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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## Agricultural Activities Center Hits Million Dollar Mark

**CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR  
By Louis C. Stas

**Looking Good!** Sounds like Wheeler's Agricultural Activities Center is a go! Over a million dollars has been raised.

Wheeler Area Activities Council, Inc. is to be congratulated and thanked. This group has put in a lot of work. **THANKS!**

But, more money is needed. Have you put off buying that granite block? Now is the time.

We have some more Fun Run/Walk pictures. I apologize for the glare on the winners' picture. Just another one of my goofs.

The Old Mobeetie Music Festival is going to be here before before you know it. July 27-29 is a week away.

I cannot remember Farmers' Market on Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Which fortunately is not the case for most.

Work on 83 and 152 continues. The intersection is about 3/4 done.

I was left at home this week. Barbara caught a ride with the Meriwethers Friday and she and Jennifer left Saturday morning for Lovelady.

### Farmers' Market Now On Square Sat. & Wed.

Farmer's Market in Wheeler opened on Saturday, July 7 with a good selection of fruits and vegetables.

The market for the past several years has been located at the shelter in the city park. This year it will be located on the north side of the courthouse square in Wheeler.

On Saturdays, the market will open at 8:00 a.m. and remain open until noon or until all the produce is sold.

On Wednesdays the market will open at 4:00 p.m. and remain open until all the produce is sold.

The market is open to any Wheeler area gardener who wishes to sell at the market. Bring your produce to town and make a little extra spending money.

Fresh produce is appreciated by those with no gardens.

### Batten Family To Make Appearance At 'Old Mobeetie Music Festival' July 27-28

The Batten Family will perform Friday from 9:20-10:05 and again throughout the day on Saturday. Darrell and Tempie Batten began playing music in the 1960's in their hometown of Lubbock, TX. For the past 23 years they played Bluegrass and old time music with Bob Suggs and his wife Taliene. Their group was known as Big Sandy. Over time their children and eventually their children's children began performing with them. Recently Bob and Taliene have retired from performing due to health reasons, and they are truly missed on stage.

The Batten Family currently has 4 generations of singers and musicians. In April of 2003 they recorded 2 new CDs, one gospel and one bluegrass and have performed at various venues in Texas and Oklahoma.

Darrell Batten (Granddaddy) plays rhythm guitar and sings lead vocals.

Tempie Batten (Grannie) plays upright bass and rhythm mandolin.

Kevin Batten (oldest son,

### \$150,000 Challenge Grant From Harrington Foundation, \$125,000 Challenge Grant From M. E. Bivins Foundation

The Wheeler Area Activities & Improvements Council, Inc. announced that total pledges and contributions of \$1,000,715 have been received. According to Charles Kuntz, the project is going forward at a very rapid pace. Everyone is very excited about the possibilities and potentials of entering the actual construction phase.

The architects and engineers are finalizing the plans. The construction is scheduled for this fall. The total cost of the project is budgeted at \$1.36 million.

Presently, there is \$515,715 of cash and receivables, \$150,000 Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation Challenge Grant, \$125,000 Mary E. Bivins Foundation Challenge Grant, \$150,000 estimated Wheeler County in-kind contribution for dirt work, and \$60,000 estimated value of land Wheeler County contribution. The total cash, receivables, grants, and in-kind contributions are \$1,000,715.

The funds still to be raised are \$359,285. Mr. Kuntz reminded us that both of the challenge grants make it possible to receive one dollar of grant money for every dollar of monies contributed.

One of the funding mechanisms for completing this project is our granite blocks. The granite blocks will decorate the walls of the hallway. Some of the granite blocks have been purchased by ranches with their brand imprinted on them, some by corporation with their name and/or logo, and some by individual families.

#### Harrington Foundation

\$150,000 Challenge Grant from The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation

Jim Allison, President and CEO of The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, announced that the Board of Directors has approved a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to support construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation was founded as a trust in Amarillo in 1951 by oilman Donald Harrington and his wife, Sybil Buckingham Harrington. In 1988, The Foundation changed from a private foundation to a "public supporting organization" of the Amarillo Area Foundation (AAF), supporting the operations of AAF with its value of \$68 million. Both Foundations provide

grants and services to strengthen nonprofit organizations in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle and the services they deliver.

David Britt, Jr., President of the Wheeler Area Activities & Improvements Council, Inc expressed the Board's appreciation to The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation for their contribution to the construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center.

#### Mary E. Bivins Foundation

\$125,000 Challenge Grant from The Mary E. Bivins Foundation

Judy Mosley Day, President of The Mary E. Bivins Foundation, announced that the Board of Directors has approved a grant in the amount of \$125,000 to support construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center.

The Mary E. Bivins Foundation was founded in 1949 by Mary Bivins as a nonprofit, religious, charitable and educational undertaking to benefit the people of the Texas Panhandle. Mary Bivins had a sincere and abiding interest in helping the elderly, regardless of their socioeconomic status. In 2002, the Mary E. Bivins Foundation was reorganized with its primary operations conducted through the Lee Bivins and Betty Bivins Childers Foundations. The Bivins Foundations are committed to improving and enriching the quality of life in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle by meeting the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of the people of the region.

David Britt, Jr., President of the Wheeler Area Activities & Improvements Council, Inc expressed the Board's appreciation to The Mary E. Bivins Foundation for their contribution to the construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center.

In the words of Neita Stanlee Evans, "We need to build an Agriculture Activities Center for our kids and grandkids and ourselves where we can get together, share one another's friendship and Christian fellowship." This facility will allow us to have a place where we can have 4H Banquets, Senior Citizens Suppers, Quilting and Craft Shows, Blue and Gold Banquets for the Boy Scouts, Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquets, Livestock Boosters Suppers, Family and Consumer Sciences activities, Community Gospel Music Presentations, Stage Band Performances, Family Reunions, Community Safety Programs, Health Fairs, Extension Services Education Programs, a Community Storm Shelter, and the opportunity to share Wheeler's friendship and pride with our neighbors.

These grants are challenge grants. For every dollar we raise, we will receive a dollar from Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation and The Mary E. Bivins Foundation.

Granite blocks will be used to decorate the walls of the hallway. The grey granite blocks can have either lettering and/or logos on them. The granite blocks have been purchased by ranches with their brand imprinted, corporations with their logo and name on them and also by individual families. If you wish to purchase a block, please contact Charles Kuntz at (806) 826-5516.

### Loneta Young Services Are Held Friday, July 3

Loneta M. Young, 93, died July 13, 2007, in Wheeler, TX. Services were held at 2:00 PM, Monday, July 16, 2007, in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Smart, pastor of the Baptist Church, Durham, Oklahoma, officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Young was born September 16, 1913, in Sunset, Montague County, Texas, to B.W. and Ella Grimes Caswell. She married Thurston H. Young in Gould, Oklahoma, in 1930. She moved to Wheeler after Mr. Young's death in 1990. She was a housewife and member of the First Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors are a brother, Howard Caswell, Sayre, Oklahoma, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Wheeler, Texas.

### Rites Read For Darville Atherton July 13

The beloved patriarch of the Atherton family passed from his earthly life into the presence of his Savior and welcoming members of his family on Monday, July 9, 2007. Darve was at his home with his grandson, along with his constant companion of many years, his little dog 'Cuddles'.

Services were held Friday, July 13, at 2 pm in the First Baptist Church of Wheeler, with Rev. Bill Stiles officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Darville was born on June 17, 1925 in the Zybach community, the second of four children born to Floyd and Mattie (Edwards) Atherton. He attended school in Briscoe and graduated in 1943. Darve was a patriotic American who voluntarily enlisted in 1944, serving two years in the United States Marine Corps 1st Marine Division, 6th Amphibious Tractor Battalion. He married Sammie Lee Dougherty on January 5, 1947 at her parents' home north of Wheeler. They had four sons born to their union.

He accepted Jesus Christ and was saved as a youngster, being baptized in a horse tank by Preacher Bryant. Darve was pretty sure the preacher held him under extra long just for good measure and to be sure it "took".

Darville was very proud of his tour of duty in the Marines, and often said "Once a Marine, always a Marine." He enlisted during WWII and saw action in the South Pacific theater, helping take Guadalcanal, and being present and seeing the famous flag raising on Iwo Jima. He sustained a head wound when the landing craft he was in was blown up as they reached the beach on Pelieu. He subsequently received a 30% disability, and was decorated with the Purple Heart. As he and other wounded personnel were being flown to the army hospital on Guadalcanal, the plane he was in crash-landed on an uncharted jungle island, leaving Darve with many memories that remained fresh in his mind throughout the years. He said that after the plane came to rest, he shook the pilot's hand and thanked him for landing them safely. Darve would always smile and chuckle as he related that the pilot told him he "could've done better if he'd had a runway." He served in China before being Honorably Discharged in 1946. He was further honored by being presented with the flag flown on April 30, 2002 over the Capitol of the United States to commemorate his Purple Heart Award.

Darville spent two years driving back and forth doing road construction in Borger, and in 1948 he began dairy farming, cattle ranching and farming on the first land he and Sammie purchased, 640 acres located 8 miles north of Wheeler, which came to be known as the "Home Place", being bought from Sammie's parents. Over the course of years the Atherton land holdings increased considerably,

### City of Mobeetie Holds Regular June Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:00a.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes.

Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes; Council Members, Pam Jones, Louise Shorter and Gaylord Thompson. Members Absent: Patricia Kephart and Emma Swigart.

No visitors present. Minutes for the June meeting were read by Pam Jones. Louise Shorter made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Gaylord Thompson, motion approved 3-0.

The Financial Report was read by Mayor Gordon Estes. Gaylord Thompson made a motion to accept the financial reports as read. Seconded by Pam Jones, motion approved 3-0.

Monthly bills were reviewed and considered for payment. Pam Jones made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Gaylord Thompson, motion approved 3-0.

New Business: Consider acceptance of Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Gaylord Thompson made a motion to accept the Report. Seconded by Louise Shorter, motion approved 3-0.

Mayor's Report: Water Board Meeting held July 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Darville Atherton

due to many long hours of hard work that he, his wife, and sons invested in their places. In the 1960's he bought the Callan, Anderson, Watts, and Smith places, and began an extensive haying and ranching operation, while doing custom haying and wheat harvesting. He raised milo, cotton, irrigated alfalfa, and grasses.

On a routine day in 1967, he and his two older sons were burned in an explosion on north Callan, east of Wheeler. They all suffered major burns, and his eldest son, Arville Dean, died from stress complications of his burns. Darve was told his own hands were so badly burned that he wouldn't be able to use them. In spite of the personal heartache he and his family were enduring, being told that he wouldn't have manual dexterity only served as yet another personal challenge to him, and he bested the odds, just as he had done after his military injuries. He and Sammie established a scholarship in Arville Dean's memory.

He became active in conservation efforts and was named Outstanding Comeback Farmer for Wheeler County in 1971. He served for 25 years on the Board of Directors of the Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District, holding the position of Chairman of the Board for a portion of those years, and was awarded a certificate of appreciation for outstanding service. He retired from the Board in 2004. He said his interest in conservation began when he participated in the WPA and planted windbreak trees.

Darve served on the Briscoe School Board for several years.

Darville was a previous member of the Briscoe Baptist Church, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Church Treasurer. He and Sammie moved their membership to the First Baptist Church in Wheeler when they moved east of town in the mid 70's.

He was devoted to Sammie and after she suffered a stroke which made convalescent care necessary, he spent several hours every day with her, encouraging her during meals and trying to make her as comfortable and happy as possible.

Generosity was his nature, with him making many donations to worthy organizations. Anonymously, he helped numerous others, while personally sacrificing.

He was a member of Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union, American Legion, VFW, and other military organizations. He was a 50 year Master Mason, a current member of Shamrock Masonic Lodge #929, following in his Dad's footsteps, as both were Past Master of the Masonic Lodge #1099 of Wheeler.

Darve had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed visiting with his many friends and family. He always had a ready smile, handshake, pat on the back (which he called 'good medicine') or hug for whomever he encountered. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and was a loving son and brother. His passing has left a void in our hearts that will never be filled on earth.

Darville was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Mattie Atherton; wife, Sammie Lee Atherton; three sons, Arville Dean Atherton, Lee Royce Atherton, and Micky "Mick" Atherton; and one granddaughter, Kathy "Renee" Atherton.

He is survived by two brothers, Darrell and wife Frankie Atherton of Willis; Bill and wife Christine Atherton of Wheeler; sister LaDell and husband Ted

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### Phyllis Shelton, 68, Is Buried Thurs., July 12

Phyllis Abernethy Shelton, 68, passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 12, 2007, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon, Texas, with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor, and Rev. Truman Ledbetter, retired Baptist minister from Claude, Texas, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery

in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon, Texas.

Mrs. Shelton was born March 22, 1939, to Louie and Verna Gammon Abernethy on the family farm in Collingsworth County. She started school at Quail and moved with her large family to Kelton in 1945 where she graduated from high school in 1957. Phyllis moved to Clarendon in 1968 and worked as vice-president and cashier at the Farmers State Bank and Trust and First Bank and Trust for over 20 years. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church. She married Douglas Shelton on October 4, 1985, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and often worked alongside Douglas at their ranch near Ashtola. She opened more gates and fed more cattle than most cowboys in Texas. Phyllis loved anything to do with her family and was a fabulous cook. Her kids and grandkids will always remember her good Texas cooking like fried chicken, homemade biscuits, coconut cakes and many other wonderful foods always in abundance on her table and always served with a smile and great love. One of her favorite activities was cooking a hearty breakfast for the "neighboring" cowboys before they began their day's work at the ranch. Jokes and stories were plentiful when Phyllis was around and her eight siblings were often found laughing along with her as they shared the trials and adventures of growing up on a dryland cotton farm in Wheeler County. She was an accomplished gardener and loved flowers of every variety. Her favorite flowers were pink roses and the beautiful roses she grew are in full bloom in her yard right now. She spent many happy hours every day lovingly maintaining her yard full of colorful flowers.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Danny; a sister, Currie Dell Bliss and three brothers-in-law.

Survivors are her devoted husband, Douglas, of Clarendon; two sons, Colonel Dewey Ford and wife, Cathy, of Burke, VA.; and Chris Ford and wife, Terri, of Clarendon; two step-sons, Stan Shelton and wife, Melanie, and Ken Shelton and wife, Theresa, all of Clarendon; 10 grandchildren, Elizabeth Ford, Zachary Ford, Lance Ford, Amber Ford, Callie Ford, Shanna Shelton, Derrick Shelton, Audrey Shelton, Haley Shelton and Raylyn Shelton; six sisters, Katherine Calcote and husband, Otis, of McLean, Joann Simmons of Wheeler, Barbara Vines and husband, Frank, of Celina, Aliene Mills of Erick, OK., Vernell McDonald and husband, Harold, of Longview and Cherry Johnson of Wheeler; one brother, Jerry Abernethy and wife, Linda, of Evant; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to BSA Hospice, Olivia's Angels or to First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

On-line register is available for tributes at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com).



Phyllis Abernethy Shelton



anniversary on Sept. 5. They still get around good and enjoy life. On to happy 50<sup>th</sup> to Joe and Ann and many more! Over 40 family members were there.

Charles and LaJo Crowover recently went to Lebanon, MO., to celebrate Gay Andler's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. They enjoyed seeing all the cousins, aunts and uncles. Charles had to spend a few days in the hospital at Canadian with a cough, but is home now and feeling better.

Michael Killingsworth celebrated his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday by going out to eat with his dad, Jerry Killingsworth, on Tuesday. Michael is enjoying his job at the Abraham Nursing Home at Canadian. Michael's mom had to stay home with her mom, Dorothy Lewis, and couldn't go out to eat with the boys; but Dorothy is doing pretty well.

Tuesday A.M. Betty Husted and Maycie (shitsue puppy), Joyce Wood and Verna were out to the Care Center for a good Sing-a-long. Earl Husted is doing well after five-bypass heart surgery, but not quite up to helping with church yet. Maybe next time. Church each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Several residents out to enjoy it. Visitors welcome.

Bill Dyson was busy Tuesday morning cleaning up at the Care Center, watering all the flowers and other plants and picking up trash. Good job, Bill.

Nice to see Virginia (Aycok) Hungate at the Wheeler Post Office Tuesday. Think they have been living in McLean. She said she had bought a house next door to her mom, Joyce Aycok, in Old Mobeetie and they were moving back; no place like home. Her children are Veronica and Derrick.

Mike and Jennifer Graddy and Allison from Wichita Falls came up to go to Mike's 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion at Canadian at Jason Abraham's. Allison also visited grandparents, the Edward Graddys at Canadian and Ray and Glenda Hudson at Briscoe. Ray and Glenda also went to the funeral for cousin, Robert Meadows, at Wheeler Tuesday and to a movie "Evan Almighty" Saturday night. (Real cute movie.)

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Darville Altherton, 82, in his death Monday, July 9. He grew up in the Briscoe area and lived all his life in Briscoe-Wheeler area. Funeral was Friday, July 13, at Wheeler Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by wife, Sammie (Dougherty). He faithfully cared for Sammie in her illness, going to the Care Center to feed her each day. Darville was a fine man.

Lindsay Criswell and Blain and Dagen were weekend visitors to

Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira and Kamry at Windthorst. They had a nice time.

Ray and Glenda Hudson enjoyed a visit from granddaughter, Allison Graddy, from Wichita Falls. They took Allison home and spent two nights there. They also brought grandson, Steven Fraley, back home to Allison. Hudsons took the kids to a movie and out to eat. Mike Graddy is on the Wichita Falls Fire Department and also works as a licensed electrician. Allison also visited her other grandparents, Ed and Brenda Graddy at Canadian.

**Bradstreets**  
Visiting Rosalie Keelin at Wheeler Care Center Tuesday were Rosalie's twin sisters, Joy Garrison from Borger and Floy Larkin from Pampa, and nieces, Sharon Kennedy from Woodward and Angela Ronayne from Las Vegas. They had a good visit and sang some while Rosalie played the piano. Later, Floy, Joy, Angela and Sharon met Mike Bradstreet, Debbie Glazner and Wes and Cindy Bradstreet for lunch and a good visit at Maxey's. Remember Don Larkin in your prayers. He and Floy are flying to Ft. Worth Wednesday to see an oncologist about Don's cancer problems. Don has pastored churches for many years and taught Sunday School classes. Don was pastor at Allison Baptist for a while... a fine man. Pray for Floy at this time, too. Stage 4 cancer is scary, but we have a great God!

Red Hatters enjoying a recent trip to Elk City for supper at Western Sizzlin and seeing the play "Charlotte's Web" at the Red Carpet Theatre were Delyne Dunn, Patricia Powell and Rilla Rhea from Canadian; Leona Coates, Ella Mae Wood, Martha Meek, Juanita Fillingim and Betty Howard from Wheeler; Lurlene Issacs, Mary Galsbreath, Kaye Dickey and Sue Marsh from Shamrock; Lavenna Pannell from Briscoe and Leola Stuart from Mobeetie. The July meeting will be hosted by Canadian and will be a progressive picnic.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Ollie Rogers! Sunday, July 15, her family hosted a party at the Edward Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian from 3 to 5 p.m. Ollie is a special lady! Cards could be mailed to Ollie Rogers, 803 Birch St., Canadian, TX 79014.

**FFA Trip**  
Some going from Ft. Elliott on the FFA trip to Corpus Christi included Hayden Hudson, Hayden Duncan, Mayci Meadows, Megan Horn, Tommy Meek, Calvin Lane, Chance Newman, Suzanne Howard, Clay White, Blake Baker, Brandon Finsterwald, Raysha Vandever, Ryan Vandever, Morgan Lane, Stormi Lancaster, Cody Dupont, Nathan McLaughlin, Kaycee Swift and Amber Maddox. Sponsors were Kevin and Jona Meek

and Tammy Maddox They had a good trip.

A nice group came from Mobeetie Baptist Church to Wheeler Care Center Sunday afternoon for a sing-a-long and church. Some coming were Gina Seitz, who led singing, Gaye Hale, playing the piano; Charles Wood, preacher, with a good message; Melba Corcoran, Paul Hathaway, Marion Grimes, playing his guitar; Charles and Mary Davis, Melba Darnell and Joe Hathaway. Lots of good music; several residents out to enjoy it.

Byron Simpson, father of Melba Darnell, is a new resident at Wheeler Care Center. Go by and visit him; he is from Mobeetie. Remember the residents in your prayers...sometimes a frustrating time in life for them.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Loneta Young, 93, of Wheeler, in her death. Funeral

was Monday at Wheeler Baptist Church. She was related to Grimes and Caswells and married Thurston Young in 1930 at Gould, OK.

**Twins Birthday**  
Larry and Vickey Nelson hosted a first birthday party Sunday night for twin grandchildren, Audree and Austin Nelson, children of Keri Nelson. Supper was served and cake and ice cream to all the family, which included Jimmy Nelson; Danny and Ashlee Nelson and Danielle, Amy and Halee; great-grandmas, Sybil Alexander from Lefors and Shirley Jolly from Wheeler; Keri Nelson and Caden and Larry and Vickey Nelson. Happy Birthday, Audree and Austin.

Wes and Cindy Bradstreet planned to go to Alvarado to visit Ember and Mike Keith and Miles, Jenna and Zach and celebrate Zach's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. (Happy Birthday, Zach!) They also expected to see Brad and Sandy Cooper and Andy and Tracey Bradstreet, all in the Ft. Worth area. They planned to take kids to play in the game park, have cake and ice cream and bring Miles back for a visit before school starts.

**Youth Camp, Durango**  
A group of youth and sponsors from Wheeler Baptist Church left early Thursday morning, July 5, to go to Student Life Camp at Durango, CO. They had a great time with Bible studies, worship and a band. One bus quit on them at Albuquerque on the way home, but were able to get a rental to drive home. Someone was supposed to bring the repaired bus to Wheeler Tuesday and take the rental vehicle back. Some who went on the trip were Matt and Konnette Koen and Caleb and Micah; Sindy Chapman; Wes Bradstreet; Aaron and Darren Gaines; Taylor and Hayley Sparks; Kaylee Marion; Stacy Hanson; Courtney Cogburn; Myra Martine; Jaten Moore; Dawson Clark; Omar Lopez; Nicole Moore; Macie Miller; Genet Van Nuys; Ilene Butler; Paige Jones; Kenton Pettit; Kelby Vise; Zack Andis and Bailey Richardson. Some accepted the Lord at camp. Praise the Lord! Pray for all our youth. They got back late Monday.

Youth from Wheeler Baptist who went to Durango to Youth camp told us about their trip and experiences Sunday night. Very interesting. Some who shared with us were Kaylee Marion, Nicole Moore, Kelby Vise, Kenton Pettit, Taylor Sparks, Zach Andis, Jaten Moore, Tina Bond (sponsor), Bailey Richardson, Paige Jones, Wes Bradstreet, Claudia Marion, Sindy Chapman and Hayley Sparks. Wes, Sindy and Claudia were sponsors. (Others went, but were too shy to speak up.) May

**Chat** (from Page 1)

The girls are going on a week long vacation. Hopefully they will have nice weather.

Wheeler had an additional 0.75 which was Saturday's measurement for the week. The shower Monday produced 0.06.

Monday's shower means it is to rain two more days this week.

I spent some time Sat. and Sun. working at Cross Country Barn. That is an experience.

The Times hosted a Texas Press class on Indesign and Photo Shop to learn the latest in setting up the paper and photography for the paper.

I certainly do not learn as fast as I used to.

Rhonda came and took part of the class with me. Hopefully, between the two of us, we can figure it out.

Cards were played Monday evening. We got in three games for a change.

Mike and Leroy started the evening with a win. Rhonda and I came back the second game and won; we also won the third game.

**Range Management Workshop Set Aug. 17**

A workshop and field day designed to help ranchers improve their plant identification skills is set for Aug. 17 at the Mesa Vista Ranch, said a Texas Cooperative Extension agent. The ranch is located 32 miles north of Pampa on U.S. Hwy. 70 in Roberts County.

"Plant Management: The Key to Better Rangeland Management" will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration and conclude with a ranch tour that includes practical plant identification methods, said Brandon Dukes, Extension agriculture agent in Roberts County.

"Plant identification can aid you in knowing when your rangeland is healthy and when it is being invaded by unwanted plant species," Dukes said. "It can tell you when you have an abundant food supply for cattle or wildlife and when food is in short supply."

Lunch, provided by Mesa Vista Ranch, will be served at noon, he said. For more information or to register, call 806-868-3191.

**News, Views, Commentary**  
On KPDR, 90.5  
... in Wheeler  
Weekdays 6:00 a.m. to 7 a.m.



**HEFLEY-GALLAGHER** Tamara Dawn Hefley and Christopher Michael Gallagher have chosen the first day of their new life together Saturday, the eighteenth of August, two thousand seven. The marriage will take place at six o'clock in the evening at the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie, Texas, with a reception immediately following. Tamara is the daughter of Mark Hefley of Elk City, Oklahoma and Wanda Hefley of Mobeetie, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Bernice Hefley and Inez Moore of Mobeetie and the great-granddaughter of Lula Mae Cook of Grants, New Mexico and Opal Hefley of Wheeler, Texas. Chris is the son of Mike and Rhonda Gallagher of Wheeler, Texas. He is the grandson of Fred Gallagher and Sue Gallagher of Wheeler, Texas and Louise Hall of Stephenville, Texas and the great-grandson of Neva Smith of Wheeler, Texas.

God bless and guide you everyone!

Rick and Tina Bond went to Albuquerque to bring the "disabled" church bus back home and took the rented bus back to Albuquerque. They didn't run the air conditioner and kept half tank or more of gas in it. They took another vehicle in case they had to pull the church bus home, but they made it! Thank you.

Golden Agers meet Thursday, July 19, at noon at Wheeler Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for a good potluck meal, program and visiting. Home Health ladies will also check blood pressures and blood sugars, etc. starting at 11:30. Visitors welcome. "God be with you till we meet again."

**Old Time Gospel Music**  
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... in Wheeler  
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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

Sometimes God asks strange things of his prophets. It might be for the prophet to pay attention to a bunch of dry bones (as Ezekiel did), or to go to a city that the prophet hated with an intense passion (as Jonah did), or even find a wife that would from the start be unfaithful to the prophet (as Hosea did). Of course, in each of these situations, as well as others not mentioned thus far, God is not just throwing out arbitrary requests. Each of these strange things have a specific meaning and purpose to them. I'll let you read those biblical stories to figure them out while I point out one more and give an explanation.

In I Kings 13, the new king of Israel is Jeroboam. He is a wicked king, a man by whom other wicked kings will be compared to for generations to come. A prophet comes to him with a message that he needs to start obeying God's will. The prophet then leaves under the command from God to not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came. He meets up with another prophet who tells him that it is now okay for him to come back and eat with him. The young prophet eventually agrees that this makes sense and so he does that. The old prophet then chastises him for going against God's will and tells him that he will die because of this. And, in fact, when he departs, he is attacked by a lion and killed.

A lot of people read this story and think how unfair it was, or that the young prophet was tricked. But, to come to that conclusion, misses the point. The prophet in this story is serving as an example to King Jeroboam of what happens when you do not do God's will; consequences will be severe. Unfortunately, Jeroboam never changes his ways and so, we today view him as a sorry example. He (and others) should learn from the stories of the prophets!

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**Happy Anniversary to Rick and Tina Bond, R. L. and Rozena Zybach and Royce and Deedy Zybach on July 15; Aaron and Claudetta Laverty on July 16; Dennis and Peggy Thompson on July 17; Leo and Sylvia Shuler and Clint and Maurita Stribling on July 18; Matt and Samantha Lindsey on July 19 and Gene and Sue Harrison on July 21. God bless you everyone.**

A large crowd of relatives and friends were at Wheeler Methodist Church Tuesday, July 10, for the funeral of Robert Meadows, 40, son of Brady Meadows and the late Mary Meadows. Sincere sympathy to all. Family dinner was there.

The funeral for Vergia Reagan, 96, was at Wheeler Church of Christ Wednesday, July 11. Sincere sympathy to all.

Konnette Koen has taught some at Kelton during last school year and worked some at the courthouse in Wheeler. She is the wife of Matt Koen, Wheeler Baptist youth and music director. They have 4-year-old twins, Caleb and Mikah. Konnette has been hired to teach full-time at Kelton during the 2007-2008 school year. Best wishes! I know she will do a great job. Twins will be in Pre-K.

Gaye Hale's brother and wife, Vernon and Sandy Sivage, have spent many years in Uganda and other places in Africa as missionaries and directors of missions. They are spending a few months in Midland TX., for rest and relaxation and to see family members. Their daughters and families and Gaye's daughters are in the Ft. Worth areas. David Hale and family are in Canyon.

Enjoying quilting and visiting at Totty School Thursday were Kandi Jones, Betty Rogers, Sydney Lynch and Audrey Seitz.

Pray for Lorene Rector, who has been having tests run at Pampa at the hospital. Hope you are soon feeling much better, dear friend. She had some blood transfusions.

So great to see how people band together when there is sickness or sorrow. Good to see people band together to lift people up rather than pull them down.

Many relatives and friends gathered at Wheeler Baptist Church Friday to celebrate the life of Darville Altherton, 82. Rev. Bill Stiles officiated, telling many things about the life and family of Darville. Bill and brother, Bob Stiles, sang two duets (very good). Bob also led a congregational song. There was also a video of Darville and family pictures. Good to see all the family. Always hurts to lose our loved ones, but what a joyous reunion in Heaven! Pray for John Paul Harris, husband of Deidre (Dukes), who has some health problems. We have a great God, who loves us. With God all things are possible.

Delores Simmons and Cindy Bradstreet prepared and served the delicious Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church with turkey, polish sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrots, salad and hot rolls. All very good. Thank you!

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Phyllis Abernethy Shelton, 68, in her death. Services were at First Baptist Church, Clarendon on Thursday. She is survived by husband, Douglas Shelton, 10 grandchildren and six sisters, including Joann Simmons and Cherry Johnson of Wheeler, and others.

Luke 6:38: Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto you. For with the same measure that ye mete, it shall be given unto you again.

Joe and Ann Ellison were surprised to have almost all of their family come Saturday bringing food and love to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The weather was even pleasant. The kids had planned and prepared a skit about their wedding and such wonderful food and pictures. Most were dressed like 50 years ago. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> to Joe and Ann and many more! Over 40 family members were there.

Ray and Mae Brazeal will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding an-

## Old Mobeetie Texas Assoc. Conducts Business

Old Mobeetie Texas Association Minutes for June 14, 2007

President Joe VanZandt called the meeting to order and led in opening prayer.

Bobbie Hill requested that she and Ada do their presentations first. Joe granted this.

They presented the drawings for the Music and Association T-shirts. Bobbie Hill made a motion to buy 450 T-shirts. Ada Lester seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Bobbie Hill made a motion to table the T-shirts for 1 hour. Ada Lester seconded the motion and it carried.

Bobbie Hill reported to what she had found out on the flagpole. It had to be filled by a board member. Ada made a motion that Melba Corcoran be appointed until the election in September. Bernice Helley seconded the motion and it carried.

Bobbie Hill resigned as secretary but wanted to stay on the board. Bill Finsterwald made a motion to accept the resignation. Dale Corcoran seconded the motion and it carried.

Bobbie Hill left the meeting at this time.

After a discussion on filling the vacancy according to the by-laws, it had to be filled by a board member. Ada made a motion that Melba Corcoran be appointed until the election in September. Bernice Helley seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes were presented for approval. Bill Finsterwald made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Bernice Helley seconded the motion and it carried.

Melba Corcoran gave the financial statements. Motion made by Ada Lester to accept as given. Bill Finsterwald seconded the motion and it carried.

Reports were given as following: Cataloging sheets done 22,410 with 42,378 items. Volunteer hours were 528.5. Visitors

## Special Meeting Called For Old Mob. Tex. Assoc.

Special Called Meeting Old Mobeetie Texas Association June 23, 2007.

Vice President Dale Corcoran called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Louise Hogan led in prayer.

Motion by Maurita Stribling that Joe VanZandt purchase the 1934 classroom map of the United States he found in New Mexico for \$250.00. Bill Finsterwald seconded the motion and it carried.

Next business was to select T-shirts for the festival. Melba Corcoran made a motion we do a shirt for the adults and one for children. Louise Hogan seconded the motion and it carried.

There were 15 designs to choose from. Everyone wrote their first and second choices for both shirts. There was tie between #6 and #7 for the adults. The tiebreaker went to #6 which was the cow design.

The winner of the children's shirt was #3 which was the dog.

Motion made by Dutch Elliott to do the #6 design for the adults. Bernice Helley seconded the motion and it carried.

Motion made by Maurita Stribling to go with design #3, which was the dog, for the children. Louise Hogan seconded the motion and it carried.

Melba Corcoran made a motion to purchase four shirts size 4-6, 10 shirts size 8-10 and 15 shirts size 12-14 for the children. Maurita Stribling seconded the motion and it carried.

Dutch Elliott made a motion to purchase five size small, 15 size medium, 20 size large 16 size XL and 15 size XXL. Bernice Helley seconded the motion and it carried.

Bill Finsterwald made a motion for Tonya Finsterwald to contact Bernice Helley, Maurita Stribling and Louise Hogan when she got the price estimation and they would make the decision on which company to go with. Dutch Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Melba Corcoran made a motion to adjourn.

Those present Dale Corcoran, Bill Finsterwald, Dutch Elliott, Bernice Helley, Maurita Stribling, Louise Hogan, Tonya Finsterwald and Melba Corcoran.

Minutes approved July 12, 2007

were 262 with 38 from 6 different states.

Web site report for April showed 51,648 hits with a daily average of 1,721 with two new countries, Maldives and French Polynesia. The report for May showed 29,877 with average daily hit of 1,757 with one new county Monaco.

Old Business: Hoedown reports posters are up in several towns. Each one will bring two cakes to help with the dessert. Janie VanZandt and Tonya Finsterwald will be in charge of getting the supplies.

Music Festival: the ads are in, posters are in, band schedules are done and everything is a go.

Schoolhouse: the work is proceeding. Melba Corcoran made a motion to tile the west hall from the door of the kitchen to the door of the auditorium south to the exit door. Bill Finsterwald seconded the motion and it carried.

T-Shirts was next on the agenda. Ada Lester made a motion to table T-Shirts for this year. Motion failed for lack of second.

Ada left the meeting and due to no quorum, no further business was conducted.

Workday was set for June 23.

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Meeting was adjourned.

Those attending: Joe and Janie VanZandt, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald, Dale and Melba

Corcoran, Bobbie Hill, Bernice Helley and Ada Lester.

These minutes were approved July 12, 2007.

## Minutes For Old Mobeetie Tex. Assoc. Meeting

Old Mobeetie Texas Association Meeting Held June 8

Old Mobeetie Texas Association held their regular meeting June 8 at the Lodge building with President Joe VanZandt calling the meeting to order. Louise Hogan led in the opening prayer. Bobbie Hill read the minutes which stood approved. Melba Corcoran gave the financial reports. She also gave the visitors report for May which showed 290 visitors with 43 from 10 different states. She reported 21,814 work sheets had been completed with 41,438 items. She reported we had 442.25 volunteers hours for May.

Louise Hogan reported we had 35,309 hits on the web page for May for an average of 1,139 per day and had 3 new countries, Faso, Burkina and Panama which brings a total of 121 foreign countries to hit the web page.

Tonya Finsterwald reported on the Hoedown. Program is completed, posters are up and the plans are all finalized. She also reported on the Cataline School project. The building will be ready for the dedication. The blackboards are up, and the walls and wood painted. Trim will be put up Saturday with the desk being cleaned and ready to go into the building. The lights and fans are installed.

The Music Festival report by Dutch Elliott showed the ads all sold and the book ready to go to Tonya to be scanned and put on a disc for the printers. The band schedules are finished. Everything is go for the event.

Workdays were set for June 10 to work on the school with possible workday again on June 17 and finish the final preparation on the 24th. Those attending were Patti Williams, Dutch Elliott, David Seitz, Louise Hogan, Joe VanZandt, Suzanne Lohberger,

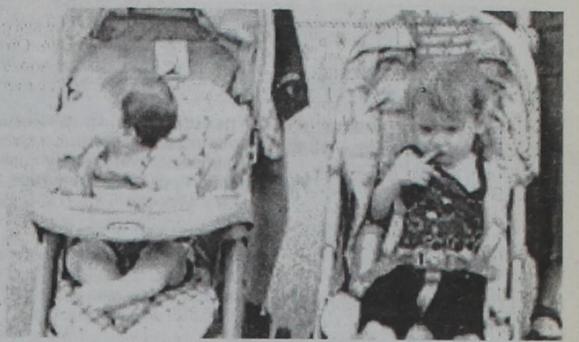
## The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

The other day, my sister-in-law, Louise, asked me to ride along with her to Canadian while she took care of some business. As we left, I asked Glenn Forrest Frosty to watch the chickens since they were still loose in the yard and having a lot of fun digging up my flower beds. He said he would. When we got home, I asked if he put them back in their pen and then I got the sad story he had to tell about putting them up. Seems he yelled at Henry to get the hens and get in the pen like I always do. Henry thought Glenn wanted to play war so he attacked and the games were on! Since I will not let Glenn do violence to Henry, Glenn uses a butterfly net to herd Henry into the pen. You can kind of picture this event of a big Texan with a butterfly net chasing a tiny Bantam rooster across a 3-acre lawn. Anyway, when Glenn came out of the garage with the net, Henry had already herded the hens into their pen and started crowing at Glenn. It was kind of a "ha-ha" thing for Henry. I have tried to explain to Henry that Glenn is a pretty good hunter and has bagged lots of skunks, opossums, rabbits, quail, bobcats, badgers and tons of deer here in Allison through the years and I do not know how long he will put up with an attacking rooster that is no bigger than a minute. Cannot get through to him, though.

Every now and then, the electric company probably decides that Allison has had enough electricity for a while and off it goes for a couple of hours. This causes lots of problems at this household as all the electric appliances and clocks have to be reset. The freezer has to be quieted since it's loud alarm is going and there is no help if you are washing your hair or the clothes or dishes since we have a water well with an electric pump, so...no electricity, no water. In other words, we are really shut down until the electric company decides we have been deprived long enough. This did give me a chance the other day to go next door and visit with Nelda Dukes and take her the canning lids she wanted to borrow. No one wants to drive 40 miles round trip just for canning lids and when you live out in the country as we do, that is just how far the nearest store happens to be. We do plan our shopping list very well and if it is not written down, it is not remembered. Now, that is not just from getting old; it is a lifetime thing for me. Glenn is worse.

For the first time this year, we have had to resort to watering this monster lawn of ours. It is a beautiful lawn until it is time to water it and then it becomes a monster. We have really been lucky this year for it is the middle of July and with all the big and small rains we have had, the lawn has been rain-watered which is the best way to water. I sometimes get a little carried away with those sprinklers and water the patio furniture, both fishponds and the chickens. The chickens do have a place to get out of the rain or they can take a shower. Anyway, everything gets a dose of well water. Glenn does the front yards and I do the back. I



Riders: Jessica Suzman and Angel Ontiveros rode the distance of the Fun Run/Walk.

## ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought; he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all this works. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalms 33:1-15 & 21 & 22 Psalms 34:1-3

We have received a few showers and a good rain shower as well recently here in Allison. But today on Friday has been really beautiful. Not that hot today either, a really nice day. Thank the Lord that we haven't received any hail or stormy bad weather as of yet. Praise God for that.

Louise Boydston went to Canadian, Texas last Wednesday on business then on to Elk City, Oklahoma and stayed the night with her sister and husband, Vivian and Jimmy Wallace and visited her mother, Pearl Harrison who is doing much better. (Praise God!)

On Thursday Louise drove to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and picked up her friend, Bessie Richter from Lyons, Oregon at the Will Rogers Airport to spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and family. Bessie's sister, Earline Davis from Pampa, Texas passed away

guess it is time to move the water and see if I can outrun the water sprinklers again. With love to all of you, Betty Boydston.

## Totty School Reunion Held Sunday, June 11

The Totty School Reunion was held Sunday June 11, 2007. There were three students present that went to school there: Dutch Elliott, Bill Bailey and Hugh Bailey. Following the meal that was enjoyed by all, Maggie drew for the door prizes. The man's door prize was won by Ferrell Baird and the lady's by Pat Burke. The quilt was won by Pauline Barnes. President Bill Bailey was in charge of the drawings. He was elected President again for next year. Those attending were Loy and Pat Burke of Laverne, OK., Dutch Elliott, Ferrell Baird, Bill and Mary Louise Bailey, Bob and Betty Haines all of Pampa, O.K. Borden of Amarillo, Jane Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Terri Williams, Hugh and Mae Bailey, Don and Willene Burke, Danny and Betty Rogers and granddaughter, Maggie, Tom Cross, David and Melba Seitz and Dale and Melba Corcoran all of Mobeetie

and will be having memorial services next Tuesday at Pampa, Texas for her.

Bill and Barbara Graham of Yukon, Oklahoma visited in the home of William and Melody Dixon and girls, Elizabeth and August. The Graham's enjoyed a delicious meal with the Dixon family and had a good visit.

Opal and Juanita Boydston traveled to Wheeler, Texas on Thursday on business and did some shopping as well. Opal and Juanita enjoyed delicious pizza at Cross Country Barn.

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L.L.C., #7 Meadows '4', Sec. 4, 4, AB&M, spud 3-8-07, drlg. compl 3-30-07, tested 5-21-07, potential 2032 MCF, TD 11600' — HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Cordillera Texas, L.P., #2020 Flowers Ranch, Sec. 20, 41, H&TC, spud 12-14-06, drlg. compl 12-24-06, tested 6-13-07, potential 663 MCF, TD 8200', PBDT 8096' — HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1933 Arthur Webb, et al 'S', Sec. 193, C, G&MMB&A, spud 4-22-07, drlg. compl 5-6-07, tested 6-12-07, TD 11600', PBDT 11555' —

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ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #15 Byrum '27', Sec. 4, B-1, H&GN, spud 4-6-07, drlg. compl 4-26-07, tested 6-18-07, potential 6300 MCF, TD 10970', PBDT 10877' — Directional

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #107 Charles, Sec. 7, B-1, H&GN, spud 6-7-07, drlg. compl 6-26-07, tested 5-19-07, TD 11350', PBDT 11303' — Recompletion  
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Apache Corp., #3019 Bartz '19', Sec. 19, A-3, H&GN, spud 10-20-04, drlg. compl 2-11-05, tested 4-4-07, potential 7525 MCF, TD 16510', PBDT 16420' — SWR #10 approved to commingle

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #801 Stiles '1', Sec. 1, AB&M, spud 1-12-07, drlg. compl 2-28-07, tested 5-4-07, potential 8227 MCF, TD 16805', PNYD 16661' — WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #804 Stiles '4', Sec. 4, A-3, H&GN, spud 3-6-07, drlg. compl 4-22-07, tested 6-14-07, potential 2825 MCF, TD 16694', PBDT 16527' — WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #13 Atherton '69', Sec. 69, A-7, H&GN, spud 1-8-07, drlg. compl 3-27-07, tested 5-16-07, potential 72167 MCF, TD +/- 6350', PBDT +/- 6318' — WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #3027 Britt, Sec. 27, A-3, H&GN, spud 4-27-07, drlg.

compl 5-8-07, tested 6-7-07, TD 17200' — SWR #10 approved WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #9 Britt Ranch 'G' 44, Sec. 44, A-3, H&GN, spud 11-26-06, drlg. compl 3-19-07, tested 5-24-07, potential 3812 MCF, TVD 15902', MD 15828' — Directional well WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #11 Britt Ranch '36', Sec. 36, A-3, H&GN, spud 3-18-07, drlg. compl 5-17-07, tested 6-13-07, potential 38786 MCF, TD 15725', PBDT 15671' — Directional WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #2 Thomas Britt '6', Sec. 6, B&B, compl 5-8-07, tested 6-7-07, TD 17200' — SWR #10 approved WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #9 Britt Ranch 'G' 44, Sec. 44, A-3, H&GN, spud 11-26-06, drlg. compl 3-19-07, tested 5-24-07, potential 3812 MCF, TVD 15902', MD 15828' — Directional well WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #11 Britt Ranch '36', Sec. 36, A-3, H&GN, spud 3-18-07, drlg. compl 5-17-07, tested 6-13-07, potential 38786 MCF, TD 15725', PBDT 15671' — Directional WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #2 Thomas Britt '6', Sec. 6, B&B,

spud 3-25-07, drlg. compl 4-12-07, tested 6-13-07, potential 3435 MCF, TD 15500', PBDT 15445' — WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production, L.P., #1 Fleetwood Tract '16', Sec. 16, RE, R&E, spud 3-22-07, drlg. compl 5-19-07, tested 5-21-07, TD 15583', PBDT 13530' — Plug-Back

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**MOBEETIE NEWS**  
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**THE WHEELER TIMES**  
 PAGE 5—Thursday, July 19, 2007  
 "Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



**Young Participants:** These young people took part in the second annual Ben Britt Memorial Fun Run/Walk on July 4. They are (l. to r.) Chase Helton, Ben Helton, CHasey Lane, Stormie Meriwether, Katilyn Helton, Cooper Helton, Kaydence Francis, Shalyn Whitely and Shad Whiteley.



The 4th of July turtle race draws so many participants, the race had to be divided into heats.



A large crowd at the city park on July 4, 2007



And the second annual Ben Britt Memorial Fun Run/Walk gets underway



Private John Howsmon, a member of the Regiment of the High Plains took time to be photographed with three little girls from the prairie. (l-r) Maddie Shields of Canadian, Adley Gilmer of Wheeler and Kaitlin Shields of Canadian. The picture was taken at Sat., June 29, at the Old Mobeetie Hoedown.

This Monday, here in Mobeetie, we were awakened by a wonderful little thunderstorm with some much appreciated rain. Not only did I not want to mow this morning, it is getting a little dry in the area since the wind has been blowing and the hot summer weather is taking its toll. We ended up with about 1/3 of an inch of wonderful rain. We are trying to housebreak a puppy and the lightning and far off thunder about 4:30 A.M. were not conducive to getting Karma to do her thing outside. She definitely has a mind of her own and could not care less what I expect out of her. She and Robert don't see eye-to-eye, either. Good thing Michael and Brianna will be home next week to take over potty patrol.

Last weekend, Fred and Jackie Thrasher and Tish McLaughlin enjoyed a visit from Tony, Pat, Jordan and Joshua Goodnature of Amarillo. The kids and Pat are enjoying their summer break. Pat works at one of the schools so has basically the same schedule as the children. It really works out great. The high point of the weekend for Jordan and Joshua was getting to know Naw Naw and Pee Paw's new puppies, Buddy and Katie. The whole family fell in love with them. Jordan enjoyed visiting with Tisha; she enjoyed having a teenage girl to visit with. Fred is working for Sooner now and really enjoying it. Basically, the same job he has done for the last 12 years, but the change is nice. He'll still be working plenty of hours, but it will just all work out better.

Last week was a bad week for Wheeler county; we lost so many special people that helped make so many wonderful memories in the area. Our prayers are with each family. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Meadows, 40. He grew up in Wheeler and graduated from there. He was just a couple of years ahead of our two oldest boys in school. He went into the Marines after he graduated. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary, and his grandfather. He is survived by his dad, Brady Meadows of Wheeler, two brothers, Stephen of Oklahoma and Mitchell of Dalhart, TX., and his grandmother, Margie Meadows of Wheeler. He is also survived by his daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Alex, both of Nashville, TN. Robert served in the Marines during the Gulf War and in Japan. He lived and worked in Canadian at the time of his death. Such a tragic loss. He will be greatly missed.

Our sympathy goes out to Shari Porter and the boys in the death of Jim Porter. He attended Mobeetie schools for part of his school years. He was a good friend and neighbor to many. He retired from working with Arkla about 10 years ago. He and Shari have farmed and ranched in the Wheeler area their whole married life. He will be greatly missed by many.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Vergie Reagan. She and Clark were a very active and important part of the Church of Christ family and the Wheeler community. While their health held out, they were always busy practicing what they preached. After Clark's death about 10 years ago and with her health problems, she moved to Amarillo 5 or 6 years ago. We really missed her, but she was closer to her daughter and enjoyed seeing more of her family. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Morey of Amarillo, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She will certainly be missed.

Our community was deeply saddened by the news of the death of Leonard Hollis of Bolivar, MO. He and his wife, Bertha, had graced our community a couple of times a year for several years after they retired. They still had many friends and family in the area and enjoyed spending a few weeks in the spring and fall out here when they could. They kept the family farmhouse so neat and pretty. They enjoyed entertaining out there every chance they could. They were such an asset to our community and so active in the Baptist Church and senior citizens when they were here. Leonard lost his beautiful bride of 60+ years last year. We miss them both so much. Rest in peace our friends.

Now, for some good news... Amanda (May) Salas has gone back to work at the Wheeler Care Center. I don't know who was more excited—Amanda or the folks at the nursing home. Amanda had a serious car accident last winter and has had so much trouble getting the leg to heal with all the steel plates and rods that help make it possible for her to walk. She has been really pushing herself in therapy. So glad that she has good help over there. She is a good nurse and always so bubbly. It's been 5 months, so she is very anxious to keep things rolling.

Congratulations to Joe and Ann Ellison as they celebrate 50 years of married life together. All best wishes and many, many more. They don't look old enough to have been married that long. Congratulations to Mark and Mandy Meadows on the birth of newest son, Barrett Allen. The doctors had

to take him several weeks early, but all seems well. He is welcomed by big brother, Landry, and sister, Tatum, along with grandpa, Gene Ferguson of Wheeler, and grandma and grandpa, Sam and Barbara Meadows of Briscoe.

Congratulations to Dani (Danielle) and Tommy Loftus of rural Hereford in the arrival of their darling new daughters. Tawni Sherree and Tanielle Danae arrived at 4:17 A.M. and 4:39 A.M. on July 1, 2007, in Clovis, NM. Tawni weighed 3 lbs 7 oz and is 18" long. Tani weighed in at 2 lbs 9.75 oz and is 16" long. They spent several days in a Lubbock hospital. Tawni got to come home on the 7th, and Tani should be able to come home in the next week or so, if all continues to go well. Braeden and Caison are anxious for both girls to be home so they will both have a baby to help Mom with. They just don't understand why they can't hold them by themselves more often and go get Tawni any time she whimpers. The girls are birthday buddies with the late Princess Diana and our daughter, Jennifer Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wilhite of Wellington greeted their new son on Monday, July 9, 2007. Judson Wilhite made his grand entry into the world a few weeks early in Amarillo. He's had a bit of a rough week, but if all went well over the weekend, he and Mom were going to go to Canyon to Grandma and Grandpa Wilhite's for a few weeks. Judson has to gain a little more weight and his heart rate has to level off before he can be very far from the hospital. Mom and Judson are doing quite well. Uncle Bubba, John Ulrey, is very proud of the little tyke and anxious for him to get home, as is the rest of the Ulrey family.

Sorry to hear that Gary Morris is still having a rough time. He had to have a feeding tube implanted last week. After his throat heals a little bit better, he will start speech therapy, so he can learn to talk with the trachea tube in. Dick Irvine, Bill Thomas, John Ulrey and Gary's cousin, Anita, were waiting for him when he got back to Triumph hospital after being over at Northwest Texas for the surgery. Gary still has his famous smile and is anxious to be able to communicate better, after his throat heals. He has the faith of 20 people and has so much to teach us. Hope you are feeling better, Gary. Get well soon.

Sorry to hear that the Allison Café had a bit of surprise. Just thankful that no body was seriously injured when some one tried to make it a drive thru; so they were closed for several days. They opened Monday...all fixed up and ready to go. I know that their customers are sure glad to have them back on the job. Missed all that good cookin'. Congratulations and all best

wishes to Tamara Hefley and Chris Gallagher as they plan to marry on August 18, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

The wildflowers are still blooming and making the drives around the area very enjoyable. Many of the playa lakes in the area have such beautiful flowers in the water. The one that really comes to mind is the pink carpet on the Ingram Farms just east of Pampa on the 152 highway. It is so pretty. All of the playa lakes are already showing the stress of the recent hotter weather. The water levels are going down quite fast.

Glad to hear that Jane Seitz is getting settled into her new room at the Wheeler Hospital Extended Care unit. She gets good care there and is easier for her to get her physical therapy. Virginia was home last weekend to spend a couple of days with her mother, Orville Greenhouse. She always enjoys attending church at the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie. She is looking forward to the All-School Reunion and Old Settlers' in September.

So glad to hear that Lorene Rector got home on Sunday, July 15, after a short stay in the hospital. Hope they have you fixed up and headed down the road to better days.

The Marriott Family had their annual get-together in Shamrock at the Irish Inn on Sunday. They lost several of the older family members this year, so it just wasn't the same, although there was a good crowd with lots of good food and great visiting. Cousin David, from Perryton, drove to Amarillo early Sunday morning to pick up his mother, Aunt Irmel. Aunt Vitula was already in Shamrock waiting on her. The two sisters were some of the oldest in attendance. Everyone had lots of pictures and stories to tell.

Leola finished this series of physical therapy on Monday. She  
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### Hospital Notes

**Assisted Living**  
 Verne Lohberger  
 Opal Hefley  
 Alvern Hutchison  
 C. B. Brotherton  
 Iona May  
 Willie Mae Helton  
 Tom Frye

**Admissions**  
 7/8 Lenna Vick  
 7/10 Rita Pearson  
 7/12 Leota Haire  
 7/13 Robert Trostle  
 Ladena Taylor

**Dismissals**  
 7/9 Leota Haire  
 Billie Ferguson  
 Raybourn Alston  
 7/13 Rita Pearson  
 Robert Trostle

### Parkview Artery

#### Camping accidents and incidents

**Camping Safety Tips**  
 Safety begins with planning. If you want to be safe, plan ahead. Camping is thought of as a safe and fun family adventure and, most of the time, it is.

First, make sure you pack the right clothes. The climate and weather in our world is becoming increasingly unpredictable. Meteorology is the only profession in the world where you can be wrong every day and still keep your job. Even if you just know that you're going to need to be slathered in sunscreen, it's still a good idea to pack some clothes for chillier weather. Just in case.

Along with that comes an oxymoron: plan for the unexpected. I know, I know, you can't expect something unexpected. However, you can do your best to create contingency plans. Play the "worst case scenario" game in your head (and, when possible, with your adult traveling companions) and come up with contingency plans for those scenarios.

Also in line with the first suggestion, make sure you have the right gear. If the weather suddenly does drop to the 20s or 30s, will the gear you brought with you keep you safe and protected? If not, perhaps it's time to reconsider the gear you're bringing. Obviously, you can't pack for every potential emergency. Well, you can, but it would be a pain. Just do your best to ensure that you have what you will need in case of an emergency.

Learn about, and practice, fire safety. One of the greatest joys of camping is sitting around a blazing campfire, roasting marshmallows and just enjoying the company of your companions. That joy can be quickly destroyed if the fire suddenly gets out of hand, however. You need a small campfire, not a bonfire in worship of ancient deities. Don't let the mesmerizing power of fire make you behave in stupid ways. Because of changing climate, and reduced rain, it's not even legal to build a campfire in many areas anymore. Be safe and ensure that you don't spend your vacation facing arson charges.

Let someone know where you're going. By this, I don't mean that you should tell someone, "Hey dude, I'm going camping, I'll catch you on Monday." If you don't show up at work on Monday, that information isn't going to do anyone a lot of good. Unless you're going to pick your spot once you get where you're going, you ought to be able to give someone fairly specific information regarding your camping location. If you can, you should...just in case.

Take all of these tips into consideration as you plan your next camping trip.

#### Medcat

**Camping:** The art of getting closer to nature while getting farther away from the nearest cold beverage, hot shower and a flushing toilet. —Author Unknown

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