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## Fort Elliott All-District Basketball



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**TUESDAY AFTERNOON FIRE:** The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was called to a grass fire west of Wheeler at 4:15 Monday afternoon. The firemen remained on the fire through the night and into Tuesday. The number of acres burned was not available at press time. Some barns and outbuildings were lost, but no homes reported lost. This picture was taken by Kristin Cochran and posted on Facebook by Kenna Howard. Howare posted: The entire sky was glowing, this was taken at the intersection of County Roads J and 29, miles from the fire.

David Seitz in the Mobeetie area posted: “God is good. We went to each place and put cattle in water lots, where there was not much to burn. Flames at head fire were about 30 feet tall. But, our part was flank fire—burning to the side from the wind. We lost about 600 acres of grass and had four or five miles of fence damaged. We are safe; our home was not in the fire area. We pray and believe God that the fire will not go toward the Williams’ ranch tonight. The grass there is 3 or four foot tall. Thanks for your prayers”.

Richard Smith, southwest of Wheeler, posted: “The ranch is 3/4 burned up”.

Teresa Harmon of Mobeetie posted: “Mobeetie town is safe. The fires are brilliant looking in the dark. They seem to be down towards the river not. Thank God for a wind shift. Flames less than half a mile from the house”.

## Jimmy Henson Is Buried March 6

Services for James “Jimmy” Robert Henson, 34, of Wheeler, TX, were at 11:00 A.M. Monday, March 6, 2017 at Cornerstone Church with Pastor Jim Zenger and Pastor Erion Mercer, officiating. Burial followed in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home of Wheeler, TX.

Jimmy passed away Friday, March 3, 2017 in Mobeetie, TX.

James “Jimmy” Robert Henson was born January 15, 1983 in Cleveland, Texas to the late Mr. Robert Henson and Mrs. Karen (Beard) McNeil. He married Jotana (Simmons) Henson on August 9, 2003 in Wheeler, Texas. Jimmy was a member of Briscoe Community Church.

Jimmy loved hunting, fishing



James “Jimmy” Henson and cooking. He spent lots of time in the kitchen cooking up his crew’s favorite dishes. When he wasn’t in kitchen, you could find him out at the family ranch with either a fishing pole or gun in his hand. He loved

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## Neill Laycock Services March 4

Eugene Neill Laycock, 83, of Pampa, passed away February 28, 2017 in Amarillo.

Memorial services were 1:30 Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Steve Huckins of In the Garden Ministries of Skellytown, officiating. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Laycock was born March 14, 1933 in Collingsworth County to Harold and Onie Laycock. He married Clarene Madora Spencer on November 25, 1955. Neill was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving proudly in Germany as a Corporal. He loved our



country. After his discharge, he worked for Pioneer Natural Gas for 29 years.

Neill was a great husband, (Continued Page 5)



**CHAT WITH THE EDITOR**  
By Louis C. Stas  
Congratulations, Traylen Drake! Traylen broke the school record for High Jump at the Sunray track meet over the weekend.

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Congratulations, Emily Coulter, Kayle Coffman, Kamryn

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## STORM REPORT

As Reported by . . .  
Stormie Meriwether,  
Seventh Grade Student

Dear Friends, They took our spring school pictures this week. It is almost time for our first track meet.

I do not like the fires! The sky was red and the smoke made it hard to breathe. I didn’t want to go to sleep. All I could do was pray to keep the

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## Top o’ Texas CattleWomen Scholarships Are Available

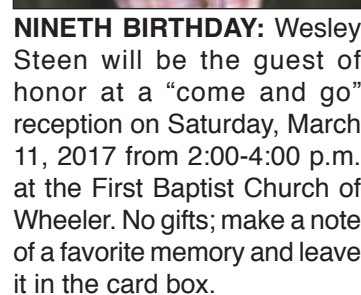
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available at your High School Counselors office now. Each year Top O’ Texas CattleWomen give scholarships to seniors that are going into a major in Agricultural, Nutritional or Health related fields.

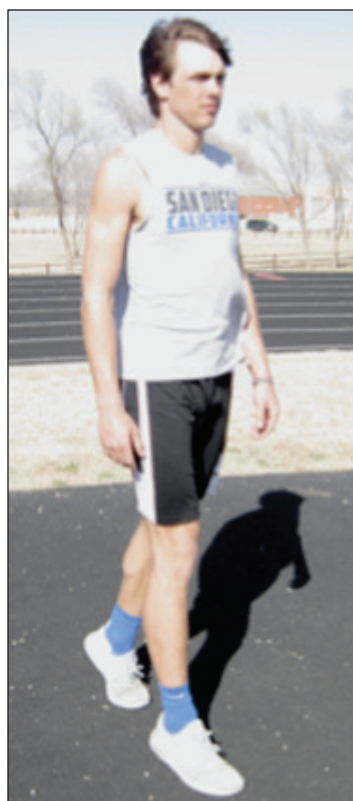
You might ask if you are eligible. If you live in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler counties and only seniors in these counties are eligible.

This year Top O’ Texas CattleWomen are doing four (4) scholarship for \$500.00 each to four deserving seniors.

You may also contact Diane Buckingham in Shamrock 806-256-3633, Racheal Adkins in Shamrock 806-217-0564, or Amy Brainard in Canadian 806-323-6397 for information. Applications must be post marked no later than April 15, 2017.



**NINETH BIRTHDAY:** Wesley Steen will be the guest of honor at a “come and go” reception on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Wheeler. No gifts; make a note of a favorite memory and leave it in the card box.



**RECORD FALLS:** Traylen Drake broke the Wheeler High School’s record in the high jump at the Sunray meet over the weekend! The high jump record was set 32 years ago. Traylen broke the record with a jump of 6’8”!

## Changes Are Announced For County 2017 Farmers’ Market

The Wheeler Farmers’ Market is changing starting with the 2017 growing season. We have been a Wheeler County Market exclusively for Wheeler County with only locally grown produce and have been fairly small with no more than 10 vendors per market. We are now going to open our market up to the adjoining counties of Hemphill, Gray, and Collingsworth and the new name of the market will be Eastern Panhandle Farmers’ Market. Growers from these counties have shown interest in our market but were restricted from joining. We are one of the last farmers’ markets left in the Texas Panhandle and we offer a good selection of fruits and vegetables. We are not allowed to bring in produce from out-of-state or out of the designated counties.

Each vendor will be responsible for his/her sales, table, chairs, bags, tent (if preferred), money box, etc. The market is open to all ages and will be held in Wheeler on Saturdays 9 to noon on the west side of the courthouse and on Wednesdays 3 to 6 pm on the east side of the courthouse (along hwy 83). If you are interested go ahead and make plans by ordering your seeds and as the winter weather winds down be getting your garden spots ready for next spring/summer. The market usually runs from July 4th until Oct. 4th. A notice will be printed later. Chester Jones of Wheeler is the market coordinator and can be reached at chesterjones2347@hotmail.com or by 806-438-5095 if you have questions or concerns.



**TEXAS INDEPENDANCE DAY:** Mexican culture is part of our rich Texas History. These Wheeler students demonstrated a typical dance. This is an important way to preserve the culture of their families. Wheeler students pictured here are (l. to r.) Leslie Soto, Zyra Magadan, Yesenia Soto and Selina Soto



**BOOK SIGNING:** Becky Hardcastle is shown here at her book signing. The book, “Small Town Girl” is a series of short stories by women across Texas; Mindy and her daughter, Mindy Brashears each made a contribution to the book. The signing was held at Wheeler Library on Monday, March 6. Books are available at the library at a cost of \$20. Make the checks out to WAAIT-Claudia Marion. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

WHS EX-STUDENTS & TEACHERS REUNION  
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**Exciting Times**  
 at Wheeler  
 Public Library  
 By: Vicki Ferguson,  
 Librarian

Good Windy Day everyone! Well, we made it through the Prom and all the pictures this last week and it was just wonderful! We have some very beautiful and handsome young people in Wheeler County! It is really hard to see them leave and go to college or work in some other area but, isn't that the finite plan. If you need help looking or applying for a college or doing work on line you are more than welcome to come to the library and we will help all we can. We do have areas where you can work on your own laptop or study also.

The next couple of weeks we will be showcasing books of different authors that you have not read in awhile. There are many types: fictional stories, non-fiction, bio's, history, children's books, young adult books, genealogy, travel and on and on. We also offer Books on CD, DVD Movies, Books on Cassettes and Study books. A lot of people, when I speak of our library, are very surprised at the amount of things we have to offer in such a small community. We work extra hard trying to serve each and everyone. We even have folks come in to get info on the community or talk about when



**PERFORMERS:** Leon and Marianne Smith led The Pledge to the Texas Flag and the Texas State Song. at the Texas Independence Day Celebration Thursday, March 9, 2017.



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they were born in this building when it was a hospital. We constantly have people call

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and ask about books or if we would like books and we so appreciate everyone thinking of us. We have been able to finish up quite a few collections through the donations we have received and not had to order books. Recently, we received a collection of poetry from an area resident and we are very proud of them! I am still working the books and getting them ready to put out for all to use.

If you have books, please return them so others may read them! We do have a Drop Box on the South side of the building to put the books in if you return after 5:00 p.m.. Fines are 10 cents a day a book if they are late and if they are lost it will be the cost of the book.

Having our Book Signing tonight with Mrs. Becky Hardcastle and we will fill you in on all the details in our next article.

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 Vicki Ferguson/Librarian  
 Peggy North/Assistant

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**Ryker Howe** is the son of Preston and Bobbi Howe of Wheeler. Grandparents are Doug and Cindy Howe of LaJunta, CO, Wayne Gentry of Harlowton, MT and Judy Woolard of Wheeler, Sheryl Gentry (deceased) and Rick Woolard (deceased).

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**CANNON FIRED:** David Kreig, Aaron Hartline, Chuck Hartline and Leon Smith fired the cannon at the March 2, Texas Independence Day celebration. The annual event is hosted by Wheeler County Historical Commission. —Photos by Rhonda Meriwether

**Wheeler County JP #1 Weekly Docket**

**Magistrations:**

Clayton Johnson  
 Michele Brown  
 Michele Brown  
 Larry Trimble  
 Charles Robert Lewis  
 Lacy Nicole Olsen  
 Brock Sabbe

Felony Magstration  
 Felony Magstration  
 Class C Arraignment  
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 Class A/B Misd. Magstration  
 Felony Magstration  
 Class C Arraignment

**Citations:**

Daniel Albert Mrugalski  
 Lindsay Jo McCarty  
 Jeannette Vaughn Taylor  
 Larry Trimble  
 Travis Michael Certeza  
 Lyle Jay Waugh  
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### Wheeler County COURT RECORDS



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List of instrument filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 27, 2017 to March 3 2017.

FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
MD-Joe L. Magee, et ux to Magee Children's Mineral Trust, 12-21-16, Secs. 28, 33 & 45, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-Lois Cantrell (Estate) to Martha J. Cataland, et al, 2-13-17, W/2 SW/4 & W/2 SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 92, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY./MD-Mark O'Gorman, et al to Northern O'Gorman LLC, 2-1-16, See Instrument.

NOTICE FILING UTILITY SECURITY-Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Inc. to National Rural Utilities Cooperative Corporation, 2-24-17.

DEED-Mark O'Gorman, et al to Northern O'Gorman LLC, 2-1-17, See Instrument.

MIN./ROY. CONVEY.-Westco Family Limited Partnership to TRJ Investments LLC, et al, 2-20-17 See Instrument.

MIN./ROY. CONVEY.-Westco Family Limited Partnership to TRJ Investments LLC, 2-20-17, N/2 NE/4 & SW/4 NE/4 Sec. 8, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Undivided 20% Interest.

ASSIGN. QC ROY./MD-McCulliss Oil & Gas Inc. to McCulliss Resources Co. Inc., et al, 11-10-16, See Instrument.

C/C PROBATE-Robert T. Dungan to Ex Parte, 1-27-17.

RDT-F&M Bank & Trust Company to Crest Resources Inc., 2-22-17, See Instrument.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
DEED-Claudetta Laverty, et vir to Jeanne Swift, 2-27-17, Lots 1-5 & 11-13, Blk. 18, Old Mobeetie.

C/C PROBATE-Lois Cantrell to Ex Parte, 12-28-16, Mineral Interest in W/2 SW/4 & W/2 SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 92, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DEED-Samuel Dusan Pakan, et ux to Trent P. Cadra, et ux, 2-13-17, SE/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DEED-Trent P. Cadra, et ux Samuel Dusan Pakan, et ux, 2-13-17, NW/4 Sec. 128, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT-SNB Bank National Association to Trent P. Cadra, et ux, 2-13-17, See Instrument.

DVL-Trent P. Cadra, et ux to Mark Cadra, 2-13-17, SE/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-Mark Cadra, et ux to SNB Bank, 2-13-17, NE/4 SE/4 & SW/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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DT-Mark Cadra, et ux to SNB Bank, 2-13-17, NE/4 SE/4 & SW/4 Sec. 4, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CEMETERY DEDICATION- State of Texas-Texas Historical Commission to Kelton Community Cemetery, 2-8-17, See Instrument.

MARCH 1, 2017  
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Sherri Toole to David L. Toole, 2-23-17.

DVL-Atherton Family Limited Partnership to Josefina Aguilar, et ux, 2-23-17, Lot 10, Blk. 29, Original Town, Wheeler

DT-Josefina Aguilar, et ux to Atherton Fanukt Limited Partnership, 2-23-17, Lot 10, Blk. 29, Original Town, Wheeler

MARCH 2, 2017  
DVL-Ollie Buford Burton (Estate) to RURC LLC, 1-12-17, Lots 9-15, Blk. 16, Original Town, Wheeler.

POA-Aledo Royalty Company, et al to Nail Bay Royalties LLC, 1-11-17.

MIN./ROY. OVERRID. ROYALTY/CONVEY.-Aledo Royalty Company, et al to Kimbell Royalty Holdings LLC, 2-1-17, 390.8 acs. Sec. 25, Blk. A-3,

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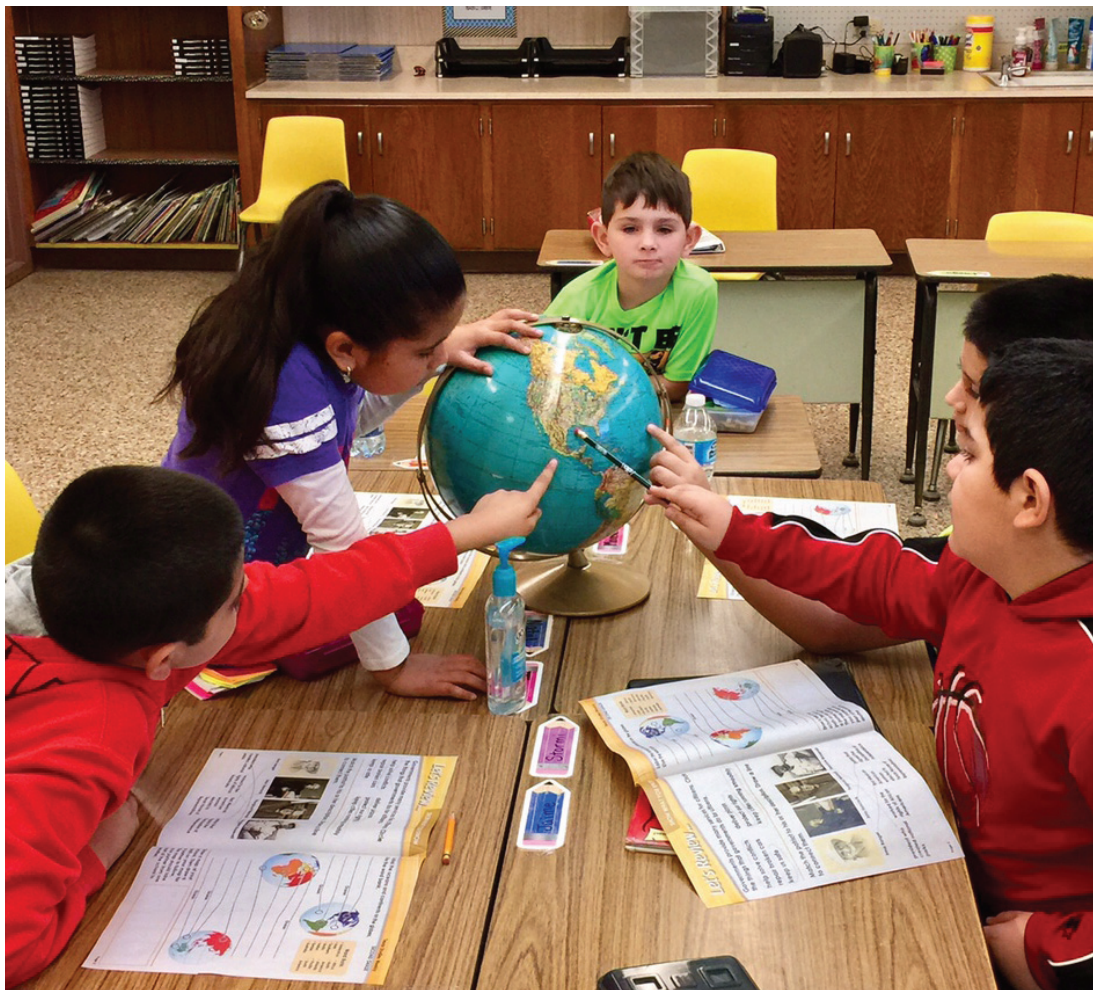
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Saul, Natali, Noah, Jose Angel, and Jaime

## Mother Speaks Out After Daughter Killed By Drunk Driver

Janakae Sargent was a good friend. So much so, that as a 20-year-old student at Texas Tech, she often spent Saturday nights as a designated driver, ensuring her friends got home safely. In November 2006, while in between trips as a designated driver, Janakae was hit by a drunk driver who ran a red light. She hung on to life for four days, but ultimately died from her injuries.

"Janakae was authentic," said her mother, Kandi Wiley. "Her heart was devoted to family and friends. Her smile was contagious, and she had big ideas for her future. We will never know the big impact she could have had. Her family and friends experienced a great loss, but it's not just our loss, it's our community's loss."

Janakae's mother is sharing her story through the Texas Department of Transporta-



Nickolas

tion's "Plan While You Can" campaign, which aims to save lives and decrease alcohol-related crashes. As many Texas college students enjoy Spring Break in the coming weeks, the campaign focuses on younger drivers who may engage in celebrations involving alcohol.

"Drinking and driving is a dangerous and often deadly choice that can ruin the future of a young driver and all those impacted by a crash," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Underage drinking also is illegal and can quickly turn a celebration into a tragedy. This Spring Break, enjoy your time off, but be responsible and plan ahead for a sober ride. Don't make a bad decision that could negatively impact your future and cause heartache for your family and others."

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game where participants dodge "beach balls" as virtual drinks are added to the screen. As more drinks are added, participants experience how drinking can slow their reaction times as on-screen avatars begin responding more slowly to their players' movements.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines, legal fees, impoundment and other costs. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your



**SOCIAL STUDIES AT WHEELER'S FOURTH GRADE:** Mrs. Weatherly's Class has been studying about the seven continents in Social Studies Ashton, Jennifer, Ryan, Nickolas, and Codi.



Ele, Heath, Brayden, Daniel, Juan Carlos, and Isai.

smartphone.

Using mass transit.  
Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.  
Spending the night.



**THE WHEELER TIMES**

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

**Children** (from Page 4) into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

§ We weren't neglected but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

§ They were glad we played by ourselves 'until the street lights came on.'

§ They were busy discovering the post war world.

§ Most of us had no life plan, but with the unexpected virtue of ignorance and an economic rising tide we simply stepped into the world and started to find out what the world was about.

§ We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed.

§ Based on our naïve belief

**Henson** (from Page 1)

collecting guns and spent lots of time shooting them. He always went out of his way to help anyone he could whenever possible. He loved his family and his friends were very special to him.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his father, Robert Henson.

He is survived by his wife, Jotana Henson, of Wheeler, Texas; children, A'Dyn Garza and Kayleigh Coomer; mother and father, Danny and Karen McNeil, of Wheeler, Texas; three brothers, Chris Beard of Corpus Christi, Bobby Dan McNeil of Wheeler, Texas, Ryan McNeil of Sayre, Oklahoma; sister, Kellie Harrison of Cheyenne, Oklahoma. Leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and special friends.

Family suggests memorials be made to the Wheeler FFA, P.O. Box 1010 Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

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that there was more where this came from, we shaped life as we went.

§ We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future.

§ Of course, just as today, not all Americans shared in this experience.

§ Depression poverty was deep rooted.

§ Polio was still a crippler.

**Laycock** (from Page 1)

daddy, son, brother, uncle and friend. He was a very special man. He enjoyed life. He loved people and never met a stranger. Neill always had a smile and he was generous and kind. He was always there for his family and exemplified the Christ-like character of a "well done, good and faithful servant" as in Matthew 25:23. Neill was loved very much by all who knew him. Neill was a #1 Dad!

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Clarene in 1989; and a son, Eugene Neill Laycock, Jr. in 2012.

Survivors include two daughters, Jowannah Kessel and husband Mike of Amarillo, and Mamie Kelley of Lubbock; his grandson, Thomas Neill Kelley and wife Brittany of Burleson; three brothers, Noel Lee Laycock of Amarillo, Ray Laycock and wife Mary Bob of Pampa, and Sonny Sechrist and wife Peggy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a sister, Betty Combs and husband Brad of Atlanta, Georgia; a niece, Linda Laycock of Pampa; three sisters-in-law, Charlene Spencer and Katrina Bigham and husband Robert, all of Pampa, and Janice Ferguson and husband Jamie of Fort Worth; two brothers-in-law, Don Spencer of Colorado, and Paul Spencer; a special friend, Pauline Gardner of Pampa; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to The Bridge, 804 Quail Creek Dr. Amarillo, Texas 79124

§ The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks.

§ Russia built the "Iron Curtain" and China became Red China.

§ Eisenhower sent the first 'advisors' to Vietnam; and years later, Johnson invented a war there.

§ Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power.

**Chat** (from Page 1)

Chesher, Baylee Barnett, Tate Ford, Christian Camorlinga, Trip Sorrell and Brody Umsted! They were named All-District for their performance in the Fort Elliott basketball season.

— cwe —  
Mark your calendar to attend the reception honoring Wessley Steen on his 90th birthday.

— cwe —  
I went to the book signing at the Wheeler library. Becky Hardcastle was autographing her book, "Small Town Girl".

— cwe —  
And the wind continues to blow with the temperature reaching 80° Tuesday afternoon.

— cwe —  
Smoke was in the air Tuesday evening. Wheeler was lucky to not have to evacuate. Mobeetie and some homes east of Wheeler were evacuated.

— cwe —

**Storm** (from Page 1)

fire fighters and all the people and animals safe! People, be careful! Don't start fires!

Wheeler fire fighters are the best! Thank you and all the people who helped save us! That's it!

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