

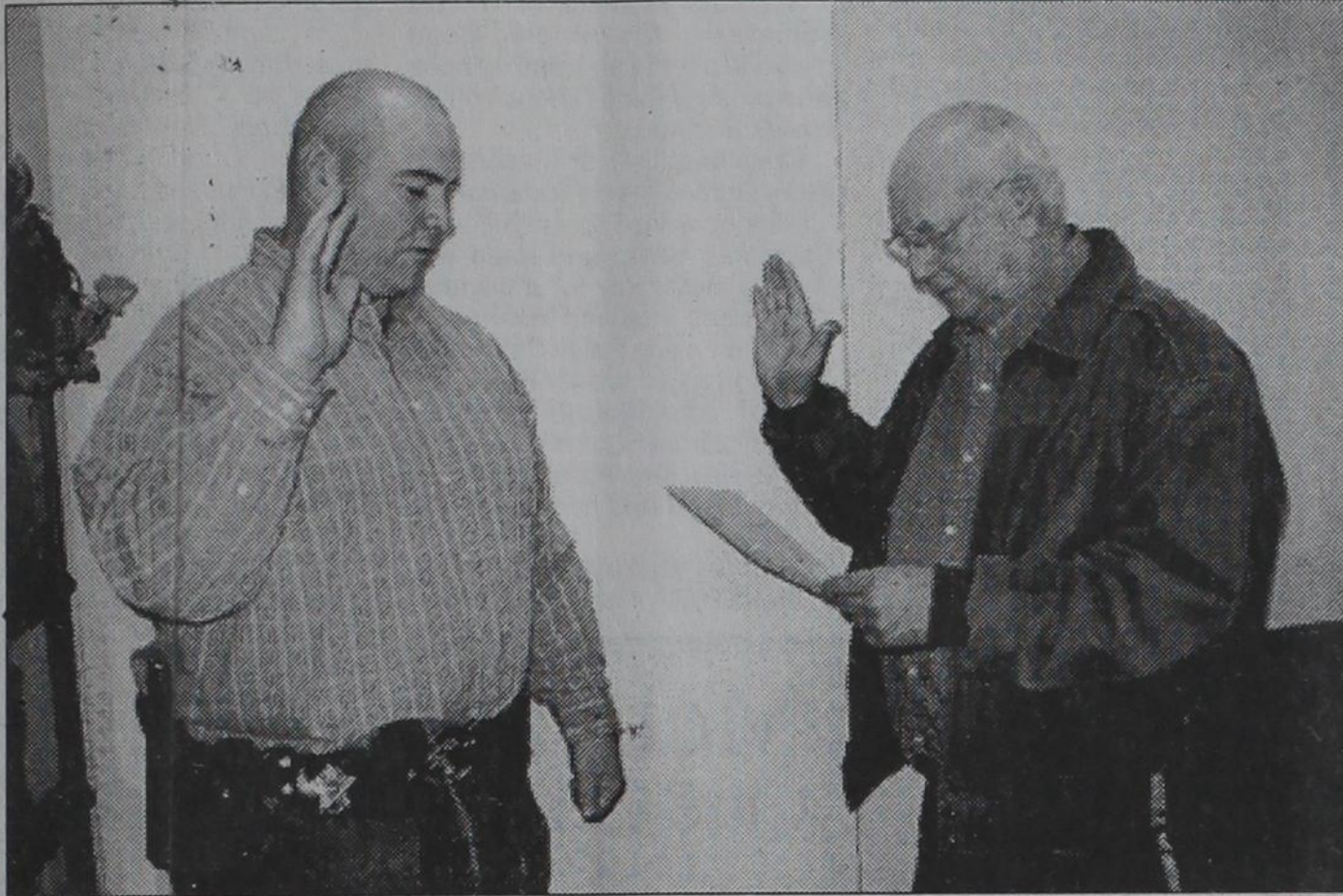
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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."



NEW DEPUTY: Rowdy Clark (left) took the oath of office Monday morning, December 29, 2008. Rowdy will be serving as a deputy for the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department. Rowdy has eight years experience and has served in Hemphill county for the past six years; he and his wife, the former Penny Dollar and their children will be living in Wheeler. Administering the oath is County Judge Jerry Hefley.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and hope you have a Happy New Year.

We start the year by adding a crossword puzzle to the paper. Hope you enjoy it.

We got the Christmas edition of the *Times* out with no problems. It was put in the mail on schedule, thanks to the cooperation of everyone.

We returned to Wheeler Sunday evening to await the arrival of Cathi and Dorcie from Crockett. They will be spending most of the week here and at OKC.

Enjoyed the Open House at both Wheeler Banking Center and First State Bank. Lots of good eats

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,
Kindergarten Student

It's a long time not to go to school. I miss the kids, my teachers and the work. I miss the computers.

I miss all the people at my school, but Christmas Vacation is wonderful! We drove to lots of places and Houston. I saw all my cousins and friends. One day I saw all my cousins in Amarillo. They let me feed the hay to their horses.

All the people have big trees and lots of presents for the kids. My tree is a little big.

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Census Bureau Tests Are Offered

Persons interested in working for the U.S. Census Bureau on Census 2010 may apply and take the basic skills test on Tuesday, January 6th at 11:45 a.m. at the Wheeler Banking Center located at 405 Alan L. Bean Blvd. Applicants need to bring 2 forms of acceptable ID. (usually Social Security Card & Drivers License) A practice test is available at the local library and online. Call 1-866-861-2010 for more information on this or future test sites.

New Arrival

Irelinn Jade Flanagan

Irelinn Jade Flanagan was born at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, December 20, 2008 at Cottonwood Memorial Hospital in Cottonwood Ariz. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 long. Parents are Charles Flanagan Jr. and his wife, Mona of Camp Verde, AZ. Grandparents are Tizzy and Kathy Chavez of Camp Verde, Danny Flanagan of Phoenix, AZ and Kim Hampton of Amarillo, TX.

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living:
Jack Hefley
Jane Seitz
Tom Frye
Iona May
Julia Buckingham

Admissions
12/19 Helen Steen
Dismissals
12/22 David Lopez
12/23 Leola Farris



FIRST STATE BANK OPEN HOUSE: On December 23, 2008, the First State Bank of Mobeetie celebrated their annual open house with food, snacks, and door prizes. The open house was attended by more than 250 people and \$1200 cash was given away to 24 lucky recipients. The winners of this money were Skeet Johnson, Margaret Kuntz, Jason Brownfield, Joyce O Ford, Michelle Allen, Luz Maria Rocha, Ray Hudson, Herry Zepeda, Karen Bateman, Glenn Williams, Louise Boydston, Carlos Corral, Charlene Rainey, Maggie Jones, Kerbie Barr, Domer Miller, Dale Cochran, Bernice Hefley, Loney Wilson, Jona Meek, Hazel Miller, Pete Seitz, C. G. Dodd, and Melody Wilson. Thank you to everyone for coming and have a happy new year!!

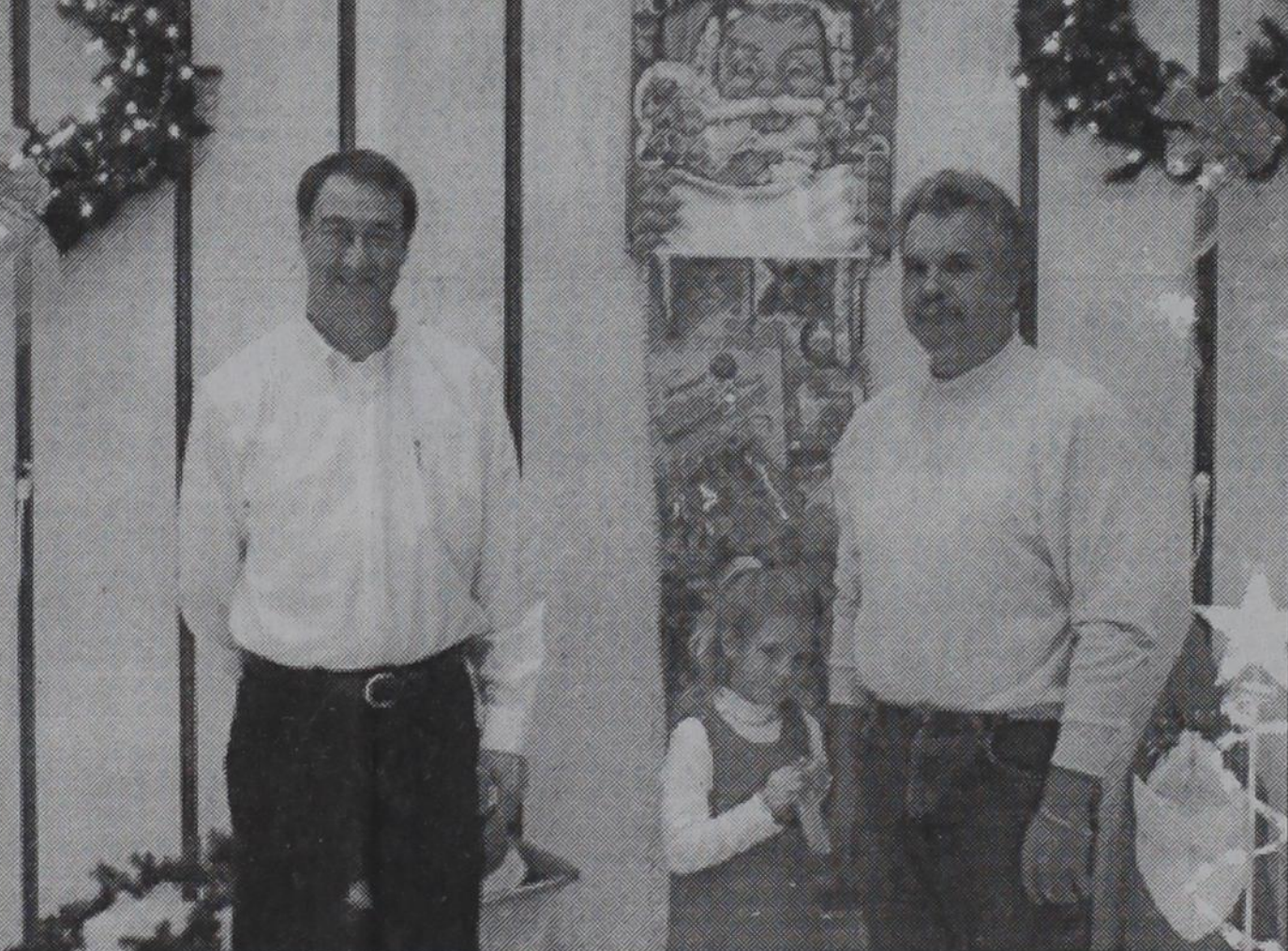
Iona E. Miller Rites Dec. 31 In Wheeler

Iona E. Miller was born January 30, 1915 in Joy, Texas to Albert and Bertha Isabel (Griffith) Ford. She passed away December 28, 2008 at the Erick Nursing Center in Erick, Oklahoma at the age of 93 years, 10 months and 28 days. As a child, Iona lived east of the Stiles Ranch near the Texas/Oklahoma line.

She was married at the age of 14 to Troy Miller at Erick, Oklahoma, on May 9, 1930 and they lived on the Sweetwater Creek in Texas between Wheeler and Sweetwater, OK. Her first son, Deryl Ray, was born when she was 15 and times were hard so they made the trip to California like so many others at that period and worked picking fruit. She and Troy decided that they missed their home and returned to Texas, where they lost a son, Rondal Lee. In the early 1940's Troy went to work for the Britt Ranch and their youngest son, Keith, was born. They lived on the ranch until 1956, then moved to Tulia, TX., where they farmed. In 1969 they moved to Dumas before returning to the area. After retiring in 1975, she and Troy moved to Erick, OK, to make their home. Throughout their life together, Iona raised their children and kept the home for them and Troy, while he worked. After Troy passed away, Iona kept herself busy working with Senior Citizens, attending services at the Hext Baptist Church and playing in the Erick Kitchen Band. She enjoyed bowling and continued to drive herself from Erick to Sayre to bowl until she was 88.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons and 3 brothers. Eskil Ford, Burl Ford and Louie Ford.

Services were held December 31, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Wheeler First Baptist Church, officiated by Bill Stiles and Ben North. Burial will be at Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Fatherree-Albert Funeral Home. Condolences can be made online at www.whineryfs.com.



STOCKING: Madison Vise was our "World's Largest Stocking" Winner. She is shown here with Darrell Gaines, Wheeler Banking Center president (left) and her dad, Kent Vise. The drawing was held at the close of business on Christmas Eve.

TxDOT Presents Safety Awards

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently held their annual Safety Awards Banquet at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. This safety banquet is held each year to recognize and thank TxDOT employees for their outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries. The Wheeler County Maintenance Office employees were recognized for combined totals of 68 years as safe operators and 63 years of no injury.

Wheeler County Maintenance employees who received an award are: Jerry Allison, Marcia Henard, Tony Kidd, Kevin Kimbro, Brandon Porter, Justin Rose and Bill Warren.

Wheeler Community Blood Drive
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12—2-7

Wheeler Basket Ball Scores

Wheeler's basketball season is well underway. Here are a few of the game results.

Wheeler eighth grade boys played Memphis December 8 winning 45-15. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:

- Genaro Mendoza 4
 - Eduardo Ramirez 2
 - Zack McCasland 4
 - Ismael Buenrosto 4
 - Jason Pike 24
 - Josue Perez 5
 - Zay McCasland 2
- Wheeler's seventh grade boys lost to Memphis 38-26. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Zack Johnson 6
 - Jake Ware 5
 - Keenan White 5
 - Andrew Coomer 6
 - Cody Howard 4
- Wheeler's seventh grade girls defeated Memphis 33-2. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Gaby Venzor 6
 - Megan Reed 10
 - Aby Rodriguez 3
 - Stormy Moore 4

Earl Farris Rites Are Held Dec. 27

Earl Woodroe Farris, 94, died Monday, December 22, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, December 27, 2008, in the First United Methodist Church, Wheeler, Texas, with Rev. Tom Carter, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Earl was born March 11, 1914, in Wheeler County, Texas, to Samuel L. and Bertie Lee Farris. Earl was employed by Douglas Aircraft as a foreman on the flightline. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wheeler, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Earl Farris, in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Leola Farris, and one daughter, Ann and Dick Graham of Wheeler, and three grandchildren, Debbie and Chris Humphrey of Denver, Colorado; Rick Graham of New Milford, Connecticut, and Kathy and Peter Holcombe of Lafayette, Colorado; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Stephanie, Michael and Abby and daughter-in-law, Mary Farris White of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The family requests that memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock, Texas, or First United Methodist Church in Wheeler, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com

- Hannah Stiles 10
 - Wheeler's eighth grade girls lost to Memphis 33-16. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 - Vanessa Allamirano 2
 - Elizabeth Horton 2
 - Alyssa Kinnamen 6
 - Breann Robinson 2
 - Danielle Garcia 2
- Wheeler seventh grade boys played Quanah December 1 and won 40-2. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Zack Johnson 6
 - Keenan White 5
 - Brody Richardson 5
 - Andrew Coomer 16
 - Eddie Zapata 4
 - Cody Howard 4
- Quanah's eighth grade boys lost to Wheeler 50-7. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Zack McCasland 16
 - Garrett Andis 2
 - Jason Pike 17
 - Zay McCasland 12
 - Jake Ware 3
- On the home court, Wheeler's seventh grade girls lost to Quanah in a close 22-21 game. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Gaby Venzor 6
 - Megan Reed 1
 - Aby Rodriguez 2
 - Stormy Moore 3
 - Hannah Stiles 9
- Wheeler high school boys defeated Miami 64-18 at Miami November 25. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Jared Messer 16
 - Pedro Hernandez 3
 - Robert Lewis 14
 - Johnny Venzor 20
 - Collin Hampton 6
 - Zack Andis 3
 - Richard Watler 2
- The Wheeler High School girls met Miami and won 49-39. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Taylor Sparks 3
 - Kaylee Marion 11
 - Macie Miller 9
 - Ashley Gallagher 4
 - Haley Sparks 9
 - Tania Flores 4
 - Presley Thomas 4
 - Bailey Richardson 5
- Wheeler JV girls defeated Miami 34-25. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Bailey Noles 6
 - Gabi Menefield 11

Melissa Brinkley

- Melissa Brinkley 2
 - Paige Jones 12
 - Karen Mendoza 3
- Wheeler's seventh grade girls lost their game to Claude November 24 at Claude. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Gaby Venzor 7
 - Megan Reed 11
 - Aby Rodriguez 2
 - Stormy Moore 2
 - Hannah Stiles 2

Wheeler's eighth grade girls lost their game against Claude 56-9. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:

- Dulce Castillo 2
 - Elizabeth Horton 4
 - Danielle Garcia 2
 - Kylie Schubert 1
- Wheeler's seventh grade boys won their game against Claude 23-19. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
- Zack Johnson 4
 - Jake Ware 4
 - Keenan White 2
 - Andrew Coomer 13

Claude's eighth grade lost to Wheeler boys 50-16. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:

- Genaro Mendoza 2
 - Zack McCasland 11
 - Ismael Buenrosto 8
 - Jason Pike 13
 - Josue Perez 6
 - Zay McCasland 8
 - Ricardo Avila 2
- Wheeler's junior high teams played in the Ft. Elliott tournament.

The Wheeler seventh grade girls played Merritt and lost 16-35. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:

- Dulce Castillo 4
- Megan Reed 2
- Kylie Schubert 2
- Hannah Stiles 4

Wheeler's eighth grade girls played Kelton and won 26-6. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:

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RECOGNIZED: TxDOT employees recently recognized are (back row, l. to r.) Lyna Coleman, Bill Warren, Kenneth Ryan, Brandon Porter, Justin Rose, Marcia Henard, Jerry Allison and Kevin Kimbro. Lyna Coleman and Kenneth Ryan are in the photo, but they are newemployees and have not worked for TxDOT long enough to receive an award—one must be here one year.

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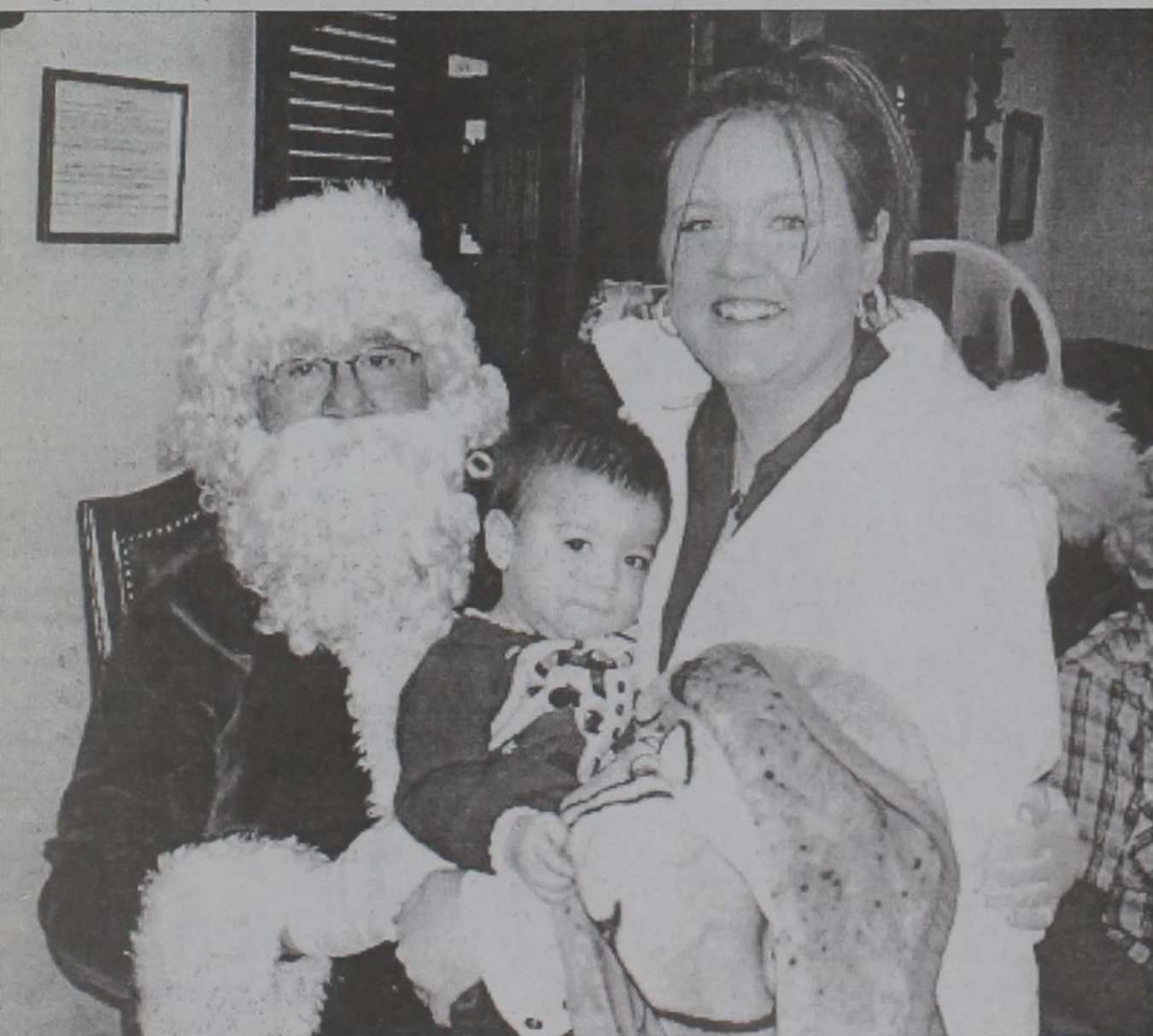
The First State Bank, Wheeler, hosted open house on Tuesday, December 23.



Santa made his appearance in Wheeler at the First State Bank Open House on Tuesday, December 23. Shown here with Santa and Mrs. Claus is Dortha McCurley. Thanks to Ray and Glenda Hudson for their help in getting Santa and Mrs. Claus to Wheeler.



Verna Fillingim (left) and Martha Meek (right) enjoyed the goodies at the bank's open house. Shown here sitting on Santa's lap is Carla Howard.



Jennifer Arauz and son Austin gave Santa their list for Christmas.

COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5).

Weekend visitors to Winnie and David Gilmer were granddaughters, Maddie and Katlin Shields and Abby Gilmer for a great time for all. Maddie and Katlin also sang at Gageby Wednesday night.

Pastor Don and Mayme McElroy have been enjoying having Lance and LaJuana Caroland and Lucas, 8, and Annika, 5, spend a few days visiting with them. They live at Canyon and Lance enjoys his job as a cop in Palo Duro Canyon to keep all going well and safe. LaJuana teaches school. So nice to have them come by and take me to lunch at Maxey's with them for a good visit. Don had gone to Amarillo to be with Frances Dickey who was having gall bladder surgery. Frances did well.

Pray for Helen Steen who is still at Wheeler Hospital and not doing really well after her heart attack. Keep praying!

Eating Christmas Day dinner with Martha Meek were her daughter, Suzanne Baker and friend, Dennis Wilsford. Martha went out to supper at the home of daughter, Phoebe and Chuck Hartline. Also there were Aaron and Tamera Hartline, grandkids, for a good time. They also played some games, but don't know who won.

Visiting Cledith Burrell Christmas night were Tina Hawley and Mitchell, Dustin and Ethan from Amarillo. They also visited Martha Meek. Cledith also enjoyed a visit from daughter, Trudy, and husband, Lance Tendall, during the holidays.

Nice to have Zach Patterson, Dolores Simmons' nephew, come sing a special at Wheeler Baptist Sunday about the "long black train." Great job.

A group from Mobeetie Baptist Church went to Wheeler Care Center Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, for church service and included Don and Mayme McElroy, Charlie and Mary Davis, Gina Seitz, Doris Finsterwald, Beverly Swift, Steven Fraley and Jayton Childress. An enjoyable time for all. They sang songs and had scriptures from the Bible and prayers.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son so that as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the son of God."

Martha Meek enjoyed having former exchange student, Viktor, and friend, Brandon Finsterwald, come by Monday and had a good visit. Viktor is now going to college at WTAM and Brandon plans to go to WTAM and has been accepted there. Pray for our youth as they go. God bless you!

Christmas Eve programs have been going on at Gageby Church for many, many years. Visitors always welcome for singing and program, good food and fellowship.

Employees of First State Bank, Wheeler branch, prepared and served a bountiful, delicious feast Tuesday for all who came. Very good! Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa were also there and many others. Pictures were taken at the Bank Open House. Thank you for all the goodies! The Mobeetie branch also had food and fellowship.

Also good to have a visit from Lindsey Criswell, Blain and Dagen and Beth Alvey. Thanks for coming. Nice to eat lunch Wednesday at Maxey's with Lindsey and boys.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Earl Farris, 94, of Wheeler in his death, Monday, at



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

Amarillo. Services were Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Wheeler. Survivors include his wife, Leola Farris, and daughter, Ann Graham, and husband, Dick, of Wheeler and others. Kenneth Farris of Missouri City is a nephew. He is married to Violet Fillingim.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land."

Many thanks, Meals on Wheels volunteers, for bringing good meals to people and also to those who prepare them. Thank you for smiles and hugs.

Christmas Day at Marion and Ethel Grimes' home for a bountiful dinner were Elizabeth Shipp, Savannah Shipp and Katie and Wesley Hathaway for a wonderful visit and food and fellowship.

Some visiting Patsy Smith over the holidays were Shannon Gilmer and Adley, Brandon Simmons from St. Louis, Missouri, and Jenny and Alan Mixon. All brought food and had a wonderful visit.

Frances Dickey's daughters, Lauretta Risley from Weatherford,

Oklahoma, and Leona Davis from Abertown, Texas, came to be with her during surgery. They and their families will be coming back to have Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 28, at Toney and Frances' home. Frances is doing well.

Mobeetie Baptist Youth Pastor, Charlie and Kulani McDerment, and children, Rachel, Rory, Quinn, Donovan and Tannen are expected in Mobeetie, Jan 5. On Wednesday, they run church buses to Briscoe and Allison and have 40 something kids for supper and service.

Ray and Glenda Hudson enjoyed having many of their family home for Christmas Eve and Christmas. Several to Gageby program; Good to see everyone. Some to Hudson's were Tina and Eldon Sparks and Ashlee, Allison and Jennifer from Perryton; Cindy Sweet and Nathan from Amarillo; Rodney and Kerri Hudson and Kailee and Hayden and a friend; Sonya Hudson and Patrick; Cheryl and Jeff Fraley and Steven and maybe others.

Joe Lackey from Amarillo spent a few days with David and Rita Pearson before they went to Stamford to spend a few days visiting David's mom, Mary Pearson, and other relatives at Stamford. They helped Mary finish getting moved into town instead of out in the country by herself. Best wishes.

Lindsay Criswell, Blain and Dagen enjoyed spending a few days with David and Rita Pearson for a good time during the holidays and were also weekend visitors to Stamford to visit Mary Pearson and some of her family.

"Come on, ring those bells, Light the Christmas tree, Jesus is the kingdom for you and me."

Everybody say, "Jesus, we remember, this is your birthday."

Nephew, Eddie Root from Clovis, New Mexico, had battled poor health for many years. Eddie enjoyed having his family together over Christmas, but passed away Saturday night, Dec. 27. Sincere sympathy to the family, Willis and I enjoyed having Eddie stay with us some in the summers when he was growing up. Good kid. I know he is in a better place. May God comfort everyone.

Kenneth and Violet Farris from Missouri City, Texas, visited Dick and Ruth Irvine and other relatives a few days and went to Earl Farris' funeral at Wheeler Methodist Church. Earl was Kenneth's uncle. Violet and Ruth are sisters. Dick and Ruth bought Vea Fillingim's house on west side of Wheeler and are in the process of moving there and are living there.

Holiday visitors to Elwood and Odessa Mooney were Judy and Jerry Keyton and Heather, Kevin and Emma and Lainie and James Applegate, all from Dallas, and Jamie Whitener from Pueblo, Colorado. They had a good time.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, Earl and Betty Husted, Joyce Wood, and Mark and Danielle Barton came to Wheeler Care Center for church with sing-along, scriptures and prayers for all.

Earl and Betty Husted enjoyed visiting with their son, Steven and Edda Husted from North Carolina and Jesse and Lacy and baby great-granddaughter, Alyssa, at

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Happy New Year,

... from all of us at the
First State Bank of Mobeetie & Wheeler

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Hope you all had a very wonderful Christmas. Ours was dampened by the loss of three very special people, although knowing they are in the arms of our Lord is very comforting. Our deepest sympathy to Leola Farris and Ann and Dick Graham and families in the death of Earl Farris, 94, on Monday, Dec. 22, at an Amarillo hospital after his second surgery. Leola was in Parkview Hospital recovering from her fall and a bout with the flu. It really took a lot out of her. She was very fortunate to have niece, Doris Gandy, and husband, Bud, to be with her. Ann and Dick were in Amarillo with Earl. Earl will be greatly missed by many. He touched so many lives. He was born in Wheeler County, had been in the U.S. Marine Corps and had retired from Douglas Aircraft in CA. He was preceded in death by their son, David Farris. He is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Leola, a daughter, Ann Graham and husband, Dick, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler with the Rev. Tom Carter officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery.

Our sympathy to Dick and Ann Graham in the loss of Dick's mother in CA, Dec. 17. Such trial for this family. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our condolences to Doug and Betty Rives of Wheeler in the death of his aunt, Lillian Cox Creel, 95, of Shamrock.

Leola Farris got to come home from the hospital on Tuesday. She looks so good after her spill. Her head is healing very well and she looks more like her beautiful self. She is looking forward to seeing the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hopefully, Debbie and her family will get out of Denver ahead of the predicted snowstorm and Rick will be able to get out of Connecticut and all the ice. Maybe they won't want to go back, if they get a taste of our windy, cool weather. We met Jennifer at Laketon Tuesday night to get the grandkids. Tim had planned to come, but the Hoover Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to a fire north of Miami. They joined Miami, Canadian, Mobeetie and Briscoe crews out there on Payne Ranch road. We could see the glow really well from Laketon, but could still faintly see it by the time we got home. Thank goodness, no one was hurt and no homes were involved. Yes, once again, our volunteer firefighters were on the job helping save someone's grassland for the cattle. We can always depend on some of our volunteers to be there to help out in a crisis. They always make sure there is someone around to respond to any call. Thank you, all, for dedicating so much of your family time to keep us all safer. We appreciate all that you do all year long. It takes a special person.

Wednesday morning, Nana, Cindy Medley, arrived with gifts for the Tim Mayfield family. It was good to see her. She enjoyed visiting with the grandkids and then took Erica and Jayden with her to deliver the gifts to Donnie, Ronella, Katelyn and Tanner in Pampa. It was a quick trip, as she had to be back to pick Nelson up from work at 5:30. She left Erica and Jayden at the house to do a few chores for Jennifer. Tim's schedule got changed so he was a little later getting home than he had hoped to be. Jennifer had a hard time convincing Erica and Jayden that we would not start the festivities without them.

The flu is definitely making its rounds and taking its toll. Sky and Harley Mayfield were struck down early Christmas Eve afternoon with it. The family was in Amarillo to finish up some Christmas shopping and Harley had dental and dermatology appointments. They had eaten lunch and gone to wait for her dermatology appointment

when it struck Sky and before they got out of there, Harley was taking her turn. It sure was a long ride home with several roadside stops. Bless their hearts. Jeff got them home and all set up with plenty of 7-Up, ginger ale, crackers and broth. Sorry they were so miserable. Jeff went ahead and came down for our traditional Christmas Eve supper and the opening of the gifts. Erica and Jayden were very disappointed that Harley, Brianna and Michael weren't able to come. They played Santa for everyone else. What a job when they had presents waiting for them. Kourtney, 14 mo., didn't really care. She had learned to blow into the flute-a-phone enough to make some "a-phone (??)", so she was way too busy to take time to tear off paper. Grandma had taught her to drink out of a straw earlier in the month. Don't think Dad and Mom appreciate that too much since no one's drink is safe now. But, that all sort of "blew up" when she learned to do the flute-a-phone. Now, the bubbles in the cups and glasses are a lot more fun! My goodness, it got quiet around here when everyone left! Sort of scary. Jeff got hooked on the computer game, Mahjong. He volunteered to sleep downstairs on the couch when he got home. Sure hope he can avoid getting the crud bug.

Todd was on his way to CA. He had three stops to make and then he was headed for Phoenix and Tucson and on to Dallas. That was a good Christmas gift for him, since he couldn't be home for Christmas again this year. Last year, he and Lori were stuck somewhere in Arizona until the offices opened back up so they could make their delivery. At least, this year she got to be with her

daughter, Rachel, and family. Christmas with the grandkids is always so special. Michael had hoped to spend Christmas with his dad, but enjoyed Lori, Rachel, Kelly, Bailey and Peyton. Then, Christmas night and Lori and Michael went to Plano to have supper with Tina and Brad Silwood. We will all get together sometime after Todd gets home.

Tim and Jennifer had a family dinner Christmas day at their house. It was a very nice day, except for the wind. There were 17 of us for dinner. Everyone contributed, so the dinner could have easily have fed, at least, 20 more. It all looked delicious. Santa had been good to the kids so they were all happy. Erica wanted Aunt Lisa to help her download some music to her MP3 player, so that was their project for the evening after everyone left.

Our best gift of the year arrived Christmas night. Our niece, Shellie Adams, and husband, Chance, of Hereford, are adopting a little girl, Abigail Trinity. She was born late on Christmas night and weighed in at 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. They were on their way on the 26th to be there to pick her up

when she was released from the hospital. They made a family affair of it and took both their boys to welcome their new sister. Cameron, 5, and Zach, almost 4, are so excited to get Abby home. They were even going to let her share their bunk beds. Congratulations, Chance and Shellie! Abby is one lucky little girl to get a family that loves her so much already.

Brianna Mayfield got to spend Christmas Eve with the Brooks family in Colorado. They had a great time together. Then, it was a mad dash home to get a short nap and it was off to Pa-Pa Sherwood's for Christmas with the Sherwood family. Congratulations to Kevin Brooks and Michelle Sherwood in their upcoming marriage on April 18, 2009.

We met Michelle and Brianna in Clinton on Friday so we could spend some time with Brianna. Oh yes, and Karma. Karma is the sheltie that Jackie and Fred Thrasher gave her almost a year and a half ago. Jackie and Fred have Karma's brother and sister. Karma goes everywhere, but to school, with Brianna. She is such a crazy, but loving, dog. She is very entertaining, but hasn't yet grasped the idea that she isn't a lap dog.

Saturday, Brianna had to go spend some of her Christmas money. She has wanted some Ugh boots for a long time. She will have to go home on New Year's Eve day with Jolene Shreck and her boys, Dakota and Chandler Davis.

Saturday we stopped by to see Jeff, Sky and Harley and the Ledford family for a few minutes. The girls were over the flu, but Sky and Jeff had sinus headaches. Then, it was on to get Erica and Jayden and go feed the horses. They do a really good job and know exactly how much and what to give each horse. Poor Jennifer got up Saturday morning with the flu crud. Sure hope it doesn't have to make the rounds of the family. We definitely kept our distance. Sorry, Jenn.

It was sort of a sad Christmas for Jackie and Fred Thrasher, as they aren't going to have any of their family close by any more for a while. Their son, Tony and Pat Goodnature, and Jordan and Joshua were all packed up and ready to make their big move to the Dallas area. Tony is a manager for Love's convenience stores and truck stops and will be managing one of the bigger stores at Forney, Texas, southeast of Mesquite. They are very excited. Of course, with a nice, big two-story, four-bedroom, two-bath house, I would be excited, too. Congratulations, y'all. Hope you enjoy your new home, new job and new friends. Jordan and Joshua were very busy while they were in Amarillo with school, scouts, baseball, choral groups and dance groups, so they won't have a hard time making new friends. Sure will be lonesome up here for Pa Pa and Na Na, but that will give them somewhere to go on Pa Pa's long weekends. Sure will miss lunches and getting to see you when they go to the doctors in Amarillo. Good luck, Goodnatures.



your prayers: Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, the family and friends of Earl Farris and Dick and his family in the loss of his mother, Don and Mary Edwards, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Louise Hogan, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Sue and Pete Seitz, Jane Seitz, Orville Greenhouse, Lorene Rector, Mabel Tabor, Byron Simpson, Audrey Seitz, Carol Orthman, Jennifer Mayfield, Ralph Mayfield, Kenneth and Vera Walker, Kamry Fillingim and her family, Shelton Jay and his family, Curtis Hendrix, Lonnie Hendrix, Danny Hendrix, John Ulrey and family, Michael McLaughlin and family, Joe Tolle and family, Lou Dean Douthit, Charlene Rainey, Iona May, Tom Frye, Elisabeth Newman, Julia Buckingham, Alvern Hutchison,

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 19, 2008 - December 22, 2008.

DECEMBER 19, 2008
MEMO. OPERATING AGREEMENT - Questar Exploration and Production Company, et al to Forest Oil Panhandle Resources LP, et al, 12-15-08, N/2 Sec. 10, Blk. L, J.M. Lindsey Survey.

MD-William R. Nix Jr. to Nix Family Trust, 11-4-08, 8 acs. W/2; SE/4 Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Mary Linda McCall to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-6-08, NE/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMEND. WELL-BORE ASSIGNMENT - Wheeler-Phoenix Inc. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-11-08, NW/4 SE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Steven Paul Eggers to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 9-19-08, N/2 Sec. 33, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Francis Ann Drake Beauchamp to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 9-23-08, N/2 Sec. 33, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-Pecos Bend Royalties LP to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 9-23-08, N/2 Sec. 33, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-Dora Fay Bryan to Randle Eugene Bryan, et al, 12-12-08, All my interest in Wheeler County.

D-Kenneth W. Field, et ux to Fields Family Limited Partnership, 12-20-06, Pt. Sec. 31, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DECEMBER 22, 2008
ASSIGN. - Scott J. Taylor to Taylor Living Trust, 12-19-08, See Instrument.

RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Stephen G. Guthrie, et al, 12-9-08, See Instrument.

MEMO. AGREEMENT - JMA Energy Company, et al to Questar Exploration and Production Com-

pany, et al, 1-8-08, Pts. NW/4 Sec. 4, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-XTO Energy Inc. to JMA Energy Company of Texas LLC, 11-19-08, NW/4 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J.M. Lindsey Survey.

CORR. QCD-Victoria Guest Hardin to K. Dan Hardin, et al, 12-18-08, NE/4 Sec. 28, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FTL-United States of America to Larry T. Brown, 12-10-08.

CONVEY. ASSIGN. - BobWhite Holding Company Inc. to A & S Operating Inc., et al, 12-15-08, Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Carroll D. Pendleton, et al to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 11-7-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 20, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Elmore Contribution Trust, et al to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 12-13-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 24, Camp County School Land.

ROW-Bob R. Zybach, et ux to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 12-13-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-W. H. Fuhrman, Estate to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 12-9-08, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

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S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #4 J.B. Waterfield, Sec. 104,C,G&M, spud 7-20-08, drlg. compl 8-8-08, tested 10-24-08, flowed 22 bbl. of 48 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 6500, TD 11100', PBDT 10385' —
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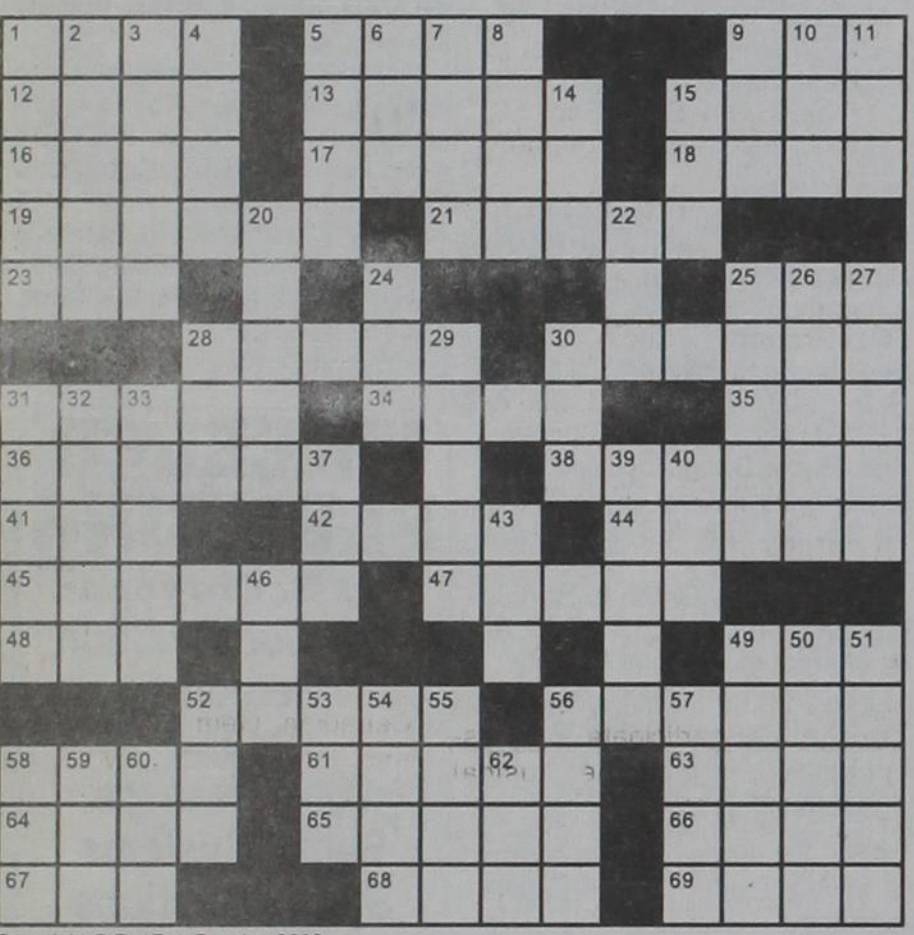
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5. Type of fruit
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12. In person
13. Ice house
15. Child's building block
16. Assist
17. Wanderer
18. Border
19. Exhausting
21. ___ preview
23. Consume
25. Cup part
28. Refine, as metal
30. Acquiesce
31. Watch part
34. Lean
35. Ventilate
36. Instructed
- Down**
1. List of candidates
2. Shinbone
3. Avoid
4. Abominable snowman
5. Engine knock
6. Self-importance
7. ___ for the poor"
8. Brownish coated horse
9. ___
10. ___ roll
11. Foot digit
14. Lyric poem

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47. Everyday
48. Before
49. Male sheep
52. Slacker
56. Convict
58. Alliance of countries

31. Place a bet on
32. Stun gun
33. Indian coin
37. Feather's partner
39. Synthetic fibre
40. Purchase
43. Tree juice
46. Finish
49. "M*A*S*H" role
50. Repeat
51. Scrimmage
52. Hockey surface
53. Once around the track
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B'ball (from Page 1)

Vanessa Altamirano 2
 Elizabeth Horton 6
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 Breann Robinson 4
 Danielle Garcia 6

Scoring for Kelton were:
 Contreras 2
 Lepp 2
 Garner 2

Wheeler eighth grade girls played Ft. Elliott and lost 39-6. Wheeler's players scoring in the

game were:
 Breann Robinson 3
 Megan Reed 3

Wheeler seventh grade girls played Kelton, winning 11-6. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Gaby Venzor 2
 Megan Reed 8
 Aby Rodriguez 1

Kelton boys scoring were:
 Hampton 2
 Garner 4

Wheeler's seventh grade girls

lost to Darrouzett 17-35. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Megan Reed 3
 Aby Rodriguez 2
 Stormy Moore 2

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Hannah Stiles 10

Wheeler's seventh grade boys defeated Darrouzett 32-10. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Zack Johnson 4
 Jake Ware 8
 Keenan White 8
 Brady Richardson 2
 Andrew Coomer 7
 Eddie Zapata 1
 Cody Howard 2

Wheeler's eighth grade boys were the 45-16 victors in their game with Darrouzett. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Genaro Mendoza 4
 Eduardo Ramirez 4
 Zack McCasland 2
 Garrett Andis 1
 Ismael Buenrostro 11
 Jason Pike 11
 Josue Perez 4
 Zay McCasland 5
 Ricardo Avila 1
 Daniel Gonzalez 2

Wheeler seventh grade boys lost to Ft. Elliott 17-28. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Zack Johnson 1
 Keenan White 2
 Andrew Coomer 12
 Eddie Zapata 2

Wheeler's eighth grade boys defeated Kelton 47-10. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Mendoza 2
 Ramirez 6
 Zack McCasland 3
 Buenrostro 9
 Pike 6
 Perez 9
 Zay McCasland 6
 Avila 4
 Gonzalez 2

Scoring for Kelton were:
 Johnson 2
 Mora 7
 Stephenson 1

Wheeler Takes Third Place
 Wheeler's seventh grade boys took third place in the Ft. Elliott Tournament with their win over Kelton 29-11. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Johnson 8
 White 6
 Coomer 9
 Zapata 2

Wheeler JV boys played Merritt in a close game and won 39-32. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Kallen Moore 15
 Tayt McCasland 8
 Jorge Porras 2
 Jaten Moore 10
 Jacob Thomas 2

Wheeler varsity boys defeated Merritt 63-45. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Jared Messer 34
 Pedro Hernandez 2
 Robert Lewis 10
 Johnny Venzor 13
 Michael Mendoza 2
 Richard Watler 2

Wheeler JV girls lost to Merritt 48-27. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Bailey Noles 2
 Gabi Menefield 12
 Luna Giovanna 2
 Sidney Mills 2
 Melissa Brinkley 1
 Paige Jones 8

Wheeler's varsity girls lost to Merritt 74-32 at Wheeler on November 22. Wheeler's players scoring in the game were:
 Taylor Sparks 2
 Kaylee Marion 7
 Macie Miller 2
 Ashley Gallagher 6
 Haley Sparks 4
 Jania Flores 1
 Presley Thomas 5
 Bailey Richardson 2
 Whitney Reed 3

Red Carpet Plans Auditions Jan. 9
 Red Carpet Community Theatre will be holding auditions for its first musical show of their 2009 season.

"Seussical Jr." on Friday, January 9 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 10 at 1:00 pm located at 422 N Jefferson. Directed by local, Tiphani Currell-Haraughty and Music Director, Sheri Lashley, look forward to getting to celebrate Dr. Seuss through music.

Auditions are open to anyone between the ages of five through eighteen. Each should be prepared to sing a song that will be provided and do a cold reading. The Junior Actor's Guild (JAG) will be working on this show as their Season Saturday semester.

Junior Actor's Guild is the youth program at RCCT for ages 5 through 18. The spring session will meet on Saturdays and will learn basic theatre skills and gain an understanding of basic techniques in the theatre arts. Each student will participate in all aspects to produce the musical *Seussical Jr.*

"After all those years being stuck on a page, Did you ever imagine you'd see me onstage?" So says the mischievous Cat in the Hat at the onset of this fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!

Chat (from Page 1)
 and a good turnout at our.

—cwe—
 And, it was no surprise that I did not have my name drawn for any of the door prizes.

—cwe—
 We were in OKC for Christmas. Most of the time was spent with Jennifer and Seth.

—cwe—
 It was Christmas Eve at the Arnolds with all of their kids, grands and great-grands and two of our families.

—cwe—
 Included in that guest list was Lesli Clements, Troy Lee Bradstreet and the Fishers, Tom, Melinda, Colby and Shelby.

—cwe—
 Ronal, Juanita and Jessica arrived on Tuesday evening and remained until Thursday evening.

—cwe—
 Ronal Jr., and Monica came to Melba's Christmas Eve and left from Jennifer's Christmas morning, heading back to Sherman for Christmas with Monica's family.

—cwe—
 Liz, Phoebe and Jayden came on Saturday, so we did get to see all the kids on or near Christmas.

—cwe—
 It was a great Christmas and enjoyed it.

—cwe—
 Bob Wills was in with a classified ad, offering free puppies. He will host a viewing and also let you see the parents. And I did say, 'FREE'.

—cwe—
 Cards were played Monday evening. Mike and Dwight won the playoff, leaving Leroy and I with only one win.



WHEELER SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, January 5 — FRIDAY, January 9, 2009

MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Chips, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Tossed Salad, Chips, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham Sandwich, Carrot, Chips, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Polish Wraps, Chips, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Submarine Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles, Chips, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Oil (from Page 4)
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Card of Thanks
 During the horrible wind we had on Friday, a fire broke out on our farm in Allison. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following fire departments: Allison, Wheeler, Canadian, Gem City, Cheyenne and Reydton Ok., Mobeetie, Kelton, Briscoe, Shamrock, Hemphill City Maintenance and Wheeler City Tankers.

Without their prompt, professional response this could've turned tragic very quickly. We thank God for each of you and for your safety.

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STOCKING: Madison Vise was our "World's Largest Stocking" Winner. She is shown here with Darrell Gaines, Wheeler Banking Center president (left) and her dad, Kent Vise.

Winners of the **Door Prizes** at the Christmas Open House were **Patricia Cooper, Ed Hershman and Rhonda Carter.** All won a \$50 savings bond.

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Country (From Page 2)

Amarillo Christmas Day and the next day.

Glad to hear that Keith and Ann Boydston and daughters finally got to move back into their house that was flooded by the hurricane and hard to find anyone to work on it. Think they did much of the work by themselves. Praise the Lord you are in it now! Love to all!

"Build a little fence of trust around today. Fill it in with loving thoughts and therein stay. Look not through the sheltering bars upon tomorrow. God will help you bear what comes of joy or sorrow."

Happy New Year to all you sweet people! Sorry, I never get all my cards done. Remember, I love you, anyway! And God loves you, too.

Family visitors to Leo and Sylvia Shuler during the holidays included Lucretia and Eddie Davis from Wheeler; Jeremy and Renee Davis and Braxton and Rilyn from Yukon, Oklahoma; Mike and Tina Lee; Josh Lee and Ashton and Mason; Stephanie Sullivan and Keegan; Dustin Lee; Roy and Melanie Gates and Caden and Shyann from Weatherford, Oklahoma; Brent Lee from Killeen and Justin and Lori Barnes and Blake, Taylor and Tanner from Stephenville. They had a good time.

Annie Ruth Lee will be turning 98 years young on January 6. Happy Birthday to a peppy lady! Nice to have a family picture and note from Kyle and Tamra Goldsmith and Kallee, 7, Lanie, 4, and Karter, 2. He used to be our youth

minister at Wheeler Baptist. They have moved from Dalhart to Amarillo and changed jobs. Best wishes to you all. Their new address is 800 S. Palo Duro St, Amarillo, TX 79106.

There was a good crowd at Gageby Church Christmas Eve for a good program and good food and fellowship. Kathy Meek played the piano; Winnie Gilmer led several Christmas songs and Pastor Aaron Laverty read several scriptures about the birth of Jesus. All very good and inspiring. Also singing were Evelyn and Martha Meek, Ray Hudson, Winnie and Julie Shields' little girls.

Several family members were holiday visitors to Jim and Beth Alvey for good food, fellowship and games. Some there were Todd and Misty Alvey and Payton,

Patterson and Preslee from Pampa; Tina Dale and Emilee from Arkansas; J. B. Alvey from Lelia Lake; Dan and Mari Ramsey from Alvarado; Marissa and Jady Bonner from Cleburne and maybe others.

Martha Meek and I enjoyed going to Gageby Church to Christmas Eve program Wednesday night with Ed and Laurel Hershman. Thank you!

First Sunday Singing will be at Gageby Baptist Church next Sunday, Jan. 4, at 6:00 p.m. for a good



program, good food and fellowship. Everyone invited; hope to see you there. Always good singing and some there from Mobeetie, Wheeler, Allison, Gageby and other places.

"God be with you till we meet again."

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