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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

And we have cold weather; the change from 'shirt sleeve' weather to 'overcoat weather' came the end of the week.

I was afraid Monday night we were in for some really bad ice with the very light mist and freezing rain. And, Tuesday morning it was not as bad as expected. Hopefully everyone will drive and walk carefully.

From all reports, the Chamber's Christmas 'Open House' was a success.

We owe a big 'Thank You' to those my fellow Chamber members, who were in town and spent so much time getting everything ready for the 'Open House'.

'Thank You', Frankie Jackson, Madam President; and Kristi Petit, Executive Director.

A past due 'Thank You' goes to 'The City Boys'. Yes, I did notice the streets had been swept, but it happened at the time we had all the mess at the office and I have not thought to mention it in the column.

STORM REPORT

As Reported by Stormie Meriwether, First Grade Student

Dear Friends, Now I am seven years old. It is kinda like being six only I'm a little more growing up and my teeth are coming out like a little old woman! All the kids in my class want their teeth to come out too. I pulled my big front tooth. I didn't put it under my pillow for the Tooth Fairy 'cause I don't want the Tooth Fairy to take my big tooth! I just want to keep it. When I am old I can show my tooth to my kids and tell them that was my tooth when I was a little kid. They will love to see my tooth! Now I have to pull more teeth for the Tooth Fairy so I can get some money.

We went to the Christmas Pops Concert. It was in "The City" at a big pretty place. We sat really close to the stage. Some people sat very high up to the ceiling. If you sit up high the singers will look like little bugs. My favorite part was the Santa Claus! I love the singers and the Christmas songs.

Now it's really close to Christmas. I'm so excited! That's it.

Wheeler Jr. & High School Honor Roll

- A Honor Roll**
Seventh Grade: Abby Bond, Don Butler, Mitchell Ford and Aileen Hinojos
Eighth Grade: Zach Johnson, Stormy Moore, Megan Reed and Hannah Stiles
Freshman: Daniel Gonzalez and Breann Robinson
Sophomore: Alyssa Johnson
Junior: Jaten Moore, and Omar Lopez
Senior: Danna Gallardo, Josh Hardcastle, Nick Hardcastle, Bailey Richardson, Sara Salazar, Presley Thomas, Tracy Keelin

- A-B Honor Roll**
Seventh: Stefany Barboza, Brenda Garcia, Justin Hardcastle, Kori Howard, Destrie Kinnaman, Taylor McClelland, Jacon McNeil, Guili Mendoza, Zulema Mondoza, Britney Robinson
Eighth: Dulce Castillo, Cody Howard, Maggie Jones, Payton Leffew, Tre McElveny, Brody Richardson, Andrew Coomer, Daniel Torres, Gabriela Venzor, Jake Ware
Freshman: Elizabeth Horton, Danielle Johnson, Alyssa Kinnaman, Christian Parra, MaryCruz Rocha, Damian Salas,
Sophomore: Makynzi Blankenship, Colton Johnson, Paige Jones, Gabi Menefield, Sidney Mills, Spencer Ford, Collin Hampton, Stacie Hanson, Giovanna Luna, Kaylee Marion, Mariah Marshall, Carla Mendoza, Jacobo Mendoza, Karen Mendoza, Baily Noles, Rolando Salas
Junior: Elizabeth Castillo, Tania Flores, Rachel Kidd, Taylor Sparks
Senior: Linsey Altamirano, Osbaldo Arzabala, Nathan Benefield, Hugo Corral, Gerardo Diaz, Jonathan Engles, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, Michael Gaines, Ashley Gallagher, Cesar Gonzalez, Terry Menefield, Macie Miller, Braden Moore, Anayssa Olivas, Karina Pacheco, Frankie Ramirez, Whitney Reed, Jonathan Venzor



Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' Drawing Winners Are Named

\$1,500 in Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' was handed out in two drawings Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6.

Winners of the Christmas Open House Drawing Saturday:
 \$25.00 winners—Artie Tidwell, Kevin Frankenberry, Wes Bradstreet and Maria Gonzalez
 \$50.00 winners—Lacie Johnston, Leslie Erwin, Bobby Hinnenkamp, Ruby Craig
 \$100.00 winners—Ted Tucker, Laurel Hershman and Caitlyn Walker
 Sunday:
 \$25.00 winners—Kellie Martin, Carmela Contreras, Teresa Soto, Joanne Couch, Barbara Beard, Betty Howard, Amy Hunt, Louise Boydston, Noah Remy and Maria Gonzalez
 \$50.00 winners—Noah Remy, Maria Gonzalez, Caitlyn Walker, Joanne Couch and Vi Hungate
 \$100.00 winners—Kayla Duncan and Maria Gonzalez
 \$200.00 winner—Dee Sanguinet

Winner of the \$250.00 Cash Drawing donated by Wheeler Banking Center to a shopper at the Chamber's "Christmas Open House" was Paula Britt.

The Chamber's 'Cash' drawing was made possible by donations from:

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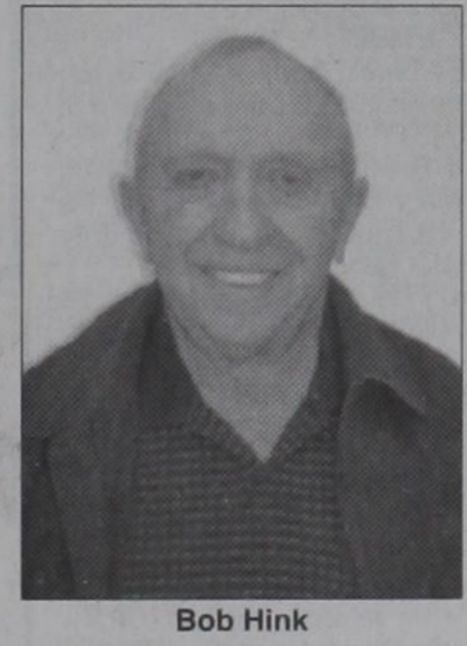
Hink Announces As Candidate For Co. Comm., Pct. 2 Office

I, Bob Hink, am announcing as a candidate for Wheeler County Commissioner Pct. 2.

I am a life long resident of Wheeler County and have farmed and ranched in the Kelton Community.

I have served on Kelton School Board, Wheeler County ASCS Board, Co-op board, and a member of the United Methodist Church.

My wife, Linda, and I have three grown children and 3 grandsons. I would appreciate your support and vote in the Democrat Primary Election to be held March 2, 2010. (Political Ad paid for by Bob Hink, P.O. Box 435, Wheeler, TX 79096)



Bob Hink

Republican for Wheeler Co. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

I, Liz Austin, am announcing my candidacy for the office of Wheeler County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. I have been employed as the Justice of the Peace Clerk for Wheeler County Pct. 1 for the past two years. This position has provided me with a vast knowledge regarding the duties and responsibilities of being the Justice of the Peace, as well as enhanced my understanding of the judicial system. I am young and energetic and would like an opportunity to serve YOU, the citizens of Wheeler County, as the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

I have lived in Wheeler County the last 24 years and I am a graduate of Wheeler High School. I attended Amarillo College and majored in Court Reporting. I have been married for 18 years to Joe Austin and we have two sons, Payton, 16 and Korbin, 9. Joe is employed by the US Postal Service in Shamrock. I have been previously employed by the Wheeler Vet Clinic, Bank of Commerce in McLean and Wheeler County Extension Service.

I am involved in several local, state and national civic organizations and currently serve



Liz Austin

I in leadership positions with Panhandle Working, Texas and American National Cattle Women.

I would like to ask for your VOTE and support for Wheeler County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. I believe I am qualified for the job, and would appreciate the opportunity to serve YOU, as Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. (Pd. Pol. Adv., by Liz Austin, PO Box 395, Wheeler, TX 79096, Betty Hennard, Treasurer)

FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS: These four kids qualified for the state FFA Public Relations competition this weekend. They are Nick Hardcastle, Josh Hardcastle, Danna Gallardo and Mariah Marshall. The FFA sponsor is Mr. Andrew Hokanson.



W.C.S.&W. Directors: Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors for 2010 are (back row, l. to r.) Matt Moore- member, Eric Zybach- member, Paul Macina-Chairman and John McDowell-Vice-Chairman and (front) Dean Tipps-Secretary.

Declaration of Disaster

WHEREAS, the County of Wheeler on the 7th day of December 2009, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from:

Imminent threat of wildfires due to extreme drought conditions

AND, WHEREAS, the County Judge of Wheeler County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF WHEELER COUNTY:

- That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Wheeler County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code,
- Pursuant to 418.018(b) of the Government Code, the State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Wheeler County,
- Pursuant to 418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk,
- Pursuant to 418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency management Plan.
- That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 7th day of December, 2009.

ATTEST: Margaret Dorman, Wheeler County Clerk
 Wheeler County Seal

13th Annual 1st Lt. Ben Britt & Nathaniel Hillhouse Toys For Tots

The thirteenth year for Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler Vet Clinic, Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, Wheeler Banking Center and First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler.

New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on each gift.

These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

If someone is aware of needy families, please contact Wheeler Sheriff's Department or Lee Ann Hillhouse with families' name, ages and sex.

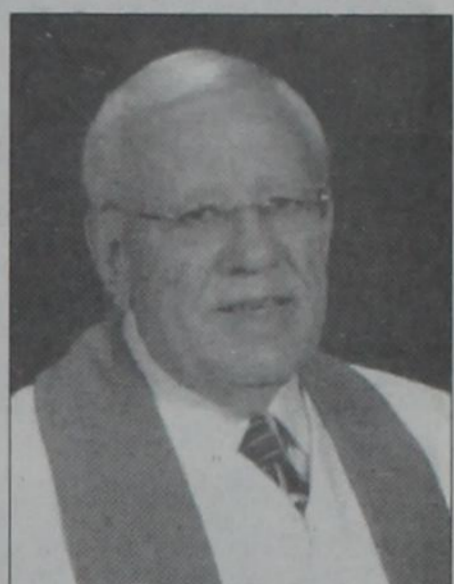
Your help and contributions are appreciated. Monetary donations may be left

Services Wednesday, Dec. 9 At Panhandle For Rev. Bud Kidwell

Rev. Bud Kidwell, 63, of Panhandle, Texas, died Saturday, December 5, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Visitation for family and friends was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Rector Funeral Home, 2800 S. Osage, Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Panhandle, Texas, with Dr. Max Whitfield, Bishop of the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Conferences; Rev. Todd Dyess, Amarillo District Superintendent; Rev. Tom Carter, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Wheeler Texas; Rev. David McGaughey, Pastor, First United Methodist Church in Texline, Texas, and Rev. Wayne Hollinshead, Pastor, First Christian Church, Quanah, Texas, officiating. Burial will be at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon, Texas, at 4:00 p.m. under the direction of Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St., Amarillo, Texas.

Rev. Kidwell was born December 25, 1945, in Wheeler, Texas, to Curtis Lee and Fern Rose James Kidwell. Bud received his Associate's Degree from Clarendon College and attended



Rev. Bud Kidwell

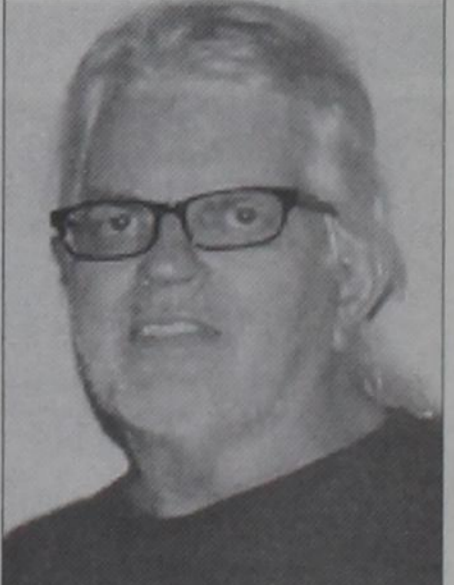
West Texas State University. He received his Bachelor's Degree in psychology from River Forest Lutheran College, River Forest, Illinois. He attended New Orleans Baptist Seminary and Wayland Baptist University to receive his Master's Degree in religion/psychology from Wayland Baptist University. Bud was licensed to preach the Gospel Ministry on December 31, 1974. He was ordained into the Gospel Ministry April 11, 1976, and later became an Elder in the United Methodist Church June 15, 2002. He preached at Bethany Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois; Ridgeland Heights Baptist Church, Sandersville, Georgia; Central Baptist Church, Borger, Texas; First United Methodist Church, Crosbyton, Texas; First United Methodist Church, Quanah, Texas; and First United Methodist Church, Panhandle, Texas, where he has served for the past 2 1/2 years. Bud loved the ministry, loved his family, loved people and lived his life serving the Lord and others.

Bud met and married the love of his life, Karilyn Noble, on November 16, 1968, in Clarendon, Texas. Bud and Karilyn served the Lord together for 41 years. The most precious gift of all for Bud and Karilyn is their daughter, Kimberly Dawn Kidwell, who thought her Dad was the best dad ever!

Bud is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Lee and Fern Rose James Kidwell; two nephews, Michael Johnson and Jeff Tyra; father-in-law, Gerald Noble, and mother-in-law, Hazel Noble.

Survivors include his wife, Karilyn, and his precious daughter, Kimberly, of Panhandle, Texas; two sisters, Betty Kreyling and her husband, Dave, of Pampa, Texas, and his "youngest oldest sister," Barbara Rector of Pampa, Texas; his sister-in-law, Marilyn Grimes and husband, Gary, of Amarillo, Texas; brother-in-law, Ronnie Tyra and wife, Janie, of Amarillo, Texas; his niece, Kathy Borden, and husband, Leland, of Linden, Texas; niece, D'Wan Grimes, and her son, Devin Morelos of Amarillo, Texas; nephew, Shad Tyra of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Kendra Cantrell and husband, Jason, of Dimmitt, Texas. He is also survived by numerous great-nieces and great-nephews that he loved and cherished dearly.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church Panhandle, Choir Fund, P O Box 549, Panhandle, Texas 79068.



Jamie Moore

Memorial Service For Jamie Moore

James (Jamie) Marvin Moore passed away on Dec. 4, 2009 in Austin, TX surrounded by loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents - Mary and Spud Moore, and his brother - Wendell. A memorial service was held on Dec. 6 in San Marcos, TX.

He grew up in Wheeler, TX and graduated from Wheeler H.S. in 1965. He was the captain of the football team and a record holder in the mile run. He attended Texas Tech and later joined the Peace Corps and served in Co-

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Hospital Notes

- Assisted Living:**
 Julia Buckingham
 Annie Ruth Lee
 Marcilla Payne
 Mary Whitener
- Admissions:**
 11/30 A. J. Wray
 Myrtle F. Farrar
 12/2 Frankie Garrett
 Bibianoa Gonzales
- Dismissals:**
 12/2 A. J. Wray
 12/3 Bibianoa Gonzales
 12/4 Myrtle F. Farrar
 12/5 Frankie Garrett

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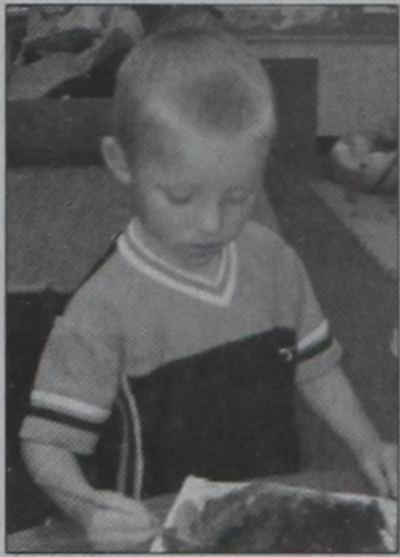
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Dominic Ruiz and Zen Lister watercolor butterflies for "B" week in Mrs. Orr's Pre-K class at Kelton.



Trenton Neaville explores with mixing colors while painting a butterfly.



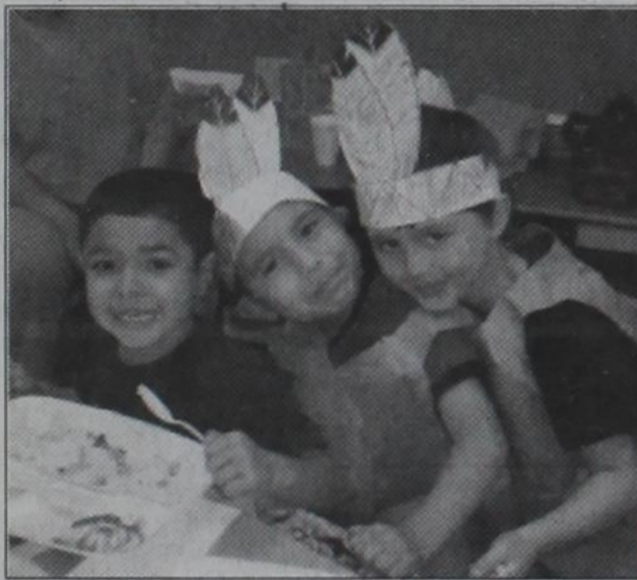
Mrs. Orr's pilgrims and Native Americans- Zen Lister, Alex Reeves, Dominic Ruiz, Shasta Blakemore, Nicholas Benson, Shasta Blakemore, Damian McDaniel, and Trenton Neaville.



Shasta Blakemore and Keelynn Longbine love to discover the properties of Ooblick in Mrs. Orr's Pre-K Class.



Pictured with their awesome turkeys are Alex Reeves, Nick Benson, Dominic Ruiz, Shasta Blakemore, Zen Lister, and Keelynn

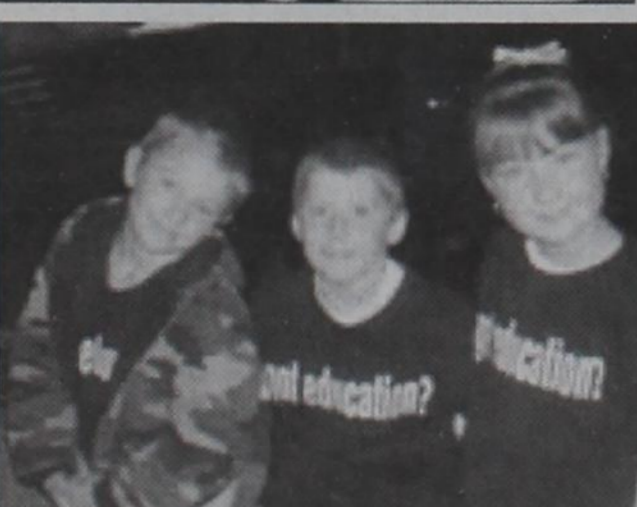


Left: Damian McDaniel, Dominic Ruiz, and Nicholas Benson show friendship while they feast.

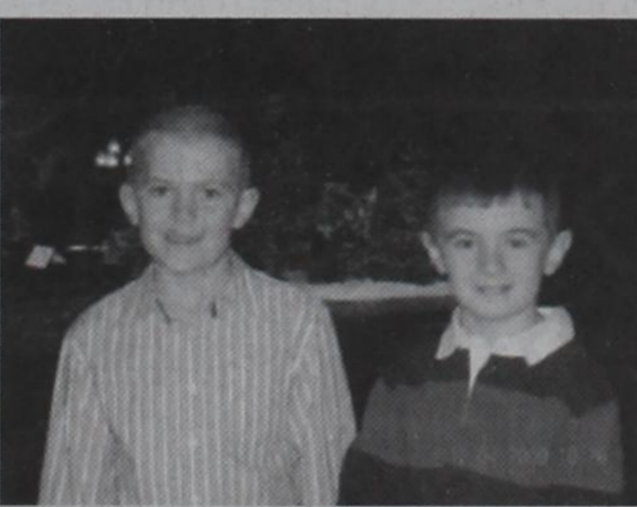
The Kelton 2nd grade attended the Kinderkonzert put on by the Amarillo Symphony. An elf conducted the orchestra and Santa came out and sang songs with the kids. The kids enjoyed their trip to the Symphony.

Below, Right: Mark Herndon and Brock Buckingham.

Below, Left: Ransley Cochran, Kierra Hurtado, Laney Gracia



Jayton Couch, Corbin Whitmire, and Cassidy Carter



Laney Garcia and Ms. Busby



Santa visited in Wheeler Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6

MOBEETIE NEWS

By Sue Mayfield

My, but this weather has stayed cold! It could, at least, snow, so we would have a good reason to be cold. It doesn't have to wait for the next ridiculously windy day to do it, either. It has been a busy week for many with the Christmas season in full swing now. Did you get to take advantage of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open house in Wheeler last weekend? Many of the local merchants in Wheeler had specials going and there was a craft show. There were so many useful and unique things available. It's always fun and interesting to see the wonderful talents of our friends and neighbors.

Belated "Happy Anniversary" to Fat and Wanda Childress of Briscoe as they celebrated their



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60th anniversary on Sat., Dec. 5. Their family hosted a family dinner at noon and then had a reception following at the Briscoe School. It was all very nice. Their kids did a wonderful job with the meal and the reception. There were many family and friends out to help them celebrate.

It's good to hear that Barbara Richardson is doing so well. She and Dale were able to come over and help Fat and Wanda celebrate. Leola went over for dinner with the family. She and Calvin had been married on Fat and Wanda's second anniversary, so they had celebrated several times together. Iva and Marsha Richardson came over from Erick to help them celebrate this milestone in their lives. Lots of stories to be told. Congratulations,

Fat and Wanda, may God continue to shower His blessings on you.

Michael Mayfield and his debate partner went to Amarillo High last week for a tournament with four other schools. This was the first for Michael and Rikki. They did very well and brought home a second place trophy. They were very excited and proud. This week they go to Lubbock for a regional tournament. He is quite nervous about it. Good Luck...bring home the gold! Sorry this has been so short, but we have been out of pocket and getting in late so missed a lot of what everyone is doing. Have a great week and continue to pray for our friends and neighbors.

Wheeler Co. S&WCD Annual Report

The Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District was established on April 6, 1948 with the protection and enhancement of the available renewable natural resources as its primary purpose. Its boundaries coincide with the boundaries of Wheeler County. The Board of Directors is made up of five elected directors who are resident landowners in Wheeler County and are actively engaged in farming or ranching. The current Board of Directors consists of Paul Macina, Chairman; John McDowell Jr., Vice-Chairman; Dean Tipps, Secretary; Eric Zybach, Member and Matt Moore, Member.

The Wheeler County SWCD entered into a

Memo of Understanding with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly known as the SCS) in 1948 to provide personnel who are trained in the field of erosion

control. The Wheeler NRCS current staff is Calvin Devereaux, District Conservationist and Shawn Overton, Soil Conservationist. The Wheeler County SWCD current staff is Joyce Boeck, District Secretary.

The Wheeler County SWCD works very closely with their partners (NRCS) to promote conservation practices and stewardship of the land. Your local SWCD is proud to present their annual report on their conservation work and accomplishments during the 2009 fiscal year.

Here are the accomplishments of the SWCD/NRCS for the 2009 fiscal year: District Cooperators provided assistance - 1,500 customers; conservation plans (new and revised) - 50 customers on 6,000 acres; grass-seeding - 5,000 acres were seeded to native grass mix and 2,000 acres were seeded to weeping lovegrass - 1,500 acres were seeded to plains bluestem; fences - 20,000 feet completed; brush control - 500 acres; 15- water wells; 25- water storage facilities; livestock pipeline- 5,000 feet completed; 5- prescribe grazing on 5,000 acres; numerous acres applied to a RMS plan - 2,500 acres; 3 conservation presentations; published 10 news papers articles. Wheeler SWCD assisted the NRCS with O&M inspections

on 8 watershed dams.

Wheeler County SWCD assisted with 5 Plant Erosion contracts in 2009 on 3,000 acres; Wheeler SWCD was involved with the development of 31 new EQIP contracts in 2009 on 12,000 acres; SWCD/NRCS has 230 active CRP contracts on 31,408.8 acres; SWCD/NRCS has 2 active Continuous CRP contracts in 2009 on 63.2 acres and the SWCD/NRCS has 1 active GRP contract on 62.9 acres.

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from November 30, 2009 - December 4, 2009.

NOVEMBER 30, 2009

TAX DEED-City of Shamrock, et al to Robert Spradley, 11-19-09, S/2 Lot 2 and all of Lots 3 and 4, Bradley's Add., Shamrock.

TAX DEED-City of Shamrock, et al to Robert Spradley, 11-19-09, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 46, Shamrock.

TRUSTEE D-Reed Trust to Rhonda Lynn Gallagher, et al, 11-30-09, See Instrument.

OL-Raymond Michael Neff and Jeannette B. Neff Revocable Living Trust to Apache Corporation, 10-5-09, SE/4 Sec. 25, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN-Zephyr Operating Co. LLC to Todd G. Armstrong, et al, 10-21-09, Sec. 20, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD-James E. Young Living Trust, et al to Jimmy Joe Young and Senae Young Living Trust, 11-23-09, NW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

AFF.-C. Dean Nolte to The Public, 11-23-09, Sec. 6, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

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D-Barbara Reed, et al to Byron Lynn Kinzy, 6-6-06, Lots 5 and 6, Blk. F, Poits Add., Shamrock.

CORR. MD-Bob R. Zybach, et ux to Mary Diane Dukes, et al, 11-30-09, Sec. 11, Camp County School Land.

TRUST AGREEMENT-Heather A. Hamilton to Heather A. Trust, 9-20-82.

TRUST AGREEMENT-Bonnie K. Hamilton to Bonnie K. Trust, 9-20-82.

D-Shirley Bailey to Scott McWilliams, et al, 11-24-09, NW/4 Sec. 51, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-Ray Asencio, et ux to Panhandle-Plains Land Bank FLCA, 11-25-09, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Robert Stanley Dollar to McKenzie R. Malloy, 11-30-09, All of Lot 22 and E 10' Lot 21, Connor Add., Wheeler.

DT-McKenzie R. Malloy to Supreme Lending, 11-30-09, All of Lot 22 and E 10' Lot 21, Connor Add., Wheeler.

DECEMBER 2, 2009

RELEASE-Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Heritage Feeders LP, 10-13-09, See Instrument.

RELEASE-Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Heritage Feeders LP, 9-16-09, See Instrument.

RELEASE-Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Heritage Feeders LP, 9-16-09, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY-Dan A. Bowles Revocable Trust to Mitchell Minerals LLC, et al, 11-23-09, Sec. 1, Camp County School Land.

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REAL ESTATE & TOOL AUCTION
THURS. DEC. 17, 2009, 2:30 P.M.
Loc. McLEAN, TX.—502 N. Walnut-From Old Rt. 66 & Pine St. (Cactus Motel) take Pine St. N. 4 Blks. Then E. 1 Blk.
SEIZURE AUCTION BY 31ST DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF GRAY CO. TX.
PROPERTY: 502 N. Walnut—1142 Sq. Ft. +/- Wood Frame House-512 Sq. Ft. +/- Double In-Line Garage, Corner Lot
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Christmas Open House

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

9:30 - 2:30 P.M. — Both Locations

\$2,500 Cash & \$2,500 Merchandise

Several Cash Drawings will be held for different amounts of money and merchandise purchased from local businesses.

We will close at Noon on Thursday, December 24 and remain closed all day December 25, for our employees to have more time with their families. Enjoy the holidays with your family and come see us December 28 for all your banking needs.

Parkview Artery

Christmas Trees and Safety

During the year-end holidays, prevent accidents by following simple tips for trees and decorations.

When planning to decorate a home or apartment for the holidays, always place safety at the top of the list. Choose a Christmas tree carefully. Proper care for live and artificial trees, along with safety checks for lights, decorations and candles, will prevent accidents and possibly a fire.

Christmas Tree Care

For artificial trees, purchase only those that are flame retardant. For a real tree, make sure it has fresh green needles that aren't easily broken.

Keep live trees as moist as possible. Water them daily. After bringing a live tree home, cut about one or two inches off the bottom of the trunk. This will allow the tree to soak up water to keep it fresh. Use a sturdy tree stand that will not tip.

Keep trees away from heat sources such as fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles. Trees should be at least three feet away from all heat sources.

Never smoke near a tree and never drop or flick cigarette ashes nearby. Never put tree branches or needles into a fireplace or wood-burning stove.

After the holiday, don't leave a dried-out tree in a house or garage and don't place the tree near the house or garage. Either place the entire tree at the curb for sanitation pick-up, or cut it up and place it in the trash. Another option is to dispose trees at recycling centers.

Holiday Lights and Decorations Safety

Make sure lights, indoor and out, are approved for use by authorized testing organizations. Certifications should be apparent on the package.

Inspect decorative lights each time you decorate. Look for frayed wires, bare spots, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear.

Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Don't link more than three light strands of lights into a socket. Be careful with extension cords. Make sure they are in excellent condition and are used properly. Always unplug holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Use only flame-resistant or flame-retardant decorations inside and outside the home.

Proper Use of Holiday Candles

Place candles where they cannot be reached or easily knocked over by children and pets, and always extinguish candles before leaving a room or going to bed. Never use real candles to decorate a tree. Even if they aren't lit, the wicks and wax can attract sparks.

Keep candles at least three feet away from trees, evergreens, holiday decorations, and other items that can catch fire, such as clothing, papers and curtains. Use candleholders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from non-flammable materials and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

Never use glass holders for candles. They can shatter and explode from the heat of a candle flame.

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May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!



By Verna Fillingim

"Be ye kind one to another, forgiving one another as God forgave you."

"I am so glad my Father in Heaven tells of His love in the Book He has given. Wondrous things in the Bible I see; this is the dearest that Jesus loves me."

"Happy Birthday" to Rich Brown, Tanzania Kaleigh Coomer, Jared Froester, David Hefley, Cindy Kroeker, Kay Luttrell, Paden Markham, Mike Lang, Earnest Lancaster, Dennis Hefley, Vernel Densberger, Cassie Meadows, Jennifer Wood, Wade Childress, Andy Shipp, Eric Zybach, LaJo Crownover, Steve Corse, Shannon Cantwell and Steven May, Dec. 6; McKenna Ledbetter, Tex Copeland, Rose Blakeslee, Jacob Sappington, Navante Richerson, Kay Gatlin, Brittany Williams, Robert Cook and Jane Bright, Dec. 7; Garrett Ellison, Jyarid Jaco, Shelby Kroeker, Chisum Rutherford, Gareid Brittain, Cuyler Stinnett, Rodney Hudson, Rick Jones, Dale Sides, Trai Currie, Kelley Thompson, Kade Hathaway, Edward Benson and Tim Thompson, Dec. 8; Shirley Christie, Jason Foreman, Jana Helstad, Logan Johnson and Rochelle Rives, Dec. 9; Malachi Bowers, Scott Dunnam, Susie Ferguson, Jennifer Hicks, Robert Stiles II, Tom Weinzettel, Susan Wood, Trace Patterson, Kristi Hefley, Mack Sides, Ronnie James and Bronwyn Huff, Dec. 10; Dallas Fillingim, Maggie Marshall, Elizabeth Mitchell, Garrett Hampton, Helen Steen, Rebecca Rodriguez, Midge Erwin, Dianna Estes and Wesley Hathaway, Dec. 11; Lindsey Criswell, Melba Corcoran, Aaron Lancaster and Brenda Lancaster, Dec. 12.

"Happy Anniversary" to Mike and Alice Wesbrooks, Dec. 6; Scott and Kandi Weatherly, Dec. 7; Shane and April Goad, Dec. 10; ad Dewayne and Kathy Lane, Dec. 12.

Enjoying Thanksgiving food and fellowship at the Marion and Ethel Grimes home were Liz Shipp, Jim Kirpatrick, Katie and Wesley Hathaway, Savannah Shipp, Willie Renner and Marion and Ethel Grimes. Most brought food to share for a good time together.

Doris Finsterwald enjoyed having some family in for Thanksgiving and included Randy Finsterwald, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Brandon, and Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald. They all brought food and played some games. They recently put

up most of the Christmas Village at Doris', if anyone wants to view it. Sometimes school kids come to see all the interesting things. Also, the ladies' TEL class will meet at Doris' house for their Christmas party and see all the pretty lights and buildings. Very interesting.

Nice to see Sue Chandler and her mom, Mary Dreiling, from Kansas and sister, Sharon Cook, from Amarillo eating at Maxey's Friday night. They were celebrating Sharon's 50th birthday! Happy Birthday, Sharon. I'd like to be 50 again.

Pray for Melba Corcoran, Bulah Grimes, Anne Killingsworth, Arica Lancaster, Melba Darnell, Kathy Jansen, Helen Steen and others who have been ill. Also, Johnnie Bird and Nina Hervey. May God be with you!

Allison Sunday Singing will meet at Allison Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 p.m. for a good program, fellowship and food. Everyone invited. Heard Singing would meet on second Sunday this time at night 6:00 p.m.

Pray for Helen Steen who had to have some more surgery. God be with you and your family! Hope all is O.K.

Ed and Laurel Hershman enjoyed a visit from old friends from Indiana for a few days. Nice to have them out to church at Wheeler Baptist. Pam and Doug Myers are waiting for warmer weather to go on to the Rose Bowl parade in California. I sure like my nice warm house and hope you all have a warm place.

Nell Bradstreet and son, Mike Bradstreet, and daughter, Debbie Glazner, went to Colorado to visit Kathy Jansen and family. Kathy had to have more surgery; she is still fighting cancer. Pray for Kathy. We are praying for you, Kathy. May God be with you each step of the way. Kelley Glazner spent a few days with Grandpa Roy Bradstreet to help him with cooking, etc., while family was gone to Colorado to see Kathy.

The Sparks family met at Gregg and Sherry Clark's Thanksgiving for good food and fellowship together and included Buddy and Dianne Sparks, Shelly Sparks and Taylor, Hayley and Nicholas, Gregg and Sherry Clark and Dawson, Cody and Camryn, Dianne's brother, John Henderson, from Amarillo and sister, Darlene Norton and Clint and Ashley Norton.

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FIRST DEER: Fourteen year old Seth Gardner of Allison, Texas shot his first deer on December 5. He is the son of Jerry and Martha Gardner.

Sunday, December 20. Everyone invited for the good program at 6:00 p.m. and reception following.

Nice to see many Christmas lights already up and around. It reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and He loves us every one. Thank you, Lord!

Sorry to hear that Anne Killingsworth had to go back to BSA. There was trouble keeping her blood pressure up. Pray for Anne. We love you, Anne, and miss you! Hope all will be O.K.

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."

Kristi Hefley from Lubbock was

a weekend visitor to David Hefley to help her dad celebrate his birthday. Happy Birthday, David; think David was 66.

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OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

OLD CARS AND RIDIN' HEADLIGHTS

When I was growing up, we never had a car that was less than ten years old and part of the time, we didn't have a car at all. Transportation for a lot of folks was simple. You walked!

I remember when we moved to Estelline, we rode a train from Childress to there. The train depot was about a half mile from town, so when we got off, we had to walk the rest of the way in. Being four years old at that time, I got the best deal ever... Dad carried me "piggy-back" most of the way to the small house they had rented earlier. Later on, they bought a second hand bicycle that had a basket on the front and a rack over the back fender that I could sit on. That became a real fun way for Mom and I to get around town, while Dad was at work. Life was good for this kid!

Dad rode to work with some other men for a while, then he bought a '34 Ford car. As I remember, it had a spare tire mounted in one of the front fenders and headlights mounted on the top front of the fenders. Everything about the car was of interest to me, as it is with most youngsters of today. (It has been my experience as a "Pop" that grandson can tell you a lot about trucks.)

This model had what was referred to as "suicide doors." The hinges were on the rear of the doors, so it opened from the front. If you unlatched a door while going down the road, the wind would jerk it open and it might "yank" you out! Another thing that really stuck

with me, were the windshield wipers. They were vacuum-operated. If you went up a hill while it was raining, the wipers would stop moving. The only way to make

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them work was to let off the gas just long enough that they would make about two wipes... then gas it again. Kind of made it fun for me; slow, fast, slow...but I don't think Dad liked it very well.

When Dad went into the Navy, they sold the car.

Soon, he was stationed in Iowa and Mom and I made that long trip up there on the train, to be with him. After living there a while, Dad bought a '36 Ford. It didn't have suicide doors, but it did have headlights on top of the front fenders. When we moved from Iowa to Wheeler, we kept it a couple of years longer. It's the one we had when we lived on, "Old Double-Tuff." Sometimes, my folks would let me ride on the fender with my leg wrapped around the headlight. You could really hang on good that way. Of course, this was after we got off of the highway and onto our pasture road. "Riding headlights," was such good sport, my cousins

started doing it, too. Who knows, it may have been them that got me started. Seems like we learned a lot of neat ideas from each other.

ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

NOW we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, not by word, not by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-4

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous, A good man sheweth favor, and leneth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. Psalm 12:1-6

The weather in Allison today on this Tuesday morning is very COLD and cloudy and fog, freezing drizzle and slick. Yes, winter is truly here for sure. I would rather get snow than freezing weather of any kind, but I'm not in control of the weather, we should just be thankful for God's love and his warmth and for warm houses and I'm praying about the electricity also. Praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy!!

Saturday, Opal and Juanita Boydston traveled to Pampa, Texas and visited Roma and Billy June Brown in the Coronado Healthcare Center. Took washed clothes to them and few others and did some shopping for them and us. Juanita showed her Uncle Roma how to use the cellphone. And he has been doing better with it. Maybe he remembered how to use it. Vdy to go Uncle Roma!!

Sunday, after Sunday School, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Louise Boydston to Wheeler, Texas where they enjoyed a delicious meal at Mel's Diner then they enjoyed visiting

Chat (from Page 1)

Have you made your donation to **Toys for Tots**? The barrels are in place or you can take items or make donations at the County Sheriff's office or the Vet Clinic. Help make some youngster's Christmas a little happier.

— cwe —
You will notice we have a couple more individuals 'throwing their hat into the ring' by seeking office.

— cwe —
Shame on me; I failed to mention **Stormie Meriwether's** birthday last week. It is hard to believe she turned 7 on Friday. She got a phone call and "Happy Birthday" from Huntsville. Maybe she can forgive 'Pop' this time.

— cwe —
We went to see Dorcie; she had a birthday in November and we didn't get to make the trip at that time.

— cwe —
And we got to spend some time with Cathi and Jessica. The 'Boys', Guy and Pipp were on their way to California for several performances.

— cwe —
Yes, we were in OKC for a couple of nights to spend time with Jennifer and Seth. Seth has another bad ear infection. He had to have two shots yesterday and two today.

— cwe —
We are still not back in the office. I certainly dread the move back and hooking everything back up.

— cwe —
Don't forget the **'Angel Tree'** at Wheeler Nursing and Rehab.

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the booths set up at the Wheeler School and purchasing a few bargains there for Christmas presents and then waited for the Annual Christmas Drawing put on by the Chamber of Commerce in Wheeler each year. Opal and Juanita wasn't lucky this year, but Louise received a winning of twenty five dollars to spend in Wheeler, Texas. Congratulations!! Louise. Then we went by and bought a happy hour drink at Country Cross Barn before coming home. Oh yes, Juanita needed a few items in Thriftway or Market Square and so they stopped by there before heading home. Had a nice day!! Thanks Louise!!

Monday was a cloudy day and didn't get out of the twenties all day long. VERY VERY COLD!! BRRRRRR! for sure! That is how it is in the Texas Panhandle and I hear that the wind is to blow this evening.

Louise Boydston and Stephanie Walker and children, Tyler, Addison and Alyssa went to Elk City, Oklahoma on Friday and visited Pearl Harrison and viewed



HOLIDAY CONCERT: The Briscoe Community Church in Briscoe, Texas will be hosting a Christmas/Holiday Concert with Inspirational Recording Artist Flese Hauser and Chosen F.E.W. Trio presented by Son Grace Music Ministries. The Concert will be held at 2:30 PM, Sunday, December 13, 2009, at the Briscoe Community Church located in Briscoe, right off of Hwy. 1046 ñ 1 Block S. at the main intersection, and then 1/2 block W.

The Concert is free and given as a Love Gift of God from the Briscoe Community Church to the people of the community and area. The Concert will last approximately one hour with a reception and fellowship to follow in the fellowship hall of the church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Lewis or Elizabeth Meers, at 806-375-2366.

the beautiful lights and met with Gary and Julie Boydston and ate a delicious meal at Pedro's. God Bless and Keep ya'll til next time!!



Kara Hill is the 14-year-old daughter of Chip and Pam Hill of Little Elm, TX. She is in the 8th grade. Grandparents are Jimmy and Bobbye Hill of Wheeler, Fred Rodgers of Arlington and Betty Rodgers of Weatherford.

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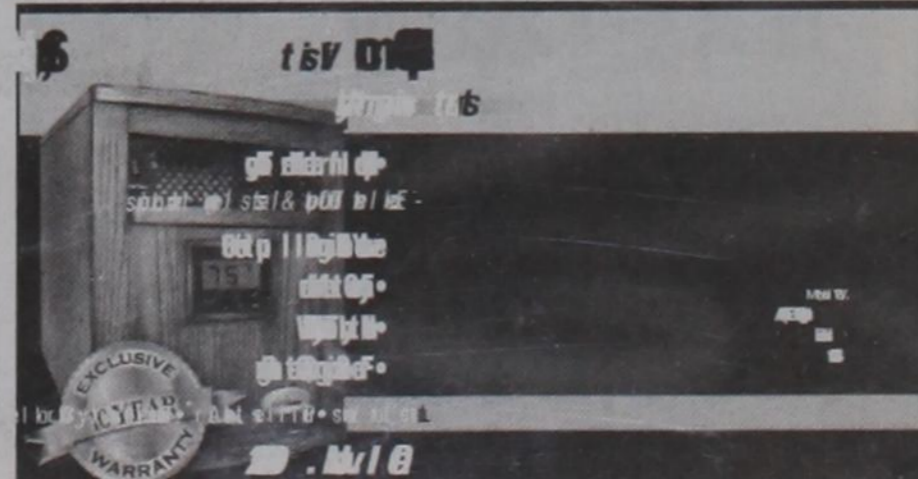
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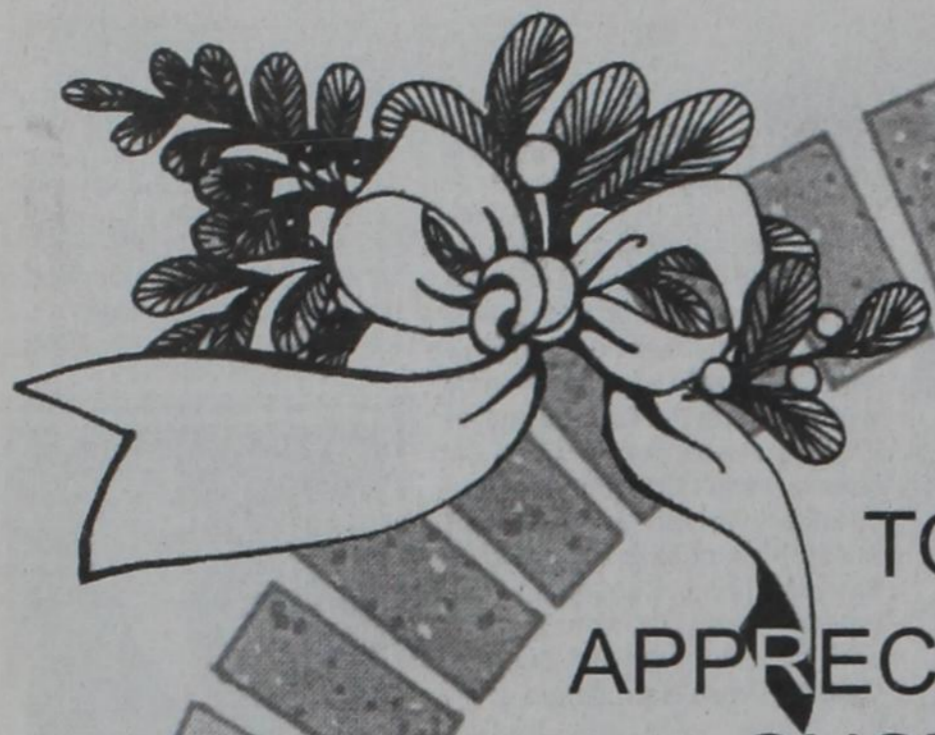
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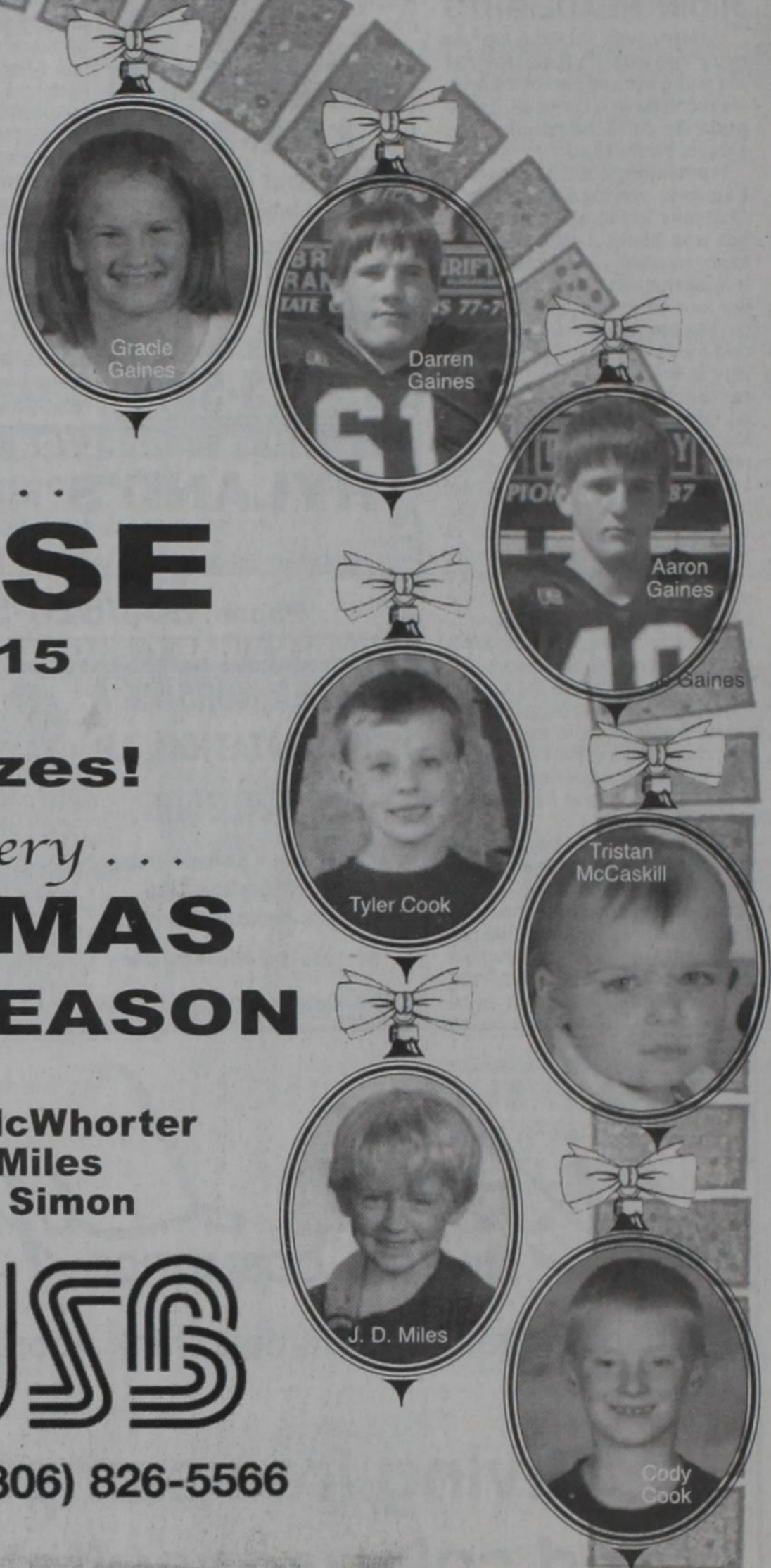
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The volatility in all markets is creating an opportunity for agricultural producers to either make profits or put their operations in financial peril, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The price volatility that has arisen puts an even greater emphasis on a producer's marketing skills, said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist.

Amosson, along with experts from across the country, will conduct the Advanced Topic Series of short courses during January and February. This is a part of AgriLife Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, he said.

The Advanced Topic Series consists of one- and two-day short courses that combine lectures, small working groups and simulation exercises to help producers fully understand market dynamics, Amosson said.

Program presenters are Amosson; Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station; Dr. Art Barnaby Jr., Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.; Alan Brugler, Brugler Marketing and Management LLC, Omaha, Neb.; Dr. Elwynn Taylor, Iowa State University Extension climatologist; and Darrell Holaday, private marketing and management strategist, Kansas.

"Never before has a faculty of this expertise level been assembled to teach short courses to producers in Texas," Amosson said. "Each of the instructors for the ATS courses was selected based on their expertise and communication skills. They were given the freedom to develop their course based on what they felt producers needed to know to improve their profitability."

The first of the five short courses will be "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Feedgrains" taught by Welch and Amosson on Jan. 19-20. The objective of this two-day workshop is to gain a better understanding of the fundamentals affecting the feedgrains' market for the upcoming year with the ultimate goal of developing a written marketing plan for the 2010 crop.

"We also conducted this course last year and the response and feedback was so positive that I decided to repeat it again this year," Amosson said.

Barnaby will be presenting a

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one-day course entitled "Profit Maximizing: Crop Insurance and Risk Management Decisions" on Jan. 29. He will discuss crop insurance options and the most cost effective levels of participation, as well as the new risk-management programs SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program) and ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election) and explaining the tradeoffs/interactions between these and crop insurance.

Brugler will be the instructor for a two-day course on Feb. 8-9 titled "Selecting, Developing and Working a Marketing Plan." He will discuss different types of marketing plans, the drawbacks of each and how to set the rules on when to abandon or modify the plan.

Taylor will provide insight into weather patterns and how to integrate weather expectations into a marketing plan in a one-day course on Feb. 23. Yield trends, a balance-sheet approach and the use of growing-degree days will be discussed. The effect of high temperatures, low precipitation and how to evaluate stress impact will also be addressed.

The final course will be on Feb. 26 and taught by Holaday. In this course, "Advanced Marketing Tools and Strategies for Producers", he will provide some of his favorite marketing strategies and help attendees gain an understanding of how and when to utilize some advanced marketing tools such as covered calls, storage hedges and synthetic options.

The registration fee is \$75 for the one-day courses and \$125 for the two-day courses. All courses run 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day and all will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The registration fee includes the cost of instruction, materials, lunch and all breaks. Registration is limited to 50 participants on a first-come basis and pre-registration is required.

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FIRST SANTA VISIT: Kanin Marshall makes his first visit with Santa at the Chamber Open House. He is the son of Mack and Crystal Marshall

Quality Counts Clinic Is Dec. 12

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Quality Counts North Region 4-H and FFA Species Clinic beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 12. The clinic will cover cattle, sheep, goat and swine projects. A lamb and goat jackpot show will follow on Dec. 13 beginning with an 8 a.m. animal weigh-in.

Both events will be held in the Ollie Liner Center, 200 South Columbia Street in Plainview.

"The species clinic on Dec. 12 is intended to provide an educational opportunity for new and experienced families (4-H and FFA) who participate or want to participate in a livestock project," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

"The main purpose of the clinic is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, animal selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship and transportation," Scott said. "The show Dec. 13 will allow lamb and goat exhibitors to implement some of what they have learned and maybe even bring home a ribbon and some cash."

Scott said Quality Counts programs are meant to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development and exhibition of livestock.

Cattle, lamb and goat exhibitors, but not swine exhibitors, are encouraged to bring their animals on Dec. 12. There will be a beef showmanship contest following that day's beef program.

The Dec. 12 species clinic is



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free and open to the public. A \$15 per-class entry fee will be due the morning of the show on Dec. 13.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Madge Erwin will be 98 years old on Friday, December 11, 2009.



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ANGEL TREE: Wheeler Nursing and Rehab has their 'Angel Tree' in place. Each angel has a name and personal information about a resident. Stop by, visit a friend, and take an angel from the tree. The residences look forward to Christmas. Employees of the First State Bank and Wheeler Banking Center were at the home to select angels this past week. Shown are (l. to r.) Brenda McWhorter, WBC; ---, WN&R; ---, FSB; Liz Ship, WBC, and ---, FSB.



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SANTA VISITS: Santa made two visits in Wheeler over the weekend. We are not sure if he spent the night or stayed in Wheeler. He arrived by fire truck on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.



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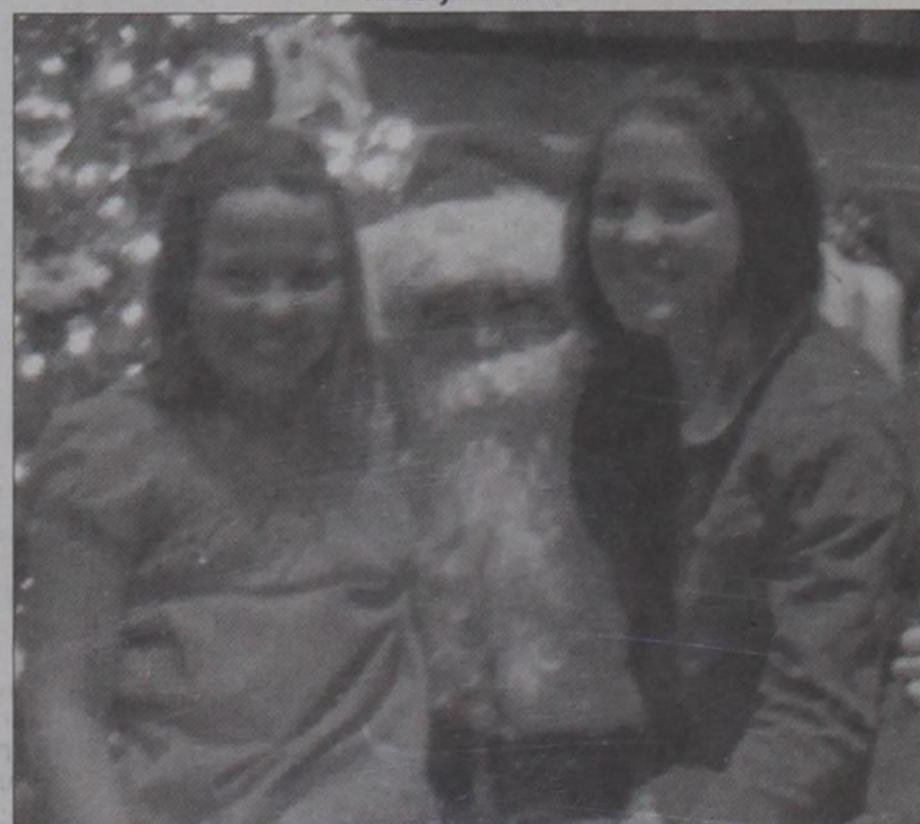
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It's been many years since preschoolers, Beth and David Hefley, washed dishes for me at Briscoe. Thank you!

Wheeler High School girls' basketball team won first in the tournament at Miami. Congratulations! Wheeler boys won second in the weekend tournament. We are proud of you all.

"Come on, ring those bells, Light the Christmas tree, Jesus is the King born for you and me.

Come on, ring those bells, Everybody say, Jesus, we remember this your birthday."

Gary Davis had to have some repair surgery on his back at Amarillo. Glad he is out to church, looking good and doing good.

David and Rita Pearson went

to Amarillo and Canyon and visited Lindsey Criswell and boys, watched the boys basketball games and did some Christmas shopping over the weekend for a good time.

Thank you relatives and friends for caring about me and calling or sending cards. I love you all!

Nice to have a good lunch at Soto's Saturday with Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen, Juanita Fillingim and Mary Newman and Katie and Verna. A good time of fellowship and good food.

Nice to visit a little with "ol' Briscoe boy," T.G. Reames, at Wheeler Post Office. Good to see T.G. looking better and getting around better. T.G. and son, Erick, have bought a house in Amarillo to be nearer to doctors and family

and expect to move before long. Best wishes!

Some Golden Agers from Wheeler Baptist Church enjoyed a trip to Elk City to eat at Western Sizzlin, go see Red Carpet The-

atre production of "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," and see the beautiful Christmas lights at Elk City for a fine trip. E.J. Pannell drove the church bus. Good job.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Moore

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lombia, South America. In 1975 he married Nancy Pomroy. They had a son - Jason - in 1978. Jamie served on the San Marcos City Council where he also ran the local Showplace Cinema theater. He went back to Texas Tech and received a B.A. in Latin American studies and a M.A. in Comparative Literature. There he taught Spanish as an associate professor. Next, Jamie moved to Mexico to build movie theaters. His next

adventure was to travel to Alaska to work at a hunting lodge as a tour guide leading dog sledding excursions. His remaining years were spent in both Wheeler and San Marcos where he and his son shared many adventures. Jamie continues to inspire others with his passion for life and fervor for adventure

He is survived by his son, Jason, of San Marcos; stepson, Clint Pomroy of Agoura Hills, CA; stepdaughter, Shelly Schedler of Lub-



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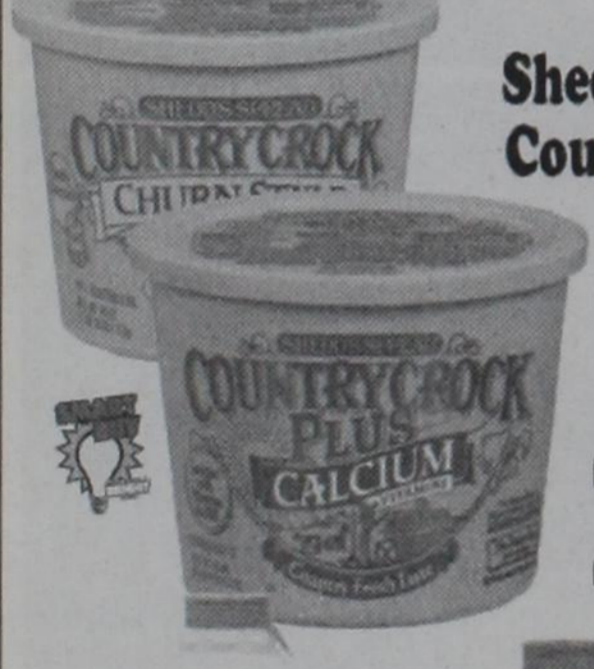
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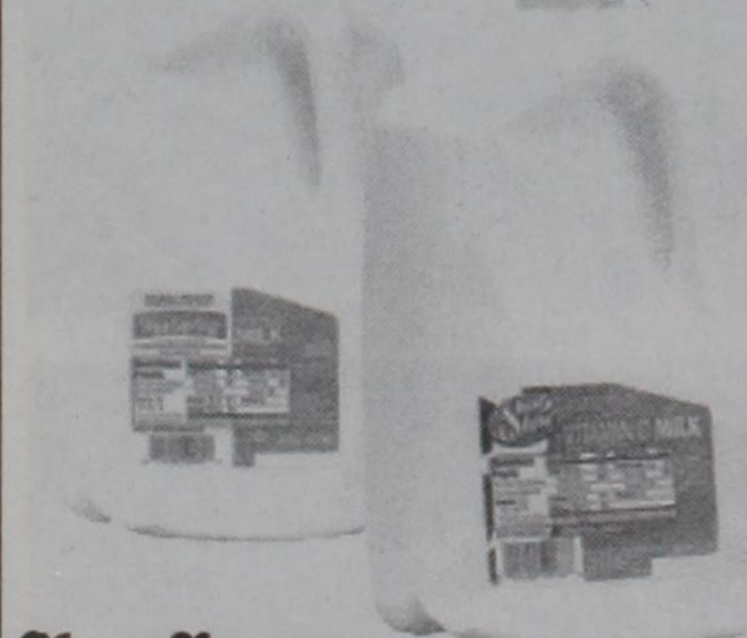
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