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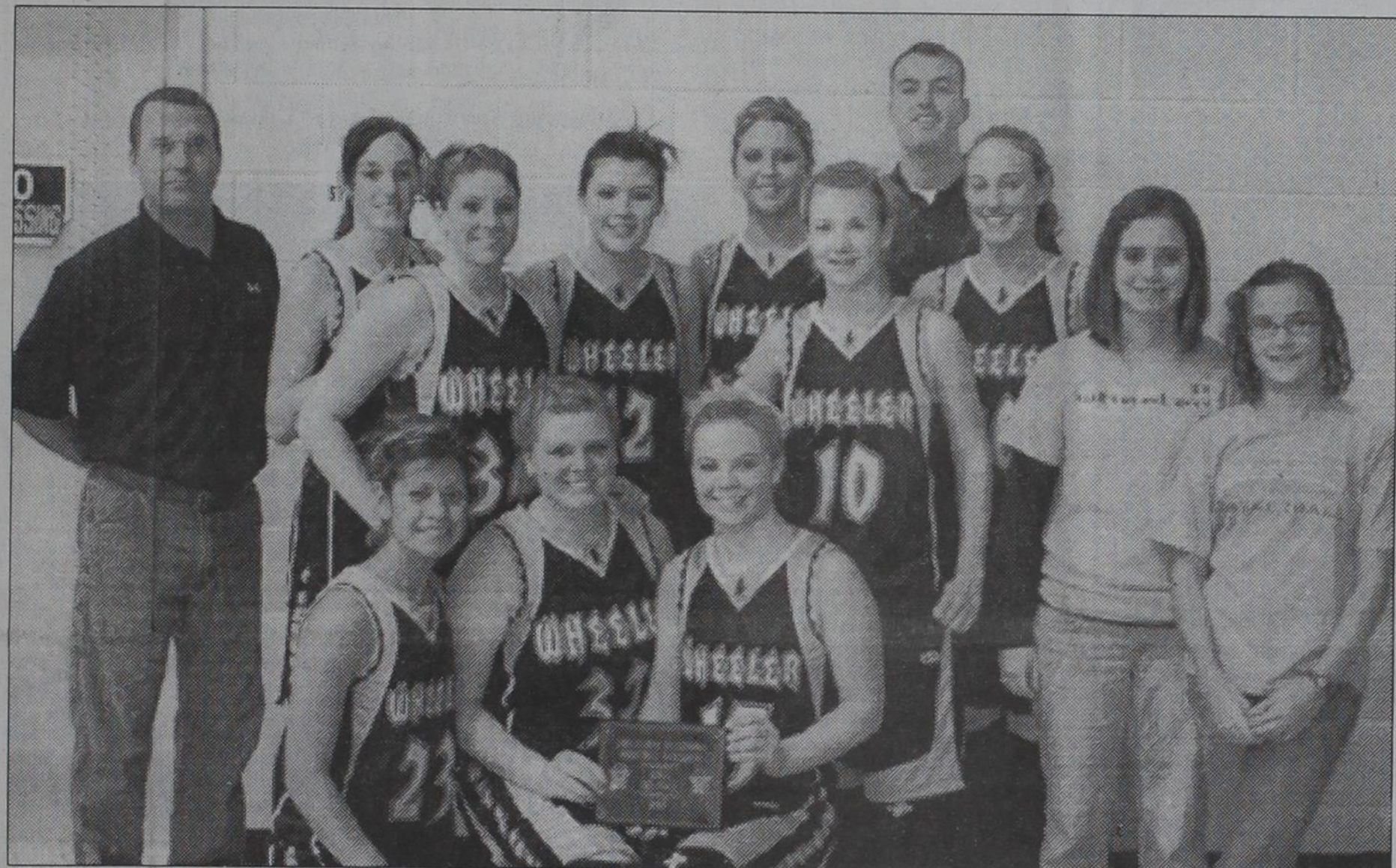
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008

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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride.”



FIRST PLACE: The Varsity boys received 1st place at the Ft. Elliott Tournament this weekend. Mustangs pictured are (back row, l. to r.): Coach Bryan Markham, Michael Mendoza, Zack Andis, Jared Messer, Johnny Venzor, Coach Morgan Brady, (front) Manager Paden Markham, Robert Lewis, Manager Ky Markham, Brock Sabbe, Pedro Hernandez, and Collin Hampton.



THIRD PLACE: The girls received third place in this weekend's tournament at Ft. Elliott. Pictured are (back row, l. to r.) Coach Mike Bailey, Haley Sparks, Whitney Reed, Macie Miller, Ashley Gallagher, Kaylee Marion, Coach Camden Dorris, Taylor Sparks, Bailey Richardson, and Manager Makayla Bailey, (front) Tania Flores, Presley Thomas and Nicole Moore.

Kitchen Renovation Bid Accepted; Bid On Track Repairs Rejected

Unapproved Minutes
The Wheeler ISD Board of Trustees met for a scheduled meeting December 11, 2008. Dr. Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. All board members were present. School personnel present were Jack Noles and Clay Mahler. Guests included Lynn Ramsey and Casey Wood. The pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Mahler and the invocation was offered by Dr. Smith.

There were no individuals or groups who wished to speak to the board.
Motion by Todd Moore; Second by James Masters; To accept the minutes of the November 10, 2008 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by Billy Richardson; To approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 special board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ravonda Hardcastle; Second by Kent Vise; To approve payment of bills presented. Motion carried with James Masters abstaining.
Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by Ravonda Hardcastle; To accept the kitchen renovation bid from a Kelly Wood Co for \$227,000 with a \$10,000 contingency for a total of \$237,000 with a completion date of January 9, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

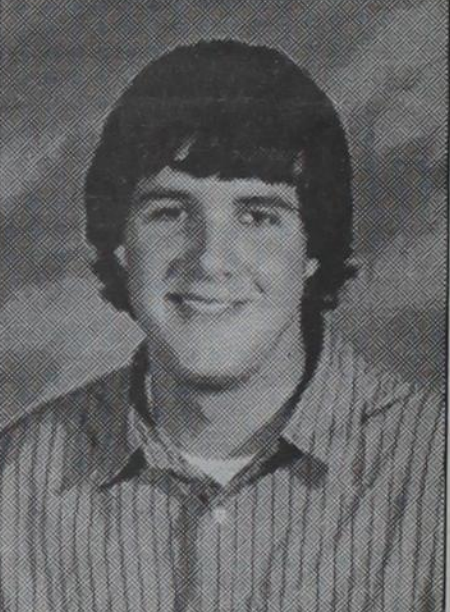
Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by James Masters; To allow Mr. Mahler and Kelly Wood to negotiate specifics of cafeteria equipment. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by James Masters; Second by Kent Vise; To reject the track renovation bid. Motion carried unanimously.

The phone system consideration does not need board approval.
Mr. Noles reported that computer programs are working well. Mr. Mahler reported to the board concerning the progress of the old gym renovation and bus barn improvements. And, that the kitchen renovation will begin tomorrow. The board will also need to meet soon concerning the roof repair.

Motion by James Masters; Second by Kent Vise; To adjourn at 7:58. Motion carried unanimously.
As appropriate, the Board may enter in Closed Meeting as authorized.



Stormy Lancaster, Ft. Elliott Lady Cougar was named the *Globe-News* Athlete of the Week. Lancaster helped the Lady Cougars win the Ft. Elliott Tournament. She scored 13 points in a win over Holy Cross and added 55 points in two wins, including 31 in the team's semifinal victory over Shamrock. *Coach Brad Slatton:* "She's done a good job all year. She's a senior leader and is scoring lots of points for us. People focus on her but she's still getting shots and executing for us." *Lancaster:* "We have to play together as a team. Our defense is really good this year. I try not to be a ballhog and can get the ball to other teammates when I'm double-teamed. *Favorite Athlete:* Former Ft. Elliott teammate and current New Mexico Highlands barrel racer Sarah Zybach. *Bet you didn't know:* "I have a lucky sports bra." *Role Model:* Her father. *Parents:* Earnest and Brenda Lancaster.



Jared Messer, Wheeler Mustang, was named to the *Globe-News* Athlete of the Week "Honor Roll". Messer helped the Mustangs to the Ft. Elliott Tournament championship with stellar play. He had 24 points in a victory over Texline and came back with a game-high 25 in the title-clinching win over Shamrock.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Stormy Lancaster and Jared Messer. Both received recognition in the *Globe-News*. Stormy was named "Athlete of the Week" and Jared was named to the "Honor Roll".

Congratulations, Mel's Diner in having been named in *Texas Monthly's* "Texas Top 40 Top Small-Town Cafes."

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by... Stormie Meriwether, Kindergarten Student

Santa Claus answered my email! He thinks I've been good, but he will still be checking. If he brings me a guitar I can play really fast and Johnny Cash (Bob Hink) can sing. I love to hear him sing. He is good!

One day everybody went to the restaurant (Mel's) to eat and play

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City Of Mobeetie Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008
Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes
Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes, Council Members-Patricia Kephart, Louise Shorter, Emma Swigart, Gaylord

Thompson, and Pam Jones
Members Absent: None
No one from public present
Minutes for the November 10, 2008 meeting were read by Pam Jones. Pam Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Gaylord Thompson. Motion approved 3-2 abstaining.

The Financial Report was read
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Wheeler School Times

by: Diana J. Corral

Last week the varsity teams competed in the Fort Elliott tournament. The Lady Stangs received 3rd place by coming back in the second half and beating the Shamrock Irish. The Mustangs brought home 1st place by also defeating Shamrock.

On Friday the cans from all the classes were collected. 2,214 cans were collected from 7-12 grades. Mr. Hokanson's second period freshman class won the pizza party. The cans will be delivered at the Amarillo Food Bank.

Saturday the One Act Play sponsored the Theatre Arts Class dinner theatre. Steve walker catered the food and a good time was had by all. Wheeler's theatre department would really want to thank everyone from the community for their support.

Extension Serv. To Offer Conference

A profitability conference has been scheduled by Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists to help producers prepare for the upcoming market.

"Volatile market conditions and unstable production costs for crop and livestock operations have created a need for 2009 budgeting," said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist. "Also being up-to-date on the 2008 farm bill will aid producers in their crop and livestock decisions."

At this meeting, Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist, will give a commodity market outlook and talk about irrigated crop budgets. Patrick Warminski, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist, will follow with discussion of dryland crop budgets and flexible cash leases. Jones will wrap it up with the farm bill discussion.

This meeting will be about two and a half hours long. This meeting will be held at the U Drop Inn at Shamrock beginning at 1:00 PM. You are invited to join us for this conference.



GRADUATES: Caleb Finsterwald graduated from the Amarillo Police Academy on December 12, 2008. Caleb, the son of Joel and Debbie Finsterwald is a 2001 graduate of Wheeler High.

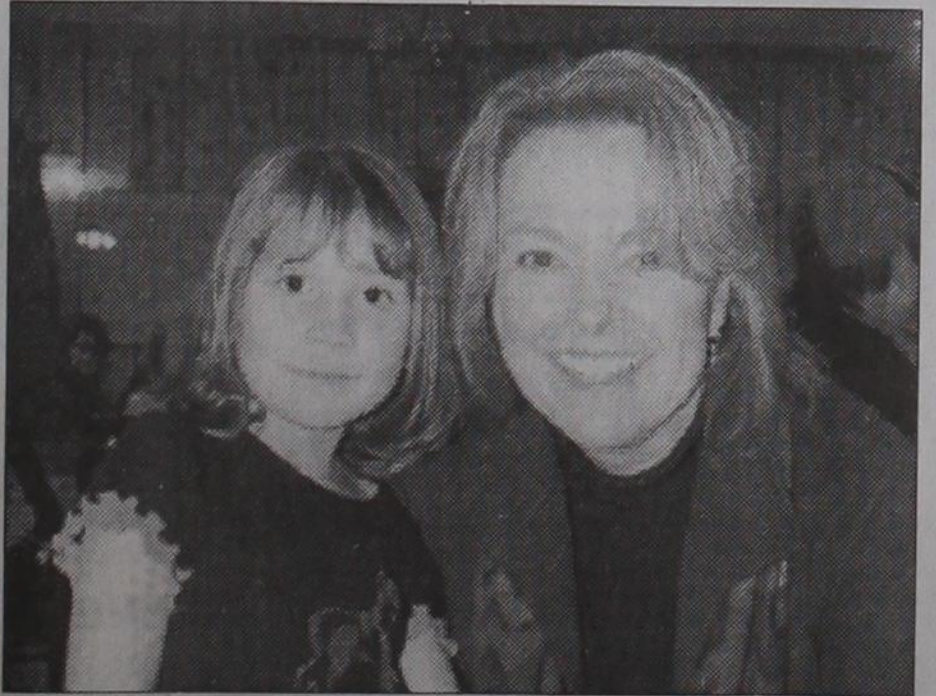
Early Deadline For Christmas Edition

The "Christmas Greeting" edition of the *Times* is to be put in the mail on Tuesday of next week.

Ads and/or Copy need to be in the office by 10:00 a.m. Monday.



FIRST BUCK: Cooper Adams shot his first buck, a 7-point on Tuesday, December 9. Cooper is the 7 yr old son of Doug and Joannie Adams.



MEETS PROFESSIONAL: Stormie Meriwether, Texas' youngest reporter, got to meet colleague, Cathy S. Casey, Senior Editor for *Texas Monthly*. The two met Thursday evening at the jam. Stormie, along with a large crowd of other people enjoying the jam session after eating. The jam sessions are each Thursday evening from 6:00 till closing.



PRESENTATION: Cathy S. Casey, Senior Editor for *Texas Monthly*, is shown here presenting Susan Coate and April Hampton with an award naming Mel's Diner as one of "Texas Top 40 Small-Town Cafes". Pictured are (l to r) Casey, Coate, Lynona Koelzer, April Benfield, Lourdes Buenrostros, Laura Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez and Bob Hink. The presentation was made Thursday evening, December 11, 2008. Mel's received recognition in the December issue of *Texas Monthly*. Mel's has been a part of Wheeler since May, 1996.

— Photo by Garrett Hampton

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What's in Your Drink? Students at Kelton learn that there are 16 teaspoons of sugar in a 12 ounce Coke. Karen Tellman, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences for Texas AgriLife Extension in Wheeler County showed the students the amount of sugar in several different drinks. The students spooned out the amount of sugar in a 32 ounce Coke and the amount was almost 1 cup. The students made a healthy snack called a Banana Dog. They spread peanut butter on a hot dog bun and added a banana to the center. The students then played Food Pyramid Bingo for prizes. Sarah Garner, McKinzie Martinez, Taylor Riley, Valerie Garza, Kayleigh Coomer, Audra Weatherly, and Jady Wright.



A large crowd was in attendance Thursday evening at Mel's Diner for the presentation of a plaque from *Texas Monthly*. Mel's was recognized as one of *Texas Monthly*'s "Top 40 Small-Town Cafes" in Texas. Thursday is Mel's Jam Session Night. Above Bob Hink entertains the crowd. At left, Charlie Finsterwald did his "Chicken" song. Shown below is only part of the crowd in attendance.



Richard Smith from Nashville was one of the special guests at the Jam Session at Mel's Thursday evening.



Carriage Ride: Charles and Margaret Kuntz and Ryan and Robin Smith enjoyed a ride in the carriage at the Chamber of Commerce Open House the first weekend in December.

ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands. Isaiah 42:5-12

I Will, love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: Psalm 18:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. Psalm 46:1-3

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalm 62:1-8

The weather here in Allison on this Monday night is very very very COLD. When we were leaving Wheeler this evening it was eight degrees. That is so very frigid and cold. I told my brother, Vance that it was cold enough here in Allison to freeze the horns off a billy goat. He claimed that would be really bad cold. I'm praying that we won't get any rain or ice and that we keep our electricity. Praise be to God for his goodness to us. We have had very cold and windy weather of late and it makes it hard to have to get up and go to work of mornings for sure. Just have to dress really warm and get to your destination as soon as you can. I also pray for the safety of those that has to be out in it and work out there and pray that the Lord will protect them and also protect our homes and pipes. The Lord takes care of us and provides shelter and help in time of need. Praise be to God!!

Tuesday Allison received two inches of snow with high winds that blew the snow into drifts. Almost all of that has melted now but still have just a little around in places.

Thursday, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Curtis and Lillian Boydston to Shamrock, Texas on business and enjoyed a tasty lunch at McDonald's. They all did some shopping in Wheeler, Texas on way home.

Thursday night, Opal and Juanita Boydston visited in the home of Curtis and Lillian Boydston and enjoyed refreshments and yes a game of Mexican Train as well. Juanita won this time around.

Saturday, Juanita Boydston accompanied Peggy Chandler to Wheeler, Texas on business and they enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's Steakhouse and did some shopping.

While eating at Maxey's we saw and visited with Julie Boydston, Amie Purcell and Kathy Kliever. Then we did some grocery shopping at Thirtway and saw them again there. Was good to see Kathy, since she moved away from Allison I had saw her in quite awhile. And wow!! Julie is looking so good these days with her weight she has lost. Your looking great, Julie!! Way to go!!

Brad and Sue Chandler visited in the home of his mother, Peggy Chandler on Monday morning.

Kevin Fleming from Lufkin, Texas left for home on December 3rd from Louise Boydston's home.

Louise Boydston of Allison, Texas and Shirley Chadwick of Jones, Oklahoma left Wednesday afternoon for Aubrey, Texas to visit Shirley's son and Louise's grandson, Chris Chadwick and his wife Patrica and their children, Elizabeth and Christopher. On Sunday they all went to the 300th Sustainment Brigade Christmas Party at Grand Prairie, Texas. The activities and events were: bounce houses, movies, arts and crafts, face painting, donation raffle for special prizes, photos with Santa, Santa gift giving, "pie to the face" bidding, color guard, Invocation



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Chaplain, Meal, Retiring of the Colors. It was a very enjoyable evening. Chris is a Sergeant in the Army Reserves. They had a great dinner with all the trimmings. Chris was one of the Main Cooks. He worked three days on it, and was very tired and had lots of blisters and sore spots. Very delicious meal!! Also Santa came and all the children received nice gifts. Even the adults received army hats and pens and other gifts as well.

On Sunday night Louise went to Kimber Thompson's apartment in Ft. Worth, Texas and spent the night.

On Monday Louise left for Runaway Bay, Texas for a few days visit with Mike and LaQuinta Hulse from Sarita, Arizona and Cory and Michelle, Conner and Allison Phillips from Chandler, Arizona.

On Wednesday they all drove to Chris Chadwick's home, then all went to Denton, Texas and ate lunch and took Shirley Chadwick back to Runaway Bay, Texas with them.

On Thursday Louise Boydston and Shirley Chadwick headed for home.

Shirley and Louise went to Edmond, Oklahoma for a doctors appointment in the afternoon, then dropped by Jeff Chadwick's home and visited a few minutes

and then all went to Church's Fried Chicken and ate. Then Shirley and Louise headed home. It was late and they were very tired after the long day.

Friday, Louise and Shirley went to Amarillo, Texas and spent the night with Kim Thompson and family and on Saturday attended the graduation at West Texas University at Canyon, Texas for Christin Thompson.

Sunday, Louise Boydston, Shirley Chadwick, Opal Boydston, Juanita Boydston left fater Sunday School to go visit Pearl Harrison at Elk City Nursing Home. They had car trouble, and had to leave the car in Sayre, Oklahoma. Lucky for them, Louise called Jim and Vickie Gilmer and they were just leaving to go to Allison, Texas, so Louise caught a ride back to Allison to get her van, and as Louise was about to leave, her son, Gary Boydston drove up, so she talked him into going with her. While Louise was gone, Shirley Chadwick, Opal Boydston and Juanita Boydston enjoyed a delicious meal at Flying J's Restaurant in Sayre, Oklahoma, a really nice place to eat. Finally they got to Pearl's room about five p.m. So that was another long day.

On Monday, several ladies from the Allison churches gathered at

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- Don't use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Discard any strings of lights that are frayed or broken. Christmas lights are cheap.
- Unplug your Christmas tree before you leave or go to bed.
- Don't buy a tree that is dry and dropping needles. To check for freshness, loosely grip the end of a branch and pull your hand over it. Only a few needles should fall off.
- Make sure your tree stand holds plenty of water, and don't let it run out.
- If your tree seems wobbly, center it in the stand more securely and redo the bolts or screws. Of if your tree stand is cheap; buy a larger, stronger one.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is fire-retardant.
- Keep your tree at least three feet from furnaces, radiators and fireplaces.
- Try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- When Christmas is over or when the tree starts to drop needles, dispose of it. Don't leave it in your house or put it in your garage.
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COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14)

"Happy Birthday" to Tyler Ault, Cammi Ellison, Jason Forrester, Jim Jackson, Rick Woollard, Lindsey Thiessen, Martha Meek, Barbara Hodges, Patterson Alvey, Amber Butler, Hank Henderson, Krista Kay Pierce, Joe Darnell, Hunter Brice, Zetha Dickinson, Bob Downs, Russell Atherton and Joyce Perkins, Dec. 22; Patricia Debose, Cameron Bibens, Steve Earnley, Rhonda Rutherford, Casie Brittain, Stacie Horton, Wade Hathaway, Bobbi Kay Greene, Laramie Lancaster, James Camp, Alvin Reeves, Mark Cornett, Cody James, Liz Stiles and Jennifer Sabbe, Dec. 23; Shaunda Patterson, Gina Seitz, Caroline Cornett, David Zybach, Emma Swigart, Susan Nelson and Lisa Bennett, Dec. 24; Robert Brown, Wanda Herd, Mack Marshall, Sheila Mick, Kenny Reed, Debbie Stinnett and James

Chapman, Dec. 25; Holly Bibens, Houston Hardcastle, Makenna Morgan, Blanca Emiliano, Nancy Shelton, Lee Young, DeDee Boring, Shane Boring, Anita Brown, Lewis Britt and Jacob Inman, Dec. 27.

"Happy Anniversary" to Shane and April Goad, Dec. 10; Glenn and Pam Arganbright, Dec. 14; Bill and Virginia Ridgway, Dec. 16; Royce and Claudia Marion, Bill and Wynema Stewart, and Kyle and Jessica Masters, Dec. 17; Matt and Konnetta Koen, Dec. 18; Kevin and Pam Ratliff and Mack and Linda Sides, Dec. 19; Dean and Georgia Tipps, Ronnie and Melanie Ails, Thurman and Bobby Horn and John and Randi Sue Franklin, Dec. 20; Toby and Kioette Henson, Bill and Melinda Stiles and Danny and Karen McNeill, Dec. 21; Skeet and Dianna Johnson, Dec. 22; Jess and Cari Turner and Travis and Cheryl Wilson, Dec. 23; Rick and

Janet Hefner and Mike and Melody Goad, Dec. 24; J.R. and Jennifer Sullivan, Dec. 26 and Kim and Rhonda Rutherford and Garland and Charleen Dukes, Dec. 27. God bless you, everyone!

The "Nearly Brothers and No Mountain Boys Band" didn't come to the Care Center Tuesday night because of cold and icy conditions, but plan (and hope) to be back next Tuesday, Dec. 16, to make beautiful music. They are appreciated! Visitors always welcome. Time is 6:30 PM.

Sorry to hear that Dr. Russell Burns, heart doctor-cardiologist, will be leaving the Diagnostic Clinic in Amarillo after 18 1/2 enjoyable years. I don't know what his plans are. He is a good, Christian doctor. Pray for him.

Last weekend visitors to David and Phyllis Hefley's to visit and celebrate David's birthday were Darren and Chalene Hefley and Dawson, 9, Logan, 6, and

Addison, 2, from Tulia. Darren teaches school at Nazareth and has for many years. They had fun.

Golden Agers and friends will meet at Wheeler Baptist Fellowship Hall, Thursday, December 18, at 11:30 for Home Health check-up, a good potluck meal, program and fellowship. Visitors always welcome. Merry Christmas, everyone! God bless you!

"I am so glad that my Father in Heaven tells of His love in the Book He has given. Wonderful things in the Bible I see; this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me. I am so glad that Jesus loves me."

Many thanks for all the nice Christmas cards and sweet thoughts. Sorry I'm so poky. Remember, God loves you and I do, too.

Those sharing the day Saturday at the Ed and Laurel Hershman home for an early Christmas were Gayle and Kay Singleton with granddaughters Kelsey and Kaylee Schafer, Maralee and Darren Rush, Brad and Sarita Dawson and daughters, Macaela and Shelby, Dallas Dawson and friend, K.K. Brooks and son, Braden, Laverna Fillingim and Terri Crownover. All enjoyed a great meal, visitation and a Chinese gift exchange for a good day together. Thank you!

The Totty School quilters met Thursday, Dec. 11, for quilting and their Christmas party. Ones present were Sydney Lynch, Betty Haines, Jimmae Hinds, Betty Rogers, Audrey Seitz, Melba Corcoran and Jamie Johnson and Riffin. Each brought finger food and they also had a gift exchange. The quilters won't meet again until Thursday, Jan. 8.

Sue Gaines and Cheryl Richardson prepared the delicious beef and vegetable soup, cornbread and other goodies and desserts for Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church. Very good food with good crowd there. Bro. Larry Mitchell had a message from the Bible and prayers were said for the ill and bereaved.

Please pray for our little great-granddaughter, Kamry Mae, who is still having quite a bit of pain with Guillen-Barre syndrome so can't ride very far. Cold may make it worse. So sorry she hurts so at times, but still pretty perky. Keep praying.

"It's easy enough to be pleasant when life goes by like a song; but the one worthwhile is the one with a smile when everything goes dead wrong."

Ray and Glenda Hudson visited Jennifer Graddy and Allison in Wichita Falls and watched Allison play basketball. She is only a freshman, but played really well and made lots of points. They also went to the funeral for Ray's uncle,



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Ernest Evans, 101, at a Baptist church in Commerce and got to visit with Ernest's daughter, Martha. (I remember Ernest and his wife getting married. I think she was a Vaughn.) On Sunday, they enjoyed church services at a church not far from the Graddys.

Sorry to hear that Helen Steen was taken to Wheeler Hospital Sunday morning with much pain. There was some blockage. Wheeler gave her a shot to help and sent her to Amarillo where they put in a stent. Amarillo thought she would be all right in time. Pray for Helen.

Wheeler Baptist Church Worship Choir put on a wonderful program of Christmas songs Sunday morning followed by a good message from pastor Larry Mitchell. Some singing in the choir were Beverly and Mike Bryant, Wes Bradstreet, Gwen McCain, Becky Hardcastle, Ed and Jeannie Hennig, Michael Killingsworth, Claudia Marion, Dianne Sparks, Stacey Horton, Vickey Ferguson, Leona Coates and maybe others. Music was followed by a delicious meal of turkey, ham, dressing, veggies, salads and desserts served to all present. Thank you! Think food was prepared by the Fellowship Committee.

Martha Meek and I enjoyed

going with Ned Burrell to the children's musical program at Wheeler Baptist Church Sunday night. Even though it was a very cold, windy night (about 18 degrees), there was a very large crowd with relatives and friends from many places. Visiting Coach Brandon and Amy Smith were his parents from Turkey to see the grandkids. Brandon's dad is school superintendent at Valley. Turkey and Esteline consolidated in 1972. They knew lots of Martha's relatives at Turkey (the Cokers and others). The children's program was directed by Stacey Horton, Mendy Bailey and Michael Fillingim. They sang songs and talked about Jesus and what He means. They did really well, but I wasn't able to get many of the names of the kids.

The temperature shown on my cable TV Monday morning about 6:30 was 11 degrees. I am thankful for a warm place and hope you have a warm place, too.

Happy 32nd birthday, granddaughter, Lindsey! Glad you had a nice birthday (I can't even remember when I was 32!) Good friend, Lisa Hughes, took Lindsey to lunch at Ruby Tequila's, one of their favorite spots. Boys wanted Lisa to get a bicycle for them to

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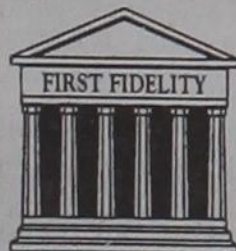
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Middle School. They did an awesome job with most of their selections. They have some very talented kids that have voices way beyond their age. Even though it was cold their was a nice crowd out to enjoy the festivities. Brianna was the soprano of the quartet. She really enjoys singing and her choir teacher is trying to get her to work at her potential. She has no confidence. But this has helped. Their Christmas concerts are quite different than when our

boys were in school. Hope you are enjoying the holiday hustle and bustle. The grandkids have enjoyed the cookie making part. Of course the taste testing was really what they were in the team for.

Sat. was a little better day and the weather held so we could all go to Higgins for the wedding of a great niece. It was a very nice wedding and the bride was beautiful. Her youngest brother was home from Iraq for a short visit.

He was so handsome in his dress uniform. He'll only have 3 months left, if nothing changes and he will be home to stay. Never know for how long though. He was glad for the break. Clifton and Mary Mayfield of Tucumcari, New Mexico made it over for the wedding. After the wedding we met them in Canadian for dinner. It was a nice visit, but with a tired 14 month old a little noisy. Clif and Mary were just going to go straight on home and try to miss the mis-



erably cold weather that was moving in on Sunday.

Jayden had an awards party at the Pizza Hut in Pampa at 4:00 so we all headed to Pampa. Jayden's little league football team won the championship for the 2008 season. The Falcon's ruled this year. Each team player got their own little trophy. The boys did a good job. Thanks to all 5 of the coaches that took time from their families to make the boys the team that they are and teach them good sportsmanship and respect for others accomplishments.

Leola Stuart and Sheryl Richardson had a good visit Sunday after church at Mel's Restaurant.

So glad to hear that Aunt Ermel is back at Bivins home, once again. She had another couple of days stay in the hospital because of the pneumonia. This time when they sent her home she said that she did feel better. Hope you get your strength back and can enjoy the holidays with your family. They are so good to go by and spend time with Aunt Ermel. At this rate it will be too cool to even consider to get out in it. They have some pretty decorations and some of the residents have their doors fixed up so nice. Make taking a stroll or a ride through the facility a lot more enjoyable.

Please start saving your pop top rings from your drink cans. The McDonalds at Shamrock have a plastic box that they are trying to fill up. The Ronald McDonald houses will benefit from them. What an easy way to help improve the lives of families that have to utilize the facilities due to illness of a child. They are also trying to get extra funds to get another building by anyone having medical treatments in Amarillo. It will be interesting to see what a few pop tabs can help do. If you don't go to Shamrock and still would like to help out, please call me at 806-845-1015 and I'll try and get by and pick up your bag. If you have a McDonalds in your area please check to see if they are participating. Such a simple way to help others when you don't have the money or time to share with them. It will be greatly appreciated.

The flu and cold season is taking it's toll in the area. Hope you can manage to avoid it. The holiday season is such a busy time for everyone. Sometimes we just lose sight of the real reason for

the season. The Lord really blessed each of us by sending that tiny little baby to change the hearts and hopefully the ways of all of us in the world. What and awesome God we have. He is always there. All we have to do is call upon His name. May His light shine through you.

The kids are all counting days and chomping at the bit to have that school Christmas party and then their holiday break. I'm sure most of the teachers are doing the same. Have a very Merry Christmas. Be safe. Have a great week. Please keep our friends and loved ones in your prayers.

We are looking forward to the New Year and a new way of life that doesn't include every other day in Amarillo or OKC in doctors offices, labs, or hospitals. That will be a great year.

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MADISON, Wis. -Think of it as a recipe for brain boosting: Researchers are beginning to believe in a three-pronged strategy for keeping a mental edge and retaining memory.

"We're seeing baby boomers and even people in their thirties worrying about brain fitness," said Asenath LaRue, a senior scientist at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH). LaRue, a neuropsychologist at the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, specializes in research into cognitive aging.

"It's not a stretch to think we may begin hiring brain coaches in addition to physical fitness trainers," notes LaRue.

While there aren't many controlled clinical trials on ways to keep your brain in shape, she says a variety of observational studies point to three main preventive actions:

1. **Be Physically Active.** Regular activity, not necessarily planned exercise, seems to relate to brain fitness, according to LaRue. She says activities like gardening, dancing and even cleaning, among others, could increase your chances of maintaining brain health.
 2. **Challenge Your Brain.** Calculate. Do word-search games and crossword puzzles. Go to lectures, concerts and museums. LaRue said early observational studies have indicated the benefits of mental gymnastics and mind challenges.
 3. **Stay Socially Active.** LaRue says it appears that people who are active in broad social networks may hold up better cognitively than those who are less socially active.
- "While we don't know at what point in an individual's life the three factors have maximum impact, the theory is that the better developed your coping resources,

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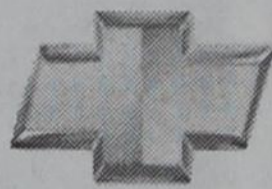
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ROW-Atherton Family Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Energy Marketing, 11-17-08, NW/4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
CONVEYANCE MD-FerrellOil Co. LLC to CAF Enterprises Inc., 12-4-08, NE/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
MD-Glenda Finkelstein Kaufman to Glenda Ann Kaufman Revocable Trust, 12-5-08, Sec. 85, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
CORR. DEED-W. P. Buckthal to John R. Buckthal, et al, 11-7-08, Undivided interest in J. R. Wright Survey.
MD-Mona Howe Pomeroy Inter Vivos Trust to Linda Susan Pomeroy Brown, et al, 12-1-08, Sec. 63, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND. OL-Jimmy Steve Davidson, et al to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-17-08, W/2 Sec. 36, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Edwin J. Lippmann Jr. Revocable Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-11-08,

N 129 acs. W/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
TRUSTEE OL-Grant and Karen Meek Revocable Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-4-08, E/2; SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Eva Mae Norris to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-12-08, NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
BLANKET CONVEYANCE-Leota Black to Black Family Trust, 12-1-08, Interest in Wheeler County.
D-LLB Trust Dated October 21, 1997 to Black Family Trust, 12-1-08, S/2 Sec. 50, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Pt. S/2 SE/4; 10.16308 acs. N/2 Sec. 49, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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HOME EQUITY DT-T. J. Brooks, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-1-08, N 100' Lot 4, Blk. 34, Shamrock.
ASSIGN.-Glasgow Resources LLC to Noble Energy Inc., 12-1-08, Pts. Sec. 5, IRR Survey.
ASSIGN.-Glasgow Resources LLC to Noble Energy Inc., 12-1-08, NE/4; E/2 SW/4; E/2 SE/4 Sec. 4, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXECUTORS D-George C. Walker, Estate to Walker Family Trust, 12-1-08, See Instrument.
DECEMBER 10, 2008
ROY./MD-Madalyn Johnson Davis 1987 Revocable Trust Agreement to Nancy Lea Bounds, et al, 12-4-08, See Instrument.
D-Charles Oren to Phillip Quandt, 11-21-08, 2.0 acs. NW/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Benjamin McDonald, et ux to Cimarex Energy Company, 5-16-08, 257 acs. Sec. 38, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
C/C PROBATE-Linda Mae Jaggard to Ex Parte, 12-9-08.
DECEMBER 11, 2008
ROW-Dennis Joe Hefley, et ux to Elk City Oklahoma Pipeline LP, 11-25-08, Pt. Sec. 37, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE./RATIF.-Ruth Ann Edwards to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-10-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE./RATIF.-Bobby Treadwell to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-10-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE./RATIF.-Cecil Clay Edwards to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-7-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
C/C ORDER FINAL ACCT.-Turner P. Burnette, Estate to Rachel Burnette, et al, 12-1-08, See Instrument.
ROW-Thomas R. Helton, et ux to Forest Oil Corporation, 11-28-08, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Cotton Family Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-6-08, NE/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.-Mickey Raney to Pogo Panhandle 2004 LP, 3-17-08, NW/4 Sec. 3, AB&M Survey.
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OL-Ajax Energy LLC to Samson Lone Star LLC, 7-11-08, S 100

acs. Sec. 8, Blk. C, E. Montgomery Survey.
OL-L. Spinner Platt to Samson Lone Star LLC, 7-11-08, S 100 acs. Sec. 8, Blk. C, E. Montgomery Survey.
OL-Bob R. Zybach, et ux to Samson Lone Star LLC, 11-24-08, N/2 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

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OL-Bob R. Zybach, et ux to Samson Lone Star LLC, 11-24-08, N/2 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
OL-Bob R. Zybach, et ux to Samson Lone Star LLC, 11-24-08, N/2 Sec. 19, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
D-William R. Richardson to Jon Roy Sullivan, et ux, 11-12-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DECEMBER 12, 2008
D-Thomas Whitlow to Betty Perez, 12-1-08, Lots 7-9, Blk. 5, Briscoe.
DEED/ASSIGN./B.S-V B and Clara Mae West Trust to West-Miller Trust, et al, 12-5-08, See Instrument.
AMEND. UNIT DESIGN.-Granite Operating Company to Jim Tom Higgins, et al, 12-3-08, Sec. 42, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Haskins Family, Limited Partnership to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 10-27-08, SE/4; S 33 acs. NE/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Mary Midge Lippmann to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-24-08, N 129 acs. W/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Mildred Martin to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-12-08, NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PARTIAL ASSIGN.-Robert M. Varn, Estate to Questar Exploration and Production Company, 12-4-08, See Instrument.
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Chat (from Page 1)

'Jam Session' at Mel's.
 — cwe —
 Cathy S. Casey, Senior Editor for *Texas Monthly*, presented the plaque to Susan Coate and April Hampton.
 — cwe —
 The 'Jam Session' happens each Thursday evening at Mel's with no admission. There are several musicians, who are regulars, but others are welcome to join in.
 — cwe —
 Thanks to Garrett Hampton for letting me use his pictures, those taken at the event. He hopes to have a career in photography. He took the good pictures; I am responsible for those others.
 — cwe —

Thanks to the local Girl Scouts for the little Christmas Tree. I have noticed several over town.
 — cwe —
 There will be an early deadline next week. The 'Christmas Greeting' edition of the paper will be put in the mail on Tuesday. Please have copy in the office by 10:00 a.m. Monday.
 — cwe —
 Have you made your donation to the 'Toys for Tots'? Time is running out.
 — cwe —
 I hope you did not miss Wheeler Banking Center's Christmas Open House Wednesday. Lots of goodies.
 — cwe —
 And, First State Bank will be hosting an Open House Tuesday

of next week at both the Wheeler and Mobeetie locations.
 — cwe —
 Had to meet a bus for the first time in a long time. Tuesday morning, we had to get Stormie on the bus for school. I told her we had to walk to meet the bus; she said, "Why?"
 — cwe —
 I did not tell her that for the first 5 and 1/2 years we had to walk and/or ride our bicycles 3 miles home from school.
 — cwe —
 That was of course after we had done the milking and the other chores.
 — cwe —
 Stop shaking your head; I really did.
 — cwe —

And, it was a one-room school.
 — cwe —
 Our weekend activities included attending Stormie's ballet program. She was in 'The Nutcracker' at Weatherford, Okla. — all of five minutes for her two performances. And, of course she was the star of the show. There were about 14 family members present. Two more attended the Sunday performance. And four 'friends of the family'.
 — cwe —
 We did not play cards Monday evening. It was too cold to get out. Now, I bet that surprises you.
 — cwe —

City (from Page 1)
 by Emma Swigart. Emma Swigart made a motion to accept the financial reports as read, seconded by Louise Shorter. Motion approved 4-1 abstaining.
 Monthly bills were reviewed and considered for payment. Emma Swigart made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented, motion seconded by Patricia Kephart. Motion approved 5-0.
 New Business: The City Council members would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and

a Happy New Year!
 Mayor's Report: Things are great!
 Water Report: Good
 Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
I.S.D. (from Page 1)
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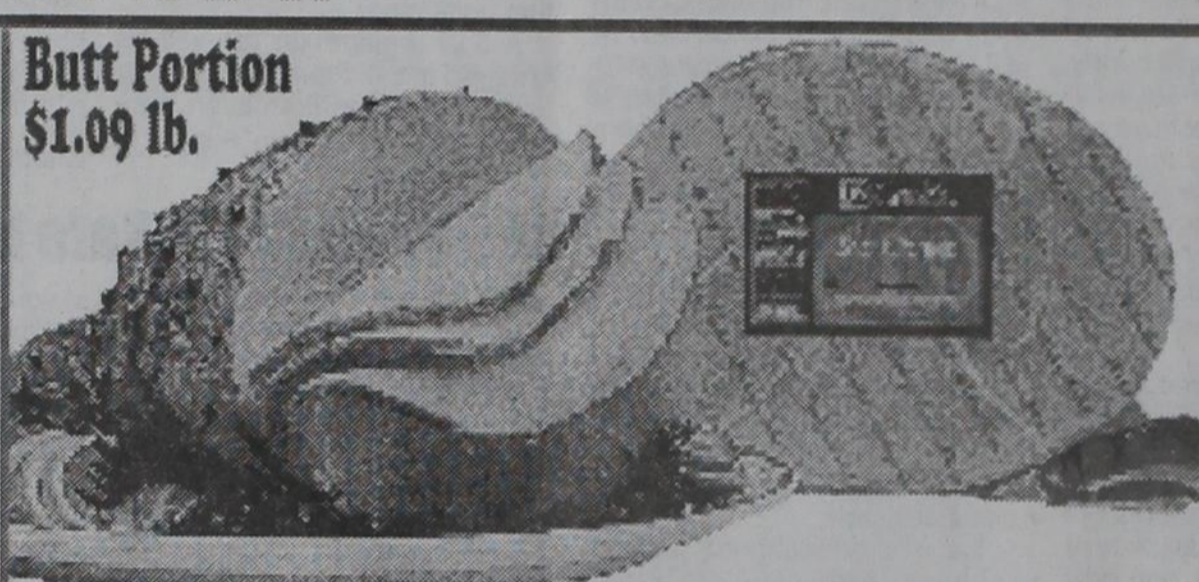


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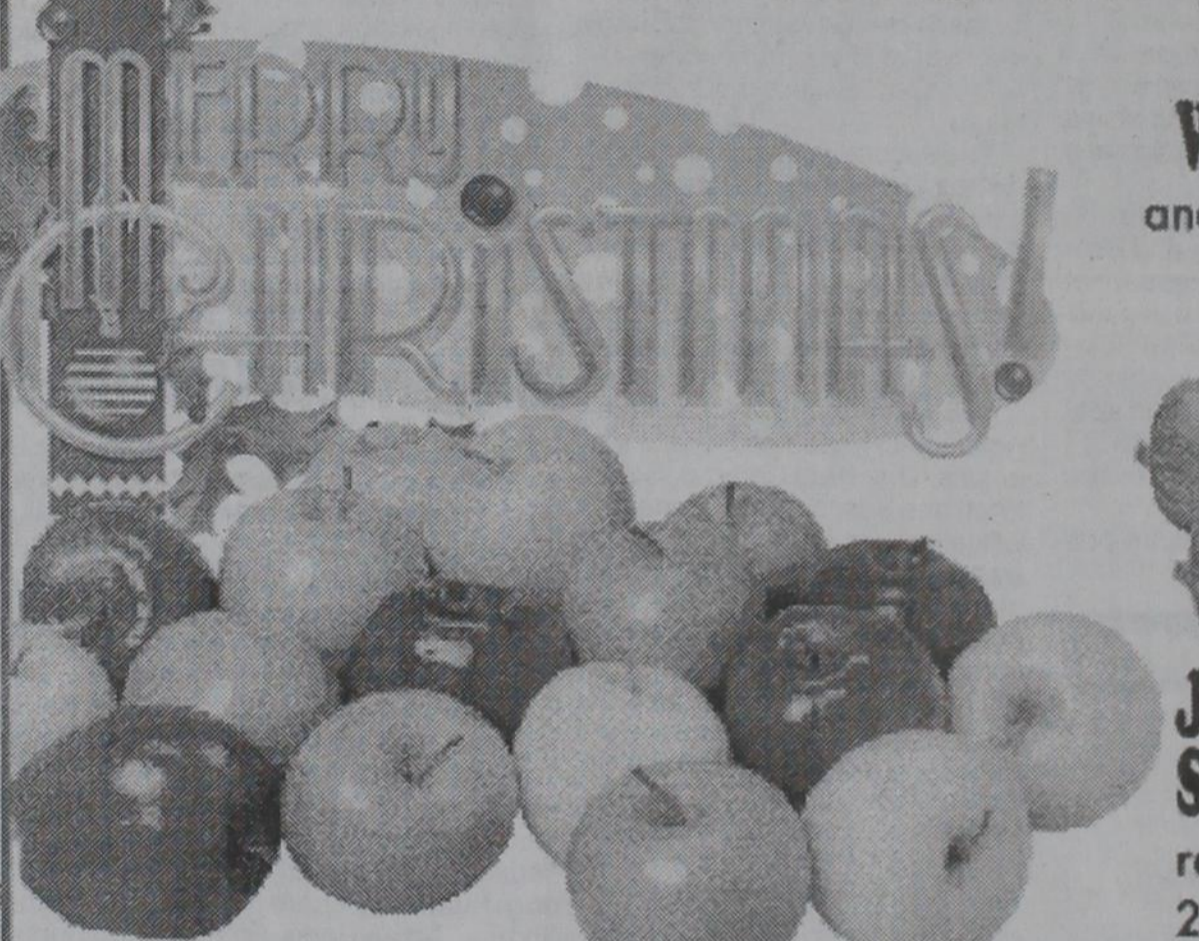


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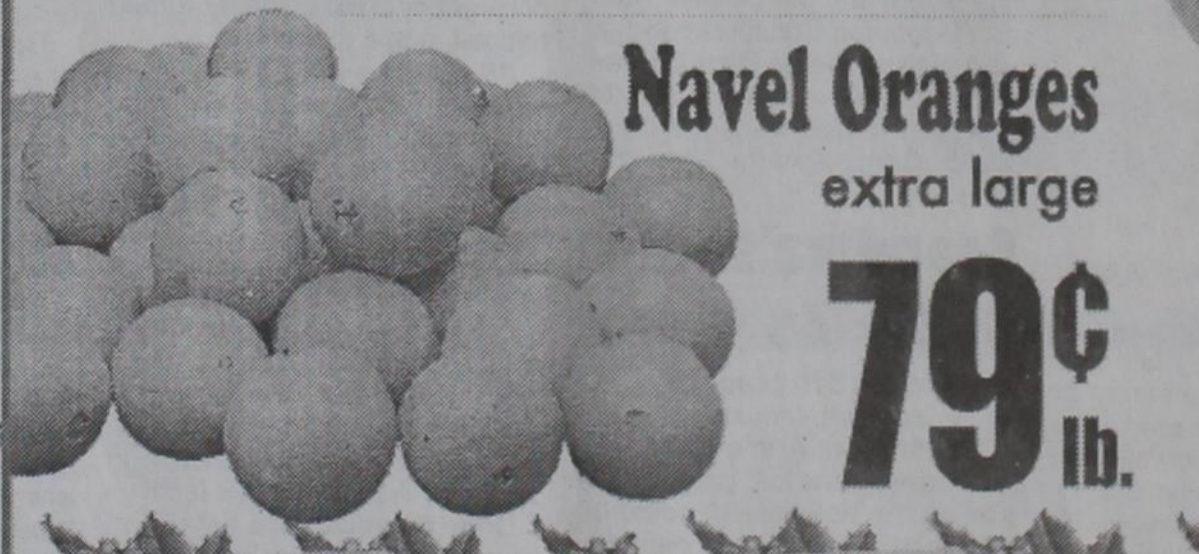


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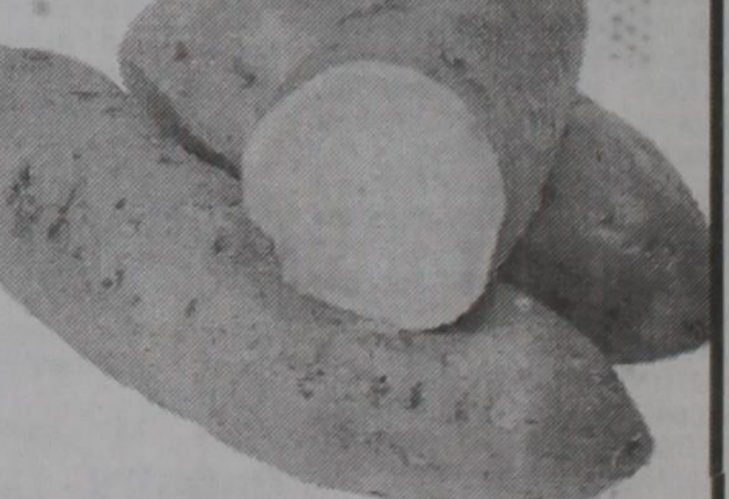


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