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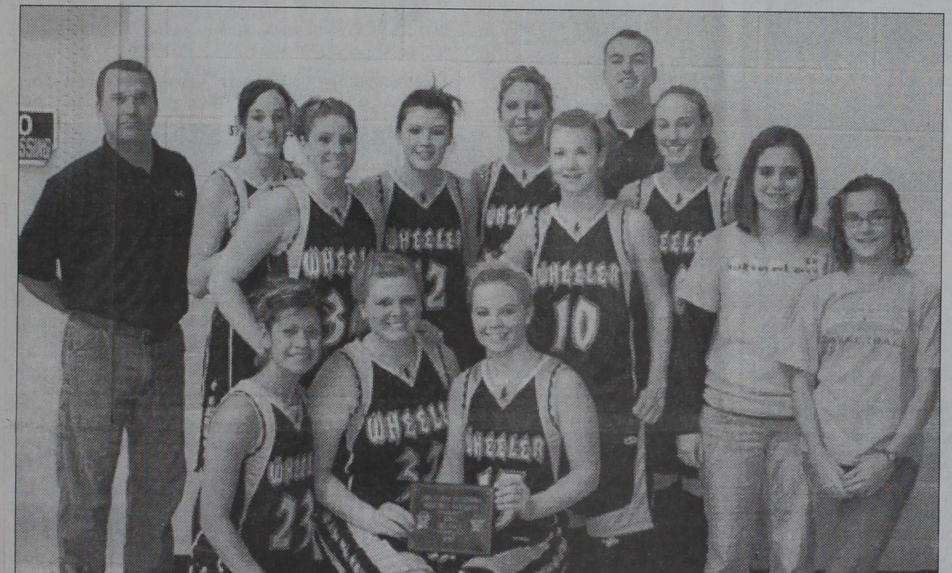
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008

"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, I. 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, I. 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.

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".

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

- cwe -A large crowd was in attendance Thursday evening for the presentation of the plaque and the (Continued Page 8)

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 (Continued Page 7)

December 8, 2008 Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes Members Present: Mayor Gor-

don Estes, Council Members-Patricia Kephart, Louise

Shorter, Emma Swigart, Gaylord Wheeler School Times

by: Diana J. Corral Last week the varsity teams competed in the Fort Elliott tourhament. 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 freshmen class won the pizza party. The cans will be de-

livered 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.

City Of Mobeetie Meeting Minutes Extension Serv. To

Thompson, and Pam Jones Members Absent: None

No one from public present Minutes for the November 10, 2008 meeting were read by Pam been scheduled by Texas AgriLife Jones. Pam Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as help producers prepare for the read, seconded by Gaylord Thompson. Motion approved 3-2 abstaining.



GRADUATES: Caleb Finsterwald graduated from the Amarillo Police Academy on December 12, 2008. Caleb, the son of Joel and at Shamrock beginning at 1:00 Debbie Finsterwald is a PM. You are invited to join us for

Offer Conference

A profitability conference has Extension Service economists to upcoming crop year.

"Volatile market conditions and unstable production costs for crop The Financial Report was read 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 deci-

sions." 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 this conference.

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 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..

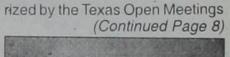
Motion by James Masters; Second by Kent Vise; To adjourn at 7:58. Motion carried unanimously As appropriate, the Board may

enter in Closed Meeting as autho-

Early Deadline For Christmas Edition

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

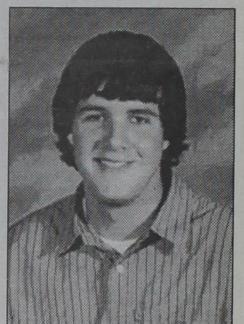
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Stormy Lancaster, Ft. Elliott Lady Cougar was named the Globe-News Athlete of the Week. Lancaster helped the Lady Cougars win the Ft. Elliott Tournament. She scored 13 points in a win over Holy Cross and added 55 points in two wins, including 31 in 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.



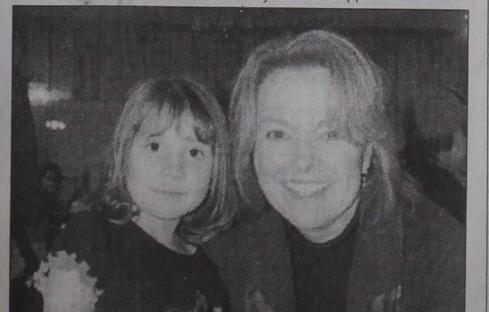
Jared Messer, Wheeler Mustang, was named to the Globe-News Athlete of the Week "Honor Roll". Messer helped the Mustangs to the Ft. Elliott Tournament championship with stellar play. He had 24 points in a victory over Texline and came back with a game-high 25 in the title-clinching win over Shamrock.



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



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 (I to r) Casey, Coate, Lynona Koelzer, April Benefield, Lourdes Buenrostros, Laura Sanchez, Tereasa 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.



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 Mel's. Stormie, along with a large crowd of other people enjoyed the jam session after eating. The jam sessions are each Thursday evening from 6:00 till clos-

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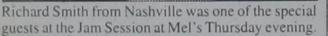
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What's in Your Drink? Students at Kelton learn that there are 16 teaspoons of sugar in a 12 ounce Coke. Karen Tellman, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences for Texas AgriLife Extension in Wheeler County showed the students the amount 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 Jadyn Wright













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,

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 inhabiants 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-

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. Prasie 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 Kliewer. Then we did some grocery shopping at Thirftway 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

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 Braigade Christmas Party at Grand Prarie, 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

On Monday Louise left for Runaway Bay, Texas for a few days visit with Mike and LaQuinta Hulse from Sararita, 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

On Thursday Louise Boydston and Shirley Chadwick headed for

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 (Continued Page 7)



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4. Don't use electric lights on a metal tree. 5. Discard any strings of lights that are frayed or broken.

Christmas lights are cheap. 6. Unplug your Christmas tree before you leave or go to

7. 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.

8. Make sure your tree stand holds plenty of water, and don't let it run out. 9. 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. 10. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is fire-retar-

11. Keep your tree at least three feet from furnaces, ra-

diators and fireplaces. 12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Keep a close eye on small children when they are around the tree; many small decorations and ornaments are sharp, breakable and can be swallowed.

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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 Earney, 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

"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 "Wait on the Lord: be of good and Jessica Masters, Dec. 17; Matt and Konnette Koen, Dec. 18; Kevin and Pam Ratliff and Mack and Linda Sides, Dec. 19; Dean and Georgia Tipps, Ronnie and Melanie Alls, Thurman and Bobby Horn and John and Randi Sue Franklin, Dec. 20; Toby and Kloette 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

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 Chalone Hefley and Dawson, 9, Logan, 6, and

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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 pokey. Remember, God loves you and I do,

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 guilting and their Christmas party. Ones present were Sydney Lynch, Betty Haines, Jimmae Hinds, Betty Rogers, Audrey Seitz, Melba Corcoran and Jamie Johnson and Riggin. 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 greatgranddaughter, 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

"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,

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! 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 Estelline 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 Think food was prepared by the their favorite spots. Boys wanted Lisa to get a bicycle for them to

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Week Ending December 11, 2008

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from South & 213' from East line, Sec. 47, A-1, H&GN, PD 5000 #1 Helton, 1274' from North &

1302' from East line, Sec. 6,A-1.H&GN. HEMPHILL (WILDCAT &

BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #4 Begert Trust '43' 2341' from North & 929' from East line, Sec. 43, A-1, H&GN, PD 13500'

HEMPHILL, (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., J.R. Flowers '2', Sec. 2,41,H&TC, PD 13500', for the following wells:

#3, 1715' from South & 763' from West line of Sec.

#4, 2201' from North & 731' from East line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., J.R. Flowers '42', Sec. 42, A-1, H&GN, PD 13450', for the following wells:

#3, 545' from North & 1009 from West line of- Sec. #4, 720' from North & 2206'

from East line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #271 Etheredge Gas Unit, 825' from South & 2450' from West line, Sec. 27,1,1&GN, PD 11100' HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W.

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MENDOTA Granite Wash) Jones Energy, Ltd., #429H Vollmert 'SL', 617' from South & 567' from East line, Sec. 29, B-1, H&GN, PD 10670' (BHL: 467' from North &

FALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #1637 Hefley, 1550' from South & 1017' #1 Begert Trust, 1310' from from West line, Sec. 37,M-1,H&GN, PD 14500'

WHEELER (WILDCAT & #2 Begert Trust, 239' from STILES RANCH Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., #15 Miller Spinney '39'. 467' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 39, A-3, H&GN, PD

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #9H Britt Ranch"K37', 250' from South & 450' from East line, Sec. 37, A-3,H&GN, PD 12545' (BHL: 517' from North & 567' from East Sec.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #9 McCoy, 467' from South & 3164' from East line, Sec. 27,-,CCSL, PD 15090'. Rule 37

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Cordillera Energy Partners III, L.L.C., #6 Alexander '33', Sec. 33,A-1.H&GN, spud 6-29-08, dr1g. compl 7-25-08, tested 10-14-08, potential 1590 MCF, TD 13160',

LOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3 Walker Ranch '10', Sec. 10,41,H&TC, spud 8-22-08, drlg. compl 9-9-08, tested 11-12-08, potential 1965 MCF, TD 13065', PBTD 12988' -

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1892 Leslie Webb, et al, Sec. 189,C:,G&MMB&A, spud 9-24-08, drlg. compl 10-6-08., tested 11-1-08, TD 10750', PBTD 10696' - Operator plans to commingle w/other fields in well

Granite Wash) Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C., #4 Mendota Ranch '33D', Sec. 33,1,1&GN. spud 7-26-08, drlg. compl 8-8-08, tested 11-26-08, TD 11866', PBTD 117600' -

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Gas, L.L.C., #1305 Byrum, Sec. 5. B-1,H&GN, spud 8-29-08, drlg. compl 9-17-08, tested 10-23-08, potential 5649

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QCD-Lee H. McMurray, et ux to Conny Palmer, 6-16-08, Lot 5, Blk. 2, Mont-Lew Add.,

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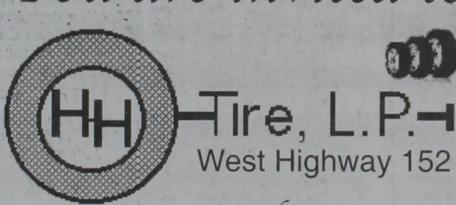
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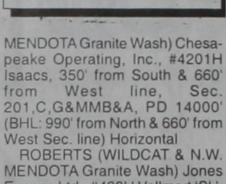
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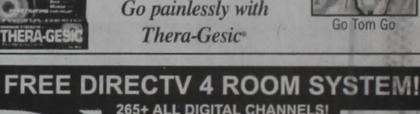
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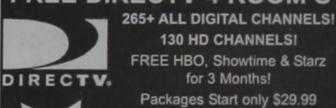
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granddaughter, Brianna's, Choral helped. Their Christmas concerts Christmas concert for the El Reno are quite different than when our

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 saprano of the quartet. Sure hope you are all well in this She really enjoys singing and her blustery weather. It was 8 degrees choir teacher is trying to get her yesterday morning on our front to work at her potential. She has porch as we left for OKC to attend no confidence. But this has

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-



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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

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.

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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

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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 neurop-

sychologist at the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, specializes

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ventive actions:

ing brain health.

and mind challenges

less socially active.

"It's not a stretch to think we may begin hiring brain coaches in addition to physical fitness train-

While there aren't many controlled clinical trials on ways to

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keep your brain in shape, she says a variety of observational

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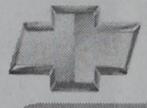
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ROW-Atherton Family Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Energy Marketing, 11-17-08, NW/ 4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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 1997 to Black Family Trust, 12to Glenda Ann Kaufman 1-08, S/2 Sec. 50, Blk. A-3, Revocable Trust, 12-5-08, Sec. H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Pt. 85, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company S/2 SE/4; 10.16308 acs. N/2 Sec. Survey

CORR. DEED-W. P. Buckthal to Survey. 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

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, 49, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company

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ASSIGN.-Glasgow Resources Montgomery Survey. 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. ASSIGN.-Petro Speed Inc. to Pogo Panhandle 2004 LP, 10-22-08, NW/4 Sec. 3, AB&M Survey. ASSIGN.-Gertrude A. Speed, et al to Pogo Panhandle 2004 LP, 3-4-08, NW/4 Sec. 3, AB&M

Survey. OL-Ajax Energy LLC to Samson

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.

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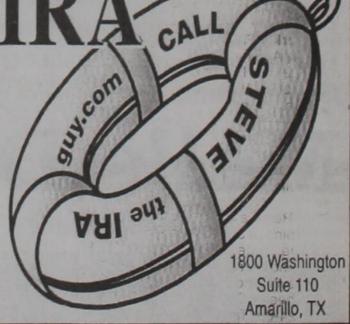
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Xcel Energy Withdraws Plans For Fuel Surcharge Increase

Xcel Energy has withdrawn a flect lower natural gas prices. planned fuel-cost surcharge that would have raised average residential bills in Texas by 6.2 percent beginning in January.

Lower natural gas prices and the addition of the new, efficient Hobbs Generating Station to the power generation mix are projected to largely offset the company's past fuel cost undercollections, said David Eves, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

Overall bills in Texas were reduced by more than 8 percent at the beginning of November when the company lowered its fuel cost

- the rate at which the company charges customers for the fuel used to generate power- to re-

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guitars. I ate Pop's onion rings. I really like the ring (crust), but not the onion.

I met a really nice lady. She writes for TEXAS (Texas Monthly)! I just write for Pop (Wheeler Times).

I have a nice friend. She knows all her letters and she can write names. Her name is Ms. Howard. My name is Stormie with 'ie'. Now she can write my name too. I taught her the 'ie'

The Nutcracker is over. It was wonderfull Thanks to my big family for coming to see me be a Gumdrop and a Gingerbread Cookie. Thanks for my Gingerbread man, my Nutcracker and all the pretty flowers. Seth and Jaeden came too. We all went to Soto's (Casade Soto-Weatherford) to eat. We filled the whole room. I love my big family.

We have music and programs. At school we did a big musical it was beautiful. Now we do a musical at church (Hinton). I was a sheep.

I can't believe it. Jennifer and Justin (Lee) gave me some presents for my birthday. It's a Santa Clause, a necklace maker and a book of candy. Thank you guys you are so sweet to me.

Now it's really cold. I saw a little snow. We have snow now it can almost be Christmas! That's it.

Court (from Page 6) Company, 9-29-08, N/2 Sec. 17,

Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey. D-Roy G. Cantrell, et ux to Roy G. Cantrell and Nita K. Cantrell Revocable Living Trust, 12-9-08, 32 acs. Sec. 11, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Joe Grayson, et ux to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 10-8-08, Pt. Sec. 27, Camp County School Land. SHUT-IN ROY, AGREE, -Tonya Treadwell Owens to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-21-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry.

Company Survey SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE.-Peggy Van Bennekum to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-14-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry.

Company Survey. SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE.-Betty Jane Treadwell to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-18-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE.-Charles H. McDonald 1994 Revocable Trust to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-8-08, S/2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company

SHUT-IN ROY. AGREE.-Tony Treadwell to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-20-08, S/ 2; S/2 NE/4; NE/4 NE/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company

SHUT-IN ROY, AGREE.-Marie Gergeni 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. HOME EQUITY DT-Natasha Hathaway, et vir to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 12-4-08, Pt. SW/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry.

Company Survey HOME EQUITY AFF.-Natasha Hathaway, et vir to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 12-4-08, Pt. SW/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

District Clerk's Filings: #12232-JMA Energy Co. of Texas, et al vs Pogo Energy 2004, L.P., et al, 10-30-08. #12234-Gary Gray vs Debra Denise Gray, 11-18-08, Divorce. #12236-In Re: to children, et al,

11-19-08 #12237-Catherine Elliott Maxim vs Peter Ellis Maxim, 11-20-08, Divorce.

#12238-In Re: to a child, et al vs Joseph Espinoza Jr., 11-21-08. #12239-The State of Texas vs \$1,607.00 and Brenda Lopez, 11-24-08, Seizure and Forfeiture. #12240-Wheeler County vs J.D. Baker, 11-24-08, Tax Suit.

#12241-Wheeler County vs Billie Doris Holmes, 11-24-08, Tax Suit. #12242-Wheeler County vs Mollie Randel, 11-24-08, Tax Suit. #12243-The State of Texas vs her, Chris Txos Principal; Central Bail Bonds-Surety, 12-1-08.

#12244-Salome Vinaja vs Cordillera Energy Partners III. LLC, et al, 12-5-08, Inj./Damage Inv. Motor Veh.

At the time, however, the company was still millions of dollars behind on collecting past fuel costs because of natural gas price spikes in 2007 and mid 2008. Since the November fuel factor was set, prices have fallen even further and the new Hobbs plant began delivering even more savings. The net result is expected to eliminate the need for the previously scheduled surcharge.

Customers will continue paying a fuel surcharge that was placed on bills in April 2008, but that surcharge will expire at the end of March, further reducing the amount customers will pay for fuel in the foreseeable future.

An average residential cus-

Farmers' Tax Guide Available For 2008

The Internal Revenue Service today announced the availability of the new Farmer's Tax Guide for use in preparing 2008 tax returns. The Farmer's Tax Guide, IRS Publication 225, contains information on the farming business either as an owner or tenant.

"Farmers should take just a few minutes at IRS.gov to download this publication and keep it handy. It's full of valuable information to find out how federal tax laws apply to farming and how to figure your taxes and complete your tax return," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "It includes updates every year about new laws or regulations that may apply to your business."

Sanford noted that there were more than 1.6 million farm tax returns (Form 1040, Schedule F) filed by Americans last year.

The guide details the benefits of keeping records, what kinds of records you must keep, and how long you must keep them for federal tax purposes. Other topics include tracking farm income, expenses, employment taxes and sample tax returns.

"I really encourage farmers and anyone else with their own business to look into IRS e-file," Sanford added. "Electronic filing is the fastest and most accurate way to complete your federal income tax return. You can use your personal computer, visit an authorized IRS e-file provider, or visit a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site."

The Farmer's Tax Guide, as well as other IRS forms and publications, can be accessed at IRS.gov or ordered by calling tollfree at 1-800-TAX-FORM. Telephone assistance is available by calling the IRS business and specialty line at 1-800-TAX-4933.

Here's a direct link to the Farmer's Tax Guide:

http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/ p225.pdf

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living: Jack Hefley

Jane Seitz Tom Frye Iona May Julia Buckingham

<u>Admissions</u>

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12/8	Buna Gudgel
	Elisebeth newman
12/10	Kitty Dorn
	Lela Hess
	Vera Crane

Maria Espino Earl Farris Leola Farris 12/13 Earl Hustead

Betty Hustead Dorothy Brown **Dismissals** Kitty Dorn 12/8

Earl Riley

Neida Babb

Vera Crane Elisebeth Newman

12/9

12/11

12/14

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Maria Espino

give their mom so she could ride with them. Later, Rita, Blain and Dagen took Lindsey to supper at Logan's Roadhouse for a fun time. It was a nice day. David Pearson went to Stamford to help get his mom, Mary Pearson, moved into a little house in town. She was excited and kids felt she was safer being in town and will have Meals on Wheels and Home Health. Remember Mary in your prayers.

Lindsey and friend, Lisa, will be having another jewelry party at a doctor's office to sell some of their beautiful necklaces and bracelets that they have been making. Good luck! They have been do-

ing well. years, Joe and Sherry Wagoner from Canadian, come visit me Friday and take me to supper at Maxey's. Good to see several friends there. I always enjoy visiting with Joe and Sherry. God bless you both.

Congratulations to Jason and Desirae Manning of Wheeler on the birth of their new baby girl, Brooke, who is also welcomed by a little brother. Brooke was out to church Sunday with her parents and brother. God bless you, all.

Kenna Howard's mom's name was Nancy Cleaver, 62, of Amarillo. She was buried at Amarillo.

So sorry, Kenna. "God be with you till we meet

tomer in Texas using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month is now paying 9.4 cents per kWh, or \$94.42 per month. In October that same customer was paying 10.9 cents per kWh, or \$109.60 per

"While falling natural gas prices are primarily responsible for lower overall bills, we can't overlook the impact of the new Hobbs Generating Station, which is 40 percent more efficient than our existing fleet of gas-fired plants," Eves said. "This plant not only reduces natural gas use on our system, but it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and groundwater use." Eves pointed out that changes

proposal to increase Texas base rates, which recover (non-fuel) operational and maintenance expenses and increased investment in infrastructure. One such investment is the Hobbs plant, which increases base rate-recoverable costs, but decreases fuel con-

in fuel costs are separate from a

Texas communities served by Xcel Energy, along with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, are in the process of examining the base rate proposal. A decision on base rate changes could come by the end of the year or in early

Eves said fuel charges are pass-through costs that pay for the coal and natural gas used to produce electric energy at Xcel Energy-owned power plants in the area, along with wind power and energy purchased from outside providers.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

High Plains Irrigation Conference

With declines in water tables and increases in fuel costs, pumping water is taking a larger share of agricultural production budgets, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Producers can attend the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show on Jan. 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., to get the latest information needed to help them maximize the irrigation water they pump, said Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist.

The meeting and trade show will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. with the distribution of continuing education units. The trade show, sponsored by Texas Agriculture Irrigation Association and featuring the latest technology will stay open until 4:30 p.m.

The first educational session will be a technical look at the Ogallala Aquifer. Dr. Judy Reeves, Cirrus Associates LLC hydrogeologist, will present the history. Dr. Ken Rainwater, Texas Tech University's Water Resources Center director, and Dr. Kevin Mulligan, Center for Geospatial Technology director, will give updates on the current situation, and Dr. Robert Mace, Texas Water Development Board director of the groundwater resources, will discuss modeling the

The second session will look at issues impacting irrigation finances, with Kenny addressing pumping plant analysis and Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist, talking about maximizing profits using limited water resources.

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service scientists, Drs. Paul Colaizzi, Steve Evett and Susan O'Shaughnessy, will talk about remote sensing for water management, soil water management for irrigation and automation of sprinkler systems in the third session.

The final session will include two topics of regional interest: virus effects on crop water use by Jacob Price, Texas AgriLife Research associate researcher, and the impact of dairies in the Texas High Plains by Dr. Todd Bilby, AgriLife Extension dairy specialist in Stephenville.

This year's conference is a part of the Irrigation Training Program, six programs being held around the state by the Texas Water Resources Institute to help farmers and others learn about efficient tools and techniques of irrigation management.

The Irrigation Training Program is a collaborative effort of the institute, AgriLife Extension, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Texas Water Development Board provides funding for the project through its Agricultural Water Conservation Grant pro-

Grandma's **Could Be Worst**

How her \$10 check could

cost you thousands You know that little check you get from grandma or grandpa around the holidays? It could be the worst gift your child gets this year, if he or she is a child with, special needs.

If a child with disabilities accumulates more than the federal limit of \$2,000 in total assets including money in a bank account, bonds, or CDs - the child and his family could lose thousands of dollars in government funding and services like Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Se-Nice to have friends of many curity Income, or Social Security Disability Income. These resources are crucial and help keep some families from going broke paying to care for and educate their children.

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. The right and wrong way to give gifts to a special needs child Why interest on their money can hurt a special needs child

Two general continuing education units will be offered for pesticide applicators and five certified crop advisor credits will be given in soil and water management. The Irrigation Association has approved 4.5 continuing educa-

tact Kenny or Ronda Fisher at 806-677-5600.

p.m. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged to suption units also. port The Citadelle Project. A \$15 registration fee will be The Abrahams who are pascharged at the door and will cover sionate about historic preservalunch. For more information, contion, lovingly restored the Citadelle, originally built to house

DPS Wishes For Safe Holiday Travel

DPS troopers will increase patrols during the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make holiday travel safer on Texas roads.

Of special concern, is drinking and driving during the holidays. Troopers also will focus on speeders and seat belt violators. All available troopers will be on patrol from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28, and again on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers issued a total of 28,000 citations and 14,000 warnings, including 919 DWI arrests, 19,612 speeding tickets and 3,379 safety restraint violations. DPS statistics suggest tickets and drunken driving arrests by troopers double during holiday enforcement peri-

"The best present you can give to vourself and your loved ones is to make sure you arrive safely

at your holiday destination-most traffic deaths are preventable," said interim DPS Director Stanley E. Clark. "We feel our efforts, in conjunction with increased enforcement from other agencies, will make the holidays just a little bit safer. DPS prefers voluntary compliance, but we write citations and arrest drunk drivers to save DPS offers the following advice

House on Saturday, December

20th at Hill Crest in Canadian, the

new home of Malouf and Therese

604 Main Street and will be open

for visitors from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00

as gifts to the traveling public: Drive with courtesy; it's conta-

gious. Remember, it's the holi-Slow down—especially in bad

heavy traffic. Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

weather, construction areas and

Buckle up everyone in the ve-Keep cell phone chatter to a

minimum, and avoid texting. Avoid drowsy driving and make till next time!! sure your vehicle is properly main-

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.

Men Arrested For Illegal Deer Trapping

Game wardens in the Special Operations Unit of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division have arrested six men and executed two search warrants as part of Operation Texas Shuffle, a year-long investigation into the black mar-

ket deer trade in Texas. "Our focus here is stopping two main areas of criminal activity: deer being brought illegally across state lines, and wild deer being illegally laundered into deer breeding facilities," said Col. Pete Flores, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement di-

Five of the men were arrested yesterday, including William Kornegay, 42, of Eden in Concho County; James Johnson, 60, of Florence in Williamson County; and Jeff Arbogust, 48, of Austin in Travis County, Chris Sharp, 33, of Marble Falls in Burnet County; and Ronald Rogers, 39, of San Saba in San Saba County. The sixth suspect, Lance Clawson, 40, of Regency in Mills County, turned himself in this morning.

All six are alleged to have trapped, purchased or sold wild native whitetail deer. In addition, Rogers, Clawson and Kornegay are involved with permitted deer breeding facilities and are believed to have laundered wild deer into the permitted facilities. Kornegay serves as an agent for multiple licensed deer breeders. In one case, Clawson, a permitted deer breeding facility operator, allegedly darted wild deer and put them illegally into his facility.

Deer breeding is a legal and growing business in Texas, estimated by one breeder organization to be worth about \$650 million per year for the state economy. It is illegal to capture or obtain wild deer and place them into breeding facilities. Breeders must obtain captive, pen-raised deer from other permitted breeders. There are currently 1,099 permitted deer breeders in Texas, holding 86,989 deer in 1,161 faclittles. The vast majority of these are whitetail deer, and the rest are mule deer, the two native species in Texas.

"Money is driving the illegal trade in wild native deer," said Capt. Greg Williford with TPWD Law Enforcement Division's Special Operations Unit. "A captiveraised breeder buck can sell for tens of thousands of dollars. So, catching deer in the wild seems a lot less expensive, until you get caught."

TPWD regulates deer breeding, issuing permits and conducting periodic facility inspections as warranted. A particular concern is monitoring breeding facilities for diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease. CWD has not been detected in Texas, but it has cost tens of millions of dollars in other states. Texas borders essentially remain closed to the importation of whitetail and mule deer because of disease concerns.

Clawson and Rogers were previously apprehended Oct. 16 by Texas game wardens and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents for smuggling eight deer into Texas from Oklahoma. Such interstate smuggling is not only illegal but also poses a disease threat to native whitetail deer.

Numerous Class B misdemeanors (fines up to \$2,000 and up to 180 days confinement) have been filed on all six men for violating state Trap, Transport, and Transplant regulations relating to whitetail deer. As the investigation continues, additional charges and arrests are anticipated, including possible felony charges of tampering with a government document, and possible illegal possession of tranquilizer drugs, also a felony

Based on where the alleged offenses occurred, county attorneys in Mills, Bell, Lampasas and Concho Counties will be prosecuting the misdemeanor charges.

Anyone who observes illegal deer trapping, sale or purchase in Texas should call Operation Game Thief toll-free at (800) 792-GAME. OGT is Texas' privately funded wildlife crime stoppers hotline, operating 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Rewards of up to \$1,000 may be paid to callers (who may remain anonymous). Game wardens recommend making the call immediately when illegal activity is observed, and say it is helpful to have a description of the activity, location of the violation, physical descriptions of alleged violators, description of any vehicles and the direction of

Sun. Nite Live On KPDR, 90.5 ... Live from Canadian

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Host Open House At Canadian The Citadelle Art Foundation the First Baptist Church in Canawill be hosting a Holiday Open dian, to become their very personal and special home. They recently donated the Citadelle to the public to become a world-Abraham. Hill Crest is located at class art museum. Like the Citadelle, the Abraham's new home, Hill Crest, is another of Canadian's grand old mansions.

The home was built in 1919 by

Tom Jones, and is a fine example

of Greek reviva' architecture. Lo-

cals call it the" Jones Mansion."

but the Abrahams named it "Hill"

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Hill Crest at Canadian

Citadelle Art Foundation To

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Allison (from Page 2)

the United Methodist Church and sacked cookies and treats for the Wheeler Care Center residents and residents of the Assisted Living at Parkview Hospital and also the elderly in Allison also received a treat bag from the Allison Community Churches. It was a very cold day to be out, but warmed the hearts of many people. After delivering the treats at the Care Center and Assisted Living, Louise, Shirley and Juanita enjoyed a delicious meal at Soto's and did some shopping before heading home.

Heard from Vance and Carol and they had quite a time making their way back to Norman, Okiahoma Sunday night or early morning. They came thru freezing rain, sleet and snow before making it home at two a.m. But glad to know they made it safely back to their home in Norman.

May God Bless and Keep ya'll

(from Page 5) the more likely you are to with-

stand brain changes affecting memory and thinking," says LaRue. LaRue does emphasize that researchers don't believe brain

workouts will stop or reverse dementia and Alzheimer's disease. But they may forestall memory loss and confusion. "It's not unlike heart disease. Once you have it, you can't re-

verse it, but with a combination of lifestyle adjustments and medications, many of the most challenging symptoms can be managed effectively," says LaRue. The Alzheimer's Association

estimates 5.2 million Americans have memory and language problems caused by Alzheimer's disease. That number is expected to increase by more than 50 percent by 2030.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend a big Thank You to the Wheeler Fire Dept. for responding to a predawn Security Fire Alarm at our home. We were out of town when the security company notified us that the fire alarm had gone off. It turned out to be a false alarm, but we sure had a tense few minutes, while we wondered if our house was burning down. It's comforting to have such a competent fire department in Wheeler. Thanks also for the expressions of concern from all you, who heard it on your scanners.

Thanks so much, Fred and Melody Velasquez

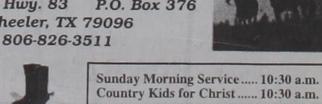
Britax Child Safety Seats Are Recalled

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CHARLOTTE, NC (December 12, 2008) - Britax Child Safety, Inc. announced today that it is conducting a voluntary safety recall on the FrontierT combination Harness-2-BoosterT child restraints. The recall includes Frontier child restraints manufactured between April 1, 2008 and September 14, 2008 for Model #s E9L54E7, E9L54H6, E9L54H7 and E9L54M6 and between April 1, 2008 and September 17, 2008 on Model # E9L5490.

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COME AS YOU ARE

Tuesday Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m. Saturday Morning Prayer 7:00 a.m.

'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.

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 of next week at both the Wheeler for the little Christmas Tree. I have and Mobeetie locations. noticed several over town.

in the mail on Tuesday. Please have copy in the office by 10:00

a.m. Monday. - cwe -

- cwe -I hope you did not miss Wheeler Open House Wednesday. Lots of chores. goodies.

And, First State Bank will be ally did. hosting an Open House Tuesday

- cwe -There will be an early deadline time in a long time. Tuesday morn-

Had to meet a bus for the first next week. The 'Christmas Greet- ing, we had to get Stormie on the ing' edition of the paper will be put bus for school. I told her we had to walk to meet the bus; she said, "Why?"

I did not tell her that for the first Have you made your donation 5 and 1/2 years we had to walk to the 'Toys for Tots'? Time is run- and/or ride our bicycles 3 miles home from school.

- cwe -That was of course after we had Banking Center's Christmas done the milking and the other

Stop shaking your head; I-re-

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 -

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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 or decisions will be taken in open everyone a Merry Christmas and meetings.

a Happy New Year! Mayor's Report: Things are

Water Report: Good Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Act, Government Code, Chapter 551. Before any meetings are convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section on the Act authorizing the closed meetings. All final votes, actions,

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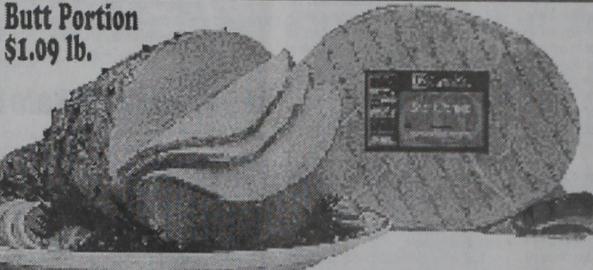
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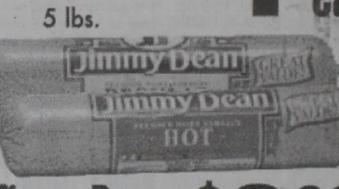


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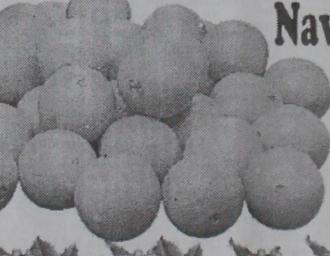
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regular or hot 2 lb. pkg.

Jimmy Dean Sausage select varieties 12-16 oz. pkg.



Duncan Hines Cake Mixes select varieties 15.7-18.25 oz.



Apples

Red Delicious,

Golden Delicious,

or Granny Smith

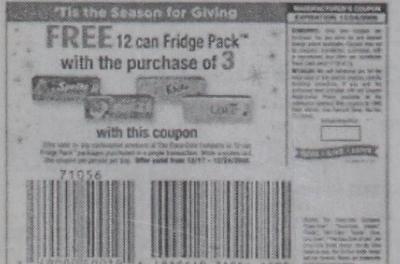
Navel Oranges extra large

Sweet



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TONT EROWN 50 ... Shurfine Sugar

2 lbs.

light brown or powdered

C&H Granulated Sugar 4 lbs.

Shurfine Cranberry Sauce jellied or

16 oz.

whole berry