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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

WHS National Honor Society Collecting Old Cell Phones

We continue with dry weather and wind. Fortunately our local people have been being careful not to start fires.

If I haven't recently said 'Thank You' to the local and surrounding firemen, here it is.

We have been running articles from the Wheeler High School principal and a teacher. This week's principal's column is made up of two Wheeler student's English assignment. Worth reading. Writers are Justin Lee and Lacey Henson.

Pictures were taken at Wheeler Nursing and Rehab's Christmas party in early December. We finally got the pictures and First State Bank is having them published in this issue.

In order to get the residents identified, it was necessary for me to go to the nursing home. Congratulations, to the administration and staff.

Wheeler Nursing and Rehab continues to be second to none. Take the time to visit a friend or relative in the facility. You will be impressed with the appearance.

A Wheelerite recently participated in the New York Marathon. Congratulations, Sara Walsler. Her picture is also on page 1.

Barbara and I stayed home this weekend and entertained Melba and Gene Arnold. They were on the way to Amarillo for a Jam Festival. They spent Thursday night and returned for dinner on Sunday.

It was cards as usual Monday. Dwight and I lost all three games.

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Take that old cell phone out of retirement and put it to work!

Please donate your used cell phones to help raise much needed funds for the Auditorium Lighting Restoration project. The WHS National Honor Society is collecting used cell phones through January 31, 2006, for the purpose of updating the Wheeler ISD Auditorium Lighting. We will receive a monetary donation for each piece that we collect during this Fundraising Program.



MARATHON RUNNER: On November 6, Sara Walsler ran and completed the ING New York City Marathon with the New York City Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society raising \$17,875.00 for the charity. Many thanks go out to all the generous people in Wheeler who donated to the charity on Sara's behalf. Sara is a 1989 graduate of Wheeler High School, 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University and currently resides in New York City where she is employed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., a private equity investment firm. She is the daughter of Clay and Donna Walsler of Amarillo, formerly of Wheeler.

According to a new study by environmental research group Inform, people in the US will soon be getting rid of about 130 million cell phones each year. "That's about 65,000 tons of cell phones and ultimately they are thrown away," says Joanna Underwood, spokesperson for Inform. Cell phones and laptops contain toxic materials such as arsenic, lead and zinc.

Electronics donated through the Phoneraiser Program, however, are given new life. Your used phones are desirable to people living in developing nations. Phoneraiser makes your unused technology available to those who can use it, while keeping it out of the landfill. Those items that cannot be resold are recycled for their component parts according to EPA standards.

We're very excited about this program," says Betty Rives, Sponsor. "This recycling program not only benefits the WHS National Honor Society's project but assists in preserving the environment and bringing communications to people who could not otherwise afford it."

All cell phones are accepted. Please donate at the following locations:

Wheeler ISD #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler
Or contact any National Honor Society member

Prairie River Music. Scheduled For. Sat.

PRAIRIE RIVERS MUSICAL will present its' first show of the new year on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Canadian, Texas. The location of the show is at the Middle School Auditorium at 404 S. 6th Street.

The show continues a tradition of not charging for admission, and provides a facility which is smoke and alcohol free. Very comfortable theatre type seating is available for everyone. "We are proud that our shows, which began in the fall of 1999, features live music," noted Jay Godwin, one of the original organizers. "Classic country, western swing, rockabilly, and gospel make up the mainstream of our shows."

Regular performers expected include Phil Ridgway, Mary Lynn Schafer, Hank & Venita McPherson, George Briant, Dale and Kayla Jenkins, Wayne Wright, Pat Popham, and Jay Godwin. David Jenkins, a very popular fiddle player from Leedey, Oklahoma, is committed to perform. We also have one of our music scholarship recipients, Jonathan Kelly, of Altus, Oklahoma, making a return appearance. "We draw a big part of our crowd from Western Oklahoma, so, David and Jonathan will be our way of saying "thanks" to those regular fans from across the state line," mused Godwin.

Starting the 2006 off with a hand-clapping, knee-patting, foot-stomping good time will be easy in Canadian, Tx. Saturday night. The show is all about good family entertainment.

For information call 806-323-6213

Mobeetie Council Holds Jan. Meeting

January 9, 2006 Minutes

The meeting of the Mobeetie City Council was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mayor Gordon Estes.

Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes, Emma Swigart, Patricia Kephart, Pam Jones, Gaylord Thompson

Member Absent: Louise Shorter
Guest: None

Minutes for December 12, 2005 meeting were read by Emma Swigart. Motion was made by Gaylord Thompson to approve minutes as read, seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 4-0.

The Financial report was read by Emma Swigart. Patricia Kephart made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 4-0.

Monthly bills were reviewed and considered. Motion made by Pam Jones to approve monthly bills as presented. Seconded by Gaylord Thompson. Motion approved 4-0.

Water Report: Good
Emma Swigart made motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.; Seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 4-0.

County Stock Show Dates, See Page 5



THE CANDIDATES: Ft. Elliott High School crowned their 2006 Homecoming King and Queen at 6:00 p.m. ceremonies Friday, January 13, 2006. Shown here are the candidates, (l. to r.) Alicia Reis, Blaine Baker, Vanessa Huff, Jake Puryear, Shealee Coulter, J. W. Lane, Jessica Helton, Kelsey Zybach, and Sarah Zybach.



FT. ELLIOTT ROYALTY: Jake Puryear and Shealee Coulter were crowned 2006 Ft. Elliott Homecoming King and Queen at ceremonies Friday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Heavenly Sign From Soldier Inspires Early Diligence

EUREKA, MO. — I'm back in Missouri, thinking about Ben Britt, who was buried in Wheeler on Jan. 2. Ben was my sister-in-law's oldest son.

When I think of Ben, I think of finishing things you've begun. He was leading his platoon into a firefight in Baghdad three days before Christmas when he was killed trying to finish what someone else started on 9/11.

When we arrived at the City Drug Bed & Breakfast Hotel in Wheeler for Ben's funeral, I noted a few things. The solid brick courthouse across the street with its cream-colored pillars. The sole blinking light at the town's main intersection. The granite war memorial that starts with nine names from the Civil War and ends with 11 more who died in Vietnam. They'll have to chisel a new war and a new name, and we all pray that one name is all the new war will cost this small Texas town.

Fifty years ago, When I was 7, my brother gave me a black eye over some trivial matter. That evening, my mother asked me why I hadn't hit him back. I replied that I was saving my tough.

Through the years I've grown to understand that aggressors don't respect anyone who saves his tough. We all want peace, but I've never received a satisfactory answer when I've asked a dove-ish person what they would do if a mean guy came through his child's bedroom window at midnight.

I don't believe nice thoughts and kind words will save the kids.

Ben Britt Memorial Fund

A memorial fund has been established in memory of 1st Lt. Ben Britt at the Wheeler Banking Center. Donations will be used to start a scholarship in Ben's honor and may fund other projects as the family sees fit. Checks may be made payable to the Wheeler Area Activities and Improvement Council and are tax deductible. Anyone with questions may contact Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse at 806-826-5821.

Sometimes you must use your tough, all of it, with the greatest ferocity you can muster, when attacked. You finish not only what you start, but you also finish a fight that's brought to your doorstep.

Wheeler's citizens know how to finish things. They fed untold numbers of relatives who had come in from across the nation. They took food to the Britt ranch houses filled with mourners. They spread it out at the bed and breakfast. The Catholic and Methodist churches fed innumerable people. A local

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4-H Clothing Project Offered To Youth

What you can do:

- Learn to sew
- Make clothes
- Make purses
- Learn about design & fashion
- Be in the County Fashion Show

April 4th

Supplies Needed:

- Any scrap fabrics 8 inch and larger

A clothes pattern, fabric, thread (try to find easy pattern with no zipper or buttons or a pattern that matches the child's skills)

Boys can make camouflage pants or shorts.

(Need a pattern for their size)

SEWING, SEWING, SEWING, SEWING, SEWING

Shamrock Community Center Tuesday's

Jan. 24, 31

Feb. 7, 28

March 7, 21, 28

Afterschool

Extension Learning Center -

Basement Wheeler County Court-

house

Wednesday

Jan. 25

Feb. 1, 8

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

After school

for girls and boys ages 9-18 years old

for any skill level beginner—advanced

For more information contact Wheeler County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences Karen Tellman at 826-5243

Services Mon. For Bobby E. Blackburn

Bobby Earl Blackburn, 65, died Friday, January 13, 2006 at Amarillo, Texas.

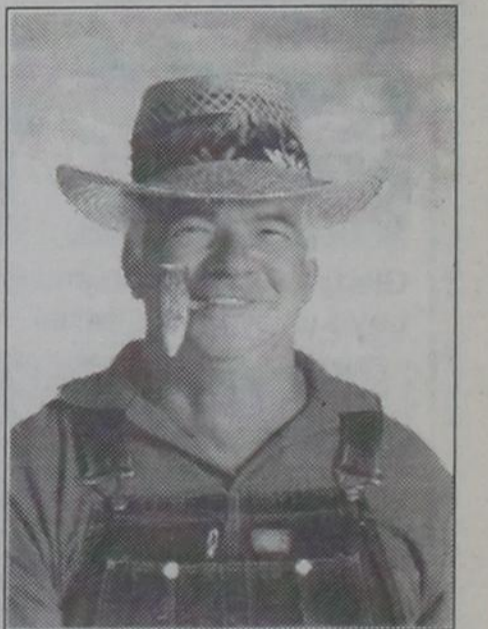
Services were at 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 16, 2006 in the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, with Rev. Jerry Thomas, pastor of the North Beacon Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo and Rev. Erron Mercer, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Blackburn was born September 25, 1940 in Conehatta, Miss. to Patrick and Thelma Loper Blackburn. He married Rebecca Scales on January 17, 1975 in Portales, N.M. They moved to Briscoe, Texas in 1986, where he was in maintenance for the Briscoe Schools until he retired in 2001. After he retired they moved to Wheeler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1960 to 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Becky, of Wheeler; 4 sons, Brad Blackburn, Morton, Miss., Mark and wife, Helen, Blackburn, Keys, Ok., Gary and wife, Denise, Blackburn, Spearman, Tx. and Bobby and wife, Heather, Blackburn, Amarillo, Tx.; 2 daughters, Mary Blackburn, Wheeler, Tx. and Tonya and husband, Randy, Jones, Amarillo, Tx.; his mother, Thelma Holiday, Newton, Miss.; 4 brothers, Curtis and wife, Susan, Blackburn, Newton, Miss., Harold and wife, Janie, Blackburn, Jackson, Miss., Jimmy and wife, Carol, Blackburn, Newton, Miss., and Larry and wife, Jo, Blackburn, Decatur, Miss.; 10 grandchildren; special niece and nephew, Will and wife, Melissa, Scales and Lee Scales of Amarillo; several other nieces and nephews.

Memorial requests are to your favorite charity.



Bobby Earl Blackburn

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living

Verne Lohberger
Opal Hefley
Alvern Hutchison
C.B. Brotherton
Iona May
Vea Fillingim
Lillian Lee

Admissions

1/9 Wanda Love
Charles Brown
1/10 Billie Ferguson
1/12 Chelsey Lane
1/13 Gabrielle Garcia
1/15 Wanda Herd
1/16 Fred Gallagher

Dismissals

1/9 Dean Lane
1/10 Joe Ellison
Wanda Love
Charles Brown
1/11 Wanda Herd
1/16 Gabrielle Garcia
Chelsey Lane

THIRD SIX WEEKS

WHEELER I.S.D. HONOR ROLL

Wheeler High School A Honor Roll:
9th Grade—Diana Corral, Michael Mendoza, Kelby Vise, Mattie Back

10th Grade—Jennifer Scales
12th Grade—Joshua Britt, Samantha Chapman, Lezli Finsterwald, Jennifer Jones

Wheeler Junior High A Honor Roll:
7th Grade—Omar Lopez, Mayra Martinez, Jaten Moore, Taylor Sparks

8th Grade—Dana Gallardo, Cesar Gonzalez, Joshua Hardcastle, Nicholas Hardcastle
Wheeler High School A/B Honor Roll

9th Grade—Zachary Andis, Gabriela Avila, Garrett Bean, Marisela Duenas, Megan Ellis, Sarah Miller, Nicole Moore, Nora Soto, Stefan Tucker

10th Grade—Omar Gonzalez, Aspen Hathaway

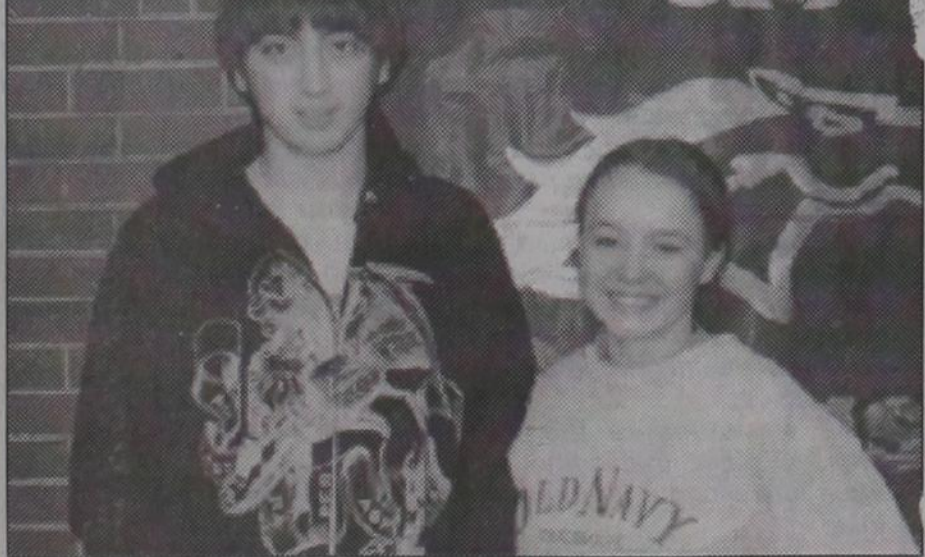
11th Grade—Lauren Fite, Jonathan Hampton, Cole Hathaway, Lacey Henson, Samuel Hillhouse, Dennise James, Steven McAlpine, Alan Parra

12th Grade—Kayla Andis, Tanner Collins, Bo Compton, J'Shay McCasland, Tyler McWhorter, Jansen Moore, Derek Murray, Winona Parsley, Katie Richardson, Kelley Timmons, John Williams

Wheeler Junior High A/B Honor Roll

7th Grade—Leslie Erwin, Spencer Ford, Tania Flores, Collin Hampton, Kaylee Marion, Mariah Marshall, Carla Mendoza, Karen Mendoza, Troy Miller, Jorge Porras, Haley Sparks, Gladys Zapata

8th Grade—Jonathan Engles,



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: Wheeler ISD Students of the week are Kayla Andis and Jansen Moore. Kayla is 18-year-old and lives with her Aunt Kim and Uncle Robert. Her activities include cross-country, basketball, FCCLA, and works at Mel's. Jansen is the 17-year-old son of Dennis and Kim Moore. His activities include sports, and school.

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COUNTRY NEWS
By Verna Fillingim

Romans 13:8: Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet, and if there is any other commandment, all are summed up by this Love your neighbors as yourself.

Happy Birthday to Marci Ault, Lyma Watson, Elizabeth Stiles Rogers, Bo Compton, Cody James, John Collins on Jan. 22; Mark Cornett, Alvin Reeves, Debbie Glassey, Jordan Moore, Andrea Auldridge, Susan (Nelson) Thompson, Randy Martin, Scott Draper, Stiles Christner and Bandi Bishop on Jan. 23; Kathy Knibbs, Sabine Brown, Barbara Beard, Randy Apodoca on Jan. 24; Jackie Cummings, D'Ann Swatwood, Carlen Steward, Brad Masters, Robert Henderson, Chad Dunnam, Zachary DeMoss and James Chapman on Jan. 25; Betty Talley, Red Dukes, Gordon Estes, Lori DeBose, James Light, Jake Britt, Kyle Eddens, Abree Finsterwald on Jan. 26; Chuck Earney, Gary Don Forrester, Yviria Soto, Misty Zybach Fairchild on Jan. 26; Katie Shipp, Don Burke, Jan Garrison, Travis Barnes, Danyell Hughes, Mary Weaver, Gwen Loyd, Rylee Rives on Jan. 27; Jason Eddens, Bernice Hefley, Carolyn Hefley, Hunter Mendiola, Megan Poage on Jan. 28; Michael Hilburn, Cory Sides, Wanda Christie, Jacob Reynolds, Hailey Moon, Reba Kroeker on Jan. 29; Holley McCurley Tina Currie, Raymond Moore, Donald Stuckey, Johnny Chapman, Ann Lee, Doug Adams, Tyler Thiessen, Teresa (Martin) Mercer, Lonnie Kenney on Jan. 30; Duane Bradford, Seth McClellan, Doyle Pond, Kevin Shields, Noah Singleton on Jan. 31; David Zybach, Deidra Salas, Emma Swigart, Caroline Cornett, Lisa Bennett on Jan. 24.

Saturday at Audra Weatherly's 7th birthday party at the Bridget and Shea Weatherly home east of Wheeler were Cassidy Andis, Annie Hernandez, Abree Finsterwald, Caitlynn Walker, Mikali Marshall and Audra. They wore play clothes and painted fingernails and toenails, played dress up, jumped on the trampoline, used lipstick. Audra wanted a Holly Hobby birthday cake. She was quite pleased with Sue's artistic creation. Taylor Hudgins also came and brought Jhea and Jet Weatherly. Also there, Joyce Walker, Heather Marshall and Brad and Sue Chandler.

very special uncle, Wilbur Miller, who died of congestive heart failure. However Glenda got real sick with bronchitis and has been having to stay in bed. Pray for Glenda. She is feeling some better.

Marie Baker enjoyed a good visit Saturday from her daughter, Phyllis O'Quinn of Perryton. They ate lunch and visited at Maxeys. They went to Thirtway to stock up on groceries and Phyllis cleaned Marie's house up nice. It was a good day; Marie especially enjoys the visit.

Nice to have a rare and newsy letter from Esther Brown at Rattliff City, OK, 73481, (7844 Ranch Road). Many wildfires in the area. The first set came within 4 miles of them. Scary. Several homes were lost and acreage burned. Governor even asked them to pray for rain. God is still in control. Lee resigned the church he pastored and they go to another Assembly of God Church at Velma about 10 miles away and enjoy being there. Jill Brown is planning to marry and move to Florida. Brown phone No. is 580-856-3351. The Browns have been remodeling a log house in the country. Lots done, more needed, but looking good.

Marie Baker has been shelling pecans. She got 4 quart bags of them. Son, David, picked them up at the courthouse; he didn't want them to go to waste. Lots of good eating. Leona Coates cracked them and Marie got the nutmeats out.

In Friday night's (1-13-06) Homecoming games, Ft. Elliott girls beat Higgins 59-12. Ft. Elliott boys beat Higgins 52-34. Congratulations!

Wheeler girls beat Miami girls 70-26. Wheeler boys won over Miami 71-39. Congratulations!

Everyone is invited to a baby shower Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Room at Reydon High School for the expected baby boy of Kyle and Shona (Hickey) Zybach. Best wishes!

Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and (Continued Page 6)

Happy Anniversary to Mike and Melody Goad and Earl and Betty Husted on Jan. 24; Mac and Gay Purcell on Jan. 31.

Linda Harvey from McLean came to Wheeler Sunday to visit old friends, Lavenna and Eddie Pannell and attended Wheeler Baptist Church. Good to see you, Linda.

Everyone is invited to come hear "Our Country Band" at Wheeler Care Center on Tuesday night, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. for "easy listening".

Everyone invited to come to Sing-a-long each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Wheeler Care Center and visit with the residents.

Ladies' Day Out will meet at Maxeys Thursday, Feb. 2 at 11:30 a.m. All Ladies invited.

Susan (Nelson) and San Thompson were married recently and are making their home in Dimmitt. San is a school teacher. Best wishes, Susan and San. Susan lived for several years on the Holland Ranch and attended school at Canadian. She later lived in Wheeler and attended school and graduated at Wheeler. She and our Mary were good friends.

Joyce Walker took her mother-in-law, Jenny Walker, to Mobeetie Monday to get a perm from Sue Harrison. Looks great!

Thank you, Larry Jennings, for getting my heater going. Sure feels good. Thanks, Toni Kuehler, for bringing an electric heater from Hefley Hardware. Also gas fire-place in the corner puts out quite a bit of heat. (Had not really tried it before.) But sure good to get some real heat going.

Helping Audra Weatherly celebrate her 7th birthday Wednesday at her house east of Wheeler were Shea and Bridget Weatherly and Hagen and grandparents, Brad and Sue Chandler from Allison. There was to be a party Saturday at her house for her friends with make-up, fingernail polish and other stuff.

Pray for Odra Christopher, who has problems with a broken hip and in pain. Sweet little lady.

Taylor and Haley Sparks turned 13 Monday, Jan. 16—teenagers. On Sunday they celebrated with classmates and friends with a Pizza party at Kim's Kitchen. Some there were Mayci Miller, Bailey Richardson, Kailee Marion, Mariah Marshall, Collin Hampton, Jaten Moore, Braden Moore, Aaron and Darren Gaines, Peyton Austin, Sherry Dawson, Cody and Camryn Clark, Diane, Shelley and Nicholas Sparks and Adrian and Jeremy.

Happy Birthday Haley and Taylor.

We have a new crop of "Lady Stangs", grades Kindergarten and first grade and they are Caitlynn Walker, Cassidy Andis, Caitlynn Helton, Audra Weatherly, Annie Hernandez and Esmey, Ester and Lani. Coach is Kayla Andis, 17, who makes her home with Robert and Kim Andis and Zachary, Garrett and Cassidy. Assistant Coach is Joyce Walker. Good luck, Lady Stangs!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Bob Blackburn, 65, of Wheeler in his death Friday at Amarillo. Funeral was Monday, Jan. 16, at Cornerstone Church in Wheeler with burial in Wheeler Cemetery. We are sorry; so sudden.

At Ft. Elliott Homecoming Friday night, Shealee Jucker was crowned queen and Jake Puryear was crowned king. Congratulations!

C. G. and Rosemary Dodd took Mary Margaret Dodd to Amarillo Monday, Jan. 16, for her checkup. She checked out real good. Praise the Lord! They ran into a little snow but cleared off and sun shone on the way home. Yea!

Joyce Perkins got a ride down south to visit her three daughters and families for two weeks and included Dave and Tina Deger and Shelly and Neal Penny and Chelsea Deger at Watonga, Teri and Dave Seitz and Kailee and Emilie at Wylie and Becky and Warren Shirley and Colton at Caldwell. From Wheeler Robert and Marla Ford and Mitchell and Spencer came down and joined the group for New Years and watched the Texas Tech football game. Joyce watched the grandkids and the game on TV.

Glenda Hudson and Brenda Graddy of Canadian went to Wichita Falls recently to visit Mike and Jennifer Graddy and several other friends and relatives. Brenda stayed to visit with son, Mike, and granddaughter, Allison while Jennifer went with her mom, Glenda Hudson, to visit others. They planned to go to the funeral of a

Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Christmas Party



Wheeler Nursing and Rehabilitation hosted a Christmas Party in December for their residents and family and friends. The table was spread with delicious treats.



Opal Hutchison was visited by her family.



Irene Taylor (center left) and Addie Swift (center right) were joined by their family.



Stanley Eubanks (left) receives a package from Debbie Haning. Background center is Juanita Shugart. Minnie Vinson is pictured in background (third from left). Verna Fillingim sits center foreground; to her right are Wilma Maddox and Norma Bowerman.



Gladys Richardson and Gwen and Mamie Loyd enjoy the festivities.



Stanley Eubanks finds a seat close to the tree and presents.



Vera Moore Barnes, right, is joined by her daughter.



Dorothy and Bulldog Walker enjoy the Christmas celebration.



Zoah Britten, center, is joined by her son, Glen Brittan and Debbie Haning.



Stacey Doblitz gets a glass of punch.

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On KPDR, 90.5
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Wheeler Church of Christ
This is entitled "A Prayer of Bittersweet Moments" and was written by Virgil Fry, a hospital chaplain who works with patients from a spiritual perspective. The scriptural quotation in the third line is from Ecclesiastes 3: 1.
Our Lord God, How conflicted life can be --
Full of blessings and curses, reasons to celebrate, reasons to lament.
In bittersweet moments, we resonate with this phrase: "A time for everything under the sun."
Walk with us, companion Lord, as we relish the naming of our blessings,
As we rehearse the unspeakable joys that come with each good and pleasant thing.
Walk with us, companion Lord, as we reluctantly name failures and losses,
As we rehearse the suppressed pains that come with each unwelcome and hidden thing.
For it is in remembering and listing the pleasant and the unpleasant, The things we brag about and the things we bury, That we find You still being faithful in your love for us.
It surprises us, Lord, that Scripture commands us to remember, to re-tell
Stories of redemption and utter defeat of celebration and lament, of unity and division, of divinity and evil of births and deaths.
Lead us, Immortal One, Pillar of Cloud and Fire, As you led the Israelite children out of bondage.
Open our eyes to your holy, healing hands in all of the stories,
Stories that make us who we are, and who we are becoming
In your ever-unfolding kingdom of love.
Have a great week!
Shawn D. Johnson

An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas

Services:
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Take time to visit a friend at the Nursing Home!

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, pur out your heart before him. God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalms 62:6-8

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. Psalms 68:19 & 20

The weather here in Allison has been very cold of late and very windy. Some in our area received snow and rain yesterday on Monday, but we in Allison just had really high winds and it did turn cold. This morning was very cold, suppose to be in the teens the weather man said. And it sure feels like it for sure. Today, on Tuesday we are in the fifties again so that will be better.

Monday evening, Opal Boydston visited in the home of Curtis and Lil Boydston and enjoyed a very tasty meal with them. Later Juanita Boydston and Ronnie Hall and Juanita Tincher came by and visited awhile.

Monday morning, Opal Boydston accompanied Curtis and Lil Boydston to Amarillo, Texas where they enjoyed some shopping and on business. They enjoyed a tasty meal at McDonalds.

Saturday evening visitors in the home of Pearl Harrison were Louise Boydston, Hershel and Ann Sanford and Curtis and Lil Boydston. They all enjoyed a delicious home cooked meal as well.

Glenn and Betty Boydston journeyed to Amarillo, Texas on Tuesday on business and stayed at the Quality Inn and enjoyed a delicious meal at the Big Texan. On Wednesday they did some more shopping too.

Thursday, Glenn and Betty Boydston and Pastor F.R. Johnson and his wife, Olene, gathered in the home of Eddy and Sheila Walker where they had a delicious home cooked meal.

Sunday night after church, Vance and Carol Boydston and Curtis and Lil Boydston gathered in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston for a game of spinners and snacks.

Monday, Glenn and Betty Boydston enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's in Wheeler.

Tuesday, Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma on business and did some shopping and enjoyed a very delicious meal at Porte Bello Grille. Betty reports that it is a very good place to eat.

Bret Begert attended the Texas Association of School Board Meeting in Austin, Texas. From there he flew to Denver, Colorado to the National Western Stock Show to work for the North American Limousin Foundation's Cattle Shows and events. He returned home early Thursday morning.

Boone Begert was in the Elk City Hospital Wednesday through Saturday. But glad to report that he is feeling much better now.

Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife Olene journeyed to Amarillo on business and did some shopping and attended the Youth Rally at Jubilee Apostolic Tabernacle, pastored by Bro. and Sis. Royce Elms.

Pete Gilmer journeyed to Amarillo, Texas on Monday on business. He stayed with his daughters, Becky and Jeanie Gilmer. Linda Ingersoll and Pete enjoyed a delicious meal at Buffet City. While he was there he also enjoyed a meal at Lynn's Restaurant. He came home on Wednesday.

Wednesday, Juanita Boydston and Ronnie Hall journeyed to Amarillo, Texas where they met the plane and picked up Vance and Carol Boydston. Vance and Carol were coming in from their Christmas vacation. They had stayed three weeks in California visiting their daughter, Melissa and husband, Dennis. They also visited their Uncle Floyd and Aunt Lucille Boydston in Martinez, California. Carol will be writing about their trip later, maybe next week. While in Amarillo tho, Juanita,

Ronnie and Vance and Carol attended Northside United Pentecostal Church.

They also stopped by and visited a short time with Warren and Charline Brown.

Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Vance and Carol Boydston to Wheeler, Texas on business and enjoyed a delicious meal at Mel's Diner.

Saturday night, Helen Foshee, Ronnie Hall and Juanita Tincher visited in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston and they enjoyed a meal while there. Had a great time and visit.

Juanita Tincher visited in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston on Sunday. She ate dinner with us and enjoyed a visit as well.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time.

Sun. Nite Live On KPDR, 90.5

... Live from Canadian 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



The View of a Southern Woman
.... Southern California that is.

I was talking to one of my life time girlfriends who lives in Florida and we were remembering things that were long forgotten and probably should stay that way. Barbara and I met in the third grade and have been good friends ever since even though she and Jim moved to Florida many years ago. They visited me in San Clemente and we always had a grand time. She reminded me of the "lessons-learned" that we remember and learn from. Like the doll I have up in the attic. I have had this doll for probably 50 years and will always have her, but her story is a lesson learned the hard way. I had admired a cute rag doll that a neighbor was making as a hobby and I said I thought it was cute, so she asked if I wanted her to make me one. Of course I would! A few days later she brought it over and I asked if I could pay her for it. Well of course and she charged me \$50.00 for it. At that time in my life, I was not overflowing with cash, but I dug up the money somehow. If you saw this doll in a yard sale back then or even now, you would pass her by. My late husband had a cat-fit over the money we could not afford and I was not real happy about it myself, but it was a lesson learned and a lesson I have never forgotten. We all have lessons learned somewhere in our lives. Now I always more careful on any

business deal and things I buy. Brother Johnson told Sunday of his Amarillo trip that included a trip to Wal-Mart and all I can say is, "Ain't it the truth!" Seems his wife was a bit cold in the store, so he went out to his truck and got her sweater for her. At the door, they thought the sweater was a return and started to put a return sticker on it, but he advised them that it was his wife's sweater and not from Wal-Mart for it was made in the USA--not China. Way to go Brother Johnson!

Then when Glenn Forrest Frosty visited me in San Clemente for the first time, he wanted to know where our Wal-Mart was. I told him it was in the back country up on Pico Ave, but I did not shop there and not many other people did either, but he had to go visit his favorite store. When I drove up to the store, he said it did not look like a Wal-Mart and maybe it did not but it did have to conform with city planning and design, so it was a rather Spanish looking building. He thought it was closed as only a few cars were there, but I assured him it was open. When I came to Texas and went to "his" Wal-Mart, I thought they were having a going-out-of-business sale as the huge parking lot was full and it was not even Christmas shopping time. So many things are different here but it would be nice to see MADE IN THE USA in all the stores on everything we buy. Probably not again in my lifetime.

Yesterday, Glenn's guinea hen was making a big noise and I wondered what was the matter. Later I saw a huge hawk sitting on the bridge between our two fish ponds and he was eyeing my Koi fish, so I think I will change my attitude toward that guinea. He is quite a watch dog or maybe I should say watch bird. Poor thing thinks he is a bantam. I wonder if he notices that he is twice as big as my bantams?

With love from that California woman, Betty Boydston.



Damian Blocker, age 2, is the son of Dusty and Nikki Blocker of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Craig and Janice Allen of Amarillo, Texas and Sam and Barbara Ross of Fritch, Texas. Great-grandmother is Artie Tidwell of Wheeler, Texas.

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Vehicle Registration campaign to "Put Texas in Your Corner"

"Put Texas in Your Corner" is the theme of a new public awareness campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and county tax assessor-collectors throughout the state to encourage Texans to register their vehicles on time.

Owners' Texans' failure to register approximately 720,000 vehicles each year as required costs the state at least \$43.2 million annually. The two-year media campaign will remind Texans and newcomers to "check the date, love your state" through television and radio announcements, outdoor signs, posters, brochures, and bumper stickers. The campaign will be promoted at truck and auto shows, sports and community events.

"The objective of the campaign is to connect the sense of pride each Texan has in our state with the responsibility to comply with the registration laws which contribute to a safe transportation system," said Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission.

Statewide focus groups and surveys reveal that less than 20 percent of Texas residents know registration fees are used as a funding source for building and maintaining state roads and highways. When participants in the research were informed that annual registration fees resulted in better roads, support for keeping registration current increased.

"Transportation projects serving all Texans rely in part on vehicle registration fees," said Rebecca Davio, Director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division.

TxDOT believes the campaign message to "Put Texas in Your Corner" is positive, while indicating the importance of a valid registration sticker in the corner of your vehicle windshield, or in the corner of your motorcycle or trailer license plate.

"Putting Texas in your corner speaks to pride in Texas and your community," Davio said. "TxDOT and the tax assessor-collector offices are here to assist all vehicle owners with easy and efficient registration."

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, food, flowers and most importantly, prayers, during the loss of our son, brother and grandson, Brady. Your kindness, sympathy and compassion will never be forgotten. May God richly bless each and everyone of you, who so generously blessed us during this difficult time.

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The editors of this 2006 Business Review and Reference Guide suggest that you call (806) 669-9334, toll free 1-800-274-4673 or visit their website at www.harringtoncc.org for more information on the cancer care programs and treatments available. Their doctors on staff in Pampa are James Stafford, MD in Radiation Oncology and Brian Pruitt, MD in Medical Oncology. The staff at The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center wishes everyone a safe 2006!

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Intentions to Drill

Week Ending January 12, 2006
 GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Johnson 'C', 1060' from North & 1040' from West line, Sec. 92,23,H&GN, PD 3200'.
 GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., Yoes 'A', Sec. 4,3,B&B, PD 3200', for the following wells:
 #2, 400' from North & 970' from West line of Sec.
 #3, 800' from North & 1800' from East line of Sec.
 #4, 1880' from South & 970' from East line of Sec.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #4423P Willis 'A', 1775' from North & 2070' from East line, Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #321 Helton, 1945' from South & 515' from West line, Sec. 21,M-1,H&GN, PD 14000'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Lower Morrow) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #5 Hobart '60', 1650' from South & 1200' from West line, Sec. 60,A-1,H&GN, PD 13700'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GIT MO Morrow) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5 Abraham '15', 2173' from South & 1787' from West line, Sec. 15,1,H&GN, PD 14000'.
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPARLIPS Tonkawa) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #12 Courson Ranch '158', 2400' from North & 1500' from West line, Sec. 158,13,T&NO, PD 11048'.
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT & CATS CREEK Lower Cherokee) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Morrison Tallahone 'A', 578' from South & 2158' from West line, Sec. 8,44, W.L. Sims, PD 9200'.
 WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #2 Ona Black '49', 1707' from South & 2100' from East line, Sec. 49,A-3,H&GN, PD 12970'.
 WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Forest Oil Corp., #1112 Frye Ranch, 1707' from South & 1957' from East line, Sec. 12,A-3,H&GN, PD 15200'.
 WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., PD 18000', for the following:
 #504 Stiles '4', 467' from South & West line, Sec. 4,A-3,H&GN.
 #5018 Stiles '18', 1980' from South & East line, Sec. 18,A-3,H&GN.
 #7068 Stiles '68', 467' from North & 2130' from East line, Sec. 68,A-7,H&GN.
 WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., for the following:
 #4 Armstrong '20', 2330' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 20,A-3,H&GN, PD 16000'.
 #7 Davis '65', 660' from South & West line, Sec. 65,A-7,H&GN, PD 18000'.
 #4 Legg '6', 1980' from South & 933' from West line, Sec. 6,E,G,W. Jacobs, PD 16000'.
 WHEELER (WILDCAT & LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #2303 R.N. Byers Unit, 467' from North & 2310' from West line, Sec. 23,L,J.M. Lindsey, PD 14000'.

Oil Well Completions

ROBERTS (HORIZON Cleveland) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #3 Lips Ranch 'C', Sec. 155, 13,T&NO, spud 5-7-05, drlg. compl 5-30-05, tested 9-18-05, flowed 21 bbl. of 53 grav. oil + no water thru 30/64" choke on 24 hour test, COR 2524, TD 9970', PBTD 8510' -- Form 1 filed in Range Production
 Gas Well Completions
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas R&P, Inc., #716 Fillingim '88', Sec. 88,M-1,H&GN, spud 8-10-05, drlg. compl 8-21-05, tested 11-8-05, TD 11650', PBTD 11645' --
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Grant

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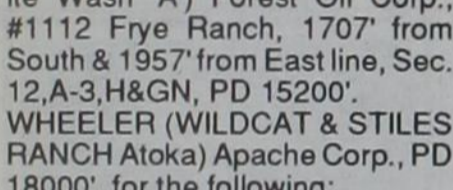
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POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following is a list of political offices open for election and the names of individuals who have announced in *The Wheeler Times* their having placed their name on the ballot for the March Primary.
Democratic Primary
 For District Clerk
 Sherri Jones
 For County Judge
 Jerry Heley
 For County Clerk
 Margaret Dorman
 For County Treasurer
 Juana Benefield
 For Commissioner, Pct. 2
 Brady Meadows
 (Subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary Tuesday, March 7, 2006)
Republican Primary
 For District Judge
 Steven R. Emmert
 (Subject to the action of the voters in the Republican Primary Tuesday, March 7, 2006)
 Vote in the March 7 Primary
 (Paid for by each of the political candidates listed as part of the "Political Announcement" which ran elsewhere in the paper.)

Meek '68', Sec. 68,M-1,H&GN, TD 5250', PBTD 5190' -- Salt Water Disposal
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3029A Peak-Walser, Sec. 29, A-2,H&GN, spud 6-27-05, drlg. compl 7-19-05, tested 8-19-05, TD 13126', PBTD 12945' --
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1652 John C. Vise, Sec. 52, M-1,H&GN, spud 9-21-05, drlg. compl 10-12-05, tested 11-7-05, TD 13470', PBTD 13430'.
 HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #407 Cheek, Sec. 7,1,H&GN, spud 8-20-05, drlg. compl 9-20-05, tested 11-5-05, TD 12200', PBTD 12099'.
 HEMPHILL (MIAMI) Brighton Energy, L.L.C., #142 Dillman GW Sec. 14,1,H&GN, spud 6-24-05, drlg. compl 7-23-05, tested 10-1-05, potential 854 MCF, TD 11215', PBTD 11157'.
 ROBERTS (BLUFF CREEK Lower Wolfcamp) Philcon Development Co., #1125 Maddox, Sec. 125, M-2,BS&F, spud 8-13-05, drlg. compl 9-1-05, tested 10-16-05, potential 438 MCF, TD 5130', PBTD 5122' --

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 UCC DT—Keith Rose, et ux to Castle Credit Corporation, — — —, Lot 2, Cole Add., Wheeler, ASSIGN.—Cold Water Creek Exploration LLC to Texakoma Operating LP, 12-15-05, Sec. 30, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
 ROW—Stiles Land Assets Ltd. to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 11-29-05, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 67, Blk. A-7, H8 GN Ry. Company Survey.
 ROW—Densel Reed, et ux to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 10-13-05, Pt. Thomas James Survey.
 ROW—Davis Family Trust No. 1 to Chesapeake Energy Marketing

NEEDED: Parkview Hospital Dietary Department is needing a Cook and Tray Aid. Phone: 826-1355. 11/23-12/1c

FOR SALE: 160 acres, 2 miles West of Twitty (Twitty Flat) North side. Bob Weatherly 806-664-0808 or 806-256-5042. 1/12-1/19c

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 in cause #11523 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 O'Clock AM on the 7th day of February, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official door of the Courthouse of said WHEELER County, in the City of Wheeler, Texas, the following described property, to wit:
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From the Principal's Desk

I thought that it would be appropriate to spotlight some writing from our English classroom.

Toby Tucker

Principal-Wheeler ISD

The Senior English Class read many sonnets during the last six weeks. Justin Lee wrote this poem in response to learning the news of Ben Britt's death. (Ms. Betty Rives)

*A Gift from God
It's Christmas day and we are
without you,
it will never be the same opening
these gifts.*

*Knowing that you are gone is
the hardest imaginable,
but knowing what you did makes
us proud to have known you.*

*We cry, we sob, but deep down
we are at peace,
knowing that you died doing what
you loved.*

*Still to this day we don't know
why you chose this path,
but serving for this country meant
everything to you.*

*You were a son of joy, a brother
of dedication, and a soldier at heart,
but we all know that you were
always a gift from God!*
Justin Lee

The Junior English Class has completed the study of Michel-Guillaume Jean de Crèvecoeur's "Letters From an American Farmer." This epistle celebrates America as the land of opportunity. He describes the experience of American immigrants as they labor to provide for their families. This study generated the question: what is an American? In response, Lacey Henson wrote the following essay. (Ms. Betty Rives)

What is an American to you?

A Wheeler Teacher's Point of View

This is my fifteenth year to teach in Wheeler. Over the years, I have taught various math and science classes in both Jr. High and High School. Currently I teach 7th and 8th grade Science, Environmental Science and Calculus.

Students in my 7th grade science classes started the year with a unit on insects, including an insect collection and a booklet about a specific insect. More recently, during our unit on chemistry, they each researched a scientist and made a "Wanted Famous Scientist" poster about their chosen scientist.

In 8th grade science class we have completed a unit on genetics and interdependence among living things. Groups of students made posters and presentations illustrating this interdependence. We are currently studying matter and energy. These students recently completed "Adopt an Element" posters. Their posters display information about an element they chose to research.

Later this semester, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will complete individual projects for the annual Wheeler Jr. High Science Fair.

Environmental Science class includes 11th and 12th grade students. Our 1st unit on Ecology included some fun and interesting outdoor projects. One project was plot sampling to see how different management practices affect similar ecosystems. We had an enjoyable and educational trip to the Gene Howe wildlife area near Canadian during this study.

My calculus class consists of 8 talented and dedicated math students. We have studied limits and derivatives and their applications. We are currently exploring the use of technology in these areas.

An American is someone who believes in America and everything that it stands for. It's someone who can put their hand over their heart and say, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America." Also it is someone who is loyal, honest, and hard working, and at any time would sacrifice himself for the good of America. In America there are many supporters of our country, but the true Americans are the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for our country, the land of the free.

I knew a true American; his name was Ben Britt. It would take a long time to describe Ben. He believed in all of the twelve points of the scout law. He was a person who wanted to do something for the good of his country to help make it right, rather than worry about himself. Ben told me that he was always looking for a challenge. He could have been anything he wanted to be, but he chose the Army. If he were going to join the army, he wanted to experience it all. Ben would do it the right way. He completed all the training camps that it took to be soldier, and then he was shipped to Iraq in September. He was the leader of the 1-502D Bravo Bulldogs.

Ben lost two soldiers in early December. With a heavy heart Ben did not give up and encouraged his soldiers to hold their heads up high. He knew that there was a job to be finished. Later, on December 22, Ben was killed by a bomb. The first thing I thought was, "Was he prepared, and was it a fair fight?" After I asked that question to myself, I knew the answer. It was Ben Britt, and he would always be prepared along with his soldiers.

We hear all the time on CNN or other news channels that someone else has been killed in Iraq today. I feel sorry for those people who have lost a loved one, and I would like to show them my sympathy. Since experiencing the loss of Ben, I can understand how important it is to show support to the families of a fallen soldier. The fighting soldier is an American, and those left behind who hold their hands over their hearts as they repeat the pledge to the flag are Americans, too.

The True Americans that don't fight in the war are the ones who are there for the soldier's family. In Wheeler, we have patriotic Americans who support our troops and our country. When Ben died, True Americans came to show support by preparing food, sending flowers, telephoning, visiting, praying, and offering assistance with everyday activities. Three weeks have passed, but the True Americans are still caring, grieving, thinking of, and praying for Ben Britt's family. Obviously, True Americans are alive and well in my hometown. Ben will not be forgotten by me or his fellow Americans.

Lacey Henson

County Livestock Show Dates Given

The Wheeler County 4-H Clubs and FFA Organizations have been busy preparing their animals for the local shows and the County Show.

The Shamrock local show will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 11:30 am in Shamrock.

The Fort Elliott local show will be held on Thursday, January 26, at 5:00 PM at the Wheeler County Barn. The Wheeler local show will follow the Fort Elliott local show.

The County Show will kick off on Friday, January 28 at 8:00 AM with the weigh-in of the lambs, goats and cattle. The Lamb Show will begin at 9:30 AM followed by the Goat Show, Steer Show and Heifer Show. The hogs will weigh-in after the Heifer Show. The Pig Show will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 29, 2005. The BBQ will begin at 5:00 PM with the Awards and Premium Sale beginning at 6:00 PM on Saturday, January 29, 2005.

I also coach some UIL events. These include science in jr. high and calculator applications and mathematics in high school.

I always tell people how great our students are. They are interested in learning and they are polite. On various field trips over the years, I have been told by our hosts that Wheeler students are very well behaved and to bring them back anytime. These things make my job very enjoyable.

Jenny Smith, Wheeler Jr. High and High School

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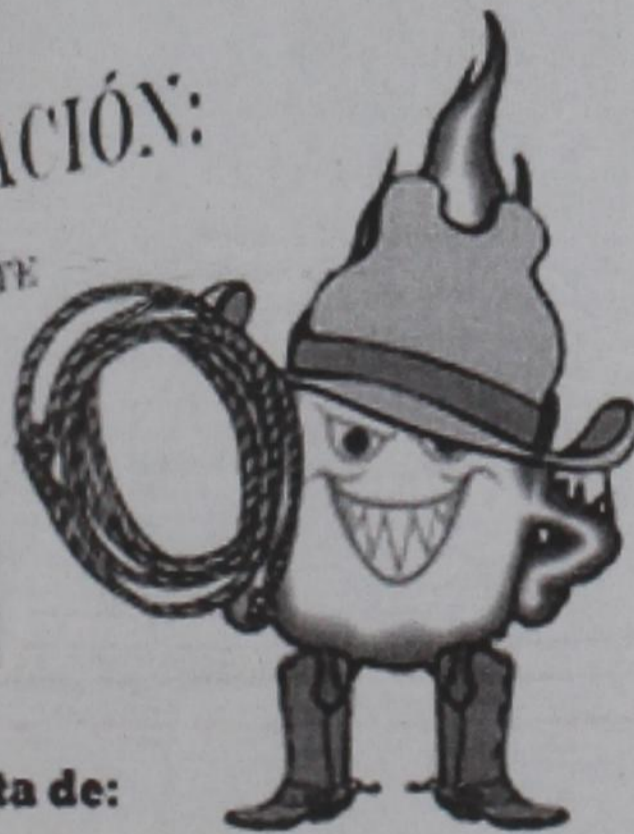
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Inc., 10-13-05, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 64 and Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ROW—Stiles Land Assets Ltd. to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 12-14-05, Pt. W 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

LEASE EXT./PAYMENT AGREE.—Shirley Patterson Moore Jolly to Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, 12-20-05, See Instrument.

ASSIGN.—James Neil Shelton to Kid Cattle Company, 1-6-05, Sec. 92, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—International Bank of Commerce to Tripower Resources Inc., 12-30-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

ROW—Keith Rizley, et al to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 12-9-05, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Doug E. Fowler, et ux to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 12-15-05, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN./ASSUMP. LEASE—Global Trust LLC to GTP Acquisition Partners III, LLC, 9-30-05, Pt. W 1/2 Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

JANUARY 10, 2006
ASSIGN./B OF SALE—O Dale Smith-Sinclair Smith Siragusa Trust, et al to SSS-ODS Oil & Gas Ltd., 12-29-05, SE 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN./B OF SALE—O Dale Smith-A C Smith Trust, et al to ACS-ODS Oil & Gas Ltd., 12-29-05, SE 1/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—Continental Land Resources LLC to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 5-3-05, Sec. 21, Blk. 3, Camp County School Land; and Sec. 15, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

EXECUTOR MD—Robert O Miller, et al to Miller West Ltd., 12-21-05, See Instrument.

ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Blue Dolphin Production LLC, 12-1-04, Sec. 62, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Blue Dolphin Production LLC, 12-1-04, Sec. 63, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Blue Dolphin Production LLC, 12-1-04, W 1/2 Sec. 79, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Blue Dolphin Production LLC, 12-1-04, Sec. 78, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Blue Dolphin Production LLC, 12-1-04, E 1/2 Sec. 77, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Garland W. Moore, et ux to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-7-05, N 129 acs. W 1/2; N 129.6 acs. NE 1/4; W 116.54 acs. S 193 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Edwin J. Lippmann Jr. Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-5-05, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Jean M. Boehm Trust Dated May 1, 1995 to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-21-05, N 129 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RVL/RDT—Edith H. Hall to Gary D. Hall, et ux, 12-28-05, S 1/2 Sec. 3 and NW 1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

D—Alpha Lisle, et al to Gary Don Skinner, 1-1-06, Lots 6-9, Blk. 86, Shamrock.

C/C PROBATE—Mary Holmes Sensabaugh to Ex Parte, 1-5-06, See Instrument.

JANUARY 11, 2006
D—Quail Creek Ranch to David C. Cross, et ux, 1-6-06, Lots 7-10, W 100' S 40' Lot 11, Blk. 14, Wheeler.

D—Henry Clay Walser Jr., et al to Jason Hink, 1-10-06, Pt. E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE—Joy Vaneta Keeton to Ex Parte, 11-15-02, See Instrument.

EXT. DT—Mark Wright, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 1-5-06, E 1/2 Lots 1-3, Blk. 23, Shamrock.

MODIFICATION/EXT. AGREE.—Clarence D. Wagner, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 12-21-05, Pt. Sub. Div. #3 SE 1/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Mark Wright, et ux to Citizens Bank-Shamrock, 11-30-05, Lot 7, Blk. 1, Shamrock.

ROW—Nona A. Faulkner to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 11-21-05, N 1/2 Sec. 23, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW—Garland Moore to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 11-15-05, SE 1/4 Sec. 23, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

JANUARY 12, 2006
TRUSTEES D—Karen K. Knutson Revocable Trust to Karen K. Knutson Family Trust, 1-9-06, All of Secs. 78 and 79 and W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 77, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—First Ag Credit FLCA to Boyd Huff, et al, 1-6-06, See Instrument.

TERM ASSIGN.—Ann Fuller to Crest Resources Inc., 12-16-05, See Instrument.



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



Britt (from Page 1)

cafe provided sandwiches to more than 150 Patriot Guard Riders who thundered in on their motorcycles to pay tribute to Ben and bar protesters from interrupting the funeral.

These solid people were finishing things in the back-ground without any expectation of thanks, but they must know how much their support was appreciated.

What an overwhelming sight it was to enter Wheeler's gym as a family member an see the bleachers on each side of the gym floor filled to capacity with silent Texans, standing in tribute. They were there to finish the job, to honor Ben and support the family at his funeral service.

It seems to me that finishing things is a proud tradition in our nation, so I wonder about politicians who see the aggression our enemies exert and plan against us and do nothing. I guess they're saving their tough.

And there are none whom I question more than politicians who support a war initially only to falter when the going gets tough; those who vote for the war before voting against it; who vote for it but speak publicly about quitting before the job is finished; who use a war to divide a nation instead of unite it. These faint-hearted individuals misrepresent American values. What has become of representatives who care more about a strong nation than the next fund-raiser?

Inside the hotel, there's a picture from the 1880s showing citi-

zens of Mobeetie, once the county seat before it moved to Wheeler. There's an 1890 photo of Quanah Parker captioned, "Comanche Ware Chief & Oklahoma Cattleman." There is a photo from 1875 of the Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Elliott, just down the way from Wheeler.

What has become of these stalwart people; folks who would look you in the eye, do deals with a handshake and meet an enemy with determination? I recognized only a few of them in Washington but saw a town-full in Wheeler. Maybe it's time to move the nation's capital and let some salt-of-the-earth people straighten things out. It would take just a few weeks, and there wouldn't be any ambiguity involved.

For those who need a sign from the hereafter, Ben sent one. The day before his funeral, east of town where the Britt Ranch lies, a quarter of a rainbow came up after a brief shower.

Lived when he was killed at 24, Ben had lived about a quarter of his life. So there it was, a show of color from the heavens, over the ranch.

I'm among those who need a sign now and again. Colors of the rainbow will last me a long time as I finish up the things in my life that need work.

(Editor's Note:) This article was taken from the Amarillo Globe News, Thursday, January 12, 2006. Article was written by Guest Column—Mike Seyle.

Mike Seyle was born in Bryan, Texas, and grew up in Houston. He has been a freelance corporate writer for 25 years.

TERM ASSIGN.—Rex P. Fuller to Crest Resources Inc., 12-12-05, See Instrument.

LEASE AGREE./PAYMENT AGREE.—Connie Moore Bakert to Kaiser Francis Oil Company, 12-19-05, See Instrument.

OL—Elizabeth J. Kunkel Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-27-05, N 129 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Bank of America NA to Larry A. Jones, et ux, 12-29-05, See Instrument.

ROY./MD—Emma Louise Brown to Emma Louise Brown Revocable Trust, 1-10-06, See Instrument.

OL—George B. McBrice Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-7-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J.M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—Robert E. Kershaw Royalty Company Inc. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-7-05, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

SECOND AMEND. DT—Seminole Gas Company LLC to Bank of Oklahoma, National Association, 2-18-05, See Instrument.

JANUARY 13, 2006
DT—Heritage Feeders LP to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 12-7-05, See Instrument.

MODIFICATION DT AGREE.—Heritage Feeders LP to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 12-7-05, See Instrument.

OL—Frances Huff Morison to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 12-29-04, Sec. 4, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

OL—Deborah K. McEvilly to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 2-1-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Taylor Management LLC to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 1-7-05, 152.72 gross acs. 27-A and 28, Blk. OS-2.

OL—James Clifford Whitson to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Grady Roberts to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 6-7-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Marie Steed to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Laverne Saunders to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Wayne Archer Jr. to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-20-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Sam Walden Phillips to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 12-1-04, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Mark Fitzgerald to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Leola Bracey to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 5-25-05, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Charles Len Wright to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 12-29-04, Sec. 4, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

OL—Pamela Jane Seiber to Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, 12-1-04, S 1/2 Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MODIFICATION DT—Michael J. Wood, et ux to Community Bank, Wellington, Texas, 12-29-05, Lots 1-24, Blk. XLVIII, Shamrock.

MD—Rodney B. Bass, et al to 4B Wheeler County Land & Cattle Co. LLC, 12-27-05, S 1/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and S 1/2 Sec. 61, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C DISTRIBUTION AGREE.—Helen B. McCoy Estate, et al to Helen B. McCoy Estate, et al, 1-3-06, See Instrument.

DT—Randy Barr to First State Bank, 1-3-06, Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 105, New Mobeetie.

D—Edward M. Huntley to Robert A. Huntley, 12-29-05, N 1/2 Sec. 15 and All of Sec. 16, Blk. 8, PBA, Shamrock.

OL—Nancy Ann Welch Harrison to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 12-2-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Jo Claire Welch to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 12-2-05, NE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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company. David and Rita Pearson also went to help put up stuff. Their new address is P.O. Box 116, Windthorst, TX 76389. Phone is 940-423-6166. They are happy to

be mostly moved. But still work to do.

Sincere sympathy to Patsy Smith and Billie Holcomb and other family and friends in the death of their sister, Lela Morrison, 87, of Amarillo. Funeral was Saturday at Amarillo. Billie and Patsy went to the funeral and then back to Wheeler to the 50th Anniversary party.

Correction: The Totty Quilters worked on Betty Haines Quilt (not Betty Rogers quilt) Jan. 5-12. Ones quilting Thursday, Jan 12 were Augusta Brown, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Betty Rogers, Betty Haines and Bobbye Ehman. They meet most Thursdays and welcome visitors and quilters to come to Totty School and visit.

W. O. Jones bought Elva Wood's house east of Wheeler, but he doesn't plan to move. He plans to fix Elva's house up nice and sell it. Hopefully for a profit. At least he will have something to do and make the house look better. Best wishes!

Sorry to hear that Bobby Jennings broke an ankle when it was icy and had to have another surgery on it later. Remember to pray for Bobby that it may heal properly. She is better.

"You still matter to God. When you hurt, God cares. When you are lonely, God is there. When you feel abandoned, God is faithful."

Such a beautiful snow fall Monday, Jan. 9.

Helen Steen's brother, Sid Joslyn, 61, was having lung surgery Friday. Wesley and Helen went up Wednesday to be with him and his family. Remember them in your prayers. Sid had cancer; they had to remove the whole top lobe of his lung. He also had congestive heart failure. Surgery was at Bentonville, Ark. Sid is doing pretty well. Wesley and Helen got home Sunday night and were feeding their cows Monday, such a pretty day. Hal (very cold and windy.)

Louis Stas may not want me to tell it, but he stepped wrong and broke a bone in his foot and is wearing that "fancy boot". But when I sympathized with that "Ole crippled man", he did not seem to appreciate it. Sorry, Louis. Kinda slows you down.

Nice to visit with Erma Riley on the phone at Tuttle, Oklahoma. She enjoys living alone and taking care of herself. But daughter, Annie Henderson, helps if needed. Annie takes her to church when Erma feels up to it. Erma sure enjoys going to church. She has all her

life. She also enjoys playing the piano at home a lot. She said she had played the piano since she was a child. Erma was 89 on her birthday in Dec. She and Ed were married almost 69 years (lacked 4 days) when he died.

Stuart-Swift-Childress Reunion

Getting together at the Irish Inn in Shamrock in November, right after Thanksgiving while they could, were Fat and Wanda

Childress, Roy and Jane Swift, Lynn and Gail Williamson and Colt and Cameron from Eastland, Dub and Mary Swift, Bryan and Jennifer Swift and Jackson from Wichita, Kan., Morris Swift and girls from

Pampa, Kelley and Bill Shelton from Pampa, Glenn and Kathy Swift and Kyle Swift and wife and Courtney from Eastland, Cathy Hunt, Shelly Gonzales and Rayden, Nikki Hunt and Donnie and Justin from Shamrock, Kay and Scott Luttrell, Brandie and Buckie Simmons and Kailee and Ransley from Wheeler, Suzie Umsted and Brody from Briscoe, Mary Jane and Clyde Dukes, Stacey and Curtis Robinson and Jordan, Colton, Christen and Kami, Addie Swift, Bulah Stuart, Leola Stuart, Jackie Lane and Chasey and a host of other relatives.

The Childress, Swift, Stuarts and others enjoyed getting together at the Irish Inn after Thanksgiving. The kids enjoyed the indoor pool. Steve and Joyce Walker catered the good meal in the conference room at the Irish Inn. It was a good day.

Tina and Chuck Dale and Emily from Van Buren, Ark., came Friday to visit Jim and Beth Alvey, going back home on Monday. Other Sunday visitors were Todd and Misty Alvey and Paige, Payton, Patterson and Preslee from Pampa.

Ned Burrell spent a few days at Amarillo visiting her daughter, Trudy Kendall and other relatives. Trudy is out of the hospital. Keep praying for her. Pray for Heather Schmitt, who has started Nursing School at Clarendon College in Pampa Center. God bless you all.

Jocelyn and Keith's Shower

Many relatives and friends gathered at Briscoe Cafeteria Sunday for a fabulous wedding shower for Keith and Jocelyn Ratliff. Best wishes Keith and Jocelyn! Some there were Evelyn Meek, Kathy Meek, Kim Coleman, Ailene Stovall, Annette Meek, JoAnn White, Sue Ratliff, Pam Ratliff, Melody Rodgers, Kenzie Watson, Pam Trimble, Kyleigh Bartlett, Cindy Hartsfield and Glory, Phoebe Hartline and Tamara from Canyon, Teresa Trimble, Dixie Cook, Bobbye Horn, Tyna Horn and Megan and Sarah, Pauline Zybach, Deedy Zybach, Lajo Crownover, Sondra Hill, Rozena Zybach, Gay Purcell, Doris Finsterwald, Mrs. Wyche and daughter, Martha Meek, Verna Fillingim, Ferne Young, Alice Kelley, Betty Husted and Nelda Babb, and others. Shower hostesses were Deedy Zybach, Pauline Zybach, Rozena Zybach, Gay Purcell, Bobbye Horn, Tyna Horn, Brenda Hefley, Ferne Young, Teresa Trimble, and Sondra Hill. Very nice shower.

Holcomb's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends gathered at Wheeler Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Saturday, Jan. 14, from 3-5 p.m. to honor John and Billie Holcomb on their 50th wedding anniversary. Bill Helton, who has a Beauty Shop and Flower Shop at Elk City was in charge of food and decorations. A lady at Elk City made the pretty and delicious cake. Some others there were John Clyde Helton, Marlana Helton and Keaton, 3; and Ashlyn, 7 months; Boyd and Carrie Helton from Amarillo, Helen Nokes from Pampa and daughter and grandson, Trisha Hand, Mike and Beverly Bryant, Sandra Christner, Patsy Smith, Jenny Mixon, Martha Meek, Verna Fillingim and the honorees, John and Billie Holcomb, and Leona Coates, Betty Howard and Ned Burrell and others.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Wild Fires Spread Across N. & C. Texas

Wildland fires that caused at least three fatalities and the loss of more than 100 structures, including 78 homes, and the extreme fire behavior made for a disastrous day across the north central portion of Texas yesterday. Eight new fires for 13,310 acres started in the area, with an additional 15 fires for 493 acres in East Texas.

In Cooke County, the Walnut Bend Fire caused one fatality when a homeowner was overrun by the fire while trying to wet down her yard. Twenty four homes were evacuated, and 8 homes were lost. In Callahan County, the entire town of Cross Plains was under evacuation order yesterday. Two fatalities were reported, and as many as 50 homes were destroyed as well as numerous businesses and at least one church. Very dense smoke, extreme fire behavior and shortage of resources caused difficulties, and it was impossible to take action on the head of the fire for some time yesterday. The placement of resources was concentrated on structure protection.

The loss of 20 homes occurred on a 30-acre fire in Hood County. Propane tank explosions, thick vegetation and poor road access added to containment problems. In addition, fires on the Somerville/Bosque counties line, as well as in Llano, Gillespie, Tarrant, Tyler and Wise counties were responded to by Texas Forest Service.

In North Texas, above normal temperatures and dry weather is expected to continue for the next seven days. There is potential for additional red flag events Friday over the Southwest quarter of the area, then again on Sunday over the far western counties.



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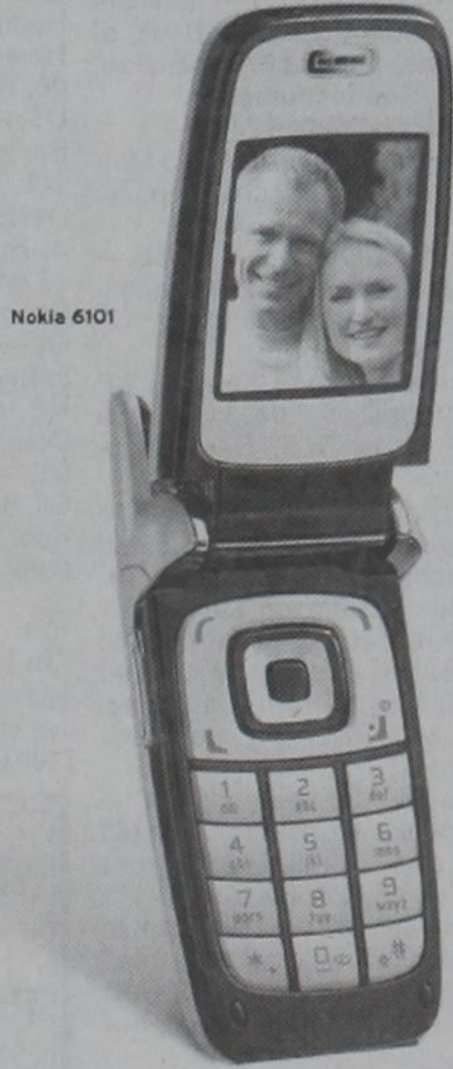
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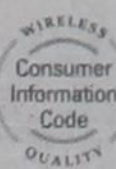
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