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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

The one and only 'Senior Mother' for the Wheeler Girls' Basketball Team, Shelly Smith, was in the office Monday.

The girls are doing quite well this season and intend to continue into district play.

Shelly wants the fans, especially the 'senior citizen' fans, to know how much they appreciate the support they are receiving this year. It means a lot to the girls.

Continue the support and see how far the girls can go this year.

Keep up the good work, girls, YOU CAN DO IT!

Our sympathy to the Jamison family in the loss of Virgil. Barbara and I had a lot of good times with Virgil and Dorothy when we first moved to Wheeler. Wheeler lost an ambassador.

Jennifer had another 'small world' experience. She has attended a Baptist Church in the city near her home.

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## Euline Walsler, 82, Rites Held In Wheeler Mon.

Euline Walsler, 82, died Thursday, January 10, 2002, at Dumas, Texas. Funeral services were at 2:00 P.M., Monday, January 14, 2002, at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in McLean, Texas and Jay McGaughey, Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Dumas, Texas, officiating.

Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Walsler was born November 16, 1919, to Roy and Lela Sherrod in Ilanreed, Texas. She married Clifford Walsler on April 15, 1939, at Sayre, Oklahoma. Mrs. Walsler was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford on December 28, 2000, and one son, Charles Walsler in 1992.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Carolyn and Earl Corse of Dumas; one daughter-in-law: Ann Walsler of Canadian; one sister: Jeane Autry of Pampa; two brothers: Bob Sherrod of McLean and Joe Ed Sherrod of Dallas; 5 grandchildren: Eddy Corse of Big Spring, Debbie Doss of Dumas, Kenneth Corse of Bartley, Connie Quimby of Austin and Caody Berry of Austin; 6 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Church of Christ or Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Dumas.

## Wheeler I.S.D. Third 6-Week Honor Roll

- Ending December 19, 2001
- All "A" Honor Roll
- Second Grade: Tanzia Brown, Ilene Butler, Trevor Car/Marshall, Jada Emilliano, Brett Johnson, Tayt McCasland, Kallen Moore
- Third Grade: Zachary Verden
- Fourth Grade: Josh Hardcastle, Nick Hardcastle, Jessica Hubbard
- Fifth Grade: Chandler Osborne
- Seventh Grade: Lauren Fite
- Eighth Grade: Josh Britt, Lezli Finsterwald; Heather Hampton, Jason Moore
- All "A & B" Honor Roll
- Second Grade: Dustin Hunt, Paige Jones, Genaro Mendoza, Gaby Menefield, Victoria Watson, David Ramirez, Deidra Salas, Sapon Banesa
- Third Grade: Payton Austin, Caitlyn Burch, Kacey Callaway, Billy Dyer, Spencer Ford, Collin Hampton, Shawna Hampton, Jeremy Horton, Jim Hubbard, Omar Lopez, Kaylee Marion, Mariah Marshall, Mendoza Adrian, Carla Mendoza, Karen Mendoza, Jaten Moore, Rolando Salas, Chris Schubert
- Fourth Grade: Nathan Benefield, Eduardo Chavez, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, Danna Gallardo, Josh Henson, Tracy Keelin, Macie Miller, Braden Moore, Adam Robles, Sara Salazer, Kaycee Swift, Jonathan Venzor
- Fifth Grade: Zack Andis, Diana Corral, Kelby Vise, Casey Jewell, Nicole Moore, Carley Owens, Blake Randels, Stefan Tucker, Clayton White
- Sixth Grade: Jake Benefield, Omar Gonzalez, Wade Hampton, Aspen Hathaway, Chace Horton, Hank Hunt, Bree McCasland, Jennifer Scales
- Seventh Grade: Cole F. Nall, Cord Gray, Garrett Hampton, Johathan Hampton, Cole Hathaway, Lacey Henson, Ryan Henson, Samuel Hillhouse, Tracy Jones, Dalila Mendoza, Chucky Rivera, Brentney Taylor, Randy Trevino
- Eighth Grade: Tim Andris,

## Wheeler County Courthouse Is One Of 14 To Receive Restoration Money

### Rites Are Read Jan. 11 For Virgil Jamison Jr., 82

Virgil Jamison Jr., 82, died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at Round Rock, Texas.

Funeral services were at 1:30 P.M. Friday, January 11, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler with Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Tulia officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Virgil was born on September 12, 1919, to Virgil and Vera Jamison in Wheeler, Texas. He married Dorothy Lee Krops on December 1, 1945, in Wheeler. Mr. Jamison was a decorated World War II Veteran and served in numerous campaigns in Europe. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant during World War II. Soon after his discharge from the Army he was appointed Postmaster at Wheeler, Texas. He retired from the Postal Service in 1971. After his retirement, he worked for the Wheeler Gas Company for 13 years. He was enormously proud of his hometown and the many organizations and activities he participated in for many years. Mr. Jamison was a life long member of the First United Methodist church in Wheeler. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and recently received his 50 year pin. He was preceded in death by his wife on June 16, 1990.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Jimmy and Linda Jamison of Georgetown, and David and Cindy Jamison of Goldthwaite; one sister, Nettie V. Guynes of Pampa; four grandchildren: Stephen Jamison and family of Cedar Parks, Jason Jamison and family of Mineral Wells; Angela Jamison-Sawyer and family of Greenville, North Carolina and Bryan Jamison and family of Tampa, Fla.; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Building Fund of the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler.

## Prairie Rivers Musical Performance Is Jan 19

The January performance of Prairie Rivers Musical will be held Saturday, January 19, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in the Canadian Middle School Auditorium, located at 404 South Sixth Street in Canadian, Texas.

Jay Godwin, director of the monthly show reminds everyone there is NO ADMISSION CHARGE for this area entertainment opportunity that features...

## Wheeler I.S.D. Plans Financial Aid Night

Thursday, January 21, 2002, has been designated "Financial Aid Night" at Wheeler High School. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria.

This is for seniors and their parents. At least one \$100 scholarship will be given away in a drawing.

## Patricia Kephart Named To Mobeetie City Council

Mayor Estes called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Gordon Estes led in the opening prayer. The meeting was turned over to Tom Grantham. He presented the audit report to the group. Jean McAlpine read the minutes for December. Motion to accept as corrected by Patricia Kephart and second by Dale Corcoran. Carried 3-0. Jean McAlpine gave the financial reports. Motion by Dale Corcoran to accept the reports as given. Second by Patricia Kephart. Carried 3-0. Motion by Patricia Kephart to pay all of the bills except checks 2234, 2233 and 2217. Second by Dale Corcoran. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gordon Estes to pay checks 2233, 2234 and 2217. Second by Patricia Kephart. Carried 2-0 with 1 abstaining. Voting for Gordon Estes and Patricia Kephart. Abstaining Dale Corcoran. Next on the agenda was the selling of lots 5 & 6 block I Morris addition to Lois Reeves. Dale Corcoran made the motion to accept the sale and second by Patricia Kephart. Carried 3-0.

Jean McAlpine resigned as of 7 p.m. January 14, 2002. Motion to accept Patricia Kephart made her resignation and second by Dale Corcoran. Carried 3-0. Gordon Estes reported that Laura Fern Selby was willing to serve as part time secretary. Motion by Patricia Kephart to hire her at minimum wage, Dale Corcoran second the motion. Carried 3-0. Next was the replacement of Jess Mixon on the council. Patricia Kephart made a motion to put Gaylord Thompson on the council to fill the unexpired term. Second by Dale Corcoran. Carried 3-0. Those attending were Mayor Gordon Estes, Council members Patricia Kephart and Dale Corcoran. City Secretary Jean McAlpine, Auditor Tom Grantham and guest Wanda Estes, Louise Shorter and Melba Corcoran.

Fourteen Texas counties, including Wheeler County, will share \$39.2 million in grants from the Texas Historical Commission to preserve their historic courthouses.

The money awarded at the commission's quarterly meeting Friday, January 11, 2002, will go for construction and building costs.

A representative group from Wheeler will meet in Austin on January 31, 2002, to learn the exact procedure for the reconstruction of the courthouse.

Plans call for the courthouse to be returned to its original state. Drop ceilings and tile floors will be removed. Walls will be removed or rebuilt, restoring the district courtroom and balcony. A new heating and cooling system will be installed and all the electrical wiring and fixtures will be removed and replaced.

The project is expected to take 18 months. An exact time for the starting project has not been set.

Other counties to receive money in this third round of grants are: Archer, Cameron, Denton, Dimmit, Fayette, Galia, Hudseph, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Lavaca, Maverick, Parker and Val Verde.

Eighty-three counties applied for the grants, which were distributed on the basis of historical significance, architectural style and degree of endangerment. Many of the courthouses are in disrepair.

The Legislature and then-Gov. George W. Bush created the preservation program in 1999 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million.

## City of Wheeler Dec. Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 17, 2001  
Mayor Wanda Herd called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Jimmy Hill made motion seconded by Barbra Koelzer to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Jay Randels made motion, seconded by Bob McCain to pay bills as presented. The motion carried.

Bobbie Hill spoke to the council concerning the traffic on Main Street. She stated motorists were making U-turns in front of Hefley Hardware which was making it very dangerous for motorist trying to get through the intersection at Texas and Main. TXDOT suggested the City adopt an Ordinance to prohibit any U-Turn on Main Street. This will be discussed at the January Council meeting.

The Wheeler Public Library was discussed. The possibility of part-time help will be on the agenda next month.

At 7:34 p.m. The council entered executive session as provided by Texas Government Code 551.074. The Council returned to regular session at 7:37 p.m. Barbra Koelzer made motion seconded by Bob McCain to give Christmas bonuses as designated in the budget. The motion carried.

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Those present: Mayor Wanda Herd. Council members: Barbra Koelzer, Jimmy Hill, Bob McCain, and Jay Randels. Marla Ford, William McKinley, Frank Clymer, and Claudine Finsterwald.

## Ft. Elliott Honor Students Named For 3rd 6-Weeks

Kindergarten: All A's—Jessica Ails, Haley Barton, Kasey Barton, Jayton Childress, Cody Clark, Ty Ford, Keeleie Ralston, Zane Zybach

First Grade: All A's—Brandon Hathaway, Derrick Hungate, Kathy Kelley, Tyler Schaub, Tracy Winter, Emily Wyant; All A's & B's—Houston Barr

Second Grade: All A's—Jada Hathaway, Andrea Martinez, Kinslie Ralston; All A's & B's—Jayton Bell, Carl Jahnel, J. T. Smith

Third Grade: All A's—Dawson Clark, Gatlin Duncan, Sarah Horn, Adrian Reis; All A's & B's—Charity Baird, Karen Kelley, Kory McLaughlin, Roland Newman, Ailene Wyant, Alexis Zybach

Fourth Grade: All A's—Blake Baker; All A's & B's—Payton Ails, Hayden Duncan, Colbey Hanson, Cody Selby

Fifth Grade: All A's—Bailey Estes, Hailey Estes, Stormi Lancaster, Kaylie Ralston; All A's & B's—Brandon Finsterwald, Megan Horn, Amber Maddox, Tisha McLaughlin, Kaleigh Schaub

Sixth Grade: All A's—Jordan Ails, Mayci Meadows; All A's & B's—Lauren Baird, Tommy Meek, Chance Newman, Isaac Wyant

Seventh Grade: All A's & B's—Chynna Atherton, Steven McAlpine

Eighth Grade: All A's—Graddon Schaub, Kelsey Zybach; All A's & B's—Blaine Baker, Jake Puryear, Sarah Zybach

Ninth Grade: All A's—Andrea Hathaway; All A's & B's—Andria Keelin

Tenth Grade: All A's & B's—Savannah Estes, Holly McCurley, Junior Newman

Eleventh Grade: All A's—Tamara Hartline, Kade Zybach; All A's & B's—Jackie Dukes, Jason Hathaway, Wesley Hathaway, Larry Lee Horn, Seth meadows, Brittney Mick, Jocelyn Meek

Twelfth Grade: All A's—Monty Hand; All A's & B's—Stephanie Baker, Aaron Hartline, Justin Hefley, Chris Lee, Amanda Mick, Casey Zybach

## Jonathan Walker Inducted Into Alpha Chi

Jonathan Eddy Walker, a Tarleton State University student from Allison, was inducted into Tarleton's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national collegiate honor society. Walker is a graduate of the Allison ISD and the son of Eddy and Wanda Walker. He is majoring in Aviation Science at the University. There were 70 Tarleton students inducted into Alpha Chi during the fall 2001 semester. Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.60 or better. The objectives of the honor society are to promote and to recognize superior scholarship and those elements of character that make for effective service. Founded in 1922, the society has more than 300 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Alpha Chi represents the highest academic honor on any member campus and since its inception, over 255,000 students have been inducted. The Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter at Tarleton was established in the fall of 1968. There are seven regions across the country and Tarleton's chapter is a member of Region I which includes parts of Texas and New Mexico.

## 2002 WHEELER COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

- Schedule of Events:  
Friday, January 25  
2:00 p.m. - Weigh steers, lambs and hogs  
Saturday, January 26  
8:00 a.m. - Hog Show  
Lamb Show -- immediately following the Hog Show  
Steer Show - immediately following the Lamb Show  
Heifer Show - immediately following the Steer Show  
5:00 p.m. - Barbecue (Prepared by Steve Walker and Wheeler Volunteer Fire Dept.)  
Meal is sponsored by the Wheeler County Commissioners Court  
6:00 p.m. - Program and Auction  
- Presentation of T. A. Hennard Citizenship Award  
- Presentation of High Point Exhibitor Award  
- Premium Sale

## Wheeler School Board Has Meeting, Superintendent's Contract Extended

January 10  
President Dan Sams called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Mark Tucker gave invocation, the pledge was lead by Rhonda McWhorter.

All Board members were present less Dr. Smith.

School personnel present: Brooks Symank, Dale Pulpan, Doug Rives, Judy Woollard, Suzanne Hampton, Elizabeth Boring, Nancy Hampton, Mike Bailey, Tammy Moore, Gwen Wilson, Gayle Lewallen, Rosemary Dodd, Dora Salas, Greta Bass, Betty Rives, Noveline Loyd, JoLynn Vise, Kim Hampton, Diana Johnson Brenda Keys, Cathy Burrell, Melinda Stiles and James Hubble.

Guests were Liz Shipp, Delores Simmons, Rosanna Verden, Kent Vise, James Umsted, Darrell Gaines and William McKinley.

Mr. Sams called for public comments. Liz Shipp and Liz Boring responded.

Board Workshop followed with the following items to be reviewed:  
A goal of \$300,000 was set to cut from budget. The areas of discussion concerning that amount was as follows:

1. Principal reduction
2. Extended contracts
3. School secretary
4. Reduced Planning Period
5. Restructuring of 6th Grade
6. Family/Consumer Science Reductions
7. Food Staff Reduction
8. Reduce PE Resources
9. Family Living Center/Special Ed
10. Special Ed Aid
11. Nurse/Nurse Aid
12. Writing to Read Lab Resources
13. ESL Resources

Mr. Symank was requested to review the list and advise what impact area would have on the the operation of the school.

Workshop adjourned at 8:45.

The Board was called back to order at 9:04 p.m.

All board members less Dr. Smith present. School personnel present: Brooks Symank, Dale Pulpan, Doug Rives, Diana Johnson, Judy Woollard, Connie Porter, Melinda Stiles, Michelle Henson and James Hubble.

Guests were William McKinley and Darrell Gaines.

Board Minutes:  
Motion by William Burch, second by Dr. Hillhouse, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2001, and January 3, 2002 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent report was given by Brooks Symank  
Principal reports were given by Mr. Rives and Mr. Pulpan.

December accounts presented. Motion by Rhonda McWhorter, second by William Burch, to approve the accounts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Commercial Insurance Bids. Motion by William Burch, second by Dr. Hillhouse, to accept bids as presented by HRH for property with computer rider and vehicle as presented by Farm Bureau. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Election has no action.

Policy Update 67 had no action.

Consider Budget Amendments. Motion by Dr. Hillhouse, second by William Burch, to make the budget amendments as submitted. Motion carried; Sams, Burch, Hillhouse, McWhorter voting affirmative. Tucker and Benefield opposing.

Superintendent evaluation. The Board retired into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. Texas Government Code Section 551.074 at 11:45 p.m. The board returned to open session at 1:50 a.m. Motion by William Burch, second by Dr. Hillhouse, to extend the superintendent contract one year. Motion carried unanimously.

The next board workshop was scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 16th, at 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Adjournment at 1:53 a.m.

## Ted Parker, 58, Services Are Read Tues. At Dumas

Services for Ted Parker, 58, of Dumas were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at Bible Baptist Church, Dumas, Texas. Officiant was Rev. Rick Korsmo, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Dumas. He was assisted by Bro. James Loman of Dalhart, Texas. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors, Dumas, Texas.

Ted Parker died January 12, 2002, at Amarillo. He was born April 30, 1943, in Wheeler, Texas, he married Pauline Catherall on December 27, 1985, in Dumas, Texas.

He was a member of Bible Baptist church, Dumas, Texas, he was raised on a farm, where he lived and worked with his family. He graduated from Briscoe School and later came to Dumas, where he worked on a farm, the City of Dumas, Manfort, then back to the city where he retired from the gas department.

Survivors include the wife, Pauline Parker, of the home; one son, Scott Parker and wife, Susie of Amarillo; three step sons: Pete Catherall of Amarillo, Fred Catherall and wife, Karen of Dumas and Paul Catherall and wife, Mary of Dumas; one step daughter: Liz Stavenhagen and husband, W.G. of Dumas; one sister; Zetha Daugherty and husband, Gene, of Pampa; four brothers: Leroy Parker and wife, Janice of Amarillo; Gerry Parker and wife, Tish, of Dumas, Weldon Parker and wife Diann of Forgan, Okla., and Neldon Parker and wife, Jane of Dumas; 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Bible Baptist Church Building fund, 10 Elm Avenue, Dumas, Texas 79029.

## Hospital Notes

- Extended Care**
- Estelle Orr
  - Ruth Ledbetter
  - Verne Lohberger
  - Ardie Martin
  - Addie Swift
  - Minnie Barton
  - Gladys Pannell
- New Admissions**
- 1/7 Gwen Robertson
  - Brody Umsted
  - 1/8 Linda Buttry
  - 1/9 Brandi Wood
  - 1/10 James Warrick
  - 1/11 Rosalie Keelin
  - 1/12 John Wilson
- Dismissal**
- 1/7 Emma Meadows
  - Bob Moore
  - 1/9 Brody Umsted
  - 1/10 Mary Finsterwald
  - 1/11 Brandi Wood
  - Linda Buttry
  - Howard Loyd
  - Pierce Walker
  - James Warrick
  - Choice Scott
  - 1/13 Rosalie Keelin
  - 1/14 Gwen Robertson



# Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

January 10 and 70+ degrees. How about that?  
Still no real rain since last May. We are DRY.  
Had several calls about the onion weather forecast. I forgot to put them out. They say the first 12 days of January foretell the weather for the months ahead. If that is right, we are in for a very dry year.  
L. G. and Ann Reed came by and I went to New Liberty with them Sunday night. After services there was a farewell supper for the Phil Greens, who are moving to Blackwell.  
Did you get your new year's resolutions made? I just make the same one: "Try to do better."  
Oh, yes. Lavonda and Traci Beavin of Cheyenne joined us at the New Liberty meeting.  
Kristin Green, Shannon Anderson, Cassie Perry and Joni Perry were on the SWOSU Honor Roll.  
Hersel and Betty Anderson, and Helen Smith visited Stella Anderson Thursday.  
Good to have Channel 5 back on the air. Wonder what happened?  
Funeral services were January 8 for Norma Whipkey Beasley at Garland Church of Christ with burial in Erick Cemetery. She was mother of Ronald Whipkey of this community.  
Services were January 5, at Rose Chapel for Richard (Dick) Hanson with Jon Ashley officiating. Burial was in the Delhi Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, five daughters and a son, Richard Hanson Jr. of Sweetwater.

**FT. ELLIOTT**  
(Mobeetie Campus)

**MENU**

MONDAY, January 21, 2002 — **FRI-DAY, January 25, 2002**  
**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Bars, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Lasagna, Corn, Salad, Garlic Rolls, Fruit Salad Milk/Tea  
**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Muffins, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Bar-B-Q on Bun, French Fries, Beans, Pears, Milk/Tea  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Pancakes, Ham, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Burritos w/Chili & Cheese, Milk/Tea  
**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Biscuits w/ Gravy, Sausage, Eggs, Jelly, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Jello, Milk/Tea  
**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Hamburgers, Hamburger Fixings, Chips, Cookies, Milk/Tea  
(Menu Subject To Change)

I received word of the Morgan-Bassett reunion June 1-2 at the Comfort Inn in Erick.  
Asked Eileen Logan for news and she said "It's cloudy and looks like rain! Looks is all, the clouds have melted away."  
The addition to the Sweetwater Baptist Church is really coming along. Looks very nice.  
There was a nice piece in the paper about Highway community—how it once was.  
I can remember in the 20's, when we used to go to Sweetwater in the wagon for groceries. At that time there

were 2 stores, gins, gas station, etc. We kids always had candy money. One store gave pretty striped sacks. The other store a plain sack and extra candy. We were hard put to know which to choose.  
Cheyenne is already looking forward to the Old Settlers' Reunion in April. Will be nice.  
Had a call from Joe Dale. All is well in San Antonio.  
**Never try to reason the prejudice out of a man. It was not reasoned into him, and cannot be reasoned out.** —Sydney Smith

# MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Tuesday Lorene Rector and Orville Greenhouse went to Wheeler for Lorene's blood work and they visited with the home health girls while at the hospital. They also visited with Pierce Walker and Jimmy Walker.  
Kevin Corcoran and Robert Remy of Pampa visited with Dale Corcoran Tuesday afternoon.  
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Euline Walser.  
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Virgil Jamison.  
Dale and Melba Corcoran took Lorene Rector to Amarillo Wednesday to get some new glasses.  
Aaron and Arica Lancaster returned to Mobeetie Tuesday night. They got their yard light put in Friday. Arica attended the birthday party in McLean Friday for all of the January birthdays. Which Arica was one of the birthday people.  
Tommy Corcoran of Pampa visited with Aaron and Arica Lancaster Friday morning.  
Clint and Maurita Stribling went to Pampa Friday for Maurita's doctor appointment. Maurita will have her hip replacement surgery January 14. Remember her in your prayers.  
Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Pampa Friday for Melba's doctor appointment. Bill Elliott has pneumonia in one lung. Remember him in your prayers.  
Joe and Melba Darnell visited Saturday in McLean with Arica Corcoran.  
Mt. View Quilting Club met Thursday at Totty Schoolhouse with Estelle Hodges as hostess. Her quilt was put in and those quilting were Estelle Hodges, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Charlotte Coward and Bobbie Ehmann.  
Don and Willene Burke went to Amarillo Friday for Don to see the doctor. He is having trouble breathing. He has to take breathing treatments twice a day. Remember him in your prayers.  
Jim Kephart was home over the weekend. He came in Friday and had to go back Monday. He is stationed at White Sands. It was good to see him. We hope it won't be long to he can be home for good.  
Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ted Parker. He graduated from Briscoe School.  
Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart went to visit Ivy Richardson in Erick OK Friday, then on to Sham-

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rock to visit with Mrs. Bulah Stuart and Otis.  
Saturday Jerry Richardson and Eddie and Amy Richardson of Wheeler visited with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart.  
Dale Richardson of Elk City visited Sunday with Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart.  
Jimmy Simpson and daughter Teresa of Georgia is visiting this week with Byron Simpson and Joe and Melba Darnell.  
Doyle and Bulah Grimes' granddaughter Derenda Aranda had surgery in Houston.  
Monday for Thyroid surgery. The surgery was real severe. She came through the surgery ok, Remember her in your prayers.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes visited Sunday afternoon in Miami with Sid and Betty Talley. Betty is doing some better now. She has been sick since in December.  
Those attending the Senior Citizens in Miami Monday night were Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Estelle Hodges, Martha Meek, Mike and Linda Sides and Willis and Verna Fillingim.

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls, during my illness and surgery. I am fortunate to live in a caring community. God has blessed me in many ways.  
Thank you again.  
God Bless You.  
Peggy Hunt

### MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, January 21, 2002 — **FRI-DAY, January 25, 2002**  
**MONDAY:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Peas  
**TUESDAY:** Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding  
**WEDNESDAY:** Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake  
**FRIDAY:** Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

### KELTON MENU

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**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Meat Nacho's w/Cheese, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Milk  
**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Peanut Butter, Syrup, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Stew, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Cornbread, Cheese Stick, Pears, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Bu. Carrots, Hot Rolls, Banana Pudding, Milk  
**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Hamburger's, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Tator Wedges, Ice Cream w/Strawberries, Milk  
**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Donut, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Lunch: Fish/Tartar Sauce, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Pudding, Milk  
Menu is subject to change.

## MAXEY'S STEAKHOUSE

**SUNDAY BUFFET**  
Salad Bar  
Pot Roast  
Fried Chicken  
w/ Cream Gravy  
Blackeyed Peas  
Hot Rolls  
Iced Tea/Coffee  
Dessert

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## COUGAR NEWS

Events for the week of January 17 are One Act Play Practice from 7 to 8 P.M. January is High School Basketball at 6:30 P.M. at Reydon Oklahoma. January 21 will be Junior High Basketball at 6:00 p.m. at Samnorwood. One Act Play Practice will be from 7 to 8 p.m. January 22. High School Basketball 6:30 P.M. at Allison. 4:30 January 23 will be Yearbook at Mobeetie. One act Play Practice will be held at 7 to 8 P.M.

## OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Wednesday Bobbye Hill, Louise Hogan, Bernice Hefley and Maurita Stribling worked at the Museum on the fundraiser. Thursday afternoon Bobbye Hill, Louise Hogan, Bernice Hefley, Maurita Stribling and Melba Corcoran planned on the board game of Mobeetieopoly.  
They have placed the old business before 1920. The spaces will have the business names and then sponsor by the person or business that buys the space. The game will have a history sheet about each spot. There are 42 spaces for sale. They have 4 of those sold already. They are Ringtown Saloon, Dr. Redding Office, Feather Hill, and Temple Houston Law Office. If you are interested in sponsoring a place see any of the museum workers for prices.  
Joe VanZandt and Dale Corcoran filled up the holes and set out the trees. They are wetting them down and then will level out the ground.

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his pickup on a gravel road and is in very poor shape at Northwest Texas Hospital. May God's spirit surround this fine man. Happy to hear he is finally off the ventilator. Keep praying for him.

Best wishes to Stephanie Lee and

Matt Sullivan as they plan to marry Feb. 15 at Wheeler Baptist Church. Pray for Matt and Stephanie as they start their new life together.

Marie Gudgeon got to spend two weeks over Christmas with her daughter, Jeanie, and Dale Binion at

Midland. She had such a good visit and got to see the rest of her kids and spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ted Parker, 58, in his death. He was the son of Vetola and Colie Parker. He grew up at Briscoe and graduated from Briscoe School.

Saturday night, Lou Dean Douthit, Edna May and Virginia Puryear visited Irene Keys. They had a nice supper and played chicken foot and 42.

Sunday Lou Dean Douthit and Billie Stuckey went to Briscoe Community Church and then down to Wheeler Dairy Queen for lunch. They visited some with Maurita and Clint Stribling there.

Sue Chandler hosted a party Saturday to celebrate granddaughter, Audra Weatherly's third birthday. Sue made her a Scooby Doo cake, her favorite character. They also had Scooby Doo balloons and blew bubbles. Some others there were Shea and Bridget Weatherly and Hagen, her lovely little brother, 8 mo. Debra Weatherly, Mary Weatherly, Heather Marshall and Mariah and Trevor.

Brad and Sue Chandler will be married 25 years March 25. They got a beautiful bedroom suite for Christmas and anniversary. Wasn't that nice?

Visiting Ed and Laurel Hershman Sunday afternoon were Helen Singleton and Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton from Cordell.

Pray for Johnny Wilson. He has been ill in the hospital at Wheeler with high temperature and congestion and dehydration. God bless you, Johnny.

Congratulations to Mike and Mindy Bailey on the birth of their new baby boy, Mike teaches and coaches basketball at Wheeler. Mindy teaches math at Allison. They also have a little girl.

Congratulations to Bryan and Tess Markham on the birth of their new baby boy, Paden Louis, born Dec. 6, at Elk City. He is welcomed by big brother, Ky Landen, 3. They live at Shamrock, where Bryan teaches High School math and coaches Junior High girls. Tess is staying home with her little boys.

Choice Scott is a new resident at Wheeler Care Center. She spent many years at Briscoe before marrying Truman Scott and moving to Mobeetie.

Noveta Atherton went to McLean Saturday to see daughter, Chynna play basketball in the Junior High tournament and win first. Ft. Elliott girls played at 11:00 and 4:30. Boys also won first. Noveta is expecting Russell home from near Houston, where he has been working for 3 weeks.

We miss Randy Finsterwald at Wheeler Thriftway as manager. He quit to work for Wheeler county. Better benefits. But nice to have Paul Arganbright back to Wheeler from Miami to manage Wheeler Thriftway. Best wishes to all.

Gladys Pannell has been back in Wheeler Hospital, but looking good. Her daughter, Imogene Murray, was with her. Also at Wheeler hospital, Addie Swift, Choice Scott, Minnie



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED:** Kathy and David Marak of Wheeler announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Louise (Christi) of Amarillo to Patrick Lee (Pat) Gomez of Amarillo. Janie Beltran of Hereford and Angel and Debbie Gomez of Kalamazoo, MI, are the parents of the prospective groom. Christi is also the daughter of the late John R. Hill. Christi is a 1991 graduate of Wheeler High School and attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University and West Texas State University. She is employed by Gilvin-Terrell Construction Co., of Amarillo as Estimator. Pat is a graduate of River Road High School in 1988 and is presently self-employed as an independent contractor. The wedding has been set for February 16, 2002, at El Pueblo Methodist Church in Taos, N.M. A reception will be held March 2, 2002, in the Wellington Room in Amarillo.

Barton, Mary Finsterwald. Mary is back at the Care Center now.

Deborah Ford went to Canyon and visited her son, Justin, and Kim Darnell and baby, Sarah, and brought baby Sarah to spend the weekend. Sounds like fun!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Virgil Jameson, 82, in his death. May God comfort each of you.

Rosalie Keelin had to spend a few days in Wheeler Hospital, but was dismissed Sunday. Her son, Gene Keelin, came and to her and took her to his house for dinner Sunday, before taking her home to Briscoe. Sunday night, grandson Daniel came to Briscoe and visited her and helped with little jobs. Rosalie felt like she had the flu when she went in the hospital. She appreciates Dr. Mendiola and the nurses helping her.

Jeanette Jahnel and Deseray and Mary Lou Carter came by and visited us awhile Monday.

Lindsey Criswell had been very busy helping Brooks Funeral Home of Canyon with funerals and learning a lot. She is starting her last semester of mortuary school this week and still likes it.

Nice to have Preston and Elsie Glazner join us for supper at Maxeys Thursday night and a good visit. Pray for Preston, he fell and hurt his leg. Supposed to keep it elevated and ice on it. They've had to miss church some.

Pray for Rev. Toby Henson, pastor of Wheeler Baptist church. Serious eye problems. He is some better.

Nice to have son, Danny, come by Friday afternoon. He's always good to help with any needed jobs. Thanks, Danny.

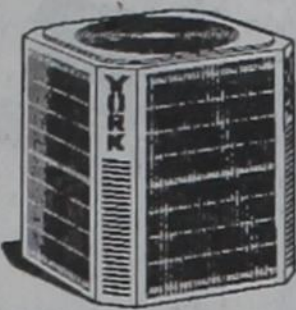
In basketball games at Miami Friday night, Ft. Elliott girls won 60-42. Ft. Elliott boys beat Miami 56-52. Congrats!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Euline Walsler, 82, in her death. She had not been well.

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Ardie Martin is still in the local hospital doing about the same. Don Edwards continues to be homebound.

Happy Martin recently had surgery, but is at home doing well. Euline Walsler passes away recently and her services were held last Tuesday.

Colton Moore, Wade and Michelle Moore's son, was seriously injured in a 4-wheeler accident Sunday evening. He broke both legs and his pelvis and has surgery at the children's hospital in Ft. Worth Monday. He went through the surgery well, but is very sore and in pain. Butch and Charles went down to be with the family.

Please remember all these and their families in your prayers.

Friday morning, the 18th at 6:30, Jerry Dorman will host a breakfast at the Multi-Purpose Building of the Church of Christ for all who want to attend. Call Ida Mae Goad if you plan on attending.

Dale Meadows preached last Sunday and Joe Proctor from Canadian will preach next Sunday. Visitors are always welcome to attend our services.

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I Yuridia Soto and my parents Pedro and Hermila would like to invite everyone to my Quinceanera held on January 26, 2002 at Wheeler. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Soto's Restaurant with the food, then at church at St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m. We will have a celebration after church out at the old skating rink. Please join us at Yuri's 15 Anera.

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**MONDAY, January 21, 2002 — FRIDAY, January 25, 2002**

**MONDAY**

**Breakfast:** Bacon Puff Apart Bread, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream, Milk

**TUESDAY**

**Breakfast:** Danish, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Burritos, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Crisp, Milk

**WEDNESDAY**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey n Swiss Sand., Lettuce, Tomatoes, Crackers, Banana Nut Cake, Milk

**THURSDAY**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Rice, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Egg Rolls, Garden Blend Rice, Oriental Veg., Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY**

**Breakfast:** Bagel Sandwich, Ham, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk

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**MONDAY, January 21, 2002 — FRIDAY, January 25, 2002**

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**Lunch:** Deli Sliced Turkey, Bread, Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dressing, Pickle Spears, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Milk

**TUESDAY**

**Breakfast:** Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage Patty or Frozen Yogurt, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Corn Chip Pie, Grated Cheese, Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk

**WEDNESDAY**

**Breakfast:** Pancake Pup or Waffle w/Syrup, Toast, Milk, Juice

**Lunch:** Salisbury Steak w/Brown Gravy, Mash. Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

**THURSDAY**

**Breakfast:** Biscuit and Gravy, Sausage Patty, Milk, Juice

**Lunch:** Fish Strips, Mac. & Cheese, Sweet Pea, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY**

**Breakfast:** Cold or Hot Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** BBQ Brisket on a Bun, Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

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# Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from January 7, 2002—January 8, 2002.

**JANUARY 7, 2002**  
 TAX DEED—County of Wheeler to Mike Hobbs, 12-20-01, Lot 8, Bradley Add., Shamrock.  
 TAX DEED—Shamrock Independent School District, et al to Hobbs Earth Moving Co. Inc., 12-10-01, Lots 1-6, Blk. 10, Second Bradley Add., Shamrock.  
 RDT—Great Plains National Bank of Sayre, Oklahoma, et ux to Lyman Gray Benson II, et ux, 1-2-02, Sec. 25, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 RDT—Amarillo National Bank to Carol Sutherland, et vir, 10-11-01, N 1/2 E 1/2 Blk. 49, Stanley Add., Wheeler.  
 LEASE—Billy Buckingham, et ux to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 11-14-01, 20' x 30' Sec. 1, BBB&C Survey.  
 D—Roy Kroeker, et al to Lott Family Limited Partnership, 5-21-01, See Instrument.  
 OL—John Mark Smith to Green River Exploration Company, 10-10-01, E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL—Holton Interest Limited to Green River Exploration Company, 10-10-01, E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL—James A. Smith to Green River Exploration Company, 10-10-01, E 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 5, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL—Barbara J. Gordon to Amoco Production Company, 4-12-01, Sec. 30, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 C/C POA—Chase Manhattan Bank to Kathryn D. Lance, et al, 11-27-01, TDT—JP Morgan Chase Bank to Wells Fargo Bank Texas NA, 12-3-01, See Instrument.  
 DT—Amber Hoerauf Trust to Wells Fargo Bank Texas NA, 12-18-01, See Instrument.

# Oil & Gas NEWS

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, 9930 Beaver St., Vernon, TX 76384. Doris Harrison, Phone: 940/552-6644.)

Week Ending January 10, 2002

**Intentions to Drill**  
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #3 Lockhart '58', 2400' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 58, 42, H&TC, PD 7800', rule 37  
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & WASHITA CREEK Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #4 Bowers 'B', 2529' from South & 2238' from East line, Sec. 25, 6, C, G, MMB&A, PD 16300' Oil Well Completion  
 HEMPHILL (SPARKS Tonkawa) EOG Resources, Inc., #3 Lockhart '57', Sec. 57, 42, H&TC, spud 3-21-01, drig. compl 8-22-01, tested 11-16-01, flowed 283 bbl. of 48 grav. oil + no water thru 18/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 5837, TD 7880', PBTD 7797' —  
**Plugged Wells**  
 WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Looney Oil & Gas Co., Phillips 'A', Sec. 41, 24, H&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Mills Oil Co., for the following wells:  
 #1, spud unknown, plugged 11-30-01, TD 2297' —  
 #3, spud unknown, plugged 12-5-01, TD 2295' —  
 WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Looney Oil & Gas Co., Phillips 'B', Sec. 41, 24, H&GN (oil) — Form 1 in R. W. Adams & Son, for the following wells:  
 #B1, spud unknown, plugged 12-14-01, TD 2292' —  
 #B2, spud unknown, plugged 12-19-01, TD 2285' —

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DT—Mathew Hoerauf Trust to Wells Fargo Bank Texas NA, 12-18-01, See Instrument.  
 POA—Taylor Wright to Harold Wright, et ux, 11-29-01.  
 AFF. CERTIFICATE—K. K. Westall to BP America Production Company, 12-31-01.  
 RDT—Wells Fargo Bank Texas NA to West Texas Gas Inc., et al, 12-11-01, See Instrument.  
 ROW—W. V. Lister, et ux to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 11-8-01, SE 1/4 Sec. 2, BBB&C Survey.  
 ROW—Billy Buckingham, et ux to Reliant Energy Field Services Inc., 11-7-01, Sec. 1, BBB&C Survey.  
**JANUARY 8, 2002**  
 MODIFICATION AGREE.—Jack D. Helton, et al to Wheeler Banking Center, et al, 12-29-01, See Instrument.  
 OL—Kem Carr to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 12-6-01, E 148 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; 471.6 acs. of S 479.5 acs. of Sec. 1, Blk. C, George Turcotte Survey.  
 OL—Marty Carr to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 12-6-01, E 148 acs. W 1/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; 471.6 acs. of S 479.5 acs. of Sec. 1, Blk. C, George Turcotte Survey.  
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 OL—National Minerals Corporation to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 8-24-01, S 100 acs. Sec. 8, Blk. C, E. Montgomery Survey.  
 SUB. DT—Devx Energy Inc. to Comstock Resources Inc., 12-17-01, Sec. 13, Camp County School Land.  
 EXT. DT—Darville E. Atherton, et ux to First Ag Credit PCA, 1-4-02, See Instrument.

## Windbreak Planting Requires Preparation

In the past, the High Plains was a shortgrass prairie land inhabited by Plains Indians, buffalo, deer, antelope, other small mammals and birds, those times are gone and settlers have altered this land into highly productive crop and ranch land containing beautiful homesteads, while still supporting abundant wildlife. It is because of these alterations that windbreaks and wildlife plantings play such a vital role in protecting these important resources.

One might think, of all the aspects, within a windbreak or wildlife planting, that the trees would be the most important aspects to the success of a planting. In actuality, good planning and site preparation are the most important aspects before a successful, long lasting windbreak or wildlife planting can be achieved.

In the Texas Panhandle, the majority of the soil is a tight clay soil. This soil type, plus wind, fire, and the limited amount of water, means trees have not been part of the landscape in this part of Texas. "With the type of soils and climate we deal with, planting sites must be prepared to a depth of 15 inches, preferably in the fall or winter prior to spring planting, to yield successful results for any type of windbreak or wildlife planting," says Brian Scott, staff forester with the Texas Forest Service (TFS). Scott says the reason for early site preparation is, "it gives the soil a chance to absorb winter moisture and mellow for easier spring planting. If planning and site preparation are done in a timely manner, planting and establishing a successful windbreak or wildlife planting is not a problem."

There are many species of windbreak trees and shrubs to choose from. A mechanical tree planter and fabric layer is available for rent. The Texas Forest Service recommends that weed barrier fabric be placed down during the planting to reduce weed competition and moisture loss, thus increasing survival and growth within the tree and shrub rows. This fabric can be purchased at the Wheeler County Soil & Water Conservation District for a very low cost. For more information on windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and fabric rolls contact Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District at 806/826-3565 ext. 3.

## SNOW ICE CREAM

by Lorena g. Males

Thinking about the Old Settlers at Cheyenne, Oklahoma., April 19, has stirred my mind and heart. The latest memory was brought by our recent snow, when for the first time in years, I was hungry for home-made snow ice cream.

There were three children: Mary, age 8, John, age 6, and Little Jocie, age 2. With Mama, they stood by the front window, watching the first snow of the season spread a pretty white blanket over everything.

"Maybe they'll turn school out," said Mary.  
 "Maybe we can buy a sled," added John.  
 "Maybe we can throw snowballs," chimed in Little Jocie.  
 "How about some snow ice-cream? My grandmother used to make it for me."  
 "Do you have the recipe?" asked Mary.

"I can remember how she did it. You can't make snow ice-cream from the first snow fall. Too many bugs and germs.  
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 Bill Atherion  
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 Dwayne Baker  
**For County Judge**  
 Jerry Dan Helley  
**For County Clerk**  
 Juana Benefield  
**For Justice of the Peace (Precinct - 1)**  
 Brady Meadows  
(Subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary Tuesday, March 12, 2002.)  
**For District Judge**  
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Dylan, Allen and Cheryl Lane and J. W. and Jimmy, Lori and Janie, Kerri Koelzer, Dana Trimble, Teena Robinson and Colton and Mary Williams, great-grandmother of Pampa.

Jeanette Jahnel is scheduled to have foot surgery Jan. 29 to remove the bunion from her other foot at Northwest Surgical Center in Amarillo. Her other foot is still kinda sore. Juanita Prater is to have a check-up at the Amarillo Diagnostic Center on Jan. 17, she keeps going numb. Pray for them.

Jeanett Jahnel and Carl Lee and Deseray and Mary Lou Carter went to Gageby to church Sunday and ate lunch with Evelyn Meek.

I was surprised to have a Highway Patrol trooper pulled me over going to Canadian Wednesday. No, I wasn't speeding. The warning ticket said "Fail to maintain single lane". No, I wasn't drinking. But I admit to being over the white line a little; seems safer over there.

Laurel Hershman and Vea Fillingim visited Willa Fillingim and ate lunch Saturday and had a good visit. Willa is doing some better. Maralee and Helen Singleton were weekend visitors to Willa.

Our house gas bill was up to \$104.63 from \$34.78 in Dec. and \$47.16 in Nov. but it has been nice and warm inside. We are thankful.

Ft. Elliott Junior High teams were entered in the McLean Junior High tournament Saturday and boys and girls both won first with everyone getting to play. Congratulations!

Nice to have Lessie Austin join us for lunch at Maxeys Sunday. Good to see Opal Hefley there with Richard and Dorothy Hefley and Jack and Bernice. Also Helen Singleton here with Glen and Wynell Waldo. Jack and Richard are brothers.

Weekend visitors to Ray and Glenda Hudson were Brady Hudson and Megan and Micah and Cindy Sweet and Jessie and Nathan and Patrick Hudson and Cindy's friend, Jeanie. Brady helped Ray work on a barn that fell down back there and trimmed up some trees so can see out better. And several went to Gageby Church Sunday. Visitors always welcome at Gageby. Best wishes to all. Keep praying for Ray. He will have to have another iodine isolation therapy soon.

There are lots of widow ladies and others, who enjoy getting together in each other's houses and playing cards frequently and having a great time together. Wish there was a place in Wheeler where the older retired guys could enjoy getting together and playing dominoes. Many of them are bored and want to get out of the house. They miss the work-a-day world, but are unable to do a lot. Think about it. They do gather some at the Dairy Queen and other place.

Tuesday nice to visit with Orville Greenhouse and Lorene Rector from Mobeetie at Wheeler Hospital Lab. Special ladies. Also visited with Bro Chapman, new pastor of Allison Pentecostal Church and with Jona Meek and Shantell. Shantell hadn't felt well since before Christmas, but hadn't mentioned it. She has a staph infection, but is getting better. Pray for these sweet people. Also there, Mary and Hiram Whitener. God bless you everyone.

I seem to remember a saying from childhood about a "winded horse," maybe from mistreatment or old age. But the horse would not be able to do much work or running. Some days I think I may be like that winded horse. Ha.

Ft. Elliott High School basketball teams went to Higgins Tuesday night. Girls game was close with Ft. Elliott winning 38-35. Ft. Elliott boys won 79-44.

Jean Meadows fell off a step stool trying to get Christmas decorations down before Christmas (from a shelf). She kept doctoring and hoping the bruised leg would get better. She didn't want to miss getting to see her family Christmas. They did have Dewayne and Betty Meadows and Bubba, Ashleigh and Leslie, Dale and Shonda Meadows and Cassie, Dean and Shannon Meadows and Mechelle and Christmas. Jean waited a week to go to the doctor. Then had to spend two weeks in Wheeler hospital. They found she is diabetic and not feeling well and leg isn't healing very well. Pray for her.

So nice to have Mack and Linda Sides take Willis and me and Martha Meek of Miami Fun Bunch Monday night. A delicious meal, friendly people and 4 tables of 42, one of bridge, one of canasta and one of chicken foot. Hostesses were Vera Murphy and Frank and Evelyn Heare. So good to have Betty and Sid Talley back with us. And a new couple, Mayor Gene and Loraine Hodges. Others there were JoAnn Morgenstern, Jane Bright, Evelyn Huff, Vera Nolty, Twila Taylor, Georgia Dea Holland, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Estelle Hodges, Cecil, Laverne and Gladys Smith, Ina Pearson, Carl and Shirley Williamson and Irene Shearer. Next meeting will be Monday, January 28, with Georgia Dea Holland and Twila Taylor as hostesses. Visitors always very welcome. All meetings at 6:00 p.m.

Nice to have Mack and Patty Ann Shields join us for supper at Maxeys Friday night and come out to our house and visit awhile. We've known Patty ever since she was in school at Briscoe and lived near. Fine family. Kevin and Heather Shields and Eric William and Lauren have bought a house in Canute, Okla. and are moving there. Saturday Mack and Patty went down to help with kids, dinner and painting and fixing up the house. Kevin works for a Ready-Mix Company and Heather is the therapist. John and Julie Shields and Maddie are buying a house on 83 north of Canadian and are moving there. John works for Canadian Redi-Mix and Julie teaches at Canadian elemen-

tary. Winnie Gilmer went up to help some about the moving and getting ready. Good time to buy a house, while interest is cheap. "God be with you till we meet again."



By Christine Gilmer

I Corinthians 3: 16, 17 & 19: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Clear skies in Allison this Monday morning and cold.

My Saturday afternoon visitor was my daughter, Johnnie Harrison, from Amarillo and also Pearl Harrison came and visited a while.

Sunday Jerry and Cathy Gilmer from Amarillo came and attended the morning church services with me at the U.P. church. We went to Wheeler after church and ate dinner at Maxeys. Came back home and had a good visit in the afternoon. It was nice to have them for a while. They don't come very often. They are very busy people. I guess so many folks are. Seems like whether you have a business or not. They went home Sunday evening. Also enjoyed my short visit with Johnnie.

Need to do some correction of a couple of names that were misspelled. The names are Jon Steffay and Not Jan; and my great granddaughter's name is Kacy Glass and not Kocye Glass. Don't know who is the one that makes the mistakes or the ones that prints it in the paper. If me, I will try to be more careful.

Vance and Caroline Boydston went to Wheeler last Sunday after church and ate dinner at Maxeys.

Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston took Curtis' granddaughter, Chasty Hill, to Amarillo last Tuesday to the airport at Amarillo for her to fly back home to Dallas. They ate dinner with Warren and Charlene Brown and attended a church service at Jubilee Tabernacle Tuesday night and the spent the night with Warren and Charlene and stayed till after dinner with them and came home Wednesday afternoon. They came through Wheeler and grocery shopping. Opal and Juanita visited Saturday at Janice's home with Robbie and SaRita Green, Carissa and Kelton from Binger, Okla. The Greens spent the weekend with Janice Boydston.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Shamrock last Thursday for medical reasons. Larry Brown from Mevern, Ark., was Sunday dinner guest with his parents, Roma and Billy. Thursia Poindexter was also a Sunday dinner guest.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer took Peggy Chandler to Amarillo last Thursday. Her daughter, Cindy Burrus, of Canyon came to Amarillo and picked Peggy up at Becky and Jeannie Gilmer's. Peggy spent Thursday night with Cindy in Canyon and Sue Chandler brought Peggy home Friday evening.

Ruby Craig and Rhonda McWhorter were in Pampa last Wednesday for business reasons.

Red and Anna Dukes' weekend guests were Jim and Vera Dukes from Abilene. They went home last Monday. Don Vinson flew from Corpus Christi to Amarillo and rented a car and drove to Allison and picked up his mother, Minnie Bell Vinson and took her back home with him to stay a while. Bob Dukes took Red and Anna Dukes to Oklahoma City last Tuesday, Jan. 8, for Anna to see the eye doctor. Her appointment for eye surgery is January 31. Last Friday Red and Anna attended the basketball game at Allison. Red and Anna went to Shamrock Sunday afternoon and visited with Bessie Crenshaw. They came back through Wheeler and visited Addie Swift at Parkview hospital.

Rita Grayson's Sunday dinner guests were Tim and Debbie Jones. Pearl Harrison and Wanda Walker visited Jimmy and Vivian Wallace at Elk City last Thursday and spent the night. Wanda and Pearl also visited Dorothy Osborne. On their way home Friday they came through Cheyenne and visited Thursia Poindexter.

Wednesday Eddy and Wanda Walker were Pearl's dinner guests. Clifton and Louise Boydston's Sunday dinner guests were Pearl Harrison, Hershel Sanford from Higgins, Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Heather and Jason, Pastor McDaniel and Bro. T. H. Chapman.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer went to Amarillo last Monday for Margaret's doctor appointment. They got a good report. Tuesday on their way home they stopped in Pampa at the eye doctor and Margaret had eye surgery, and her eye is healing and doing well.

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The Wheeler Eighth Grade girls played Claude at Claude Tuesday, January 8. The final score was 21-2 in Wheeler's favor after 2 quarters.

Scoring by quarter was: Wheeler 8 2 21 Claude 2 2 21 Individual Scores: Wheeler 8 10 18 30 Claude 4 8 12 26

Wheeler JV girls played Claude Tuesday, January 8. The final score was Wheeler 30 and Claude 26.

Scoring by quarter: Wheeler 6 10 18 30 Claude 8 15 26 26 Individual Scores: Wheeler 6 10 18 30 Claude 8 15 26 26

The Wheeler Varsity girls played Claude Tuesday, January 8. The final score was 56-42 in Wheeler's favor.

Scoring by quarter was: Wheeler 12 21 34 56 Claude 15 24 33 42 Individual Scores: Wheeler 12 21 34 56 Claude 15 24 33 42

Wheeler Varsity girls played White Deer Friday, January 11. The final score was Wheeler 77 and White Deer 47.

Scoring by quarters was: Wheeler 17 34 48 77 White Deer 4 25 34 47 Individual Scores: Wheeler 17 34 48 77 White Deer 4 25 34 47

Wheeler JV girls played White Deer at Wheeler on Friday, January 11. The final score was Wheeler 39,

## Traffic Stops By D.P.S. Capture Drugs, Money

DPS Troopers had three drug and currency seizures this weekend. Trooper Lucinda Russel said "The total drugs seized was 92 lbs. of Marijuana with a street value of \$46,200 and \$17,620.00 in currency was seized. We have had six seizures with a street value of \$219,772.00 and \$48,460.00 in currency seized in 2002."

The first seizure occurred on Friday, January 11, 2002, at 3:45 p.m. DPS Troopers working IH-40 stopped a 2001 Ford Taurus for a traffic violation. The Ford was traveling westbound near McLean. Troopers located \$17,620.00 in U.S. currency in the trunk area of the Ford. David James Deschenes, 25, of Infield, Connecticut was arrested for money laundering and placed in the gray County jail in Pampa, pending an investigation. It is believed that the money originated in Connecticut and was destined for California or Arizona.

The second seizure was on Sunday, January 13, 2002, at 10:27 a.m. DPS Troopers stopped a 1991 Nissan Maxima eastbound on IH-40 near McLean for a traffic violation. Liliana Quintero Figueroa, 27, of Tucson, Arizona and Jose Luis Valle, 21, of Senora, Mexico, were arrested after troopers located 90 lbs. of marijuana in the trunk. The marijuana has a street value of \$45,000.00. Investigators believe that the marijuana was coming from Tucson, Arizona, and was headed to Nashville, Tennessee. Both Figueroa and Valle were booked into the Gray County jail in Pampa.

The last seizure was also on Sunday, January 13, 2002, at 9:50 p.m. A 2002 Ford Explorer was stopped for a traffic violation on IH-40 going east bound near Shamrock. Edward Alfred Snyder, 26, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Todd Ray Richardson, 33, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, were arrested when troopers found 2 lbs. of marijuana in the rear area of the Explorer. It is believed that the marijuana had originated in Las Vegas, Nevada and was destined for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Both Snyder and Richardson were booked into the Wheeler County Jail.

## Prairie (from Page 1)

tures live performances by area musicians and singers. "We are so proud of the solid and regular attendance from the Central and Eastern panhandle, plus Western Oklahoma," said Godwin.

"It's a real tribute to the quality of our performers, who love music and have a good time. One of our regular performers' spouse, during intermission at the show last month exclaimed to me, 'I don't know how you guys do it, but you just keep getting better,'" commented Godwin. "That's fun to hear!"

"We have a basic regular group that's able to turn out good fun music, at least, the audience has responded to it," related Godwin. Regular performers include Scott Campbell, Lana Graham, George Briant, Jay Godwin, Venita and Hank McPherson, Wayne Writh, Lonnie Cox, Gaylon Lynch, Pat Popham, Phil Ridgway and well known fiddle player, Frankie McWhorter. We've also had tremendous support from area musicians that help us when their schedules permit, such as Myron Merz, Bart Sherrill and Jerry Collier. We really look forward to relative newcomer Wade Hampton of Wheeler joining us again this next show—really good singer and musician."

For additional information, contact Jay Godwin in Canadian at (806) 323-6213 or fax at (806) 323-8759.

White Deer 24. Scoring by quarters was: Wheeler 13 21 30 39 White Deer 7 19 19 24 Individual Scores: Wheeler 13 21 30 39 White Deer 7 19 19 24

## 2-A Dist. Executive Com. Incident Report Printed

The following is a written report of the findings, recommendations, and actions taken by the 2-A District Executive Committee on January 9, 2002 concerning an incident which occurred during a varsity boy's basketball game between UIL member schools Claude and Sudan on December 1, 2001. The findings of the committee are:

1. Several Claude fans were removed from the gym for verbal abuse of the officials who were calling the game.

2. Such conduct is a violation of Section 51 (a)(2) of the UIL C&CR, which defines a category A violation as "improper interaction with officials, judges and referees". These fans also violated Section 1201(a)(3) of the UIL C&CR which states that participants will "accept decisions of sports and school officials without protest, and without questioning their honesty and integrity, and extend protection and courtesy to sports officials... remembering that officials are guests; and

3. Claude ISD school administrators and coaches have taken appropriate initial steps toward preventing future fan behavior violations.

The district Executive Committee has unanimously voted to issue to Claude ISD a "public reprimand" and included a probationary period to extend through postseason basketball play for the 2001-02 season. The Committee has also recommended that Claude ISD take further disciplinary action against the individual fans who were initially removed from the gym area prior to the officials asking that the spectators be cleared from one side before continuing the game. It is important to note that we, as individual school districts, choose to be a part of the University Interscholastic League. By doing so, we agree to follow the rules set forth to remain a member district in good standing. UIL will only hand down a penalty when we are in violation and do not police our own situations. Fans should realize that a ticket to a game is a privilege to observe a contest and support high school athletics, not a license to verbally assault others or to be generally obnoxious. Fans need to respect the decisions of contest officials. We can all be role models for our student athletes by supporting teams and officials in a positive manner. We fully support Claude ISD and our own school districts as we all strive to win play-off berths and exemplify good sportsmanship for our young people.

## Chat (from Page 1)

Monday she went to a women's social. As a means of getting acquainted, each woman told the state in which she was born.

One of the three from Texas approached Jennifer and ask where in Texas. Her expression was priceless, when Jennifer said, "Wheeler."

The lady was Dana Denson Davis; a resident of Wheeler until the age of 12.

The Densons were our 'across the alley' neighbors for the first year of Dana's life.

And, Dana was in school with Ronal Wayne and Cathi.

Dana moved from Wheeler four years before Jennifer came into the picture.

And, Jennifer also learned that Dr. Galutia's mother attends the same church. They have not met yet.

Dana lives less than a mile from Jennifer.

Barbara and I left Thursday and met William in Weatherford. It was off to Lovelady to spend the weekend with the Gillettes. William traveled on to Houston.

Saturday evening William and I started our return by way of Sherman and spent the night.

Sunday afternoon we continued our return trip through Oklahoma City with the stop at the Longs.

Barbara remained in Lovelady. She is spending the week.

Shelly Schubert took Barbara's place at the computers for me this week. Thanks, Shelly.

We played cards Monday. I was not a member of the winning team. Dwight, Patsy and I lost the first game. Dwight, Leroy and I won the second and lost the third. Jane, Mike and Bob won the first game. Jane, Bob and Rhonda won the second game and lost the third.

Never praise a sister to a sister, in the hope of your compliments reaching the proper ears.

—Rudyard Kipling

The work of art is a part of nature seen through temperament. —André Gide



# Mobeetie Firemen's Annual Banquet

The Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual Banquet on January 8, 2002. Tim Adcock Fire Chief welcomes everyone before the meal. Pray was given by Bob Meller. Steve and Joyce Walker catered the meal of Steaks and chicken.

Drawings for door prizes were held through out the meal. Winners were a 4-ton jack won by Nadine Lane and 7 gold dollars was won by Kevin Ralston. Ernest Lancaster, Curt Duncan, Joyce Walker, Darryl Snelgrooves, and Brenda Lancaster won silver dollars. Brenda Lancaster, Evelyn Kincannon, and Janie VanZandt won flashlights. Tim Adcock and Haydon Duncan won \$25.00 gift certificate to Maxey's. Cammie Ralston won a telephone. Certificate for Carolyn Hefley won a full service oil change. Sallie Adcock won a \$10.00 gift certificate to New Heirlooms. Tillie Snelgrooves \$50.00 saving bond. Caitlynn Walker won 4 cups from Homestead Antique of Shamrock. Joe VanZandt won a collector's car. Janie VanZandt won a \$12.00 gift certificate from Soto's. Bob Meller won a fireman picture frame. Steve Walker and Jerry Hefley won a case of oil. Gatlin Duncan won a cooked brisket for Easter from Steve Walker. William McKinley won a \$20.00 gift certificate from Silver Creek. Dale Corcoran won a 4-piece pry bar set. Melba Corcoran won a \$10.00 gift certificate from Nkhe's Meat Market. Doug Corse and William McKinley won a pair of gloves and a pen. Calvin Kincannon won glass cleaner, Car-buretor cleaner and all-purpose lubricant. Virginia Ridgway won a Christmas house with candles. Jana Corse won a Multi-tool set. Mindy Duncan won a hammer and a pair of gloves. Bill Ridgway won a vase. Joyce Walker and Hayden Duncan won a subscription to Wheeler Times. Tillie Snelgrooves won a scissors set. Dale Corcoran won a \$10.00 gift certificate to Mel's Diner. Gatlin Duncan won an AM. FM Clock Radio. Curt Duncan won a 25-pound sack of cat food. Jerry Hefley won a First Alert Kitchen Fire extensor. Ernest Lancaster won 12 pack of Cokes and Dr. Peppers. Sallie Adcock won a pair of gloves. Darrel Snelgrooves and Melba Corcoran won certificate from Zodels for a large topping pizza. Jana Corse won a handy-man kit. Jerry Hefley won a picture frame. Calvin Kincannon won a hammer. Cammie Ralston won a screwdriver set. Doug Corse, Virginia and Mindy Duncan won a can of penetrating oil. Tim Adcock and Nadine Lane won candles. Those winning the centerpieces used to decorate the tables were Haydon Duncan, Tim Adcock, Calvin Kincannon and Melba Corcoran. Tim Adcock thanked Steve, Joyce and Caitlynn Walker for cooking the meal. A moment of silence was held in memory of Aline Corse followed by playing of a song on the tape from the New York Firemen Those receiving Firemen badges were Bill Ridgway, Calvin Kincannon, Doug Corse, Joe Shelton, Joe VanZandt, Kevin Ralston, Ernest Lancaster, Curt Duncan, Sallie Adcock and Tim Adcock. Those receiving a fireman afghan for long hours of work on the fire trucks were Doug Corse, James Gatlin and Tim Adcock. Those in attendance were special guest County Judge Jerry and Carolyn Hefley, Commissioner Darryl and Tillie Snelgrooves. Others attending were Tim and Sallie Adcock, Date and Melba Corcoran, Bill and Virginia Ridgway, Ernest and Brenda Lancaster, Joe and Janie VanZandt, Calvin and Evelyn Kincannon, Curt and Mindy Duncan, Hayden and Gatlin, Kevin and Cammie Ralston, Steve and Joyce Walker and Caitlynn, William McKinley, Jana Corse, Doug Corse, Bob Meller and Nadine Lane. Calvin Kincannon gave thanks for all the merchants that donated door prizes. The ones from Wheeler are Mel's Diner, Hefley Hardware, Wheeler Lumber, Jones Fuel, Wheeler Flower Shop, Marshall Auto, Wheeler Times, Soto's, Hyland Pharmacy, Hibler's Implement, Zodel's, Mr. Barbecue and Wheeler Banking Center. Those from Shamrock were Buy For Less, Stokes Napa, Bartlett Lumber, New Heirlooms, Petal Patch, Vemell's Jewelry, Homestead Antiques, Country Store, Cantrells, C. & H. Supply, Country Star News, Old Station Deli, Adam's Hardware, Silver Creek Jewelry, Shamrock Flower Shop and Mike's Meat Market. Those from Mobeetie were First State Bank, Bill Caswell Wagon Tongue Ranch and Tim Adcock.

After the banquet and visiting Fire Chief Tim Adcock called the business meeting to order. Sallie Adcock secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. They stood approved as read. Bill Ridgway treasurer gave the financial report. It stood approved as given. Old business discussed was the report on the purchase of a truck. No decision was made on it. New Business was election of officers. All were elected by accumulation. The

new officers are Fire Chief Tim Adcock, Assist Fire Chief Ernest Lancaster, Secretary Sallie Adcock, Treasurer Bill Ridgway and procurement officer Calvin Kincannon.

Those responding to fires were Sallie Adcock 10 fires, Tim Adcock 9 Fires, Doug Corse 6 fires, Bill Ridgway 6 fires, Calvin Kincannon 8 fires, Curt Duncan 5 fires, Joe Shelton 4 fires, and Joe VanZandt 2 fires. Those responding to incidents were Sallie Adcock 2, Tim Adcock 1, Doug Corse 1, Aline Corse 1, Bill Ridgway 1, and Virginia Ridgway 1. Those responding to storm watch were Sallie Adcock 5, Tim Adcock 5, Doug Corse 4, Aline Corse 4, Bill Ridgway 4, Virginia Ridgway 4, Calvin Kincannon 4, Curt Duncan 5, Joe Shelton 5, Joe VanZandt 2, Dale Corcoran 1 and Melba Corcoran 1.

## Now Is The Time For Planting Native Grass

Your local Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to urge all CRP participants in sign-up 20 to begin planting your native grass mix into a covercrop right now. In the past several years we have achieved the best stand of native grasses when the grasses are seeded in December, January and February. Producers should also remember to kill the dead litter crop when needed. Please contact Calvin or Fred before seeding your grass or killing your dead litter crop.

In Wheeler County we have around 500 CRP acres set up to be planted to native grass mix this spring. Native grasses are defined as original inhabitants of that area. A good example of one of our native grass mixture would be a combination of Switchgrass, Indiangrass, Sideoats Grama, Little Bluestem and Sand Lovegrass. There are many more grass mixes for producers to consider before planting their grass. Producers are also required to include a forb with their grass mixture. These are some of the forbs to consider: Purple Prairie Clover, Maximillion Sunflower, Illinois Bundleflower, Englemann'saisy, Partridge Pea and Four-Wing Saltbush. It is required that all native grasses will be planted into a covercrop. The local NRCS recommended seeding dates for planting a native grass is around the first of December thru June 1.

Please contact your local NRCS office in Wheeler on your native grass mixes before planting. Calvin or Fred can be reached at 826-3565 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

## Dead Litter Crop To Be Killed On CRP Land

CRP participants who are scheduled to plant a native grass mix this coming spring to go ahead and seed their grass into the dead litter crop. NRCS recommends seeding your native grass mix after Dec. 1. In the past, we felt like if the grass was seeded in December most of our native grass made into a real good stand that spring.

At this time CRP producers have two methods to consider when killing their dead litter crop. Producers may chemically kill or mechanically kill their dead litter crop. The first method is mechanical kill your dead litter crop. Mow or clip small grain when it reaches the soft dough stage. Do not allow the seed head to mature. Leave as much stubble height as possible to protect the young grass seedling. NRCS prefers producers to kill their dead litter crop by April 15th.

The second method is chemical kill your dead litter crop. Chemical (Round-up) may be applied to kill small grains such as wheat or rye when the plants are in boot stage. Do not allow small grains to mature past the soft dough stage. The desired grass species may be planted into the small grains either prior to or after small grain crops are killed. The small grains must be chemically killed before the grass seed germinates. I would urge all CRP producers to contact their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office before killing your dead litter crop.

In the past few years we have found out that spraying your dead litter crop has been the most effective way to kill a dead litter crop. You could also mix a weed killer herbicide with the round-up to control weeds but before mixing your chemical please notify your local NRCS office.

Calvin and Fred are looking forward to working with you in 2002. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

For more information, contact Calvin or Fred at the NRCS office in Wheeler at 806/826-3565 ext 3. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientations, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact USDA's target center at (202) 720-2600 (voice & TDD).

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