

3rd. 'CASH' DRAWING SAT.

The third of the four Wheeler Chamber Of Commerce 'Cash' drawings will be held Saturday, December 16, 1995. During the month of December a total of \$1500.00 will be divided into 58 envelopes for the individuals who shopped in Wheeler. \$300 and \$400 were given away Saturday, December 2 and 9 in the first two drawings. An additional

\$400 will be given at both the third and fourth events. The time of the drawing for Saturday will be 2:30 and the amounts to be handed out will be \$400. The 'money' will be placed in 17 envelopes and given to the lucky people, who come forward when their names are called. The amounts will be 10-\$10's, 4-\$25's, 2-\$50's and 1-\$100.

On Saturday, December 23, Christmas will be a little brighter for eight "Wheeler Shoppers"; they will share in the \$400 to be given away at that time. The "Money" will be divided into 4-\$25, 2-\$50 and 2-\$100 envelopes of Wheeler 'Cash'.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The "money" is in \$5 increments.

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the

ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each dollar of the purchase value-up to a maximum of \$500.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets will be available beginning Friday, November 24, 1994 at sponsoring businesses.

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Those merchants sponsoring the drawings and giving tickets are: After Hours Video, Albert's Shamrock Service, Antique Cupboard, Appearances, Cross Car Center, Frankenberry Service, Hyland's Pharmacy, Johnny's Shamrock Service, L. & F. Repair, Lee Hardware & Furniture, Marshall Discount Auto, McCain's Auto Body & Bob's Tackle Shop, McIlhenny Dry Goods, Thriftway, V. & S. Variety, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Flower Shop

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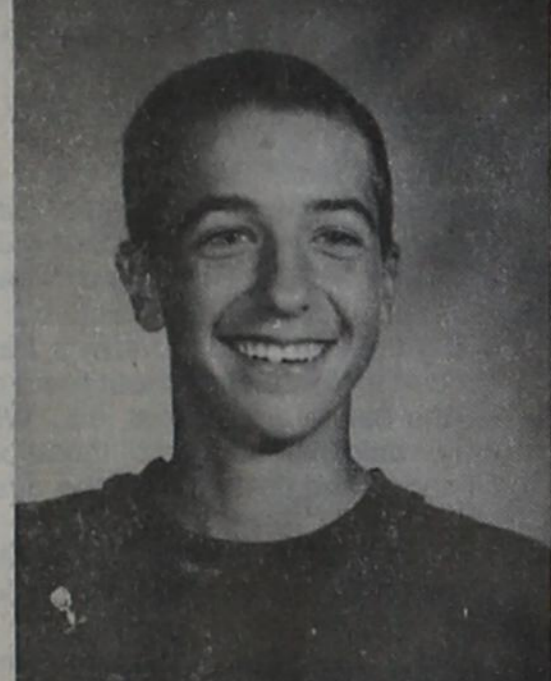
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Local Churches Will Present Annual Christmas Cantata Sun.

The combined choirs from the First United Methodist Church, the Country Chapel and the First Baptist Church will present "City of Light" created and arranged by Tom Fetteke on Sunday Dec. 17th, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. This is a dynamic musical that tells how in a time of unrest God fulfilled His promise by sending His son, Jesus.

Michael Killingsworth, Adrian Risner, Robert Schubert, Bob Stiles, Benny Sword, Pam Arganbright, Peggy Bryant, Jorjann Davis, Julie Hampton, Megan Hampton, Suzanne Hampton, Noveline Lloyd, Gwen McCain, Dorothy Risner, Shelly Schubert, Jim Batton, Andy Bradstreet, Mike Bryant, Ed Ellison, Tex Copeland, Charlie Flanagan, Charles Kuntz, Monty Long, Royce Marion, Weldon Simmons, and Bill Smith. Sylvia Shuler and Joetta Sword will be accompanying the choir on the organ and piano, with the music being directed by Jerry Davis.

You will want to come early as Sylvia Shuler and Joetta Sword will begin at 5:30 with a Concert of Christmas music. The general public is invited and a reception will follow the Choir Cantata.



Graveside Services Sun. For P. Dwight Ford, 45

Dwight Ford, 45, a former resident of Canadian, died of a heart attack Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, in Oklahoma City.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Ford was born in Wheeler. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1968. He married Sue Wood in 1968. He graduated from Oklahoma State University Tech at Okmulgee, Okla. He lived in Canadian for a number of years before moving to Mustang, Okla., four years ago.

He was a past member of the National Guard. He was a member of the Toastmasters Club in Mustang and First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Paige Ford of Goodwell, Okla.; a daughter, Brooke Ford of Mustang; his mother, Peggy Ford of Wheeler; two sisters, Susan McCaskill of Amarillo and Teresa Rose of Wheeler; and a brother Dell Ford of Wheeler.

Pallbearers were the Wheeler High School Class of 1968.

The family suggests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX. 79106; or the Panhandle Chapter of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association.

OMITTED: Drew Hillhouse's picture was omitted last week from the individual pictures of the Wheeler Band Students named to the All-Region Honor Band. Drew plays baritone.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

We had another one of those weeks last week. A picture was omitted on the front page, L. & F. had a really good special on VCR's and some of the basketball stories were omitted from the paper.

I took pictures at the band room of the students qualifying for All-Region Honor Band. One of the pictures taken was of **Drew Hillhouse**. I do not know what happened to the picture, but it did not make it to the office and was therefore omitted from the group. You will find his picture on the front page this week. Congratulations and 'Sorry'.

The prices of VCR's at L. & F. Repair start at \$199 not \$1.99. But, since there was no description and no guarantee that the machine worked; Frank had some VCR's in the back he could have sold for \$1.99 if need be.

Our sympathy to the family of Dwight Ford. The community was shocked with the news of the loss of one of our young men. Dwight lived in Mustang at the time of his death and had lived in Canadian for a number of years, but he was still part of our community. Dwight graduated with the class of '68 and was one of our 'charges' on the senior trip.

We will be calling on the Christmas Greeting edition of the *Times* the latter part of the week. That edition with the Santa Letters will be put in the mail on Thursday, December 21.

You will notice at the top of the year that the *Times* in beginning its 63 years and I have been here more than half that time. Time does fly when you are having a good time.

Have you made your contribution to the Toys for Tots drive being conducted by the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department. Remember, Christmas is a time for sharing.

Jennifer, Stacy and William came out Wednesday evening. We played a couple of games of cards and the

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W. C. A. LADY PATRIOTS: Pictured here are the Lady Patriots (l to r) KiYa Young, Bridget Chandler, Heather Dean, Sharisa Mong, Jana Chandler, Mary Ann Hall, and Junita Rose, not pictured is Suzy Galutia.



W. C. A. PATRIOTS: Pictured here are the Patriots (l to r) standing Tobe Callahan, Jared Brittain, Drew Mackey, Trent Brunson, Brian Mackey, Tyler Heinsohn, Jason Brittain, Chris Mick. On knees Jim Reed Kirkpatrick, Brett Hart, and Kyle Zybach.

Patriots Play In Tournament

This past weekend the Wheeler Christian Academy Patriots and Lady Patriots basketball teams headed south to participate in the Samnorwood Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Patriots began their tournament play by playing the Samnorwood Lady Eagles. The Lady Patriots lost the game by a score of 52 to 37, but had good showings from everyone on the team. Heather Dean led the team with 22 points followed by Junita Rose with 5, Mary Ann Hall with 4, Jana Chandler with 3, and Sharisa Mong with 2. Others participating were Bridget Chandler, Suzy Galutia, and KiYa Young.

The Lady Patriots had a bye on Friday, so they met up with the Lefors Lady Pirates in the consolation game. The Lady Patriots pulled off the victory by a score of 38 to 25. The leading scorer was Heather Dean who again had 22 points. Bridget Chandler was next with 8 points. Junita Rose, Jana Chandler, Suzy Galutia, and Sharisa Mong each had 2 points.

The Patriots met up with Fort Elliott in the first round. They pulled off the victory in O.T. by a score of 42 to 41. Brian Mackey led all scorers with 15 points. Jason Brittain had 12 points, Drew Mackey had 10, Trent Brunson had 3 points (including the game winning free-throw), and Kyle Zybach had 2 points. Others playing without scoring were Tyler Heinsohn and Brett Hart.

In the second round the Patriots met up with the host Samnorwood Eagles. The Patriots played tough, but fell by the score of 62 to 54. Once again leading the way was Brian Mackey with 22 points followed by Tobe Callahan with 14, Kyle Zybach with 8, Jason Brittain with 6, Drew Mackey with 4. Others playing were Tyler Heinsohn, Brett Hart, and Trent Brunson.

The Patriots meet up with the Allison Antelopes on Saturday and came away with a victory by the score of 64 to 55 to receive a third place trophy. Brian Mackey led the way with 26 points followed by Jason Brittain and Kyle Zybach with 11, Drew Mackey and Tobe Callahan each had 8 points. Others playing were Tyler Heinsohn, Brett Hart, Trent Brunson, Jim Reed Kirkpatrick, and Jared Brittain.

written by Drew Mackey

Tuckers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Tucker will be honored by their children and grandchildren to celebrate the fiftieth year of their marriage at the Buffalo Baptist Church on Sunday, December 17, 1995 at 2:00 p.m.

Earl Colbern Tucker, son of Melba and Annie Mae Tucker and Melba LaVerne Cox, daughter of Claude and Grace Cox were united in marriage on December 19, 1945. Reverend Davis, Methodist minister, performed the ceremony in his home in Sayre, Oklahoma. Standing with the couple were Jean (Cox) Erdman, sister of the bride, and Billy Tucker, brother of the groom. Also in attendance was Earl's sister, Alice (Tucker) Johnson.

The couple drove to Sunny Point on the dirt highway that came by the community of Meredian from Wheeler, Texas. They honeymooned in Dallas, Texas and visited friends Tina and Russel Adcock. When Earl and LaVerne returned, they moved into the house on the Smith Tucker farm at Sunny Point. They have lived there the fifty years of their marriage and raised a family of three children and five grandchildren. Earl had just returned home from World War II and LaVerne had been working in a defense plant in Amarillo, Texas.

Earl and LaVerne have been involved in many community and school activities. They have served on Federal Land Bank board, the Soil Con-

versation committee of Roger Mills County and SWODA board. They are members of the Buffalo Baptist Church.

Earl and LaVerne will be honored by their children and grandchildren, Tommy and Nelda Tucker, Sweetwater, Lisa and Doyle Carey, Stillwater, Monte Tucker, Stillwater, Earlene and Henry Rose, Junita and Justin, Sayre, and Danny Tucker, Pampa, Texas, and Shane Tucker, Mustang.

Your friendship throughout the years has been a precious gift. We respectfully request no other.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Tucker versation committee of Roger Mills County and SWODA board. They are members of the Buffalo Baptist Church.

Ft. Elliott Elementary To Present Program

"Journey To The Center of Christmas" The Ft. Elliott Elementary will present this program Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mobeetie Gym. Please plan on attending.

New Arrival

CAMERON CLARA RAYNE TAYLOR
God is so Good!
Taylor Baby Arrives!
Our hearts are so thankful
As we praise the Lord above
For such a perfect miracle
of hope and joy and love.
Clint, Cade, Cole, and Clay Taylor would like to proudly announce the arrival of their Sweet baby sister, Cameron Ciara Rayne Taylor on November 14, 1995. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, what else! Andy and Julie Taylor, Sayre, OK., are the proud parents. Cliff and Charlene Taylor paternal grandparents from Wheeler, TX., are about to bust their buttons too. Also among the extremely happy are the great grandmothers Mildred Hamilton and Kittie Taylor of Wheeler, TX.

Dec. 9 'CASH' Drawing Winners Are Published

\$10 Winners: Inez Wright, Melinda Whorton, Justin Butler, Lois Risner, Zoah Britten, Jim Hubbard, Hadley Mitchell, Roger Brown, Sue Ann Johnson, and Hazel Hendrix.

\$25 Winners: Jeff DeBose, Jamie Shirey, Jessica Hubbard, and Wanda Williams.

\$50 Winners: Jamie Shirey and Rob Hogan.

\$100 Winner: Hadley Mitchell.

Nine Players Are Named To All-Dist. 1-1A Teams

As selected by district coaches, here are the local boys that made the District 1-1A All-District Team.

- First team offense**
Linemen: **Charlie Flanagan.**
First team defense
Linemen: **Charlie Flanagan.**
Linebacker: **Dustin Weatherly.**
Second team offense
Quarterback: **Travis Stevens.**
Running back: **Bryan Judd.**
Linemen: **Darby Dorman.**
Second team defense
Linemen: **Andy Francis.**
Linebacker: **Aaron Dunnam.**
Secondary: **Jason Porton and T.A. Taylor.**

The local boys that made the District 1-1A All-Academic Team are as follows: Darby Dorman, Bryan Judd and Trent Ware.

Allison School Schedules Christmas Program Mon.

Allison ISD is having a Christmas Program Monday, December 18th in the gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Allison students will present their annual program entitled "Christmas Around the World." We will have a visit from Santa afterwards! Everyone is invited to attend.

Co. Livestock Boosters Schedule Clinic Dec. 17

The Wheeler Livestock Boosters will sponsor a feeding and showmanship clinic for all Wheeler County 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors on Sunday, December 17, 1995. The clinic will be held at the Wheeler County Show Barn.

Activities will begin with the lamb clinic at 2:00 p.m. followed by hogs at 3:00 p.m. and cattle at 4:00 p.m.

Instructors will present information on feeding the animal from now to show time to have it in the desired condition, management at the show and showmanship.

Lamb and cattle exhibitors may bring their animals, but there will be no pens for hogs.

Mobeetie/Briscoe Girl Scouts BAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Junior/Senior Level Girl Scouts, Troops #185 and #35 respectively will be hosting a Bake Sale at Thriftway on **Saturday, December 23.** If you need something yummy for your holiday dinner, please come by Thriftway to purchase your baked good(s) from a Junior or Senior Girl Scout.

If you would like to pre-order a baked item, please contact a leader to see if your order can be met.

Pre-ordered baked items will be available for pick-up at Thriftway on the day of the bake sale.

Leaders are Pam Jones, 845-2019, Patricia Kephart, 845-1034, Tammy Maddox, 375-2277, Suzzi Hubble, 826-5856, and Wanda Hefley, 845-2701.

Let the Girl Scouts do your holiday baking.



Directors of Rolling Plains PCA: Canadian Division hold a Facsimile check payable to member borrowers in the amount of \$186,417 which represents the remainder of a 100% patronage refund paid November 15 from 1994 earnings. Pictured are (l to r) Thomas Helton - Wheeler; Grover Crum - Darrouzett; J. D. Paris - Miami; and Garner Schoenhals - Canadian. The aggregate returned to borrowers on 1994 earnings was \$266,310. Profits derived by cooperative lenders are returned to the coop's members which reduces the effective borrowing rate.

WEATHER				
DATE	DAY	Hi	Low	Prc
12-06	Wed.	76	32	0.00
12-07	Thurs.	45	32	0.00
12-08	Fri.			0.00
12-09	Sat.	17	0.00	
12-10	Sun.	55	28	0.00
12-11	Mon.	68	29	0.00
12-12	Tues.	69	34	0.00
Low for the Year:		01-07	14	
High for the Year:		07-27	109	
Total Moisture for the Month:		Trace		
Total Moisture for the Year:		25.23"		
Total Snow:		15.02"		

Courtesy: KPDR-FM Radio



Philippians 4:67 "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Happy Birthday to Chad Hefner on Dec. 17, Ma Mary Hudson (95), Missy Laverty, Bob Carey, and Ida Mae Goad on Dec. 18, Charlene Dukes on Dec. 19, Shelia Touchstone on Dec. 20, Carrie Harris on Dec. 21, Joe Lackey, Gladys Kysar, Barbara Hodges, and Lois Hudson on Dec. 22, Martha Meek on Dec. 22, Wade Hathaway and Bobby Ka Greene on Dec. 23, Juanita Prater on Dec. 10.

Happy Anniversary to Tom and Alice Bell Helton on Dec. 17, Mack and Linda Sides on Dec. 19, Thurman and Bobby Horn on Dec. 20, Leon and Vea Fillingim on Dec. 22.

Don't forget to attend Fort Elliott Elementary fantastic Christmas Program Thursday Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.—Mobeetie. All elementary kids and teachers involved in it.

Willis and I went to Amarillo Tuesday to see Dr. Berg about a check-up on his hip that had been bothering him. It is wearing some, but no surgery planned, because it is better. Will go back in six months if no problems.

We stopped by White Deer and visited a little with Edie Phillis. All doing O.K. Stacey is working for Groom Optical in Amarillo. Mike is living in Borger, and working as a plumber there.

Nice to visit with Ma Mary Hudson. She is one perky, sharp young lady. She will turn 95 on Dec. 18. She really would appreciate a birthday card or Christmas card. She can't see to read, but granddaughter, Sharon, or someone reads to her. Her address is Elizabeth Jane Bivins Home, Box 31450, Amarillo, TX. 79120. She can walk O.K. now.

Sue Helms and Matt and Cody were at Dr. Berg's office. The boys had some problems. Matt is 12 and 5 foot 9 and Cody is 10.

We will not have dinner at Gageby Church Sunday Dec. 17. Rick and Lucy Lucas and kids may be late getting in, and they need to have their gathering that Sunday for their family with Eddie and Leta Meadows and Laura and Amy. Lucy and Rick and Charissa and Russell do hope to come to church Sunday. We hope so, too.

Pray for June Wheeler of Miami. She had a knot removed from the back of her neck that was malignant. Doctors thought there were still roots. June will have more surgery Thursday Dec. 14 at Amarillo to remove two

"fingers" or roots and surrounding tissue, but not considered deadly or very bad.

We enjoyed delicious food and friendly visits at Miami Senior Citizens Monday night. Sorry to miss the ball games. Pray for Frances Lyons who is ill with heart problems and unable to live alone.

Margarette (Powledge) Garrison of Plainview had emergency triple bypass heart surgery Sunday morning. Nova Powledge and Margaret Ann Hall and Kyle went for the surgery. Pray for Margarette.

JoAnn Morgenstern is doing pretty well. She can't drive but friends took her to Bible Study at Pampa Church Sunday and Senior Citizens Monday night.

Congratulations to Fort Elliott Junior High on winning both games easily at Briscoe with Hedley Monday night. Everyone got to play.

Merry Christmas to Georgia Cain Warrick in California. Hope all is well with you and your family and friends.

Fort Elliott schools dismiss early Thursday Dec. 21 for Christmas holidays. They will resume classes on Tuesday January 2.

No "Parents Night Out" Saturday Dec. 16 at Mobeetie City Hall.

There were exciting basketball games at Fort Elliott Tuesday night with McLean at Briscoe. Fort Elliott girls led all the way but lost in overtime 61-57. Fort Elliott boys also went into overtime with McLean but squeaked by 49 to 48. Nov. 28 McLean boys beat us 72 to 45 there and McLean girls won 54 to 47 over Fort Elliott. Our kids are improving lots.

"There's more, much more to Christmas"

FT. ELLIOTT MENU
(Briscoe Campus)

December 18 thru December 22, 1995

Monday: Burritos W/Chili, Cheese, French Fries, Fruit, Milk - Tea.

Tuesday: Bar-B-Que On Bun, Onion Rings, Cole Slaw, Jello, Milk - Tea.

Wednesday: Pigs in Blanket, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Blueberry Muffins, Milk - Tea.

Thursday: Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Vegetable Tray, Chips, Milk - Tea.

Friday: HOLIDAY
(Menu Subject to Change)

Ft. Elliott Calendar

December 17 thru December 23, 1995

Sunday 17:

Monday 18:

Tuesday 19:

Wednesday 20: Semester Test, periods 1-3-5-7

Thursday 21: 12:45 PM Early Release, End of 3rd 6 Weeks and 1st Semester, Semester test, periods 2-4-6

Friday 22: Winter Begins, Christmas Holiday

Saturday 23: Christmas Holiday

Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightness all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill toward

men."

"Remember Jesus is the reason for the season."

Sunday dinner guest at the home of Fat and Wanda Childress were Kay and Scott Luttrell and Brandy. Susie Luttrell went with Richard and Bonnie Meadows and Reagan to Amarillo Sunday to shop. Gayle Knight also visited Wanda and Fat Childress Sunday.

Lou Dean Douthit visited Rosalie Keelin Friday night for a good visit.

Spending Sunday with Rosalie Keelin were Gene and Norma Keelin and Tracy, Daniel, and Kara Kay. Friday Rosalie visited Floy and Don Larkin in Pampa.

Weekend visitors to Harold and Lessie Austin were Kenneth and Paulette Austin and Nicholas, James and Christopher from Gravette, Arkansas. Lessie did get the cast off her hand and is able to use it some, but



still weak.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Dwight Ford, 45, in his death.

We finally got off to go swimming Wednesday for the first time since October 30. Willis got sick and then so much going on. Nice to see Pam Dyson Jennings, Bob and Joyce Aycock, Captola Taylor with cousin Evelyn Chisum (Warren Chisum's mom) at Long John Silvers. Also saw granddaughter Lindsey shopping a little between finals at Pampa Center, Jada Murray, Dayla Johnson and Gabe, Sharron Mitchell Gowin. Sharron works for Pampa News.

Sincere sympathy to Shirley Flowers of Canadian and Billie Dougherty of Samnorwood and other family members and friends in the death of their mom, Willie Seago of Samnorwood. "Best wishes for Christmas For joy and for laughter

For friendship and love
And peace ever after."

Darren Hefley from Nazareth and Gayle Libbey from Weatherford, Texas were Saturday lunch guests of David and Phyllis Hefley, on Dec. 2.

J.P. and Martha Meek visited Marion and Ethel Grimes Sunday afternoon. Keep praying for them.

If you are still looking for pecans call Bill and Neta Ault at 375-2143. They have this huge pecan orchard between Allison and Briscoe and have a good crop. They will sell cracked or shelled pecans, I think.

Rita Pearson and Lindsey visited Dallas at Canyon Monday to celebrate his 22nd birthday and go out to eat. Dallas was refereeing over the weekend.

Pray for Nona Elmore who is sick in Shamrock Hospital with whatever is going around, flu or something.

Ray and Pat Hudson from Perryton went to the Dwight Ford funeral at Wheeler Sunday. They came back to Briscoe afterwards and ate supper and visited with Oden and Lois Hudson. Lois and Oden frequently visit Lucille and Rex Helton and Lucy. Pray for them.

Grandson, Dallas Fillingim, has a new job as Director's Assistant for Educational Services at W. T. A & M. Pray for Dallas.

Jeannette Jahnel and Carl Lee visited us awhile Saturday afternoon. Sunday was Juanita Prater's birthday. Verneal took her and Jeannette and Carl Lee, Mary Lou Carter, and Irene Zybach out to eat to celebrate at Maxeys. Carl Lee is 2 and a real sweet kid.

Jeannette has been working some for Clifford and Pauline Hefley and Alice Kelley. Thursday Dec. 14 Jeannette will have jaw surgery at Amarillo. Pray for her.

Helping Mack Sides celebrate his birthday with lunch at Wheeler Dairy Queen Sunday were Linda Sides, J.P. and Martha Meek, Chuck and Phoebe Hartline, and Aaron and Tamara.

Big crowd out to Sunday's band concert at Wheeler to cheer them on. All the bands did a great job. Wish they would include a list of those participating and the name of the director.

Phoebe Hartline and Tamara and Martha Meek shopped in Amarillo last Saturday, Dec. 2.

JoAnn Morgenstern of Miami did a nifty thing. She flew to Denver and met a cousin, and they went skiing for 4 days. On the fourth day, JoAnn fell while taking lessons. Hope I get this right. She smashed a knee; the doctors had to take bone from her hip and use some screws to fix it up. She also fractured the ankle—all on her right leg. She is on two crutches or a wheel chair. It has been pretty painful. So a little hard to make the flight connection.

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- Salad Bar
- Pot Roast
- Baked Chicken Breasts w/Rice Pilaf
- Assorted Vegetables
- Hot Rolls
- Iced Tea/Coffee
- Dessert

Sun.—Noon Buffet (Only): 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.: 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Wheeler Branch, 1408 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas

We sincerely thank you for your business during the past year and wish you every happiness for the Holidays and the coming year.

We will close at 1:30 on Friday, December 22, 1995

We will be closed Monday, December 25, 1995, in order for our employees to spend the Christmas Holiday with their families. Enjoy the holidays with your family and come see us December 26, 1995, for all your banking needs.

Member:
F.D.I.C.

FIRST STATE BANK OF MOBEETIE

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

Happy Birthday to: Georgia Corse, Melody Goad, Keri Hudson and Peggy Thompson on Dec. 14th, Shannon Leatherman, Kathie Jackson, Karen Meek, Amy Meadows, Stacie (Phillis) Haiduk, and Nellie Horton on Dec. 15, Jeff Corcoran, Jim Hamilton, Mary Ruth Morris, Mearlene Scott, Geneva Corcoran and Amy Huff on Dec. 16, Bill Howard, Sheryl Estes, Jeremy Gudgel, Holly Hodges,

PALACE THEATRE
210 Main — Canadian, TX
Showtime: 7:30 Fri. thru Tues.
7:00 & 9:15 Sat.
Adults: \$4.00—12 & Under \$3.00
Monday Night: All Seats \$2.50
All Other Nights Reg. Price.

Showing: Dec. 15-19
"MONEY TRAIN"

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Bring this ad in and get 50c off
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Not Valid on Monday Night
(Limit 4 Per Coupon)

Heather Hodges, and Chad Hefner on Dec. 17, Mary Hudson, Bob Brittenham, Missy (Barr) Laverty, Bob Carey, and Ida Mae Goad on Dec. 18, Bill Dyson, Paula Shahan, Charlene Dukes, and Kimberly Childress on Dec. 19, Sheila (Moffett) Touchstone, Roy Lynn Stribling and Ruth South on Dec. 20, Doug Corse, Carrie Harris and Desire Dockins on Dec. 21, Lois Hudson, Gladys Kysar, and Joe Lackey on Dec. 22.

Happy Anniversary to: Jap and Alice Bailey on Dec. 14, Bill and Virginia Ridgway and Vernon and Grace Moore on Dec. 16, Bill and Lena Ruth James, Bill and Pearl Darby, and Tom and Alice Bell Helton on Dec. 17, Mack and Linda Sides on Dec. 19, Thurman and Bobbye Horn and Kelly and Sonya Paul on Dec. 20, Dale and Jeannie Binnion, Oden and Lois Hudson, Leon and Vea Fillingim, and Clifford and Pauline Hefley on Dec. 22.

Sorry to hear that Joann Morgenstern of Miami had the misfortune of breaking her ankle and creating some knee problems. She'll be hopping around for about six weeks. If all goes well she'll be able to finish her training for postmaster relief at Miami.

Hope this finds you feeling better Joann. Glad your home and getting around after your surgery.

Our condolences go out to Peggy Ford and the family of Dwight Ford in his sudden death.

I hope this finds Lester Leonard feeling much better. Glad your surgery went well and are home recuperating.

Good to hear that Garnett Gunter of Wheeler was doing quite well after emergency surgery at the Coronado Hospital in Pampa Mon. Dec 4. Hope this finds you feeling much better by now.

So nice to know that their are some familiar faces and talented "home town" people helping care for our special friends. (John Wiley, Rose (Jones) Fothergill, and Greg Hampton, to name a few.)

Tuesday, Dec. 5, Nettie Luttrell, Mona Guinn and I ran to Pampa to take care of business. While there, we checked in on Garnett. Nettie stayed with Garnett for a while.

Thursday Dale and Melba Corcoran took Lorene Rector to the Dr. in Amarillo. They were joined at the doctors office by Marjorie Rector and D.L. Rector.

Connie and Marvis Pierce of Sayre, Oklahoma came over Thursday to visit with Jud Rector while Lorene was in Amarillo. They all had a good visit.

Friday Mona Guinn and I went to Elk City for Mona's eye appointment. After her check up and ordering her new glasses we enjoyed a quiet lunch and lots of shopping. Fun!

Our sympathy goes out to Bill and Lena Ruth James in the sudden death of their sister-in-law Betty Jones in Okla.

Thanks to the boy scouts for putting up the Christmas tree at the City Hall last Monday night. It looks real pretty. Good Job Boys!!!

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited in Wheeler Saturday night with Pauline Barnes.

Wow!!! That cold snap certainly got

our attention. Burr! That 40 degree Saturday morning and 8 degree Sunday morning made us wonder where the snow was.

Bob and I met my folks, Carol and Lewis Orthman, for lunch in Amarillo on Saturday. Had an enjoyable visit and lunch and then shopped.

The chilly weather didn't deter very many shoppers. (Are we determined or what?) (I think the terminology is crazy.)

We went back to Dumas with the folks and spent the night. Had to have some Scrabble before we could come home.

I can't believe that Christmas is just two weeks away. Where has the time gone?

Everyone around here is busy with shopping, cooking and trying to get their plans to come together. Of course the children have started the big count down.

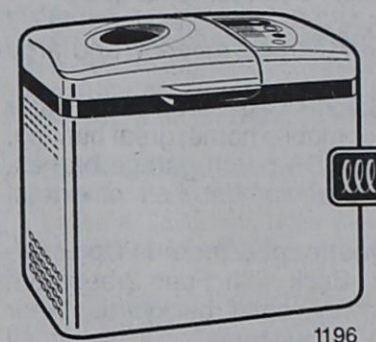
Mon. Fred and Jackie Thrasher went for a drive just before sunset. They were fortunate enough to see a herd of about a dozen beautiful deer. Jackie and Fred stopped to watch the deer and the deer ran up the side of the hill. Then stopped and watched the Thrashers. Most of the deer were does but a couple of young bucks. They were so pretty.

We're so fortunate to get a glimpse of the area wildlife now and then. Their beauty and gracefulness is just awesome.

Jay and Johnnie Ruth Rector of Amber, Oklahoma visited Monday and Tuesday (11th and 12th) with his brother, Jud Rector and sister-in-law, Lorene. They always have a good



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time when they get together. Dale and Melba Corcoran visited with Jud and Lorene and Jay and Johnnie Ruth Monday night.

Don't forget the Ft. Elliott Christmas Program Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Mobeetie Campus in the gym. The students and teachers have been working very hard. It's really going to be cute. You'll enjoy the evening.

Choice Scott has been having a time with her leg. The Dr. is treating her for a pinched nerve and she seems to be getting around better and feeling better.

Carol Remay has been helping Choice get ready for Christmas.

Jap and Alice Bailey are trying to soak up all the sunshine they can. Really enjoying these nice days. Their kids are all busy with school concerts, plays, Christmas programs, basketball games and company parties.

Hugh and Mae Bailey visited with Jap and Alice.

Ruth Hathaway's brother, Bill Greenhouse, of Amarillo visited with her Saturday. They had a real good time.

Bill is planning to go to Queen City, TX to see Roy Hathaway's during the Christmas break from school. He wanted Ruth to ride down with him, but she had to beg off this time. That 500 miles get just too long. (Real sweat of Bill to be so considerate!)

Doris Finsterwald was by on Wednesday to visit with Ruth. They had such a nice visit. Doris came bearing gifts. She makes some of the most delicious cookies!! Ruth has certainly enjoyed them.

Lacci Hathaway and KayCee Swift came over one day to help Ruth with some odd jobs. Lacci had things ship shape in no time. KayCee is a very good helper. She got right in there and helped pick things up and move chairs around. Don't know what Ruth would do with out such good help. And such sweet granddaughters. (Think she'll just adopt KayCee) (Hal) Thanks girls your a big help.

I had a nice visit with Billie Moore at Miami Thursday. Glad to hear her family is doing better. Really miss getting to see her and D'Ann Stone. They are the rural mail carriers for Miami and Briscoe. Wish we could have visited more. But thankful for our time. (Always nice to see friendly, familiar face where ever I go.)

I always enjoy getting to work in Miami. They're a great bunch! Don't know what I'd do without D'Ann Stone and Eva. And Harold Stone he's always on stand by. Thanks! Donna Francis is the postmaster and a pleasure to work for. But know she's looking forward to Joann Morgenstern

being able to fill-in for her. Euline Walsler had a pleasant surprise one day last week. Bobby Don Galmor and his granddaughter brought a big beautiful red poinsettia over. It's gorgeous.

Euline really enjoyed Bobby's visit. Clifford and Euline are truly enjoying the poinsettia. Thanks ever so much for your thoughtfulness Bobby and Shirley.

Shirley was tied up at her flower shop and nursery in Shamrock so didn't get to come up.

Mark ya'll calendars for Tuesday Dec. 19. We'd like to see all of you at the Customer Appreciation Day down at the post office from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We've put our order in for some more nice weather.

Bob is on vacation the week between Christmas and New Year's. So we'll probably be in and out. If I don't get your news, please write it down and drop it in the mail. I don't want to miss your news and several of our friends will be very disappointed. I hate to miss that week and will try to get caught up as soon as possible. Thanks!!

Connie Quimby and family and Candy Walsler will be at Ann Walsers in Canadian for Christmas. Of course they'll be spending time with Connie's and Candy will also be spending part of their time with their grandparents Clifford and Euline Walsler and Leta Mae Gatlin.

Hope ya'll have a great week.

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Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

An eventful Thursday. Paul's birthday, Pearl Harbor Day, the space probe Galileo made it to Jupiter, and we had a Sprinkle .05. First in some 60 days. And now a whizzer has blown in, with the promise of ten degrees or less in the morning. Hope the water doesn't freeze.

Esther Dickey, Don and Elinor Mears spent a few days at Amarillo visiting Lisa and Steven Stokes, Janet and Jon Medlock. Enjoyed the sales.

Reba and John Greer of Burns Flat were out to see her mother Mellie Stone.

Had a nice letter from Betty Broth-

ers. She's busy, school, bowling, baby sitting, and still fiddling.

Everyone is getting Santa happy. I always knew there was a Santa Claus because he sewed my holey sock up with red yarn one year. Another time the varnish wasn't dry on my little table. It was so nice of him to stop and make me a table when he realized what a good little girl I was.

One year when Tony was about six, "the pigs got out" and Joe had to round them up. While he was gone, there was a knock on the door. There stood Santa, red suit, white beard, bells ajingling, and a big sack of toys. The boys were just overwhelmed. Joe came in later, reporting the pigs were caught. Both boys started to telling all about Santa. "And Daddy," Tony wound up, "He had some paint on his shoe just like yours."

While we are talking about Christ-

mas, the hometown paper makes a nice gift for a lot of folks. It's a regular Letter from Home.

No one is running against Lynn Hagerman for a place on the school board.

Recent guests of Raymond and Imogene Pickering were Charles and Betty Alexander, and Melanie, Ft. Worth, Chuck and Rosa King, and Charles, Tulsa, Raymond and June Alexander, Lawrence, Indiana, Imojeane Inabritt, Bill Myers, OKC, Floyd and Rayelyn Pickering.

Lois Mollett is home from the hospital, Juanita Coffey is in the Jim Thorpe ReHab Center at OKC, Ethel Dodd is still at the center in Childress.

Zuma Sutton is home from a month in Alaska with Frankie Lee, Cathy, and children. Had quite a time getting home. Seems she had an eight hour layover in Seattle. And of course, you

have to go thru Dallas to get anywhere.

Lawanda Logan, Peggy and Leroy Dunlap were out to see Iva Thompson.

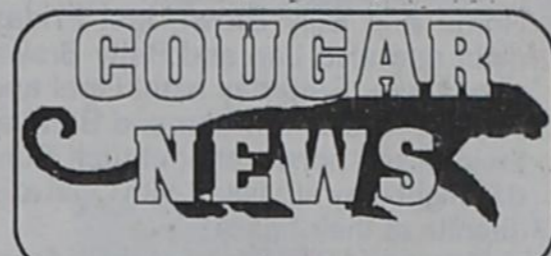
Some very dedicated folks in the community are our Volunteer Fireman. Board members are Jack Brown, and Donnie Walker. Tommy Calverley is firechief, and Greg Henson, asst. chief. Floyd Pickering is Training officer, and Ben Olson, treasurer.

They have five operating fire trucks, and at present are working on a two ton vehicle for a foam unit. The Roger Mills Co. commissioners donated the equipment. Working with the Beckham Co. Rural Water Dist. 2, they have fire hydrants near Sunny Point, the Sweetwater school, and the intersection. They hope to soon get hydrants near Bulo and Meridian. The latest fire they fought was on the Betty Davis farm. There are 15 volunteer firemen or EMTs. Five firemen attended Level one Fire Fighting School.

Lanelle and Donnis Hayes of Enid spent the weekend with Mildred Allen and attended church with her.

Pearl Sparks and her son Robert of Wisconsin visited Inez Coffey recently.

Loretha Roper, Sayre, Marie



The Cougars finished last week 2-2 for a season record of 8-6. Last Tuesday we defeated McLean in overtime by a score of 49-48. The Cougars played a near perfect game to beat McLean who beat us early by 27 points. Leading scorers were David Helton 18, Donnie Barr 16, Ty Wood 11, Tanner Smith 2, and Collin McCurley 2.

In the Samnorwood tourney the Cougars were 1-2 losing to W. C. A. 41-42 beating Groom J.V. 46-34 and losing 44-61. The Cougars played well enough to win the W. C. A. game, but lost to a good team. We only scored 1 point in the 1st quarter but came back to gain a near victory. Leading scorers were Donnie Barr 11, Michael Hilburn 10, Ty Wood 10, Tanner Smith 6, Collin McCurley 2, and Bobby Blackburn 2.

In the Groom game we played well early and held on to win. Leading scorers were Donnie Barr 16, Collin McCurley 14, Tanner Smith 7, Ty Wood 5, and Bobby Blackburn 4.

In the Memphis game we again came out slow and fell behind 3-17 but played hard to stay close. Scoring for the Cougars were—Donnie Barr 13, Tanner Smith 10, Collin McCurley 10, Ty Wood 8, and Michael Hilburn had 3.

The Lady Cougars defeated Hedley Monday night at Ft. Elliott 41-17. The lady Cougars used a full court press to jump out to a 14-0 lead before the 1st quarter ended and never looked back for their 4th win of the year. The girls shot the ball better and rebounded stronger. Leading scorers was Ashley Estes 10, Kirbie Kinnamon 9, Candy Hilburn 8, Carissa Dukes 4, Amber Estes 4, Casey Zybach 2, Julie Zyback 2 and Terri Crownover 2. The Lady Cougars are 4-1 and will not play again until Jan. 4 at Wheeler Jr. High Tourney.

The Cougars also defeated the Owls of Hedley 62-45. The Cougars jumped out to a 27-8 lead after one quarter only to have Hedley come back and make it a close game. The boys played good defense early and shot well as Hedley improved and came back. Leading scorers were Curt Smith 23, Clay Zybach 18, Eric Diebel 14, Glen Moon 4, Andy Finsterwald 3, and Nathan Heffley had 9 assist. The Cougars are 5-0 and will play Jan. 4 in the Wheeler tourney.

Speed Limits Are Raised

Texas Department of Transportation put up 70 mph signs on I-40, Friday, December 8th, 1995.

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We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and all the love and support we received in the time of our loss. We appreciate it so much.

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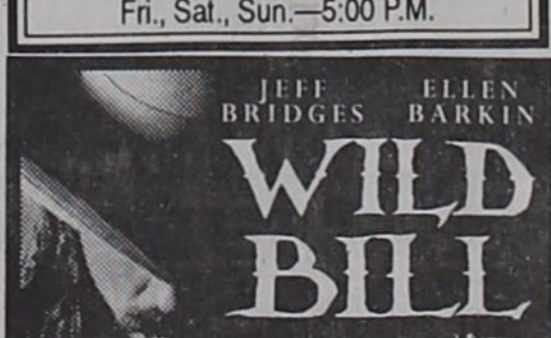
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December 18 thru December 22, 1995

MONDAY: Turkey Fritter, Creamy Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Banana Pudding.

TUESDAY: Pinto Beans with Ham, Fried Potatoes and Onions, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Pears with Cherry.

WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing.

THURSDAY: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Breaded Zucchini, Cherry Cobbler.

FRIDAY: Fish Fillet, Tartar Sauce, Parslied Potatoes, Coleslaw, Lemon Bars.

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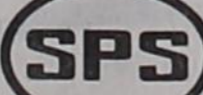
Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)

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- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
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Wheeler Senior Citizens Have Regular Meeting

The Wheeler Senior Citizen met Dec. 4, 1995 for their covered dish supper. There were 20 members present, and 4 birthday people — Martha Meek, Nellie Horton, Doyle Grimes, and Elva Wood. Lois Meadows led the birthday song and Doyle Grimes gave the blessing.

The group enjoyed playing 88. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Claudy Brotherton, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fillingim, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Grimes, Marie Gudgel, Lois Meadows, Nova Powledge, Evelyn Meek, Hestel Killingsworth, Sallie Harris, Nellie Horton, Helen Sabbe, Fannie Bradstreet, and Elva Wood.

President Marie Gudgel opened the meeting. There was no old or new business. The Hearing Aid man will be at the Senior Citizens Building Dec. 14th from 10 until 12 A.M.

There will not be a meeting of the Senior Citizens on Jan. 1, 1996, as it is a Holiday.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say a special Thank You to everyone who has brought gifts and food through this happy occasion of the birth of our precious daughter, Cameron Ciara Rayne Taylor. But most of all a big special Thank You to all who lifted us up in prayer all through my pregnancy and during the birth. The Lord is so good. He heard our prayers and gave us such a wonderful blessing. We are so grateful!

Love,
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Clint, Cade, Cole, and Clay

CARD OF THANKS

It is with our most sincere appreciation that we express our gratitude to you for your love, care and sharing spirit during the loss of our sister and aunt, Lavelle Stephens.

Lavelle touched all of us who knew her with her kindness, generosity, natural wit and warmth.

Her memories and dreams will live on through her love for her Church and Church family.

Even in death, Lavelle is sharing her life through Medical Research.

A special thanks to Dr. Mendiola and the Hospital personnel who cared for her so tirelessly any time she had a medical need.

May you all be blessed as you continue to care for each other.
Joe Jaco and Family
Janice Marr and Family

ALLISON NEWS
By Christine Gilmer

John 14: 2-3 In My Fathers are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there Ye may be also.

Old man winter sure sent some very cold weather our way over the last weekend, but the weatherman says this Monday morning it is going to warm up again this week, I am ready for it.

(Marginal Note) It doesn't always rain on weekends. Sometimes it's much too cold!

Ruby Craig and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler were in Elk City last Thursday and did some shopping then ate supper before coming home.

Last Sunday afternoon Ruby and Wilma Gilmer went to Wheeler to watch and hear grandson, Tanner, play in a band concert at the Wheeler school.

Opal and Juanita Boydston visited Roma and Billy Brown last Friday night and also Len and Betty Brown were there. Saturday night Opal and Juanita visited with Len and Betty at their Allison home, after church Sunday night they all visited with Opal and Juanita at their home.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Amarillo last Monday finishing up their Christmas shopping, and they also visited Warren and Charlene Brown.

Peggy Chandler and Jennie Walker ate lunch at the Hilltop Cafe last Sunday after church at Reydon.

Bessie Greshaw of Shamrock under went five by pass heart surgery on Monday December 4th at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Bessie is slowly improving. Red and Anna Dukes were with her through her surgery.

Red and Anna attended the basketball tournament last weekend. Last Sunday Red and Anna and Nelda Dukes were dinner guest with Clyde and Minnie Bell Vinson.

Nelda Dukes met her brother and sister at Vernon last Monday. They spent until Wednesday at a motel visiting, and did some shopping while there. I'm sure they had a good time.

Henry and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody's last Sunday dinner guest were Eddy and Wanda Walker and Justin.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer did their Christmas shopping in Amarillo last Monday. They also visited Becky and Jeannie Gilmer. They all went out to eat for supper.

Caroline Boydston and Cletus Greene visited Kevin Boydston and Lanora Morse in Lubbock last Wednesday and Thursday.

Lanora Morse address is %Kevin Boydston, 5401 50th Street, Apt. C 2, Lubbock, Texas 79414. Someone might like to send her a card. I'm sure she would like hearing from home folks.

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December 18 thru December 22, 1995

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Hot Biscuits w/Gravy, Sausage or Ham, Jelly, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: B.B.Q. on Buns, Tator Tots, Salad, Fruit, Milk or Tea.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage Pups, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk or Tea.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk or Tea.

Friday: HOLIDAY
(Menu Subject to Change)

WHEELER MENU

December 18 - December 22, 1995

Monday: Breakfast: Juice, granola bars, cereal, toast/jelly, milk.

Lunch: Chili w/cheese chunks, carrot sticks, celery sticks, crackers, milk/tea, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits/gravy, scrambled eggs, peanut butter, milk.

Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, milk/tea, apple.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, dough-nut, cereal, toast/jelly, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, milk.

Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, pork and beans, tater rounds, milk/tea, pineapple.

Thursday & Friday: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
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Virginia Puryear and Cletus Greene ate dinner at Maxey's in Wheeler last Sunday to celebrate Cletus' birthday. Those from Allison attending the wedding on Saturday in Dewar, Oklahoma for Jeff Chadwick and Tonya Wilbourn of Okmulgee, Oklahoma were Louise Boydston, Pearl Harrison, and Eddy and Wanda Walker. Other relatives attending were Jeff's mother, Shirley Chadwick, of

Woodbridge, Virginia and his father, Steve Chadwick, with wife and daughter of Altus, Oklahoma, and Jonathan Walker of Chickasha, Oklahoma, as well as Ernie and Sue Martin, Jerimy, Timothy, Kristl and Adam of Jones, Oklahoma.
Eddy catered the Rehearsal Supper on Friday night for 39 guest.
Eddy and Wanda visited Neal and Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra at Union City, Oklahoma, where they met Jonathan on Friday, and traveled on to the little town fifty miles south of Tulsa where the wedding was held.
Shirley Chadwick spent a few days at Allison with her mother, Louise Boydston, and other relatives before flying back to her home at Woodbridge, Virginia.
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USDA Rural Housing Says It Now Has Reduced Rules

"A major overhaul of the country's largest housing financing program for rural Americans has been announced in Washington," said George Ellis, Texas State Director of Rural Eco-

nomics and Community Development (RECD), formerly Farmers Home Administration. "Regulations published in the Federal Register will reduce the cost of the program so it can reach more rural families and give borrowers greater choice in selecting homes that fit their needs."

Ellis explained that earlier regulations forced customers of Rural Housing

and Community Development Service (RHCD), an agency which falls under the RECD mission area, to purchase homes with certain characteristics, even if they didn't fit their needs.

"Why should the Federal government mandate the number of bathrooms available to a family of six?" said Jill Long Thompson, USDA's Undersecretary for RECD. "We should focus on ensuring quality construction, financing a modestly priced home, and that's it."

The regulation eliminates square footage and design requirements, and places a locally adjusted dollar cap on homes purchased under the "Section 502" program.

In addition, families will be expected to contribute a higher proportion of their income towards their mortgage payment. RHCD's Administrator Maureen Kennedy said, "Assisted families should pay their fair share. By instituting a slide scale arrangement, where higher income families pay a larger mortgage, we're able to cut the cost of the program dramatically."

When combined with other creative

financing initiatives, the RHCD will help more families move into their own homes, while cutting the subsidy cost to the taxpayer by over 41% in FY 96. The regulation changes are part of the Administration's National Homeownership Strategy, under which the Clinton Administration plans to increase the homeownership rate nationally from the 1995 second quarter rate of 64.7% to 67.5% by the year 2000.

The Section 502 homeownership program provides below-market financing to rural families with incomes up to 80% of median income. Formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, the RHCD finances rental housing and single family homes, guarantees, and other housing programs.

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tions coming home. I don't know how she got home from Amarillo, but she has good friends, and neighbors, and a sister-in-law next door. Pray for JoAnn, a lovely lady. Do you think she "paid too much for her whistle" as the old timers use to say? I don't remember the original story about the whistle. Anybody? She was supposed to be starting two new jobs, and do some Christmas shopping, but will have to wait, I'm afraid. We went by for a little visit on the way to Pampa Wednesday.

We enjoyed going to Wheeler Dec. 4, Senior Citizens Monday night. We will not meet in January because it is a holiday. Next meeting will be February 5. Shepard's Crook no longer takes blood pressures at the Senior Citizens on the first Thursday of each month. But they give free blood pressures and sugar tests at their office anytime. The hearing aid person comes each second Thursday from 10-12 at the Senior Citizen rooms. He will be there Dec. 14.

Tuesday Martha Meek and Mack Sides went to Morton and near by to visit her four sisters who are not well: Marie and Bobby Adams, Elnita and Bill Key, Bonnie Long, and Doris and Bud Huff, and their families. They got back Wednesday night.

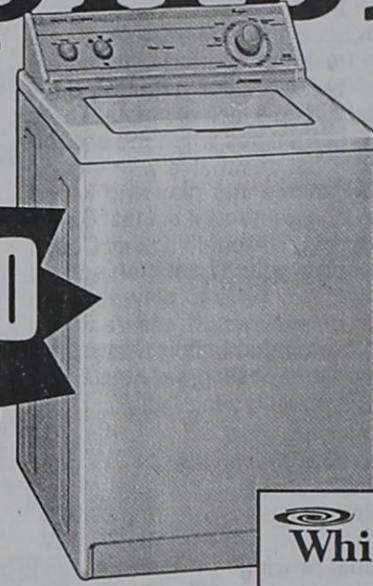
Charles and Lajo Crowover recently met Boyce for lunch in Amarillo. They also went to the Farm Show. They saw Glenn Thomas there. (Mozella's husband) Glenn will graduate with an education degree from W. T. A & M December 15. He already has a teaching job.

Jennifer Maddox entered her pigs in the Jack pot pig show at Pampa Saturday and Sunday. She got 3rd on Saturday. Others going were Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Amber and Dean and Georgia Tipps.

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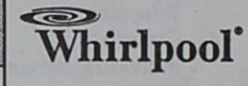
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CHILDREN AT WHEELER RECEIVE SAFETY INSTR.

Officials from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Childress gave a safety presentation to Wheeler Elementary students on Dec. 8. Bill Parrott, TxDOT's Childress District Safety Coordinator, spoke on safety rules when crossing the street, bicycle riding, and stranger danger.

As an added treat for the youths, Safety Sam the Safety Bear also attended the presentation.

The children were given safety activity books, a safety newsletter and bumper stickers to take home.

For added reinforcement, Parrott and Safety Sam also encouraged the children to talk to their parents about the safety rules they learned.

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Congregational Concerns:

A thank-you note has been received from Foy and Joyce Perkins, expressing appreciation for gifts that this congregation recently gave them. This thank-you note is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Ben Griffin remains hospitalized in the local hospital.

Vergia Reagon has been admitted to the Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian to recover from a broken arm which she recently suffered in a fall at her home. Clark is staying with her. The telephone number of her room is: (806) 323-8339.

Linda Daughtry's mother remains hospitalized in the hospital in Altus, Oklahoma.

From the Minister's Desk:

I thought that Gene Shelburne, the minister of the Anna Street church of Christ in Amarillo, wrote an excellent article for last Saturday's edition of the *Amarillo Globe News*. This article was entitled, "All Generations Call Mary Blessed", and it said: ---
"On the outskirts of Fayetteville, Ark., last week a colleague and I stopped at a traffic light behind a spiffy blue Chevy van. Shining out of one corner of the van's back window was a red and white sticker proclaiming to all the world that it's owner was PRO-CHILD/PRO-CHOICE."

"What could that possibly mean?" my friend asked. Let me assure you that he's an intelligent guy. He knows how to read, and being a hospital chaplain, he's thoroughly versed in abortions both pro and con. But the message on that sticker stumped him.

"Plastering a 'pro-child' label on an abortion advocate's vehicle made about as much sense to my friend as pasting 'Save the Whales' placards on a whale hunter's boat."

"Of course, 'pro-choice' has always been an oxymoron. A spin-doctor's lie. In practical experience it has always meant silencing all pro-life arguments so that a mother in distress is left with only one choice. Sort of like the election in Iraq, where

Saddam Hussein was the only name on the ballot."

"Have you even pondered the choice Mary faced when the great angel Gabriel announced impending pregnancy? Since it's almost Christmas time, maybe we ought to."

"Shortly before his death, British columnist Malcolm Muggeridge penned some sobering reflections on this question. 'It is, in point of fact, extremely improbable, under existing conditions, that Jesus would have been permitted to be born at all,' Muggeridge wrote. 'Mary's pregnancy, in poor circumstances, and with the father unknown, would have been an obvious case for an abortion; and her talk of having conceived as a result of the intervention of the Holy Ghost would have pointed to the need for psychiatric treatment, and made the case for terminating her pregnancy even stronger. Thus our generation, needing a Savior more perhaps, than any that has ever existed, would be too humane to allow one to be born.'"

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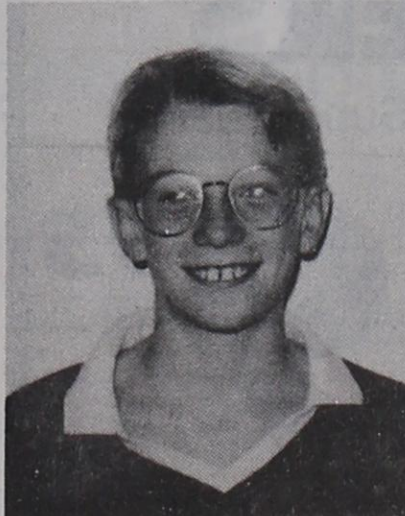
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Seth Meadows was the student of the week at Fort Elliott Elementary for the week of December 4, 1995. Seth is the son of Mike and Rolanda Meadows of Briscoe.

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LEGAL MATTERS

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Cracks Down

Fraud is nothing new in Texas. The worst cases of fraud often occur in the health care field, both in terms of dollars lost and lives damaged. Nationwide, health care fraud costs taxpayers almost \$100 billion annually. But worse than the wasted money are the indignities and injuries suffered by Texas patients.

At the Office of the Attorney General, we find the situation intolerable, and are active in conducting criminal investigations and prosecuting the individuals and institutions who commit such crimes.

Case Histories

Our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit conducts criminal investigations into suspected cases of fraud committed by Medicaid providers in the Medicaid arena. The unit also investigates patient abuse and criminal neglect in



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health care facilities which receive Medicaid. If an investigation turns up any wrongdoing, the case will be referred to the appropriate district or county attorney, or the U.S. attorney's office for prosecution.

We have seen everything from falsifying attendance sheets at adult care facilities to hearing aid suppliers who sell used and broken hearing aids at new prices.

We recently put a stop to the illegal practices of one ambulance company that had fraudulently taken \$700,000 in Medicaid funds. The company was in a class of its own. After going through the records, our investigators concluded that every claim the company had submitted appeared to be false.

One husband and wife team billed Medicaid for echocardiograms, a routine procedure that checks out the size of the heart and the condition of the heart valves. What was not routine was the fact that they had no echocardiogram machine at the time.

Those cases are just the tip of the iceberg. In the past five years, our anti-fraud unit has overseen 200 convictions and identified \$9.6 million in fraudulent billings. The legal battles continue.

Mobeetie Jail Staff Given 2-Week Training Course

The Old Mobeetie Jail Museum Volunteer Staff has completed one of two weeks training provided by a Technical Assistance Grant from the Institute of Museum Service, a Federal agency serving the nation's museums. The instructor for the training program is Andi Gwyn, the coordinator for the Panhandle Museum Resource Sharing Consortium. Ms. Gwyn is a graduate of the Museum Studies program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where her focus was collections management and administration. Members of the Jail Museum Volunteers attending the first week of training received training in: Collections Management Policy; Drafting Policies and Procedures for the Jail Museum Collections; Accession, Catalog, Donor, Loan and Deaccession Forms; and Registration/Cataloging of Donor Gifts. Members Louise Hogan, Linda Daughtry and Bobbie Hill received 40 hours of training; Kay Gatlin and Rhonda Gallagher received 16 hours of training; Dale and Melba Corcoran received 12 hours of training; and Ada Lester received 8 hours of training. Members received hands-on training using the Jail Museum's collection objects and forms. The second week of training is scheduled for December 4-8, 1995. Volunteers who have signed up for training seminars are encouraged to attend as many times as possible. Any one interested in volunteering at the Jail Museum to work with the collection is welcome to attend the meetings. For information please call Louise Hogan at 826-3427 or Bobbie Hill at 826-3094.

Steps Against Fraud

We plan many fronts in the fight against Medicaid fraud. We are joining our efforts with other state and federal agencies to combat this enormous drain on taxpayer dollars.

For example, we are involved in Operation Restore Trust, a joint state-federal campaign against welfare fraud and abuse. The initiative focuses on the states of Texas, California, New

Troy Hershman Receives Sports Mgmt. Degree

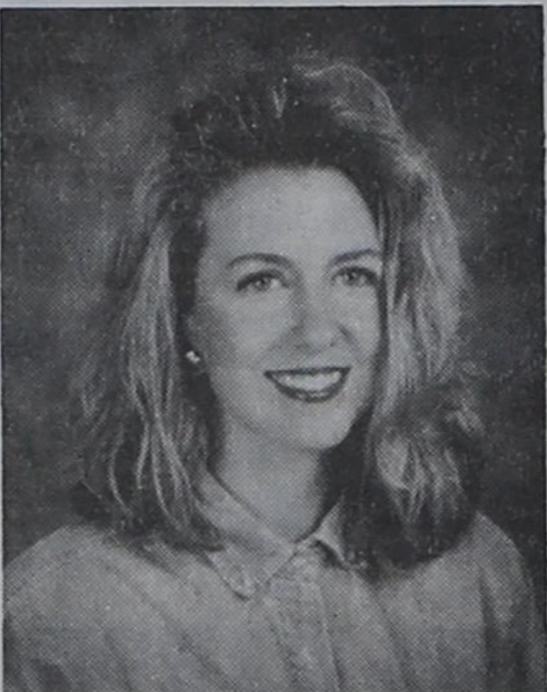
Troy C. Hershman, Rensselaer, graduated from VU in 1989 with an associate degree in Physical Education/Athletic Training.

He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Athletic Training along with his certification by the National Athletic Trainers Association in 1992. His master's degree is from the University of Utah in Sport Management.

Hershman has achieved numerous activities and honors during his academic career. As a student trainer at Ball State, he was the intramural athletic trainer and trainer for men's basketball and volleyball. He has served as the sports medicine coordinator at the World University Games Gymnastics Trials in 1993 and the athletic training services coordinator at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championship in 1994, both in Salt Lake City.

Hershman is presently the assistant athletic trainer and a physical education instructor at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer. He serves as the athletic trainer for both men's and women's soccer and women's basketball.

A 1987 graduate of Western Boone Jr./Sr. High School. He is the son of Edwin and Laurel Hershman, Kirklint, Indiana and grandson of E.G. and Willa Fillingim.



Cheryl Dee Pitman, the daughter of Carl and Sharon (Underwood) Pitman of Lampasses, TX., will receive her B. S. Degree in Special Education on December 15, 1995.

Cheryl is the granddaughter of Ora Lee Underwood and the late Lewis Underwood. Grandparents are the late Kenneth and Dorothy Pitman, formerly of Mobeetie.

York, Florida, and Illinois, which have almost 40 percent of the nation's Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit continues to expand its outreach program by lecturing, educating and training. As important as our investigations are, we also need to continue training various provider groups and state agencies. Provider groups need to know how to look for signs of fraud, as should law enforcement agencies and other state agencies.

Working together, we will see that proper care is given to the Medicaid patients of our country. We will also



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Report Fraud

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