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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

**Congratulations, Ft. Elliott One-Act Play Cast!** The play was performed and advanced to the second stage, but lost out in Amarillo.

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The Wheeler One-Act Play did not advance. I did however hear how good a job the actors did.

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And, once again, I question the method used for the judging of the plays. There should be at least two judges. If a judge does not like the play itself, it should not reflect on the ability of the cast to present the play. (Continued Page 6)

## First Baptist Church Mobeetie Youth Fundraiser

@ Wheeler Church of Christ  
Mexican Night On and Parents Night Out  
April 8, 2006  
Pile On — 5pm-8pm  
Parents Night Out — 5pm-10pm  
(Let us babysit while you date!)

## THANKS

First Baptist Church Mobeetie Youth would like to thank Johnny Velasquez and Thriftway for their contribution to our fund raiser.

## Scholarships Given High School Seniors

Top O' Texas CattleWomen would like to remind all High School Seniors attending State Certified Schools in the following counties: Gray, Wheeler, Hemphill, Roberts, Collingsworth, Carson, Ochiltree, Hutchinson and Lipscomb. Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarship applications should be in your High School Counselors office.

Deadline for returning applications for judging is April 22, 2006. It's not too late to apply. CattleWomen are giving away 2 \$500.00 and 2 \$250.00 Scholarships.

This gives you more chances to win one of these scholarships. Send your completed applications to Christine Marett, 15741 COR D, Shamrock, Texas 79079. For more information or questions call Christine at 806-256-1268.



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:** Wheeler ISD Students of the Week are Jacobo Mendoza and Karina Pacheco. Jacobo is the son of Leonila and Jacobo Mendoza. His activities include football and track. Karina is the daughter of Juan and Mireya Pacheco. Her activities include basketball and is track manager.

## From the Principal's Desk

It is another great week here at Wheeler ISD. We have students involved in many activities this week. Our golf teams participated in the District Golf Tournament in Pampa on Monday. Samantha Chapman placed 2nd in the individual competition and will advance to regional. Our boy's team placed second as well and will also advance to regional. The team consists of Justin Lee, Mikel Tucker, Steven McAlpine, and Stefan Tucker.

Our band traveled to Boy's Ranch for the UIL Band Competition on Tuesday. This group has worked extremely hard in preparing for this contest. Thank you to those of you who attended their concert last week. The band is sounding great, and they are doing a fine job.

The District Track Meet is Friday in Panhandle. It will be well worth the trip to watch our boys and girls track teams try to defend their district championships. Good



**\$1,000 DONATION:** The Wheeler Lions Club invited Robert Ford, Wheeler Fire Chief, to their regular Tuesday morning meeting for the presentation of a \$1,000 check. The Lions expressed a desire for the money to be used to replace supplies used in the recent panhandle wildfire. The money was from a fund made possible through the Lions organizations of the Top of Texas 26 counties. Checks were presented to 10 panhandle fire departments. Wheeler and Shamrock each received a check; this is the first time any of these funds have come to Wheeler County. Charles Kuntz, Lions Club President, presents the check to Robert Ford; Weldon Simmons, right, is the secretary/treasurer.

## Ft. Elliott One-Act Play And Meal Part of Auldridge Benefit April 6

A benefit dinner will be held from 5:30-6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 6th prior to the presentation of Fort Elliott's One-Act Play. The proceeds from the Enchilada Dinner will go to Andrea Auldridge and her family to assist with medical expenses. Andrea has recently been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Andrea is a graduate of Fort Elliott High School. She is employed by the National Resource Conservation office in Wheeler. Her husband is Tracy Auldridge and they have two children. She is the daughter of Diane and Bevard Dukes and the granddaughter of Bob and Gina Zybach and Nelda Dukes. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

The meal will be held in the Fort Elliott High School Cafeteria in Briscoe and will be followed by the presentation of Fort Elliott's One-Act Play, "Alice in Wonderland." There is no charge for admission to the play which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members of the cast include: Jessica Helton as Alice; Kelsey Zybach as the Mad Hatter; Blaine Baker as the March hare; Glory Hartsfield as the Duchess; Raysha Vandever as the Cook; Megan Horn as Playing Card 2; Kelsi Essay as a Playing Card and Mouse; Leslie Archer as the Cheshire Cat; Robby Hovey as the Fish and King; Hayden Hudson as White Rabbit; Sarah Moon as the Nave Rabbit; Sarah Moon as the Nave Rabbit; Sarah Moon as the Nave Rabbit. (Continued Page 3)



**100th CUSTOMER:** Tammy Maddox is shown here giving Billy Umsted a \$100.00 dollar bill for being the 100th loan customer at the First State Bank. Tammy is Vice president and a loan officer and has worked for the First State Bank for 25 years. Also shown is Stephanie Coulter who is Vice President and Cashier and has worked for the Bank for 14 years.

## FEMA Names Wheeler One Of Four Panhandle Counties Eligible For Help

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the availability of individual assistance to homeowners, renters, and business owners in four Texas Panhandle counties who suffered property loss in the recent wildfires. The counties are Gray, Hutchinson, Wheeler, and Roberts.

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) said he is pleased with the help by FEMA.

"Last month's fires have caused a lot of hardship including the loss of homes and personal possessions. I am glad that FEMA is making assistance available to help people recover some of what they lost," said Thornberry.

FEMA assistance can include rental assistance, reimbursement for hotel and motel expenses, cash grants for home repair and/or replacement, and help with other disaster-related needs.

Thornberry encouraged people seeking assistance to call FEMA's toll-free number at 1-800-621- (Continued Page 3)

**AVOID A 10% PENALTY! RENDER YOUR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY! FILING OF A BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY RENDITION IS NOW MANDATORY (Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 22.28)**

The Wheeler County Central Appraisal District is making it publicly known that a 10% penalty of the tax liability will be imposed for failure to file a 2006 timely rendition. Renditions are due on or before April 17th of the current tax year. With approval of the Chief Appraiser a 30-day extension will be granted if requested in writing before the statutory deadline.

The District or County Attorney will be authorized to bring a civil suit on behalf of the Appraisal District for fraud if there is evidence that a rendition included false information, or if the owner intentionally omitted required information in order to avoid taxation. If the courts, finds fraud, the monetary penalty is 50% of the tax liability. The matter may also be referred for criminal charges under Section 37.10 of the Penal Code.

**AVOID THE PENALTY RENDER!**

## Eighth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament Is Set For April 22

The Eighth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Shamrock Country Club. This tournament will be an 18 hole scramble format and will offer tee times of 9AM and 2PM. To enter please contact Cecil Thomas at 826-5809, Ida Goad at 826-5254 or Bobby Jennings at 826-3153. The entry fee is \$35 and teams will be drawn from the first 120 pair contestants.

Donations of \$25 from businesses will go toward prizes such as closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt. Donations from individuals or businesses of \$50 or more will sponsor a tee box. Individual gifts for door prizes are also accepted. Again this year a \$5000 dollar prize for a hole in one is included. Other hole in one prizes include a computer system, a Bose wave radio/cd and a set of Ben Hogan Edge C.F.T. irons. The Hole in One prizes are sponsored by George Blackwell and Associates of Canyon.

Raffle items benefiting the scholarship are available for \$1

each and include a framed watercolor by Sibyl Clark; an afghan made by Ruby Jones; one year family membership to the Canadian Golf Club. These prizes will be awarded the day of the tournament. Contact Melody Goad, April Goad or Kim Goad to purchase a ticket.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Ja'Nae Goad Golf Scholarship. This scholarship was designed to financially assist a Wheeler County high school senior who has participated in golf. To date, the tournament has benefited 35 high school seniors from Wheeler County. Past recipients of the award have been Alan Segura, Kacie Schlegel, Amanda Reeves, Jacob Caldwell, Kinsey Cogburn, Jordan Jones, Cassie Crossland, Cory Schlegel, Sheldon Corbett, Laramie Wilson and Jade Hilburn from Shamrock High School; Curt Smith, Nathan Hefley, Julie Zybach, Justin Hefley, Stephanie Baker, Seth Meadows, Jason Hathaway, Kade Zybach, Holly McCurley, George Helton, Tamara Hefley, Russell Lohberger, Jason Boydston and Steven Kephart from Fort Elliott High School; and JJ Johnson, Gavin McQueen, Jake Britt, Keri Marion, Dee Alston, Josh Miller, Jarrod Haning, Landon Sams and Savannah

Hampton from Wheeler High School.



Ja'Nae Goad

## Minnie Sharp To Be Buried In Mobeetie

Minnie M. Sharp, 92, of Paris died at 12:20 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at Paris Healthcare Center. Funeral services are set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006, in the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Holt officiating. Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery in Wheeler County at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2006. The family will be at the home of Mrs. Sharp's daughter, Mary Ackley. Services are under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sharp was born February 20, 1914, in Fort Worth, TX, to John C. and Alice G. Files Zell. She first married William S. Mixon in 1929. He died in 1974. She later married Wade J. Sharp in Pampa, TX, on December 5, 1943. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1988. Mrs. Sharp moved to New Mexico and lived there for six years, where the first of her four children were born. After moving back to Texas, the last two children were born. During World War II, she worked in the Pampa AFB packing parachutes for the military. She and her husband lived in California for several years and operated an adult foster care home, moving to Paris in October of 1984. Mrs. Sharp was a member of the Paris First Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her father, John C. Zell; her mother, Alice G. Herr, two sisters, Maydell Zell and Ina Spees; and one brother, J. Elvin Zell.

Mrs. Sharp is survived by her four children, Mary Ackley, Charene Woodall and husband, Jim, Royce Mixon and wife, Luisa, all of Paris, and Loyce McKee of Antioch, TN; fourteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Sharp's pallbearers will serve as honorary pallbearers.

## Lorraine Wagner, 88

## Services Are Mar. 25

Lorraine Wagner, 88, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Plainview, Texas.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler, Texas, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, with Rev. Dennis Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wheeler, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Mrs. Wagner was born on January 20, 1918, in Gilland, Texas, to Zeb and Ora Baird. She lived most of her life in Wheeler. Mrs. Wagner worked 17 years as dieticians at the Parkview Hospital in Wheeler, retiring in 1985. She moved to Plainview, TX., nine years ago. Mrs. Wagner was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wheeler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, 3 sisters and one daughter, Betty Sternkopf.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Watson and husband, Rick, and Karen Watson and husband, Carroll, both of Plainview, TX.; four sons, Jimmy Wagner of Fritch, TX, Joe Wagner and wife, Sherry, of Fritch, TX, Glen Wagner of Amarillo, TX and Ronnie Wagner and wife, Linda, of Amarillo, TX; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

The family requests memorials be sent to Alzheimers Assn., 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

## Irish Inn Hosts March CattleWomen Meeting

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Monday, March 6, 2006 in Shamrock, Texas at the Irish Inn restaurant.

Letters for supporting members have been sent. If your business is interested in becoming a supporting member and helping with our beef promotion, beef education, and scholarships, please contact Sally Wicker at 806-323-6962 for more information.

The scholarship applications have been placed in our area high schools. Applications are due to Christine Marett by April 22, 2006. For more information please talk to your high school counselor or Christine Marett at 806-256-1268.

Congratulations to Harry and Christine Marett of Shamrock on being selected our 2006 Ag Family Of The Year in conjunction with Ag Day. Our local also recognized area high school Ag teachers for their dedication to their students and the Ag industry. 100 Ag worth of Beef Gift Certificates on the Dale Buckner show on KGNC radio station.

Sena Brainard reported on the ANCA convention. A junior membership has been created at the National level.

Our local shipped 90# of Beef Jerky to 11 military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. The jerky was made by Clint & Sons in White Deer, TX and was well received by the soldiers. The Beef Jerky shipment was made possible by Westway Feed Products - Dimmitt & Stratford, Circle C CattleWomen, Brush Country CattleWomen, Guadalupe CattleWomen, Top O' Texas CattleWomen, Navidad Valley CattleWomen, and Anne Wirtz & Donna Mills - Brenham, and Patricia Grandberg - Blanco.

Our annual Style Show and Brunch has been set for Sept. 9, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

Members attending the meeting were Berkelee Clements, Dianne Buckingham, Sena Brainard, Christine Marett, Lilith Brainard, Kay Stiles, Amy Brainard, and Carla Norris.

We will meet on Monday, April 10, 2006 at the Dixie Cafe in Pampa, Texas at 10:30 a.m.

## Hospital Notes

### Assisted Living

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

### Admissions

3/27 Braden Moore  
3/28 Calvin Lane

### Dismissals

3/27 Teresa Powledge  
3/29 Ruby Jones  
3/31 Walter Moore  
Calvin Lane  
Braden Moore

### NOTICE

The City of Mobeetie election scheduled for May 13, 2006 is canceled because there is no opposition to candidates place 3-4-5 on the City Council.

## Mobeetie City-Wide Cleanup Planned Sat.

The City of Mobeetie has set April 8, 2006 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until finished. Free hot dogs and drinks provided by City Council. We ask everyone to help clean up the City. Tree limbs can be piled on City property behind the Post Office for burning at a later date. Aroll off dumpster will be furnished by BFI for larger trash items. Citizens may pick up trash bags at City Hall on the morning of the clean up. Come out and help us keep the City clean.

City Council of Mobeetie

## 'Beth' Arganbright, 60

## Services Held April 2

Millie Elizabeth 'Beth' Arganbright, 60, died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Houston, TX.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, April 2, 2006 in the Wheeler Cemetery. Rev. Bill Stiles, pastor of First Baptist Church in Allison, Texas officiated. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Miss Arganbright was born July 22, 1945 in Wheeler, Texas to James Narville and Mazie Maurine Bean Arganbright. She attended and graduated from Wheeler High School. In 1968 Miss Arganbright graduated with a bachelor's degree from Denton Women's University in Denton, Texas.

She worked as a librarian at the Amarillo Public Library from 1975 to 1984. She moved to Houston and worked in the Houston Public Library from 1984 til the present time.

Miss Arganbright was preceded in death by: her parents; 3 brothers, James, Mark, and Bill Arganbright, and 1 loving sister, Laneta Arganbright.

Survivors include 3 brothers, Alvin and Glen Arganbright of Amarillo, TX; and Carl Arganbright of Irving, TX; 2 nieces and 7 nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews

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**100th Anniversary**

**COUNTRY NEWS**  
 By Verna Fillingim

Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. Then shall you call upon me and shall go and pray unto me and I will hearken unto you and ye shall seek me, and find me when you shall search for me with all your heart.

Happy Birthday to Jacob Bishop, Justin Hancing, Zach McCasland, Zay McCasland, Chance Thiessen, Sid Talley, Dennis Thompson, Louise Hogan, Robert Hall, Tom Swigart, Chelsea Selby, Alexis Morgenstern, Michael Montgomery on April 2; J.J. Johnson, Kenley Maddox, Adam Vogt, Jessica Alls, Cody Dixon, Mary Andis, Richard Dickey, Jeff Whitaker, Casey Barton on April 3; Johnny Velasquez, Stephanie Apodoca, Brandi Hibler, Jack Britten, Calvin Helton, Merinda Dawson, Mark Roberson, Tom Bible, Sonya Hudson, Stephanie Rogers on April 4; Jansen Moore, Jandie Taylor, Sherry Mickler, Ryan Brotherton, Sophia Velasquez, Mason Mansoor, Matt Wadiak, Donna Kay Dickey, Pearl Harrison and Ray Allen on April 5; Dallan Debose, Janice Kemp, Bre Bre Nichol, Kristen Garner, Debbie Simmons, Samuel Mansoor, Lela Buice, Stephanie Childress, Gene Ferguson, Mary Johnson, Wayne Edwards, Cody Walker on April 7; Gina Mendiola, Dustin Yowell, Jody Powledge, Shea Patterson, Artie Tidwell, Lola Cyphers, Kyle Dawson, Madeline Loyd, Kathryn Wiggins on April 8.

Happy Anniversary to Dale and Janet Stevens and Dale and Melba Corcoran on April 2; Rodney and Keri Hudson on April 3; Bill and Shirley Dyson on April 4; Buddy and Dianne Sparks and Bob and Evangeline Wills, and Dale and Kathy Hathaway on April 8. God bless you everyone.

Ft. Elliott one-act play and Higgins advanced to Amarillo Thursday.

Nice to have Glenn and Pam Arganbright and several other family members at Wheeler Baptist Sunday. There was a dinner at the Baptist church before the graveside funeral for Beth Arganbright at Wheeler Cemetery. Sincere sympathy to all.

Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. will be a special benefit to help medical expenses for Andrea Auldridge, who has been diagnosed with M.S. The meal is by donation. At 7:00 p.m. Thursday, following the meal will be presentation of Ft. Elliott one-act play, "Alice in Wonderland" with no charge, but a great play. Ft. Elliott Cafeterium is where it will be.

Sunday afternoon, April 2, coming to Wheeler Care Center from Wheeler Baptist Church for church service were Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams, Buddy and Dianne Sparks, Martha Meek and Verna Fillingim. Lots of good singing and a message from Dennis and several Care Center residents to enjoy the service. God bless you everyone!

April 11, Our Country Band will come to Wheeler Care Center next Tuesday night at 5:30 to make beautiful music. Visitors always welcome.

Ladie's Day Out will meet Thursday, April 6, at 11:30 at The Spot. Visitors welcome. Dutch.

Monty and Jana (Powers) Markham are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Kaden George, born Feb. 6, at Elk City. Proud grandparents include Debbie and Tim Jones and the late George Markham and John and Kay Powers of Reydon. Reta Grayson of Allison is a great-grandma. God bless you everyone.

"Who has seen the wind?  
 Neither I nor you.  
 But when the leaves hang trembling,  
 The wind is passing through.  
 Who has seen the wind?  
 Neither you nor I.  
 But when the trees bow down their heads  
 The wind is passing by.  
 Many thanks for all the memorials and kind thought in Willis' memory. God bless you!  
 Ray Hudson visited his mom, Lois Hudson, at Amarillo Saturday. Lois is doing pretty well. God bless you, Lois.

Nice to have a call from cousin, Thelma Clay Coym, at Reydon. Thelma's grandmother, Elvie Cley, lived with them and was a half-sister to my grandmother, Roxie Medkief, who lived in a little house near us all my growing up years. We sometimes visited or took grandmother over to visit. Thelma's husband is deceased. Thelma will turn 80 in August.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Beth Arganbright, 60, of Wheeler in her death. Graveside service was Sunday at Wheeler Cemetery. She was the daughter of Maisie and James Arganbright.

Best wishes to Van Morrow and Dana Dennis as they plan to marry June 3, at the United Methodist Church in Canadian. They will reside at 1204 S 4th St. in Canadian. Van had been living in Gageby area.

Best wishes to Dolsa Caudle and Jay Cullender as they plan to marry Saturday, April 29, on Matamanoa Island, Fiji. They will reside in Austin. Barbara McLemore and the late Joe Cullender are the parents of Jay.

Sorry to hear that Charlotte Coward's daughter, Diane Jones, and granddaughter, Nicole, were in a bad wreck coming out of

Borger last Saturday, March 25. Nicole was driving and reached down to pick up her phone and went off in a deep ravine. Diane was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. She suffered a broken pelvis, broken neck and ribs and arm and a punctured lung. She had surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and needs our prayers. We are sorry. Nicole was bruised up.

Glad to hear that Charlotte's son, Jimmy Coward, who was very ill is now home and doing better. Charlotte had visited Jimmy and also visited Diane. Nicole did have her seat belt on, but was bruised up pretty bad. Keep praying. Charlotte may have surgery on a bad knee. Jimmy lives in Topeka, Kan. Remember them in your prayers.

Earl and Betty Husted have been enjoying a visit from Missionaires to Thailand. John and Ellen Fethkenher, who came Tuesday and will go back to Alabama Monday, April 3. They preached at Alberta's Church. Wednesday night. They will be at Country Chapel Sunday morning, April 2, and Bro. Joe's Calvary Fellowship Church Sunday night April 2.

Isaiah 30:18: The Lord is waiting to show you mercy, and is rising up to show you compassion, for the Lord is a just God. Happy are all, who wait patiently for Him.

Allison Baptist church will host the Sunday afternoon church next Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. at Wheeler Care Center. Visitors welcome. Come sing and greet the residents.

We were blessed by the good services at Wheeler Baptist Church from Sunday thru Wednesday. Monday night was special youth night with a good group of youth with supper and singing and messages. Tuesday

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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

This past Sunday at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, we installed two men as elders. This is quite a feat for us since it has been about thirty years since there have been elders in this congregation. Following the direction the scriptures offer us in places like I Timothy 3 and Titus 1, we have installed Bob Frankenbery and Buck Dollar as elders. Again, using the scriptures as our guide, we recognize that the elders are not the "bosses" of the congregation, rather they are shepherds. Following the model of the Great Shepherd, Jesus, they will strive to help members of our congregation, and the community at times, have their spiritual needs met. Much of the time they will be engaged in prayer, visitation, offering assistance, or seeing that assistance is offered from the correct resource.

Elders are not "super-Christians." Bob and Buck would be the first to tell you that you should look to Christ as your example, not them. But these men are certainly going to strive to do their best to live up to the Biblical roles and responsibilities of elders. As a congregation, we are going to help them since that is in our best interest, too (Hebrews 13:17). Our new elders, as well as the rest of us, still have a lot to learn.

Our goal at the Church of Christ is to do things the way that the New Testament directs. We want to be a first-century church living in the twenty-first century. We want to follow the instructions and examples of the New Testament in how we live, how we worship, and how we act as a church. If that is what you are looking for, then why not come and pay us a visit - you are especially invited.

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.



## The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

California is getting all the rain and then some and we are getting none. Yes, no rain, but lots of dust and plenty of fires. Think I am longing for the beach now as it did not matter there if we got rain or not as we always got the ocean spray off the water. My girlfriend, Pat Hendry, in San Clemente, CA said the flowers are beautiful and plentiful as they are with or without rain, but with a lot of rain, they are fantastic. Here the trees are in blossom and the grass is getting green especially where we watered and the fishing is great. Forrest Glenn Frosty and I went fishing and caught 40 fish in about 2 to 3 hours. Funny how he stops counting fish when I get ahead of him. Never hear another thing out of him about numbers until we counted the fish as we clean them. Then I get the total, but not how many I caught and how many he caught. Yes, I do help clean the fish for the first time in my life. In an earlier life, when I went fishing in the High Sierras in California, I never cleaned a trout. That was something a woman did not do. I would cook them over an open grill and enjoy the wonderful smell of the campfire, but cleaning fish was not my thing. Later in life, I enjoyed fishing on the Colorado River for big mouth bass and catching frogs. Now I loved those frog legs cooked the French way, but never did like to go gigging for them. Took all the nerve I could muster up to go out at night in the boat and gig frogs. Bass and frog cleaning I never did either and I would have given up frog legs before I could kill one or do what ever they do to get the legs off. Now my life has changed to the point of mind over matter and I can help clean fish, but Glenn can do the frog thing alone if we ever get any.

Red, the bantam, finally hatched a baby chick so Gertrude left her two eggs and took over Red's nest. Poor Red had to set on Gertrude's 2 eggs. The next day, another egg hatched under Red and Gertrude wanted both chicks under her. I finally convinced her to share one chick and one egg for each nest. Gertrude changed nests so often that I think she forgot which was hers, but anyway things were calm for the rest of the day. No telling what today will bring. Just checked and both hens have taken their babies and left the nests. The 2 remaining eggs are cold and not a lot of hope for them to hatch. Anyway, we brought them in the house and rigged up a light in a nest for them. Oh dear me!

I am not the only person that has trouble with animals. My sister, Shirley, in Clear Lake Oaks, CA has just as many problems as I do. Her big dog gets his leash to go for a walk and she tells him to sit and wait, but the parrot says "Lets go" so the poor dog gets confused and really does not know who to

mind. She said her cat is getting very round and should deliver very soon. She said they should be ready for new homes about the time we get there and she is sure there will be one or more that I just cannot resist. Oh yeh! I can just imagine driving 1300 miles with a

new kitten. Maybe she could pawn some off on my daughter, Laura. She has a ton of animals and might not notice another one.

with love from the animal plagued woman, Betty Boydston.

## ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Scripture: This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O Give Thanks unto the Lord; For he is good. For his mercy endureth forever. Psalms 118: 24 & 28 & 29.

The weather here in Allison has been beautiful. A little windy at time, but you have to remember this is the Texas panhandle after all.

Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma on business and did some shopping and enjoyed a delicious meal at Porto Belle Grille.

Friday, Glenn and Betty Boydston fished on Spring Creek Lake. They met Eddy and Sheila Walker there and all caught lots of fish.

Glenn and Betty Boydston and Curtis and Lil Boydston traveled to Wheeler, Texas after church Sunday and enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's Steakhouse.

Sunday evening, Glenn and Betty Boydston went over to meet and greet their new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Gardener and family.

Later Sunday evening, Eddy and Sheila Walker stopped by in the house of Glenn and Betty Boydston for a visit.

Billy June Brown now has a good physical therapist who comes to her house to help her to walk better and try to gain her balance more. Way to go Katie! Thanks for good help.

Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Vance and Carol Boydston to Tulsa, Oklahoma or actually a suburb, Owasso, Oklahoma on Friday evening where they stayed the night in the home of a friend, Aline Dick. Then on Saturday morning they got around and traveled on to Bartlesville, Oklahoma where they visited with family and friends of Charles and Geraldine Townsley. Lunch was served in the home of Charles and Geraldine Townsley. On April 1st, 50 yrs. ago, they were married and so we were there celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Then from 2 to 4 p.m. they had a beautiful and wonderful celebration at the United Pentecostal Church at 4100 N.E. Nebraska Street where they are members. It's pastored by Bro. and Sis Moss. The fellowship hall was decorated beautifully. Each table had memories of their younger years. They have a beautiful family and the Lord has really been good to them. Their daughter, Alice, made the beautifully decorated cake. And of course her daughters, Sheryllyn and family, Alice and family and LuRenda helped to serve. Their son, Arthur and family was also there from Michigan. Lots of visiting and a small program was enjoyed by all. Kinfolks and friends came from far and near. A joyous occasion for sure. Also attending from around here were Pearl Harrison, Louise Boydston, and Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. Sandwiches were served in the evening.

Afterwards Vance, Carol, Juanita, Opal and Aline all headed back to Aline's house to relax and play a game of Mexican Train. A storm cloud came up during the game, but after a good prayer meeting, Juanita was alright without her cellar to run to.

Then on Sunday morning after breakfast at McDonald's, Vance, Carol, Opal, Juanita and Aline attended the United Pentecostal church in Tulsa, pastored by Bro. and Sis Donnie Martin. That is where Aline attends church and we all received a very warm welcome. A guitarist and singer, Larry Carter, was there to minister to us in song and music. It was a great service. Then after church Vance, Carol, Opal and Juanita headed home. They stopped and enjoyed a picnic along the way. It was really nice in spite of the wind. They arrived home just in time for church Sunday night. Praise God for a safe journey.

Sorry to hear the news of Anna Ruppner, Cletus Greene's aunt, passing away. She was 76 years old and passed away on March 31st in Midland, TX. Her funeral was in the Dalhart United Pente-



costal church with Bro. Euell Watts officiating. Dick and Cletus and family, Kevin and Theda Boydston and girls, Vance and Carol Boydston along with many other family members and friends attended her funeral Monday at 2 p.m.

Ryan Purcell son of Doug and Amie Purcell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma stayed a week with grandparents Gary and Julie Boydston.

Julie Boydston and grandsons, Ryan Purcell and Gavin Boydston

## Rural Transit To Help With Transportation

Rural Texas residents will find it easier to get to the doctor, work, and the store, through funds made available to transit providers by the Texas Transportation Commission at its March meeting.

"This award recognizes the efforts of rural transit districts in encouraging Congress and the President to provide more federal funds for transit," said Eric Gleason, TxDOT's director of public transportation.

The funds may be used to reimburse transit providers for both operating and capital expenditures associated with the public transportation services.

The goals of the Rural Public Transportation Grant Program are to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation.

Currently, 39 operators provide transportation in rural areas and cities with populations less than 50,000 throughout Texas.

Texas' rural transit programs are growing, providing 4.5 million passenger trips during the 2005 fiscal year, an increase of over 3 percent from the prior year. More than 7,000 transit vehicles, buses, and vans operate in Texas.

The Texas rural transportation program is one of the largest in the nation.

## NRCS Will Provide Deferral Payments

In response to the severe erosion related to drought and wildfires, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will offer a \$5/acre incentive payment for livestock producers in 16 Texas Panhandle counties to defer grazing on their pastures for up to two years. According to Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13), the payments will give a producer a way to minimize the effects of the on-going drought on a ranch's carrying capacity.

"Some of these places are going to take a while to get back in shape to run cattle economically," Thornberry said. "It is sure something to look at to see if it fits your operation, especially in those areas where the fires have left nothing to cover the topsoil."

Applications are being accepted through April 14, 2006 at each county's NRCS office. The applications will be ranked according to the severity of the need to control erosion through the recovery of native and introduced grasses. Counties included in the NRCS program are: Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Gray, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchison, Moore, Roberts, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, and Wheeler.

## Play (from Page 1)

of Hearts; and Vanessa Huff as the Queen of Hearts. Tisha McLaughlin is on the crew and the play is directed by Tyna Horn. Everyone is invited to join us for this evening of goodwill and entertainment.

## CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to all the firemen and anyone else involved in fighting the devastating fires on our ranch. We know you did everything you possible could and that we would have lost our home, if it had not been for your determination, dedication, expertise, and hard work. We will always be thankful to you and remember you for what you did for us.

May God bless each and every one of you.  
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journeyed to Oklahoma City where they helped Doug and Amie Purcell to move.

Sunday night after church, Vance and Carol Boydston and Opal and Juanita Boydston gathered in the home of Curtis and Lil Boydston where they enjoyed a game of Mexican Train.

Opal and Juanita Boydston enjoyed a delicious meal in the home of Roma and Billy June Brown, and with their son Merlyn. Good food and visiting.

Louise Boydston and Pearl Harrison went to Claremore, Oklahoma last Thursday and spent two nights with Willis and Mary Harrison. On Friday evening Pearl was honored with a birthday dinner at the Bourbon Street Restaurant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which her grandson Ward Harrison owns and operates. Those present were Mary and Willis Harrison from Claremore, Oklahoma, Jimmy and Vivian Wallace from Elk City, OK, Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo, Texas, Louise Boydston from Allison, Texas, Monte and Terri Harrison and children, Will, Lena and Sam from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also Ward and Dianna Harrison and children Dylan, Tanner and Ian from Tulsa, Oklahoma came by for a few minutes. They had a catering job for 200 people so were busy.

Then Pearl's four children and spouses went to the Gather Band Singing at the Mabee Center in Tulsa.

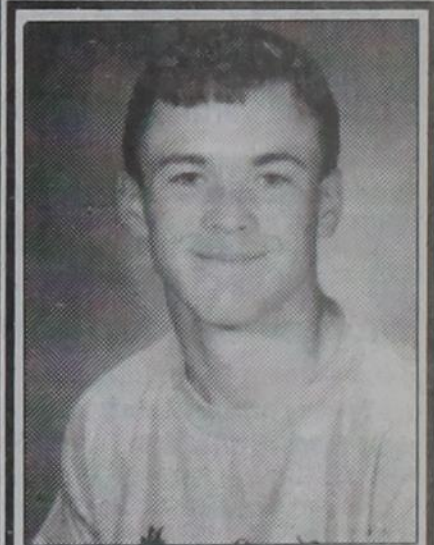
On Saturday they all went to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Charles and Geraldine Townsley. Had a great day. 15 cousins on the Sanford side were there. Then on the Fish family several cousins. Mildred (Guthrie) use to be from Arizona was there. Good to see her.

On Sunday Louise and Pearl went to Charles and Geraldine's daughter, Alice Winkler, home out by Bartlesville for a big dinner for the Townsley Reunion. All of Charles brothers and sister were there. Then back to Claremore and spent Sunday night with Mary and Willis then on home on Monday. Met Shirley Chadwick and son Jeff and wife, Jennifer and Crmden in Oklahoma City for lunch. Short stop in Elk City, Oklahoma at Wallace's home.

## A Wheeler Teacher's Point of View

**From the Teachers Desk**  
There are only six weeks of school left in the school year. The track teams have been busy. The Junior High Boys won the Wheeler meet and placed 2nd at Miami. The High School Boys won both the Shamrock and Miami meets. We are currently preparing for District, which will be Friday at Panhandle. My UIL Social Studies team won the District and is preparing for regional. The 7th grade Texas History class had their best six-weeks so far this year. Everyone scored in the 80's or 90's. The Sophomores and Juniors will take their TAKS test on April 17th. The Juniors will have a treasure hunt to finish their outside project. The U.S. History class completed the study over the Cold War. They are now moving into the Civil Rights movement. It has been a very productive year.

Kenny Rutherford



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**Those who donated their time to work in the concession stand, keep the time clock and books and referee games.**  
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# Oil & Gas NEWS

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, 3930 Beaver St., Vernon, TX 76384. Doris Harrison, Phone: 940/552-6644.)

Week Ending March 30, 2006  
**Intentions to Drill**  
HEMPHILL (ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., for the following Recompletion wells:  
#2 Kiker '15', 660' from North & West line, Sec. 15, Z-1, ACH&B, PD 15000'.  
#1 Riley-Amoco, 2055' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 10, M-1, H&GN, PD 14025'.  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1027 Johnson, 1992' from North & 1867' from East line, Sec. 27, M-1, H&GN, PD 2025B'.  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #4331P Teas '43', 1020' from South & 2230' from East line, Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN, PD 13500'.  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #21 Hefley '41', 2173' from South & East line, Sec. 41, M-1, H&GN, PD 13500'.  
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GIT-MO Morrow) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #9 Mendota Ranch '36', 692' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 36, 1, H&GN, PD 12500'.  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #6 Vollmert 'B', 1700' from South & 2500' from West line, Sec. 9, --, BS&F, PD 11200'.  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #1127 Byrum, 1717' from South & 150' from West line, Sec. 27, B-1, H&GN, PD 11200'. Rule 37  
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Forest Oil Corp., #1429 Frye Ranch, 991' from North & 1634' from East line, Sec. 29, A-3, H&GN, PD 15200'.  
WHEELER (LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #2203 McAllister North, 467' from North & 2173' from West line, Sec. 22, L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 13953'.  
WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #2023 Maxwell, 2310' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 23, M-1, H&GN, PD 15000'.  
WHEELER (WILDCAT & FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Questar E&P Co., #108 Harris, 933' from South & 1707' from West line, Sec. 8, A-3, H&GN, PD 16000'.  
**Gas Well Completions**  
WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2 Britt Ranch '29', Sec. 29, RE, R&E, spud 11-17-05, drlg. compl 12-5-05, tested 1-17-06, potential 887 MCF, TD 13300', PBDT 13254'--  
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Foreman '72', Sec. 72, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-23-05, drlg. compl 9-12-05, tested 2-20-06, potential 70 MCF, TD 12550', PBDT 12503'--  
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #1 Whitney '4', Sec.

4, H.J.M. Cooper, spud 10-21-05, drlg. compl 11-14-05, tested 2-22-06, potential 1645 MCF, TD 14305', PBDT 14305'--  
WHEELER (LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1516 E.B. Street, Sec. 15, L.J.M. Lindsey, spud 5-5-05, drlg. compl 6-5-05, tested 11-4-05, TD 13640', PBDT 12300'--  
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #2-1 Moore '1', Sec. 1, -- Tindale Survey, spud 8-24-05, drlg. compl 11-13-05, tested 3-6-06, potential 12132 MCF, TD 15000', PBDT 14793'--  
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #206 Bronstein Estate, Sec. 6, -- AB&M, spud 6-2-05, drlg. compl 7-17-05, tested 2-14-06, potential 215 MCF, TD 16300', PBDT 16254'--  
WHEELER (WEST-BRITT RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #4-3 Thomas Sec. 3, 5, B&B, spud 10-9-05, drlg. compl 1-5-06, tested 2-22-06, TD 17427' -- Form 1 in Stallion Energy  
WHEELER (WEST-PARK Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Zybach '15', Sec. 15, RE, R&E, spud 7-30-05, drlg. compl 8-20-05, tested 10-5-06, potential 585 MCF, TD 12376', PBDT 12331'  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5 Davis '65', Sec. 65, A-7, H&GN, spud 10-28-05, drlg. compl 11-22-05, tested 1-16-06, potential 2274 MCF, TD 14150', PBDT 14106'

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**MARCH 24, 2006**  
ROW—Louise Coulter, et al to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., 3-14-06, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 35, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, EXECUTORS ROW—Charles C. Hamilton, et al to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 39; Pt. W 1/2 of Sec. 40; Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Virginia Lee Orr to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 39; Pt. W 1/2 of Sec. 40; Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—William Bruce Hamilton Sr. to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 39; Pt. W 1/2 of Sec. 40; Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Margot C. Pyle to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 39; Pt. W 1/2 of Sec. 40; Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW—Henry Dupont, et ux to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.  
EXECUTORS ROW—Thelma Louise Reed Hall, et al to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-16-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 1/4 Sec. 2.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS**  
TO: BENGAL OIL AND GAS CORPORATION, Defendant in the cause numbered and entitled below.  
You are commanded to appear before the Honorable 31st Judicial District Court, of Wheeler County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after expiration of 42 days, May 15, 2006, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition that was filed in the Court on March 29, 2006, numbered 11,816 on the docket of the Court, and entitled Randall G. Raulston, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Bengal Oil and Gas Corporation, Defendant.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is the appointment of a receiver to represent the interests of a party whose whereabouts and

principal place of business are unknown, to wit:  
The last known owners of the interest in Section Thirteen (13), Block A-8, H&GN RR-Co. Survey, Wheeler County, Texas, from which the Defendant, Bengal Oil and Gas Corporation, derived its interest was W. R. Cree, O. Glenn Doggett, James E. Callaway and Ian Colin Orr-Ewing. Mr. Callaway is deceased. Mr. Orr-Ewing could not be located. Mr. O. Glenn Doggett, a resident of Water Valley, Texas, does not have any current information about Bengal Oil and Gas Corporation. The same is true for Mr. W. R. Cree. Mr. Cree did offer an address in England but research could not develop a current address for Defendant, Bengal Oil and Gas Corporation. Therefore, Defendant's principal place of business is unknown to Plaintiff and Plaintiff must seek appointment of a receiver to execute an oil and gas mineral lease in order to avoid incurring substantial damages, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.  
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some quality of life are so very expensive and their insurance does not cover her major medications. Come enjoy a yummy Enchilada Casserole Supper with delicious homemade desserts and know your generous donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. **Thursday evening, April 6, 2006, Benefit Supper for Andrea and Tracy Auldridge family. Supper served in the cafeteria from 5:00-6:45 P.M. The one act play Alice in Wonder-**

land in the New Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Come have an enjoyable evening.

The elementary students are involved in the Taks tests this month. Tuesday the 5th grade was doing the history part of the testing. Then April 18th the third grade will take the math part of the tests and on the 19th the 5th graders will be taking the math part. They'll be doing some of their best work.

Sorry to hear that Chuck Hogan is in the Wheeler Hospital. Hope your soon feeling much better.

John McGinty has been working on his yard getting ready to put up his fence. Looks so naked in the northwest corner since he has gotten rid of the spirea bushes and part of the lilac bushes. Changes are good! Jim and Patty Kepharts new fence is coming right along. They have been working on it in their spare time. John and the Kepharts are really going to change the face of this neighborhood.

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**AVOID THE PENALTY RENDER!**

**Court** (from Page 4)

Eddleman Survey.  
OL—Eugene Pettit, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-28-06, Sec. 19, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Stan Lewis, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-28-06, Sec. 19, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

**MARCH 28, 2006**  
MD—J.P. Keeton Jr. to Kathryn Keeton, 2-14-06, E 1/2 Sec. 23 and SW 1/4 Sec. 24, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

AMEND. OL—David N. Stanley to Chesapeake Exploration Ltd., 3-23-06, SW corner of Thomas James Survey.

D—Dwayne Baker, et ux to Dwayne and Bobbie Sue Baker Living Trust Dated March 23, 2006, 3-23-06, NE 1/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 2, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

**MARCH 29, 2006**  
D—Richard Joint, et ux to Tonya Owens, 3-28-06, Lot 11 and S 1/2 Lot 12, Blk. 70, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT—Twister Gas Services LP to Bank of Oklahoma NA, —, —, Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

A. of JUDGE.—Bakers Housing Rentals to Caren Hale, 7-18-05, RMML—National Bank of Commerce to Monte D. Mills, et ux, 3-27-06, Lot 2, Blk. 25, Shamrock.

EXT. DT—Joey D. Pace, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 3-21-06, N 100' Lot 4, Blk. LVII, Shamrock.

EXT. OL—Alvin B. Holmes to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-22-06, N 1/2 Sec. 76 and S 1/2 Sec. 85, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AOL—Lacima Exploration Company to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 3-13-06, NE 1/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMEND. OPTION AGREE.—John Wesley Strickland Jr. to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-28-06, N 1/2 Sec. 89, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMEND. OPTION AGREE.—James E. Strickland, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 3-3-06, N 1/2 Sec. 89, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE—Jo Ann Stuart to Ex Parte, 3-29-06.

**MARCH 30, 2006**  
P. of ATTY.—Glenna V. Hefley to Leone Cantrell, 8-29-97.

D—Shawn S. Scholl to Devon Energy Production Company LP, 2-1-06, Sec. 10, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey, exc. 820' x 150' N 1/2.

EXECUTOR D—Billie J. Pasley, et vir to Dennis Ralph Pasley, et al, 3-29-06, See Instrument.

ROW—Stiles Land Assets Ltd. to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 3-15-06, SE 1/4 Sec. 1, AB&M Survey.

ASSIGN.—KCS Resources Inc. to Crest Resources Inc., 3-24-06, Pt. Sec. 1, D. Tindale Survey.

ROW OPTION—Mark S. Meek, et ux to Cambridge Production Inc., 3-27-06, Pt. Sec. 12, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMEND. OL—Mark S. Meek, et ux to Cambridge Production Inc., 3-27-06, Pt. Sec. 12, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AMEND. DT—Hunt Petroleum Corporation to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, 3-13-06, See Instrument.

OL—Kathy Elaine Stephens to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 3-1-06, SE 1/4; S 33 acs. NE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Lee Jackson, et al to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 3-15-06, SE 1/4 Sec. 2, AB&M Survey.

DT—James Williams, et ux to Household Finance Corporation III, 3-27-06, Lot 1 and N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk. 46, Stanley Add., Wheeler.

HOMESTEAD DESIGN.—James Williams, et ux to Ex Parte, 3-27-06, Lot 1 and N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk. 46, Stanley Add., Wheeler.

AFF.—James Williams, et ux to Ex Parte, 3-27-06, Lot 1 and N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk. 46, Stanley Add., Wheeler.

UNIT DESIGN.—Kaiser Francis Oil Company, et al to Raymond D. Moore, et al, 2-7-06, S 1/2; NE 1/4; E 1/2 NW 1/4; SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 55, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL—Judy K. Anderson, et al to Charles F. Caldwell, 3-24-06, S 6' Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 and 4, Blk. 58, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT—Charles F. Caldwell to Countrywide Home Loans Inc., 3-24-06 S 6' Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 and 4, Blk. 58, WSSA, Shamrock.

**MARCH 31, 2006**  
BILL OF SALE—Shawn Zybach to Tracy Auldridge, 3-31-06.

ROW—Larry Finsterwald, et ux to Enbridge Pipeline Texas Gatherings LP, 3-22-06, 25' x 25' SW 1/4 Sec. 49, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Deborah K. Dobbs to Forest Oil Corporation, 3-22-06, Sec. 51, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MEMORANDUM OL—Elwanda Simmons Gille Trust to Terra Nova Land Associates Inc., 3-27-06, SW 1/4 Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Cert. #5/720.

EXT. DT—Jerry Killingsworth, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 3-15-06, N 90' E 1/2 Blk. 51, Stanley Add., Wheeler.

DT—Sue Doss to National Bank of Commerce, 3-24-06, N 27' W 90' & N 50' Lot 11, Blk. 12, Blk. 21, Shamrock.

RDT—National Bank of Commerce to Moonman Inc., —, —, —.

OL—John Matthew Clark to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-27-06, NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXT. OL—Carl Wall, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 3-7-06, N 1/2 Sec. 89, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Hollis Frank Smith, et ux to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 2-6-06, NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Andrea Jane Clark Wise to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-17-06, NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—National Bank of Commerce to Dennis P. Caldwell, 1-12-06, SW 1/4 Sec. 63, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—Trans Pacific Oil Corporation to Richard J. Griggs, 3-6-06, Sec. 7, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

ROW—Elmore Contribution Trust, et al to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 3-9-06, S 1/2 & NW 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

OL—Brady Meadows to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 3-15-06, W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—Danny Fisher to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 3-15-06, NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

D—Terry Farrar, et ux to Donna Velasquez, et ux, 3-31-06, 8.94 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. E, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

D—Tommy Staggs to John Pollard, 3-20-06, Blk. VI, Shamrock.

PIPELINE EASE.—Mark Meek, et ux to Cambridge Production Inc., 3-22-06, Sec. 12, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

**Amarillo College Offers Scholarships**

Amarillo College is sponsoring a region-wide scholarship fund drive that benefits students in the 26-county Panhandle area. A coalition of state and local agency representatives is organizing the Living Independently Through Education (LITE) Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza from 11:30 to 1:00. Faith Miller-Barger of KAMR-TV/NBC-Four is serving as Master of Ceremonies.

College-bound students with disabilities in this area are the beneficiaries of scholarship funds raised during the next month. Along with corporate and individual donations, additional dollars are expected through a silent auction and vendor booths the day of the luncheon. The goal is to award at least 40 scholarships this fourth year, according to Brenda Rosnagel of Amarillo College.

Scholarships will provide funds for tuition, books, fees, supplies or living expenses, as deemed appropriate. People with disabilities residing in the 26-county Panhandle region are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up and returned to Amarillo College Student Services Room #125, Washington Street Campus. Scholarship recipients will be honored at the LITE Luncheon on April 19. Rosnagel says the success of this project relies on support from throughout the region. Monetary contributions or donations of prizes are especially needed this year. Information about scholarship applications or luncheon is available by calling Brenda Rosnagel at Amarillo College (371-5436) or Susan Stokes at 655-7151.

**Feed Donated For Wheeler Fire Victims**

The feed was donated by Purina out of Oklahoma City, OK and the hay was donated by various Farm Bureau Members. Hay and Feed Donations Received

Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Cooperative Extension have coordinated the donation of hay and cattle feed for Wheeler County producers that were affected by the wildfires. In order to receive this feed assistance, producers must qualify and call the County Extension Office at 826-5243 or the Wheeler County Farm Bureau at 826-3563. We will be happy to assist producers in getting the help that they need.

**Chat** (from Page 1)

The benefit to say Thank You to the local firemen Saturday evening by the Ministerial Alliance was well attended. And, the food was great as usual. Thanks, Mr. Bar-B-Que.

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There will be a presentation of the Ft. Elliott One-Act Play Thursday evening at Ft. Elliott (Continued Page 5)

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been a real blessing, having Bobby and Sylvia Jordan from Amarillo leading the music and Dr. Jon LaNoue from Corsicana giving the messages. Hope they can all come back again some time. So good to visit with all of them. Such Christian Love. Also Dr. Jon's wife gave her testimony and was such a loving person. Also thanks to the ladies, who helped in the kitchen and with clean-up.

I haven't been homesick for the "good ole days". Thursday's wind was so wild and lots of dirt in the air. Kinda like the "dirty 30's" when I grew up. But glad it did not come in my house.

Good to have Patsy Smith back out to Sunday School and church at Wheeler Baptist after about six weeks after her knee surgery. Yeal Patsy is doing well.

Nice to have niece Estelle McAdams from Plains, TX., come by Friday and take me too lunch at Maxeys. Had a good visit. Estelle and son, Ken and Kimberly McAdams and children, Abigale and Elijah, had been to the funeral for Kimberly's grandpa at Oklahoma City. Estelle is back from a mission trip to Africa with 5 other ladies. Quite an experience. The Africans really take their church going seriously.

Nice to have a call from Bro. Ray and Velma Forbes at P.O. Box 8, at Ackerly, TX 79713. They live with son, Tom and Wanda Forbes there. Ray had to sell his car, because not safe for him to drive it. They are doing pretty well, but not able to go to church. Ray was pastor at Gageby and Mobeetie Methodist Church and maybe Briscoe and Washita. Remember them in your prayers. Velma is on oxygen and can't do much.

Gageby Singing  
There was a good crowd out to Gageby church to first Sunday Singing Sunday night and a very good program. Some singing were Winnie Gilmer, Marion Grimes, Wesley Steen, Martha and Evelyn Meek, Mark, Carol, Danny, Grace and Seth Roberson. Bill Stiles, Jill and Jerry Lister with Marion Grimes and Wesley Steen and a good group of singers from Mobeetie led by Gena Seitz and included Paul Hathaway, Loney Wilson, Dale and Melba Corcoran Toney Dickey, Bobbye Walker with Patsy Caswell at the keyboard. All sounded really good. Some giving readings were Aaron Laverty, Mary Cornell, Helen Steen, Grace

Roberson, Cindy Bradstreet, Kay Stiles and Bob Meller. Also music by Doris Finsterwald and Marion Grimes. Next month, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. will be Singing at Mobeetie Baptist Church. Everyone invited. There was an abundance of good food at Gageby and friendly people.

Special music by Jill and Jerry and Marion. Some others from Mobeetie were Aricia Lancaster, Frances Dickey, Hugh and Mae Bailey and Clarice Hathaway.

There were very many beautiful flowers for Bulldog Walker's funeral at Wheeler Baptist Church Tuesday. Thanks for leaving several of the bouquets at the church for us to enjoy for the rest of the revival.

Sincere sympathy to Madge Erwin and others in the death of Madge's sister, Frances Watson, 78, of Sanford. Services were Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Sanford.

Correction: Eddie and Lavenna Pannell went to Arkansas to the funeral of an aunt, Eddie's mom's

sister and were gone several days. They enjoyed seeing relatives they had not seen in a long time. "God be with you till we meet again."

## Land Management After Wildfires

What can landowners do to manage property after a wildfire? Has your property been affected by wildfire? Are you unsure about what to do now and who to turn to for help?

Recent wildfires have been devastating to people, homes, barns, fences, livestock, hay bales, or standing grass that was needed for winter forage. In the areas burned by wildfires, it may look like the flames destroyed all the vegetation.

"Wildfires can affect the vegetation in ways that are very similar to the effects of prescribed fire and can provide valuable control of brush species," states Susan Baggett, State Resource Conservationist for NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habi-

tat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

Many landowners may be left with the fear that vegetation will not return unless it is reseeded. Even though the initial appearance on the land may be that of a moon-scape, in most cases native plants evolved with fire and are still alive. They can recover with a management plan. Factors that affect recovery time include types of plants and their adaptation to fire, fire intensity, precipitation (before and after the fire), soil type, previous history of grazing and fire, presence of weeds (competition), season of fire, and management after the fire.

Burned vegetation still provides protection from soil movement due to remaining plant roots and plant parts. Instances where erosion could occur include areas where active erosion occurred prior to the wildfire, on very steep slopes, in very sandy soils, and along drainages until the vegetation recovers. Usually within two years, the erosion rates return to pre-burn conditions.

Most native trees, shrubs, forbs and grasses have mechanisms of coping with fire. Some will grow new leaves; some will re-sprout, while others have fire resistant seeds that will sprout following a fire. Bunchgrasses, like little bluestem, accumulate dead material above the root crown and the center of the plant dies over time. After a fire, it sometimes appears that the plant was killed, when in fact the center of the plant was already dead. This can be observed by examining burned and unburned plants in the same area. In contrast, rhizomatous grasses, such as big bluestem or sideoats grama, have growing points below the soil surface and do not accumulate fuel next to the root crown.

Woody plants are adapted to fire by location of buds or protective bark. Most woody plants resprout if top growth is killed. Once top growth is lost, dormant basal buds below the soil surface begin growth. Plants such as Ashe juniper though, lack basal buds and do not resprout. Many woody plants have thick bark and are adapted to intense fire. Eastern cottonwood, post oak, and short-



leaf pine are examples of fire tolerant woody plants.

Management prior to wildfire will affect recovery time. Plants that had a healthy root system at the time of the burn will recover the quickest. A flush of weeds could be expected the first season after a wildfire. However, these may be plants that benefit wildlife and typically within 2 years following a wildfire, will decline as grasses increase.

The key point is to identify the weeds, understand their life cycle, evaluate their impact on recovery, then make a decision regarding weed control.

It is important to recognize three distinct growth stages of plants to plan for recovery.

1. During the "green-up" or early stage of the growth, perennial grasses can be defoliated rather intensively without permanent damage to the plant; as long as the growing point remains below the point of defoliation and is unharmed.

2. As soon as the grasses shift from the short-shoot growth stage to the early reproductive or long-shoot stage excessive grazing can be detrimental, but not necessarily "life threatening" to perennial grasses.

3. It is the period between post-reproduction and dormancy during which perennial grasses periodically must be rested to insure their long-term survival and vigor.

Management considerations following a wildfire include:

1. Some areas may need to have grazing deferred until plant growth is adequate to support grazing. This will be dependent on precipitation.

2. Stocking properly.

3. Avoiding grazing the same areas and plants at the same time each year.

4. Rotate livestock between pastures to allow plant recovery.

Additional practices such as temporary fencing and new water facilities may be needed.

5. With adequate precipitation, areas can be grazed with intensive early stocking (IES). The key is to remove cattle by July 1 if using IES and not graze the area again until after frost.

6. Apply fertilizer according to a soil test for introduced species.

7. Utilize rotation of salt, mineral and feeding locations to better distribute grazing.

8. Weed control may be necessary. Types of weed control include herbicides, flash grazing or intensive early stocking with livestock.

## NRCS Provides Assistance To Address Grazing Lands Health

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. Larry D. Butler announced today that NRCS will be providing technical and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help landowners address erosion concerns and grazing land health in 16 north Texas counties.

"This action is in response to the severe wind erosion that is occurring due to continuing drought and the effects of wildfires in the area," Butler stated. "We want to provide assistance that will enable livestock producers to accelerate the recovery of the health and vigor of affected grazing land."

Through EQIP, the NRCS is offering incentive payments for de-

terment of all livestock grazing for one or two year. Applications are being accepted through April 14, 2006. The EQIP funds will be used to supplement EQIP county-based funds and leverage other state and Federal programs.

Due to the significant erosion that is occurring, potentially causing grazing lands health deterioration, land owners of these lands in the following counties are eligible to apply: Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Gray, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Moore, Roberts, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, and Wheeler.

The incentive payments will be \$5 per acre, per year, for one or two years. Applications will be ranked based on the severity of the need for erosion control through recovery of native and introduced grassland.

In order to apply, landowners must visit the NRCS offices in the counties listed above to fill out an application. Applications will then be ranked and those approved for funding will be offered an EQIP contract.

NRCS can provide technical assistance to all agriculture producers through the development of a conservation plan, which includes drought management strategies. When a drought plan is requested, conservation planners with the NRCS give the producer a complete assessment of their current management system and what changes may be needed to minimize the effects of the drought and provide continued protection of the natural resources.

NRCS, working through the local soil and water conservation districts, is the federal agency with the responsibility to encourage landowners and managers of private lands to voluntarily conserve natural resources, including soil, water, and wildlife. NRCS has offices in USDA Service Centers in nearly every county in Texas and offers its services free of charge. For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in your county, listed under "USDA" in the phone book or on the Texas NRCS website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

## Chat (from Page 5)

Cafetorium. Prior to the play, a meal will be served. The proceeds will go to help offset the medical bills for Andrea Aldridge, who suffers from M.S.

—cwe—  
Clear your calendar and be in attendance Thursday! Good food, an enjoyable play and lots of fellowship.

—cwe—  
We spent the weekend at home—the whole weekend! I was recovering from the flu. It was one of those strange ones going around. With the help of Dr. Mendiola and staff, I am on the way to recovery. And, we cannot forget the local pharmacists. Basically just a sore throat and slight cough.

—cwe—  
Since I was not completely over the flu—still taking medicine, we did not play cards Monday evening.

—cwe—  
Phoebe Jackson, Liz's daughter and one of the other grandchildren, hit her first home run last week. She was very proud and is quite the athlete. Congratulations, Phoebe!

—cwe—  
And, speaking of "other" children. It's now official, Stormie is now Stormie Dawn Merlweather! There never has been a question as to her place in the family; it's just official now. She is "Our Stormie". Rhonda and LeRoy are the parents, Barbara and I are 'Baba and Pop'.

—cwe—  
Happy Birthday, Jennifer and Raymond! Brother Raymond celebrates first, Saturday is his birthday. Then Jennifer will move into the fourth decade on Sunday

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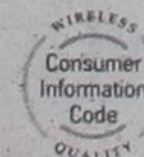
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