent, local groundwater conservation district or the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation at (512) 463-7880.

## CattleWomen Hold Meeting At Wheeler

Monday, May 9, 2005, Top O' Texas CattleWomen met at Maxey's Steakhouse in Wheeler at 10:30 a.m. President Berklee Clements presided.

The Scholarship committee reported that there were eleven applications for scholarships and the judges are hard at work selecting the winners.

Mary Mitchell, our Beef for Father's Day chairman presented ideas for promoting Beef for Father's Day. It was decided that Canadian, Miami, Shamrock and Wheeler would promote Beef for Father's Day. Each of the above towns will give away a \$15.00 Beef Gift Certificate. Father's Day is June 19. Three \$15.00 Beef Gift Certificates will be given at the Business Expo in Pampa, which will be held June 18 (we think).

Top O' Texas Cattle Women are donating to Pampa and Shamrock Meals on Wheels programs for 2005 with \$100.00 each in Beef Gift Certificates.

Our younger CattleWomen (and CattleMen) have been hard at work: Rachel Wicker won Reserve Division three Hereford Heifers at the Houston Livestock Show and she also won a Showmanship Award. Shelby Clements of White Deer FFA was a member of the team which won 1st State Team Championship in Livestock Judging. His team will travel to Lewisville, Kentucky for a try at

National in October. Good job and good luck to these great kids!

Members present were: President Berklee Clements, Liliith Brainard, Sena Brainard, Anita Brown, Carolyn Buckingham, Dianne Buckingham, Sandra Christner, Christine Marret, Mary Mitchell, Carla Norris and Sally Wicker.

Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. June 13, 2005, in Pampa at Dyer's. Make plans to attend!



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