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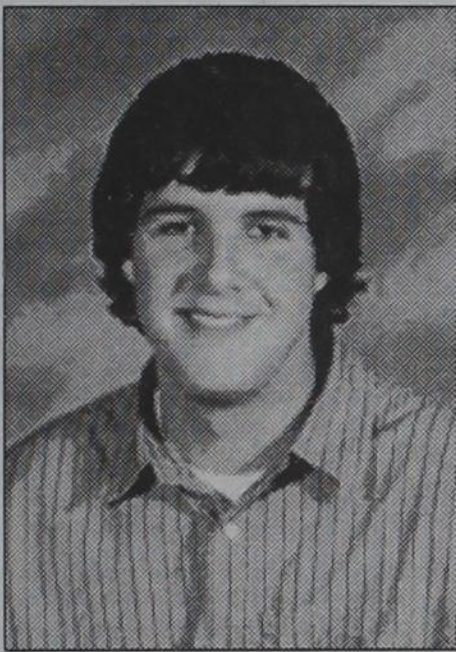
THIRD PLACE: The Wheeler Mustangs basketball took third place this past weekend in the Tomahawk Classic at Miami. Pictured above are (back row, l. to r.) Nick Hardcastle, Coach Markham, Jared Messer, Zack Andis, Michael Mendoza, Coach Brady, (middle) Colin Hampton, Pedro Hernandez, Johnny Venzor, Robert Lewis, Richard Watler, Brock Sabbe and (front) Ky Markham.

Wheeler To Present Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol”

The Wheeler High School Theater Class will be presenting “A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story” an adaptation of Charles Dickens original play. The Wheeler High School One Act Play will be sponsoring a dinner theater on December 13 beginning at 6:30. Tickets will be 10 dollars per person. Money from ticket sales and donations will go to the One Act Play and Theater department. The ticket price includes a catered meal and the production of “A Christmas Carol.” The meal is being catered by Steve Walker and features some Christmas favorites. The menu includes roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls and dessert. A second production of “The Christmas Carol” will be performed on Dec. 15 for the students of Wheeler School. Each student will be playing a multitude of parts, but the mentioned parts are the student’s leading character. So, come and enjoy an evening that is sure to put you in the Christmas Spirit.

Cratchit—Sidney Mills; Fred—Kallen Moore; Fred’s Wife—Brittany Brinkley; Jacob Marley—Jacob Thomas; Ghost of Christmas Past—Katie Leven; Ghost of Christmas Present—David Lucero; Ghost of Christmas Future—Chris Appel; Young Scrooge—Richard Watler; Young Boy—Brody Calcote; Mr. Fizziwig—Daniel Madina; Belle—Leslie Erwin; Stage Crew—Edgar Galvan.

For Ticket Information: Call: 806-826-5534 or 806-826-0714 or come by: the High School Office



Jared Messer has been named to the *Globe-News* “Athlete of the Week” Honor Roll. Jared, a member of the Wheeler basketball team, dominated offensively with 34 points in a win over San Jacinto he came back to add 31 and 25 in two victories in the Tomahawk Classic to lead his team to a third place finish in the Miami tournament this past weekend.

1st Lt. Ben Britt & Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Annual Toys For Tots Drive

Wheeler School Times
by: Diana J. Corral

The twelfth year for Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler County Sheriff’s Department, Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler and United Methodist Church. New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on each gift. These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated. If someone is aware of needy families, please contact Wheeler Sheriff’s Department or Lee Ann Hillhouse with families’ names ages and sex. Your help and contributions are appreciated. Monetary donations may be left at the Sheriff’s office, Methodist Church of Wheeler and Wheeler Vet Clinic. Monies will be used for toys, clothing or food as the donor wishes.

On Monday December 1, 2008 the Wheeler FFA traveled to Pampa for the Top-O-Texas District Banquet. Wheeler was represented very well. The Wheeler FFA chapter brought home the Sweepstakes award for having the highest points at the Top-O-Texas LDE Competition Meet. Some of the chapter officers also ran for offices outside their local offices. Troy Miller ran for district officer, Josh Hardcastle for area officer, and Stefan Tucker for state officer. These young men had to take a test, go through an interview, and receive popular votes from the voting delegates. Troy Miller was elected 2009-2010 Top-O-Texas President. Stefan Tucker received the Top-O-Texas State Officer candidacy. He will

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CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

As this column is being written Tuesday morning, the snow appears to have stopped.

With the temperature above freezing, the snow did not stick, except on the grass.

Clouds moved in Monday afternoon and we received only a trace of moisture.

The Chamber’s ‘Christmas Open House’ and ‘Cash’ drawings were a huge success this past weekend.

A ‘Tip of the Hat’ to Frankie Jackson and Marla Ford and of course husbands, Jim and Robert. They have been working overtime to get everything in order for the Christmas activities.

Marla, a ‘woman of many hats’ tried to hand in her resignation as chamber secretary in November. It was refused, but the chamber will still be needing a replacement; and that is going to be hard to do.

STORM REPORT

As Reported by... Stormie Meriwether, Kindergarten Student

It was a great birthday. There was a princess cake and princess things. The best of all was my friends came to my party. Some of the moms and J.D.’s Pop came to my party. My Mom and Dad and my Baba and Pop came too. It was the best! Thanks and I love all you guys!

It’s time for “The Nutcracker”. Next time we do it for all the people. It will be so much fun. I am a Gingerbread Cookie and a Gumdrop. Everybody will come to see us.

The snow is wonderful! I just want to stick my tongue out and taste it. Snow is really very cold water. I want to make a snow angel. I want to make a snowball and throw it at my house. Snow is the best! That’s it.

Local Resident To Be Featured In The Nutcracker Sat., Sun.

When the curtain goes up on Western Oklahoma Ballet Theatre’s 25th full-length production of the holiday classic “The Nutcracker,” a young Wheeler dancer will be featured in the ballet. Performances are set for Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, students, and senior citizens, and will be available at the door.

Stormie Meriwether, daughter of LeRoy and Rhonda Meriwether, will perform as a Gumdrop and a Gingerbread Cookie. She has been attending classes at the Western Oklahoma Ballet Academy once a week since August, and has participated in rehearsals for “The Nutcracker” since early November. She will be joined on stage by over 60 dancers and actors from Arapaho, Burns Flat, Butler, Clinton, Elk City, Hydro, Thomas, Weatherford, and the Dallas, Texas area.

Chairman Thomas Helton called the meeting to order in the Parkview Hospital Boardroom at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Thomas R. Helton, Chairman; Sue Chandler, Vice Chairman; James Batton, Secretary; Dale Garner and Ray Hudson. Also present: Ann Fagan Cook, RN, BSN, CEO and Charles Michael—Insurance Agent

Mr. Michael was given the opportunity to present the renewal prices for our employee health insurance policy. Mr. Michael pointed out that our estimated maximum annual claims is significantly lower than last year and our total estimated maximum costs will also be lower. There was a discussion period between Mr. Michael and the Board. Dale Garner made the motion to accept the price quote from Perico. Ray Hudson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Michael left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Comm. Court Meets In Regular Session

The Wheeler County Commissioners’ Court met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse.

Seven items were on the agenda. The commissioners approved the minutes of the previous November meetings.

The monthly reports of the Justice of the Peace, County Tax Assessor, County Clerk and District Clerk were accepted as presented.

The hourly payroll time sheets were approved for payment as presented.

The bills were approved for payment. There was no action on the budget.

No action was taken on the burn ban that remains in effect.

The court agreed to advertise for bids for a pickup for Precinct 3.

The next meeting of the commissioners’ court will be Monday, December 22, 2008.

Texas Monthly

Mel’s Diner Listed In Tex. Top 40 Best Small-Town Cafes

In its December 2008 issue, TEXAS MONTHLY revealed their selection of the “40 Best Small-Town Cafes in Texas.” Over a period of five months, 39 eaters were sent on an odyssey to... find the finest purveyors of chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, burgers and fries, onion rings, pork chops, cornbread, fresh doughnuts, and hot apple pie.” The 39 eaters traveled more than 24,000 miles, visited more than 350 cafes, and gained a total of 60 pounds. The magazine used the guideline of 25,000 residents in defining a “small town.”

Five editors and writers are returning to some of their favorite spots to meet the cafe owners and recognize them with their regular customers and other local fans in attendance. The following cafes

will be visited in person:
LUCY’S ON THE SQUARE, CELINA: Tuesday, December 2
BLAKE’S CAFE, MCQUEEN-EY: Monday, December 8
JAKE AND DOROTHY’S CAFE, STEPHENVILLE: Monday, December 8
TEXAN CAFE, HUTTO: Thursday, December 11
MEL’S DINER, WHEELER: Thursday, December 11
Founded in 1973 by Michael R. Levy, TEXAS MONTHLY has a circulation of 300,000 and is read by more than 2.5 million people each month—one out of every eight Texas adults.—TEXAS—MONTHLY is published by Emmis Publishing, L.P. Emmis owns and operates radio stations and other regional magazines.

Richard Smith To Appear At Mel’s Thursday Evening

Richard Smith and his wife, Julie Adams, will appear at Mel’s Thursday evening. They are being flown in from Nashville by Jerry and Jill Lister.

Richard and his wife appeared in Wheeler for our centennial celebration.

The following is from his web site, richardsmith.com: Richard Smith was born in Beckenham, Kent, England in 1971. One day, at the age of five, Richard was watching his father fingerpick “Down South Blues” (an Atkins-Travis recording) on his guitar. The boy begged his dad to show him how to play it, and finally he did. Despite the fact that Richard is left-handed and his dad’s right-handed guitar was not designed for tiny hands, by the end of that day, Richard learned and played both the chords and the melody. Within no time, the toddler outstripped his dad’s six-string prowess and it was clear to all who saw or heard him play that Richard was one of those rare phenomena — a child prodigy.

Concentrating initially on the music his father loved — the country picking of Chet Atkins and Merle Travis — young Richard digested everything he heard, learning even the most complicated of these tunes with ease, and confounded everyone with his dexterity. It seemed that, not only did the boy possess amazing physical skill, but a photographic musical memory as well. Often, a single hearing was all it took to get a piece under his fingers.

Richard first met his hero, the “Godfather” of finger style guitar, Chet Atkins when he was only eleven and was invited by Chet to play with him on stage at Her Majesty’s Theatre in London in front of an audience of about a thousand. He played Chet’s arrangement of “Whispering,” and Chet played along with him. Then the audience went mad and Chet asked him to play another one. Before Richard could decide what to play, someone shouted “Little Rock Getaway,” and Richard played Chet’s arrangement of it while Chet, not playing this time, watched him in amazement playing to a stunned and appreciative audience. By the time he reached

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ANGEL TREE: Wheeler Nursing and Rehabilitation has their “Angel Tree” in place at the home. Businesses and or individuals are invited to stop by and pick angels from the tree. The “angels” have the name and information about one of the residents; presents can then be brought to the facility for their Christmas tree on December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Shown here selecting their “angels” are Christian Simon and Liz Shipp, representing Wheeler Banking Center, and Bill Howard and Diane Dukes, representing First State Bank of Mobeetie/Wheeler.



WORLD’S LARGEST STOCKING: Wheeler Banking Center will be giving away the “World’s Largest Stocking” to some lucky youngster. Children 14 and under can register at the bank during banking hours on December 23, 2008; the drawing will be after the bank closes. The winner can then pick up his or her stocking on December 24. Darrell Gaines and Stacy McQueen are shown here holding the stocking.

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THRIFTWAY TOUR: The Kelton Health Classes toured Wheeler Market Square Thriftway Grocery Store. Shelly Sparks spoke to the students. The students were there learning about how healthy choices can be available. The students purchased healthy items to make health class. Pictured are Shelly Sparks, Jose Huante, Kenneth Dyck, Travis Brittain, J.D. Martinez, Payton Garza, Jessica Morales, Alli Banda, and Traylen Drake.



TOUR: Coach Jamie Davis, Mrs. Nancy Davis, and Mrs. Melissa Kimbro accompanied the students to the grocery store. Students include: McKinzie Martinez, Audra Alley, Taylor Riley, Marco Juarez, Cody Stephenson, Jonathan Ramirez, Morgan Martinez, Quentin Parker, Rachel Blackburn, Valerie Garza, Kenneth Dyck. The Kelton Lions would like to thank Thriftway Supermarket and Shelly Sparks for their hospitality.



THE NEXT NOEL: Students at Kelton presented their Christmas program on Friday, December 5. Participants included: Guz Braddock, Nathanael Darnell, Ranaely Dyck Larry Luna, Donavin Poole, Nathan Rowley, Emily Russell, Micah Shortnacy, Laura Brown, Wes Putman, Hunter Koelzer, Travis Reeves, Gavin Guajardo, D'angelo Smith, Bryan Contreras, Joey Couch, Brooklynn Longbine, David Lopez, Ivy McKinley, Courtney Morgan, Dulce Pena, Brayden Neaville, Dalton Neaville, Clayton Nunez, Ashlyn Poole, Luke Unterkircher, Dakota Westbrook, Kyle Dawson, P.J. Schultz, Hailey Spence, Kyla Brown, Andy Rameriz, Stormie Meriwether, Brock Buckingham, Cassidy Carter, Emily Cook, Jayton Couch, Ransley Cochran, Laney Garcia, Kiera Hurtado, Kaleb Kimbro, Maddison Martinez, Clint McKee, Corbin Whitmire, Cody Carr, Jewels Smith, Fernando Garza, Jacob Maxwell, Cristian Contreras, LeighAnne Cook, Ryan Cook, Brett Hennig, Allen Lumpkin, MaKalli Marshall, Luis Martinez, Eli McKinley, Paige Martinez, Putter Morgan, Bryce Rowley, Leann Spence, Colton Yarbrough, Katherine Brown, Cruz Juarez, Johnny Guajardo, Hagen Weatherly, Audra Alley, Allie Banda, Bobby Blackburn, Kionte Brand, Alex Dougherty, Kenneth Dyke, Payton Garza, Graciela Lopez, J.D. Martinez, Jessica Morales, Joel Contreras, Travis Brittain, Kayleigh Coomer, Traylen Drake, Sarah Garner, Jose Huante, McKinzie Martinez, Wes McKee, Taylor Riley, Valerie Garza, Xavier Garza, Audra Weatherly, Jimmy Westbrook, Jady N Wright, Rachel Blackburn, Felipe Covorubia, Reonna Dyke, Cecilia Guerrero, Morgan Martinez, Mia Lopez, Quentin Parker, Tanner Reynolds, Shyla Smith, Cody Stephenson, Marco Juarez, Jonathan Ramirez, Leslie Alvarado, Destiny Lenz, Thomas Meadows, Danny Morales, Cheyenne Powell, Danny Dawson, Denver Page, Matt Stephenson, Johnny Jarez, Cierra Alvarado, Paloma Contreras, Shai Dougherty, Kristen Garner, Chantelle Hampton, Charmayne Hampton, Angelica Lopez, Mark Mora, Breeanna Carr, Ethan Johnson, Michael Guajardo, Hayden Jernigan, Shawn Hudson, Lacy Lepp, Tammye Lumpkin, Terra Taylor, and Leandra Westbrook.



The Cast: Leslie Alvarado, Cody Stephenson, Johnathan Rameriz, Thomas Meadows, Lacy Lepp, Angelica Lopez, Cierra Alvarado, Reonna Dyke, Destiny Lenz, Denver Page, Matt Stephenson, Michale Guajardo.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Here it is Tuesday morning already. It's only 26 on our front porch this morning. The snow is falling and is beautiful. Even in the dark. Seems like it takes forever for the sun to come up. Of course, we probably won't see the sun today, if the weather forecasters are right. We had a couple of little showers yesterday, but not enough to do any good, for the farmers. Sure won't be lifting the burn ban anytime soon.

Last Tuesday was such a beautiful day. The family and friends of Clois Richardson gathered at the Prairie View Baptist Church in Elk City to say goodbye. It was so nice that they spent part of their time visiting out in the churchyard. Leola Stuart drove into Wheeler and continued the trip to Elk City with Jerry and Sheryl Richardson. They had a good visit. Jerry is usually hard to catch, as he spends so much time out in the field for his oilfield company. The company merging and naming it Exterran didn't do a thing to help him out. Thursday Sheryl and Leola enjoyed a girl's day out in Amarillo, although Sheryl had a doctor's appointment. All went well, though. They tried to visit with Leola's Aunt Ermel at the Bivins Nursing Home, but found out she had been admitted to the hospital with pneumonia on Monday. It was too late to run by and see her by the time they got done at Sheryl's appointment. It was good to hear that Aunt Ermel got to come back to the home on Friday. Hope you are feeling much better, Miss Ermel.

Lynn and Anita Sims have been busy decorating their porch and yard. It is so pretty at night. What a warm welcome as you come into town. Several have their beautiful Christmas trees in their front windows. They are so pretty. Gordon and Wanda have a

Parkview (from Page 1)

nance is considerably lower than the usual price. Also Ms. Fagan Cook and Mrs. Stiles will go to trade shows at the expense of Prognosis and if any systems are purchased within six months of the trade show, we will receive a \$5,000 deduction from the price of the maintenance for each system sold. Ray Hudson made a motion to negotiate the contract as a pilot program. Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook stated that she had been contacted about updating our enabling legislation to clean up the current language and to be in compliance with current law. She reported that our attorney at Davis & Wilkerson had reviewed and made recommendations regarding further change. Consensus was to proceed with this since the school districts have changed. Ms. Fagan Cook will present the formal changes at the next meeting of the Board.

Ms. Fagan Cook reported that we had a room rate increase last January and that we are still in line with area hospital. A rate increase is not necessary at this time. She also stated that the Shingles vaccine had been ordered for employees but has not arrived at this time.

Chairman Helton asked if there was any new business. Ms. Fagan Cook stated that she had received only one bid for the heliport project. This was from West Texas Landscaping in Pampa. Dale Garner made a motion to accept the bid. Sue Chandler seconded the motion. There was some discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook also reported that we now have paramedics 24/7 on our ambulance service.

Meeting was declared ad-approve the reports. Ray Hudson seconded the motion. There was some discussion regarding some of the scorecards. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook requested that the Board approve the usual Christmas bonus for all employees to be paid on the first payroll of December. Dale Garner made a motion to approve the usual amount. James Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented a contract with Prognosis Health Information Systems of Houston, Texas for procurement of an electronic medical record.

She stated that our attorney at Davis & Wilkerson, Austin, Texas had reviewed the contract. He did not find any items that needed to be negotiated or changed.

Mrs. Stiles and Ms. Fagan Cook reported that they had had conversations with the hospital in Sweeney who has the Prognosis product. Mrs. Stiles said that she had had conversations with the DON there and was pleased with the information that she received. Ms. Fagan Cook reported that she had spoken with the administrator of the facility and he was very informative about the product. The outstanding feature of the system is that we will have the ability to customize it to meet the needs of physicians and staff. The price will include the interface with our current business office, radiology and pharmacy systems. This will be a pilot program and the rate for purchase and mainte-



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beautiful lighted white star and cross on their fence. So striking and makes you think of what the season is all about. While we were sitting in a doctor's waiting room, Mom picked up a Texas Monthly magazine. What a nice surprise to see our own Mel's Diner of Wheeler chosen as one of the Texas hot spots to get a good chicken fried steak. Congratulations, Mel, Susan, and crew. Quite an honor. Bob Hink did his part to promote the diner. Good picture Bob.

Sorry this is so short; we are on our way to more doctor appointments. Hope you are all warm and safe. Have a great week. Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Jack and Bernice Hefley, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Don and Mary Edwards, Doug and Pat Corse, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Kathy Dunn, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Curtis Hendrix, Lonnie Hendrix, Mabel Tabor, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Jane Seitz, Sue and Pete Seitz, Louise Hogan, Mary Whitener,

Lou Dean Douthit, Elizabeth Newman, Iona May, Byron Simpson, Tom Frye, Danny Hendrix, Carl and Peggy Carter, Alvern Hutchison, Frankie and Bob Herman, John Ulrey and family and the men of his battalion, Joe Tolle and family, Michael McLaughlin and family, Andrea Aldridge and family, John Paul Harris and family, Kourtney Mayfield, Jennifer Mayfield, Ralph Mayfield, Joann Couch, Peggy Frazier, Chuck Carl, Shelton May and family, Kenneth and Vera Walker and Bill and Patsy Caswell.

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Holiday Driving Safety Tips

Driving during the holidays doesn't have to be stressful or dangerous. By planning ahead, packing and preparing properly, and allowing plenty of time for long trips you can help ensure your safety on the road.

Vehicle Preparation and Packing

Have your vehicle checked before travelling. Many garages offer safety checks for tire tread and pressure, lights, brakes, cooling systems and other components. Make sure everything is securely stowed when you pack your vehicle. Even small objects can become dangerous missiles in the event of a sudden stop or a crash.

Trailers and Caravans

Check all towing attachments and make sure the couplings are compatible. Also remember to check the safety chain, trailer lights, tires and brakes.

Driver Fatigue. Holiday driving often means spending several hours behind the wheel. Long journeys can be tiring, and fatigue can be fatal behind the wheel. There are some simple ways to avoid fatigue and improve your alertness:

- Try to get plenty of sleep before your journey, and try to drive at times of the day when you are normally awake;
- Plan your time and plan for rest breaks every couple of hours. Get out of your vehicle and take a short walk or do some other exercise to get your blood flowing and improve alertness. If you feel tired, take a short nap.
- If possible, share the driving;
- Don't drink and drive, and don't speed. Many fatigue-related crashes also involve these two factors

Keep your Cool.

Driving can be a frustrating experience at the best of times. Add in busy roads and your patience can evaporate very quickly. For safety's sake don't let that happen. There are simple and easy ways to keep your cool and stay in control:

- Be courteous – let others merge into traffic and use your indicators before turning or changing lanes.
- Stay right- unless passing. If you're a slower driver, pull over when you can to let others pass. Be patient and don't be provoked by other drivers' aggressive behaviour. Share the Road.

Traffic volumes increase significantly during the holidays. You will have to share the road with other cars, as well as heavy trucks, buses, campervans and vehicles towing boats or caravans. Keep the following points in mind:

- Keep a safe following distance between yourself and the vehicle in front. This gives you a safe stopping distance should the vehicle in front of you stop suddenly;
- Trucks and towing vehicles have lower speed limits. If you're travelling behind a slower vehicle, wait for a passing lane or until you can see clear road ahead of you and enough space to overtake safely; and
- Overtaking a larger vehicle, don't slow down quickly or cut in too closely. Larger vehicles take a longer time to brake and you could end up getting hit from behind.

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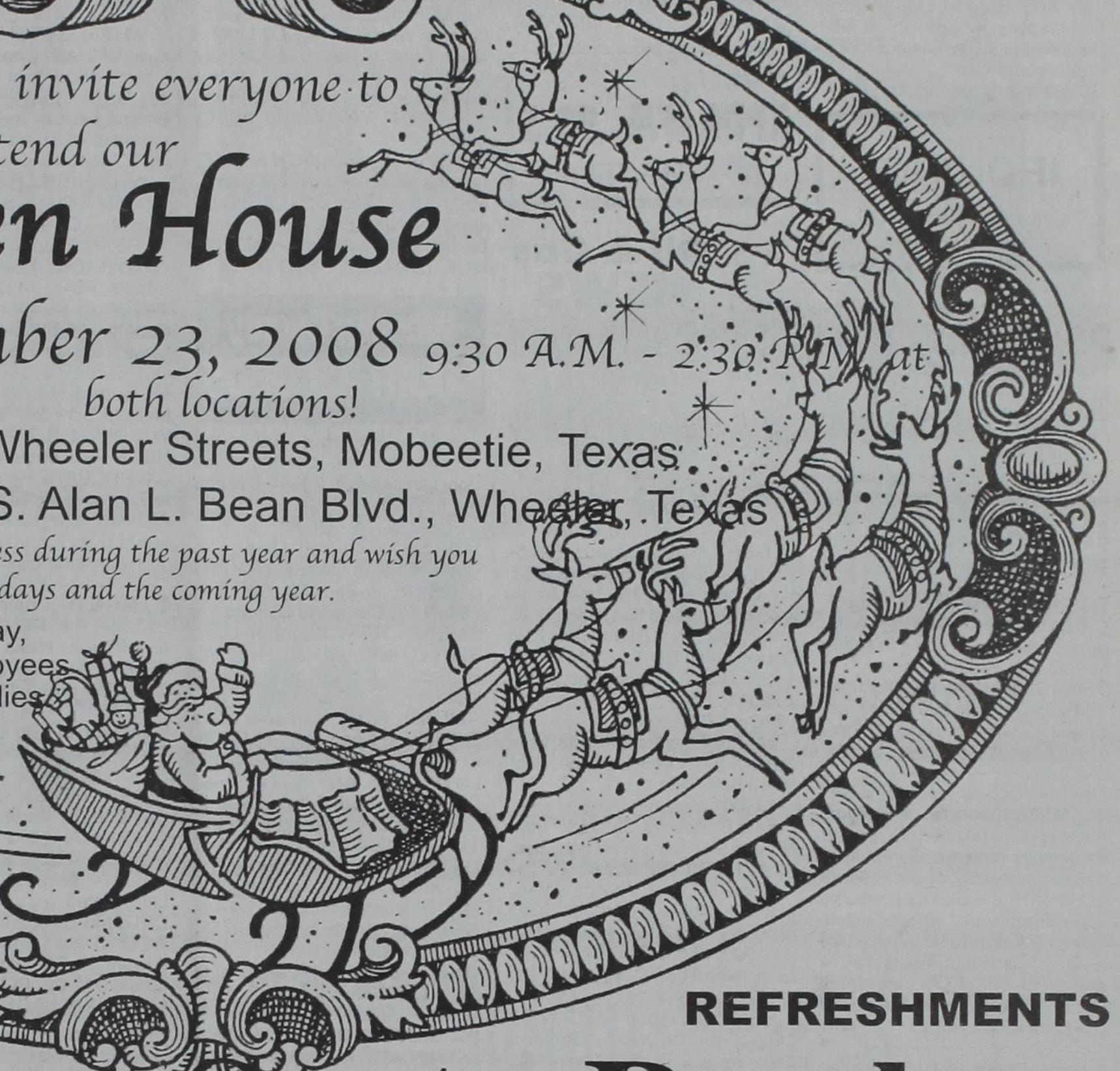
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We sincerely thank you for your business during the past year and wish you every happiness for the Holidays and the coming year.

We will close at Noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2008, for our employees to have more time with their families.

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Area dancers will have the leads in "The Nutcracker" for only the second time ever. WOBT Company Dancers Luke Davis, Madeline Grunewald, and Marica Porter will take on the roles normally performed by visiting professional dancers.

Luke Davis, who will perform the roles of the Snow King and the Sugar Plum Cavalier, in addition to appearing as a Party Guest and in the "Arabian" variation, has studied dance for ten years and is in his fifth season with WOBT. He has been featured in numerous WOBT productions, including "The Sleeping Beauty," "Carnival of the Animals," "The Wizard of Oz," "The Firebird," "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe," "The Nutcracker," "Alice In Wonderland," and "Peter & The Wolf," in addition to performing at RDA/SW Festivals in Dallas, Abilene, and Houston. He also performed at the 2007 RDA National Festival in Pittsburgh. Luke attended the Glenda Brown Choreography Project in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and has also attended the American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensives in New York City and Detroit on scholarship, the Joffrey Ballet School Summer Intensive in New York City, and the Joffrey Midwest

Summer Program in Flint, Michigan. He is the son of Burl and Melanie Davis, and is a junior at Weatherford High School.

Madeline Grunewald, who will perform the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, in addition to appearing as a Party Guest, a Mouse, and in the "Waltz of the Snowflakes," has studied ballet for 13 years and is in her fifth season as a WOBT company dancer. She has been

featured in many WOBT productions, including the roles of Princess Aurora in "The Sleeping Beauty," Susan in "The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe," and the Snow Queen in "The Nutcracker." She has studied intensively at the American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive in Detroit, the Joffrey Midwest Summer Program, the Joffrey Ballet School Summer Intensive in New York City and at

the Ballet Austin Summer Program. Madeline is the daughter of John and Terrica Grunewald, and is a sophomore at Weatherford High School.

Marica Porter, who will perform the role of the Snow Queen, in addition to appearing as a Party Guest and in the "Toy Flutes" variation and the "Waltz of the Flowers," is in her first year as a WOBT company dancer. She began her formal training at Dramatic Truth School of Ballet in Lee's Summit, Missouri, and studied intensively at the State Ballet School of Missouri (now the School of Kansas City Ballet) and at Ballet Magnificat in Jackson, Mississippi. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance Performance and a BA in Business Administration from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. She was a member of the Stephens College Repertory Dance Theater and Dimensions Dance Company, and continued her dancing with Collin County Ballet Theatre in Plano, Texas, performing in "The Nutcracker," "Peter & The Wolf," "Cinderella," and many original works. She is the daughter of George and Linda Porter of Elk City.

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schools on Monday, December 15. For more information about "The Nutcracker" call (580) 323-7400. This production is made

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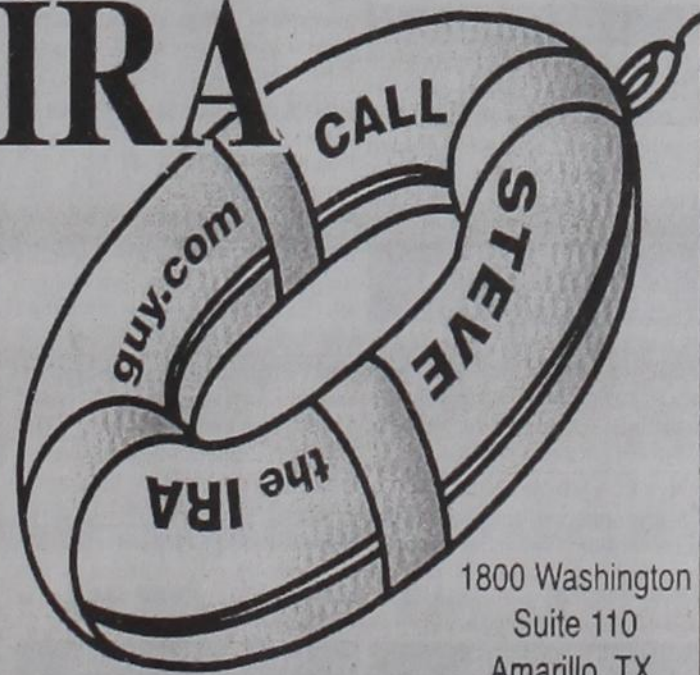
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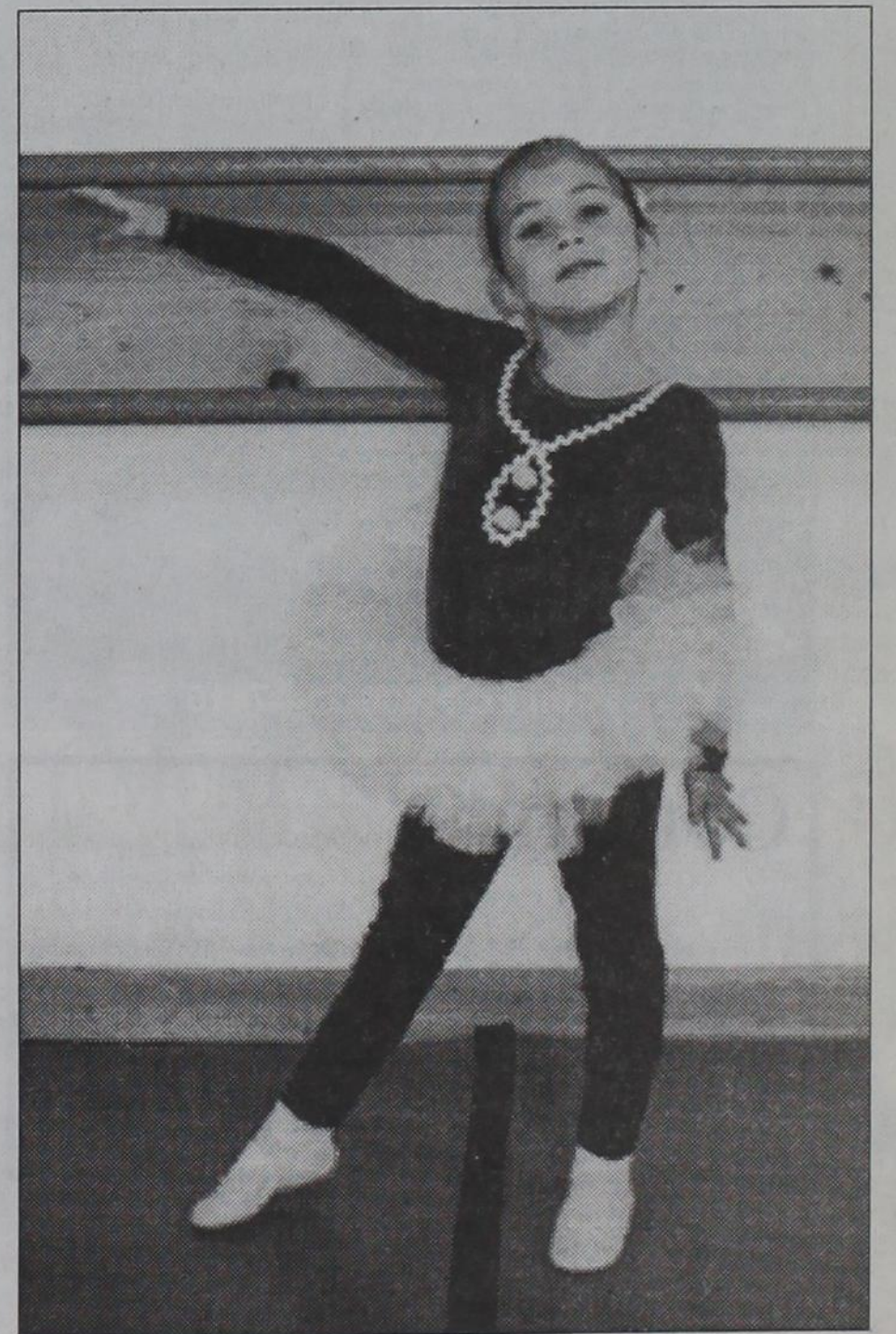
his early twenties, both Chet Atkins and Jerry Reed began to refer to Richard Smith as their "Hero" - and still do.

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Richard has toured around the world, surprising audiences everywhere with his genius, showcasing a repertoire spanning an incredible range of musical styles from country, bluegrass, mainstream jazz, modern pop and rock, to classical guitar. Richard also plays several of John Phillip Souza's marches and, incredibly, comes close to sounding like an entire marching band - drums and all.

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Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., for the following wells:
#4 Bowers '37', 169' from North & 404' from West line, Sec. 37, A-1, H&GN, PD 13500'. #4 Elm Creek Ranch '36', 222' from North & 154' from East line, Sec. 36, A-1, H&GN, PD 13725'. Rule 37
#4 E.B. Flowers '1', 1603' from South & 2416' from East line, Sec. 1, 41, H&TC, PD 13500'.
#4 E.B. Flowers '33', 2287' from North & 941' from West line, Sec. 33, 41, H&TC, PD 13500'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #32 Hemphill Walser '11', 990' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 11, 4, AB&M, PD 14050'.
HEMPHILL (BIUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #8 Fillingim '44', 1350' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN, PD 14000'.

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1806 Flowers 'C', 2190' from North & 1020' from West line, Sec. 6, BS&F, PD 14000'.
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Gas, L.L.C., #2105 Byrum, 467' from South & 2450' from East line, Sec. 5, B-I, H&GN, PD 10600'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #871 McMordeie, 2045' from North & 2394' from East line, Sec. 87, C, G&M, PD 12900'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., #6 Miller Spinney '39', 467' from South & 1866' from West line, Sec. 39, A-3, H&GN, PD 16400'.
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #607 Begert, Sec. 7, Z-1, H&W, spud 8-10-08, drlg. compl 9-4-08, tested 10-1-08, potential 2977 MCF, TD 14595', PBTD 14438'.

HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #707 Begert, Sec. 7, Z-1, H&W, spud 9-14-08, drlg. compl 10-16-08, tested 11-11-08, potential 4741 MCF, TD 14750', PBTD 14655'.

HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #606 Kiker, Sec. 6, Z-1, ACH&B, spud 4-27-08, drlg. compl 5-15-08, tested 8-12-08, potential 1262 MCF, TD 14286', PBTD 14174'.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 1, 2008—December 5, 2008.

DECEMBER 1, 2008
MD-Mary Deborah Owens to Whitney Leigh Owens, et al, 11-25-08, NE/4 Sec. 58, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AMEND. ROW-Samson Lone Star LLC to Curtis Hall, 11-20-08, Pt. Sec. 13, Camp County School Land.
AMEND. ROW-Samson Lone Star LLC to Curtis Hall, 11-20-08, Pt. Sec. 13, Camp County School Land.

OL-Marilyn Ruth Artran, et al to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-4-08, NE/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Judy Gamble to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-4-08, NE/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Barbara Jane Mizar, et al to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-12-08, NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-George B. McBride Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-6-08, NE/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Robert F. Bailey Jr. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-6-08, NE/4 Sec. 24, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Andrea Jane Wise to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-18-08, NW/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL-John Matthew Clark to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-18-08, NW/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-Margaret Dobbs to Forest Oil Corporation, 11-18-08, Pt. Sec. 51, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-W.W. Wheeler to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 8-19-08, Pt. W/2 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Garland Moore to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 8-25-08, Pt. N/2 Sec. 9, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
D-Eugene Nelson Gray, et al to Jason Gray, 11-1-08, Lot 65, Sandspur Add.
DECEMBER 2, 2008
TERMINATION ASSIGN.-James Edward Snelson Jr. Grantor Trust to James Edward Snelson Jr., 11-10-08, See Instrument.

ROW-Bert and Barbara Bass Revocable Living Trust to Elk City Oklahoma Pipeline LP, 11-18-08, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-Artie C. Sailor III, et al to Elk City Oklahoma Pipeline LP, 11-10-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.-PAC Production Company to Forest Oil Panhandle Resources LP, 12-1-08, S 201.5 acs. E/2 Sec. 72, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

NOTICE CHILD SUPPORT LIEN-Dora Elsa Salas to Terrance Carl Menefield Sr., 11-26-08.
C/C PROBATE-T.J. Watts to Ex Parte, 11-10-08.
SUPPLEMENTAL DT-Northfork Electric Cooperative Inc. to United States of America-Rural Utilities Service, et al, 9-30-08, No Wheeler Co. Land Listed.
NOTICE OF FILING-Northfork Electric Cooperative Inc. to The Public, 9-30-08, No Wheeler Co. Land Listed.

DECEMBER 3, 2008
PARTIAL ASSIGN.-Chesapeake Exploration LLC to Chesapeake Investments, 11-10-08, Sec. 65, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PARTIAL ASSIGN.-Chesapeake Exploration LLC to Chesapeake Investments, 11-6-08, Sec. 6, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey.
ASSIGN.-Robert L. Templeton to Coe Cunyus, 12-1-08, Sec. 19, Camp County School Land.
ROY./MD-Jack A. Herrmann and Jean Herrmann Trust to J. B. Herrmann, 11-19-08, S/2 Sec. 48, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Marla Gaye Calcote Lax to Pogo Panhandle 2004, LP, 8-28-08, Pt. SW/4 Sec. 3, AB&M Survey.
C/C PROBATE-Charles W. Darter to Ex Parte, 11-24-08.
EXECUTOR'S DISTRIBUTION DEED-Clyde Manuel Rice, Estate, et al to David Scott Brown,

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1345 Meek, Sec. 46, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-24-08, drlg. compl 9-13-08, tested 10-13-08, potential 4142 MCF, TD 13405', PBTD 13325'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3038 Smith, Sec. 38, M-1, H&GN, spud 9-21-08, drlg. compl 10-10-08, tested 11-7-08, potential 8276 MCF, TD 13763', PBTD 13681'.

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka) Forest Oil Corp., #1043 Davis, Sec. 43, A-7, H&GN, spud 7-26-08, drlg. compl 9-23-08, tested 10-22-08, potential 2130 MCF, TD 17410', PBTD 17282'.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Forest Oil Corp., #505 Britt Ranch, Sec. 5, 1, B&B, spud 6-27-08, drlg. compl 8-1-08, tested 8-29-08, potential 4281 MCF, TD 15350', PBTD 15157'.

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #9 Holt '19', Sec. 19, RE, R&E, spud 8-26-08, drlg. compl 9-16-08, tested 11-9-08, TD 14400', PBTD 14322'.

et al, 11-14-08, Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.
DECEMBER 4, 2008
MD-James Harold Hill, et ux to Melissa Schooler, et al, 12-4-08, W/2 NW/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE-Henry Boyd Davis to Ex Parte, 12-1-08.
ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Richard Lee Hauschild Jr. Revocable Living Trust, et al, 12-2-08, Pt. NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
EXECUTRIX MD-Oscar F. Loter to Lucille A. Hicks, et al, 11-10-08, Sec. 52, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
HEIRSHIP AFF.-John P. Winbauer, et al to Oscar F. Loter, 11-10-08, Sec. 52, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE-Madalyne Johnson Davis to Ex Parte, 9-30-08, No Wheeler Co. Land Given.
M&M LIEN-RSM Construction to Auer Corporation, 8-1-08, No Land Given.
DECEMBER 5, 2008
ROW-Britt Enterprises to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 11-12-08, Pt. Secs. 37 and 38, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RATIF. OL-Huffman Reed Walker to Genesis Land and Minerals Resources, 11-20-08, Sec. 5, J. Poitevint Survey.

RATIF. OL-Rhonda Jean Walker to Genesis Land and Minerals Resources, 11-19-08, Sec. 5, J. Poitevint Survey.
AFF.-Roy Allen Kroeker, et al to Roy Allen Kroeker, et al, 11-25-08, Sec. 2, Blk. 3, Brooks & Burleson Survey; Secs. 1 and 2, Blk. E, E. J. Campbell Survey; Sec. 3, Blk. 2, G. O. McCrohan; and Secs. 15-17, Camp County School Land.
OL-Roy E. Kimsley Jr. to Samson Lone Star LLC, 10-21-08, N/2 Sec. 63, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Jack B. Wilkinson Jr. to Samson Lone Star LLC, 10-13-08, N/2 Sec. 63, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Cleo G. Dodd Jr., et ux to

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Resources, 11-19-08, Sec. 5, J. Poitevint Survey.
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OL-Roy E. Kimsley Jr. to Samson Lone Star LLC, 10-21-08, N/2 Sec. 63, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
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OL-Cleo G. Dodd Jr., et ux to Samson Lone Star LLC, 9-30-08, S/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
PART. ASSIGN.-Neil W. Schilke to Questar Exploration and Production Company, 10-31-08, Pt. Secs. 4 and 7, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
ASSIGN.-Discovery Operating Inc. to Questar Exploration and Production Company, 11-10-08, Pt. Secs. 4 and 7, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
GUARDIAN ASSIGN.-Alex M. Roter to Questar Exploration and Production Company, 11-22-08, Pt. Secs. 4 and 7, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

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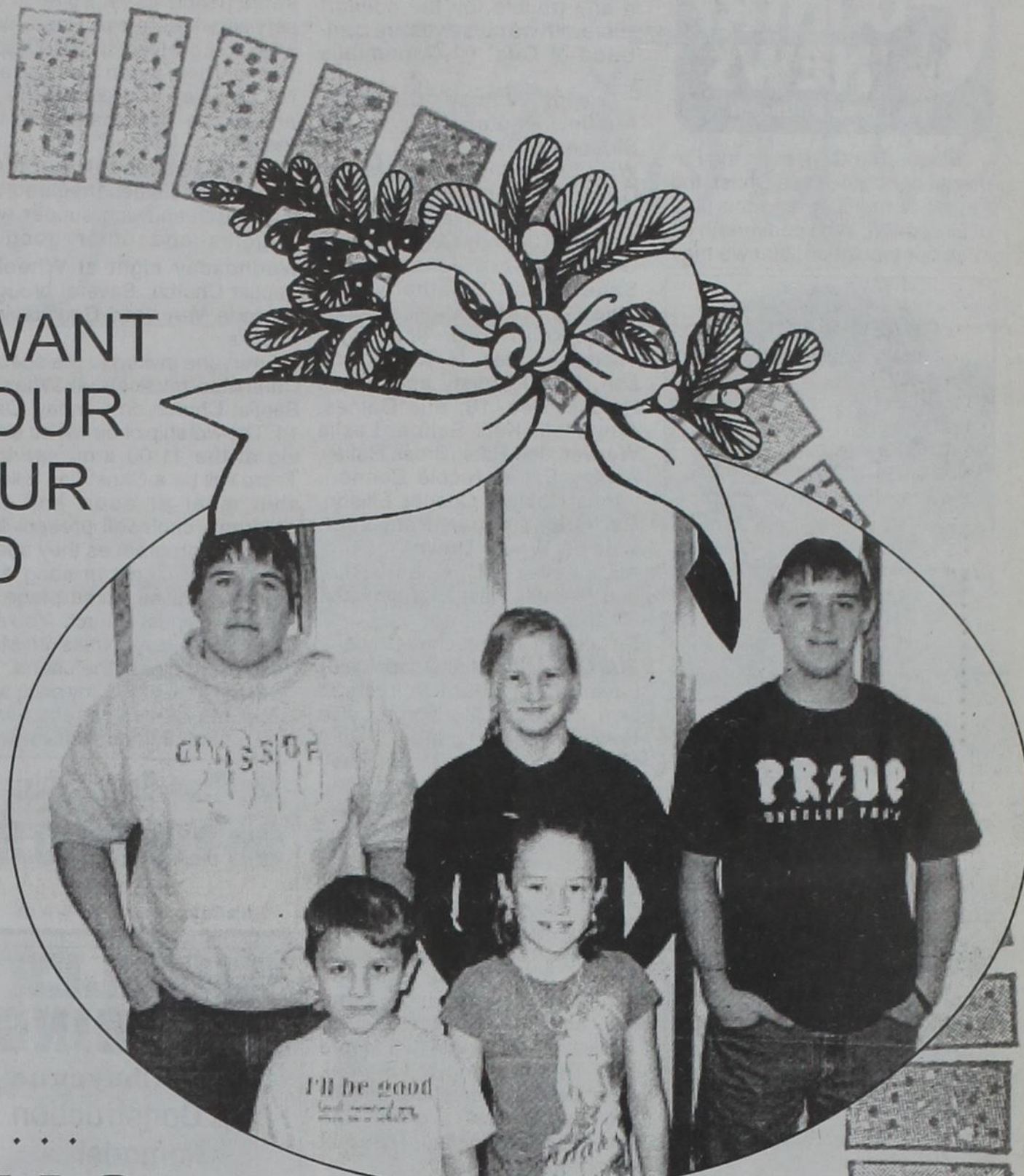
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ALLISON NEWS
By Juanita Boydston

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see

this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. Luke 2:1-21

The weather here in Allison on Tuesday morning is very COLD and WINDY and it is blowing snow and like a white out outside. Its only to be in the thirties today. At this writing its only twenty seven degrees. Allison received a few showers of rain yesterday evening and night and then awoke to snow this morning. Yes it is truly winter time out there. Amazing how one day it can be seventy some odd and the next dip into deep winter time. Yes that is the Texas Panhandle for you.

Diane Rose of Canyon, Texas visited her mother, Alice Kelly this weekend. She arrived on Friday and left to go back home Sunday afternoon.

Last Friday, Bret Beqert flew to Austin, Texas for a Pre-Legislative Session Meeting of Public School Leaders. Bret also met individually with House Speaker, Tom Craddick. Bret flew back home Friday night.

Tuesday, Louise Boydston, Mike and LaQuinta Hulse, Opal Boydston, Shirley Chadwick and Kevin Fleming went to Wheeler, Texas on business and did some shopping. While in Wheeler, they

all enjoyed a delicious meal at Soto's. After the meal they came home by way of the Zybach Cemetery.

Wednesday, Shirley Chadwick of Jones, Oklahoma, Mike and LaQuinta Hulse of Saharita, Arizona, Kevin Fleming of Lufkin, Texas and Bennie Boydston of Allison, Texas and Opal and Juanita Boydston of Allison, Texas enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal in the home of Louise Boydston.

Opal and Juanita Boydston attended the Annual Christmas Drawings in Wheeler on Saturday and Sunday, but they weren't lucky this time around either day. But the weather was so beautiful each day. Really nice to be out. Sunday, Opal and Juanita Boydston enjoyed viewing the things at the Arts and Craft Booths at the Wheeler School. Lots of beautiful things had been made and really good looking food and candies had been cooked and displayed as well. Really nice! There was also buggy rides, but we didn't get in on that at this time.

Sunday after church, Opal and Juanita Boydston went to the Allison School Cafeteria where the Ft. Elliott FFA Youth were serving a very delicious Christmas meal of turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce and hot rolls and sweet potatoes and tea to drink. Then after the meal there was lots of dessert to choose from. Santa was also there for the children, some were afraid of him, but others welcomed him and went and sat on his knee and told him what they wanted for Christmas. There was a very good turn out for the meal. I can't start naming names or I would be sure to forget someone. But there was a good crowd there for sure.

Monday, Juanita Boydston accompanied Peggy Chandler to Wheeler, Texas on business and shopping.

Sorry to report that our pastor's wife, Mrs. F.R. Johnson has been

and still is very very sick. I'm sure she covets your prayers. We are praying for you Sis. Johnson. Hope you get well soon!!
May God Bless and Keep you all till next time!!



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."



STUDENTS: Western Technology Center's Computer Information and networking Program students are (back row, l. to r.) Pictured L to R: Mr. Snider, Instructor; Robert O'Dell, Elk City; Tim Jefferson, Weatherford; Hank Hunt, Wheeler, Texas, (front) Colton Yates, Burns Clat; Rader Rhodes, Hobart; Raymond Acuna, Foss; and Shane King, Weatherford.

Used Computer Donations Sought

Western Technology Center's Computer Information and Networking program refurbishes computers for BFDC Early Childhood Education Center. As a community service project, the class refurbishes donated computers for various programs or WTC students in need of a computer. The program is always accepting donated computers for use in this project. If you have any computers you would like to donate to the project or questions about the project, contact Alan Snider, instructor, at 580-562-3181 ext. 2258.

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NINETY-SEVEN: Madge Erwin will be observing her 97th birthday on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Madge has been a resident of Wheeler for the past 70 years, having moved to Wheeler in 1938. She has seen a lot of changes. The streets were not paved when she moved here. Happy Birthday, Madge!

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be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (II Corinthians 1:3,4).

"Happy Birthday" to Kenneth Austin, Paula Britt, Joann Simmons, Greg Smith, Jessie Wills, Elizabeth Newman, Marion Grimes, Bevard Dukes, Jessie Hanes, Michael Watkins, Nicholas Austin, Wendy Couch, Aleahy Gaines, Sherri Jones, Eddie Sauer, Scott Weatherly, Will Stiles, V. Karen Meek, Melody Goad, Keri Hudson and Peggy Thompson; Dec. 15; Kathy Jackson, Amy Hardisty and Stacie Haiduk, Dec. 16; Sue Gaines, Amy Huff, Kelli Sabbe, Leslie Weaver, Jeff Pate, Brock Hatley, Ashley Estes, Nicole Bohner, Leona Coates, Cooper Ellison, Pat Grametbauer, Pam Vogt, Katelyn Wood, Drew Woolard, Alice Kelley (91), Chad Hefner and Ty Swift, Dec. 17; Samantha Chapman, Michael Kenney, Dustin Puryear, Stephen Gulhere, Bob Carey, Ida Mae Goad, Missy Laverty and Debra Ford Kidd, Dec. 18; Chris Carlson, Louise Howell, Shelby Louthan, Blake Morrison, Peggy Rose, Ruby Smith, Hyland Weaver, Logan Yarbar, Kimberly Childress, Frances Collins, Charlene Dukes, Georgia Dea Holland and Lela Pride Dec. 19 and Bob Wills, Royce Marion, Rocky Mendiola, Melanie Gates, Lori Morrison Sprock, Alexander Johnson, Shelia Touchstone, Brandon Simmons, Donna Hunt, Erma Riley and Jerod Guillen, Dec. 20.

Visiting Dennis and Kim Moore over Thanksgiving for a week were Cambri, Jeret, Kallen, Alli and Bryce, Jonas, Caysen, Bria from Lander, Wyoming. They met in college.

Some going Tuesday night to Elk City on the Wheeler Baptist Church bus to see "The Christmas Carol" at the Red Carpet Theatre and the pretty lights were Betty Howard, Leona Coates, H.B. and Kathryn Krug, Wesley and Helen Steen, Dewayne Baker (driver), Martha Meek, Juanita Fillingim, Rose Blakeslee, Doris Finsterwald, Roy and Nell Bradstreet and others. They also ate at the Western Sizzlin' and had a fun time of fellowship.

From a Christmas card: "In a world that is so troubled and needs so much fixing, isn't it great to know that the STAR that shone all those years ago on that first Christmas still shines today and the love that tiny baby boy brought to the world is still in every corner of the world and He is still in charge." Praise the Lord!

Sincere sympathy to Kenna Howard and other family and friends in the death of Kenna's mom.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of R.E. George, 85, in his death. Services were Wednesday at Canadian at the Methodist Church. Fillingim, Meadows and Vise kids and others rode a bus together into high school at Canadian where they graduated. Most attended Pleasant Valley grade school growing up. R.E. is survived by his wife of 64 years, Fanny Jo George, a daughter, Sue Lynn Krehbiel, a brother, Bill George of Conroe and two grandchildren. Ferne Vise (deceased) was a sister.

Enjoying Thanksgiving at the home of Marion and Ethel Grimes were Willie Renner, Elizabeth Shipp, Savannah Shipp, Wesley and Katie Hathaway of Canadian, Jim Kirkpatrick and Marion and Ethel. God bless you.

Nice to see Christmas decorations popping up to brighten things. Remember, "Jesus is the reason for the season." Without His birth, we would have nothing to celebrate.

Joe Wagoner, I'm still enjoying the Santa you made and painted many years ago. Still looks good! Hope all is well at your house with you and Sherry and Shawna and her husband.

Nice to have a good visit from niece, Evalyn Free, from Tyler, Texas, on Monday. She was also going to visit sister, Ruth Irvine, and help her with some things. We always enjoyed Leon and Veal Fillingim and their six girls and families.

Nice to have a good phone call from my "little sister," Mary VanSant. She lost her husband recently after over 40 years of marriage. It has been hard, but Carol Gene and James Hardage are helping her cope with many things. They all live at Hideaway and enjoy the fellowship and friendship and churches there.

Earl Husted and Joyce Wood were out to Wheeler Care Center Tuesday for sing-along, communion, message from the Bible and fellowship with the residents. Betty was still coughing, so didn't come. Also, Mark Barton was "puny", so didn't come to share his

illness. Always good to see the sweet people there. Some at the service were Teresa Reed, who was 106 on Dec. 6, Bill Dyson, Verna Alston, Byron Simpson and Nina Hervey who played the piano. Some sickness among the residents.

Ella Mae Wood, Ned Burrell and Leona Coates prepared the delicious sandwich supper with veggies and other goodies Wednesday night at Wheeler Baptist Church. Several brought desserts. Very good. Good crowd! Thanks!

Everyone invited to the special Christmas musicals at Wheeler Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 14. The worship choir will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be a Christmas fellowship meal at noon and the children's choir will present the 6:00 p.m. program as they share the birth of Christ in song and drama. This all takes place at Wheeler Baptist Church. You are all invited...don't miss it! Matt Koen is director of the choirs.

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

for everyone's enjoyment. Some there were Arica Lancaster, Melba Corcoran, Frances Dickey, Brother Don and Mayme McElroy, Mary Davis, Mae Bailey, Audrey Seitz, Betty Rogers, Leta Mae Gatlin, Laura Vandever and Doris.

Doris is also expecting Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Brandon, Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald and Andy and Charles and Donald Finsterwald and Randy Finsterwald for Christmas day.

Good to know that April Mick will be able to come home for Christmas from South Korea where she is a missionary teacher. God bless you!

First Sunday Singing was at Allison Sunday night with good readings, songs, fellowship and lots of good food. Some giving readings were Ray Hudson; Glenda Hudson, Rodney Hudson, Allison Dickey, Aaron Laverty, Bill and Kay Stiles, Mark Roberson and Grace Roberson. Singing were John and Angie Huff with Bill

and Kay Stiles, Daniel, Phillip and Seth Roberson and Nadine Lane and John Huff with guitar.

Some singing with Mobeetie choir were Paul Hathaway, Charlie and Mary Davis, Don McElroy, Melba Corcoran, Gina Seitz (director), Toney Dickey, Gus Malone and Betty Rogers. Most read some scriptures, as did Doris Finsterwald. Playing harmonica was Martha Meek. Also playing guitars and singing were Gina Seitz and Charlie Davis. Good job, everyone! Good crowd...good program! Next time, First Sunday Singing will be at Gageby Church on January 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

Thanks Sylvia Shuler, Leona Coates and Evangeline Wills for decorating Wheeler Baptist Church sanctuary so beautifully with flowers, lights, greenery and bows, etc.

"God be with you till we meet again."



ATTEND CONFERENCE: Officers of the Phi Beta Lambda chapter at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford are (from left): Secretary Dana Nightingale, Elk City; Executive Vice President Kelsey Zybach, Briscoe, Texas; Vice President for Fundraising Kelsey Boone, Vici; Treasurer Alyssa Showman, South Haven (KS); and President Kody Tucker, Sayre.

DPS Troopers Now Have In-Car Comp.

An effort to equip all DPS troopers with in-car computers is sweeping across Texas, now finishing up in the Houston and Austin areas.

The \$15 million project, approved in the last legislative session, is mostly complete. All areas of Texas now have at least some patrol units equipped with the wireless technology.

When the project is completed, nearly 2,000 Highway Patrol and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units will have the in-car computers.

"We appreciate the Legislature providing us with this capability" said interim DPS Director Stanley E. Clark. "From an officer safety and efficiency standpoint, this puts our troopers on the cutting edge and moves us light years ahead in our law enforcement capabilities."

With in-car computers, troopers have the ability to instantly identify wanted persons and stolen vehicles. The secure network provides real-time alerts, digital photographs and homeland security information, and equips the units with GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. The computers will also speed up the citation process.

DPS is also testing in-car computers in the Texas Ranger and Criminal Law Enforcement divisions.

Kelsey Zybach Attends Confer'ce

Officers attending were: President Kody Tucker, Sayre; Executive Vice President Kelsey Zybach, Briscoe, Texas; Secretary Dana Nightingale, Elk City; Treasurer Alyssa Showman, South Haven (KS); and Vice President for Fundraising Kelsey Boone, Vici.

The PBL's 2008 conference theme was "Get the Edge." The conference agenda included leadership workshops and keynote speaker Kyle Eastham, motivational speaker and Black-Belt karate expert. SWOSU student activity fees helped pay the registration fee for the officer-team to attend the fall conference.

Future Business Leaders of American-Phi Beta Lambda is the largest business career student organization in the world, with the postsecondary division numbering over 11,000 college students. Beginning with the first high school division in 1937, the first collegiate chapter was chartered in 1958. Phi Beta Lambda is a national organization that helps prepare students for business careers.

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Christmas Open House

\$1,500 Wheeler 'Cash' Given Away Drawings Sat. and Sun.

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas iCash drawing was held in connection with the Christmas Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7, 2008.

A large crowd was in attendance for the two drawings. The first was held on the west side of the square in very pleasant weather.

A total of \$600 in Wheeler iCash was divided between fourteen individual shoppers.

The largest envelopes were drawn for, first and no one individual received more than one iCash prize each day. The three \$100 winners were Frank Clymer, Donna Gapps and Christine Atherton.

The four \$50 winners were Terra Taylor, Amy Hunt, Jacob Maxwell

and Karla Herrera.

Four envelopes containing \$25 went to Valetta Frankenberg, Ruby Craig, Wes Bradstreet and Elizabeth Spikes.

On Sunday afternoon, another nice, warm December day, \$900 was handed out to eighteen individuals. Big winner for the day was Bobby Ninnenkamp.

Two envelopes in the amount of \$100 were handed to Christine Atherton and Vernal Prater.

The five \$50 envelopes went to Edgar Herrera, Valerie Reeves, Selena Lopez, Perry Helton and Wanda Williams.

Ten envelopes, valued at \$25, were given to Herry Zepeda, Joe Ellison, Artie Tidwell, Terra Taylor, JoseFina Velez, Lyndi Hernandez, Frank Hungate, Spencer Ford,

Ruby Craig and Donna Capps.

Businesses and individuals sponsoring the drawings this year were Wheeler Chamber, First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler, Jennings Plumbing & Air Conditioning, Marshall Discount Auto, Speed Clean Laundry, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Vet Clinic, Wright Funeral Home, Cross Country Barn, Lyndon Loyd Auctioneers, Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Mike Smith, Market Square Thriftway, *The Wheeler Times*, Wheeler Nursing & Rehab, Wheeler Shell, Sabbe Construction, City Drug Bed and Breakfast Hotel, Novedades Saharay, The Spot, Peso Dollar Store, Paradise Spa, Raekye Gifts/Mustang Video, Britt Ranch, Heritage Feeders, L.P., H&H Tire, L.P., H&H Dirt Work, L.P., Mustang Auto Care, Parkview Hospital, Mel's Diner, Honey Inn, Center Gas Fuel, Inc., Capital Farm Credit, Speedi-Mart, Soto's Restaurant and Wheeler Flower and Gifts.



Chamber Says ... THANKS!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce has completed another year of activities. We want to thank all the Chamber members and businesses, as well as the Wheeler School, Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, and especially you, the community, for taking part in our activities. We appreciate *The Wheeler Times* and *The County Star-News* for the coverage they gave our activities.

Attendance was great at the Christmas Open House and Craft Show. Santa was there both days and had more than 120 visitors. A great big "Thank You" to our special Santas for taking the time to help us.

We look forward to a new year with new things ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

God Bless,
Frankie Jackson, Chamber President and

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Santa Letters To Be Published In Times

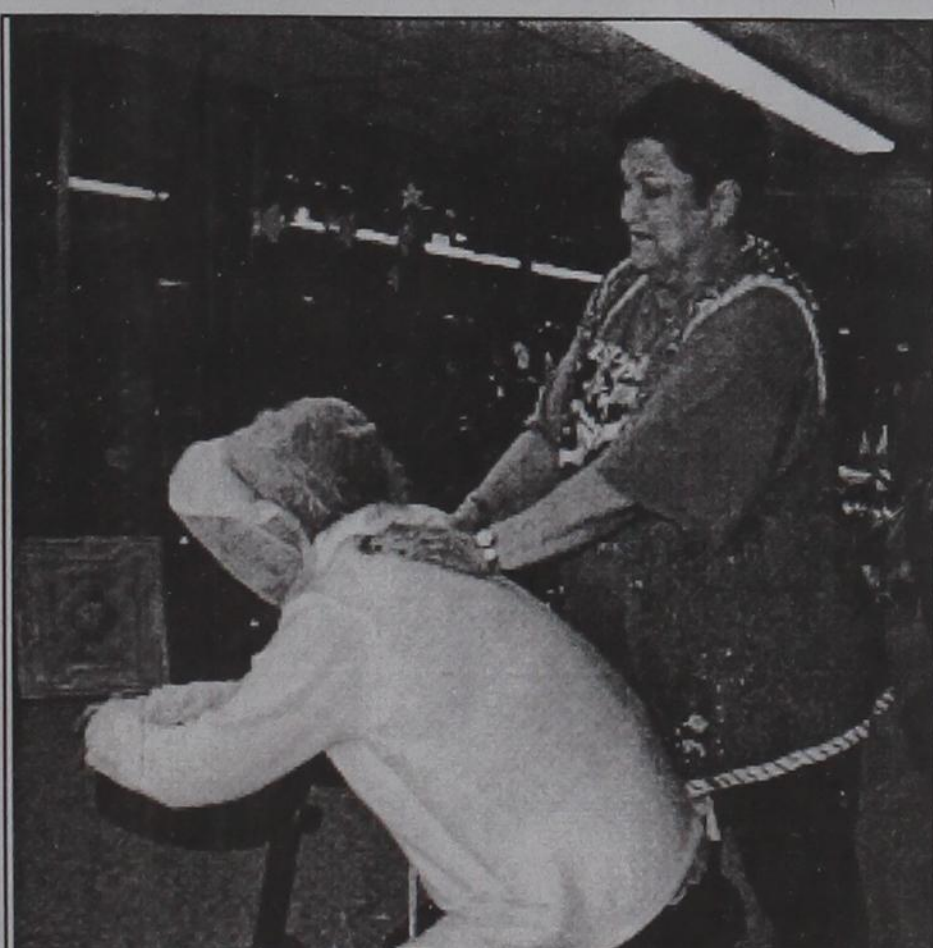
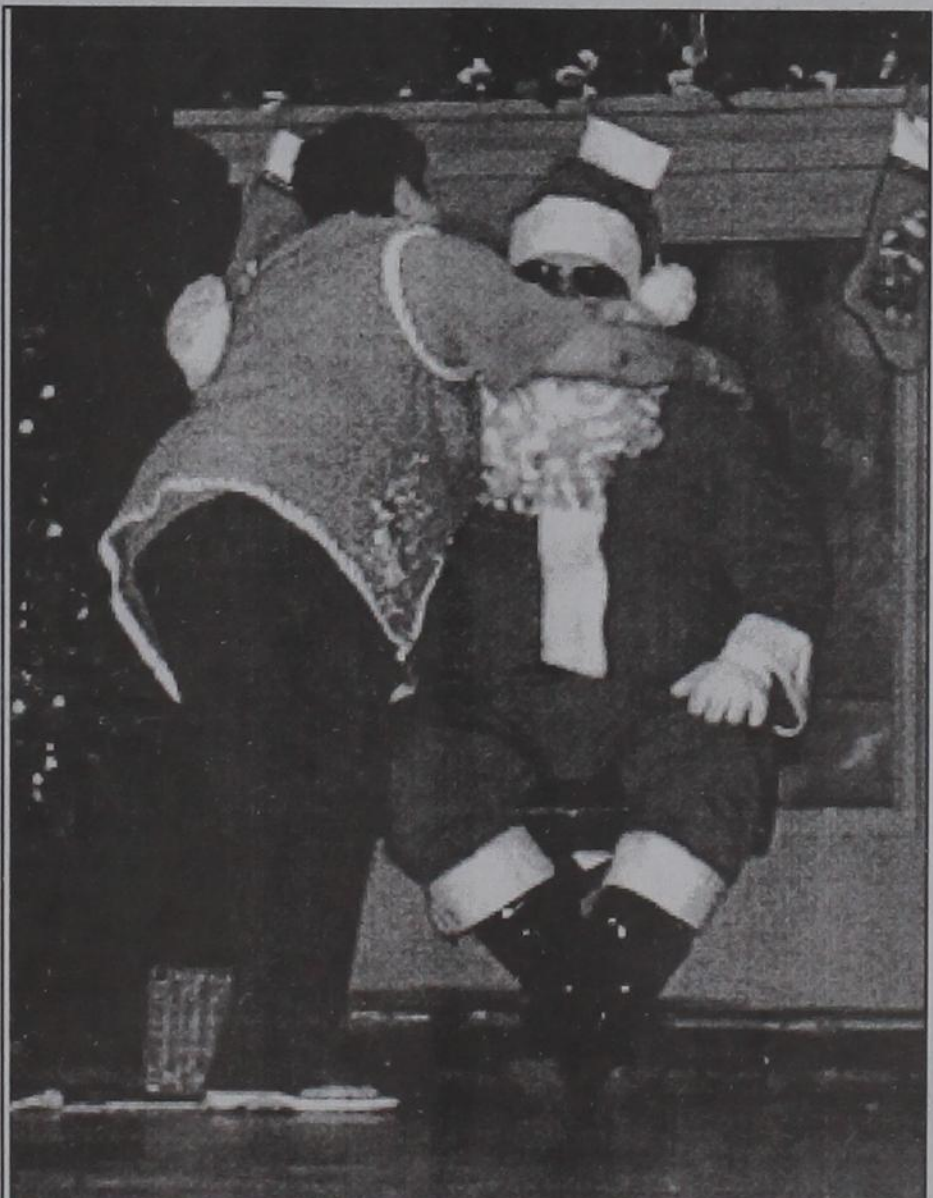
Hey kids! Christmas is just around the corner and Santa Claus is so busy at the North Pole in his toy shop that he has asked the *'Times'* to help him out with his Christmas mail.

All you little boys and girls through the third grade are asked to help Santa, also, by sending your letter to Santa Claus to *'The Wheeler Times'* to be published.

Teachers, if you would like to help the children with their letters as a class project, please see that the letters are clearly printed and that they reach the *'Times'* office on time.

Ol' Santa will read all the letters in one issue, thus cutting down on the mail and you won't be taking a chance on your letter getting lost in the snow.

Kids, read these instructions carefully: Write your letter (using 30 words or less), mail it to *The Wheeler Times*, P.O. Box 1080, Wheeler, TX 79096, so that the *'Times'* will receive it by December 15, 2008.



Chat (from Page 1)
 These two ladies were also responsible for the decorations on the courthouse lawn.
 —cwe—
 Chamber members, we need to be more available to help.
 —cwe—
 We are starting to work on the Christmas Greeting edition of the Times, so be expecting a call.
 —cwe—
 The Christmas Greeting edition will go into the mail the week of Christmas—and that is almost here.
 —cwe—
 Congratulations to Mel's Diner on being named as one of Texas Top 40 restaurants by Texas Monthly.

—cwe—
 Texas Monthly will be at Mel's Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and the evening activities will include the weekly 'jam session'
 —cwe—
 From the pictures we received from Charles Kuntz, you can see that work on the Wheeler County Agricultural and Family Center is moving 'right along'.
 —cwe—
 We did not get to play cards again Monday evening—that does not mean we did not get to play cards last week.

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School (from Page 1)
 now be running against five other people from the other districts in order to become the Area I State Officer. Stefan will deliver his speech in May at the Area I Convention. Josh Hardcastle gave a great speech, but unfortunately he came up short in votes to receive an area office.
 The Wheeler Varsity teams competed in the Miami Tournament over the weekend. The Mustangs ended in third place. The Lady Stangs lost the consolation game.
 Wheeler School is having a canned food drive. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods that will be delivered to needy families this holiday season. Every class 7-12 grades has

their own box. The class that collects the most cans will win a pizza party before the Christmas Break. All boxes will be collected Friday, December 12.

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 12/4 Nelda Babb
 Billy Coberly

Dismissals
 12-1 Jenny Walker
 12/3 Colbey Hanson
 Elizabeth Newman
 12/5 Thelma Kellison

Richard (from Page 3)
 Richard Smith was born in Beckenham, Kent, England in 1971. One day, at the age of five, Richard was watching his father fingerpick "Down South Blues" (an Atkins-Travis recording) on his guitar. The boy begged his dad to show him how to play it, and

finally he did. Despite the fact that Richard is left-handed and his dad's right-handed guitar was not designed for tiny hands, by the end of that day, Richard learned and played both the chords and the melody. Within no time, the toddler outstripped his dad's six-string prowess and it was clear to all who saw or heard him play that Richard was one of those rare phenomena—a child prodigy.

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