

# THE WHEELER TIMES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1999

"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

# Fourth, Final Cash Drawing Held Friday



Congratulations, Bret Goad, Ben Dollar and Brooks Brown on being named to the Globe-News Super

Ready or not, here it comes. The new millennium has been of great concern for some time; we will soon see if there is any reason for concern. -cwe-

Y2k came early for me. One morning a couple of weeks ago, I put my watch on and the screen was almost blank. Then Wednesday the electrical system on the Silhouette went out or the way to Pampa.

Prior to our holiday journey, I was stranded in Pampa. The Silhouette had to be towed-Cross Car Center to the rescue.

I was sailing along, headed for realized I had no radio. In fact, I had no power at all. The motor continued to run and I made it to Pampa.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Our Christmas was a bit unusual and certainly hope is a 'one and only' -cwe-

It did however turn out to be a Merry Christmas for us. Even though Lavila Meriwether (Barbara's sister) is not 'out of the woods' she is still with

-cwe-Our holidays started out on the right track, the weather was beautiful and we got to leave on time.

-cwe-After arriving in Oklahoma City on Thursday afternoon and our visit with Mother Porter, we received a call that Lavila was in the hospital in Weatherford.

-cwe-We were at the hospital 'off and on' for the remainder of the weekend.

-cwe-

The food and festivities will have to (Continued Page 4)

The fourth and final drawing in the annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' Drawings was held Friday. December 24, 1999, with \$400 divided between eight lucky Wheeler

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Coming forward when their names were called were Kathy Badillo, Gwen McCain, Minerva Jones and Jimmy Taylor. These individuals each received \$25 in Wheeler 'Cash'.

Two envelopes containing \$50 each were handed to Jeromy Davis and John Jones.

The big winners for the day were Derek Murray and Sandra Barbosa; they each received envelopes with \$100 in Wheeler 'Cash'

The merchants giving tickets were Cross Car Center, Hefley Hardware, Hyland's Pharmacy, L. & F. Repairs, Marshall Discount Auto, McIlhany Dry Goods, Mainstreet Communications, Thriftway, Ware Chevrolet-Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac, Wheeler Flower & Gift Shop, Wheeler Lumber Co., and Johnny's Shamrock Service.

Those sponsoring the drawing and not giving tickets were Bar-B-Q, Pizza & More, Dr. Larry Barbour, Burton Ford-Mercury Inc., Eastern Panhandle Ins., First State Bank, Mobeetie & Wheeler, The General Store, H&R Block Tax Service, Heritage Beef Cattle Co., Hibler Imple-

The Wheeler County Commission-

After approving the hourly payroll

ers Court convened Monday, Decem-

ber 27 with eight items on the agenda.

and the approving the bills for pay-

ment, the governing body set the

speed limit for county maintained

contract with the City of Wheeler for

law enforcement by the Wheeler

do with personnel. Martha Helton will

retire from the Wheeler County Tax

Office December 31, 1999; her re-

Three items on the agenda had to

The commissioners approved the

roads at 35 miles per hour.

County Sheriff's Department.

ment Co., Honey Inn, Jones Fuels, Charles Kuntz, C.P.A., McCain's Auto Body, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mel's Diner, Parkview Hospital, Ag Credit Association, R. & M. Quality Car Wash, Southwestern Public Service, Speedi-Mart, West Texas Gas, Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler T.V. System, Wheeler Vet Clinic, Britt Ranch, G.T.E. Southwest, Jennings Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Weatherly Heating & Air Conditioning, Dr. Mike Smith, County Star News, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler Title and Abstract, Frank A Hunold, Jr.—Attorney, Soto's Family Restaurant, The Wheeler Times, Mr. Bar-B-Que, Wright Funeral Home and Maxey's Steakhouse.

The Wheeler Ambulance had been selling chances on Emergency Kits for the home or car. Three small kits were won by JoAnn Love, Terry Walker and Sam Schaffer. Debbie Kinnaman was the winner of the large first aid kit.

Wheeler's Xi Upsilon Eta Sorority sold chances on a Sony TV with the proceeds going to the Dwight Thomas family to help with medical expenses. Lori Selby carried the TV

Cynthia Atherton was the winner of the 'Giant Stocking' given away by Hyland's Pharmacy

Richard Belote, an employee of the

Wheeler County Sheriff's Department

for the past eight months, resigned

from the county department. Ken-

neth Berdecko has been hired to fill

the vacancy left by Don King in the

Texas Agricultural Extension Service:

he will move to the Wheeler office

from Roberts County on February 1.

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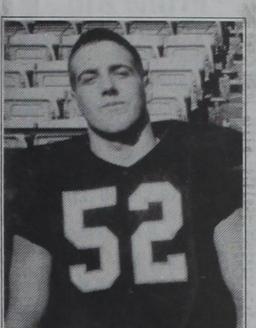
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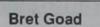
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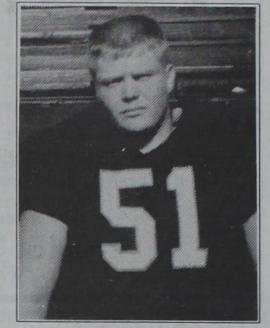
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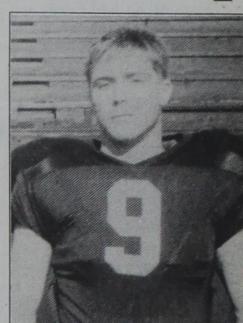
Changes Are Made In Personnel

Commissioners Court Mon.









# Three Mustangs Are Named to 1999 Globe-News Football Super

Super Team Roster

Among other players named to the Globe-News Football Super Team are the following . . .

Offense Lineman, Bret Goad, Wheeler, 6-

0, 185, Jr. Linebacker, Ben Dollar, Wheeler,

5-10, 200, Sr. Secondary, Brooks Brown,

Wheeler, 5-11, 180, Sr. Bret Goad, Wheeler-The Mus-

tangs averaged 388 yards and scored 521 points in a 13-1 season. The 6-0, 185-pound junior triggered the offensive line throughtout the year as Wheeler's center. He made the blocking calls as Wheeler assembled maybe the best 1A power offense in the state. Goad, a two-year starter, was named a first-team all-stater in 1999. "He did a great job adjusting to the different situations every week," Wheeler coach Jim Verden said. "One. week he would block a linebacker, and the next week he would be block-

ing a noseguard. To be a center, you kind of have to be hard-nosed and he was really a physical player."

Ben Dollar, Wheeler-The 5-10, 200-pound senior earned a first-team all-state nod and helped guide the Mustangs to a fourth consecutive semifinal appearance. As the Mustangs' middle linebacker, Dollar made /9 tackles, had /5 assists, 11 tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions, three knocked-down passes, one fumble recovery and three caused turnovers. The Mustangs allowed just 142 points all season and gave up 167 yards a game. Dollar also played on the offensive line and handled the place-kicking duties. "Not many people know this, but he played half the year with a bad shoulder, and we had to tie braces on it to keep him playing," Wheeler coach Jim Verden said. "He has a great nose for the football and he has a great sense of where the ball is going to be and how to get there. He's not really big but he carried a big punch."

Brooks Brown, Wheeler-The Mustangs allowed just 142 points all season, and Brown's coverage abiltiv was one of the main reasons. Brown always took the opponent's top receiving threat in addition to his quarterbacking duties. Brown made 27 tackles, 21 assists, knocked down five passes, recovered a fumble and made two interceptions as the Mustangs made their fourth straight trip to the state semifinals. As the quarterback on offense, Brown also passed for 1,018 yards and 10 touchdowns. "Brooks did a really good job for us in the secondary. He was kind of the leader out there." Wheeler coach Jim Verden said. "He always faced the top receiver when we played man defense. We really asked a lot out of him, and he delivered."

(This article taken from Amarillo Globe News, December 26, 1999. Capsules were compiled by Steve Brannan, Rogers Clarkson, and Lance Lahnert.)

## placement will be Andrea Auldridge. Kenneth Childress Asks For Re-Election As Commissioner

Hazel Shaw, 87, Rites Are Read Friday

Being the commissioner of PCT #1 the past two terms has been very enjoyable and rewarding. I would like to continue serving the wonderful people of this community for the next

Hazel Shaw, 87, died Wednesday,

December 22, 1999. Services were

at 11 a.m. Friday, December 24, 1999

in Trinity Fellowship Church with the

Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The

Carpenter's Church, and the Rev.

Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of The

Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial

was in Fairview Cemetery under the

direction of Carmichael-Whatley Fu-

Mrs. Shaw was born Jan. 11, 1912.

at Thayer, Mo. She married Lonzo

Shaw on February 8, 1930, at

Drumright, Oklahoma; he died May

18, 1983. She had been a Pampa

resident since 1942. She was a home-

maker and a member of The

She was preceded in death by her

parents; three brothers, a sister; eight

grandchildren; three great-grandchil-

dren; and two great-great-grandchil-

Survivors include five daughters.

Lillian Chesher and Mary Louise

Denham, both of Pampa, Geneva

Thompson of Boerne, Virginia Kay

Ridgway of Mobeetie, and Darleen

Asencio of White Deer; four sons,

Lee Roy Shaw, Vinson Lee Shaw

neral Directors of Pampa.

Carpenter's Church.

Thank you for the past votes, they

were greatly appreciated. I ask that you will consider me for re-election and show your support with a vote. Thank You!

(Pol. Adv. paid for by Kenneth Childress, Rt. 1 Box 1J, Wheeler,

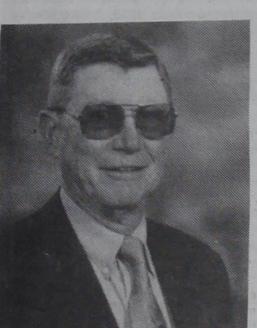
## Joe VanZandt Announces His Candidacy for Co. Comm. Pct. 1

Joe VanZandt is announcing his candidacy for the office of Wheeler County Commissioner, Precinct 1. He has lived in Wheeler County the past four years and has operated the family ranch since 1976. His family moved to Wheeler County in 1945, where he attended school at Mobeetie for seven years and Wheeler for three years, graduating in 1955.

Joe retired seven years ago as the Gray County Extension Agent Emeritus-Agriculture, having served in that capacity for more than 16 years. He began his 27-year career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Travis County, and then served three other Panhandle counties (Parmer, Moore, and Hansford) before his retirement from Gray County. For two years, he served as Director of Membership Relations for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. He served two years active duty with the U.S. Army, where he was a Management Officer in the U.S. Air Defense School, Ft. Bliss, TX, and served in the Reserves for six years where he attained the rank of Captain. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry and a Master of Education in Agricultural Education from Texas A & M University.

Joe is involved in Wheeler County as a member of the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department, a Director of the Old Mobeetie Texas Museum Association, and a Director of The First State Bank of Mobeetie/Wheeler. He is also a member of several cattle organizations and a Director of the Gray-Roberts Farm Bureau, where he served two years as President. He served as a Trustee of the Pampa Independent School District for six years and was President two of those years. He is a life long member of the United Methodist Church.

Joe is married and has four children. His wife, Janie, is a part-time employee of the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and also teaches quilting classes in the area. She is a former County Extension Agent-Home Economics. His oldest daughter, Diane Reid, is a former Wheeler ISD teacher and is presently Assistant Principal at Westover Park Intermediate School, Canyon ISD. His daughter, Jana Smiley, is a secretary at Fannin Junior High School, Amarillo. His son, Damon, is a Risk Management Officer for Shell Oil Company, Calgary, AB, Canada. His youngest daughter, Becky Reed is



Joe VanZandt

the Youth Director at First United Methodist Church, Pampa, and also helps on the family ranch.

Joe has worked in several counties as an employee and supervisor. He has a good understanding of employee relations and its effect on morale. While on the Pampa ISD Board, he worked with approximately a \$12 million budget. In the Army, he assisted in determining manpower needs for the Air Defense School. These experiences and his current activities with the bank, museum, fire department, ranch, and as a landowner give him a good foundation to serve the citizens of Wheeler County.

If elected, he will devote the necessary time to fulfill his duties and obligations as your County Commissioner. He strives to make objective decisions based on good, sound facts and believes in working until the job is completed. If elected, he pledges to be a pro-active commissioner that will work to improve road conditions and help make wise use of county funds. He is interested in the heritage of Wheeler County, yet realizes the importance of maintaining our economic base. Pride and appearance of our county is important in keeping people in and attracting others to Wheeler County.

(Pol. Adv. Paid for by Joe VanZandt, campaign treasurer, Rt. 1, Box 214, Mobeetie, TX 79061)

**Hospital Notes** 

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## **County Farm Service Reports** On Farm Programs Conducted

The Wheeler County FSA has administered the following farm programs during the 1999 calendar year. 1) Conservation Reserve Program

2) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

3) Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program (CLDAP)

4) Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

5) Non Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

6) Marketing Loss Assistance

7) Production Flexibility Contracts

The CRP and EQIP are two pro-

grams that are shared between the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). NRCS has been charged with providing technical service to producers as needed on Highly Erodible Land (HEL). CRP allows producers the opportunity to return HEL to grass land, thus enhancing wildlife while providing erosion control on marginal land. EQIP allows producers to improve cropland and/or pasture land through the use of incentive costshare payments. Wheeler County received a total of \$1,081,425 for CRP and \$10,899 for EQIP assis-

Because of the adverse weather conditions, Congress approved new programs such as the CLDAP and LAP programs to be implemented in drought stricken areas. Because Wheeler County was in the heart of the drought, crop yields were devastated. Producers of Wheat, Rye, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, and all Hay crops located in the County, producers received \$396,111. Livestock producers were not over looked entirely Livestock Assistance was also provided through LAP. Losses were calculated on grazing losses Vs the number of cattle grazed. These losses mounted, while assistance totaled to

The Non Insured Assistance Program (NAP) is available for non-insurable crops, such as hay and grazing crops. Producers become eligible when the County average loss is 35% and the individual loss is 50% of the applicable crop. Losses in this program amounted to \$330,662 for 1999.

Poor market conditions for mechanically harvested crop also prompted congress to allow Marketing Loss Assistance payments to be

made for the second year in a row. Congress approved FSA to issue payments according to a producers established history of crops marketed in past years. These payments amounted to a total of \$1,024,198 for Wheeler County.

Production Flexibility Contracts, simply put is what was once referred to as the annual farm program. Producers are assisted for established histories of planted crops. The 1996 Farm Bill did away with the many planting requirements and set-aside acreage mandates. The Bill allows for producers to be paid for what has been established as a cropping history as of 1996, Yields and crop acreage was frozen for payment provisions. Payment rates were established to be declining increments from 1996 through 2002. This was to be a way of easing out government support to farmers. Those 1999 payments amounted to \$1,024,198.

In conclusion, Wheeler County Farmers and Landowners received a total of \$4,063,759 during the year of

#### Geneva Hensley, 86, Is **Buried In Amarillo Thurs.**

Geneva Viola Hensley, 86, died Tuesday, December 21, 1999 at Wheeler, Texas.

Graveside services were at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, December 23, 1999 in the Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, with Rev. Phil Mercado, of Trinity Fellowsip Church of Amarillo. Burial was in the Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Hensley was born on September 29, 1913 to Jame Albert and Viola Bailey Reynolds in Comanche, Oklahoma. She had lived in Amarillo from 1951 until 1993 when she moved to Wheeler. Geneva was a Beauty Operator all her life.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Texas Association of Cosmetology.

She was preceded in death by a

son, Jim Hensley on June 19, 1995. Survivors are 1 brother, J. O. Reynolds of Corpus Christi, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Gwen Hensley of Ft. Smith, Ark.; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The best to one and all in 2000

and Jackie Dean Shaw, all of Pampa. and William Edward Shaw of Marana, Ariz.; three sister, Mabel Adams, and Artie Harrington, both of Pampa, and Irene Rogers of Wheeler; a brother. C. H. Switzer of Hobbs, N.M.; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchil-

## Andy King Is Coach For K-State Judging Team

The Kansas State University Meats Judging Team placed third overall at its national competition, the International Meats Judging Contest, Nov. 21 in Dakota City, Neb.

According to John Unruh, team coach and associate professor of animal sciences and industry, over the past decade the K-State Meats Judging Team has accumulated the highest average ranking in the country, and is the only team to place in the top three at each national competition. The team placed first in 1990 and 1992, and placed second in 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1995.

This year's individual winners were Ryan Felts, senior in animal sciences and industry and business from Liberty, fifth in beef grading and seventh overall; Travis Strahm, junior in animal sciences and industry from Sabetha, fourth in beef grading; and Stacy Stoltenberg, junior in animal sciences and industry from Jasper, Minn., first in pork judging and sec-

ond in lamb judging. Other team members are Nicole Harris, junior in animal sciences and industry and agribusiness from Liberal, and Cassie Latta, sophomore in animal sciences and industry from Yuma, Colo.

The team is also coached by Brian Andrews, graduate student in animal sciences from Columbus, and Andy King, graduate student in animal sciences from V.

Mathew 6:22, 23 "If your eye is pure, there will be sunshine in your soul. But if your eye is clouded with Evil thoughts and desires, you are in deep spiritual darkness. And, oh, how deep that darkness can be!"

Happy Birthday to Anna Dill Fillingim Myers, Davis Corse and Katie Jo Hennig on Jan. 2, Jill Lee, Katie Finsterwald, Clifton Fletcher, Deidre Harris, Daphne Zybach, Inez Moore, Mike Berll and Morgan Lane on Jan. 3, Noveline Loyd, Shane Goad, Derek Murray, Angelia Forward and Kenny Lancaster on Jan. 4, Lou Dean Douthit, Rhonda McWhorter on Jan. 5, Annie Ruth Lee, Nikki Scott Robinson and Tommy Whitlow on Jan. 6, C. B. Brotherton and Leonard Fulks on Jan. 7, Brenda Smith, Michael Shorter, Sue Reames an Sam Watson on Jan. 8.

Happy Anniversary to Don and Cindy Zumstein on Jan. 4, Darv and Sammie Atherton on Jan. 5. Rob and Geniva Hogan on Jan. 7, Lois and Joe Flowers, Larry and Vickey Nelson and Steve and Bertie Eudey on Jan.

Next Sunday night, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. will be First Sunday Singing

#### **Extension Undate** Debble Epperley, CEA-HE

What does stress mean to us? Stress is the body's reaction to day-

There are two types of stress distress, the damaging or unpleasant form of stress and eustress the stress that makes life go on, the good type of

Too much stress, however can seriously affect our physical and mental well-being.

Some health problems related to stress are headaches, neck and back pain, ulcers, heart disease and mental illness. So when stress occurs it is important to recognize and deal with it. Develop a support system and anchor. Religion, home, family, friends and work are all anchors and help us control the effects of stress. Strong people work to strengthen family ties, have well-defined clear values and face problems realistically. When you are nervous, angry or upset release pressure through exercise or physi-

Walking is an inexpensive exercise that improves the quality of life by enhancing well being and improving physical functioning.

Complete freedom from stress is death but in the mean time there are tips and alternatives to help us manage the stress we may be feeling in

Listed below are some management techniques to help us get a handle on Stress!

**Tips for Reducing Stress** 

- 1. Learn to plan
- 2. Recognize and accept limits 3. Learn to play
- 4. Be a positive person
- 5. Learn to tolerate and forgive Avoid unnecessary competition
- 7. Get regular physical exercise 8. Learn a method of relaxing
- 9. Talk out your troubles 10. Change your way of thinking
- Alternatives for Managing Stress 1. Decide to leave things as they are
- 2. Learn something 3. Talk to someone special
- 4. Locate resources
- 5. Talk with family members 6. Stop doing something that you really don't want to be doing
- 7. Stop trying to do the impossible 8. Stop allowing things that upset you 9. Begin doing things you want to do
- Remember, stress is a part of life, but we can learn to handle stress effec-Happy Holidays.

Debbie Epperley FCS Agent

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

at Gageby Church. Everyone invited to come sing and worship and fellow-

Next Monday night January 3 at 6:00 p.m. will be Wheeler Senior Citizens. Everyone invited to Potluck supper and games of 88 and visiting.

Fort Elliott High School Basketball tournament will start Thursday Dec. 30 with Fort Elliott girls and boys playing Samnorwood at 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. 8 teams entered from Samnorwood, Wheeler, Miami, Childress J.V., Follett, Memphis, Shamrock, and Fort Elliott. J.V. boys and Varsity.

Jan. 4, Tuesday, Fort Elliott J.V. and Varsity teams will play at Wellington at 4:00 and 6:30.

Holiday visitors to David and Rita Pearson were Dallas and Lindsey Fillingim, Ken Criswell and Joe

## MAXEY'S STEAKHOUSE

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Wheeler County: Mobeetie, Wheeler. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

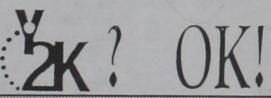
In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for Inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

# Wheeler Banking Center

Wellington State Bank Wellington, Texas





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Pray for Aaron and Claudetta Laverty. They've been sick and were unable to come to church Sunday. Johnny Crawford filled the pulpit night

> Matt came with him. Nice to have Saturday night Brad and Sarita Dawson and Dallas and Micaela spent the night with Willa Fillingim. Sunday afternoon visitors at Willa's were Troy and Cindy Hershman and Shana Nall and Terri Crownover. Gayle and

and morning. Good job! Patty and

Maralee also stayed at Willa's some. Sincere sympathy to Virginia Ridgway and other family members in the death of her mother, Hazel Shaw, 87, of Pampa. Hazel was also a sister to Irene Rogers.

Getting together at the home of Earl and Shirley Jolly Christmas Eve were Larry and Vickey Nelson and Danny, Jimmy and Keri, Greg Koelzer, Cathy and Frank Hooper, Chad and Shonda Harrison from Oklahoma City, Brad Harrison, and Lexie, Myron Jolly and Kendra and Angelia, Shelia Ingram and Lindsay, DeAnn Nagel and Tanner, Ashton, Makezensie and Madison, W. L. and Wayne Jolly.

Nice to have a call from Leonard and Bertha Hollis in Missouri. They had not had as much snow as we have. Doing fine. They hope to be

back in March.

Going to Red River Christmas morning for a vacation were Timm and Melody Rodgers and Gabe, Nikki and Allison, Pam and Kevin Ratliff, Heather Ratliff, Jo Ann Witcher from Dallas. Jo Ann has a condo there. Heather plans to work in Dallas after Christmas and stay with Jo Ann for awhile. Sue Reames also went to Red River with them. Sue Ratliff stayed home to rest up and get ready for school.

J. P. and Martha Meek went to Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Aaron and Tamara for Christmas Day.

Dave and Rita Pearson and Dallas went to Stamford Saturday afternoon to visit Dave's parents, Albert and Mary Pearson and family for a few days. They got back Sunday night. Sue Ratliff is proud to be finishing

her nursing courses to be an R.N. this semester and graduate in May at Amarillo College with board tests in May. Pray for Sue. It has been hard work. Congratulations, Sue! We are proud of you!

Thank you, Saundra and Kathy Meek for organizing the Christmas Eve Service at Gageby Church and all the delicious refreshments of fresh fruit, Swedish tearings and all sorts of cookies and sweet rolls. Delicious! Thanks to all who helped. Kathy Meek played the piano and Winnie Gilmer led many great Christmas songs. Also singing were Gayle Singleton, Evelyn, Lois and Martha Meek and Terri Crownover, Readings by Laurel Hershman, Saundra Meek and Ray Hudson. Special song by Winnie.

There was a good crowd and lots of good singing. A special time. Good to see everyone. See you all at Gageby next Christmas Eve.

We enjoyed meeting Jill (Shields) and Jason Larson of Denver, Colorado area Sunday at Canadain Dairy Queen for a good visit. Nice to meet Jill's new and pleasant husband. He works for the aerospace program and she is an accountant. They spent Christmas with her parents, Edd and Betty Shields and a brother and wife and baby. She has been a special friend for many years.

Holiday visitors at the Dick Irvine home were Craig and Stephanie Brock and Bryant, Joshua and Timothy from Maybank and Sharron and Gilbert Gowin and Dakota from Pampa. Craig and Timothy and Joshua went skiing at Red River, also, but Stephanie and Bryant were sick and didn't feel like going.

Holiday visitors to Fat and Wanda Childress were all their family. Some there Christmas Eve night or Christmas Day or both were Cathy and Melvin Hunt and Shawn and Shelly, Pat Childress and Amanda, Addie Swift, Colby and Stephanie Childress and Brooke and Dalton from Green River, Wyoming, Scott and Kay Luttrell, Brandi Coomer and Kayleigh, Billy and Susie Umsted and Brody and Abbie, Mary Jane and Clyde Dukes and Jackie, Jeremy and Stacie Fitzer and Kami. Others visiting were Gayle Knight, Ronnie Henson, Boyd and Carrie Helton and children and C. J. Bryant

Sunday night Fat and Wanda Childress, Addie Swift and Cathy Hunt visited Pat and Amanda Childress and ate Pizza.

Good to have Ailene Stovall out to Gageby Church. She was in a serious accident that disabled her sometime back and was on our prayer list. Good to see her doing well and getting around good.

Friday night, good to have Ray and Glenda Hudson and Cheryl Fraley and Patrick Hudson out to church. They were going on to a service at Canadian Methodist Church and visit friends. They would have Christmas

#### ALLISON

TUESDAY, January 4, 2000 to FRI-

TUESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice,

DAY, January 7, 2000

Lunch: Meatball Subs, Italian Veg-

etables, Oven Fries, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Juice, Milk Lunch: Vegetable Beef Stew, Crack-

namon Rolls, Milk THURSDAY Breakfast: Oats or Cereal, Toast,

ers, Cheese Sticks, Corn Bred, Cin-

Juice, Milk Lunch: Salad Day, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Fruit, Milk FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Tater Rounds,

Pork-n-Beans, Pickle Spears, Fruit,



at Briscoe Saturday. Also at Ray's Saturday were Lois Hudson, Sharon Grandstaff, Walter and Patricia Hand and Monty. The Hudsons also visited Hack and Bobbye Coffee and toured the Christmas lights in Canadian.

We took Chili and buttermilk and Dr. Pepper Cake and visited J. P. and Martha Meek Tuesday night and ate supper and played 80 and celebrated Martha's 75th birthday, 3/4 of a cen-

Congratulations to Timm and Melody Rodgers on the birth of their new baby girl December 10. Another little red head. Allison Sudie Michelle weighed 7 lbs. 123/4 ozs. and was 20 inches long and born at Baptist/St. Anthonys. She is welcomed by Gabe and Nikki, too.

Sue Ratliff's family had their Christmas gathering at Timm and Melody Rodgers home in Canadian Christmas Eve night. Others there were Kevin and Pam Ratliff, Heather and Keith Ratliff, Sue Ratliff, Sue Reames, Eddie and Betty Reames and Shawn, Gerald Reames and Tanner, Ron Myers, JoAnn Witcher and Mary Nell Boyd, a cousin.

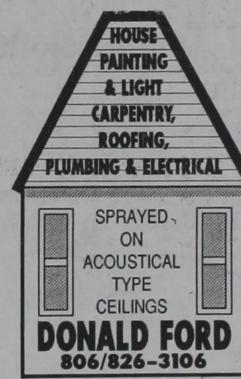
Nice to have Carolan Aycock and Devin Debil go to Pampa shopping with us Wednesday. We ate at Furrs and had a good visit. Sweet young

Nice to have Homer Sanders and Edna May join us for supper Thursday night at Maxeys at Wheeler. Also there were Zeland and Charlene Rainey with Shronda and Les Seamster. Kristen Marion was back waitressing. She goes to W.T.

Christmas Eve at Bob and Gena Zybach's were Wayne and Kathy Zybach and Clay and Casey, Steve Zybach, Joy Overton, Mary Diane and Bevard Dukes and Carissa and Andrea Auldridge and Tanner and Tysen. On Christmas Day Wayne's family weren't there, but Deidre and John Paul Harris and Tracy Auldridge joined the group for a fine day to-

Bob Downs, ex-superintendent at Briscoe, Ft. Elliott and Reydon, will be teaching for Kathy Hathaway a few weeks at Ft. Elliott, while Kathy enjoys her new baby boy.

Nice to have our son, Danny meet us for supper at Maxeys Monday night,



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Dec. 20. He had been working with pipelines in Nevada, but got a few days off for Christmas. He had stopped in Canyon to visit with Dallas and Lindsey. He went on to his home in Elk City, but he and Chris were back Christmas Day. Danny plans to fry the turkey.

Nice to have Lindsey Fillingim, Ken Criswell and Dallas Fillingim (a little late) meet us for lunch at Maxeys Friday. They also all joined us for Christmas Day. Also Dan and Chris Fillingim were here. Dan fried the turkey and Chris fixed pipeline potatoes with sausage, potatoes, peppers, onion, butter and cheese baked in the oven. Very good. Sometimes when they are working they have the grill in the back of the pickup and it cooks while they travel.

Christmas Day guests at Doris Finsterwald's home were Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald and April and Andy, Ina Mae Brotherton, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Randy and Brandon and Dorothy and Elmer Honath from Amarillo. They always have delicious food and usually play

Johnny Prater from Oklahoma City visited his grandparents, Verneal and Juanita Prater over Christmas. They were taking him to Amarillo Tuesday to visit his dad, David Prater. Juanita was also having a checkup on her heart, but is feeling O.K.

to Zinnie Bailey's funeral on Thursday, Dec. 16, and helped with the dinner at the church. Wednesday she went to Allison to get her hair fixed and played 42 with Edna, Homer and Virginia Puryear. Visiting Lessie Austin Sunday were

Correction: Lou Dean Douthit went

Kenneth and Paulette Austin and Christopher, Nickolas and James from Gravette, Ark., and Joe and Liz Aus-(Continued Page 5)

### **Readiness 2000 Offers** Tips for Safe Travel

Texans with New Year's travel plans should take extra precautions when hitting the road this holiday season. But the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) says heavy holiday traffic volumes and the possibility of harsh winter weather are bigger concerns than problems caused by the Y2K transition.

"Although we encourage Texas to prepare for Y2K, we believe it will be human factors that cause the most safety problems for travelers." said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. He said there is potential for a high number of celebrants since this New Year's Eve marks the beginning of a new millennium and falls on a Friday.

"There aren't any Y2K problems with safety belts and car safety seats. Using them properly, along with traveling at an appropriate speed and never drinking and driving will make it a safer holiday."

TxDOT says there are several tips that can help to minimize holiday travel headaches.

Pre-travel tips

\* Plan ahead to allow extra travel time to an from your holiday destina-\* Inspect your vehicle before any

trip to make sure it is in good driving condition. Inflate tires properly and check that the battery and lights are in full working order. \* Pack an emergency safety kit that

includes such items as a blanket, flare, travel map and flashlight. \* Plan ahead when filling your car

with gas. It isn't likely that Y2K will cause delays in fuel delivery, but stormy winter weather can. Travel tips \* Use safety belts and car safety

seats properly, drive at a speed appropriate for the conditions and use common sense. \* Always designate a driver and ensure that person does not drink and drive. Those under 21 shouldn't

drink at all - Texas is a "zero tolerance" state. \* Use your car radio to monitor rapidly changing winter weather con-

\* It is especially important to pay attention to the road in severe weather or heavy traffic. Be mindful of distractions including cellular phones, car stereos and other passengers.

\* Traffic lights may fail in the event of a power outage. Motorists should take extra care at an intersection with a traffic signal that is not working and they should be prepared to give other drivers the right of way if necessary.

\* If you begin to feel sleepy while driving, find a safe locations to get off the road and take a break. Recent studies show that drowsy driving may be just as dangerous as drinking and

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Norman Dysart visited with Dale and Melba Corcoran Tuesday. He was delivering some more of his books to sell in the Museum.

Barry Corcoran of Mid West City, OK visited Tuesday night with Dale and Melba Corcoran

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Lorene Rector went to Elk City, OK Thursday for Melba's eye appointment. Her eyes are doing well and she doesn't have to go back for 9

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Shaw. She was the mother of Virginia Ridgway. Her services were held Friday in Pampa.

Rayburn Corcoran and Kenny Lowery of Pampa visited Thursday

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THURSDAY: Fried Veal Patty, Baked Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Plum Cobbler

FRIDAY: Fried Catfish, Spinach, Au Gratin Potatoes, Bread/Margarine, Gingerbread/Topping

afternoon with Dale and Melba

Terri Corcoran of Mid West City OK arrived Thursday to visit with Pete and Sue Seitz. That night Dale and Melba Corcoran took Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan to McLean to the Red River Steak House for Dinner.

C. W. Burch ate Christmas dinner in Wheeler with William and Patricia Burch, Chris, Tyler and Caitlyn.

Those visited with Lorene Rector Christmas were Dale Corcoran, William and Patricia Burch, Chris, Tyler bed with the flu. Those enjoying Christmas with Clara Ridgway were Kent and Carla Sims of Perryton, Todd Ridgway and Sarah Sims of Amarillo, Bridget Sims of Weatherford, OK and Bill and Vir-

and Caitlyn. Melba Corcoran spent

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in

ginia Ridgway. Rev. Gary Jahnel of Canadian is doing well after his surgery. He is home. Due to his surgery and so many of the members being busy, the Methodist Church called off their ser-

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Those enjoying Christmas dinner with Randy and Dee Barr, Donnie, Randi Lynn and Houston was Peggy

Jess Mixon went to Amarillo to see his daughter Travis and Januell Brooks on Friday. They all went to Dumas on Christmas day to Jess's granddaughters John and Shelia

Pat and Mauritta Newman of Albuquerque, NM visited several days with his parents Delmar and Elisabeth Newman. Those enjoying Christmas dinner with them were Terry and Martha Gardner, Shane, and Seth of Miami. Billie and Cendie Newman and Chad of Elk City and Toby and Kara Newman, Christa and Quinn of Dallas visited that afternoon.

Sunday the Mixon family held their Christmas dinner at the Mobeetie City Hall. Those attending from Mobeetie were Jess Mixon, Julian and Jerry Martinez, Michael, Trisha, and Andi from Amarillo Travis and Juanell Brooks, from Dumas, John and Shelia Haltom and grandchildren, Hayton and Russell, from Minco, OK were Sonny and Bobbie Burchfield and Jo Gales from Elk City, OK.

Those enjoying Christmas with Ralph and Mary Hovey were David and Beth Hovey and their granddaughters Raschell and Jordee of Clovis, NM and Cindy, Donnie and Larry Tomlinson of Liberal, NB.

James Moore of Fort Worth visited with Inez Moore and Wanda Hefley, Justin and Tamara.

Those enjoying Christmas with Joe and Melba Darnell were Kent and Debbie McLaughlin, Nathan and Corey, and Wade and Gayla Hathaway, Jason, Audrea and Bran-

Byron Simpson ate supper with Joe and Melba Darnell Christmas Eve. Then he went to Amarillo to Tiny and Kay Simpson for Christmas.

Sunday those getting together were Leslie and Jan Harrison of Elk City, Ok, Joe and Cindy Gorley, Bill, Mary and Gary of Quanah, Gene and Sue Harrison, Inez Moore, Wanda Hefley, Justin and Tamara of Mobeetie, and James Moore of Fort Worth.

Those enjoying Christmas with Clint and Maurita Stribling were Wayne and Carol Stribling, Seth Stribling and friend Joann, Seth and Shannon Stribling all of Pampa, Bud and Debbie Stribling, Darius Kimberling, Brittani Brown, and Jerome Schultz all of Miami, Wesley Stribling of Canyon and Brandee Stribling of Amarillo, Roy Lynn Stribling, Shane and Natasha of Wheeler, Cindy, Crystal and Mickey of Elk City, OK.

Maurita Stribling met Brandee Stribling in Pampa Monday and they

Those enjoying Christmas with Frannie Scott and Richard were Samantha Rowe of Miami, Dennis Hilburn of Mobeetie, Michael Hilburn, Amber Harper of Amarillo and Kevin Harper of Ok.

Those enjoying Christmas Eve with Pete and Sue Seitz were Randy and Carol McCurley, Collins, Matt and Hollie of Mobeetie, Bo and Brenda Keys, and Jared of Reydon, OK, Lindsey Keys of Elk City, OK, Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Mid West City, OK.

Monroe Seitz got to come home Christmas Day from the hospital to be with the family.

Those spending Christmas with Hugh and Mae Bailey for snacks, supper and gift exchange were from Fritch Lois and Glen Hughes and Robert, Gary and Kim Hughes, Niccki, Brooke, and Brenda, from Borger Virginia Flowers, Veronica, Jesse and Jamica, Stacy and Lucy Clark, Tanner and Daniel, from Amarillo Jean and Steven McAlpine Bailey and Taylor, from Odessa Steven and Berkley McAlpine Jr., from Canadian James and Lisa Williams and Ray Leon, Robert and Billy Boyd, from Miami Howard Morris, from Wheeler, Richard and Donna Kay Dickey and from Mobeetie, Kenny and Andy Reed.

Visiting with Orville Greenhouse Christmas were Virginia Mixon, Miles Mixon, Doyle Greenhouse and Joe Shuman all of Dumas. Virginia spent the weekend. Bobby Galmor of Shamrock bought Orville a poinsettia on Christmas Eve. He and Virginia had a great visit about when they were in

Doyle and Bulah Grimes spent Christmas Day in Miami with Sid and Betty Talley. Others there were Kermit and Jennifer of McKinney, Chase McKinney from Marietta OK, Joe and Kay Talley, Reece and Trinity of Miami and Guy Folley of Canadian.

Saturday night Darren Grimes of Lubbock visited with Doyle and Bulah

Sunday Marvin and Kelley Grimes, Dee and Drew of Lubbock ate dinner with Doyle and Bulah Grimes. Sunday night Orval and Rosa Brewer of Pampa and Rev. Richard and Margaret Gilmore of Humble, TX visited

Doyle Grimes was sick during the week with a head cold and sore throat. He was better by the weekend.

Those having Christmas with Bob and Joyce Aycock and Carol Ann were Ronnie and Virginia Hungate, Veronica and Derrick.

Leola Stuart visited Thursday in Shamrock with Mrs. Bulah Stuart. Gladys Richardson spent Christ-

mas day in Wheeler with Jerry and Cheryl Richardson, Katie and Tyler. Others visiting during the day were Jimmy and Patsy Richardson of Oklahoma City.

Those visiting with Aaron and Claudetta Laverty and Caaron were Richard and Karen Laverty, Rae, Shaleena and Brenee of Farwell. Aaron, Claudetta and Caaron were all sick Sunday from colds and sinus

Those enjoying Christmas Day with Tim and Sallie were Nancy Shelton and Cheyenne Shelton of Pampa, Billy and Cendie Newman and Chad of Elk City, OK, Toby and Kara Newman, Christa and Quinn of Dallas, Joe Shelton, Sam and Amanda Childress, Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett



## PAGE 3—Thursday, December 30, 1999

Those enjoying Christmas Eve with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson were Ronnie and Tanya Stuart and Todd of Lawton, Chad Stuart of Louisville, Jared Stuart of Alva, Ok, Jerry and Cheryl Richardson, Katie and Tyler of Wheeler.

Sunday those eating and celebrating Nancy Shelton birthday in Elk City at Western Sizzle Steak House were Nancy Shelton of Pampa, Tim and Sallie Adcock, Sam and Amanda Childress, Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett and Joe Shelton of Mobeetie, Billy and Cendie Newman and Chad of Elk City, and Toby and Kara Newman, Christa and Quinn of Dallas.

Christmas Day those enjoying the day at Peggy Dunn in Canadian were Leola Stuart of Mobeetie, Ronnie and Tanya Stuart and Todd of Lawton, Chad Stuart of Louisville, Jared Stuart of Alva, OK, Bo and Cathy Dunn, Mattie, husband and children, Tiffany, husband and baby of Amarillo and Howard and Sonny Hill of Cana-

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Alicia and A. J. Reis are spending some time with their grandparents Know and Helen Sherrett of Archer

Coby is visiting his grandmother

Wanda Casimier in Archer City. Justin Bryan is visiting his father John Bryan, his grandfather and his great-grandmother Bracie Kelley all of Baird, TX.

Those enjoying Christmas Eve with Jack and Bernice Hefley were Mark and Darla Hefley and Jonathan of Butler Ok, Justin and Tamara Hefley of Mobeetie, Opal Hefley of Wheeler, Randy and Allison Cornell of Weatherford, Bryan and Tiffany Johnson and Alexia of Lubbock, Mark and Melissa Hampton, Michael, Dustin and Heather of Wheeler.

On the 17th of December Bill and Pearl Darby celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary. Pearl also celebrated her birthday on the 27th.

Sunday Mrs. D. L. Dick went to Pampa to visit with her daughter Faye Farror for a few days.

T. J. and Pete Cole of Wheeler spent Christmas day with Toney and Francis Dickey.

Christmas those enjoying Christmas dinner at the Al Sims place were Kathleen Everett and 3 daughters and family, Elton and Wilma Sims of Lubbock and Lynn and Serena Sims.

Serena Sims is spending the rest of the holiday in Dumas with her mother Lissea Sims.

Thursday Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby, DeWayne and Lori Selby, Crystal, Cody and Chelsea of Mobeetie, Michelle Selby of Amarillo, Jerry Anthony and Amber of Arapaho, Ok and Justin and Carrie Touchstone of Clinton all enjoyed Christmas in Wheeler with Kathleen Frankenberry.

Saturday Michelle Selby took Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby to Amarillo to visited Laura Ferns' brother (Continued Page 6)

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TUESDAY, January 4, 2000 - FRI-DAY, January 7, 2000 MONDAY

TUESDAY Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Juice,

Lunch: Meat Nachos/w Cheese, Salad, Corn, Jeltin/w Fruit, Milk THURSDAY

Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Juice, Milk Lunch: Hamburgers/w Trimmings,

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**DECEMBER 20, 1999** EXT. DT-J. G. Bachmann, et ux to First National Bank of Shamrock, 12-15-99, Lot 3, Blk. LIX, Shamrock. ASSIGN.-Sensor Oil & Gas Inc. to Richard E. Weinberg, 12-8-99, 213.333 acs. S 1/2 N 2/3 Sec. 25, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.—Bayshore Production Co. Limited Partnership to Axis Energy Corporation, 11-24-99, Sec. 1, D. Tindale Survey.

RDT-Paribas to Tesoro E & P Company LP, 12-1-99, See Instrument. DT-EEX E&P Company LP to Bob West Treasure LLC, 12-17-99, See Instrument.

**DECEMBER 21, 1999** 

MODIFICATION DT-Cambridge Partnership LTD to Amarillo National Bank, 12-17-99, Secs. 24 and 25, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Sur-

RDT-National Bank of Commerce to Jerry Keelin, et ux, 11-15-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock. RMML—National Bank of Commerce to Jerry Keelin, et ux, 11-15-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock. RDT-National Bank of Commerce to Jerry Keelin, et ux, 11-15-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock. RMML—National Bank of Commerce to Jerry Keelin, et ux, 11-15-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock. DVL-Jerry D. Keelin to Heath A. Tollison, 12-16-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock.

DT-Heath A. Tollison to Norwest Mortgage Inc., 12-16-99, Lots 16 and 17, Blk. 10, PBA, Shamrock. **DECEMBER 22, 1999** 

D-Deborah Latham to Mary Rankins, 12-20-99, Lot 16, Blk. 71, WSSA, Shamrock.

DT-Mary Rankins, et vir to National Bank of Commerce of Shamrock, 12-20-99, Lot 16, Blk. 71, WSSA, Sham-

MD—Joyce Gayle Schones to Stiles Resources LTD, 12-15-99, N 1/2 Sec. 2, AB&M Survey, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Sur-

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vey, and NE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

MD-Richard S. Brown, et ux to James Richard Brown, 12-22-99, Sec. 61, Blk. M-I, H&GN Ry. Company

MD-Richard S. Brown, et ux to Anita Beth Brown, 12-22-99, Sec. 61, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN. OVÉRRID. RÓY. INT.-Piranha Partners to Charles R. Owen, 12-20-99, NW 1/4 Sec. 28, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, and Sec. 2, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company

A. of JUDG.-Mel's Diner to Darrell Gilmore, 12-21-99.

D-Thomas R. Helton Sr., et ux to Larry J. Finsterwald, et ux, 12-22-99. Pts. Sec. 49, Blk. M-1, H&GN Rv. Company Survey.

DT-Larry J. Finsterwald, et ux to Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, 12-22-99, See Instrument.

SUB. DT-Larry J. Finsterwald, et ux to Thomas R. Helton, et ux, 12-22-99, Pts. Sec. 49, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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## Ct. Rec'd Abbreviations

(Editor's Note: The following is an explanation of the abbreviations used in the court records.) D-Warranty Deed

DVL-Deed with Vendor's Lien (Vendor's Lien - Note) RVL—Release of Vendor's Lien MD-Mineral Deed AFF.—Affidavit

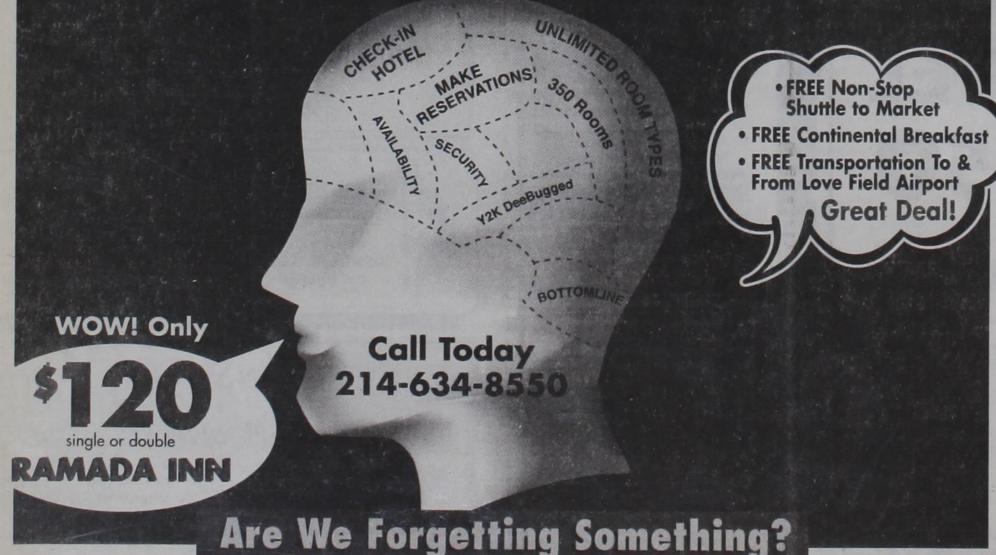
A of JUDG.—Abstract of Judgment ASSIGN.—Assignment ASSIGN. OL-Assignment Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROY—Assignment of Overriding Royalty

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eral Lease UNIT DESIGN.—Unit Designation et ux-and wife et al-and others et vir-and husband

Chat

be postponed. -cwe-Ronal Wayne and family came to Hinton and the grandkids had their

(from Page 1)

Christmas there. -cwe-We had our first Christmas dinner at a restaurant in Weatherford.

-cwe-We were greeted with an 'I know you' as we walked into the hospital. One glance and we knew it was one of the 'Lee girls', but the name escaped me. It was Mellanie Gates; she is the director of nurses at Southwestern Memorial.

-cwe-Later, Lavila received excellent care from another Wheelerite. Angle Martin will complete her education in May-she will be an RN. Thanks,

-cwe-She even shared some of her mother's homemade peanut patties. Delicious of course. Jane had to host the card party

Monday evening. We had six play-

ers. It did not take the whole game for Mike, Jane and Paul to show us who was going to win the first game. -cwe-Fortunately the 'tables turned' midway into the second game. Bob,

Dwight and I were the victors in the last two games. Happy New Year! We wish the

best for each of you in 2000!



Hope you all made it through Christnas successfully. Our company was Ken and Ginger DeMarquis from Alouquerque, NM, Joe Dale and Esther rom San Antonio, Tony and Carleene rom Orlando, Florida. They also vised her folks the Carl McDaniels at Mangum. And of course, Santa Claus and his sack of goodies. I didn't put out cookies figured he'd rather have

WHEELER

UESDAY, January 4, 2000 - FRI-DAY, January 7, 2000

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Lunch: Chili Dog/Cheese, Tater Tots,

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Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce,

Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Pears, Milk/Tea THURSDAY

Breakfast: Toast/Jelly, Pancake Pup/ Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Butter, Fruit Cocktail, Milk/Tea

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We got a multitude of lovely cards. I have them hanging in garlands on the walls. May just leave them until Easter. The closest came from Iva on the hill and the fartherest from Campersdown, Australia. Thankyou, everyone, very much.

Leanne Smith was really beaming last week. She was showing a picture of her little week old grandson Cass. He was darling. Lives at Sayre.

Robert Claussen, New Mexico, has been visiting his Aunt Gertie Coffey this past week. I went to school with his mother Clara long ago.

Hope you all got out Tuesday night and looked at the moon. It won't look that way for another 33 years. Not many of us will be around then. It was beautiful. So plump and sort of blue.

For some unknown reason, the geese were flying north the other evening and honking as they went by. I saw about a million blackbirds on the way to Erick Tuesday. Oh, yes, I had several real bluebirds at the feeder. They aren't as brilliant as blue jays but act much nicer.

Stephen, Morgan, and Alec Stites, Van Buren, Arkansas, and Monica Shoffner, Edmond, visited Sunday with the Ed Logans.

Mary Ann Harding was out Saturday and we had a Mexican lunch with burritos and such. She's been playing accompaniment for some of the Christmas programs at the Erick Methodist Church.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Rose Chapel for Dora Farmer, 91. Henry Newman, and Norman Jones were in charge. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She lived most of her life in the Bulo Community. Burial was in

the Buffalo Cemetery. It surely got cold this past week but not down in the teens as was forecast. Cold enough to drip the water a couple of nights. Had some frosts so white that it looked like snow.

The Baptist folks had their Christmas dinner with a good turnout.

I'm sorry we missed the Dog Show in Elk. I bet that was interesting. The Road Crew was out picking up

trash last week from Erick to Sweetwater. Really looked nice.

Birthday folks are Bessie Perkins, Clifford Jones, Floyd Pickering, Johnny Davis, Louise Perry, Buena Davis, Royice Rose, Jeannie Sanders, Dusty Elam, Margie Banks, Kenny Hobbs, Ruth York, Laquense McArthur, and Faye Mong. Anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sutton, Mr. and

Mrs. Durwood York. Happiness to all and to All a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Holy mackerel! A mother cod can lay as many as five million eggs at a time. Usually only six survive. If they all produced live fish, there would be no room left in the ocean for water.

#### (from Page 2) tin and Payton. "What will you do with Jesus?

Gageby

Neutral you cannot be; Someday your heart will be asking, What will he do with me?" -Simpson in Daily Bread.

Holiday visitors to David and Phyllis Hefley were Darren and Chalone Hefley and Dawson from Tulia and Kristi Hefley from Lubbock. They all went to Clifford and Pauline Hefleys Christmas night for visiting and snacks. Also there were Jim and Beth Alvey and Tina Tabor and Emily from

Christmas Holiday visitors to Rosalie Keelin and Jimmy were Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel, Kara

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Correction: Those at Bob and Debbie Kinnaman and Kirbie's home for an early Christmas Saturday, Dec. 18 were Cory and Audrey Kinnaman and Zane from Reydon, Joe Bob Kinnaman and Dalton, Alyssa and Destrie, Joe Bob's fiancee, Katrina Hart and Christina and Nicole, Mark and Stephanie Bowman and Kim and Megan Edmonds from Arlington and Lou Dean Douthit and Donnie Barr.

Sunday, Dec. 19, Lou Dean left as the granddaughters left with Stephanie driving Lou Dean's car. The family were getting together at Le Andra and Montie Whittenberg and Mathew home in Arlington. Billy and Donald Stuckey and Don and Peggy North also attended and Lou Dean stayed some with the Norths at Tolar. It was easy to get to. Lou Dean started getting a sore throat so came on home Sunday, Dec. 26. Needed to get back to the basketball games. Glad you are back, Lou Dean. Pray for Lou Dean. So hard for her to shake the hoarseness and sore throat.

Christmas Eve guests at Bob Kinnaman home were Stacie Kinnaman and C. J., Justin and Colby Bryant, Alicia and Adrian Reis, Joe Bob Kinnaman, Katrina Hart, Corey and Andrey Kinnaman and Zane.

Nice to have Dallas Fillingim and Dave and Rita Pearson join us for supper at Maxeys Monday night. Very big crowd there. Guess everyone was getting tired of turkey. Nice to see Melvin and Helen May there with Paul and Clarice Hathaway, Greg Bryant with wife and baby with Mike and Beverly Bryant and Josh and Lacy, Kevin and Heather Shields, Alton Lohberger, Kyndal and Kathy Murray and Derek, Joe Bob Glassey with relatives, Bill and Virginia Ridgway with Clara Ridgway and other relatives, Bryan and Tess Markham and Monty Markham with a group.

Grandson Brandon was visiting Doris Finsterwald Monday. He was helping her take down and put away Christmas decorations except for the lighted village.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, Aaron and Claudetta Laverty and Caaron prepared a delicious supper for the Gageby church people. Members able to be there were Dan and Theresa Trimble, David and Winnie Gilmer, Margaret Leach, Evelyn Meek, Willa Fillingim, J. P. and Martha Meek, Lois Meadows, Willis and Verna Fillingim. Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, homemade bread, pear & cottage cheese salad, butterscotch cake with cool whip and tea were served. Very good. Thank you,

Sam Hunefeldt from Missouri visited Kevin Meek family from Monday to Thursday. Christmas Day Kevin and Jona and Shantell and Tommy went to Shamrock to Jona's mom's, Myrtle Stages. Also there were John and Connie Stages and Sunni and Kandi from Samnorwood, Lairy and Paula Stages and Katie and Ethan from Amarillo (Jona's brothers) and cousins, Carl and Mary Sue Stages from Louisiana. They were on their way to Colorado to ski.

Those visiting the Edwin and Laurel Hershman home this weekend were, Willa Fillingim from Briscoe, Horace and Juanita Fillingim from Allison, Gayle, Helen, and Maralee Singleton from Amarillo, Johanna and Alex Davis from Amarillo, Troy and Cindy Hershman from Terre Haute, In., H. Alan Hershman from Vincennes, In., Andy, Lisa, Phillip, and Katy Singleton from Frisco, Texas, Delilah Hershman from Kirlin. In., Brad, Sarita, Dallas and Micaela Dawson, Amarillo, Texas.

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A youth rally will be held by the churches of Christ in Childress on Saturday, January 8th. Information about this youth rally is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

The latest mission report from India has been received. This mission report, which is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby, was prepared by Ron Clayton, a former minister of this congregation.

Cody Sparlin, the grandson of Jackie and Brenda Sparlin, was hospitalized in Sayre, Oklahoma. However, his condition has improved and he has

Christine Conner, the mother of Claudine Finsterwald, is hospitalized in

Sympathy must be expressed to Irene Rogers upon the death of her

sister, Hazel Shaw. The funeral was held last Friday morning in Pampa.

From The Minister's Desk:

With the approach of the new millennial, there are some people who resemble Chicken Little in the fairy tale, Henny Penny . These people are not warning that the sky is falling. Rather they are warning that January 1, 2000 will witness two events that will dramatically affect the world.

The first of these two events will supposedly be a terrible financial and technological crisis. According to the "millennial prophets", this terrible crisis will be the result of a computer glitch that will be known as Y2K.

Simply stated, Y2K is a computer abbreviation for the year 2000. This abbreviation is important because many of this nation's computer systems have been programed to recognize the last two digits of a year. Therefore, these computer systems may recognize the double 00 of the year 2000 as 1900 or these computer systems may recognize these two digits as a non-number which will cause these systems to malfunction.

Regardless, the "millennial prophets" are predicting that this computer glitch will cause a massive disruption in the functions of many of the essential infrastructures of this nation. Although I am not a computer expert, I truly believe that this prediction is wrong. Oh, I do not doubt this computer glitch will cause some disruptions that will frustrate people for a few days, but I do not believe that this glitch will cause a massive national financial and technological crisis.

Perhaps I am too naive! But I have tremendous confidence in the ingenuity of this nation. If this nation can send men to the moon and safety return to earth, it can and will successfully cope with Y2K. The "millennial prophets" are also

predicting that another event will occur shortly after January 1, 2000. This event, which will follow the supposed terrible financial and technological crisis, will be the second coming of Jesus.

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During His earthly ministry, Jesus repeatedly taught about His second coming. (John 14:1-3) However. He also taught that no one knows the day or the hour of His second coming except His Heav-enly Father. (Matthew 24:36) Yet history is filled with examples of who have brazenly announced that they had learned or determined the date of the second coming of Jesus.

Do you remember Harold Channing? He was the religious radio broadcaster who predicted in July of 1994 that the second coming of Jesus would occur between September 15th and September 27th of 1994. Of course, his prediction was wrong! Therefore, Mr. Channing has now taken his place alongside Charles Russell, Edgar Whisenant, William Miller, and other prophets who have falsely predicted the date of the second coming of

With the arrival of January 1 2000, I suspect that the names of the "millennial prophets" will be added to the list of the

other prophets who have falsely predicted the date of Jesus' second coming. Oh, I know that the second coming of Jesus could occur on January 1, 2000. But I also know that the second coming of Jesus is not anymore likely to occur on January 1, 2000 than it is on any other

The second coming of Jesus is one of the major tenets of Christianity. However, the date of His return is God's well-kept secret. For this reason, disciples of Jesus should be troubled by the bold predictions of the "millennial prophets" that Jesus' second coming will occur on January 1, 2000. Rather they should do what Jesus told them to do. (Matthew 24:42-44) They should be prepared for His second coming, believing that someday, when they least expect it, He will come

Bill Morrison, Minister Church of Christ Wheeler, Texas

Services:

vited to attend any of the weekly Sunday Bible Study ...... 10:00 A.M. services of the Wheeler Church of Sunday Morning Worship ... 11:00 A.M. Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Sunday Night Worship ........ 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study ...... 7:30 P.M.

Michelle Selby of Amarillo spent the holiday with her parents Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby. She went home

on Sunday afternoon, Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on January 1st.

Clifford and Euline Walser spent Christmas in Dumas with Earl and Carolyn Corse. Clifford is better after having the flu.

Those having Dinner Friday with Doug and Aline Corse were Rick and Zana Jones, Ashley and Hailey of Claude, Pierce Walker of Wheeler and Steve and Sami Corse and Davis of Mobeetie.

Saturday Doug and Aline Corse, and Pierce Walker went to Claude for Christmas dinner with Rick and Zana Corse, Ashley and Hailey.

Pierce Walker had a cold and it got worse. Aline took him to the hospital for a shot and back to the care center Sunday. Monday he was some bet-

Justin Corcoran of Mid West City is spending the holiday with Pete and Sue Seitz.

Those having Christmas Supper with Glen D. and Estelle Hodges were Terry and Glenda Dickey of McLean, John and Brad Dickey and Casey Moyer, Eddie and Gayle Moke all of Amarillo and Eddie and Lisa Hodges, Hollie and Heather of Durant, OK.

Visiting Monday with Glen D. and Estelle Hodges were Chris and Misty Roland of Durant, OK.

Jimmy South of Dallas is visiting with Ruth South and Billy.

Congratulations to Lori Selby on winning the 25 inch TV given away by the XI Upsilon ETA.

Those having dinner Friday with Audrey Seitz were her children James and Charlotte Hefley, Holly, Jill, Nicki, and Lori Earl and Paula Seitz, Cody, Tracy, and Jamie, Aubrey Seitz, and Casey, Kiley and Alex Brown, and Dean and Gina Seitz.

Saturday Jimmy Pond of Amarillo came and picked up Audrey Seitz and they went to Doyle and Sarah Pond in Wheeler for Christmas Din-

Audrey Seitz has had a problem with having a tooth pulled last Mon-

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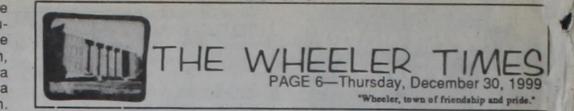
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OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Bobbye Hill and Melba Corcoran

attended a meeting of the Playa Lake executive Committee Wednesday at the American Quarter Horse Museum. The group went over the text for the exhibit and discusses the changes that need to be done. The group is in the final stages of the text part of the exhibit and will be moving on to the fund raising and construction phase

of the project. Those attending were Walt Davis of Panhandle Plains Museum of Canyon, James May of the American Quarter Horse Museum, Ashley Allison of the Amarillo Area Foundation, and Bobbye and Melba from the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.



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because as manufacturers improve their design there will be fewer deaths and injuries, "said Brian O'Neill, president of Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in Arlington, Virginia, "In turn, there will be fewer insurance claims. The reality of auto insurance is that rates are based on actual claims

experience."

Variables used to determine auto insurance rates include claims experience, vehicle make and model, driver age and place of residence. Rating variables and the weighting given those variables may vary between companies, which explains why there is such a wide disparity, or variance, in rates available for identical poli-

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higher claims than another within a given category, that company's premiums are probably going to be much higher for drivers fitting that profile," said Willy Graves, president of Progressive County Mutual Insurance Company of Texas. "Therefore, rates can vary a lot from company to company. It really pays to shop around."

A study conducted by Progressive earlier this year found that Texans could be saving an average of \$689 every six months on auto insurance if they just took the time to compare rates. The study showed the same driver could receive a quote of \$1,501 for a six-month auto insurance policy from one company and quote of \$812 for the identical policy from another company.

Regardless of insurer, your auto insurance premium will be based in large part on the following factors:

-Your driving record. Drivers with multiple moving violations or at-fault accidents are statistically more likely to file future claims. As a result, their premium rates vAH be higher than those for drivers with clean records.

-Geographic location. A vehicle operated in a large city is more likely to be stolen or damaged than a vehicle operated in rural Texas.

-Age. You might be an extremely safe 18-year-old driver. The fact remains, however, that your peers file more claims than drivers in other age categories. As a result, you probably will be viewed as a higher risk.

-Gender. Most auto insurers have had better claims experiences with female drivers, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. This is particularly true among unmarried drivers and those under 25 years of age.

-Miles driven. The more you drive, the more likely you are to have an accident or file a damage/theft claim.

-Vehicle. The make and model of your vehicle plays a huge role in determining your premium. A new Chevrolet Camaro can represent a significantly greater risk--in terms of theft, vandalism and repair costs-than an older, less expensive ve-

Obviously, there's not much you can do about your age or gender. And marital status, home location and miles driven can be difficult to control. That's why it pays to shop around and check rates from several insurers.

#### **Hospital Notes**

**Old Admissions** 

Estelle Orr Winifred Buckingham Monroe Seitz Virginia Frye Ruth Ledbetter

**New Admissions** 12/20 Shorty Crawford 12/21 P. J. Ford Meagan Poage 12/22

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they do at other times.

even squirrels playing in electric sub-

stations - could cause electric service

outages on New Year's Eve, just as

know the cause of any energy-reli-

ability problems in the region on Dec.

31 or early Jan. 1 should tune to area

ing closely with area broadcasters.

The plan is to inform the public quickly

about the actual causes of any inter-

SPS and other utilities will be work-

radio and television stations.

Energy consumers who want to

## Local TV, Radio for Y2K Electricity News

Local radio and television stations will be the best sources for news about any problems with electric service in this region on New Year's Eve.

Southwestern Public Service Company and other energy providers in the area are confident that electric service here will not be interrupted by the so-called Y2K bug. However, vehicles colliding with utility poles, as well as blizzards and ice storms -

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ruptions to electric service. Southwestern will open three "media centers" on New Year's Eve, in Amarillo, Lubbock and Roswell. News media that contact the information centers will be kept abreast of any

> they can report to customers about SPS's progress in restoring service. The rural electric cooperatives and government-owned utilities in the region also are making plans to apprise news media of New Year's Eve ser-

vice problems and restoration efforts.

service problems for SPS. In turn,

In the event of an extreme storm or other disater - at any time - the region's utilities and emergency response agencies will work primarily with three regional radio stations. The three, which can opeate without general utility services, are the designated national Emergency Alert System stations for the region. They are: KGNC, of Amarillo, at 710 on the AM dial; KFYO, of Lubbock, at 790 on the AM dial: and KCKN, of Roswell, at 1020 on the AM dial.

#### **Power Point Course Will** Be Offered At SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre will be offering "PowerPoint presentations" as a new course for the Spring 2000. This course is designed for anyone interested in learning how to create quality presentations in a slide show format. The course will begin with basic fundamentals of PowerPoint, therefore little or no experience is required and the teaching method will be a step-by-step, hands on approach. The course will include making pre-

sentations from outlines and adding clip art, animation, backgrounds, transitions, charts, hyperlinks, and various other features. This is a course for designing dynamic presentations to promote a business strategy, sell a product, present a program, or teach a lesson. Enroll now for one hour of enjoyable and productive college credit. Classes will meet January 13th , 20th , 27th , and February 3rd from 5.00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

For more information regarding enrollment contact: Dana Coker, Instructor or Kim Seymour, Registrar at (580)928-5533.

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