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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Russell Lohberger, Ft. Elliott basketball player. Russell scored 47 points in two District 2-1A Division II wins, including 27 in an 84-79 win over Wheeler on Jan. 25.

Wheeler and Ft. Elliott basketball teams are neck and neck for titles in District 2-1A play. **Congratulations to Wheeler Mustangs, Lady Mustangs, Ft. Elliott Cougars and Lady Cougars** on your 2004-05 basketball season.

Remember, the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet is Saturday evening. Good food, entertainment and fellowship. See (Continued Page 8)

Sue Mayfield Will Retire At Mobeetie

The Mobeetie Post Office will be honoring Sue Mayfield with a retirement reception on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. The reception will be from 10 to 12 at the Mobeetie Post Office. Sue Mayfield was the Postmaster Relief at Mobeetie since April of 1991. Please come and wish her well on her retirement.

The Valentines Day Special Cancellation will also be on February 9 at Mobeetie. The cancellation will be available all day.

Cancer Screening To Be At Parkview

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parkview Hospital, 901 S Sweetwater, in Wheeler on March 28, 2005.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Army Pfc. Reed Completes Training

Army Pfc. Cameron M. Reed has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Reed is the grandson of Fern Reed of Rural Route 1, Wheeler, Texas, and son of Andy Reed of S. Sammy Baugh Ave., Rotan, Texas. He is a 2001 graduate of Shamrock High School, Texas.

Workday Is Set For Wheeler Track Area

We will be cleaning up around the track and making repairs for the upcoming track season. Wheeler will host 4 meets this year and we want our facilities to be in top notch shape. We will begin work around 9:00 am. Please contact Roy Baker or Coach Tucker at the school if you can help out.



MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK: Missionaries John and Eileen Fethkenher will speak at Wheeler County Chapel Sunday, February 27, 2005 A.M.; Sunday, February 27, 2005 P.M. at Calvary Christian Fellowship at Shamrock; then Wednesday, March 2, 2005 P.M. at Reydon Community Church at Reydon.

Chamber of Commerce

Annual Installation Banquet Is Feb. 5

The 2005 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Saturday evening, February 5, 2005, in the Wheeler School cafeteria. The theme for the banquet will be "Wheeler's 100th Birthday". Speaker for the evening will be Ray Stone. The topic of his talk will be Rural Economic Growth. In his letter of introduction, Mr. Stone comments:

Over the past 19 years, I have traveled Texas and the neighboring states speaking on the Dallas Cowboys. I have witnessed first hand the small town shopping habit that has devastated small town economies and in turn affected the quality of life, public schools, city/county services and real estates values. Out of town shopping rather than shopping at home is in fact driving a stake into the heartbeat of Texas rural communities.

The chamber is presently sponsoring a Football Raffle. The Dallas Cowboy football is signed by Troy Aikman and Roger Staubach. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. The money will help offset speaker fee and travel expenses.

Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse will serve as the emcee for the evening.

Recognized each year at the chamber banquet are the outstanding citizens. The recipients of these awards are announced each year; this has become a highlight of the

annual event. The Outstanding Man, Woman, Teenager, Employee and Farmer/Rancher will be named and plaques will be presented.

The newest award presented each year is the Pioneer Spirit Award. The recipient of this award is selected by the chamber.

Those in attendance at the banquet will be introduced to the 2005 chamber officers and the chamber directors for the coming year.

The meal this year will be prepared by Maxey's Steakhouse. Tickets will be \$15.00 per plate. Tickets are on sale and may be purchased at the chamber office behind the City of Wheeler office.



Ray Stone

You may call 826-3408 and reserve your tickets.

Get your tickets and spend an enjoyable evening of good food, good fellowship and entertainment.

Football Raffle

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Proceeds will help offset fee and travel expenses for

Ray Stone

Producer of "Inside The NFL" & Public Speaker on "Community Involvement" speaker at Wheeler Chamber Banquet February 5, 2005
Winner will be announced at banquet.



Gene Shorter

Gene Shorter, 74 Graveside Jan. 29

Gene Shorter, 74, died Wednesday, January 26, 2005, at Mobeetie, Texas.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29, 2005, at the Mobeetie Cemetery. Rev. Harvey Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mobeetie, Texas, officiated.

Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Mr. Shorter was born March 31, 1930, in Oklahoma to Everett Neal and Manuella Shorter. He married Louise Marie Blyeu April 11, 1952, in Reno, Nev. Mr. Shorter lived in Pampa, Texas, for 30 years and was employed by Ingersoll Rand as a machinist and retired in 1986. They moved to Mobeetie in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Louise of the home; 2 daughters, Judy Cloud of Mobeetie and Tina Whiteley of Pampa; 2 sons, Neal Shorter of Pampa and Donnie Shorter of Mobeetie; mother, Elsie Blair of Pampa; 1 brother, Donald Lee Shorter of Tennessee; 1 sister, Betty Minton of Pampa; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Pampa, Texas.

Ruth Ledbetter, 94 Rites Are Thursday

Ruth Ledbetter, 94, died Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at Wheeler, Texas.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler, Texas with Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor officiating.

Burial will be in the Kelton Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Mrs. Ledbetter was born August 26, 1910 in Lamar, Arkansas to Henry and Lillian Hink. She married Elmer Vernon Ledbetter on January 8, 1938 in Shamrock, Texas. Mrs. Ledbetter has lived in Texas since 1933 and moved to Wheeler in 1986 from Kelton, Texas. She was a member of the Kelton Home Demonstration Club and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler.

Mrs. Ledbetter was preceded in death by her husband on March 5, 1961, 1 sister, and 2 brothers.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Zuana Ford and husband, Alfred, of Irving, Texas and Carolyn Buckingham and husband, Billy, of Kelton, Texas; 1 son, Gail Ledbetter and wife, Sally, of Wheeler, Texas; 1 brother, Harold Hink of Amarillo, Texas; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial request is to the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler.



MISS CINDERELLA PAGEANT: Savannah Foster won Eastern Texas Panhandle Miss Cinderella Pageant in Sayre, Oklahoma on January 29, 2005. She will compete in Houston for State in June. She is the daughter of Scott and Kandi Weatherly of Wheeler, Texas and Britt and Cindy Foster.

Girl Scout Cookies Are Sent To Soldiers

... See Story on Page 8

Shelton May Buy-back Benefit Raffle

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Raffle will begin at 6:30 p.m. on

February 12th at the

benefit dinner

and dance to be held at the

County Show Barn



Local Committee Says 'Thank You'

The Wheeler Area Activities Council would like to thank the Wheeler Community for their generous donations that will sponsor a room at the Medical Center League House. The 30 room facility will provide a home-away-from-home for families with loved ones receiving medical treatment as well as people receiving outpatient care. It will offer not only a comfortable and affordable place to stay, but also a place to gain emotional and physical support. Its purpose will be to ease some of the burden placed on families who may find themselves in Amarillo for medical reason. The "Wheeler" room will serve individuals in our community as well as people from other communities across our area. The ground breaking and building is expected to begin in Spring of 2005.

WHEELER AREA ACTIVITIES COUNCIL DONATE: The Wheeler Area Activities and Improvement Council Inc. presents check to Junior League of Amarillo and Harrington Regional Medical Center for Medical Center League House. Pictured l. to r. are Dave Britt, Calvin Devereaux, Marla Ford, Charles Kuntz, David Sougstad, Lori Boykin, Randy McCurley, and Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse.



PRESENTS CHECK: l. to r. Charles Kuntz presents a \$10,000.00 check to David Sougstad for the "Wheeler" room.



Happy Valentine Station
February 9, 2005
Wheeler TX 79096

"SPECIAL CANCELLATION FOR YOUR VALENTINE MAIL"

February 7, 2005—Allison, TX 79003

February 9, 2005—Wheeler, TX 79096

February 9, 2005—Mobeetie, TX 79061

February 10, 2005—Briscoe, TX 79011

Wheeler, Allison, Briscoe and Mobeetie post offices will be offering a special Valentines cancellation. Each office will have a new name for their special day—"Happy Valentines Station".

People attending these local events may obtain the cancellation in person at the temporary post office station. Those who cannot attend the event, but wish to obtain the cancellation may submit a mail order request. The cancellation will only be available for the dates indicated and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial cancellation date.

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Place your envelopes or post cards, bearing first class postage, in a larger envelope and address it to "Pictorial Cancellation" followed by the name of the station and city, state and zip code.

Customers may also bring your valentine cards to your local post office early and leave them to be cancelled and mailed on the special event day.

So—bring your valentines, purchase some of our beautiful love stamps and get this very special postmark.

Refreshments will be served at all four post offices on the day of their special event!!

Check with your local post office for times.

Feb. 10 Meeting For Beef Cattle Prod'ers

There will be a Beef Cattle Producers Meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Shamrock at 9:00 am. 2 CEU's In General and 1 CEU in Laws and Regs for a total

of 3 CEU's will be offered. Topics to be discussed will include:

Grass and Broad Leaf Control; Brush Control Techniques; Transporting Chemical Laws, Beef Cattle

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ALLISON NEWS
By Juanita Boydston



THE WHEELER TIMES
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all the works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power, To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Psalms 145:8-13

The weather has had a couple of inches of snow earlier and then we received another inch to that on Sunday. So winter is certainly here in Allison.

We are thrilled to have Curtis and Lillian Boydston back to their home in Allison. We always miss them while they are gone, but glad to be with them while they are here. Welcome home!!

Tuesday night, Curtis and Lillian Boydston visited in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston. They enjoyed refreshments and lots of visiting.

Pearl Harrison traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma on Wednesday to visit in the home of Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. While there she attended the Elk City United Pentecostal Church that is pastored by her son-in-law, Jimmy Wallace.

Opal Boydston accompanied Louise Boydston to Wheeler, Texas where they did some shopping and enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's, then traveled on to Pampa on business.

Monday evening, Glenn and Betty Boydston dropped by and visited awhile in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Juanita Boydston has been on the sick list for the last week. She is still taking care of herself and trying not to get out in the cold, thus the doctors orders. She is feeling much better.

Friday, Curtis and Lillian Boydston drove to Wheeler, Texas to pick up some medicine for Juanita Boydston.

Pearl Harrison went to the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, Oklahoma on Thursday to be with her daughter, Louise Boydston, during her surgery. Others there were Debbie Boydston, Cheryl Dupont, Pastor M.C. McDaniel and Jimmy and Vivian Wallace. We are praying for you Louise. We wish her a speedy recovery. Glad to report that she is home now.

Pearl Harrison arrived back in Allison on Saturday.

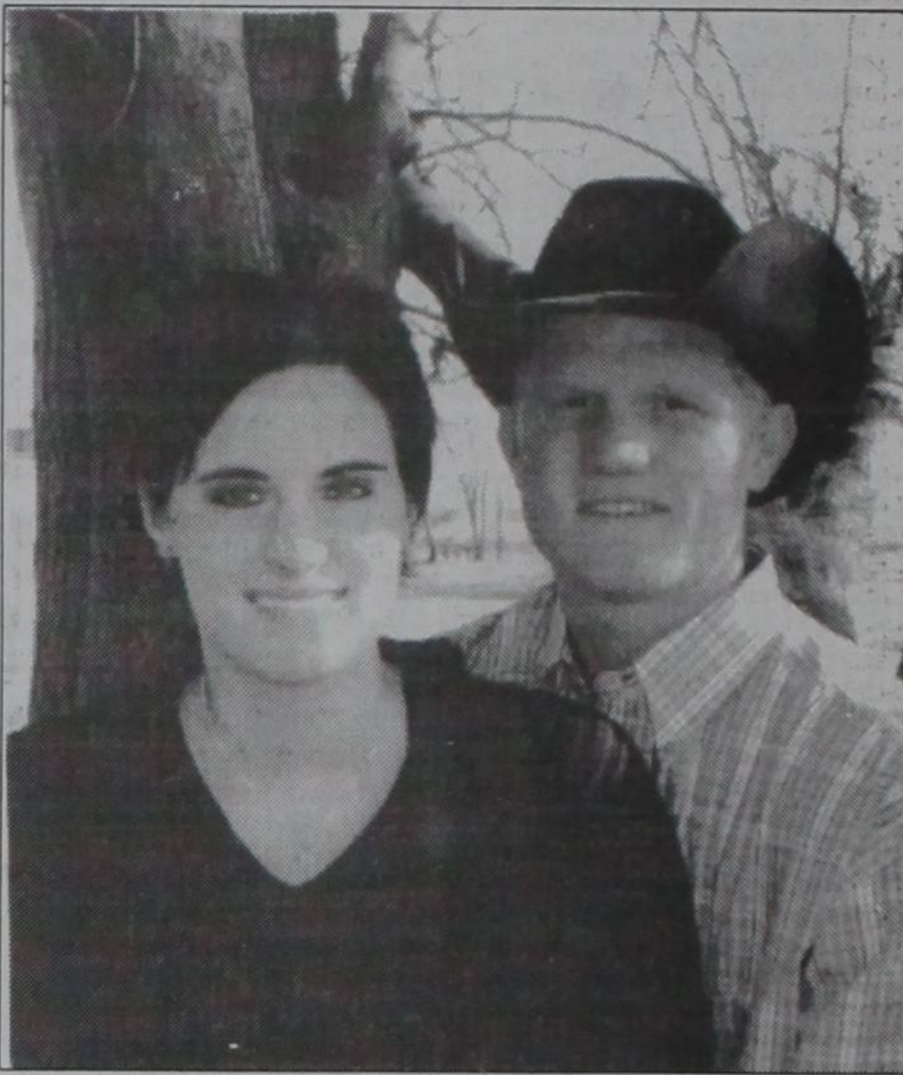
Peggy Chandler and Jennie Walker traveled to Wheeler, Texas on business. They enjoyed a delicious meal at Mel's.

Vance and Carol Boydston and Curtis and Lillian Boydston visited in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston after church on Sunday night. They were served delicious homemade lemon cake and bought ice cream. And yes, they played a game of spinners. After the game they all looked at ole family pictures.

Last Thursday evening, Bret Begert traveled to Amarillo to the Region 16 Education Service Center. He attended a meeting of the Texas Association of School Boards for an update concerning the impact of this Legislative Session on Texas schools.

Bret, Hayley, and McKinley Begert, along with Hiram and Darena Begert, were in Ft. Worth, TX over the weekend. They attended the Texas Limousin Association's Limousin cattle events and meetings held in conjunction with the Ft. Worth Stock Show. Bret was elected President of the Texas Limousin Association during the membership meeting on Saturday. Bret is a past Texas Junior Limousin Association President and currently is employed by the North American Limousin Foundation as Director of Junior Activities.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next week!!



ENGAGEMENT: Bennie and Debra Boydston of Allison announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Josh Archer. Josh is the son of Bruce and Carol Archer of Allison. The couple plan to wed June 11, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Allison. The bride-elect is a second semester sophomore nursing student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The prospective groom is employed at Boydston's Oilfield Service in Allison.

Carol's news. (Thanks for writing Carol)

Last Monday Lillian and Curtis Boydston came back to their Texas home here in Allison, Texas. How come it always seems like they spend more time in Oklahoma City than they do here? They assure us they are splitting their time half and half. Vance and Carol hurried over to say welcome back and played a quick game of spinners even though they were travel weary.

Of course on Tuesday mornings the ladies of the Allison United

Pentecostal Church gather to pray for the needs of the church and the people of Allison and surrounding areas and their loved families. They pray for souls to get prepared for the returning of Jesus to take the church to heaven. Time is growing short.

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This is the week of the Super Bowl. Patriots vs. Eagles. There have been some good games in the past. There have also been some pretty boring ones. Unless it is my favorite team in the Super Bowl (and this year, it is most definitely not!), I usually want a good, close, hard-fought battle that isn't decided until the last two minutes of the game. I would even enjoy an overtime game (although that hasn't happened in any of the Super Bowl's as of this year). I guess what I want is a dramatic finish.

Perhaps this is a strange segue into what I wanted to address in this article this week, but if you want to know about a dramatic finish, read the book of Revelation. I will admit to having a problem with any book

or commentary I have ever read about this final book of the Bible. The problem is that no two commentaries agree with each other. Interpretations about this book are all over the page. But the best explanation I have ever heard about Revelation is that the theme is "we win."

Strange things happen. Battle language. Good guys and bad guys. Drama. And a fantastic finish. But don't think that it is a fantastic finish because it is a close contest. It is a dramatic fantastic finish with Jesus winning decidedly.

Revelation 19:6b-7: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."

Shawn D. Johnson

An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas

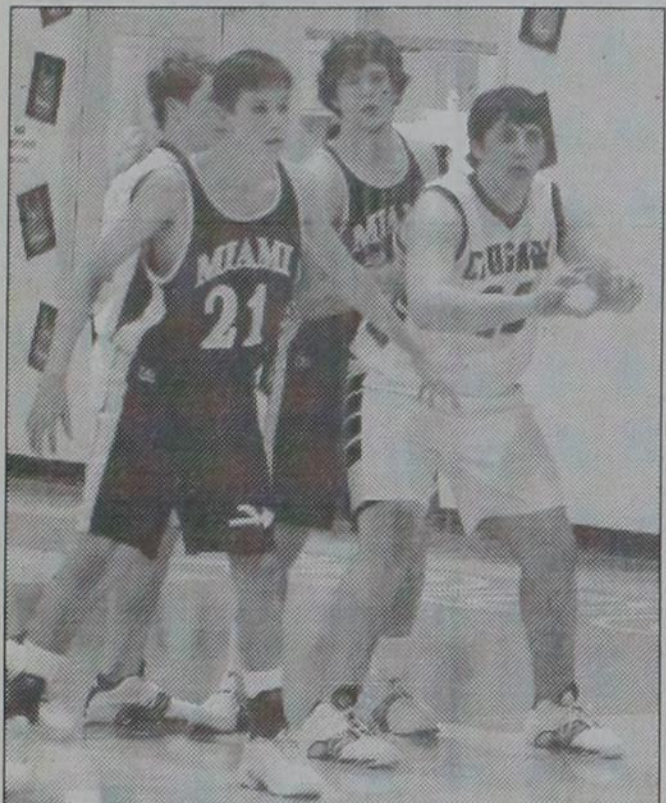
Services:
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship .. 10:55 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



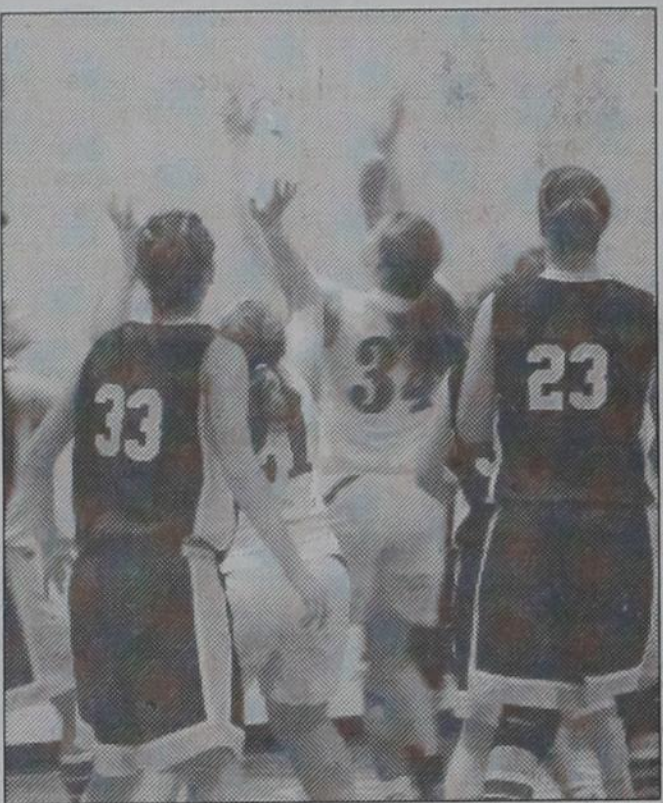
Ft. Elliott's Jake Puryear, #30, and Kelsey Zybach, #23, await the chance to get control of the ball in the game with Miami.



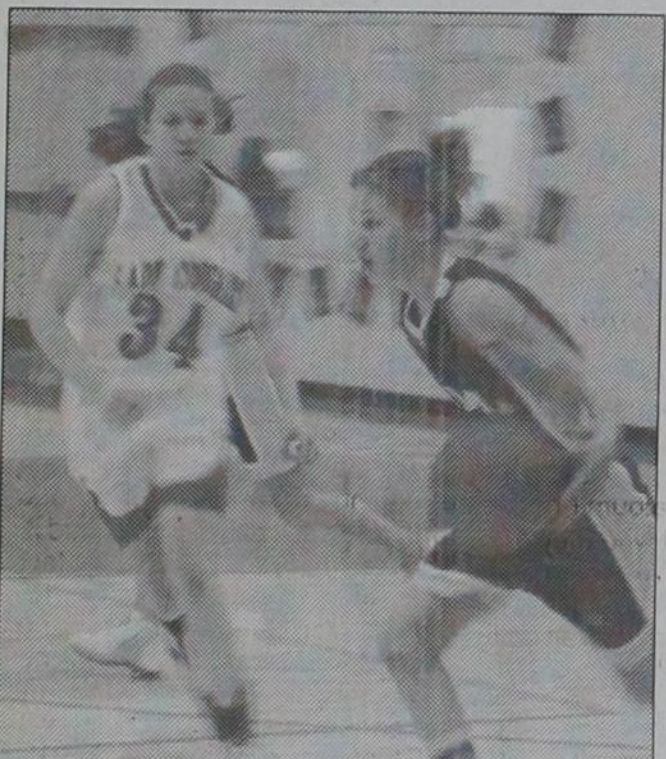
Justen Bryant, #14, waits for the ball to be put back into play.



Jason Boydston, #4, and Justen Bryant, #14, watch for a rebound.



Raysha Vandever, #21 and Jordan Alls, #34, want the rebound.



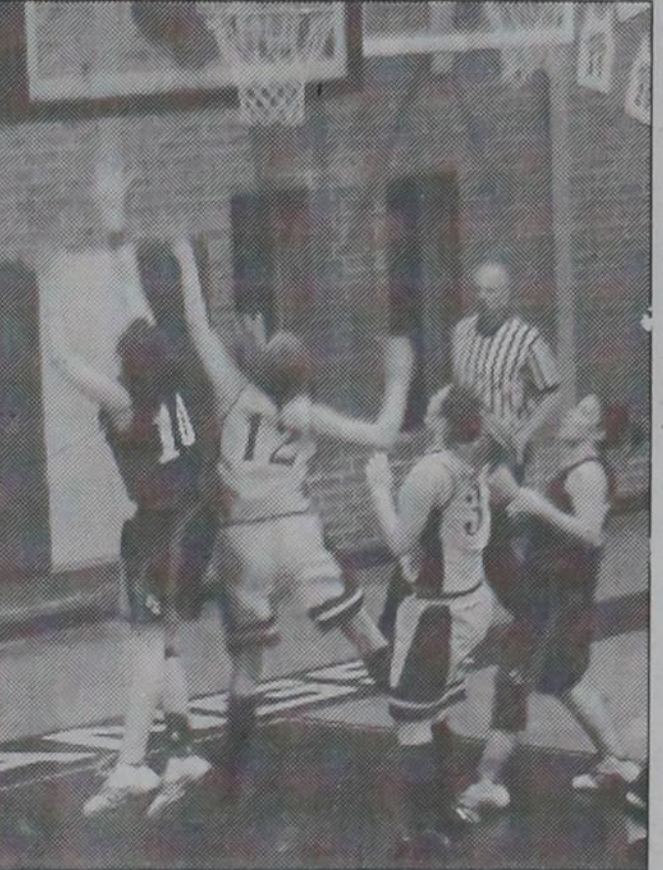
Jordan Alls, #34, moves in to guard the ball carrier in the Miami game.



Cougars, Justen Bryant, #14, and Chance Newman, #20, are on the defense in the Wheeler/Ft. Elliott game. Mustangs, Landon Sams, #35; Jarrod Haning, #14, and Cameron Burton, #33, await a chance to gain possession of the ball.



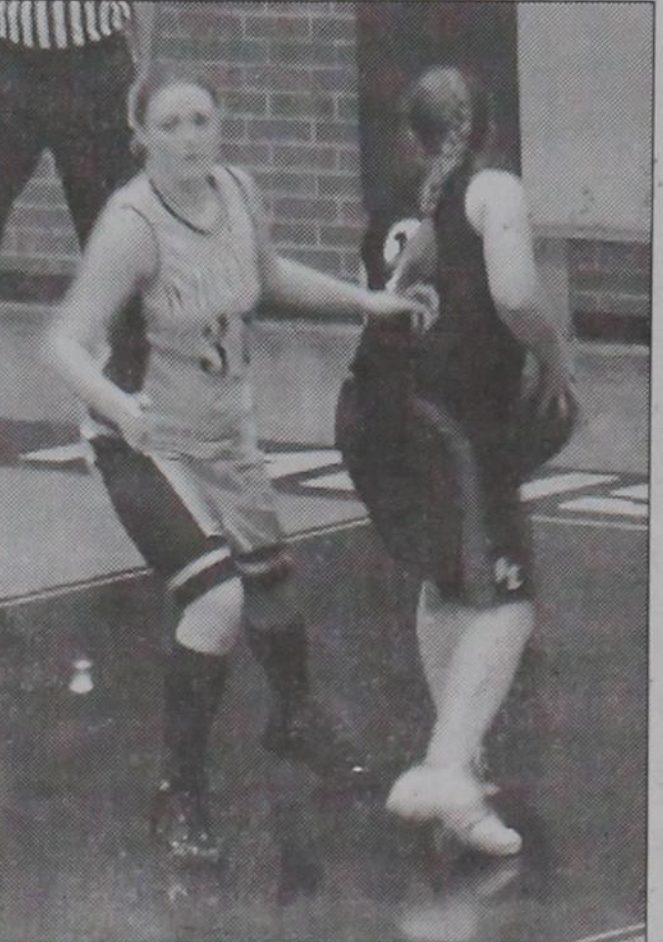
Ft. Elliott's Alicia Reis, #10, goes for 2 points. She is guarded by Wheeler's J'Shea McCasland, #12.



Ft. Elliott's Justen Bryant, #14, and Mustang Brandon Weatherly, #42, want control of the ball.



Tamara Hefley, #12, joins Lady Mustangs, Samantha Chapman, #34 and Lezli Finsterwald, #10 in trying to get possession of the ball.



Ft. Elliott's Andrea Hathaway, #2, has the ball and slips past Wheeler's Katie Richardson, #31.

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Shorter and the family and friends of Gene Shorter. He passed away Jan. 26th.

Gene was one of those people you could consider a "quiet giant". He was quiet so when he had something to say you knew you'd best listen. Gene was a very private person, never bothered anybody, but would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it.

Gene loved and enjoyed his family. He is survived by 2 daughters, Judy Cloud of Mobeetie and Tina Whiteley of Pampa, 2 sons, Donnie Shorter of Mobeetie and Neal Shorter of Pampa; along with 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

As long as Gene was with his wife and family he was happy, but if they were out fishing he was happier.

Gene will be greatly missed. The family and friends of Gene had a very nice day Saturday to say goodbye and celebrate his

life. Gene is also survived by his mother, Elsie Blair, of Pampa and a brother and sister.

His mother wasn't able to come because of her health, but she was there in spirit.

Thanks to Girl Scouts Tammye and Kristen from Wheeler for bringing some of their delicious cookies. Also to leader, Michelle

Lumpkin, for making the effort Saturday so us Mobeetie folks didn't get left out. I really enjoyed the girls visit. They are sweet and bubbly and do know their cookies.

Wasn't the Iraqi election an inspiration? Over 76% of eligible voter were brave enough to show their determination to hopefully have a democratic government.

Maybe our military will be able



to pull-out from over there and come home soon. Pray for their protection until that time.

Sgt. Kephart was on guard duty on one of the major roads into Baghdad.

Hi! Jim hope all is well. We miss you around here. Hope your soon on the "road home".

I received a "Christmas" letter from the Howard family in Colorado.

David, Patsy, Mendee and Allen all stay busy. They are very involved at their church and with the swim team.

The kids have grown to beautiful young adults.

Allen is following in his Dad's footsteps, can do anything he sets his mind to.

Mendee is enjoying college. Thanks for all the neat pictures Patsy.

Allen got his drivers license, so now mom and dad have a chauffeur.

Sorry to hear about the passing of Wayne Keeter, 70, of Hereford. He passed away Thursday.

Bob and Lonnie Shelton worked with Wayne at Pioneer Natural Gas in Hereford in the late 60's and early 70's.

Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

Wayne was buried on Monday in Wildorado.

Good news on Ronnie Hungates condition. He is still in I.C.U. but is responsive and even talks to the family some. He still has a long way to go. Please keep Ronnie and his family in your prayers.

What a nice surprise to see Sallie Adcock, Kellie May and Shelton May at Wal-Mart in Amarillo.

Shelton had already had his chemo treatment and was ready to come home. He was set up with his 'stuff' all snug and warm in the car. His blood counts are still way to low. So he only got one of the chemo medications instead of the two at a time they had hoped to be able to do to keep him on schedule.

He is an amazing kid. Congratulations Shelton and Payton May. They both took 2nd place in their groups at the stock show.

The Ft. Elliott team took 4th place in the show.

Way to go kids. Keep up the good work.

Judy Cloud is going to have her other knee replacement March 7th. Hope it goes as well as the first.

Hi Kenneth and Vera. Glad to hear your doing better.

So good to talk to Mary Margaret Dodd. Sorry you've been fighting bronchitis. Just get better soon.

Good to hear Leola Stuart sounding some better. She had been at work last week. Saturday she went to Shamrock and took Buelah Stuart and Otis Stuart to lunch then stopped by Amy Richardson's store for a short visit.

Eddie is putting in some extra hours trying to get his kids ready to take the taks test.

So good to hear that Gladly Richardson and Minerva Jones are doing some better. They still have a cough, but so much better than last week.

Don't forget to take your Valentine cards and letters to the Allison, Briscoe, Mobeetie or Wheeler post office for that Special Valentine cancellation.

Wednesday February 9th will be the first day of the cancellation. Each post office is having refreshments so check with your local post office to see when they are "partying".

Sorry to hear that Wanda Childress has been fighting the crud bug for a couple of weeks. Hope this finds you feeling much better. That cough and cold is hard to shake.

Sorry all of us sick folks gave Dr. Chris Eddens the flu bug. Hope you much better.

Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Shelton May and family, Don and Mary Edwards, Don and Willene Burke, Louise Shorter and family, Earl and Mabel Tabor, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Wilhelmina Sherrell, Gaylord Thompson, Frankie Fletcher, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Evelyn Hanning, Gladys Richardson, Minerva Jones, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Marvel Graham, Ronnie Hungate and family, Deidre Dukes Harris and baby, Willis and Verna Fillingim, Sgt Kephart, Matthew Ferguson, Dusty Fleming, Carol Orthman, Lillian Lee and Mary Margaret Dodd, Evelyn Hanning, the family of Wayne Keeter, and C. G. Dodd. Have a wonderful week.

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Ever look at your old photos and wonder who in the world those old people were? I know we all have these mystery pictures either in a box or hopefully an album (ha ha ha) so try to find out who they are if it is not too late. When you find out who they are write it on the back of the photo. Do not wait until the memory is too dim or nonexistent. I had a close call last week when my daughter Laurah e-mailed a few copies of old family photos and ask me who they were. Most of them I knew but a few were out of the 1900 to 1940 range and I did not have a clue on their identity. I did recognize my baby picture. Laurah did not because I looked like a bundle of blankets with a very chubby face sticking out. Good thing mom told me it was me years ago and I wrote it on the back. I think I was a round ball due to my birth weight of 10 pounds, but that was nothing as the next born, my brother Don, weighed in at 12 pounds. He had to take all the blame for mom's lifetime back problems. One day I called mother and said I wanted to come up from San Clemente and go through old photos with her. It was a wonderful visit for a week and I got a lot of answers and a lot of "Must be your dad's people". Grandmother did the same before she died, but her memory was already slipping, so I had waited too long. It does take time to do this, but someday it will be too late and those old photos will have to go into the unidentifiable box or the trash can. Some

are beautiful studio prints in mats and hard back folders. Too pretty to throw out but they are strangers now. Laurah and I spent two days e-mailing information back and forth and she really appreciated it. The nice thing about it was the fact that we could do something together even though we are 1200 miles apart. I told her it was good to do this now before all of my memory was shot.

Glenn Forrest Frosty and I joke about forgetting things all the time, like the grocery list or prescriptions from the doctor, etc. It would not be so bad if we did not live 21 miles from the nearest store. The other day we were going to have blood work done to finish up my yearly physical. We got half way there and remembered that HE must have left the doctor's orders telling them what tests he wanted done. Back we went and there it was under his movie camera on the dining room. By the time we finally got to the hospital for the tests, we could have been half way to California. Of course it is usually Glenn's fault and I let him know, but he just says, in his Texas draw, "That's right." Now how can a woman deal with that?

Think we could all use a few sessions of "who is this in this old picture?" with someone who might know, but remember to take a pen and write it down. Someday it will be too late. Such is life here in the snow country.

Love, Betty Boydston

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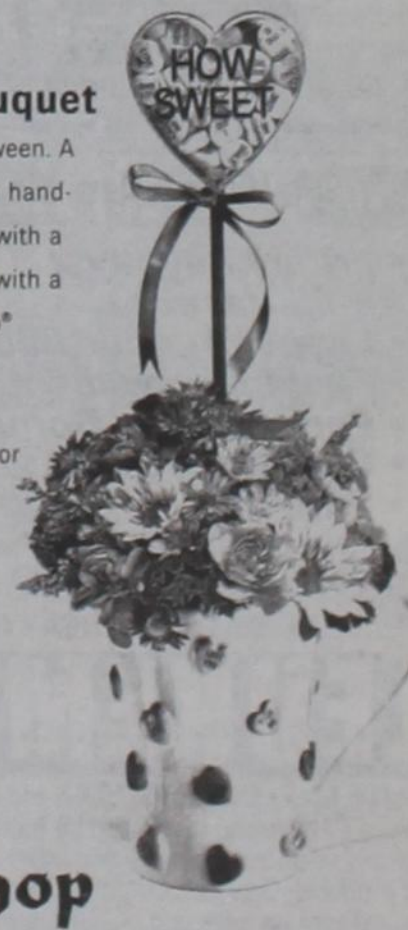
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Amber Oldham receives her plaque for having shown the Sr. Showmanship Goat at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Bo Compton.



Leslie Killingsworth receives her plaque for having shown the Jr. Showmanship Goat at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Shantell Meek.



Josh Hardcastle receives his plaque for having shown the Jr. Showmanship Lamb at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Heather Hampton.



Shantell Meek receives her plaque for having shown the Sr. Showmanship Lamb at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Katie Richardson.



Jeremy Hobbs receives his plaque for having shown the Jr. Showmanship Swine at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Heather Hampton.



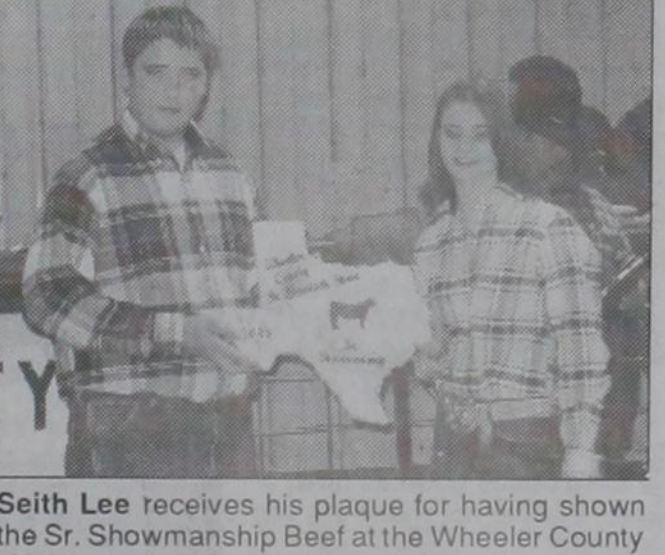
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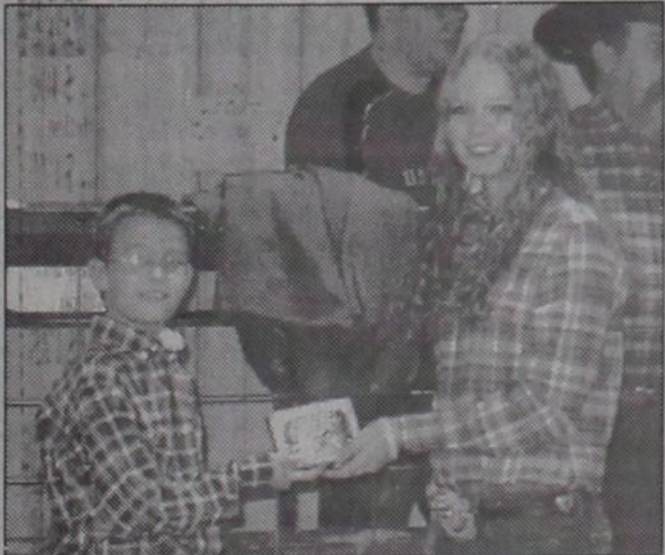
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COUNTRY NEWS
 By Verna Fillingim

Philippians 4:6,7 Do not worry about anything but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Happy Birthday to Kelby Ledbetter, Carolyn May, Robert Mayfield, Gary Boydston, Jacob McNeill, Kaitlyn Helton, Haylee Vinson, Whitney Willeford on Feb. 6; Marla Ford, Tony Jackson, Hannah Boydston, Shelly Shubert, Randy Henson, Keri Beers, Sherry Wash, Joe Shelton, Benjamin Howard, Bill Ridgway on Feb. 7; Ricky Pfeil, Chad Knight, Chris Lee, Joe Don Glassey, Robert Shugart and Marilyn Herdon on Feb. 8; Janet Romines, Jason Miller, Dwight Arganbright, Charlotte Coward, Breann and Brittane Hennig, Frankie Jackson, Jennifer Velasquez, Cody Rogers on Feb. 9; Darren Helley, Tom Hill, Richard Brown, Elyse Maddox, Kaylye Boydston on Feb. 10.

Happy Birthday to Betty Weaver, Mechelle Marshall, Cheryl Wilson, Linda Willetto, Gary Morris, Wanda (Love) Lane on Feb. 11, Bobbye Hill, Zachary Hibler, Shilar Rowley, Abby Gilmer, Tina Watson on Feb. 12.

Next Sunday night, Feb. 6, will be First Sunday Singing at Mobeetie Baptist Church at 6:00 o.m. Everyone invited to come sing or read a poem or whatever you can do. Refreshments following.

Lefors High School basketball teams will come to Ft. Elliott to play Friday night, Feb. 4 at 6:30 at Briscoe. Tuesday night, Feb. 8, at 6:30 at Follett will be last district game with Ft. Elliott.

Ladies Day out will be Thursday Feb. 3, at Sotos at 11:30. Ladies of all ages invited.

Everyone is invited to Wednesday night suppers at Wheeler Baptist church at 6:00 p.m. with Bible activities for all ages following and prayers for ill and bereaved.

Bouquets to Wheeler Care Center Resident, Charlie (the big man). He raked up all the leaves on the front yard and sacked them up nice. Several sacks. Good for Charlie.

Wesley Steen has not been feeling well. He went to the emergency room at Wheeler Hospital Saturday night, Jan. 22. They sent him on to Amarillo in an ambulance. His pulse was very slow and heart not beating right. He saw his heart doctor Monday and got back home to Wheeler about noon, Tuesday, Jan. 25. Remember Wesley in your prayers. Helen too. He is doing some better. They were out to church Wednesday.

Monday, Jan. 24, was Earl and Betty Husted's 53rd wedding anniversary. They had colds and neither felt like celebrating, so did not do anything special. Maybe later. Congratulations Earl and Betty and many more.

Pray for Frankie Fletcher. She had a bad stroke some time ago and is staying with her parents, Jack and Wanda Mitchell and having therapy. Frankie was always such an active, busy lady.

Laurel and Ed Hershman took lunch and visited with Laurel's mom, Willa Fillingim Friday.

Not sure when Willa's surgery will be.

Good to see Ronnie Jones back working at Thriftway. He is always pleasant and helpful.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Gene Shorter, 74, of Mobeetie in his death. Funeral was Saturday, Jan. 29, at Mobeetie Cemetery. Donnie Shorter, who works at Ware's is a son.

Payton Austin, 11, is really involved in the Stock show. He has 2 pigs, 3 lambs and a heifer. Good luck!

Tera (Hefley) Wesbrook's baby shower had to be cancelled because her doctor put her to bed. Hostesses plan to have a shower after the baby is born. Pray for Tera and baby.

Some going to Mobeetie Baptist Church Monday night, Jan. 24, to the Men's Chili Supper were Pastor Dennis Williams, Weldon Simmons, Wes Bradstreet and Mike Bryant. Think Dennis made the Chili they took. Or was it Emma?

Nice to see Keith and Tammy Meek and Mollie out to the Ft. Elliott ball games. Mollie sure looks like her daddy and is a friendly little girl. Tommy's son, Jake, plays on the boys team. Daughter, Jessica, is a senior this year, but her knees bother her so can't play basketball. Mollie is 14 months old.

Congratulations to Carissa McCarter for passing the State Board to be a licensed R. N. with a diploma. We are proud of you.

Wayne and Kathy Zybach visited their daughter, Casey, and Ben Pigg and baby, Roper, at Silverton Jan. 23.

Bevard and Diane Dukes hosted a birthday party Sunday, Jan. 23, for grandson, Tayton Auldridge's first birthday. (Papa and Granny Zybach call him Tator Bug).

It was also Tayton's mom, Andrea's birthday. Some others there for cake and ice cream and cookies were Tracy Auldridge and Tysen and Jim and Jane Bonner, Ernestine Knierim, grandmother, and aunt Lisa Coleman and Taylor and Treyton and Britt and Carissa McCarter, all from Amarillo area, David and Becky Zybach, Shawn and Daphne Zybach and Alexis, Zane and Shyanna, Nelda Dukes, Bob and Geri Zybach and Bevard and Diane Dukes.



Correction, Audra Weatherly, daughter of Shea and Bridget, goes to Wheeler to kindergarten (not Kelton). At Audra's party were Annie and Jovanny Hernandez. Sorry I spelled it wrong. Several there. Her granny, Sue Chandler, ate lunch at Wheeler School with her on her 6th birthday.

Earl Husted had a cold and didn't come to Sing-a-long and church Tuesday. Maycee, the Shitsu puppy, enjoyed greeting everyone. Betty led singing, while Rosalie played the piano and several sang. Thanks!

So thankful Cherry Johnson's throat surgery went well Wednesday. A lazier was used. She got to come home from Dallas that night, getting home about 8:00 p.m. Keep praying for Cherry. She does a good job at Wheeler Care Center and is such a caring person.

Dick and Wilma Maddox from Sayre have been in Wheeler Care Center for awhile. Pleasant people. They are cousins to Jimmy Maddox's dad, Bob Maddox, who was in Wheeler Care Center a few years ago. Pray for Wilma, who has been in Wheeler Hospital several days.

Happy 82nd birthday, Gwen Loyd. They had a party for him with two pretty cakes at Wheeler Care Center. They also had a long banner, where several signed their names and wished Happy Birthday. God bless you, Gwen. Thursday was his birthday, Jan. 27.

Little Korbin Austin, 4, had an accident at the County Barn and broke his leg on Oct. 26. He was in traction in bed for several weeks and has been in a body cast several weeks. He will see his doctor this week. Pray for Korbin that all will go well. He has learned to walk and get around even with casts on both legs. Liz has been able to continue her work for McLean bank at home so she can be there with Korbin. She only has to go to McLean on Wednesday. Liz said Korbin has been a good patient.

Terry Mick had to have angioplasty at Oklahoma City to open up a blocked artery. Glad he did well and back to work at Ft. Elliott School. Pray for Terry and Sheila.

From Wichita Falls, Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira, 3 mo. treated me to lunch and a good visit at Maxeys Friday. Also meeting us there was Bart Wyatt from White Deer, good friend of Dallas since college days at WTAM. Bart made a speech to students at Wheeler School.

Dallas and family also came back Friday night and took me to the ball game at Briscoe. Ft. Elliott vs. Miami. Good crowd, Good concessions. Ft. Elliott girls won 85 to 29. Ft. Elliott boys won 54-32. Everyone got to play quite a bit. Congrats! Ft. Elliott girls are first in district play. Ft. Elliott boys are tied with Wheeler boys 6-1 in district play. You can do it!

Good to see Lindsey Criswell and Blain, 2, and Dagen, 6 mo. out to Friday night's games. Ken had to work, making Ospreys Friday and Saturday.

David and Rita Pearson and Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira went to some of the stock show at Wheeler Saturday. Congratulations to all for their hard work. Big crowd eating at Maxeys. I enjoyed eating lunch with Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen and Rita Pearson and Dallas and Krystal and Keaira at Maxeys Saturday. Good to see everyone.

Davie and Vangie Turner from Pampa and Carla Howard and Ben visited Davie's Aunt Lola Smith at Wheeler Care Center Saturday. The Turners wore matching outfits and were going on to Crawford, Okla., to their family dance Saturday night. No alcohol or indoor smoking allowed. Good, clean exercise and visiting and food. Many come to listen to the music and visit.

From Abilene, Payton, 3, and Evan, 1, sons of Rachel and Aaron Laughlin, have been visiting grandparents, Roy and Marki Laughlin at Mobeetie and Grandparents, Joe and Beverly Smith at Stinnett. Also visited Patsy Smith, great-grandmother.

Zach Tipps from Amarillo was a weekend visitor to grandparents, Dick and Ruth Irvine.

Willa Fillingim got pretty sick Saturday from a reaction to an antibiotic. She spent the night in Wheeler hospital and went out to Laurel and Ed Hershman's Sunday. Pray for Willa. Nice to have her out to Wheeler Baptist Church Sunday night.

Congratulations, Michelle Meadows, daughter of Dean and Shannon Meadows. She is a Junior Elementary Education major from Canadian. She was on the dean's honor roll for the Fall semester. Cecil and Jean Meadows are grandparents. She goes to WTAM.

Sorry to hear that Lillian Lee has been very ill with pneumonia in Wheeler Hospital. Remember her in your prayers.

Sorry to hear that Emma Rogers suffered a broken ankle in a fall at home and had surgery in Amarillo. She is expected to be coming back to Parkview Assisted Living for awhile. Remember her in your prayers.

At Wheeler Care Center, Elsie Hughes is a delightful lady. She turned 86 years young on Saturday. Her family gathered at Maxeys Saturday for lunch and birthday cake to celebrate her birthday and visit. Some there were Elsie, Joyce Perkins, James Cox from Smyer, Dewayne and Debra Ford and Andy from Canadian; from Amarillo Amber and Randy Ford, Claude Jr. and Freida Cox and Belinda and David from Blanket, Tex.; Sonny and Geraldine Pride from Arlington, Ricky Pride and Austin from Choctaw, Okla.; Marvin and Linda Cox, Shan and Katrina Phillips and Jody and Tim and Daphne Cox and Gracias all from Amarillo. Happy Birthday, Elsie.

Colton Gates, 17, son of Melanie and Roy Gates of Weatherford, Okla., was a weekend visitor to Leo and Sylvia Shuler. Nice to have him sing in the Men's choir at church on Baptist Men's Day. They all sounded good.

We enjoyed 5th Sunday Singing at Wheeler Baptist Sunday night. Some singing were Haley and Taylor Sparks, Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams, Bible Buddies (Gracie Gaines and Brody and Blane Richardson with Abby Bond playing the piano with Eddie and Lavenna Pannell helping with singing). Also singing were Claudia and Kaylee Marion and Claudia with Dianne Sparks. Laurel Hershman gave some readings.

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Nick Hardcastle is shown here with his Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Nick Hardcastle is shown here with his Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Wheeler Livestock show. He received the lamb Champion Showman Award.



Brody Calcote is shown here with his Meat Goat at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Kayla Gallardo is shown here with her Grand Champion Steer at the Wheeler Livestock show.



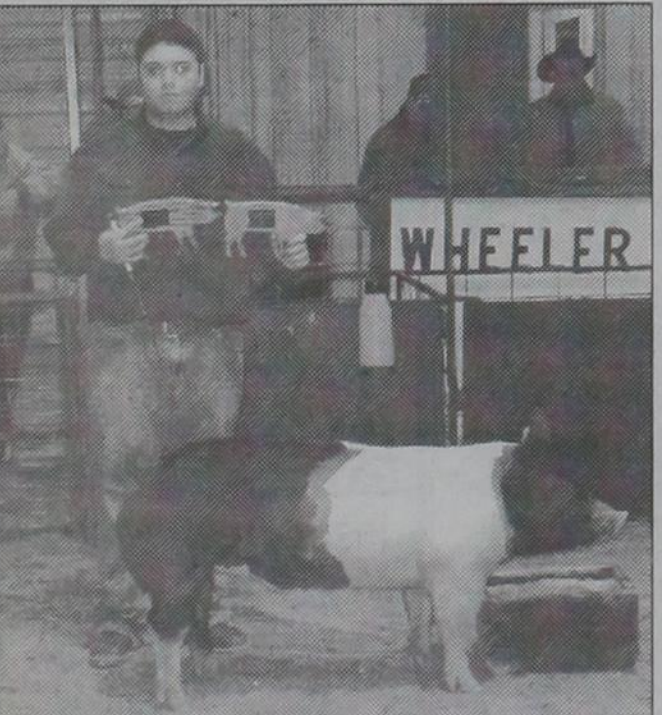
Bo Compton is shown here with his Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Payton Austin is shown here with his Reserve Grand Champion Heifer at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Katie Richardson is shown here with her Grand Champion Heifer at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Caleb Gaines is shown here with his Reserve Grand Champion Hog at the Wheeler Livestock show.



Tanner Collins received the Champion Showman Award for showing his pig at the Wheeler Livestock show.

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Nick Hardcastle receives his belt buckles for having shown the Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Amber Oldham.



Pictured l. to r. Shantell Meek, Monte Cornett (Pres. WCLSHA), and Amber Oldham presented the T.A. Hennard Award to Shantell Meek.

Country (from Page 5)

Some gave testimonies and favorite hymns were sung. It was a good time. All sounded good.

Linda Harvey was a weekend visitor to old friend, Lavenna Pannell, near Briscoe. They have been friends since 5th grade and graduated from Pampa High School together in 1961. Always nice to have Linda in our Sunday School class at Wheeler Baptist.

Nice to have Dennis Willsford from Clovis, N.M. out to Wheeler Baptist Church Wednesday night for supper and church. He grew up at Wheeler and hopes to get moved back to the Willsford home place in the next few months here. Dennis remembers going to harvest with Leon Fillingim to South Dakota, where Leon had a place near Hays, S.D. Think they would take their combines and trucks and harvest wheat along the way. Leon would take two of his six girls to cook and housekeep each year. Dennis remembered Evalyn and Ruth being cooks, when he went. Welcome back, Dennis. Come again to Wheeler Baptist. Not related to Walter Willeford. Dennis' mother was a Gaines so has lots of relatives here in Wheeler.

Nice to eat supper with Sue Chandler at Maxeys Tuesday night. Looked like most of Allison eating there and going on to the basketball game with Ft. Elliott at Wheeler. We decided to go too. Very good, closely matched games. Ft. Elliott girls won 63-60 in overtime. Ft. Elliott boys won 84-79 in two overtimes. Some on FE boys team were Jason Boydston, Russell Lohberger, Justin Bryant, Nathan McLaughlin, Chance Newman, Blaine Baker, Kelsey Zybach, Jacob Puryear, Jay Hovey and Cody Dupont. Some on the girl's team were Alicia Reis, Shealee Coulter, Andrea Hathaway, Tamara Hefley, Sarah Zybach, Andria Keelin, Mayci Meadows, Jordan Alls, Glory Hartsfield, Sarah Moon. Good Job! They all worked so hard! The visitor bleachers were full of Ft. Elliott people from Allison, Mobeetie and Briscoe and other places. Raysha Vandever also on the team.

Claudia Marion helped Cheryl Richardson with delicious supper Wednesday night at Wheeler Baptist. Sue Gaines had to go to Amarillo to a meeting.

For something different, try tasty Cabbage Patch Stew. I really like it.

- Cabbage Patch Stew
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 chopped bell pepper
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- Saute all together until meat is lightly brown
- add 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can Ranch Style beans
- 1 can water mixed with
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 small head cabbage, shredded

- 1 Jalapeno pepper, optional
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Simmer gently until veggies are tender. Serve hot with chips, crackers or cornbread. Enjoy!

Microwaves great. My grandparents, Tom and Lettie Cornelious lived several miles east of Wellington in the Kelley community, during my growing up years. I was always impressed by this motto that hung on the wall of their living room:

"There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us that it behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us." Wouldn't it be great if we could go a whole day without saying anything bad about anyone?

It seemed like a long ride to us kids to go from Corn Valley Community, 7 miles west of Wheeler to about 11 miles east of Wellington. We eagerly looked for a glimpse of Grandpa's big barn that could be seen for miles before we got there. And roads and cars in the 20's and 30's were not as good as now, of course. We did not make the trip very often.

Davy Gilmer, 32, son of Winnie and David Sr. had a 12 hour surgery at Houston Monday, January 31 to remove cancer from his mouth. Most of his tongue and some of his upper and lower jaw bone were removed and built back up with slivers of bone from his shin. Plastic surgery was done to restore his tongue. Pray for Davy and Shannon and Adley and Winnie and David Sr. This is a hard time for all. You are much in our thoughts and prayers. Many of us are concerned. Shannon and Adley and Winnie and David are all with him at Houston. Davy has had a feeding tube for some months. Keep praying.

Glad to hear that Irene Keys is some better and may get to go home from Parkview Hospital on Tuesday. Remember her in your prayers.

Lawrence Fillingim son of Juanita and Horace Fillingim, had a light heart attack and has been in the hospital at Longview for tests. The left side of his heart was damaged some. Doctors thought diet and exercise would restore it. They did angioplasty for a blockage on the right side of his heart. Remember Lawrence and Wanda in your prayers. They live at Tatum.

Glad to hear that Lillian Lee is a little better at Parkview Hospital. She has been very ill with pneumonia. Remember her and her family in your prayers.

Remember Joni Grayson in your prayers. She has been in Parkview Hospital.

Pray every day for our troops in Iraq and for Iraq.

"God be with you till we meet again."

THE WHEELER TIMES
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 "Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Country ... from last week

Golden Agers enjoying a delicious pot-luck meal and visiting at Wheeler Baptist Church Thursday were Leona Coates, Ned Burrell, Ella Mae Wood, Pastor Dennis and Emma Williams, Marie Baker, Beverly and Mike Bryant, Betty Howard, Martha Meek, Wes Bradstreet, Verna Fillingim. Several regulars were unable to be present. We missed you! Next meeting will be Thursday, February 17th at Fellowship Hall, Baptist Church. Visitors always welcome.

Tina Bond and Beverly Bryant were cooks for Wednesday night's delicious supper of Pork Chops, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad. Others brought desserts, followed by Bro. Dennis Williams and study of the Lord's Prayer and prayers for the ill or bereaved. Adrian Risner led in songs. Thanks to all.

Sorry to year that Ronnie Hungate from Mobeetie had an accident coming out of Shamrock and flipped his Tahoe down an

embankment and wasn't found for some hours on Saturday night. He had some broken ribs, a collapsed lung, severe head trauma and a broken arm. His body was so cold that they had to wait several hours to do surgery. He was airlifted to Amarillo to Northwest Texas Hospital. They removed some bloodclots from Ronnie's head. He was on a ventilator Monday. His body was sedated to give him a chance to recover.

Ronnie's wife, Virginia, daughter, Veronica and mother-in-law, Joyce Aycock, were with him in Amarillo Monday. Virginia's brother, Doyle, was in Mobeetie with Derrick Hungate. Remember them all in your prayer.

Doyle Aycock had head surgery about 4 months ago to stop seizures. Glad to know it is working great, so far. Nice to visit with Doyle. Pray for him.

The Boydston group from Allison Pentecostal church will be singing at Wheeler Care Center next Tuesday morning, February 1, at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there. Visitors welcome.

Nice to visit with my sister, Pauline Hefley, and Remona Compton and Bo Monday evening. Also visited some with Willis.

Tuesday Sandy (Andler) and Gordon Sitts from Louisiana visited Vea Fillingim (an aunt) on their way home from Albuquerque (Continued Page 7)

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Allison (from Page 2)

Pearl Harrison's niece, Theresa Hodge, and her husband, Walt, joined us in our services Tuesday evening and Theresa played the piano for us in the absence of Louise Boydston.

Louise Boydston is home after



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her surgery in the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, Oklahoma Thursday. Welcome home Louise! We are all happy you are doing well! She has truly been missed as has Juanita Boydston and Harold Walker, who have been sick this past week. We are praying for them to be well and healthy once again.

It's kinda nice to stay in and keep warm when the snowflakes tease us. Vance and Carol Boydston did make it across the street a couple of times with dessert, coconut cream pie and pineapple, banana pudding and played a couple of games of you know what?

Then on Thursday, Vance and Carol caught a ride to Amarillo, Texas where they had left their white car to get a rebuilt transmission. It drives find now! Thanks to Mom and Juanita for directing us to a very fair and good mechanic, Mike Haddox, of Panhandle Automatic Transmissions and Automotive. And also for driving our second car so we would have a way back to Allison. Thanks to Uncle Roma and Aunt Billy June Brown for the ride back to pick up our car too.

On Saturday, Vance and Carol were on the road again with Lillian and Curtis. Back to Amarillo, Texas. The guys really were excited for the girls to shop there and in Pampa. Well, anyway they were happy when the shopping was finished. With the front of the car riding a little higher than the back, they were on their way to the Golden Corral Buffet. They just about have everything you'd want on their menu and its delicious. Vance enjoys the rotisserie chicken, Lillian discovered the goodness of Bourbon St. Chicken, Carol really went for the corn on the cob, sweet juicy tender and tasty and Curtis, just guides himself to the dessert bar and he won't stop smiling! With Vance design-

nated driver, the rest took turns talking, snoring and yawning until the Allison, Texas sign shown and now for another game!

Sunday morning came and off to church to praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. Of course, Vance went to pick up Lanora Morse and Norvita Robinson and their wheelchairs. They are to be commended for their faithfulness in their condition. What examples they are setting. And God's blessing on Vance, Jamie and Jonathan and any others who help and make it possible!

Sabrina Dupont and Alexis Greene were missed in the senior class Sunday morning. Hope they can be back next week. Jonathan Greene and Cody Dupont were very good participants in class. Their Sunday School teacher, Carol Boydston, is very proud they pulled themselves out of bed on such an overcast morning. Carol had to have some coaxing herself from her husband, Vance. He's always up at seven every morning for at least an hour of intercessory prayer and his reading of God's Word and is his last act before bedtime. We are truly blessed and so proud of our young people. Kimber Thompson visits our class when she is visiting her grandmother, Louise Boydston. She's a fine young teenager too.

After service, Vance and Carol had one of their favorite visitors, Kyle, stopped in to fill them in on a few things in his life. And told us Noah is really growing and is having a great time with all his many batman toys and is making quite a statement in kindergarten. We are really proud of him! And we are proud of Kyle too. He wanted to see how we were doing. He is one that Allison can be proud of. After graduation at the High School here in Allison, he went on to become a pharmacist and is in charge of the Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Portales, New Mexico. The teachers who taught here and the people who served on the school boards can

really know they did a good job. As there have been many who have done well in like following their education here, yet right here in Allison.

Sunday evening, we had a real presence of God in our service. Bro. McDaniel gave a wonderful message from God. Later, Vance and Carol and Curtis and Lillian gathered at the home of Glenn and Betty for some wonderful vanilla ice cream from the Schwan's man. (We all are so glad for him) and yummy lemon cake made by Betty. She not only writes well she can really make a disappearing cake. Any flavors! Later, guess what, Glenn, Betty, Curtis, Lillian, Vance and Carol did? Well let's just say, LI went home with a winner!


So long for now. Guess Juanita is feeling better. Yeah! we've just been challenged to a game of spinners with her and mom at Curtis and Lillian's house. She probably thinks she can beat us. What do you think? Nope she didn't. Curtis won the first game and Carol won the second one.

Oh, I almost forgot to say Happy eighty-fifth Birthday to my dear Mother, Dorothy Newman, in Salsberry, Indiana! Kisses and Hugs from Vance and me and your package is coming parcel post! I meant priority mail. It's in a hurry! Hope you enjoy your spinners and the peanut brittle. And we are glad to hear our son, Michael, is doing well in Moore, Oklahoma after surgery. And congratulations to our daughter, Marsha, on her new job and her move back to Arizona. And we'd like to meet that David from Kentucky!

Love ya'll, Carol

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- OL—Tarrant County Association



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Country (from Page 6)

to see Gordon's grandma, 94, Willa Fillingim and Laurel and Ed Hershman also visited with them before going on to Amarillo for Willa's check up before surgery.

Billie Stuckey from Roaring Springs came up Friday and stayed till Monday and visited her mom, Lou Dean Douthit, and sisters, Peggy North and Debbie Kinnaman.

Thursday night Peggy and Don North, Lou Dean Douthit, Virginia Puryear, Charleen Rainey and Edna May went to Reydon to the dinner at the Senior Citizen Center on Main Street Reydon. They have a supper about once a week and get the word out. Not always the same night or the same food. But always good.

Two people had told me about Chip Hill's fine new house north of Mary Margaret Dodds. Actually they have it levelled out and working on the foundation. Be interesting to see it "grow"! It will be for sale.

Daryl and Tillie Snelgrooves went to Wellington and visited Daryl's aunt, Vera (McNeil) Rogers. She is doing pretty well. Someone stays with her and she has a motorized scooter to get around. Vera attended Briscoe School and was a nurse in the army during World War II. She married Joe Rogers and was a nurse in Wheeler many years. Hello to Vera. Enjoyed your friendship in earlier years.

Buddy and Diane Sparks visited Diane's mom, Marie Henderson, in the Round Rock area. Pray for Marie, she has cancer and is poorly.

Glad to hear that Irene Keys is doing really well now. She is home at Allison.

David and Rita Pearson went to Amarillo Saturday to a Farm Bureau meeting and banquet. They also visited Ken and Lindsey Criswell and Dagen and Blain and kept the boys some, so Lindsey

and Ken could eat out and go to a movie. District One of Farm Bureau had an End of Year dinner at the Country Barn Saturday night. James Masters and Rita Pearson were in the Top 12 of sales.

Lefors Junior High came to Briscoe Monday night to play Ft. Elliott Junior High. Ft. Elliott won both games. But pretty close. Good games. Congrats!

Jimmy Nelson didn't go to the Farm Bureau meeting, but he went to Amarillo with the Pearsons and visited Ken and Lindsey and boys. They enjoyed shopping and looking at Sanders Mountain—a sports supply place. They also met up with Danny and Ashley Nelson and girls and had a good visit. Pearsons took Joe Lackey to a movie with them.

Jeanette She said I couldn't put her nice newsy letter in the *Wheeler Times*, but so good to hear from Jeanette Dixon Billings. She lived with her uncle and aunt, Ewell and Bertha Steen and attended Briscoe School to the 7th grade. I do remember you, Jeanette. She now lives at 3544 E. 158th Ave. Portland, Ore., 97236-2106. Her mother, Josephine Mobley also lives at Portland.

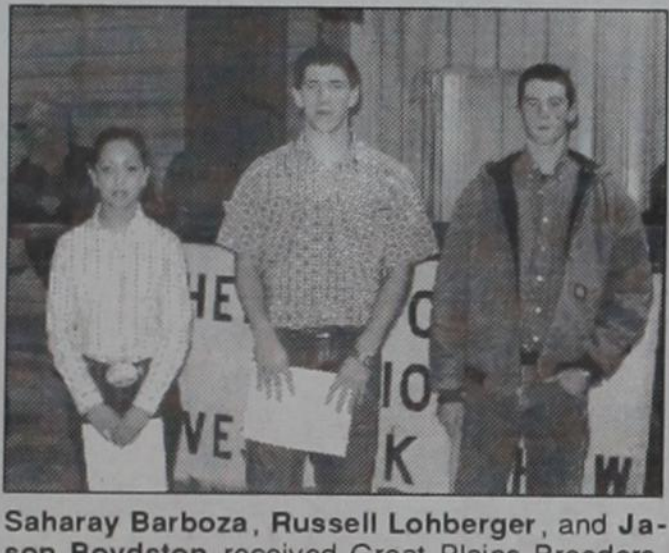
Jeanette enjoys Willa Fillingim's animal stories, her true life adventures. Some people she remembers are the Jewell Moore family, Patsy Waters, Monett Treadwell Jenkins, Martha Stanley Helton, Jane Ann Zybach, Dean and Patsy Tipps, JoAnn Childress, The Heltons, The Rileys, Lou Dean Douthit, Bulldog and Dorothy Walker, The Ramseys, Rosalie Keelin, The D'Spains, Mabel Alice Johnson, The Wileys and Mardell McCray.

Jeanette takes *The Wheeler Times* and enjoys reading about old friends in the "Country News". Thanks, Jeanette. God bless and keep you.
"God be with you till we meet again."

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Matthew Kiker receives the Beef Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buckles at the Wheeler County Livestock show from Heather Hampton. County Commissioners donated the buckles.



Saharary Barboza, Russell Lohberger, and Jason Boydston received Great Plains Breeders Scholarships at the Wheeler County Livestock show.



Maycl Meadows, #22, and Andrea Hathaway, #2, play defense.



The mascots, Mighty and Cougar take to the floor at halftime of the Wheeler/Ft. Elliott game.

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I would like to say thank you to all the following businesses and individuals for their purchase, help/or support during the 2005 County Stock Show:
Donley County Gin and Memphis Compress for purchasing my Grand Champion Heifer 2005;
Wheeler Livestock Boosters for purchasing my Champion Southdown Lamb;
Charles Kuntz for purchasing my Champion Duroc Hog;
Harry & Christine Marrett - Caney Creek Cattle Co. for donating my heifer & supporting my heifer project;
Kenny Brdecko & 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders for all your help and advice in preparing my animals for exhibition;
Donators to Wheeler Livestock Boosters for all your contributions to help purchase my animals at the County Stock Show;
First State Bank of Mobeetie & Wheeler, Walser & Sunflo Feeds/Canadian Carpet Care, and Steve & Luann Shields for the additional money added on to my animals.
PAYTON AUSTIN
Wheeler County 4-H

Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show Results

The Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show was held this weekend with a large number of people in attendance. The youth of Wheeler County have done an excellent job of raising their animals and showing them. Congratulations to all the exhibitors of the 2005 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show.

- Lambs**
Finewool Cross
 Shantell Meek, 1st BC
 Amber Maddox, 2nd RBC
 Payton Austin, 3rd
 Shantell Meek, 4th
 Tommy Meek 5th
Southdown
 Payton Austin, 1st BC
 Lauren Baird, 2nd RBC
 Tina Covalt, 3rd
Medium Wool Class 1
 Tommy Meek, 1st
 Lauren Baird, 2nd
 Sheldon Hall, 3rd
 Keenan White, 4th
Class 2
 Stormy Moore, 1st
 Darby Oldham, 2nd
 Amber Oldham, 3rd
 Payton Austin, 4th
 Heather Hampton, 5th
 Heather Hampton, 6th
 Tina Covalt, 7th
Class 3
 Nick Hardcastle, 1st
 Nick Hardcastle, 2nd
 Darby Oldham, 3rd
 Jayton Childress, 4th
 Heather Hampton, 5th
Class 4
 Braden Moore, 1st
 Josh Hardcastle, 2nd
 Amber Oldham, 3rd
 Shantell Meek, 4th
 Amber Maddox, 5th
Class 5
 Nick Hardcastle, 1st
 Josh Hardcastle, 2nd
 Sheldon Hall, 3rd
 Brooke White, 4th
 Josh Hardcastle, 5th
 Troy Miller, 6th
Class 6
 Nick Hardcastle, 1st BC GC
 Nick Hardcastle, 2nd RBC RGC
Senior Showmanship
 Shantell Meek
Junior Showmanship
 Josh Hardcastle
Goats
Class 1
 Brody Calcote, 1st RGC
 Brody Calcote, 2nd
 Tommy Meek, 3rd
 Leslie Killingsworth, 4th
 Shantell Meek, 5th
Class 2
 Amber Oldham, 1st GC

- Seith Lee, 2nd
 Amber Oldham, 3rd
Senior Showmanship
 Amber Oldham
Junior Showmanship
 Leslie Killingsworth
Steers
English
 Matthew Kiker, 1st BC RGC
 Kayla Gallardo, 2nd RBC
 Jeremy Hobbs, 3rd
European
 Tommy Meek, 1st
 Shantell Meek, 2nd
 Bo Compton, 3rd
European
 Matthew Kiker, 1st BC GC
 Seith Lee, 2nd RBC
 Megan Edwards, 3rd
Heifers
American
 Payton Austin, 1st
 Supreme Champion
European
 Katie Richardson, 1st
 Reserve Supreme Champion
Senior Showmanship
 Seith Lee
Junior Showmanship
 Matthew Kiker
Swine
Berkshire
 Tommy Meek, 1st BC
 Jessica Puryear, 2nd RBC
 Leslie Killingsworth, 3rd
 Tommy Meek, 4th
 Clint Orr, 5th
 Raysha Vandever, 6th
Chester
 Tanner Collins, 1st BC
 Jonathan Hobbs 2nd RBC
 Shantell Meek, 3rd
 Tanner Collins, 4th
 Brentney Taylor, 5th
 Russell Lohberger, 6th
 Shantell Meek, 7th
 Derek Stone, 8th
 Hank Hunt, 9th
 Tommy Meek, 10th
Duroc Class 1
 Tommy Meek, 1st
 Jeremy Hobbs, 2nd
 Dakota Carter, 3rd
 Glory Hartsfield, 4th
 Cade Vinyard, 5th
 Gatlin Duncan, 6th
 Blake Baker, 7th
 Kendall Cogburn, 8th
Class 2
 Payton Austin, 1st BC
 Amber Maddox, 2nd RBC
 Morgan McDowell, 3rd
 Caleb Gaines, 4th
 Kendall Cogburn, 5th
 Ilene Butler, 6th
 Jacob Evans, 7th
 Shantell Meek, 8th
 Chase Miller, 9th
 Shae Suderman, 10th

- Hampshire Class 1*
 Leslie Killingsworth, 1st
 Garrett Hampton, 2nd
 Ryan Vandever, 3rd
 Shelton May, 4th
 Stormy Moore, 5th
 Saharay Barboza, 6th
 Jonathan Hobbs, 7th
 Amber Maddox, 8th
 Justen Bryant, 9th
 Raysha Vandever, 10th
 Morgan Lane, 11th
Class 2
 Cade Vinyard, 1st BC
 Heather Hampton, 2nd
 Justen Bryant, 3rd
 Payton May, 4th
 Jake Puryear, 5th
 Jake Benefield, 6th
 Cody Selby, 7th
 Caleb Gaines, 8th
 J.W. Lane, 9th
 Alysanne Brister, 10th
Class 3
 Hayden Duncan, 1st RBC
 Amber Maddox, 2nd
 Davis Corse, 3rd
 Josh Britt, 4th
 Charity Baird, 5th
 Jacob McDowell, 6th
 Ilene Butler, 7th
 Brandon Finsterwald, 8th
Yorkshire
 Tamara Hefley, 1st BC
 Amber Maddox, 2nd RBC
 Heather Hampton, 3rd
 Amber Maddox, 4th
 Clay White, 5th
 Jonathan Hobbs, 6th
 Tyler Richardson, 7th
 Troy Miller, 8th
Crossbred Class 1
 Lacey Henson, 1st
 Tommy Meek, 2nd
 Jason Boydston, 3rd
 Tommy Meek, 4th
 Kayla Gallardo, 5th
 Skylee Lyn Walker, 6th
 Casey Miller, 7th
 Blaine Baker, 8th
 Lacie Raff, 9th
Class 2
 Jeremy Hobbs, 1st
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Farmers and Ranchers Urged to Sign Up For 2005 EQIP Funding; Ends Mar. 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentive payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recom-

mended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Soil/Water Conserv. Annual Tree Sale

The Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to announce the start of their annual tree sale. The tree sale is held every year to generate funds for our local Soil and Water Conservation District and to promote conservation in the county.

The Texas and Colorado Service both work with the Wheeler Co. SWCD to provide them with the windbreak tree seedlings.

The Texas Hardwoods available are: American Plum, Amur Honey-suckle, Aromatic Sumac, Bur Oak, Catalpa, Flameleaf Sumac, Fourwing Saltbrush, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum, Sand Cherry, and

Meeting (from Page 1)

Market and Trade Implications, National Animal I.D. Program.

A meal will be provided by DuPont. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to the Extension Office at 826-5243 by Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

Girl Scout Cookies Are Sent To Soldiers

This year our local Wheeler Girl Scout troops have decided to send Girl Scout cookies to some of our local soldiers and their troops to give them a taste of home. The Girl Scout cookies are on sale for \$3.00 per box through the last week of February. Remember you can donate as little as \$3.00 and put a smile on a couple of soldier's faces.

We have eight varieties of cookies for your enjoyment this year. They are Caramel Delights, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treasurers, and our newest cookie, Pinatas.

If you have not had a Girl Scout approach you, please call one of the troop leaders and we will help locate a Girl Scout for you. We will also have booth sales set up at the Wheeler Thriftway on February 5, 12, and 19 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each Saturday.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please call Brandi Dougherty at 826-0089 or Michelle Lumpkin at 662-8827.

Shumand Oak.

The Texas Evergreens available are: Austrian Pine, Pinyon Pine, Redcedar, Spruce, Ponderosa Pine, Rocky Mt. Juniper, and Scotch Pine.

The Colorado Deciduous available are: Cotoneaster, Honey-suckle, Lilac, Native Plum, and Sumac.

Wildlife Packages are also available for Quail and Pheasant, Deer, Turkey and Squirrel. Each packet contains 100 trees of four different species. These packets are designed to attract specific wildlife to your property and come with instructions on how to best plant your windbreak for maximum benefit to your property as well as the wildlife.

We also have available a tree mulch fabric that is used to put on the ground around the tree. This helps hold in moisture plus keeps weeds and grass from growing near the tree. This lets your tree have a lot better opportunity for the roots to get established plus helps eliminate maintenance around the tree. This fabric can be purchased at the SWCD office also.

The tree order forms are available at the local Soil and Water Conservation District office at 1410 S. Alan Bean Blvd. in Wheeler, Texas or you can call (806)826-3565 ext. 101 and we can mail an order form to you.

All trees ordered must be pre-paid. The last day for ordering is February 23, 2005. Trees will come in the last part of March. We encourage everyone to order trees early since there is a limited supply. Orders will be filled in the order they are received.

(The Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District works mainly off of donations and is not state funded.)

Chat (from Page 1)

you there!

—cwe—
 We were gone over the weekend and missed two snow falls. An estimated 3" fell in Wheeler on Thursday. There was enough for a snowman to be built at 1009 Main in Wheeler.

—cwe—
 The second snow was on Sunday with the measurement about 1/2".

—cwe—
 Total moisture received over the weekend was 1.0".

—cwe—
 I forgot to mention last week that Mary K. Christner called to check on her 'Bandaid Buddy'. She is doing well and enjoying being close to her granddaughters.

—cwe—
 We went to Lovelady, via Huntsville; we left Thursday. We visited Cathi and Dorcie. The boys, Guy and Pipp, were in Nevada, doing a show.

—cwe—
 We returned on Sunday, stopping only in Sherman long enough to say hello and wish Juanita an early Happy Birthday.

—cwe—
 We returned home through Wichita Falls and Childress to miss the snow and ice which was expected to follow I-40. We only went through some rain.

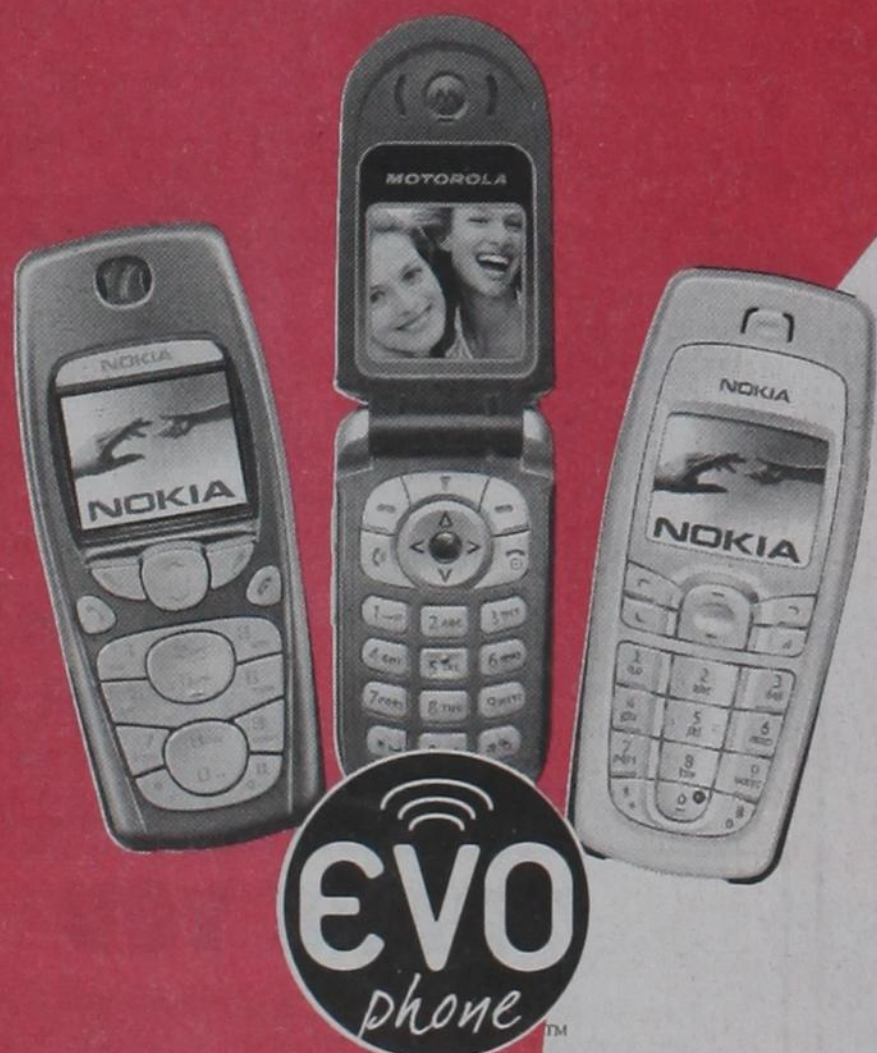
—cwe—
 We had six for cards' Monday evening. Rhonda, Dwight and Bob won the first and last game. Barbara, Leroy and I managed to win the second game. They were out for 'blood'.

Education Events

Members of the Clarendon College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are available for peer tutoring from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the tutoring lab of the Bairfield Activity Center. For more information contact Chapter Advisor Vickie Liles at 874.3571, ext. 253.

Clarendon College will host a grand opening and dedication celebration for the new \$1.3 million Vera Dial Dickey Library at 11 a.m., Thursday, February 3, at the Clarendon campus, 1122 College Drive. The public is invited to attend the celebration and participate in a historic passing of the final books in the library's collection.

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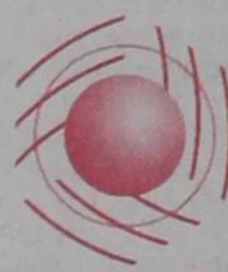


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