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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Chance Newman! Chance was named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* Athlete of the Week Honor Roll.

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First State Bank of Mobeetie will be celebrating their 100th birthday this year. The date for the 'big celebration' has not been set, but they have a few promotions going.

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You will notice my picture receiving a leather check book cover and the picture of Agustin Gonzalez receiving a \$100 check for being the 100th customer in February.

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Do 'drive thru' customers get counted?

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Word was received Wednesday evening of the death of Inez Erwin. Inez worked at the *Times* office in the 60's; She was most times referred to as 'Wife #2', because most people, coming into the office thought she was my wife.

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Inez was an employee, but foremost, she was a friend. For the past 30+ years I have received a call on my birthday, and I always called her on her birthday.

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We went to Amarillo Thursday afternoon with the Meriwethers to see Georgia. Georgia said her mother wanted to be remembered 'with laughter'.

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During the time of Inez's employment, the *Times* office crew went on many trips, several times to Six Flags.

—cwe—
On one such trip Inez and Georgia, Frank and Korene Walker, Jack and Tracy, Ella Mae Evans, Tresa and Mike, and Barbara and I and kids loaded into my folks Ford stationwagon and headed out for Six Flags. With this many people in the car, there was no room for luggage; it was placed on the luggage rack on top. The kids 'other grandma/babysitter', Mrs. Connell most times was included in this mix, but she missed this trip.

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During the trip down, we encountered heavy rain. We were concerned about the luggage, but Inez assured us hers would be fine; it was Samsonite.

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When we arrived at our destination, the luggage was taken down and Inez walked to the motel with water running out of her luggage. She wore dyed pink underwear for a long time after that.

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The lives of those who knew her were enriched by having known her. She will be missed.

—cwe—
On Friday afternoon we went to OKC. Liz, Phoebe and Jaden Jackson came over Saturday evening. Forrest Lee Lovell and his girlfriend and her baby were visiting Liz, so they came over also. We had not seen Forrest Lee for several years; his kids are 13, 8 and 5. Cards were played until the wee hours of the morning.

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We got up early Saturday morning and continued to Sherman to help Juanita celebrate her birthday. Ronal Jr. also went with us.

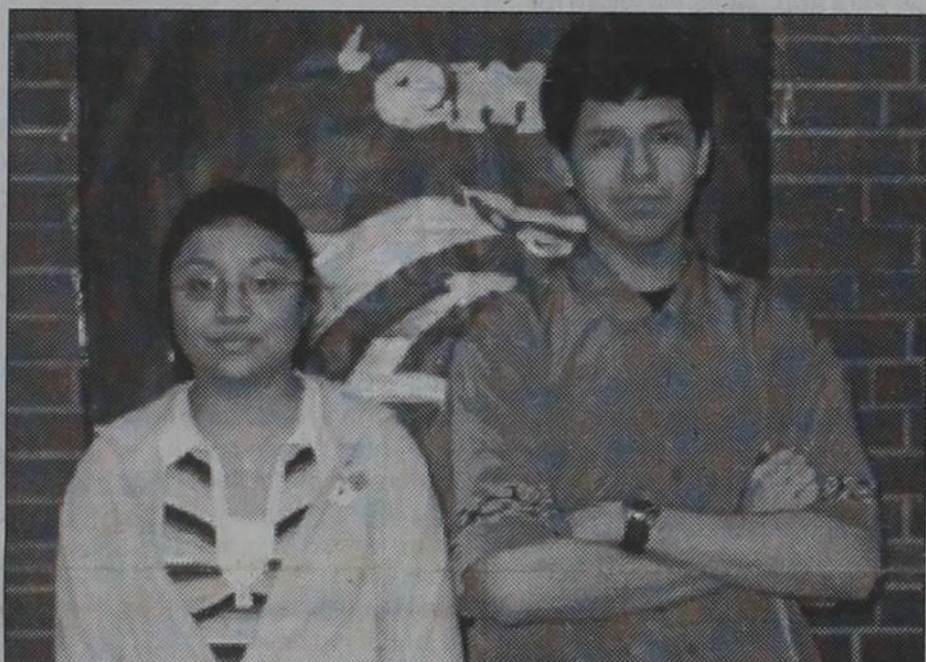
—cwe—
We began our return trip Sunday morning, stopping in OKC and Stormy's 'Oka house' at Hinton.

—cwe—
Cards were played Monday evening. Barbara and Patsy won the first game with Dwight and I winning the next two games.

—cwe—



NEW LOCATION: The Wheeler Flower Shop moved into their new location at 121 West Texas Street in Wheeler. Stefanie Jones, owner, is shown here at the counter. The building last housed the Wheeler Post Office and has remained empty for a number of years. The Jones family has completely remodeled the inside and outside and made a great addition to the Wheeler business district. Take a few moments to visit the Wheeler Flower Shop and see the wide selection of gift items in addition to the beautiful flower arrangements for which they are known.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: Wheeler ISD Students of the Week are Maria Guadalupe Salas and Garrett Bean. Maria is the 14-year-old daughter of Beatriz Salas and Juan Salas. Her activities include FCCLA. Garrett is the 15-year-old son of Julius Adams and Irene Adams. His activities include band, guitar, and FFA.

Services Saturday For Inez Erwin, 63

Inez Erwin, 63, of Amarillo died Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

Services were at 4 P.M. Saturday in the chapel of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo with James Mims officiating.

Ms. Erwin was born June 6, 1942, to Doyle and Neta Standlee of the Gageby Community. She was active in her community, including band and basketball. An accomplished pianist, she played at church and school functions. She graduated from Briscoe High School and attended West Texas State University.

Ms. Erwin worked as a cosmetologist early in her career. She was retired from Pantex, where she had worked for 27 years. She was active in her Union and spent countless hours helping her co-workers. After her retirement she taught herself to paint, discovering that she had a natural talent and a love for art.

She will be remembered and missed for her generous spirit and love of fun. She was a loyal and true friend, who was always willing and able to extend a helping hand.

Ms. Erwin was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Georgia Erwin; two sisters, Betty Zybach and husband, Truman, of Sayre, Okla.; and Martha Helton and husband, Thomas, of Wheeler; her many nieces and nephews and their families; and friends, especially Eva and Louis Mont-



Inez Erwin
gomery of Amarillo.
The family suggests memorials be to a charity of choice.

Wheeler I.S.D. Calls Hearing For Feb. 9

Wheeler I.S.D. will hold a public meeting for discussion of the annual Academic Excellence Indicator System. This hearing will discuss the District's accountability rating. The hearing will be held at the school on February 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the report may be obtained at the business office or observed on line at www.thestangs.com or www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/2005/index.html

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living

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

Admissions

1/30 Jocie Burrell
1/31 Roy McMullen
2/1 Florence Walker
James Morgan
2/2 Jason Pasmore
Ted Draper
2/3 Opal Childress
2/4 Viola Hungate
2/5 Marvin Ramirez

Dismissals

2/1 Jerry Hefley
2/2 Jocie Burrell
James Morgan
Jason Pasmore
Opal Childress
2/5 Roy McMullen

Local Students On SWOSU Honor Rolls

Honor rolls at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford have been announced for the 2005 fall semester.

An undergraduate student earning all A's in 12 or more hours during a semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. There were 450 students named to the President's Honor Roll during the fall semester.

There were 633 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 12 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

Named to the fall semester lists were:

President's Honor Roll: Kade Eric Zybach of Briscoe and Sue Ann Johnson and Landon Craig Sams of Wheeler.

Dean's Honor Roll: Shanna R. Horton, Hadley Dan Mitchell and Sandra Beth Rose, all of Wheeler.

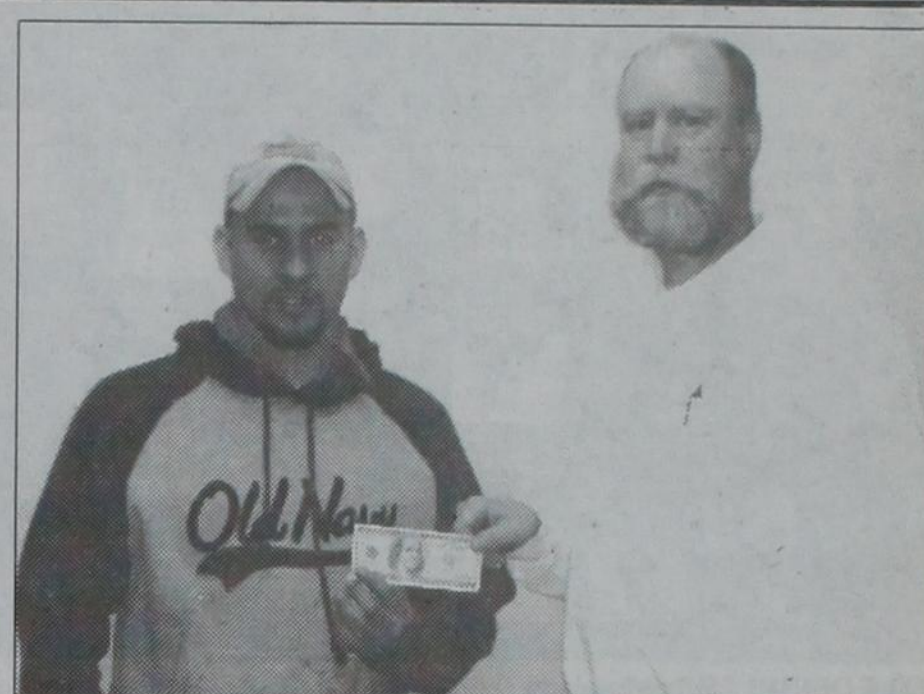
Casey Zybach Pigg On WTA&M H. Roll

West Texas A&M University has announced the students on the Fall 2005 Dean's Honor List. Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Among other students on the Dean's Honor List is Casey Zybach Pigg of Silverton, TX- EC-4 Generalist.

From the Principal's Desk

The move back to 1A was no surprise to any of us here in Wheeler. We have known since October that our enrollment would push us past the 99.5 limit to be eligible to play six-man football. What did surprise us is how the UIL placed us in realignment. Our new football district will comprise of Wheeler, Memphis, Wellington, Shamrock, Clarendon, and Quanah. Claude, gone from the old days, chose not to participate in district football competition for two years. Our basketball district is where the major shake-up occurred. We are now in a four-team district with Clarendon, White Deer, and Claude. None of us could foresee this. With Shamrock only miles down the road, one would think that we would be placed with the Irish. The UIL had different thoughts and sent us west. Basketball season is wrapping up. Our seniors will be recognized Tuesday night in what will be their last home game. I know many of you have fond memories of watching this group grow up and play together. They will be missed by all of us here at Wheeler ISD, but they

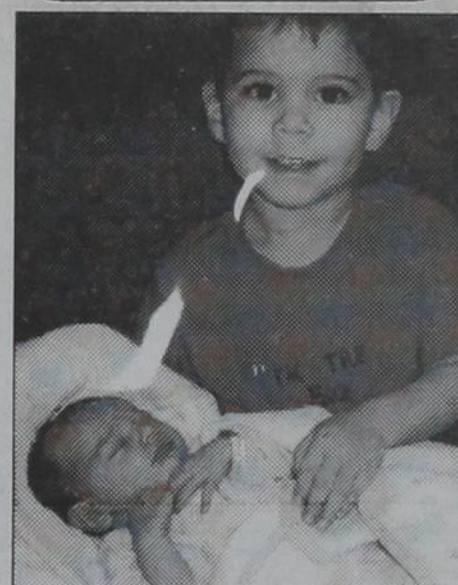


100th CUSTOMER: Agustin Gonzalez is shown here receiving a \$100 bill from First State Bank vice president, Bill Howard. As a promotion for their 100th Anniversary Celebration, the First State Bank of Mobeetie, Wheeler office, gave a \$100 bill to the 100th customer at the Wheeler office for the month of February.



\$100 CASH: As a promotion in connection with the 100th Anniversary of First State Bank of Mobeetie, a \$100 bill was given the 100th customer at the First State Bank's main office in Mobeetie for February. Randy McCurley, president of First State Bank presents Jim Kephart of Mobeetie with the \$100 bill.

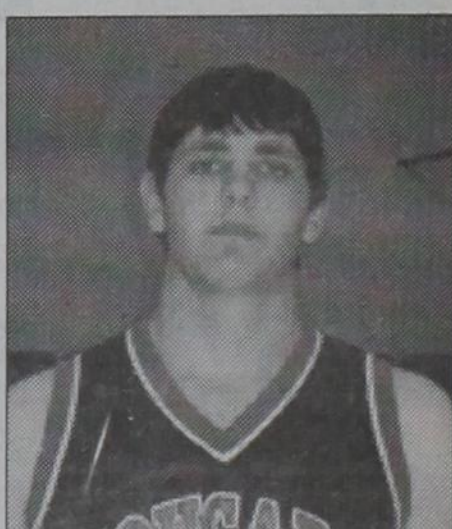
New Arrivals



Sheridan LynLee Self
Sheridan LynLee Self was born January 26, 2006, in Childress Regional Medical Center. She was welcomed home by big brother, Lane Self. LynLee weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/4" long. Proud parents are Jim and Amber Self of Wheeler. Lane is 2 1/2 years old.



Savanna Noel Meek
A Christmas gift from Heaven above, a baby girl for us to love. Born: December 21, 2005 @ 12:05 a.m.
Weight: 5 lbs. 6 oz.
Length: 18 inches
Big Brother: 16 month-old Blake Edward Meek
Parents: Kaleb & Marti Meek, Destin, Florida
Grandparents: Mark & Annette Meek, Briscoe, TX
Dunnie & Betty Emmert, Destin, FL
Great-grandmothers: Evelyn Meek, Briscoe, TX
Birdie Payne, Bethany, OK
Faith Emmert, Destin, FL



Chance Newman, a member of the Ft. Elliott Cougars basketball team, was named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* Athlete of the Week Honor Roll for this past week. Chance scored 49 points in two District 2-1A Division II games, 25 in a win over Lefors and 24 to beat Higgins.



Sarah Zybach, a member of the Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars basketball team, was named to the *Amarillo Globe-News* Athlete of the Week Honor Roll for the week, before last. Sarah scored 19 points in a 75-44 District 2-1A, Division II win over Wheeler and 19 points in a 75-39 win over Miami.



\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE: Ronny Jones, manager at the Wheeler Thriftway, is shown here presenting Bea Williams with a \$50 Gift Certificate. Mrs. Williams registered at the store and had her name drawn for the certificate, made possible by Affiliated Foods, Unilever and the local Thriftway. The drawing was Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

A Wheeler Teacher's Point of View

I have taught in Wheeler for eight years. The first two years I taught junior high science. I have been in the high school science since then. This year I am teaching IPC, Biology, Chemistry and

The school year is always busy in Wheeler, but when spring gets here, it seems we are even busier. Science TAKS tutorials are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at

7:20; April will be here before we know it. On Thursday afternoon we have Science UIL practice. The Canadian Invitational UIL meet on Saturday, February 11th.

We are studying electricity in IPC. In Biology, we are studying genetics and heredity. We flipped coins to determine the traits of a child and then drew the child with the inherited characteristics. In

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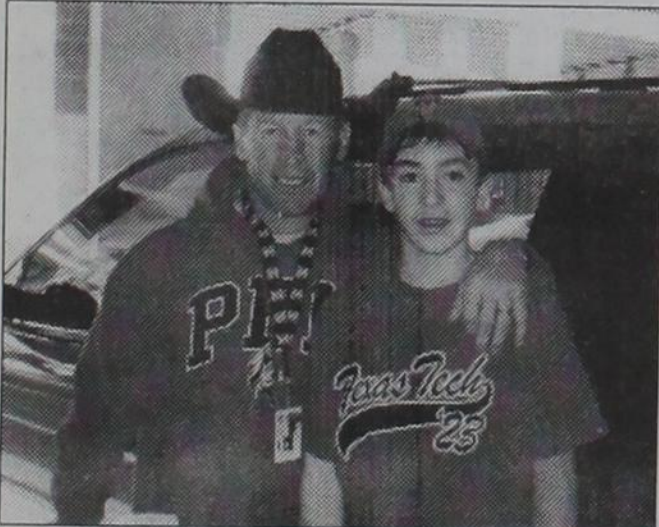
LITTLE DRIBBLERS: Wheeler's Third Grade Little Dribbler's team placed third in the Lefors tournament this past week. Pictured here are (back row, l. to r.) Coach Bree McCasland, Megan Reed, Stormy Moore, Katie Jones, Becky Simmons, Aby Rodriguez, Maggie Jones, Coach J'Shay McCasland, (front row) Gaby Venzor and Kylie Schubert.



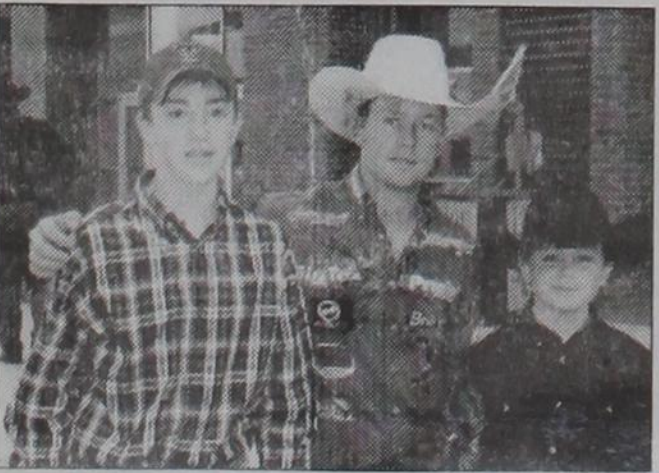
LITTLE DRIBBLERS: Wheeler's Fourth Grade boys participated in the Little Dribbler's tournament at Lefors; they ended in third place in their age division. Pictured here are (back row, l. to r.) Coach Shawn Johnson, Zach Johnson, Troy Duncan, Jake Ware, Keenan White, Tre McElvaney, Abel Lomas, (front) Andrew Coomer, Cody Howard, Eddie Zapata and Brody Richardson.



LEARNING: Ft. Elliott third graders learned how to correctly wash their hands at a training session presented by the Wheeler County Extension Service. Pictured here are (l. to r.) Larami Lancaster, Brayden Trimble, McKaylee Swift and Braxton Williams.



FORMER COUNTY RESIDENT: Rob Smets, a former resident of Twitty, Texas, is shown here with Spencer Ford of Wheeler. Smets will retire in 2006 from bull riding after 30 years in the competition; he was World Champion several of these years. Robert, Marla, Spencer and Mitchell attended the PBR competition in OKC recently.



TWO TIME CHAMPION: While attending the PBR Bull Riding competition in OKC, Spencer and Mitchell Ford got their picture taken with 2-time World Champion Bull Rider, Chris Shivers. Robert, Marla, Spencer and Mitchell attended the competition.



CHECK BOOK COVER: Later this year, First State Bank of Mobeetie will be celebrating its 100th anniversary; the bank was established in 1906. Vice President Bill Howard is shown here presenting Louis Stas with a leather checkbook cover. The checkbook covers and other promotions will be held throughout the year.



PBR BULL RIDER: Wheeler's Mitchell and Spencer Ford recently attended the PBR Bull Riding competition in OKC. They are pictured here with Aussie Cowboy, Greg Potter and his daughter, Cora. Robert, Marla and the boys stayed in the same hotel with most of the cowboys.

COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

Isaiah 41:13: I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.

Correction: Happy Birthday to Deleise Atwood, Jim Calderon, Juanita Stas, Sherilyn Toelle, Shirley Jolly on Feb. 5; Carolyn May, Robert Mayfield, Kelby Ledbetter, Fredda Smith, Jacob McNeill, Kaitlyn Helton, Haylee Vinson, a Gary Boydston, Whitney Willeford on Feb. 6; Marla Ford, Benjamin Howard, Tony Jackson, Randy Henson, Keri Beers, Shelly Schubert, Hannah Boydston, Regena Bryant, Lindsey Kroeker, Kaylie Ledbetter, Sherry Wash, Bill Ridgway, Joe Shelton on Feb. 7; Ricky Pheil, Joe Don Glassey, Robert Shugart, Chad Knight, Chris Lee, Hailee Hughes, Luke Yarbar on Feb. 8; Jennifer Velasquez, Justin Yockey, Frankie Jackson, Dwight Arganbright, Cody Rogers, Janet Romines, Jason Miller, Breanna Hennig, Brittane Hennig, Charlotte Coward on Feb. 9; Kaylie Boydston, Elpe Maddox, Cecilia Brice, Tom Hill, Richard Brown, Darren Helley on Feb. 10; Mechelle Marshall, Linda Willetto, Cheryl Wilson, Robert Brown, Gary Morris, Wanda Lane, Betty Weaver, Aaron Eddens on Feb. 11.

Everyone is invited to wedding shower for T. J. and Melanie (Howell) Trimble on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ft. Elliott Cafeteria at Briscoe. Best wishes!

Congratulations to all the youth who worked hard to prepare their animals for the Wheeler County Stock Show and many have gone on to San Antonio and Ft. Worth shows or Houston.

Shantell Meek's little cousin is Mollie Meek, not Jessica Puryear. Jessica Puryear is Mollie's big sister. Keith and Tammy Meek are the parents of Mollie Meek and Jessica and Jacob Puryear.

Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen from Canyon came Friday to visit Rita and David Pearson for the weekend, going back home on Monday. I enjoyed eating lunch at Maxeys with them Saturday. Thank You! Also Monday Lindsey and boys came by and visited me and we ate at Maxeys.

We welcome new resident, Mae Helton, to Parkview Assisted Living. Go by and greet this sweet lady. Hello, Mae, God bless you!

Ray and Glenda Hudson shopped in Elk City Saturday. They went to Canadian Saturday night. A band was playing and older friends were getting together to dance and visit and have snacks. Enjoy!

Doyle and Bulah Grimes are moving to a nursing home in Amarillo called the Arbors. It is attached to Baptist/St. Anthony's. Their address is Doyle and Bulah Grimes, 1910 Medi-Park Room 411, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Remember them in your prayers. Doyle is having to have 3 shots of insulin a day. They will have only one room and everything is done for them. More nurses to help.

Ray and Mae Brazeeal spent Tuesday night with their son at Sanford. He drove them to Amarillo Wednesday for Mae to have surgery on a foot. Surgery went well. Their son took them back to Sanford to spend Wednesday night at his house. Pray for the Brazeeals. We miss you.

It was determined that Joe Ellison had a seizure not a stroke, caused by so much infection in his body. He has no permanent damage. Keep praying for Joe and wife, Anne. Hope you are soon o.k. He has been in CCU at BSA. We have missed you.

Ray and Mae Brazeeal's daughter, Cindy Johnson, from Dallas, came to stay a few days with her parents, while Mae is recovering from foot surgery. Keep praying. Mae is doing well.

Nice to meet Mrs. Greg Boydston and Kaylie, 4, and Gavin, 2, at Parkview Hospital lab. Such cuties. They have moved to Allison. Welcome!

Joe Ellison got to come home Saturday. Keep praying.

Enjoying good food and good fellowship for Lady's Day Out at Maxeys Thursday were Martha Meek, Dianne Sparks, Joann Simmons, Betty Howard, Leona Coates and Verna Fillingim. Next Ladies Day Out will be at Soto's Thursday, March 2 at 11:30. All ladies invited.

Wheeler Baptist Church Youth will be serving the Congregation a meal next Sunday, Feb. 12, following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal. Make plans to attend. (Friends loving friends meal)

Enjoying quilting and chatting at Totty School on Thursday, Feb. 2, were Betty Rogers, Betty Haines, Sydney Lynch, Melba Corcoran, Audrey Seitz and Jane Seitz.

I felt blessed by watching the Billy Graham Special Saturday night on TBN from 9-10. Always good, every Saturday night. Joni Erickson Tada had good things to say and George Beverly Sheas sang as did Denise Williams and a great message from Billy Graham.

Some of Wheeler Care Center residents out to enjoy the singing and message Tuesday were Reba Wofford, Rosalie Keelin (who played the piano), Jenny Walker, Norma Bowerman, Wayne Stanton, Wilma Maddox, Wilma Barker, Geleminia Back, Johnnie Bird, Minnie Bell Vinson, Aline Frisbee. Good service with Earl and Betty Hustead and their Shitsu



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puppy, Maycee.

Best wishes to Heather Anderson of Sweetwater and Ryan McNeill in their recent marriage. They are making their home in Wheeler. Heather works at Parkview Hospital Lab.

Glad to know that Jackie Cummings is doing better. She has been in Shamrock Hospital for 12 days or so. She has had some set-backs.

Jackie hopes to go home soon and is getting stronger each day.

Wheeler Baptist Golden Agers will meet Thursday, Feb. 16, at noon. Visitors always welcome to the good pot-luck meal and program and visiting.

Happy Anniversary to Jackie Don and Kellie May on Feb. 5.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Inez Erwin, 63, of Amarillo in her death. She was born to Doyle and Neta Standlee in the Gageby community and attended Briscoe School, graduating from Briscoe. She was active in band and basketball and attended West Texas State College. Her sisters are Betty Zybach and Martha Helton. Inez had been battling cancer. Funeral was Saturday at Amarillo Schooler Gordon Chapel.

Nice to have niece, Evalyn Free, from Tyler come visit awhile Friday morning and bring her pretty quilt blocks to show me. One was bright butterflies and the other pretty variegated prints with a western theme. Evalyn is very talented. She has been visiting her mom, Vea Fillingim, this week. Vea has had pneumonia and been in the Wheeler Hospital. Glad she is some better. Vea expects to go back to Assisted Living this week.

Imogene (Pannell) Murray's husband, Bill Murray, from Childress, had 4 by-pass heart surgery at BSA in Amarillo Tuesday. Keep praying for them. Glad Bill is doing pretty well. Eddie and Lavenna Pannell were there for brother-in-law Bill's surgery. Coming home Wednesday.

In Friday night's games, Ft. Elliott girls beat Lefors 38-30. Ft. Elliott boys beat Lefors 49-37. Ft. Elliott girls 9-0 in district. Ft. Elliott boys are 6-3 in district.

Friday Wheeler girls beat Higgins 74-11. Wheeler boys beat Higgins 76-34.

Canadian girls beat Panhandle Friday 68-58 and are 10-1 in district.

Many thanks for all the kind (Continued Page 7)

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I must be so far out of touch with what a good movie is. I like action. I like adventure. I like good stories. I like leaving the theater with a smile on my face. I like watching movies that I feel good about watching with my children. We saw *Narnia*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* recently. It was good enough that we saw it twice. I don't particularly even care that it had some not-so-cryptic biblical story-lines in it - all that specifically mattered to me was that it was a very good movie.

The Golden Globes awards were recently handed out. The Oscars nominations were recently released. Of the main five movies up for consideration I have watched ... none of them. And I need to add that I don't really intend to watch any of them. Part of my reason for refusing to see them is based upon moral convictions: I aim to follow the Bible in every aspect of life. I am not perfect but I try to follow a

perfect Savior. In the Word of God there are plenty of things said that tell us that homosexuality is not God's desire (Genesis 18:16-19:29; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Deuteronomy 23:17-18; Romans 1:18-19, 24-27; I Corinthians 6:9-10; and I Timothy 1:9-11; Jesus even affirms the traditional Old Testament view in Matthew 19:4-6; plus other passages do direct us to God's will).

But even if a Biblical reason was insufficient to help me decide not to watch those movies, I would also have to add that I just don't care to watch a movie about gay cowboys, transsexual parents, or gay authors. I know that there is a Hollywood agenda related to these hot-topic political views, but I also would have thought that there main objective was to make money. If the movies they continue to produce continue in this vein, they will not be earning much money from my household.

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.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. Psalm 18:1-3

The weather here in Allison has been very cold and windy of late. But it is a beautiful day today on this Tuesday morning. But very cold outside this morning.

Pearl Harrison accompanied Louise Boydston to Dumas, Texas, well actually Pearl stopped off at Stinnett, Texas where she stayed with Elmer Lee and Peggy Sanford and Louise went on to Dumas where she visited and stayed with Virgil and Jean Stinnett on Wednesday. Then on Thursday, they all met in Borger at a Mexican restaurant and enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

Friday dinner guests in the home of Pearl Harrison were Louise Boydston and Bennie Boydston.

Monday, Glenn and Betty Boydston were treated by Brad Chandler to a delicious meal at #1 Okie Restaurant in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. They had a good visit and good food.

Sunday night after church, Opal and Juanita Boydston and Vance and Carol Boydston gathered in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston and were served very delicious pizza and they played Mexican Dominoes. A few of us didn't know how to play. But we do now. It was lots of fun.

Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife, Olene, journeyed to Ruidoso, New Mexico where they attended the United Pentecostal Church minister's retreat. They reported a good time.

Monday night, Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife, Olene, traveled to Pampa, Texas where they enjoyed a United Pentecostal Sectional Conference in the church pastored by Bro. and Sis. Ben Corbitt.

Kyle Boydston of Clovis, New Mexico stayed the weekend in the home of Dick and Cleus Greene.

Sunday after church, Dick and Cleus Greene, Robert and Jamie Goldsberg and daughter, Adriana, Kyle Boydston and Vance and Carol Boydston all journeyed to Erick, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a delicious meal at Rafter T. Very good food and lots of visiting.

When they got back to Allison, Kyle Boydston stopped by for a visit with Vance and Carol Boydston and he brought his dog, Tiffany. Had a good visit.

Louise Boydston gave a double birthday dinner in celebration of Gary and Sue's birthday's Sunday after church. Those attending were: Chuck, Kim, Brittany and

Chase Thompson and Kimber Thompson and Trey Latham of Amarillo, Texas, Josh and Heather Archer, Tori and Hannah Boydston

of Stinnett, Texas, Gavin Boydston, Gary and Julie Boydston, Ryne Purcell, Henry and Cody Dupont, Ernie and Sue Martin and son,

Adam Martin, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Pearl Harrison, Jocelyn Robertson and Opal and Juanita Boydston. We had a very delicious home cooked meal and lots of good desserts. Opal Boydston came home from church and in twenty minutes she had a butter-scotch pie ready cause she knew that Sue was going to be there and that is her favorite.

Later on Sunday, Darrel and Johnnie Harrison came by and visited awhile. Also Doug and Amie Purcell and Tiffany Boydston.

Louise Boydston and Juanita Boydston accompanied Vance and Carol Boydston over to Reydon, Oklahoma to the United Methodist Church where they enjoyed a very delicious meal of Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs and orange juice, coffee or milk. It was so very good. And they even had sugar free pancake syrup for those of us who have diabetes.

Others there while we were there from Allison were Charlene Rainey and Virginia Puryear.

Opal and Juanita Boydston traveled to Pampa, Texas on business on Wednesday.

Tuesday, Juanita Boydston accompanied Vance and Carol Boydston to Reydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a delicious meal at the Senior Citizens Building. They enjoyed a meal of chopped beef and potato salad, cole slaw and brown beans and tea to drink and ice cream and cookies for dessert. They had made some for us diabetics too. It was wonderful.

After coming home, Louise



Boydston invited Juanita Boydston and Vance and Carol Boydston and Opal Boydston to her house for a couple games of spinners.

Saturday, Julie and Amie made cakes and decorated Allison School Cafeteria for a triple birthday party celebrations. There was a table of decorations for Gavin Boydston who turned three and a table for Gary Boydston who turned fifty and a table for Hannah Boydston who turned ten. There was cakes for each one and lots of presents too. Sub sandwiches were served with all the fixings. It was a great time of fun and visit-

ing. Those attending were: Melvin and Judi Walser, Robert and Jamie Goldsberg and Adriana, Jay and Rhonda Robertson and Jocelyn, Chuck, Kim, Brittany and Chase Thompson, Kimber Thompson and Trey Latham, Josh and Heather Artcher, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Pearl Harrison, Vance and Carol Boydston, Louise Boydston, Doug and Amie Purcell and son, Ryne, Greg and Tiffany Boydston, Tori, Hannah and Gavin Boydston, Ernie and Sue Boydston and Adam.

God Bless and Keep ya'll til next time.

The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

Last week was a good/bad week, but I made it through and things are great again. The good part of the week was a visit and tour of Brad Chandler's rig over in Oklahoma and that was a very interesting day. He took Glenn Forrest Frosty and me up a ladder to the rig floor. The ladder we climbed was probably half a mile high and I was lucky not to get light headed from the climb. They gave us hard hats, but no parachutes. The rig floor was a very interesting place with several men getting ready to make a connection to add more pipe in the hole. I had volunteered to throw the chain, but one of the men said they did not do that anymore and I probably would not want to do it anyway. Glenn told me that he used to do that when he was younger, but it could be very dangerous. Next we saw the mud. The young and handsome man in charge of it said he was lucky to still be playing in the mud and making a living at it. My sons need not hear that as they might be jealous. The electrical plant was next and I am sure that I was looking at over a million dollars of equipment in that place. On to the

lab where a geologist spends his days looking a small, and I do mean small, rocks, sand, shells and other tiny bits of life from that deep, deep hole in the ground. I can see now that I wasted my college years by not taking geology as I was fascinated by what I saw in that microscope. It was a wonderful tour and then to top it off, Brad took us to lunch. He is quite a guy.

The not so good part of my week was a funny case of the flu. It hit every other day and I was sure glad when it left me and went on to another state or where ever the flu goes when it leaves. I am not a person that will stay in bed when I am ill and I consider the flu a big waste of time.

All of my bantams are laying eggs now, so we get 4 eggs a day. That equals 2 eggs in normal size eggs. When I made Glenn some cupcakes today, the directions called for 3 eggs, so it cost me 6 bantam eggs. They are the cutest eggs you ever saw and they are all shades of tan. Not one chicken lays white eggs. Henry gets into trouble quite often with us and the other day I picked him up to hold him and have a talk about being nice to Gertrude, Goldie, Red and Blackie and he bit me. Not a peck, but a bite. Now that did not go over too well with me so I carried him around to the big barn and told Glenn what he did. Later in the day, Henry attacked Glenn's boots and I think Glenn got into a shoving match with him. I have tried to tell Henry that we are a lot bigger than he is, but he is hard headed and will probably be in trouble a lot. I hold him each day now and try to get him to understand that he could inter a frying pan some day because of his attitude.

Well, last Saturday was my youngest son's 42 birthday. He lives in Covina, CA which is way to far from us, but we do talk on the phone each Sunday. It is always an hour visit and it is the best we can do for now. He is a wonderful son and I do miss him. Think I will get him a subscription to this newspaper so he can keep up with his mom and stepdad. Good idea.

With love from the southern woman, Betty Boydston.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of Instrument filed in the Wheeler County Clerk Office from January 30, 2006 — February 3, 2006.

JANUARY 30, 2006
POA—Boyd Huff to Clint Huff, 1-23-06, See Instrument.
D—Mauro Altamirano to Jose L. Contreras, et al, 1-26-06, 75' x 130' SW 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
D—Donald Hartsfield, et al to Texas Hearts LLC, 1-3-06, 3.196 acs. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW—Thomas R. Helton, et ux to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-23-06, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW—Thomas R. Helton, et ux to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-23-06, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN./CONVEYANCE—Joe H. Staley Estate to Staley Business Partnership Limited, et al, 1-24-06, See Instrument.
RVL—Leon E. Nichols, et ux to Barbara D. Dunlap, 1-4-06, Lot 14, Blk. G, Potts Add., Shamrock.
CORR. CERTIFICATE MERGER—Devon Louisiana Corporation to Devon Energy Production Company LP, 1-11-06.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to John R. Buckthal, et al, 1-23-06, Sec. 7, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Napah Corporation, 12-14-05, Sec. 62, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Napah Corporation, 12-14-05, Sec. 63, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Napah Corporation, 12-14-05, Sec. 78, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to Napah Corporation, 12-14-05, W 1/2 Sec. 79, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—PAC Production Company to John R. Buckthal, et al, 12-14-05, Sec. 62, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

February has started off warm and breezy. Just seems odd to be running around in just shirt sleeves and light jackets. The dirt is al-

ready blowing like crazy a lot more often than we need.

A lot of people seems to be fighting the allergy crud. Poor Todd Stuart has been fighting it all this fall and winter. He was to go to an ear, nose, and throat specialist on Tuesday to see if there was something that they were missing and what more they could be doing for him. Sure hope that he got good news.

Good to hear that Peggy Dunn is doing so much better. She has had a long few months.

Nelson Medley started working for the cross country trucking company named CRST. He is looking forward to seeing the country. He had been working for a shuttle service at the airport in Oklahoma City. But just couldn't see much future in that and of course the pay scale left a little to be desired. Hope he enjoys his new job. I think truck driving is just in some peoples blood. Cindy is working as a cashier at the grocery store in Carnegie so will have something to keep her busy while Nelson is on the road.

Sunday after church Leola Stuart had dinner with Jerry and Cheryl Richardson and Katie and Cheryl.

Happy Birthday to my husband, Bob, and to Lonnie Shelton. They were almost birthday twins. Bob's birthday was Feb. 6th and Lonnie's was the 7th. Lonnie got a wonderful present they were in Amarillo for the birth of their grandson on Tuesday. About the only birthday he has taken off from work for. Congratulations Lonnie and Beth, Brian, Susan, Braydon and Avery. Avery is 3 and so excited to be having a big brother and a little brother.

Most of the tax preparers are working like crazy again this week. We didn't make it any easier on Alvey's. Thanks Beth! It's always good to visit with you. It's unreal how fast their grandchildren are growing up. Like ours are standing still! So good to hear that Tina is doing so well. I know they are enjoying their beautiful daughter. Just growing up much too fast. Thanks for the medical information. It really is a good thing to know.

Finally, some good news. Jackie Thrasher is doing much better at home. Her leg is feeling much better and the skin graft is looking good. She goes back to see Dr. Rodriguez on Thursday for the official professional opinion. One day last week her niece, Carla, from Amarillo brought her antibiotic up and spent the night with Jackie and Fred. They had a good visit. Carla and her sister, Ruthie, both work at BSA so they visited Jackie regularly and were a big help while Jackie was in Amarillo. Sorry to hear that Jackie and Fred's grandson, Joshua Goodnature, of Amarillo is having so much trouble with his allergies and asthma. He has had to miss several days of school. He hasn't caught up with Todd Stuart in that area yet though. Bless their hearts. Being sick and unable to breathe easily is definitely no fun. Bad enough for an adult, but really unfair for these kids.

Melba and Dale Corcoran took Lorene Rector to Amarillo on Monday for tests. It sure was a long day. Hopefully by Wednesday they will know something. Hope you get good news and they have you feeling much better soon.

Orville Greenhouse had a very

enjoyable visit with her niece and nephew from Breckenridge, Tx, Annette and Jerry Jones. They are such a neat couple. They were up to see her mother, Alvern Hutchison, and take care of some business. Always such a pleasure having them here.

Sorry to hear that Mary Whitener is in Parkview hospital. Hope your soon feeling much better and enjoying the creature comforts of your own home. Just no place like home. Parkview is a great place to be when you need it. The staff is so caring and helpful.

My cousin is a forensic pathologist from Minneapolis, MN, and is doing his second tour of duty in Louisiana trying to do ID's from hurricane Katrina. I can't even imagine what a job that is. All I know is that the tv renditions of the job are interesting but nothing compared to the real situations. He has done such a good job that he has applied for a job with the FBI. It's quite an extensive procedure, but that is okay because the earliest he will finish up in Louisiana is June.

Please keep these friends and neighbors on your prayer list: Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Alvern Hutchison, Don and Mary Edwards, Jackie and Fred Thrasher, Earl and Mabel Tabor, Joshua Goodnature, Todd Stuart, Peggy Dunn, Dick and Ann Graham, Earl and Leola Farris, Marvel



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Graham, Gary Morris, Sidney Maham, Joe Shelton, Kandi Jones, Virginia Murray, Mandy Wilson, Donna Penrose, Norma Folkens, Chuck Carl, Dusty Fleming and family, Scott Corcoran and family,

Carlos Soto and family, Rhonda and Gene Ferguson, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Don and Willene Burke, Lonnie and Debbie Umsted. Have a great week!

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Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Sempra Energy Production Company to Sempra Energy Exploration Company, 1-3-06, Sec. 27, Blk. 4, Camp County School Land.

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

ASSIGN. B. of SALE—Long Trusts to B. Charles Spradlin, et ux, 12-13-04, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 56, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT—Basa Resouces Inc., et al to First Ag Credit, et al, 12-21-05, See Instrument.

HEIRSHIP AFF.—Jarvis Derrell Gilman to Charcie B. Gilman, 1-24-06, See Instrument.

RDT—First Ag Credit PCA to W. D. Mitchell, et ux, 1-20-06, See Instrument.

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D—Heath D. Mitchell, et ux to Toby C. Brooks, et ux, 1-31-06, Pt. of 77.12 acs. Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL—Heath D. Mitchell, et ux to Toby C. Brooks, et ux, 1-31-06, 20 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Toby C. Brooks, et ux to Extraco Mortgage, 1-31-06, 20 acs. NW 1/4 Sec. 2, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FEBRUARY 2, 2006

ROW—David M. Britt Minerals Ltd., et al to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 2-1-06, Pt. of Sec. 14 and 15, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Jerry Robertson, et ux to Wildcat Cement Inc., 12-1-05, Lot 1 and N 7' Lot 2, Blk. LXXXVI, Shamrock.

RDT—Citizens Bank to Jerry Robertson, et ux, 1-5-06, Lot 1, N 7'; S 193' Lot 2, Blk. LXXXVI, Shamrock.

AFF. COMPLETION—Ben Ed Hillhouse, et ux to Plains Builder's Inc., 12-30-05, Pts. NE 1/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CORR. QCMD—Brown Drake Royalties to Whann Family Limited Partnership, 1-18-06, See Instrument.

ASSIGN.—Robert C. Callan to Caltex Operating Ltd., 1-30-06, Sec. 31, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD—Leon Dale Moore to Kaiser-Francis Mid-Continent Limited Partnership, 1-24-06, S 1/2; W 220 acs. N 1/2 Sec. 19, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

LEASE EXT./PAYMENT AGREE.—Map 0304 to Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, et al, 1-19-06, See Instrument.

ROW—Kaleb E. Meek to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-25-06, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

FEBRUARY 3, 2006

C/C PROBATE—Henry Sidney Ballard to Ex Parte, 1-24-06.

OL—Sammy Dean Miller to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-17-06, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—James W. Brosch to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 12-21-05, S 33 acs. NE 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Woody M. Taylor to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-11-06, S 33 acs. NE 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Joe B. Jenkins to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-13-06, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Patrick A. Lippmann Revocable Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-11-06, N 129 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Alice Lister to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-17-06, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—Alta Mae Scott to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-17-06, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—Boyd N. Austin, et ux to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-17-06, Pt. SW 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL—Melissa Marshall to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-14-05, NW 1/4 Sec. 6, AB&M Survey.

OL—Cletus Q. Green to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-12-06, N 129 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Joyce Longenbaugh to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-13-06, N 129 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY./MD—Red River Royalties LP to Fort Worth Royalty Company, 1-31-06, Sec. 8, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey; and Sec. 38, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN./B. of SALE/CONVEY.—

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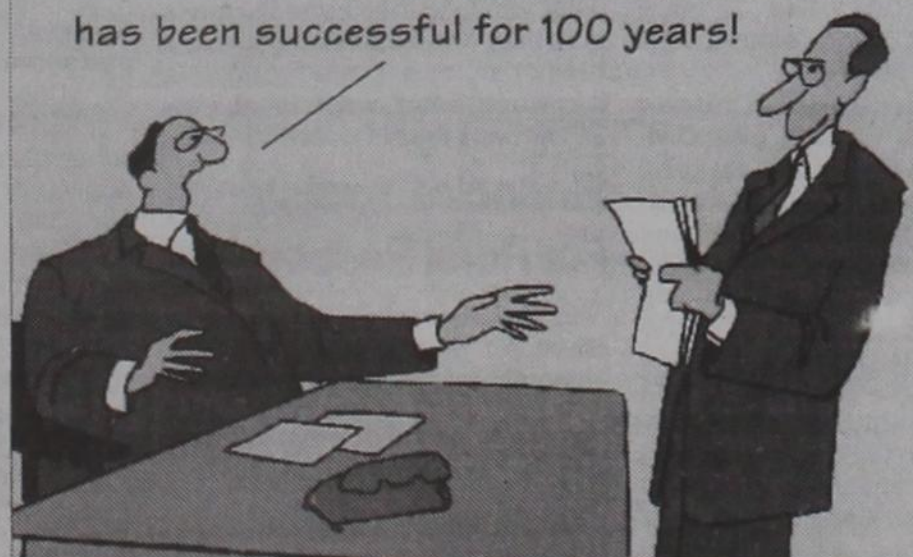
n a proud statement issued from their company headquarters, First State Bank of Mobeetie announced that 2006 is the 100th Anniversary of the founding of their business. The company was started way back in 1906, the same year that President Roosevelt won the Nobel Peace Prize for his part in ending the war between Russia and Japan. It was a very busy year for Roosevelt as he was the first

president to leave the United States territorial jurisdiction, when he went to Panama to "see how the ditch is getting on." "Teddy" wasn't the only Roosevelt making the news. His daughter Alice was married to Speaker of the House, Nicholas Longworth, in the East Room of the White House. After the ceremony, the newlyweds had to slip out a window to avoid the crowds.

What Else Happened in 1906?

Joan Crawford, Billy Wilder and John Houston were born this year. Thank goodness Eugene Lauste was issued the first patent for talking film this year or we might not have enjoyed the careers of these fine people.

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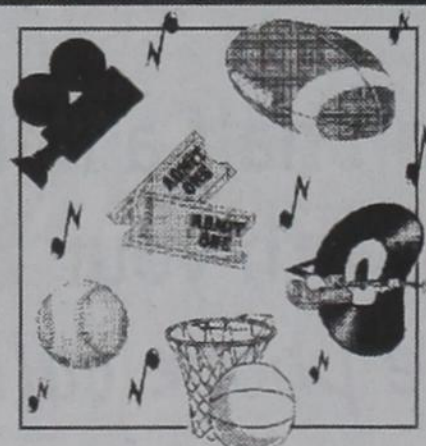


Sports & Entertainment

In baseball, Philadelphia scored three runs in the 24th inning to beat Boston 4-1. The longest game may have been in Boston, but the best team was in Chicago. The White Sox beat the Chicago Cubs to win the World Series.

In racing, the big news was "Sir Huron" ridden by R. Troxler won the Kentucky Derby. The Boston Marathon (no not the baseball game) was won by Timothy Ford in 2 hours, 45 minutes, 45 seconds.

For \$40.00 you could buy a Victor Talking Machine and listen to the songs of the day including: *School Days*, *Waiting at the Church* and *Moon Beams*.



IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1906

- New York police use fingerprint identification for the first time
- Montreal Wanderers won Stanley Cup
- Ronald Amundsen announced discovery of magnetic South Pole
- First State Bank of Mobeetie started its first year in business

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Wheeler is fortunate to have Billy make his home there, as I am sure your citizens know. So when Blue Cat is the question, I now know who you should call.

Thanks, again, "Big Cat Daddy." P.S. pictures don't lie.

Extension Service Reminds Parents Of Importance Of Child Safety Seats

Valentine's Week to Focus on Child Passenger Safety

In 2002, motor vehicle traffic crashes were the leading cause of death for every age 3 through 33. But children ages 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt, according to a study by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

A positive relationship between drivers using safety belts and children being restrained: 92 percent of the children who were transported by belted drivers were restrained, compared to only 62 percent of the children transported by unbelted drivers.

That's why Texas Cooperative Extension is joining with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Ad Council and others around Valentine's Day this year to commemorate Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 12-18). The primary goal this year is to remind all parents and other adults responsible for children traveling in motor vehicles -- if the kids are under 4'9" tall, they need to be in a booster seat.

Only an estimated 10 percent to 20 percent of children ages 4 to 8 use booster seats.

Karen Tellman said that as children grow, how they sit safely in a car, truck, van or SUV changes. For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers simply need to remember and follow the 4 Steps for Kids:

Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds;

Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds;

Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight unless the child is 4'9" or taller; and

Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4'9".

It is imperative to remember all children under age 13 should ride in the back seat.

"Many parents are under the false impression that children who have outgrown child safety seats can move right into regular safety seats, but nothing could be further from the truth," said Karen Tellman.

"So this year on Valentine's Day, and during Child Passenger Safety Week, we are working hard to remind all parents, grandparents, and child care providers to use a booster seat to raise their kids to the right height in the car. If they're under 4'9" tall, put them in a booster seat."

Some parents or caregivers may regard booster seats as a hassle to use or a pain to convince their children to use. But Karen Tellman said that protecting the ones you love means getting past the temporary complaints and perceived hassles.

"Use a booster seat because you love them. Do it because it could save their life," said Karen Tellman.

NHTSA and the Ad Council have launched new public service announcements (PSAs) to inform the parents of young children that booster seats are the critical (but often forgotten) step needed between car seats and regular safety seats. The campaign includes new television, radio, print, outdoor and online PSAs. The new public service announcements promote the following booster seat message: Raise your children right. If they're under 4'9", put them in a booster seat.

For more information about Child Passenger Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats, Call the Wheeler County Extension Office 826-5243. Booster Seats are available for low income families.

4-H Shooting Sports Meeting February 9

The first step to developing a 4-H shooting sports program is to certify everyone in Hunter Safety. These meetings are scheduled for February 9th, 23rd, March 2nd, 16th and 30th between 6pm and 8pm. The location is Shamrock High School Library. These cost of the program is \$10 per person.

Adults are welcome to participate in the program. If you plan to participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program or would just like to get certified in Hunter Safety please contact the County Extension Office at 826-5243.

Railroad Commis'n February Allowable

The Texas average rig count as of Jan. 20 was 658, representing about 53 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 317 million barrels of oil and 5.7 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 November 2005 is 28,757,166 barrels of crude oil and 441,807,193 Mcf of gas well gas. The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary November 2005 production totals of 27,108,942 barrels of crude oil and 363,358,165 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0608 for crude oil and 1.2159 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for December 2005 is 290,584,338 Mcf compared to 291,884,617 Mcf in December 2004. The January 2006 gas storage estimate is 285,678,306 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial February 2006 natural gas production allowances for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 20,648,840 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial February 2006 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 production for February 2006 is reported.



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CattleWomen Hold Meeting January 9

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met January 9, 2006 at the Dixie Cafe in Pampa. Amy Brainard reported on the TCW Board of Directors meeting held in Austin. There will be a publicity contest this year, and they would like each local to gain two new members. Texas Beef Council will have a beef program the week of June 26 in Amarillo, TX. The program is for Juniors and Seniors in Texas high schools and limited to 20 participants. They will learn about beef from the start of production through retail. For more information contact Erin Worrell at TBC - 512-335-2333.

TCW Pate Grote state wide scholarship applications are due Feb. 18, 2006 to scholarship chairman Amy Brainard. Applicants must attend an Ag program at Texas College or University. For information contact Amy at 806-323-6397.

The 2007 National Beef Cook-Off will be held in Chicago, IL.

Texas Beef Ambassador Contest entry deadline is Feb. 24, 2006.

The contest will be March 25, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. For information contact Amy Brainard 806-323-6397 or Nell Tucker at 940-888-3650.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen set September 9, 2006 for their annual Style Show & Brunch.

Our local will be hosting the Fall 2006 TCW state convention in Amarillo.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will be awarding two \$500.00 and two \$250.00 scholarships in the Spring 2006 to four deserving high school Seniors in our area. Applications will be available in your high school counselor's office after February 15, 2006.

Our next meeting will be February 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Canadian, TX at the Cattle Exchange Restaurant. Members present were Mary Mitchell and guest Lula Buice from Wheeler, Sena Brainard and Lilith Brainard from Pampa, Amy Brainard from Canadian, Carla Norris from Alanreed, Christine and Harry Marett from Shamrock, and Berklee Clements from Skellytown.

Proper Hand Washing Is Taught

3rd Graders at Ft. Elliot Elementary School Learn about Keeping Them Clean: Handwashing Can Reduce Children's Sick Days and Ours

Students in Mrs. Wrights 3rd grade class learn about the importance of handwashing and the proper steps to take to wash those germs down the drain.

It's that time of year again. You know the one that time where the winter winds seem to not only blow colder weather but also seem to have invaded us and the children in our care with coughs and runny noses. According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, during a typical year individuals in the United States suffer from approximately 1 billion colds (typically occurring in fall and winter) and 35-50 million cases of the flu (typically occurring from November to March).

Both colds and flu are more common among children. In fact, the average child suffers from six to 10 colds per year, as compared to two to four for adults. Children are two to three times more likely to suffer from flu infections than adults. The discrepancy in these figures appears to be due to children's lack of resistance to infection and to their frequent contact with other children in day care centers and school settings.

Remaining healthy, whether you're an adult or child, can often be a challenge during the cold and flu season. With so much contact between one another, it seems inevitable that children and adults will get sick. For many, this means not only lost days for children in child care but lost time at work for you. One of the best ways to reduce the spread of germs, viruses, and bacteria that cause sickness is to practice a simple activity: handwashing.

But... Running hands quickly under a few drops of cold water is not going to do the trick! With all of the responsibilities that come along with providing care for children, it is very easy to forget or simply not take the time to wash one's hands thoroughly. Children, as they do so well, watch and learn these same hurried practices, which are not effective in eliminating germs. So... what works? First, it is important to understand that our skin constantly makes oil, which stays on the surface of the skin. Germs that get on skin get trapped in this oil. Washing hands with soap and warm water is the best way to sluff the germs off the hands and prevent the spread of such germs.

Remember that washing and drying hands appropriately makes a big difference...

Use soap and warm, running water. Soap and warm water help the germs to be removed from the oil on the skin. The running water is important for the germs to drop away from the skin rather than being mixed around the skin, such as in a wash bowl.

To help children understand the importance of washing their hands, try putting some glitter ("germs") on their hands. Let them try to wash off the glitter in a sink or mixing bowl filled with water. Try this with and without soap. Then let them try again under a running faucet with and without soap. In this way, they can see how germs can stay on the skin without appropriate handwashing.

Take at least 10 seconds to do the washing. Teach children to say their ABCs or a favorite song while washing their hands to make sure they wash them long enough. If you cannot get to a facility that has warm water, wash for at least 20 seconds in cold water. Wash all

Financial Assistance For Rural Responders

In any emergency, all Texans count on first responders. Law enforcement, firefighters, EMT and medical services protect public safety. USDA Rural Development responded to these needs in 2005 by providing more than \$1.2 million for first responder facilities and equipment for nearly 224,000 rural Texans.

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surfaces, including the wrists, palms, back of hands, between fingers, and under fingernails. To prevent the spread of germs, it is a good practice to use disposable paper towels or hot air dryers rather than cloth towels.

Children also need to be taught when to wash their hands. This can be done by using "before" and "after" to help them remember.

Wash hands before...

*eating,
*inserting or removing contact lenses, or
*handling or serving food.

Wash hands after...

*using the restroom;
*blowing nose, sneezing, or coughing;
*touching an animal;
*handling garbage; or
*touching things many people have handled (e.g., toys, objects passed around the classroom, etc.).

What about antibacterial soaps and waterless hand sanitizers? Though antibacterial soaps can kill some germs, they do not kill all germs no matter how strong the soap is or how long it sits on your hands. Without appropriate handwashing, antibacterial soaps cannot be totally effective. It is still essential to spend enough time washing germs away from the skin.

The same is true of waterless sanitizers. If you are in a situation where no running water is available, then, certainly, it is better than nothing. Again, however, waterless sanitizers cannot kill all harmful germs, and it doesn't get germs off your hands. Soap and warm, running water is still the best choice (Perdue & Hammack, 1998).

Adapted from Rice, C.A., & Polard, J.M. (1998). Keeping Children Healthy. Health Hints, # 2

USDA Is Accepting Grant Applications

USDA Rural Development is accepting competitive applications for nearly \$19.5 million in grants to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and alternative sources of renewable energy.

"USDA Rural Development promotes efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur economic opportunities for rural communities," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "During Fiscal Year 2005 Texas USDA Rural Development awarded over \$1 million in Value-Added Producer Grants."

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets. The maximum award for a planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for a working capital grant is \$300,000.

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Value-added products are those agricultural products, which gain value through processing, production, segregation or other means, or produce renewable energy on a farm or ranch. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2006.

USDA Rural Development has scheduled a meeting for potential applicants on Thursday, February 16, 2006 beginning at 9:00 am at the Texas A&M Research/Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106. Topics to be discussed include: in-depth information on the availability of grant funds, eligibility requirements, eligible uses of grant funds, and how to apply. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant program, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist at (254) 742-9775.

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thoughts, cards, prayers, food and flowers in the loss of my sweet Willis. So thankful that others care, and for all the good years, good friends and family.

Howard and Sammie Caswell from Sayre were visiting at Wheeler Care Center Sunday with Vera Barnes, Neta Young and others.

Enjoying lunch together at Maxeys Monday were Dean and Georgia Tipps, Jimmy Maddox and Jennifer and David and Phyllis Hefley.

Jenny Walker from Wheeler Care Center enjoyed going to lunch at Maxeys Monday with son, Eddy and Shelia Walker. Nice to see them all.

Proverbs 15:18: A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Congratulations to Josh and Jamie Adcock of Canadian in the birth of their new baby girl Chanlee Shea was born January 28, 2006, and weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 1/2" long. Proud grandparents include Pete and Tammy Morehead of Higgins, Rod and Michelle Adcock of Canadian, Dennis and Donita Gardner of Woodward, Okla and Trevor and Michelle Longley of Leedey, Okla. Great-grandparents include Erbin and Dorothea Crowell and Charlene and Junebug Adcock of Canadian and others.

Canadian High School Senior, Bryant Brock, signed a letter on intent to play football for Adams State College at Alamosa, Colo. Bryant is the son of Stephanie and Craig Brock. He is a quarterback and intends to major in Sports Medicine and is excited about going to Colorado. Best wishes, Bryant. Bryant's grandparents include Dick and Ruth Irvine. Stephanie made her home with Irvines since she was about 8 years old and attended school at Briscoe and Canadian. Stephanie was a great basketball player, even as a freshman at Canadian.

Kay Stiles really celebrated her birthday with two family dinners this week. On Thursday at Maxeys for lunch were Bro. Bill and Kay Stiles, Bob Stiles and Rachel, Melody and Fred Velasquez, Jennifer Sullivan and Kaden and Bill Stiles Jr. On Saturday at Maxeys for lunch were Bill and Kay Stiles and Bill Jr. and Melinda Stiles and Makenzi, Hannah and Will. Also on Thursday was Sandra Christner. Happy Birthday, Kay.

Going to Ft. Worth to the Stock Show Wednesday were Jimmy Maddox and Amber and Dean and Georgia Tipps. Kevin Meek also took some boys and animals. They came back Friday. Better luck next time.

Jane Seitz, David and Melba Seitz and Kerry and Teri Williams went to Northside School, north of Vernon to see grandson, Bryan Williams, play basketball. He did good.

There was a good crowd of Wheeler Care Center residents out for Sing-a-long and church Sunday afternoon. It was hosted by Wheeler Baptist Church with Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams, Leona Coates, Helen Steen, Martha Meek, Nicole Moore (She sang a special!) Dianne Sparks and Verna Fillingim. Rosalie Keelin and Leona played the piano. Keep praying for our friends at Wheeler Care Center. Sweet people; residents and staff. Bro. Dennis had a good mes-

sage and also led singing.

Wes and Cindy Bradstreet left Friday noon to go to Allen, Texas and visit Ember and Mike Keith and Miles, Jenna and Zachary. They celebrated Jenna's second birthday. Andy and Tracey Bradstreet came over on Saturday for the party and visited. Good to have their family all together. Wes and Cindy got back Sunday afternoon.

At Wheeler Baptist Church Delores Simmons and Cindy Bradstreet prepared the delicious Brisket supper Wednesday night with mashed potatoes, corn, salad and French bread. Very good.

Ricky Bond led discussion of prayer concerns, and church doctrines. Made us think.

Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams went to a church conference at Ft. Worth from Wednesday through Friday. Ricky Bond did the church service at Wheeler Wed.

You will want to go to the new location for Wheeler Flower and

Gift Shop and see all the "pretties" there. Many gifts and flowers and plants. Several relatives and friends helping with the party and refreshments. Nice, roomy place, even a play place for Maggie and Shelby.

Glad to hear that Evelyn Meek was able to be out to Gageby Church Sunday for the first time since she fell and broke her shoulder. She is doing pretty well. Keep praying for Evelyn.

In basketball Ft. Elliott girls beat Higgins girls 65-17 Tuesday night and are 7-0 in District 2-1A. Ft. Elliott boys beat Higgins 52-41 and are 4-3 in district 2-1A Div. 2.

Tuesday Wheeler girls defeated Miami 57-41 and are 4-4 in district. Wheeler boys beat Miami 71-46 and are 6-2 in District 2-1A Div. II.

Tuesday Canadian girls defeated Sanford-Fritch 76-34 in District 7-2A. Canadian is 9-1. Candian boys won 78-68 to be 8-1 in district.

Nice to know Bobby and Tammy Jones have moved to Wheeler. Tammy is the daughter of Lee and



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Sharon Halland grew up at Allison. They have a daughter, Alicia, still in school and a son, Jordan, in college. Bobby is a welder in the oil field. Best wishes to all. Tammy was helping with Wheeler Flower and Gift Shop's Opening Reception on Wednesday.

Our Country Band

There was an appreciative audience of residents and family and friends at Wheeler Care Center Tuesday night to hear Our Country Band make beautiful music. Singing were Nadine Lane, Kathy Badillo, Jay Godwin and Chuck Hartline. Playing music were Gene Keelin, Geoff Caldwell, Robert Jones, Jay Godwin and Chuck Hartline. All sounded good! Other visitors were Carson and Jeanette Bird, visiting Carson's mom, Johnnie Bird; Steve Walker and Katelynn, visiting Steve's mom, Jenny Walker; Joyce Perkins, Daniel Keelin, Martha Meek, L. D. and Wanda Childress visiting Addie Swift and Verna Fillingim. Thank you very much, Our Country Band for coming to entertain us. Such peaceful music. The band will be back Tuesday night, Feb. 14, at 6:30 at Wheeler Care Center to make beautiful music. Visitors welcome always. See you!

Glad to hear Marshall and Mary Andis have moved to Pampa from Amarillo. No stairs to climb and closer to family. Maybe we will get to see them. Think they live on Dwight Street in a 3-bedroom duplex and come back to Wheeler to see their grandkids, Kayla, Zach, Garrett and Cassidy, play ball.

Mobeetie Baptist Singing

There was a very good program at Mobeetie Baptist church for First Sunday singing Sunday night. Giving inspirational readings were Mary Cornell, Grace Roberson, Bro. Bill Stiles, told of the Mission trip to Tanzania that he and Kay went on recently with a Baptist group. Thousands were eager to accept the Lord. Bill and Kay had been missionaries in the area several years ago. Singing specials were Nadine Lane, Carol Roberson, Terry Hovey and Tiffany. Laura Vandiver played the dulcimer. Martha Meek played the harmonica. Marion Grimes and Doris Finsterwald played guitar and piano. Mobeetie. Singing Baptist Men (Paul Hathaway, Bill Caswell, Toney Dickey and Terry Hovey) sang with Patsy Caswell on the keyboard. Terry Hovey also played the guitar. Marion Grimes also played the guitar and sang. All sounded good. Earl and Francis Maples from Lefors were visiting. Come back again. Next First Sunday Sing will be at Allison Baptist Church March 5, at 6:00 p.m. Delicious supper was served also.

Allison Baptist Church will host next Sunday afternoon church, Feb. 12, at 3:00 at Wheeler Care Center.

Lonnie Kenney Party

Some relatives and friends who came to Lonnie Kenney's 80th birthday party at Wheeler Banking Center on January 28, to help him celebrate were Jeremy, Monica and Jacob Kenney, Bobby Miles, Roland Miles, Harold and Barbara Trayler, Lyndon and Noveline Loyd, Siegal Henderson, Alice Lister, Charles and Margaret

Kuntz, Janice Revils from Rockwall, Tex., Sophia and Tom Velasquez, Mary Risner, Casey Velasquez, Bob and Evangeline Wills, Donald and Anita Reeves, Mike and Sharon Miles, Johnny and Donna Velasquez, Linda Daughtry, Martha Meek, Preston and Elsie Glazner, Travis, Marcie, Cody and Tyler Cook, Verna Fillingim, Betty Howard, Leona Coates, Glenda Wischkaemper, Mike and Mitchie Kenney and Katelynn, Bryan and Renee Kenney and Vicki and Dan Kenney and others. Everyone had a good time. Happy Birthday, Lonnie and many more!

Dale and Melba Corcoran took Lorene Rector to Amarillo Monday for a check-up with Dr. Russell Burns. Lorene had to go fasting and had a very long day of testing her heart, etc. She doesn't have reports back yet. She finally got to eat about 3:00 or so. It was a very long, exhausting day. She did get to come home. Remember Lorene in your prayer.

Michael McLaughlin has gone to Wellington the last two week-ends to train with the National Guard and enjoyed it. Nice to visit with his mom, Jerry Meller, and Summer at Thriftway Monday. Pray for all our service boys.

Joe Ellison came home Saturday night and is doing pretty well. Keep praying for Joe and Anne after Joe's serious surgery.

Mae Brazeal is doing pretty well after her foot surgery. Pray for Mae and Ray.

At Earl and Shirley Jolly's Sunday night for supper and snacks and to watch the Super Bowl were Vickey and Larry Nelson, Jimmy Nelson, Keri Nelson and Caden, Danny and Ashlee Nelson and Dannielle, Amy and Haylee, Wayne Jolly, Myron Jolly, Cathy and Frank Hooper from Perryton and Earl and Shirley. Nice family time.

Joyce Perkins' brothers and sister got together over the weekend at the farm and at her house. They ate supper Saturday evening at Maxeys. Ones there were Claude Jr. and Frieda Cox from Blanket, Marvin Cox from Amarillo, James Cox from near Lubbock, Geraldine and Sonny Pride from Arlington and Joyce. (Linda Cox recently broke an arm and didn't come.) Pray for Linda.

Ed and Laurel Hershman enjoyed eating supper Saturday night with Dean and Linda Lieb and Edna May at Edna's house near Allison. Laurel and Linda were roommates and best friends in college at W. T. Linda and Dean live at Stinnett. Dean is some better. God bless you all.

Patsy Smith's son, Joe Smith, from Stinnett came down Monday night and took his mom back to spend the night with him and Beverly. Beverly was taking Patsy to Amarillo Tuesday for a checkup on possible knee surgery later.

Lots of Fort Elliott people from Briscoe, Allison and Mobeetie and other places were at Lefors Saturday for the Little Dribblers basketball tournament. Kids all had fun. Bevard and Diane Dukes and Tracey and Andrea Aldridge and Tysen and Tayton went to the games. Carissa also came down from Amarillo. Carissa's husband, Britt McCarter, goes to school during the week and works at BSA on the weekends. Garland Dukes came over to watch the fights with Bevard and Tracey Saturday night at Bevard's (his brother).

Keep praying for Jackie Cummings.

Ned Burrell is back home. She has been in Amarillo with daughter, Trudy Kendall, who has been pretty ill with a lung disease. Keep praying for Trudy and Ned. Hope Trudy will soon be much better.

Joe Wagoner of Canadian had a cornea transplant to help him regain some of his sight. He is seeing a little better and will be going back to Oklahoma City about ever two weeks for a checkup. Please pray for Joe and Sherry.

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Yeal

And you will be singing as the days go by.

"God be with you till we meet again!"

Financial (from Page 6)

USDA Rural Development has earmarked one-fifth of Community Facility Program funds to first responder projects. Both grants and low-interest loans are available to support the building of facilities and equipment in rural areas. Eligible projects include fire protection equipment, fire stations, fire trucks, rescue and ambulance services and equipment, emergency response training, physicians clinics, early storm warning systems, education facilities for emergency services, police stations and cars, communications centers, and mobile communications centers.

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available at 30 Local USDA Rural Development Offices located throughout Texas. For additional information call the State Office at 254-742-9700 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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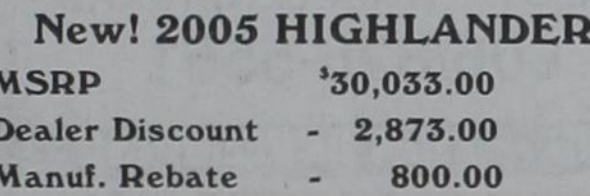
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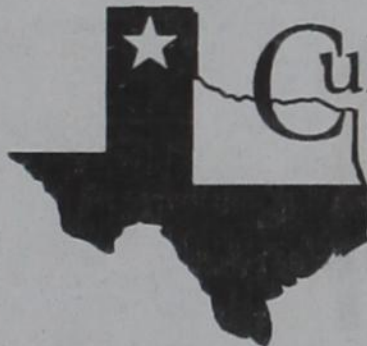
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Twins Cheyenne (left) and Savannah Passmore at the church's Halloween carnival.

She cares for them.

We care for her.

Frances Jo Martin, a retired health care professional and now volunteer *extraordinaire* at the United Methodist Church of Sayre, is no stranger to the services offered at GPRMC. She's been taken care of by a number of our doctors and has had several surgeries.

In 1998 Jo was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her family physician, Dr. Featherston, recommended that Dr. John Buie perform her surgery, a lumpectomy.

GPRMC "was close to home, close to my family at the time, and Dr. Featherston had recommended Dr. Buie very highly," Jo says. After the surgery, she received radiation therapy at Westoak Cancer Center.

"I received excellent treatment. What helped me survive were the people involved who give care."

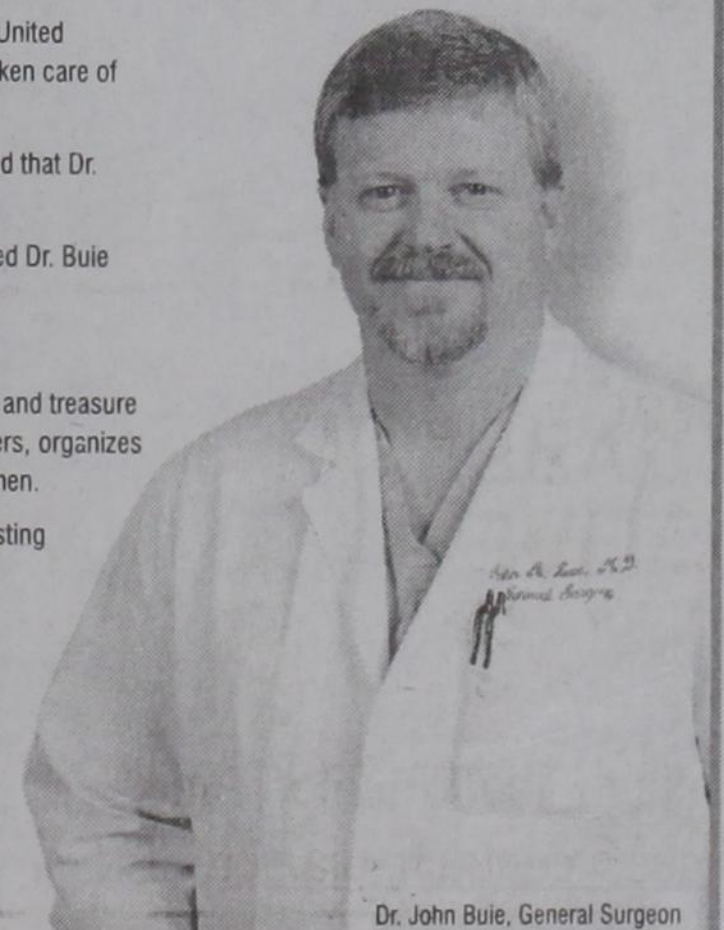
That was seven years ago, and not only is Jo surviving, she's thriving. She gives her time, talent and treasure to the church, where she helps with the Halloween carnival, the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, organizes the bereavement dinners, and serves as the coordinator of missions for the United Methodist Women.

Jo Martin would agree that there is a lot to be thankful for. We at GPRMC thank you, Jo, for entrusting your health to us.

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