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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

**CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR  
By Louis C. Stas

Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Holidays. We did. This was the first year in the 46 years I have been involved with the paper that we put two out in one week to allow us a week-long + vacation.

With Christmas being on Tuesday, there was not much time to gather news and get it ready for printing. The correspondents were given the week off.

We are playing 'catch up' this week.

It was nice to return to Wheeler on Saturday, December 30, and find 1.77" of additional rain in the rain gauge. Fortunately we received rain instead of the snow that was promised. This storm blocked the roads west of Amarillo and caused lots of problems in Amarillo.

**Congratulations, Steven McAlpine** on being named to the *Globe-News* Golden Spread Team.

We left town on Friday morning  
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## W.H.S. Honor Roll For Third 6-Weeks

- ALL A:**  
2nd Grade: Brody Brister, Abree Finsterwald, Esther Gonzalez, Annie Hernandez, Ryan Porter, John Porter, Caitlynn Walker, Levi Ware, Audra Weatherly  
3rd Grade: Michaela Bailey, Brennan Umsted  
4th Grade: Stefany Barboza, Abby Bond, Madalyn Brdecko, Mitchell Ford  
5th Grade: Kylie Schubert, Becky Simmons, Daniel Torres, Gaby Venzor, Jake Ware, Eddie Zapata  
6th Grade: Callie Eddens, Alyssa Kinnaman, Genaro Mendoza, Chase Miller, Breann Robinson, Damian Salas, Jesus Zapata  
11th Grade: Scales, Jennifer Marie

- 10th Grade: Corral, Diana J. Imel, Robert Kelby, Messer, Jared James  
9th Grade: Gallardo, Danna, Hardcastle, Joshua C, Hardcastle, Nicholas C, Moore, Braden B  
Eighth Grade: Marion, Kaylee J, Mendoza, Carla, Mendoza, Karen, Moore, Jaten T, Sales, Rolando F, Sparks, Haley, Sparks, Taylor, Johnson  
Seventh Grade: Alyssa Quinn

- A & B:**  
2nd Grade: Fatima Almanza, Rudy Almanza, Cassidy Andis, Anthony Castaneda, Xavier Garza, Esmey Herrera, Ivan Lopez, Mauricio Lopez, Ky Markham, Johana Pacheco, Andrew Umsted, Jordan Venzor  
3rd Grade: Matthew Allison, Heidi Almanza, Andrea Avila, Morgan Brdecko, Abril Buenrostro, Dallas DeLuna, Gracie Gaines, Ricardo Gallardo, Kaitlyn Jones, Urick Marshall, Tillie Menefield, Blayne Richardson, Rebeca Rodriguez  
4th Grade: Kayla Duncan, Troy Duncan, Cooper Ellison, Brenda Garcia, Justin Hardcastle, Kori Howard, Destrie Kinnaman, Zulema Mendoza  
5th Grade: Brittney Robinson, Shai Dougherty, Zachary Johnson, Maggie Jones, Abel Lomas, Tre McElveney, Stormy Moore, Megan Reed  
6th Grade: Daniel Gonzalez  
12th Grade: Darnell, Jessica Lee, Fite, Lauren Michelle, Hampton, Garrett Alan, Hampton, Jonathan Cole, Henson, Lacey Machille, Hillhouse, Samuel Benjamin, Jones, Alisha Shea, McAlpine, Steven Douglas, Parra, Alan Gilberto, Taylor, Brentney S, Trevino, Randy, Tucker, Mikel Lee

- 11th Grade: Gaines, Caleb Dale, Gonzalez, Jesus M, Gonzalez, Omar E, Hathaway, Aspen Lace, Horton, Arron Chace, Locke, Olivia Anne  
10th Grade: Bean, Garrett Neil, Mendoza, Michael Rafael, Moore, Danni Nicole, Ruiz, Vincent Michael, Tucker, Stefan Miles  
9th Grade: Engles, Maricela, Gaines, Darren L, Miller, Macie L, Moore, Braden B, Reed, Whitney Logan, Thomas, Presley Nicole  
8th Grade: Erwin, Leslie N, Flores, Tania N, Ford, Spencer A, Gallardo, Beatriz Zapata, Lopez, Omar R, Marshall, Mariah D, Martinez, Mayra J, Miller, Troy Lane, Porras, Jorge Luis, Roberts, Ashtyn Kaleigh, Zapata, Gladys  
7th Grade: Carr-Marshall, Trevor Warren, Emiliano, Aidee B, Jones, Paige Nicole, Menefield, Gabriela A, Moore, Kallen Marion



**SWORN IN:** Newly elected county officials gathered in the Wheeler County District Courtroom on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, to be sworn in by District Judge Steven Emmert. Pictured here being sworn in are: (l. to r.) Margaret Dorman, County Clerk; Juana Benefield, Treasurer; Sherri Jones, District Clerk; John Walker, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Jerry Dan Hefley, County Judge; Brady Meadows, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Tommie Puryear, Commissioner Pct. 2, and Judge Emmert.



**DEPUTIES SWORN IN:** Immediately following in the swearing in of the newly elected county officials at the Wheeler County District Courtroom on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, the deputies for each office came forward to be sworn in by County Judge Jerry Hefley. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Melanie Moya, Deputy Treasurer; Eva McClellan, Deputy County Clerk; Brenda Mitchell, Deputy County Clerk; Raquel Mounce, Deputy County Clerk and Debbie McLaughlin, Deputy District Clerk.

## Hospital Board Discusses Emergency Room

**DECEMBER 11, 2006**  
Chairman Tipps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Parkview Hospital. Present were: Dean Tipps, Chairman, Thomas R. Helton, Vice Chairman, Sue Chandler, Secretary, James Batton, Board Member, Ann Fagan Cook, RN, BSN, CEO, Grant Douglass, Southwest Medical Associates, Inc. Absent: Dale Garner

Chairman Tipps rearranged the agenda to start with Item 6 ER Services that included a presentation by Grant Douglass, President, Southwest Medical Associates, Inc. We have been using Southwest Medical for ER coverage since 1998. Mr. Douglass presented a proposal to provide ER coverage in a variety of ways to ensure that we have no areas without a qualified physician. There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed scenarios and the costs involved for each scenario. After this Chairman Tipps

## Deanne Robertson Services Are Jan. 2

Deanne Robertson, 47, died Saturday, December 30, 2006. Services were at Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Lavery officiating. Graveside services were at 4:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, Texas by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Deanne Robertson was born December 4, 1959, in Amarillo, Texas to Bill and Von Eva Robertson. She had lived in Perryton for 12 years, moving from Anton. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was the head girls basketball coach in Perryton for 10 years, with a record of 215 wins, 104 losses. Her team went to the playoffs nine consecutive years, winning four district championships. A highlight of her career was winning the championship trophy at the 2001 Caprock Holiday Tournament.

Survivors include a daughter, Alyssa Robertson of Perryton; her parents of Wheeler, Texas, Bill and Von Eva Robertson; a brother, Steve Robertson and wife Pam of Amarillo, Texas; a sister, Shelly Mullins and husband Keith of Merkel; four nephews, Landry, Jeremy and Baylor Mullins of Merkel and Cole Ragland of Wichita Falls and a niece, Katie Robertson of Amarillo, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to the Texas Girls Coaches Association of Basketball Coaches, in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 1256, Perryton, Texas 79070.

thanked Mr. Douglass for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7:00 p.m. There was further  
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## First State Bank Certificate Winners

Each year First State Bank of Mobeetie gives \$25.00 Gift Certificates, which are to be spent with a Wheeler business. Thirty-one Wheeler shoppers were called forward to claim a certificate when their names were drawn from the hopper at the fourth Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' drawing on Saturday, December 23.

The businesses where the certificates are to be spent and the individual claiming the certificates are as follows: The Net Shack—Matt McNeil; Wheeler Vet Clinic—Ruby Craig; City Drug Bed and Breakfast—Derrick Hungate; Mel's Diner—Buddy Wood; Kandi's Hair Studio—Eddie Hughes; Soto's—Linda Garner; Cross Country Barn—Betty Howard; Maxey's—Perez Silva; H&H Tire Company—Skeet Johnson; Wheeler General Store—Christine Atherton; Wheeler Times—Diane Ricketts; Dobson Cellular/Carol Clawson—Derrick Hungate; Mustang Auto Care—Rick Bond; Marshall Auto—Joyce Walker; Wheeler Lumber Company—Alex Dougherty; Speedi-Mart—David L. Danks; Hyland's Pharmacy—Juanita Fillingim; Wheeler Flower Shop—LaDena Taylor; Peso Dollar Store—Leota Haire; Dori's Salon—Sam Tabor; Hefley Hardware—E.J. Pannell; The Sweet Video—Teresa Soto; The Sweat Shop—Bonnie Downie; Antique Cupboard—Amy Hunt; Just Cuttin Up—Kaitlyn Helton; Wheeler Shell—Lois Puryear; Kim's Kitchen—Ian Finsterwald; The Spot—Corey Pannell

## County-Wide Burn Ban Is Now Lifted

The burn ban for Wheeler County has been lifted, as the Wheeler County Commissioner's Court meeting on Friday, December 29. Wheeler received 2.25" of rain a week prior to the meeting, making the burn ban no longer necessary.

## Wheeler Banking Center Winners

Wheeler Banking Center of Wheeler held their Christmas Open house on Tuesday, December 19. Two individuals registering at the event were given \$100 each as a door prize.

## E. Jean Meadows Services Are Tues.

Emma Jean Meadows, 79, died Friday, December 29, 2006 at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services were held at the Gageby Cemetery, Gageby, TX at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 2, 2007 with Dale Meadows, son, officiating. Burial was in Gageby Cemetery, Gageby, TX under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Meadows was born February 19, 1927 in Colony, Oklahoma to I.E. "Bud" and Annie Elizabeth Wyant. She married Cecil Meadows in Wheeler, TX on August 3, 1946. She and her husband had lived in Hemphill Co. from 1946 until moving to Wheeler in 1985. Mrs. Meadows was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, 1 son, Donald Gene Meadows. Survivors include: 1 daughter, Donna Hawkins and husband, Jerry, of Logan, NM; 3 sons, Dwayne Meadows and wife, Betty, of Pampa, TX; Dale Meadows and wife, Shonda, of Pampa, Texas; Dean Meadows and wife, Shannon, Meadows of Canadian, TX; 1 sister, Leona Miller of Eakley, OK.; 4 brothers, Earl Wyant of Boone, CO; Walter Wyant, Portland, OR; Benny Wyant of Pampa, TX; and Eugene Wyant of Springer, CO; 13 grandchildren, Ashleigh McWilliams, Leslie McWilliams, Bubba Meadows, Jennifer and Brian Brown, Cassie and Travis Goen, Michelle Meadows, Jeremy Albers, Megan Meadows, Brandi and David Dowell, and Tiffany Hawkins; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Requests: Briscoe Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 111, Briscoe, TX 79011.



## Thomas Helton Is Buried On Saturday

Thomas Roy Helton Sr., 97, died Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at Amarillo, Tx.

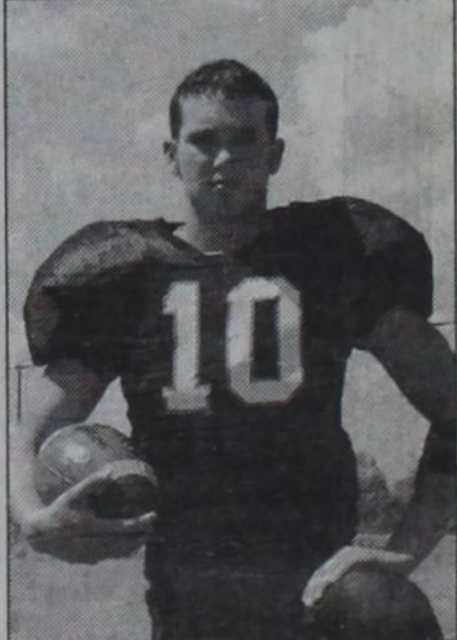
Services were at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 30, 2006, in Wheeler, Tx. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Woodward, Pastor and Rev. Ernie McGaughey of Tulia, Tx. officiating.

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

Mr. Helton was born Feb. 26, 1909 in Iberia, Missouri, to Winfield Scott and Ida Lupardus Helton. Mr. Helton married Alice Bell King December 17, 1931 in Cheyenne, Ok. She preceded him in death in 2005. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandson. Mr. Helton was a farmer and rancher in Hemphill and Wheeler counties since 1931, moving to Wheeler in 1985. He and his wife were resident of the Craig Retirement Center and the Georgia Manor Nursing Home in Amarillo since August 2001. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Wheeler Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are four sons, Thomas R. Helton Jr., and wife, Martha, of Wheeler, Bob Helton and wife, Lavada, of Marble Falls, Tx., Bill Helton and wife, Phyllis, of Amarillo and Jack Helton and wife, Sharon, of Wheeler; one daughter, Joyce Smith and husband, Joe Paul, of Sayre, Ok; 19 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren

Memorial Requests: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 89, Wheeler, Tx.



Steven McAlpine of Wheeler was named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* 2006 Class 1A Golden Spread Team as a punter. The all-district punter had 95 tackles, including 31 solos, with seven interceptions as the Mustangs made the playoffs for the 11th year in a row.

## Hospital Notes

- Assisted Living**  
Verne Lohberger  
Opal Hefley  
Alvern Hutchison  
C.B. Brotherton  
Iona May  
Willie Mae Helton  
Duane Bradford  
Tom Frye
- Admissions**  
12/5 Lucille Helton  
12/12 Jackie Cummings  
12/15 Katie Christie  
Pete Luttrell  
12/17 Edd Erl Luttrell  
Michelle Schafer  
12/18 Priscilla Littrell  
12/20 Margaret Laughlin  
12/26 Miriam Garcia  
12/27 Christine Conner  
12/28 Mary Whitener  
12/29 Glenda Silkwood
- Dismissals**  
12/18 Lucille Helton  
12/19 Michelle Schafer  
12/20 Edd Erl Luttrell  
12/21 Pete Burton  
Priscilla Littrell  
12/22 Margaret Laughlin  
12/27 Miriam Garcia  
1/1 Glenda Silkwood

Luke 2: 10: Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. I John 4: 10: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Happy Birthday to Gina Seitz, Shaunda Patterson, Lois Puryear on Dec. 24; Wanda Herd, Debbie Stinnett, Henny Reed, Sheila Mick, Robert Brown, James Chapman, Mack Marshall, Dec. 25; Holly Bibens, Phyllis Kennard, Houston Hardcastle, McKenna Morgan, Blanca Emiliano, Nancy Shelton, Lee Young on Dec. 26; Lewis Britt, Anita Brown, Shane Boring, DeDee Boring, Annam Wood, Dorothy Lewis on Dec. 27; Chris Fillingim, Blue Commer, Jotana Henson, Kylie Schubert, Erma Riley (90), on Dec. 28; Maggie Jones, Keri Marion, Andy Maslik, Spencer Howard on Dec. 29; Sue Harrison on Dec. 28; T. J. Cole, Katrina Bodkin, Evelyn Hale, Elva

Wood, Mike Wash, Kylie Harrison on Dec. 30.  
Happy Anniversary to Rick and Janet Hefner on Dec. 24; Garland and Charlene Dukes and Ken and Rhonda Rutherford on Dec. 27; Doug and Betty Rives on Dec. 29; Jack and Brenda Sparlin on Dec.

28; Darrel and Maggie Marshall and Terry and Sheila Mick on Dec. 30; God bless you!  
Happy Birthday to Martha Helton, Liz Shipp, Preston Glazner, Lori Brown, Kelsey Zybach, Cami Ellison, Blain Criswell, Dyana Duman, Jensen Hatley, Jennifer Nowlin on Dec. 31; Billy Finsterwald, Evalyn Free, Larry Lee Horn, Nancy Barr, Jeanette Jahnel, Shea Robinson, Rowdy Clark, John Helton, Sam Helton, Warren Bateman, Richard Wilson, Elizabeth Kauk on Jan. 1; Trey Smith, Shai Dougherty, Kasey

Jaco, Ann Marie Kidd, Karson Hood, Anna Dell Myers, Davis Corse, Katie Jo Hennig, Tracey Young, Roy Don Chick on Jan. 2; Teda Seuhs, Deidre Harris, Inez Moore, Morgan Lane, Daphne Zybach, Mike Bell, Clifton Fletcher Jr., Jill Lister, Ryan Bergin, Don Edwards on Jan. 3; Josh Couch, Zane Freeman, Shane Goad, Hawk Hughes, Noveline Loyd, Derek Murray, Kenny Lancaster, Angela Forward on Jan. 4; Lou Dean Douthit, Rhonda McWhorter, Heather Hardcastle on Jan. 5; Annie Ruth Lee, Nikki Hathaway, Nathan Benefield, Hayden Guest, Maddox McNeil, Bobbie Walker and Tommy Whitlow on Jan. 6;

Happy Anniversary to Thad and Tammy Greene on Dec. 31; Rick and Judy Woodard on Dec. 31; Don and Cindy Zumstein on Jan. 4; Steve and Elaine Quandt on Jan. 1; Devin and Kenna Howard on Jan. 5;

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his way alone; and all that we send into the lives of others comes back unto our own."

by Edwin Markham

Some visiting David and Rita Pearson over the Christmas holidays were Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen, Amber Maddox, Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira and Kamry, Joe Lackey, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer, Verna Fillingim.

Betty Howard enjoyed lunch with youngest son, Dennis, at Maxeys Saturday. Also there were Bill and Carla Howard and Rachel and Ben.

Bill and Christine Atherton had all their family together at their house Christmas Eve Day, Sunday. Sister Kathy Helton came over Saturday to help her prepare all the goodies. Merry Christmas to all.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Lynard and Glenna Schafer of Canadian.

Enjoying a pizza party at Canadian Saturday night to celebrate Blain Criswell's fourth birthday were Larry and Vickey Nelson, Jimmy Nelson, Tammy and Jimmy Maddox and Amber, Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira and Kamry from Windthorst, Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen and David and Rita Pearson. Nice to have a little visit from Dallas' family; they visited me.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Rhonda Ferguson, 57, in her death Saturday. She will be missed. Funeral Wednesday at Country Chapel.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of DeAnna Roberson, 47, in her death.

She was the daughter of Billy and Vonda Roberson. Funeral at Perryton with burial at Wheeler.

Family gathering at Shannon and Adley Gilmer's on Christmas Day were Patsy Smith, Joe and Beverly Smith and Neal from Stinnett, Rachel Laughlin and Payton and Evan from Clyde, Tex., Jenny Smith came later after work. They had a birthday party for Jesus and a good day together.

Gathering at Bob and Debbie Kinnaman for Christmas on Sunday were Peggy North, Lou Dean Douthit, Christen White, Joe Bob Kinnaman and Alyssa and Destrie Corey and Audrey Kinnaman and Zane, Joey and Zaden from Reydon, Donnie and Kirbie Barr and Cutter from Mobeetie and Brad and Stacci Reis and Adrain and Colby Hanson. They had a nice day.

Earl and Betty Husted went to Amarillo Christmas Day to son Steve and Etta Husted's for their family gathering. Also there was Steven Husted and Etta's brother, Ricky and Lacey and Jessie Love, who is in the Marines in the Artillery at Lawton. Also Alyssa Love there.

Rhonda Ferguson was having some problems. (She had lung transplant some months ago.) She had to spend a week in Dallas in the hospital, but was back home in Wheeler when she died.

Wheeler Baptist Golden Agers enjoyed a good pot-luck meal and fellowship and a program Thurs-



day, Dec. 21. Leona Coates, Ella Mae Wood and Lavenna Pannell helped some in the kitchen. Some others there were Eddie Pannell, Leo Shuler, Martha Meek, Betty Howard, Wesley and Helen Steen, Verna Fillingim and Marie Baker.

Thanks to the ladies who decorated Wheeler Baptist Church with lights, poinsettias and other things. So pretty.  
Gayle and Terry Lewallen hosted a family Christmas dinner at their house. Some there were Shonda and Chad Harrison from Ft. Smith, Ark., Sandy and Justin Rose, Shea and Billy Robinson and Bailey, Braxton and Cadance from Perryton, Shannon and Jordan Levi from Oklahoma City and Thomas Roy and Martha Helton.

Marie Baker's daughter, (Phyllis O'Quinn from Perryton) came and got Marie Saturday to stay till Tuesday with her. They had a great time. Phyllis brought her home Tuesday. They ate lunch at Maxeys. Phyllis took down Christmas decoration, etc. and cleaned her house good. They had a wonderful visit. Marie went to church with Rick and Phyllis at Perryton in their newly remodeled and fixed up church on Sunday. Some others for Mexican pile on Sunday p.m. and dinner on Christmas were Wes and Shelia Farris and Tracy and Angilia O'Quinn and Vince and Jordan.

At Evelyn Meek's home Christmas Day were Jocelyn and Keith Ratliff, Kathy Meek and Mark and Annette Meek and Evelyn. They are expecting Kaleb Meek and his family from Florida in late January. Best wishes to all. They had a nice day.

Nice to have a visit from granddaughter, Lindsey Criswell on Christmas Eve.

Jim and Beth Alvey's company over the holidays included Jim Alvey Jr. and Josiah from Lela Lake, Dan and Mari Ramsey and Drew Bonner from Alvarado, Tex.; Marisa and Jady Bonner from Lubbock, Todd and Misty Alvey and Paegge, Payton, Patterson and Preslee from Pampa and Tina Dale and Emilie from Van Buren, Ark. Happy New Year!

Thanks Beth for putting in my light bulb. Tina and Emilie stayed a few days longer with Beth and Jim.

Tommy Pepper works some for Wright Funeral Directors and Wheeler Ambulance and is an Assembly of God preacher. He has been at Cheyenne, but may start preaching at Ardmore, Okla., soon. Nice to have Tommy out to sing with the band at Care Center Thurs.  
Lance Caroland, husband of LaJuana (McElroy) Caroland got word he will start a new job as a Park Ranger/Peace Officer on Jan. 2, at Palo Duro Canyon, near Canyon, where they live. Lance especially wanted that job. He trained for that in college and has had some job interview, but will have to go to a police academy for awhile somewhere. Pray for Lance and his family. Lance is excited. We are happy for you!

Sorry to hear that Tom Helton, 97, has pneumonia and is in an Amarillo Hospital in I.C.U. to help his breathing. Not Thomas.

Tom was in Hospice at Old St Anthony's Hospital. Tom passed away Wednesday, a very special caring man. Funeral at Wheeler Methodist Saturday, Dec. 30; burial at Gageby.

Leona Coates enjoyed having LeeAnn Brown, daughter, from Krum, Tex., and her daughter, Amber Brown from Denton to visit during the holidays. Good to see them at Wheeler Baptist on Sunday.

So nice to have Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira and Kamry and Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen come visit me Tuesday and go to lunch at Maxeys with me for a good visit.

Bill and Shirley Dyson and Linda and Jerry Dupon and Libby gathered at the home of Bill and Janie Morris for supper on Christmas Eve. (Janie and Shirley are sisters) in Pampa for a good meal

and family time together.  
At Wheeler Care Center Tuesday morning was a good crowd of residents out to enjoy the Sing-a-long, message from the Bible and prayers for the residents. Nina Hervey played the piano. Betty Husted led singing, Earl Husted read scripture and had a message. We missed Joyce Wood, who is usually there to help. Thanks for coming Husted's. Happy New Year to all. God bless you everyone!

Nice to see Blaine Rutherford back working a Thriftway during his break from College in Kansas. He worked there during High School days in Wheeler.

**Christmas Eve at Wheeler Baptist Day**  
There was a good crowd out to church with singing the traditional Christmas songs. Reading scripture portions were Mike Bryant, Wesley Steen, Darrell Gaines, Mr. Koen (Matt's Dad) and Jayton Moore. A good service. Matt also read scripture. How amazing that the God in charge of the universe would come to earth as a human baby to die for our sins so that we might live eternally in heaven. Thank you, Jesus.

Holiday visitors to Matt and Konnette Koen were Matt's parents and sister from Mart, Texas. They also came to see Caleb and Micah, the grandsons. Good to see them all.

John 15: 7, 8: If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit showing yourself to be my disciples.

So sorry to hear that Bertha Hollis of Bolivar, Mo., had a stroke and had died when life support was removed. She and husband, Leonard Hollis had grown up at Pampa, but had settled down in Bolivar, Mo., and raised their family.  
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**COUNTRY CHAPEL CHURCH**  
**WHEELER, TEXAS 10:30 A.M.**

**ALVARADO ROADSHOW**  
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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

Can there be such a thing as "too much fellowship?" As a church family we spend at the minimum an hour or so together every Sunday morning. Some people go further than that, adding to it an extra hour before that night for another turn at worship, maybe even on Wednesday nights for an additional hour. Every once in a while, like this next Sunday (and most every first Sundays of the month), we get together for a "fellowship meal." Certainly that's plenty of time! And yet Christians still find opportunities to spend more time with each other outside of the church building area.

In a busy life where there are so many demands on our time, it seems like a good choice to sacrifice time spent with other Christians in worship and fellowship. There is work, school, and don't forget that we need to have our "me-time." Church time ends up

being relegated to a minor role. And usually most people are okay with that.

But as the years roll past us, farther and farther from that first church that we see in the early chapters in the book of Acts, we are spending less and less time together. Viewing the example of that church, we see that Christians spent a LOT of time together. Acts 2:42-47 show these people "devoted ... to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.... All the believers were together and had everything in common.... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts." These Christians were together EVERY DAY! The last sentence in that chapter doesn't come as a surprise then: "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Fellowship = Church growth! Ooh. Have a great New Year!

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.

boydston. Had a nice day.  
Wednesday, Ray and Linda Hendrick of Lufkin, Texas came by for a short visit in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston. Had nice visit and took several pictures. When they left our house they went and visited in the home of Roma and Billy June Brown.

Wednesday night Opal and Juanita Boydston enjoyed a very delicious homecooked meal in the home of Roma and Billy June Brown. Had a good visit and a wonderful meal.

Sunday, SaRita and Kelton Green and Corinna Boydston, Neal's oldest daughter from Colorado came by for a short visit with Opal and Juanita.

Juanita Boydston and Ron Hall and granddaughter, Juanita Tincher stayed up to see the New Year in. As the New Year drew near they sang songs and read the Bible and prayed. Had a great time!

Ron Hall and Juanita Boydston traveled to Shamrock, Texas and enjoyed some shopping and back to Wheeler, Texas where they did some more shopping. They enjoyed their outing.

Sunday, Jared and Kandi Johnson of Lubbock, Texas, Allen and Janice McCloy of Morse, Texas, Glen and Diane Rose and Kelly and Savanna, Louis and Elizabeth Meers and Ginger enjoyed Christmas holidays in the home of Alice Kelley.

Bethany and Steve Thomas visited Alice Kelley on Tuesday. Bethany stayed from Tuesday till Saturday with Alice.

Nadine Lane had her family with her at her house for Christmas. She said there was a house full.

Nelda Dukes had her Christmas gathering at the Allison School. There was 30 in attendance.

Pete Gilmer journeyed to Amarillo, Texas on Saturday and enjoyed Christmas with his daughters and their families, Becky and Jeannie Gilmer and Linda Ingersoll and Ann Boydston. Rodney and Andrew came to be with them also. Keith and Ann Boydston of LaBelle, Texas, near Beaumont, Texas and Jessica came in on Saturday and Natalie flew in on Monday. They all had a great time, altho it was very very icy in Amarillo, Texas and they couldn't hardly get around. Pete returned back home on Sunday a week later.

Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife, Olene Johnson to San Angelo, Texas to visit with their daughter and family Becky and Tim Wood and Brianna, Tabitha and Kendall on Christmas Day.

Glenn and Betty Boydston went to Binger, Oklahoma on Wednesday and stayed the night with Robbie and SaRita and family. They had their Christmas with them and Betty reported a very delicious home cooked meal. Glenn and Betty brought their grandson, Kelton back to Allison with them. SaRita Green and Corinna

boydston came Sunday from Binger, Oklahoma to Allison to pick up Kelton. Corinna Boydston is Neal's oldest daughter and she lives in Colorado, she flew to Oklahoma City and SaRita went and picked her up, as she is going to stay a couple of weeks with her. She is a having a wonderful time. I hear that they went ice skating Monday.

Friday, Julie Boydston traveled to Canyon, Texas and picked up Hannah Boydston to visit with them for a few days.

Gary and Julie Boydston and Hannah traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma and did some shopping and then went on to Clinton, Oklahoma where they met with Amie Purcell and picked up their grandson, Ryne Purcell to visit with them over the weekend.

**MOBEETIE NEWS**  
By: Sue Mayfield

Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Don and Mary Edwards, Lonnie and Debbie Hendrix, Todd Stuart, Andrea Aldridge and family, Louise Hogan, the family of past President Gerald Ford.,

Bertha Hollis, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Penny Summers, Louise Hogan, Alvern Hutchison, Gary Morris, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Charlie Brown, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Iva Richardson, Dale and Barbara Richardson, Sidney Maham, Mrs. Bulah Stuart, Addie Swift, Chuck Carl, Mandy Wilson, Scott Corcoran and family, Carlos Soto and family, Aaron Hartline and family, Mr. Curtis Hendrix, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Marsha Richardson, Iona May, Martha Meek., Elva Wood, Louise Shorter, Rev. Tom and Janet Louison, Shirley and Bill Dyson, Lou Dean Douthit, Audrey Seitz, Augusta Brown, and Cody, Gene and Rhonda Ferguson, Lynna Janes ( a very special teacher at Samnorwood), all of our service men and women and their families, especially the families of the men missing in action, our President and other people of our government that they will find the key to peace, Debbie Taylor, Aaron and Arica Lancaster, Sallie Adcock, Jimmy Maddox, Virginia Greenhouse, Jim and Kay Batton Byron Simpson, Melba Darnell, Doug and Pat Corse, Edd Eryl Luttrell, Glory Hartsfield., Alice Little, Bill Kimbley, the family and friends of Jean Meadows, the family and friends of Rhonda Ferguson, and the family and friends of Tom Helton., Joann Couch, Mary Margaret Dodd, Tanya Stuart.

Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2007. Hope you had a wonderful holiday season. Even though the rain, ice storms and snow sort of rearranged every ones plans. We are so thankful that we got such wonderful moisture and escaped the biggest part of the ice storm. Here in Mobeetie USA we didn't get any snow though. Dumas was a winter wonderland with ice. Going was really treacherous. So many beautiful trees and fences didn't survive the heavy coating of ice. The first round before Christmas was bad, but the last one really brought things to a halt. With all of the holiday travelers and the truck drivers every parking lot and motel room was full. They even opened the churches up for shel-

ter.

So sorry to hear that Bill Kimbley lost his home in the days just before Christmas. During that first ice storm the electric lines were stretched to their limit with the ice. About 5:00 A.M. The neighbor noticed that a line had come down across the top of Mr. Kimbley's roof and had started a fire. He had a terrible time getting Mr. Kimbley to hear him. Thankfully he finally let the neighbor in and they got to the safety of the neighbors home. The fire department fought the fire for over 6 hours. The people of Dumas were very kind and responded almost immediately upon hearing of his loss. He is warm and snug at the hospital nursing home. All of his immediate needs for clothing were provided and the pharmacy has worked with Mom to get his meds refilled that very first morning before noon. Hopefully while he is at the nursing home they will be able to get his leg wound cleared up and the bleeding on his foot to stop and heal up. Mr. Kimbley has diabetes, so it takes a little extra attention and time to get it cleared up. He is so thankful to "all of his angels" for being there for him in his time of need. His closest son lives in Lubbock, so he couldn't get up to be with his Dad, because of the ice down there too. His daughter and husband from the Dallas area came up for Christmas to do what they could. His other daughter was in Germany so had to make connections as soon as she could to get back and routed to Dumas. The Lord has provided well for the whole family. Now if the weather would have complied a little sooner they would be well on their way to "regrouping". Hope the new year brings lots of welcome opportunities for all of you.

Congratulations to Cindy (Harrison) Gorley. She is doing her final semester of college, student teaching right there in Quanah. It has worked out so perfectly. The whole family is happy and rejoicing with Cindy. We are proud of you. A single mother with 3 school aged children, FFA projects and all the other school activities that are such an important part of all children's lives, and finishing college. Quite an accomplishment. Of course Cindy couldn't have done it with out a lot of help and support from her parents, brother and sister-in-law and family. 2007 will be a great year for Cindy and her family. There has been so much illness through the holiday season.

Hope every one is getting rested up and feeling better. We lost so many dear, precious people through the holidays. Along with the loss of another piece of national history., past President Gerald Ford. For some one that just had to step into the office and was never elected, he made a big impression on many lives. We are sad and will miss them eminently but praise the Lord that they are without pain and in the presence of His glory.

Our deepest sympathy to Cecil Meadows and the family of Emma Jean Meadows. She passed away at the hospital in Amarillo on Friday, December 29th. Graveside services were Tuesday, January 2, at the Gageby Cemetery with her son, Dale Meadows, officiating. Jean is also survived by a daughter and 3 sons and their spouses and families. She was a wonderful mother, sister, grandmother, friend and neighbor. She was very active in the Briscoe community for many years. She and Cecil moved to Wheeler in the 1980's. Where they made many more friends.

Peggy Dunn of Canadian and Leola Stuart took advantage of the nicer weather and went to Lawton OK a little early to celebrate Jarrid's birthday and Christmas with Ronnie and Tanya Stuart and the boys. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed their families. Jarrid had the chance to go out for supper and celebrate his birthday with everyone, but after hearing that



**The View of a Southern Woman**

.... Southern California that is.

Since I have been in and out of bed for the past two weeks, I kind of think I missed something. One thing was Christmas, but I am sure it came anyway as it always does. Glenn Forrest Frosty and I put up that Christmas tree that he lost two years ago. He finally found it in the attic after I threatened to buy another one. Then around the 11th of December, we had that dinner party and after that it was all down hill. Dr. Kendrick said I had Upper Respiratory problems and assured me that I would live to see the new year. Well all I can say to that is, Just barely! We did get down to Binger, OK to see our kids after Christmas and SaRita cooked a wonderful Christmas dinner and we had a late Christmas, but a wonderful one. We brought grandson Kelton back with us for when deer season opened, we had promised grandson Kelton that he could come stay with us for Christmas break and maybe get his first buck over on the farm. Well, he did just that and it was a nice eight point buck too. I was in bed again so did not get to witness this special occasion, but I have heard enough about it in complete detail, that it seems like I was there. Thank goodness grandpa was there with a camera for without photos, I am sure the story would have been much larger. SaRita picked Kelton up on Sunday and they took the deer with them to give to a family in need. I am so glad that Glenn could play a part in this very important time of Kelton's life.

I have noticed that we have a secret society in this country now and I just cannot adjust to it as yet. It is the Initial Society and you may have noticed it too. The young people do not seem to be puzzled by it, but my age group gets pretty buffalooed on meanings for these initials. Nowadays everything has an initial and not a name. Take for instance ATV, VCR, CD, ATM, PVC, PC, VHS, LVN and probably a thousand more just like that. By the time I can remember what the initials stand for, they are out of date or someone has changed them. I remember years ago in California when my late husband bought me a Ford LTD - which was a car that I never liked - and at that time there was a drug called LSD that was getting a lot of copy in the newspapers, so it was normal for me to get the two mixed up. This caused me ultra-embarrassment when I said I had a Ford LSD. My next car was a Toyota Celica and I never had a problem with it except for the fact it was a stick shift. Oh well, you can

not win them all. I have great hopes for this new year with hope for health, happiness and I wish the same for all of you that read this. This can be a wonderful year and I sincerely hope it is for all of us. Of course Glenn said I should have served black-eyed peas on New Year's day, but why start now, as I never have. Happy New Year to all of you. With love from Betty Boydston.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We are so thankful to each and everyone for the kind words, prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and food that was bestowed on our family. Clyde (Red) Dukes was a proud husband, father and grandfather and very loved by all, who knew him. We want to thank everyone, who joined us in remembering our loved one. We would also like to thank the ones who helped in performing such a lovely service, the singing was awesome, a special thanks for the escort to the cemetery. We certainly hope we have not left anyone out when we say how blessed we are to live in a community of caring people. Thanks again for being with us.

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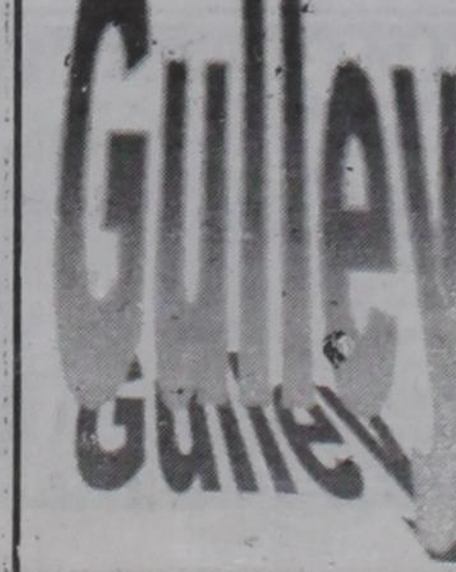
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## Hospital (from Page 1)

discussion among the board members and Ms. Fagan Cook but no action was taken at this time.

The chairman returned to the original agenda and Thomas Helton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1006 meeting. Sue Chandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Sue Chandler made a motion to pay the bills. James Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented fi-

## Mobeetie (from Page 3)

family and loved them all dearly. The grandchildren were the light of her life. We really missed her when she had to quit working at the pharmacy. Our deepest sympathy to Gene and the family. She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law and two sons and daughters-in-law. She had touched so many lives, she will be greatly missed.

Mary Margaret Dodd enjoyed the holidays with part of her family throughout the holiday season. Mary Margaret, Jack and Diane Cody of Graham, Tx along with C.G. Dodd had a quite Christmas together. Lisa and Paul Bentley, Jessica and Ashley of Amarillo were out at Paul's parents, but the girls slipped in for a short visit. While Jack and Diane were here Diane went over to Earl and Leola Farris's and put up a blue bird house for them. They so enjoy their birds and wild life in their back yard.

Sorry to hear that Earl and Leola have been a little under the weather too. Joel and Laura came up from North Richland Hills for a few days with family and help celebrate the new year.

Joel, C.G. and Rosemary attended Tom Helton's funeral together. Sunday Joel and Laura and their 3 children visited in the home of Mary Margaret.

Joel's, C.G. and Rosemary went to Amarillo to help Paul and Lisa see the new year in. Paul and his band were playing at the Masonic Lodge. Tommy Velasquez sings with the group. He also writes some of his own songs. They are a great group and will be playing at this years ex-student reunion for Wheeler.

Clinton and Maurita Stribling hosted the Stribling family reunion and celebrated the new year with 35 of their family. They also celebrated Clinton's 86th birthday. Happy birthday Clinton. They had a wonderful time with their family.

2006 brought lots of changes to the family, but highlights of the year were the births of three darling little great granddaughters. Those attending the celebration were Tom and Debbie Stribling, Darius Kimberling, Jerome Shulze, Wesley, Anna and Kelsy Stribling, Allen, Brittani and Kamryn Irlbeck all of Happy, TX, along with Brandi, Craig and Cory Hamilton of Turkey, Tx., Johnny and Carol Stribling Chatham, Scotty, Shanna, Stori and Saylor Stribling, Seth Stribling, Kelli Jo, Trevor and Wes Hannak all from Pampa, Roy Lynn, Cindy, and Shane Stribling, Crystal and Jaxson Campbell, Clark Wilmoth, M.L. and Diane Hines all of Elk City, OK and Natasha Stribling and Toby Collins of Wheeler, Texas.

Tim, Jennifer, Erica and Jayden Mayfield, along with Jeff and Harley Mayfield all of Pampa were here for dinner and packages on Christmas Eve. Sorry that Shy didn't get to make it as she had a bout with the flu. We enjoyed watching the grand children open their packages. They all went home early as they had other parties to attend and chores to finish up to make ready for Christmas Day company.

Bob and I had planned to go to Mom's in Dumas on Christmas Day, but begged off because I had the cold and crud. Tuesday we took Sidney Mahan to the VA in Amarillo for doctors appointments. It was a nice day to get that done since it turned off cold and wet later in the week. Hopefully the changes in medication will soon make a difference in his life. Bob came down with a head cold Wed. Todd and Lori, Michael and Brianna arrived in the wee hours of Thursday. After getting a few hours of sleep Todd and Lori were on their way to Amarillo to get a tire fixed and see Lori's parents for a few hours. Todd had a terrible headache and head cold too. With being delayed with the tire and the weather they got to spend a few extra days with her parents. We are so thankful they were there and not somewhere on the highway to Denver.

Michael, Brianna and I saw the new year in with a game of Monopoly. Michael is a real estate mogul. Tim and Jennifer brought the kids down to spend some time with their cousins. We had ham and beans and cornbread for dinner. We've tried the black-eyed pea route and that didn't work, so didn't figure our luck could be much worse with pinto beans. Hope ya'll have a great new year and much prosperity and good health.

The Mussleman family had a terrific Christmas with Walt home from Iraq. Have a great week.

Country (from Page 6)

go home to Wichita Falls. Happy 24th Wedding Anniversary to Steve and Bertie Eudey on Jan. 8. Trent is 21 and a Junior at Texas A&M. Travis is 18 and a Junior in High School at Bullard.

"God be with you till we meet again."

## Country (from Page 6)

financial statements, investment report and statistics report for November. Sue Chandler made a motion to approve the reports as presented and Thomas Helton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Accounts to be considered for bad debt write-off were presented. There were also several charity write offs presented. After some general discussion James Batton made a motion to approve both bad debt and charity write offs as requested by Ms. Fagan Cook. Sue Chandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement minutes and scorecards were reviewed and discussed. There was some discussion regarding food costs and the fact that they have not gone down. No action was taken to change the prices currently being charged for meals. James Batton made the motion to approve QAPI minutes and scorecards. Sue Chandler seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented American Hospital Association dues assessment for approval. James Batton made the motion to pay the dues and Sue Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Workman's comp insurance renewal with RCH Protect cooperative was presented. There was some discussion regarding the increase in premium. Ms. Fagan Cook explained that the premiums are based on actual audited payroll costs. We gave a raise last December and this made a significant impact on the renewal premium. Sue Chandler made the motion to renew with RCH that was seconded by Thomas Helton. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tipps asked if there were any items for new business. Ms. Fagan Cook reported that the dues for Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals had come in today and needed to be paid. James Batton made the motion to pay the dues and Thomas Helton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Fagan Cook stated that Medicaid is now requiring that we use the Milliman Care Guidelines to determine whether or not a patient meets criteria for admission. This is software that we need to purchase and the invoice was presented that included the 10% discount we receive for being a TORCH hospital member. Thomas Helton made the motion to purchase the software. James Batton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook reported that the Regional Advisory Council had recently advised us that we will receive a portable building with decontamination equipment and personal protective equipment included. This is at no cost to the hospital. It will be located at the north end of the hospital where Mrs. Stiles and Ms. Fagan Cook park. The driveway material had to be removed so that a concrete pad can be poured and the County did this for us. Funds for this were a part of the year three bioterrorism money that the RAC distributes.

There was no further business and Chairman Tipps adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Wheeler County COURT RECORDS**

List of Instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 14, 2006 — December 20, 2006

**DECEMBER 14, 2006**

D—Don McCasland to State of Texas, 8-14-06, Pt. 106.38 acs. Sec. 30, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—J. W. Gilmer to Margaret Ann Gilmer Boydston, et al, 12-14-06, See Instrument.

**DECEMBER 19, 2006**

DVL—Calvin Don Carpenter, et al to Ty L. Owens, et ux, 12-18-06, All of Lot 4, and N 28' Lot 5, Blk. 15, Shamrock.

DT—Ty L. Owens, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-18-06, All of Lot 4, N 28' Lot 5, Blk. 15, Shamrock.

DVL—Norma J. Cook to Martin Castaneda, 12-14-06, Lot 11, Blk. 13, Shamrock.

DVL—Richard Kent Cook to Martin Castaneda, 12-14-06, Lot 11, Blk. 13, Shamrock.

DVL—Jimmie Don Cook, et al to Martin Castaneda, 12-14-06, Lot 11, Blk. 13, Shamrock.

DT—Martin Castaneda to Community Bank of Wellington, Texas, 12-19-06, Lot 11, Blk. 13, Shamrock.

**DECEMBER 20, 2006**

CONVEYANCE—Edward E. LaFaye, et al to MAP2004-OK, 12-15-06, See Instrument.

B. of SALE—Arsenio Archan to Armando Carrillo Dominguez, 12-19-06, Mobile Home

B. of SALE—Eliodoro Soto to Arsenio Archan, 12-13-06, Mobile Home

MODIFICATION DT—James W. Garner, et ux to Northwood Mortgage Inc., 12-5-06, 7.427 acs. Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD—Mary Helen Davis Daniel to Brady Daniel, et ux, 11-30-06, E 12 Sec. 52, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Pauline Benson to Kenneth Campbell, et al, 11-27-06, N 100' Lot 4, Blk. 47, Shamrock.

STL—State of Texas to Rita Y. Bryant, 12-13-06./

## 'Cash' Winners For Last Two Drawings

The third of Wheeler's 'Cash' drawings was held on Saturday, December 18. \$400 was divided between seventeen lucky Wheeler shoppers.

The \$10 envelopes were claimed by Amy Hunt, Abre Finsterwald, Lane Erwin, Gwen Wilson, Ruby Craig, Micaka Edwards, Caitlyn Walker, Jacob Maxwell, Charlene Jones and Brandi Dougherty.

Four individuals came forward to claim the envelopes containing \$25 in Wheeler 'Cash'. They were Maria Gonzalez, Sabrina Brown, Ian Finsterwald, Derrick Hungate Cody Selby and Bonnie Downie each received \$50.

The big winner for the day was Betty Howard, claiming \$100 in Wheeler 'Cash'.

'Cash' drawings eight people shared \$400 in 'cash'.

\$25 envelopes were given to the four individuals lucky enough to have their names drawn. They were Wanda Williams, Chase Helton, Abby Bond and Leslie Erwin.

Lane Erwin and Stormy Moore came forward to claim their \$50 envelopes.

Two envelopes containing \$100 in cash were handed out on Saturday, December 23. They went to Carol Clawson and Windy White.

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Drawing tickets have been available since November 25, 2006 at sponsoring businesses.

## RRC Production Stat., Allow. for Jan.

The Texas average rig Count as of Dec. 15, 2006, was 767, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 343 million barrels of oil and 6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for October 2006 is 29,473,592 barrels of crude oil and 463,931,846 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary October 2006 production totals of 27,982,144 barrels of crude oil and 411,688,567 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0533 for crude oil and 1.1269 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

duction for January 2007 is reported.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for November 2006 is 444,342,701 Mcf compared to 333,748,334 Mcf in November 2005. The December 2006 gas storage estimate is 422,941,644 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial January 2007 natural gas production allowances for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 21,980,998 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial January 2007 allowances, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowances will be adjusted after actual pro-



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for helping celebrate my retirement after 23 years with the Wheeler Central Appraisal District. We had a great time reminiscing and snacking. Thanks for the phone calls, gifts, cards and thoughtfulness during this special time.

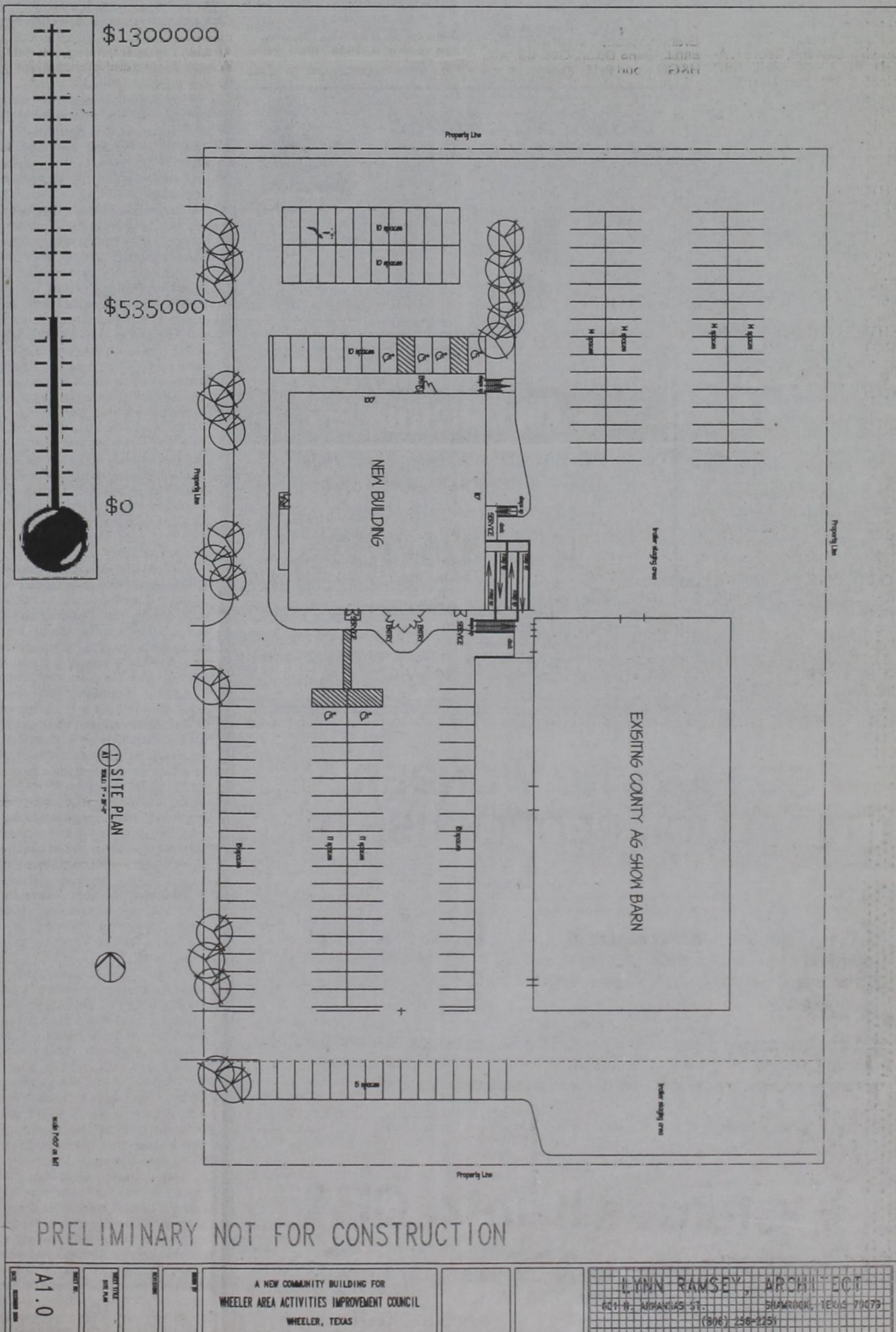
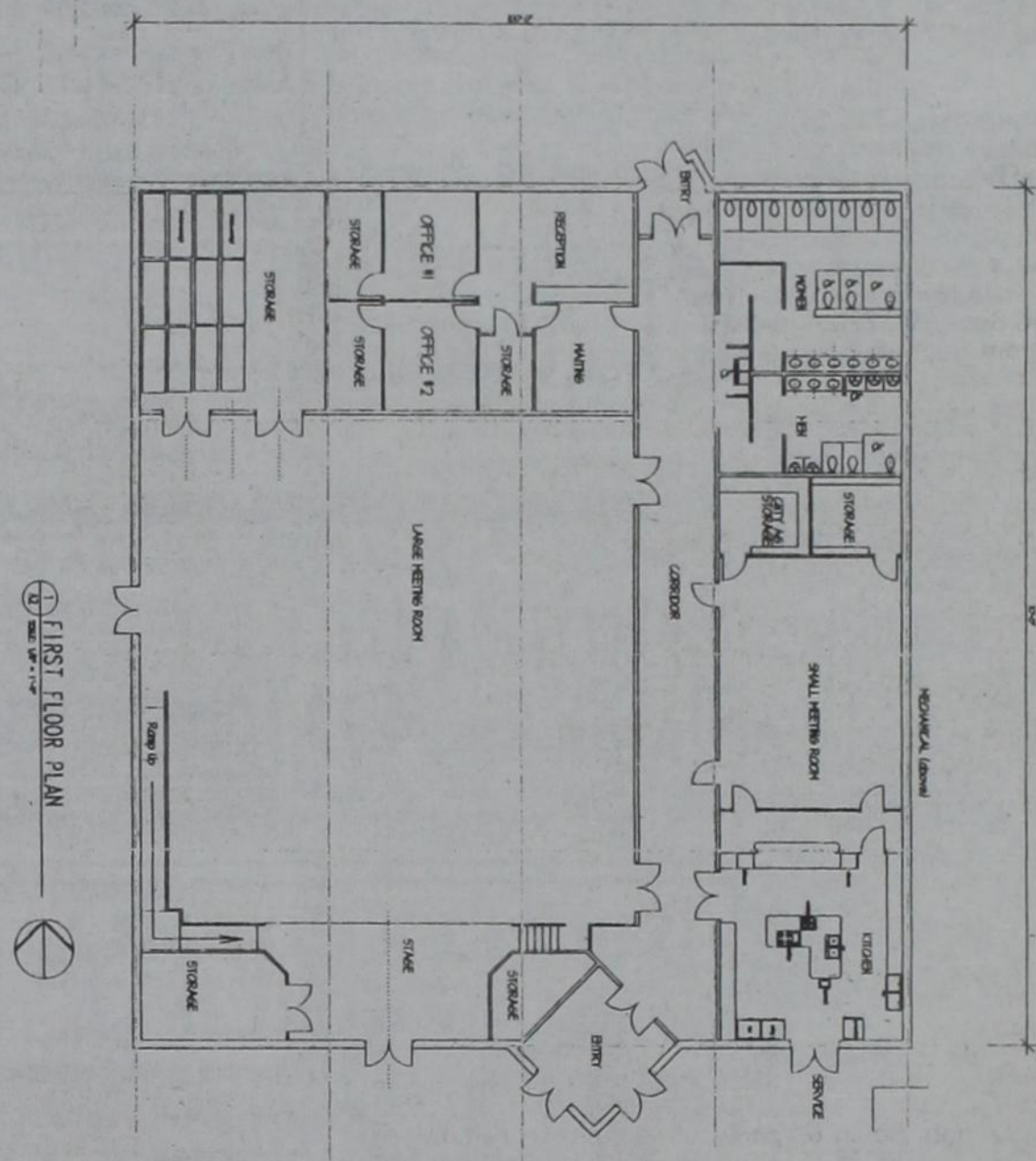
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