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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

MOBEETIE AND WHEELER EVACUATED SUN., MAR 12, AS WILDFIRE APPROACHES; AREA HOMES DESTROYED! FIRE TURNS AT THE EDGE OF OLD MOBEETIE! WILDFIRE STOPPED BEFORE REACHING WHEELER!

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our area Volunteer Firemen are appreciated!

Also appreciated are the other volunteer who helped with the fire fighting in Wheeler and the evacuation of the nursing home.

The employees of Xcel and Greenbelt Electric are to be commended for their hard work in restoring service to the area.

It will come as no shock to you that we were returning from Oklahoma when we first learned of the fire. We were on Hwy 6 at Elk City when word was broadcast on KECO in Elk City of the evacuation of Wheeler.

KECO, 96.5 on the radio dial, did a great job of covering the situation.

After a call to the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department to verify the situation, we turned around and informed the Meriwethers of the fires and our return.

Fires were also burning in the OKC and Altus areas and smoke filled the evening air.

We arrived in Wheeler Monday afternoon to find everything intact and the electricity was back on very shortly after our return.

Rhonda, LeRoy and Stormie Meriwether were sent to take pictures Tuesday morning. Their help was certainly appreciated.

And Wheeler was also on Oklahoma news with the escape of two Caddo County convicts, who passed through Wheeler County and later captured near Canadian.

The electricity was back on in time for the Monday evening card games. There were only four of us.

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Wheeler County has been declared a disaster area after a wildfire swept through the county Sunday evening and Monday morning.

An estimated 42-45 sections were burned. In addition to an untold number of livestock, four houses, one garage and two barns were reported lost by Ken Daughtry, Wheeler County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was called into action on Sunday, March 13, 2006, at 12:30 p.m. and remained in service until 10:00 p.m. Local firemen were still at the scene at some hot spots on Tuesday.

The fire, which started from a traffic accident near Groom reached Wheeler County Sunday afternoon and was approaching Mobeetie. Mobeetie citizens were advised to be prepared to evacuate. At about 4:30 p.m. the fire turned toward Wheeler 2 miles south of the Mobeetie cemetery. The order to rescind the Mobeetie evacuation order was given at 10:00 p.m.

The residents of Wheeler were advised to evacuate. The emergency alert system was used to spread the word of the evacuation. Loud speakers on evacuation vehicles and area radio stations announced the evacuation.

The residents of Wheeler Nurs-

ing and Rehab were moved to Shamrock's Community building. At one time traffic from Wheeler to Elk City was bumper to bumper. Some of the residents were returned to Wheeler Sunday evening and all but one of the rest were returned on Monday. The final resident returned Tuesday.

Wheeler's order to rescind the evacuation order was given at 4:00 a.m. Monday. The reason for the delay of rescinding the Wheeler evacuation order was due to a fire between Wheeler and Shamrock.

The Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department went out Sunday afternoon and was out until 5 a.m. Monday. They were called out Monday to fight two fires headed for Mobeetie from Pampa and Miami.

The homes of B. and Ellen Haning, Peter and Evelyn Haning, and a double-wide near Mobeetie were destroyed. The Cole Tindoll home near Mobeetie was destroyed. The Jim Batton home southwest of Mobeetie and the Aubrey Seitz home were damaged. The Jim and Beth Alvey home west of Wheeler and the Mike and Glenda Guetz homes were destroyed. They were located south and west of Wheeler.

Electric service was off for a period of time Sunday and Monday, but full service was restored in Wheeler Monday afternoon.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Wheeler on the 12 day of March 2006, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from

Extreme weather conditions and wildfires.

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

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for WHEELER COUNTY pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Wheeler.
3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county emergency management plan.



Fire Sunday afternoon, March 12, destroyed this new home west/southwest of Wheeler.

Wheeler Nursing Home Residents Taken To Shelter In Shamrock

With orders to evacuate Wheeler because of the approaching wildfire and smoke, residents of Wheeler Nursing and Rehab sought shelter in Shamrock.

Kenna Howard, administrator, expressed her appreciation for the help they received in the evacuation of the 39 residents. "Everybody just turned out to help. Wheeler residents arrived with pickups to transport supplies and wheelchairs.

The residents were taken to the Shamrock Area Community Cen-

ter, which had been turned into a temporary refuge for the nursing home residents from Wheeler and McLean. Residents from both cities also took refuge in the community center.

Shamrock citizens arrived provided homemade cookies and food and a room set up with cots and air mattresses, stated Howard.

Several hundred were served throughout the night. City officials from Wellington provided 100 cots and Shamrock churches pitched in to help. Calvary Christian Church

next door to the community building opened their church and tried to accommodate the refugees. Pastor Joe Jernigan said "The Shamrock people just fell in, every walk of life, they came together in a crisis."

Even the youth helped, he said. "It's part of the Christian command to love your brother, love your neighbor when they're having a hard time," Jernigan said.

Some nursing home residents returned Sunday night and others returned Monday.

Two Oklahoma Fugitives Travel Thru County In Escape Attempt

Two inmates from Caddo County Jail in Anadarko escaped Sunday morning. Texas authorities nabbed both escapees in Hemphill County. The pair, Eli Dominique Edwards, 28, and Lewis Julian Peteet, 26, are accused of stealing four vehicles, kidnapping a woman from her Gracemont, OK home.

Edwards and Peteet escaped from a second-story window about 12:45 p.m. while being escorted from an upstairs cell to a church service downstairs. Peteet was captured Sunday at 6:00 p.m. near a gas plant in Hemphill County. Edwards was captured 6 p.m. Monday evening in a Canadian neighborhood.

Edwards was recognized by a Canadian resident from a television news bulletin. The resident dialed 911. He was captured as he walked along Highway 83, south of Canadian.

A fire extinguisher was used to break down a wooden door, leading into a small hallway outside the courtroom. Through a broken window they lowered themselves onto

a roof and jumped onto a parking lot. They made their escape on foot.

A vehicle was stolen from a carwash. A Chevrolet pickup was taken at gun point in Apache, OK, and then ditched in Gracemont. A Gracemont, OK, woman was kidnapped and her Honda Accord taken. The escapees made their way to Wheeler County via Highways 6 and 152.

With the wild fires burning at the time the fugitives made it to Wheeler County, the pair was forced to take back roads. The Honda ran out of gas and was abandoned on FM1046 between Allison and Briscoe. Mrs. Allen, the kidnap victim climbed out the trunk when she thought the two men had fled. She flagged down a farmer, driving by. She was taken to the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office and then to Great Plains Medical Center in Elk City for treatment.

The escaped criminals forced their way into the Jimmy Maddox home at gun point. The family was

robbed and cell phone taken. An undetermined amount of cash and other items were also taken.

Amber Maddox, a teenager, realized what was happening and baricaded herself in her room. One of the intruders broke the door in and bound her with her parents.

After locking the Maddox family in their cellar, the pair escaped in the family's 2003 Buick LeSabre. The family quickly escaped and 911 was called.

Jimmy Maddox was struck with a shotgun and the daughter suffered bruising from being bound. After a short chase by the Hemphill County authorities the car was ditched five miles south of Canadian on Hwy. 83.

Peteet was captured hiding in a gas plant Sunday evening and Edwards was picked up walking along Hwy. 83 Monday evening.

Both men were taken to Hemphill County Jail. Peteet and Edwards were charged with escape and first degree burglary Monday. The

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NUMBERS: An estimated 10,000 cattle and horses were lost in the wildfire, which swept across the panhandle Sunday. The following is the figures released Wednesday: 850,000 acres burned; 1,171 square miles burned; 350 firefighters or more battling wildfires; 26 aircraft dropping fire retardant; 55 bulldozer crews; 29 states provided help; 1,000 people evacuated; 11 fire related deaths, 9 injured firefighters, two critically; 3-4 weeks to restore power in some areas.

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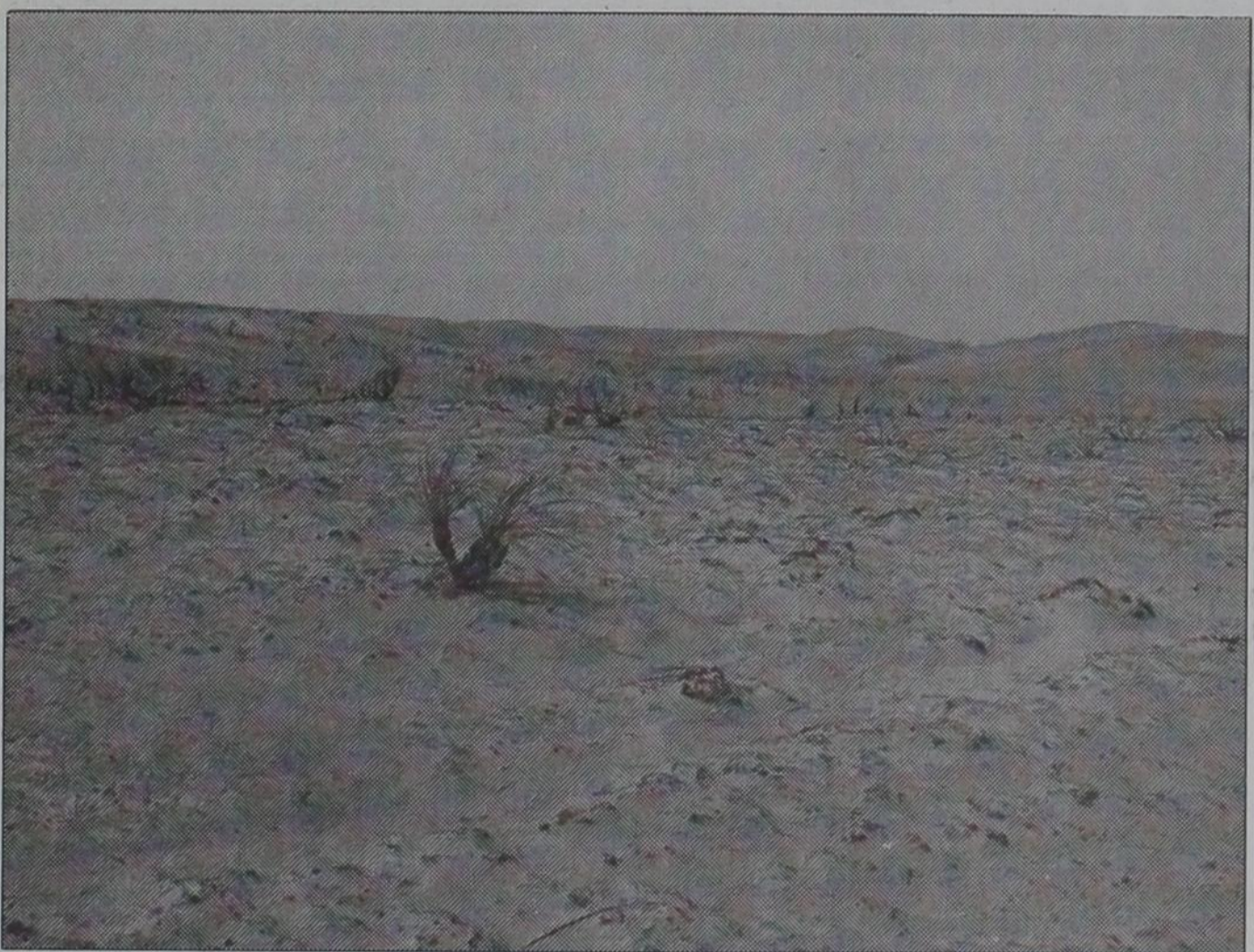
Wildfire Damage In County Sunday, March 12!



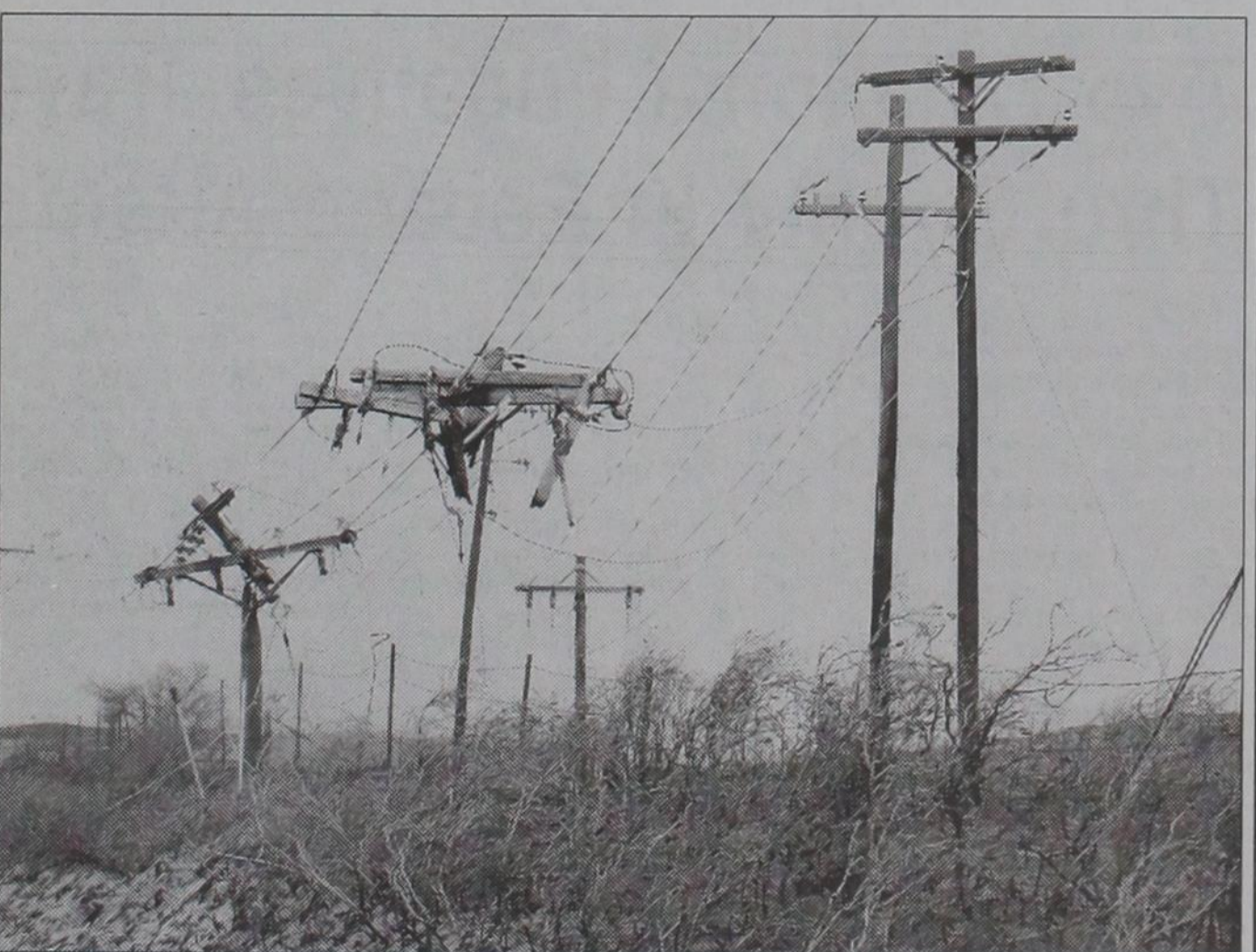
This is the remains of a house near Mobeetie after the fire Sunday, March 12.



A lone survivor of the panhandle wildfire Sunday, March 12, 2006.



This is how most of the Texas Panhandle looks after the wildfire Sunday afternoon.



Highline poles and wires suffered heavy damage with the wildfire Sunday.

Thanks is extended to the Volunteer Fireman for their hard work in preventing much more damage.

COUNTRY NEWS
By Verna Fillingim



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Joshua 24:15 Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Happy Birthday to Dianne Sparks, Tori Boydston, Jeff Edwards, Dennise James, Urick Marshall, Betty Rives, Pedro Soto, Andy Finsterwald, Marki Stringer on March 12, Nikki Wiggins, Dolores Simmons, Jared Keys, Willene Burke, Bryan Moran, Kyla Young, Darla Childress, Zachary Kirkpatrick, Julie Boydston, Orvel Brewer, Ruth Edwards, Vincent Sanders on March 13, Dana Trimble, Mickey Macina, Lori Selby, Andrea Hershnerader, Brad Moran on March 14, Robbie Bleakley, Heather Marshall, Tim Adcock, Colton Johnson, Gary Waldo, Ella Mae Wood on March 15, Mardi Ogle, Travis May, April Mick, Gaylord Thompson, Genise Young, Mayci Miller on March 16, Keleb Meek, Matt Helms, Logan Harris, Keith and Kenney Boydston, Steven Corcoran, Landry Meadows, Ruth Wiley, Lisa Carder, Joe Miller, Aaron Dunnam on March 17, Marcie Cook, Tricia Mitchell, Wade Hampton, Karla Murray, Blake Horton on March 18.

Happy Anniversary to Shot and Opal Childress, Sybil and Iva Alexander, Bob and Debbie Kinnaman on March 12, Keith and Tyna Horn and William and Vickie Cornell on March 17, Kyndal and Kathy Murray and Shawn and Robin Johnson on March 18, Butch and Pattie Anderson on March 17.

In the Hemphill County Judge's race, Steven Vandiver, former FBI and Ex-Briscoe School teacher was front runner with 347 votes. Remelle Farrar had 195 and Johnny Curtis had 152. However, Steven was one vote shy of avoiding a run off. So Steven asked for a recount. Steve's mom, Jerrie Vandiver was Hemphill County Clerk for many years. Charles Kessie had 55 votes of Democrats for County Judge.

Birthday people in our Sunday School class this month are Don Alexander, Ella Mae Wood, Eddie Pannell, and Dianne Sparks.

Congratulations to Jodie and Kenney Striley on the birth of their new baby girl Friday March 10 named Maddison Rebecca. She weighed 7 pounds, fifteen ounces and is welcomed by big brother Andrew. She was born in Amarillo. Lajo planned to go visit and help some with the new baby. Charles and Lajo Crownover are proud grandparents. Bess Crownover at Canyon is great-grandmother.

Visiting Charles and Lajo this week are granddaughters Lacey, 8, and Rose, 2, Crownover from Dallas area, daughters of Boyce and Angie Crownover.

Bro. Bill and Kay Stiles and Nadine Lane came to Wheeler Care Center Sunday to host the Sing-a-long and church service. Several residents out to enjoy it. Next Sunday March 19 Mobeetie Baptist Church will host the church service at 3:00 p.m. at Wheeler Care Center. Visitors welcome. Always good.

Many of us need to lose a few or many pounds for our health. (Most of my life, I've been trying to lose some.) T O P S (take off pounds Sensibly) meets each Monday at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship hall of Wheeler Baptist Church and all are welcome to come and join T O P S in a support group, not a diet.

We appreciate those who faithfully come and add their voices to the choir at Wheeler Baptist. Some who come and sing are Gwen McCain, Eddie Pannell, Mike and Beverly Bryant, Dianne Sparks, Emma Williams, Leona Coates, Claudia Marion, Sindy Chapman, Wesley and Helen Steen, and Ann Killingsworth. Always sounds good. Samantha Chapman sang a pretty speical Sunday morning. Many others sing, too. Thanks to all.

So sorry to hera of the fatal accient Thursday east of Briscoe at the Enbridge Gas Pipeline Site (former Duzy farms). Roman Delgado, 61, of Hutchinson, Kansas wa working on a gas pipeline behind a pickup when a co-worker backed over him. Delgado died at the scene. I heard the co-worler had a heart attack nd was taken to Amaillo to the hospital.

The Ja'Nae Goad Scholar Golf Tournament has been set for April 22. For more information call Ida Mae Goad 826-5254 or Melody and Mike Goad at 375-2322.

To celebrate Dallas' wife, Krystal's 32nd birthday, Keaira visited a favorite young cousin and Dallas and Krystal went out to eat and saw a movie. Happy Birthday, Krystal.

Pray for Odessa Mooney, who is battling a bad case of shingles around her waist. Guess all shingles are bad. We are so sorry.

Always nice to see Gina Mendiola and Shelia Mick at the post office. They always have such big, friendly smiles.

Glad to hear that Joe Ellison is finally gaining strength and getting better. The past year has been hard for Joe and Anne. Keep praying. Ray and Mae Brazeal are also doing pretty well.

Nice to see George Gandy at the post office. He gets around good for a kid in his 90s. God bless you!

Martha Meek enjoyed a visit from nephew, Steve Huff, from Lubbock. He took her out for supper.

Pray for Dennis Williams, our pastor that he may be well soon. So good to have him back toc church Sunday.

Nice to have a call from Charlotte (Austin) Brown at San Antonio. Her husband had to have dental work, but they are doing pretty well.

Nice to have three guys and wives from Allison Pentecostal Church out to sing some beautiful songs at Wheeler Care Center Tuesday: Vance and Carol Boydston, Curtis and Lillian Boydston, Forest Glenn and Betty Boydston and sister-in-law, Louise Boydston, and her mom, Pearl Harrison. Sounded great.

Hostess ladies also took some surplus food to elderly shut-ins. Thanks! Good stuff! After Tuesday meal.

When the electricity went off Sunday night, it deleted some of my favorite channels on the cable. Thanks Danny McNeill for coming and reprogramming it. Great!

Best wishes to J.J. Johnson and Mike Houska as they plan to marry June 17 at Stillwater, Oklahoma. J.J. taught and coached some at Fort Elliott this year.

To celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary March 1, Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira ate at Red Lobster for a good meal. Happy anniversary and many more!

Best wishes to Brittney Mick and Justin Hefley as they plan to marry in June.

The last part of last week's Country news was written by Laurel Hershman about her and husband Ed going to Hawaii, in case you didn't know.

"May your day be blessed— touched by God in special ways," from a card.

Hugh and Mae Bailey went to Pampa Thursday to Open House at Woodrow Wilson School where great-granddaughters, Bailey and Taylor McAlpine, go too school and ate lunch with them and enjoyed seeing them.

I talked to Jackie Cummings; she is getting more appetite and gaining a little strength and maybe a little weight. She appreciates all the good food brought to her and enjoys cooking some for herself. Keep praying for Jackie.

Do you ever feel like your "get up and go" has "got up and went"? Join the club.

Enjoying quilting and visiting at Totty School Thursday were Augusta Brown, Betty Haines, Audrey Seitz, Betty Rogers and Sidney Lynch. They rolled the Reunion quilt twice. They invite others to come quilt and visit with the. They will train you.

Enjoying a delicious supper and visiting at Reydon Senior Citizens Thursday evening were Lou Dean Douthit, Edna May, Linda Leib, Juanita Fillingim, Charleen Rainey and Virginia Puryear. Most went back to Lou Deans and played 42 for awhile.

Sorry to hear that Edna's son, Edwin Begert, has been in the hospital at Amarillo. Remember Edwin and also Dean Lieb in your prayers. Dean is some better.

March 6 we had a good pot-luck meal and lively games of Chicken Foot at Wheeler Senior Citizens Monday night. Some there were Joyce Perkins, Betty Howard, Lou Dean Douthit, Evelyn Meek, Martha Meek, Jo Redding, and Verna Fillingim. Kathy brought Evelyn, but Kathy didn't eat and play games. Joyce and Betty did some cleaning out and throwing away of junk. Thank you!

Wheeler Baptist Church hosted a Panfork Staff and wives Fellowship Tuesday with a good meal. Nice to have new pastor of Shamrock First Baptist, Mike Morgan, there and Daniel Downey new pastor of Memphis Baptist there. On the hostess committee to help prepare and serve the food were Ned Burrell, Dianne Sparks, Ella Mae Wood, Emma Williams, and Leona Coates. Sorry our pastor Dennis Williams has been sick with congestion and had to miss many things.

Monday morning: I've seen better days. The electricity is off making it cold and dark. And limiting activities. My Amarillo paper is always faithful to come, even holidays and Sundays, but not today. No one answered at the Post Office, so maybe can't put up mail when electricity off and dark. Aren't we spoiled? But so thankful our home was spared from the fire. We have so many blessing.

And I am very thankful to all the fire fighters who worked into the night and most of the night to protect us. God bless you everyone! Many thanks!

Praise the Lord! the electricity came back on about 4:00 p.m. Monday March 13. I am very thankful. That warmth feels good. Many of electric poles were burned and had to be replaced. Thanks, guys for all your hard work.

Mel's Jam Session Thursday was music night at Mel's Diner. Several Red-Hat Club members there including from Canadian Rilla Rhea, De Lynn

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Jaden Jackson, 5, is the son of John and Liz Jackson of Moore, OK. Grandparents are John and Susan Jackson of Oklahoma City, OK, Rich and Lavenia Martin of Tuttle, OK, and Diane Lovell of Morrison, OK. Great-grandparents are Ben and Brandy Elmore of Yukon, OK and Howard and Eca Hatten of Oklahoma City, OK, and Frances Lovell of Morrison, OK.

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The typical family of today is not the same things as the typical family of generations past. Although many people are blessed to have an intact family, many people understand all too well the difficulties of broken families. "Family" used to mean something good, but for many this word does bring up negative emotions. The evening news frequently reports heartbreaking tales of families that no longer work.

That is why many people become interested in the church. The church is a family. Christians love each other. Christians help each other. Christians go out of their way to carry one another's burdens. Although no congregation can boast 100% perfection in the way they treat each other, I truly believe that the church still serves people in the best possible way. If each of us

live by the words of the Apostle, Paul in Galatians 6:10, the world would be a happier place: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

The church is a family. We are surrounded by brothers and sisters all intent on following the will of God, the Father. Yes, God is our Father. This Heavenly Father looks out for our best interests and loves us deeply. In fact, He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to live among us.

The family of God is a beautiful place. "We're part of the family that's been born again; Part of the family whose love knows no end; For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own, Now we're part of the family that's on its way home."

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 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jackie and Fred Thrasher, Leola Stuart, Todd Mayfield, Don na Penrose, Norma Folkens, Chuck Carl, Mandy Wilson, Hertha Pax, Penny Summers, Addie Swift, Dusty Fleming and family, Scott Corcoran and family, Carlos Soto and family, Sidney Maham, Iva Richardson, Dale and Barbara Richardson, Leonard and Bertha Hollis, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Don and Wilene Burke, Virginia Murray and Kandi Jones, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Don and Mary Edwards, Earl and Mabel Tabor, Alvern Hutchison, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Charlie Brown, Gary Morris, Todd Stuart, Peggy Dunn, Dick and Ann Graham, Earl and Leola Farris, Marvel Graham, Debbie Hendrix, Joe Shelton, Mr. Hendrix, Todd Stuart, Gene and Rhonda Ferguson, the family of Evie Webb, the family of Jimmy Baird, the friends and family of Jack Wills, our firefighters and all the volunteers that kept us safe and saved so many homes.

Our God is awesome!!! After all the fires on black Sunday, March 12, 2006, we are all counting our blessings in Wheeler County. So many homes were spared even though the fire burned all the way around them. Thankfully no lives were lost in Wheeler County. Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of all who lost their lives in all the devastation. We have fantastic men and women who give of their family time and putting their lives on the line for all of us. A very heartfelt thanks goes out to each of our volunteers that spent endless hours out their fighting the fires and helping each other. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people protecting us. The people that were so instrumental in keeping water easily accessible to the fire trucks were such a blessing. After a disaster as huge as this one I'm certain that all of our fire departments could use a little monetary assistance. Hopefully the state will see a way they can reimburse our small departments for at least part of their expenses for the last week end. In the meantime any size donation will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. The Mobeetie Fire Department, P.O. Box 10, Mobeetie, TX 79061.

So good to see Lorene Rector out parking around.

Todd Stuart is having so much trouble with allergies he can't even go to school. They are trying to get him set up on the home study program through the school. They have had to give him so many antibiotics that his immune system is compromised. They are working hard to get the good bacteria back in his system. He feels pretty cruddy most of the time. Grandma Leola stayed with him last week to help out. He enjoys having Grandma there anytime. With Ronnie and Tanya both tied up at work Leola has been a big help. Leola enjoyed her visit, but there is no place like home and your own bed.

Glad to hear that Peggy Dunn is feeling much better.

Word was received of the death of Jimmy Baird. He was 70 and passed away in Amarillo on Friday. Jimmy was born in Mobeetie, married Marietta Mitchell and had lived in the Pampa area most of their married life. Jim was a plant manager for Cabot Corp. For many years and retired from Trident Gas Processing in the early 1990's. Jim and Marietta then moved to the Howardwick community about 10 years ago. Funeral services were held in Pampa at the Briarwood Full Gospel Church with Rev. Lynn Hancock Monday morning. They had graveside services in at the Mobeetie Cemetery at 2:00 P.M. Monday afternoon. Our deepest sympathy to Marietta and the family and friends of Jim. Jim is also survived by a daughter and two sons, along with four beautiful granddaughters. Bob worked under Jim during some of the changes with the Gas Companies and Cabot.

Jackie and Fred Thrasher were in Amarillo on Friday for a checkup on Jackie's latest on her knee. It was looking good and the Dr. took out the stitches. By Sunday she

was having her doubts. Will go back to the Dr. on Friday to have rechecked. They are just using butterfly tape on it for now.

Jeremy Johnson was a life saver on Sunday when he came to pick up Jackie and the dogs while Fred was trying to get loose to come home during the evacuation. We were just on the way over there to get her when Jeremy showed up. Her leg was really bothering her by the time we all got back to the house. Thanks Jeremy!

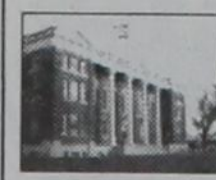
With all of the Drs. appointments and a nice visit with Todd, Lori, Rachel and Bailey we haven't been home very much. I know how Leola felt. Saturday we went to Yukon, OK to Michael's 14th birth-

day. Had a very nice time, enjoyed visiting with Nana, Pat Sherwood, Aunt Many Sherwood, Jasmine Sherwood, Michelle Sherwood, Kevin Brooks, Brianna Mayfield, Michael's friends, Kristen, Yliana, and Zac, along with the honoree, Michael Mayfield. The kids had a great time. Kevin grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Everybody enjoyed the delicious pineapple up-side down cake that Michelle had made. Michael and Brianna came home with us to spend their spring break. After going through so many storm watches, trips to the cellar and now an evacuation because of a major fire I thought maybe the kids had changed their minds about wanting to move to Mobeetie. They are still ready to come any-

time mom will let them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jimmy Maddox family. They had a scary weekend too. A man with a very dark complexion broke into their home and threatened and tied up Jimmy, Tammy and Amber. Then stole one of their vehicles. Praise the Lord no one was physically hurt. They may have nightmares for a while. Being the troopers they are Tammy came to work at noon on Monday and Jimmy and Amber went on to the Houston Stock show as planned. Jennifer was at work at the nursing home when all of the excitement took place. We are so thankful for their safety. Good luck Amber and all the area kids that went to the Houston stock show.

This has been a week end most of us don't want to redo. So sorry to hear of the passing of Evie Webb in Amarillo. She and Verner had made their home west of Mobeetie for many years before moving to Amarillo about 11 years ago. She was a very good neighbor and a wonderful seamstress. She left many good friends in Mobeetie when they moved to Amarillo. Evie will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Carol McCurley and Sue Seitz



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went to Amarillo to Eva's funeral on Tuesday, March 7th.

The Ides of March are upon us and the St. Patrick's Day celebration will be in full swing in Shamrock this weekend. Of course the first chance for rain is for Saturday. I'd hate for it to rain on their parade, but we need the moisture so desperately I don't think any one will mind too much. Maybe it will wait until after the parade. Then rain nice and slow for a couple of days. Not asking much am I. Enjoy your weekend.

Sorry to hear that Audrey Seitz, had some damage to her house west of Mobeetie, at least she wasn't hurt. Jim and Kay Battons house was spared with some damage to the back wall. The fire had them surrounded along with the Corcoran and the Haning places. We talked to Steve Carter on Monday and Carl and Peggy were alright. The fire had come right up to their house also. The fire had come within a quarter of a mile of Steve's house in the Kellerville

community. Ash and cinders were blowing everywhere with the sand. After being out of electricity for several hours Sunday and Monday I think we all appreciate the modern convenience even more. The poor people of Wheeler were out of electricity a lot longer than Mobeetie and some of our rural friends are still out. Can't even draw water. I think I would make a lousy pioneer person, if we ever have to go back to that life style.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Jack Wills of the Skellytown area. He and a neighbor that had come to help him get out of his house and they were overcome by the smoke from the fires up there. Jack was a very helpful and concerned neighbor. He always had a smile and a story or joke. He will be greatly missed.

Jerry and Reacie Simpson are okay in Skellytown. Their house was spared. Thank God.

Hope everyone has a better week.

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Arthur Gibson Jr. Graveside Rites

Graveside services for Arthur Bryan Gibson Jr., age 76, of Lake Brownwood, will be held Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at Eastlawn Memorial Park with Reverend L.R. Blackstock officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Netherton Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Netherton Funeral Home. Mr. Gibson passed away Monday morning at a local nursing home.

Chat (from Page 1)
 Rhonda and I won both games played against Barbara and LeRoy.

EXCELLENT FISHING TRIP: These men took a fishing trip from March 9, 2006—March 13, 2006 at Lake Texoma, OK and TX. Pictured are (l. to r.) Mitch Warren, Billy Wiggins, Art Rhine, Windell Britten, Joe Warren, Randy Pearson, James Verden, Cody Wiggins and Ashtin Wiggins. The largest fish weighed 63 pounds, and the other four fish added up to be 238 lbs.

ALLISON NEWS

By Juanita Boydston

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light; bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Our weather here in Allison is beautiful today on Tuesday. But Sunday we had quite a scare in Allison and surrounding areas. The winds were really blowing really high, in some areas it was high as fifty to seventy miles an hour. There was sand in the air everywhere and then we started hearing about large grass fires starting here and there. As time went on the fires came closer and closer to Allison. Finally we heard that people were being evacuated in Old and New Mobeetie and then in Wheeler, the Care Center and hospital was on standby and others was mandatory. Then we heard evacuations of Skellytown, Lefors, McLean, Kelton, Alanreed and all of Robert's County. There was lots of prayers going up for everyone and that the fires wouldn't make it to Allison. And then the electricity went off for a time, I know it was worse in the surrounding towns and they were without power for longer periods of time. But we

praise God that they are finally getting the fires under control.

Opal and Juanita Boydston decided to get out of town because of Juanita's asthma condition. So they traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma where Jimmy and Vivian Wallace so graciously opened their house to them and let them stay all night with them. Then on Monday morning they served a very delicious breakfast to their guests. We were so thankful and grateful for such friends. After breakfast Opal was in a hurry to get home and check on things so they traveled back to Allison and found out the air was pretty clear and everything was fine.

We are so thankful and grateful for all the long long tiring hours that all the firefighters has been out fighting the fires. Juanita has two nephews in Allison who worked also very long tiring hours without much sleep to help fight the fires. Thanks so much to all the firefighters.

Wednesday, Roma and Billy June Brown journeyed to Amarillo, Texas where she had a doctor's appointment with her heart doctor. While in Amarillo they visited awhile with Warren and Charline Brown.

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Week Ending March 9, 2006

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5525P Carr '55', 1420' from South & 1100' from East line, Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN, P.D. 13500'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1548A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48, A-2, H&GN, spud 11-27-05, drlg. compl 12-15-05, tested 2-13-06, TD 12988', PBTD 12868'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #3205 Isaacs, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 205, C, G&MMB&A, PD 11000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #6207 Isaacs, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 207, C, G&MMB&A, PD 10900'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Upland Resources, Inc., #6 Lockhart '36', 660' from South & 1129' from East line, Sec. 3, 42, H&TC, PD 12800'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash, Cimarex Energy Co., PD 12800', for the following wells:

#1370 Hobart Ranch, 1620' from South & 920' from East line, Sec. 70, A-2, H&GN.

#1470 Hobart Ranch, 467' from South & West line Sec. 70, A-2, H&GN.

#9067 Hobart Ranch, 2205' from North & 1845' from East line, Sec. 67, A-2, H&GN.

#1171 Ross, 2230' from South & 2300' from West line, Sec. 71, A-2, H&GN.

#1271 Ross, 467' from North & 2070' from West line, Sec. 71, A-2, H&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #1003 Petree, 1720' from South & 2670' from West line, Sec. 3, 1, H&GN, PD 13000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #4194 Webb, 920' from North & 2500' from East line, Sec. 194, C, G&MMB&A, PD 11000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3060 Farp, 617' from North & 1860' from West line, Sec. 60, B-1, H&GN, PD 11600'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.E. RAMP Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #2 Derek, 1980' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 12, A-1, H&GN, PD 14000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) (Cimarex Energy Co., Earp, PD 11600', for the following wells:

#2058, 467' from South & 1450' from East line, Sec. 58, B-1, H&GN.

#3059, 660' from South & 960' from East line, Sec. 59, B-1, H&GN.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR 9200' & ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Upland Resources, Inc., #4 McMordie, 615' from South & 2050' from West line, Sec. 89, C, G&M, PD 11000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & B&B Atoka Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4031 Fields, 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 31, RE, R&E, PD 16000'.

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #4060A Helton, 2310' from South & 2460' from East line, Sec. 60, M-1, H&GN, PD 13750'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BILLY ROSE Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1316P W.R. Hefley, 467' from South & 1100' from East line, Sec. 13, A-8, H&GN, PD 10000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #102 Sidney,

2178' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 2, --, AB&M, PD 17500'.

Oil Well Completions
WHEELER (THORNDIKE Lower Missouri) Ginnings Co., #5 Reeves, Sec. 90, A-5, H&GN, spud 11-6-05, drlg. compl 12-4-05, tested 2-13-06, pumped 42 bbl. of 44 grav. oil + no water on 24 hour test, GOR 1786, TD 8472', PBTD 8334' --

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1853 Barker, Sec. 53, M-1, H&GN, spud 12-8-05, drlg. compl 12-31-05, tested 1-9-06, TD 13502', PBTD 13399' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1548A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48, A-2, H&GN, spud 11-27-05, drlg. compl 12-15-05, tested 2-13-06, TD 12988', PBTD 12868'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #4123P Hefley, Sec. 41, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-24-05, drlg. compl 8-8-05, tested 1-26-06, TD 11880', PBTD 11776' -- Form 1 in Patina Oil & Gas

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #14 Fillingim '44', Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN, spud 11-11-05, drlg. compl 11-26-05, tested 1-21-06, TD 12780', PBTD 12699' --

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #17 Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50, A-2, H&GN, spud 11-13-05, drlg. compl 12-5-05, tested 1-28-06, TD 12800', PBTD 12702' --

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #26 Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50, A-2, H&GN, spud 9-27-05, drlg. compl 11-15-05, tested 1-28-06, TD 12809', PBTD 12772' --

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, L.L.C., #109 Wiggins '9', Sec. 9, 1, H&GN, spud 11-21-05, drlg. compl 12-22-05, tested 2-7-06, TD 12165', PBTD 11878' --

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2016 Campbell, Sec. 16, 1, H&GN, spud 10-13-05,

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 6, 2006 - March 10, 2006.

MARCH 6, 2006
TRUSTEE MD—Loyd T. Lee Trust to L. T. and A. R. Lee Trust, 3-3-06, Sec. 89, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN.—Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Investments, et al, 2-17-06, Sec. 36, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RD—Bank of America NA to COG Oil & Gas LP, 2-23-06, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to High Alpine Production LLC, et al, 3-1-06, Sec. 52, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXECUTOR ROW—Melvin Ray Coate, et al to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-14-06, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 41, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Gail Ledbetter, et ux to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-10-06, Pt. Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW—Davis Family Trust No. 1 to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-13-06, Pt SW 1/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

UNIT DECLARATION—Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership to Virginia Duval Orr, et al, 2-27-06, Sec. 39, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY. D ASSIGN.—Sarah Howe Estate to Mona Howe Pomeroy, et al, 2-27-06, Sec. 64, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—Phillis Lorraine Harris to Brigham Oil & Gas LP, 1-27-06, NW 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MD—Maxine A Dressen to Maxine A. Dressen Revocable Trust, 2-20-06, Sec. 18, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Jayhawk-Wildcat to Kent M. Berkeley, 2-8-06, S 1/2 Sec. 6, AB&M Survey.

ROW—Jocelyn A. Meek to Forest Oil Corporation, 3-3-06, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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Greenbelt Electric workmen were out making repairs on Co. Road 3 Tuesday afternoon.

Allison (from Page 3)

Friday evening, Robbie and SaRita Green and son, Kelton and daughter Carissa and her daughter, Kendi Shay of Binger, Oklahoma arrived in Allison and at seven Opal and Juanita Boydston and Vance and Carol Boydston and Curtis and Lil Boydston gathered in the home of Glenn and Betty Boydston where Betty gave Robbie a birthday celebration. Curtis and Lil brought two kinds of ice cream, one made with splenda and the other was made with sugar and all the sweet things. And Julie had made the birthday cake, it was beautiful and very delicious. Later in the evening, Eddy and Sheila Walker came by and visited awhile. Robbie, SaRita, Carissa, Kendi Shay and Kelton stayed the weekend with Glenn and Betty Boydston.

Kelton Green is getting to stay a week with grandparents, Glenn and Betty Boydston. I'm sure they will show him a wonderful time. He always enjoys his stay here with them.

Saturday, Betty Boydston and SaRita Green traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma where they enjoyed shopping and also a very delicious meal at a Chinese Restaurant. Cheryl and Sabrina met with them in Elk City and visited with them.

Saturday, Glenn Boydston took Robbie and Kelton fishing on Spring Creek Lake and Skipout Lake where they caught several fish.

Saturday night, Glenn and Betty Boydston and Robbie and SaRita Green, Carissa and Kendi Shay and Kelton all gathered for a visit in the home of Eddy and Sheila Walker. Their children from Lufkin, Texas were there visiting them. Kevin and Melissa Fleming and girls, Megan and Ashton and Melody Draper and children, Victoria and Elizabeth and William.

Sunday, Robbie, SaRita, Carissa, Kelton and Kendi Shay and Glenn and Betty enjoyed a homecooked meal of Barbecue. Sunday evening, Kyle Boydston came by Glenn and Betty's house for a visit and Juanita Boydston and Juanita Tincher and later on, Cheryl Dupont and friend, Patrick and Sabrina. All had a good visit.

Monday, Glenn and Betty Boydston took Kelton Green to Amarillo, Texas where they were going to visit the zoo and do some shopping and eat somewhere special. Showing their grandson a good time for sure.

Thursday, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied Glenn and Betty Boydston to Raydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Senior Citizens Building. They were served fried chicken and creamed potatoes and corn and green pea salad and cake for dessert, oh yes they also served chicken livers too for those who loves them. We also visited with Jack and Freddie Lou Moon while eating. Others we saw were Virginia Puryear, Juanita Fillingim, Edna May and her daughter, Linda and Lou Dean Douthit and Charlene Rainey.

Wednesday, Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma for Betty's eye appointment. They enjoyed a very delicious meal at Lupe's.

Tuesday, Louise Boydston, Vance and Carol Boydston, Curtis and Lil Boydston and Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Elmer, Texas where they sang

to the Wheeler Care Center residents. Afterwards they all gathered at Mel's Diner where they celebrated Curtis' birthday. Opal and Juanita Boydston were in Pampa early on Tuesday where Juanita had a stress test, but they got done in time to meet the others at Mel's for dinner. Had a good visit and very delicious meal.

Melody Draper and children of Lufkin, Texas stayed the weekend in the home of Louise Boydston.

Sunday dinner guest in the home of Louise Boydston were Pearl Harrison, Melody Draper and children, Victoria, Elizabeth and William of Lufkin, Texas, Kevin and Melissa Fleming and girls, Meagan and Ashton of Lufkin, Texas, Cheryl Dupont and friend, Patrick of Elk City, Oklahoma, Gary and Julie Boydston, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Jason Boydston of Austin, Texas and friend, Alisha, Josh and Heather Archer, Eddy and Sheila Walker, Sabrina Candy.

All enjoyed a very delicious homecooked meal.

Sunday evening, SaRita Green, Kelton, Kendi Shay and Juanita Boydston and Juanita Tincher stopped by and visited awhile in the home of Louise Boydston.

Saturday evening, Opal and Juanita Boydston enjoyed the spring like weather we are having by going to Skipout Lake where Opal did some fishing, they both enjoyed the outing.

Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife Olene traveled to Pampa, Texas on Sunday evening and he preached for Bro. Ben Corbitt who was out of town.

Bethany Thomas of Dalhart, Texas is visiting in the home of Alice Kelley.

Vance's Wife Rattles

Vance wants to know when we're getting back from our three week vacation in California? Well, you know it had been a while since we visited the kids there. Many memories were made. Did I tell you we went to San Diego and saw the Midway. My brother, Jerry Newman, served on this great aircraft carrier in the earlier sixties. He told many stories about the crew and their excursions. Many friendships were made and he and his wife Jodie brought home a beautiful baby boy. Our parents Larkin and Dorothy Newman moved to Hayward, California to be with Jerry and Jodie for about a year. And when Jerry was out at sea again, Mother, Daddy, Jodie and Brian came back to Indiana to continue their life and wait for Jerry to return. God brought him home safely and later on, Brian had a wonderful baby sister to look after. And he was proud of her and did his job well. Everyone was proud and happy to have Jerry home. He was loved by so many. About ten years or more the doctor told us Jerry had cancer and it was melanoma type and was already widespread. The doctor gave him maybe six months but with great faith in God and determination he lived an extra two years and worked up until about three months before he died on February 10th 1975. Brian and Stacey were eleven and seven and I'm really pleased Jodie made her home on an acre our parents gave her and raised the children right there close to the grandparents. This was good for the children, but it was also a big help to Mother and Daddy in their loss. Brian and Debbie has remodeled

our homeplace and are raising Melanie and Jeremy there. Melanie is in college and is employed at Crane Naval Depot. While Jeremy is in Junior High and participating in sports, boy scouts and showing his horses. Grandma Dot lives out back in her garage apartment. It's just right for her and she has her loved ones close by. Stacey and her husband, Dennis and their children, Brandon, Kaitlin, and Mackenzi live a few miles away but they come by and see Grandma Dot and do some good deeds for her. And the kids love to spend the night with Grandma Jodie. They really have a fun time with her and the only time they love more is when they get to stay with her one at a time. Then all her attention is on them. Jodie babysit for our older girls, Linda and Marsha when they were little. They loved her (they still do). But Carol never liked those scary movies they liked to watch like King Kong and "The Birds", "Little House on the Prairie" and Walton's Mountain had enough excitement and interest didn't they? Jerry could be very proud of his little family if he were living today. Vance wishes he could have met Jerry and Daddy too. But he came into our lives too late for that. They would have all hit it off. They are three special men. They all loved God and for sure, He loved them.

Sorry Vance, didn't intend to skip right over Allison to Indiana. He's always ready to get back home. It's almost always been home to him.

Want to give condolence to Helen Forshee, Ronnie Hall and Juanita Tincher for their loss of Helen's daughter, Jeanie. And thanks to Louise Boydston for driving Vance, Carol, Opal and Juanita to Fayetteville, Arkansas for the funeral services. Brother Arnold Baughman preached the funeral and told many memories of Sister Jeanie. She had attended his church. Brother Baughman's grandfather was well known as one of the old time Preacher mer of the United Pentecostal Church. His grandpa would have been proud of him. Ronnie Hall and Juanita Tincher are attending the United Pentecostal Church in Allison, Texas. We would all love to have Helen attending also. This is your invitation, Helen.

So glad to hear Elena Walker is mending quickly from her recent surgery. She and Harold are truly missed when they are not at service. So are Bob and Garrett, you are wished good health. We sure love to have you at church. And our prayers are with Pete Gilmer.

Sure hope those treatments for Pete are doing their job. You single ladies, just know Brother Pete is a good man and he raises and cooks some of the best corn ever!

I can't hardly wait until our next dinner at church. This past Sunday, Brother Johnson gave us a beautiful message on being for real. Not to just pretend. Put world behind our faith. There was so much truth in what he brought us from God. It was so disappointing to have service missed Sunday night. But I'm very thankful Jesus saw fit to let Allison be omitted from the fires. He really does answer our prayers. So many have been hurt by these great fires! My heart goes out to them. And also to all who was out for hours and hours in those strong winds fighting to stop the fires. May God Bless you all! Sunday morning, we had forty two including visitors. That's not a

Court (from Page 4)

ROW—Jocelyn A. Meek to Forest Oil Corporation, 3-3-06, Pt. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE—Ferne Duncan to Ex Parte, 3-6-06, See Instrument.

C/C WILL—Floyd W. Webb to Ex Parte, 11-4-05, See Instrument.

C/C ORDER FINAL DECREE—Floyd W. Webb to Ex Parte, 11-4-05, See Instrument.

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EXT. DT—Sidney S. Bond, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 3-2-06, S 46' Lot 5 and N 16' Lot 6, Blk. 2, Aldous Add., Shamrock.

MD—Ferrelloil Co. LLC to Moon Energy LLC, 3-6-06, Sec. 66, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Charles Leonard Hagerman, et al to Charles Leonard Hagerman, et ux, 3-3-06, See Instrument.

DT—Charles L. Hagerman, et ux to First National Bank & Trust, Elk City, Oklahoma, 3-3-06, See Instrument.

ROW—Troy D. & Lona F. Jones Revocable Living Trust to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-13-06, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 31, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW—Troy D. & Lona F. Jones Revocable Living Trust to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-13-06, Pt. E 1/2 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW—Erskin Grayson to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 2-13-06, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

FTL—United States of America to Lewis E. Newman, et ux, 2-23-06.

OL—Tex-Min Inc. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-5-06, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OL—R. A. Noret to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 2-17-06, NE 1/4 Sec. 6, AB&M Survey.

ASSIGN./CONVEY.—Faudree Q. Account to Faudree Q. Account Ltd., 2-27-06, SW 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXECUTOR DISTRIBUTION DEED—Marie Dulaney Pullen (Estate) to Robert Todd Sanders Grantor Trust, et al, 2-13-06, Secs. 9 and 11, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

AMEND. DT—Mariner Energy Texas LP to Union Bank of California NA, 3-2-06, See Instrument.

AMEND. UCC DT—Mariner Energy Texas LP to Union Bank of California NA, —, See Instrument.

D—Nancy Luna to Paul Luna Jr., 2-23-06, E 100' Lots 13-15, Blk. I, Shamrock.

ROY./MD—Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership, et al to Crestone Royalties LLC, 2-27-06, Sec. 2, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

prosecutors expects to follow with several other charges, including kidnapping and armed robbery. Given their criminal record they could receive 20-30 years if convicted. This does not include what the federal government will charge them with; transporting a kidnap victim across the state line is a federal crime.

Hemphill County, Wheeler County, Ochiltree County, Texas Rangers, Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Pampa Police Department, Roger Mills County, Texas DPS and Texas TDCJ assisted with the manhunt.

big number but sure wish they could all be with us every service. And then some. Remember, the Lord is getting us ready for that great day!

We all want to go to Heaven!! Read Acts 2:38 and 39. This is instructions for a good start. Then fall in love with Jesus and give him your all and walk in His Will at all times. You will find peace, happiness and joy! Give him the thanks! Even in the bad times, life is so much better with God in control of your life. We'll visit more later.

Love to all! Vance's wife, P.S. Aunt Mackey was seventy-four Monday. "Happy Birthday" Aunt Mackey! And Happy Birthday Curtis Boydston, and Robbie Green and Melissa Fleming! And whoever else?

Love to all, Vance's wife, Carol May God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time.

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 13 day of March, 2006.

(Signed) Jerry Dan Hefley
County Judge

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Sincerely,
Wanda Herd
Mayor



Smoke still rises from the ashes Tuesday afternoon from Sunday's wildfire.

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CORR. D—Geraldine Hawk to Geraldine Hawk Trust, 3-8-06, W 105 acres SW 1/4; Pt. S 1/2 Sec. 65, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CUSTODIAN ROW—Teresa Moore, et al to Enbridge Pipeline (Texas Gathering) LP, 3-3-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 23, Blk. L, J.M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW—Nelda Dukas to Enbridge Pipeline (Texas Gathering) LP, 2-23-06, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 9, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

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ROW—Eura Mae Gantt to Enbridge Pipeline (Texas Gathering) LP, 2-24-06, Pt. NE 1/4 Sec. 18, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

DT—William P. Harris to Amarillo National Bank, 3-2-06, W 1/2 Sec. 13 and S 1/2 Sec. 12, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT—Ciwialma Partnership to Amarillo National Bank, 3-2-06, S 1/2 Sec. 12 and W 1/2 Sec. 13, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE—D.E. Holt to Ex Parte, 3-10-06, See Instrument.

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100TH CUSTOMER: In celebration of their 100th Anniversary First State Bank Mobeetie-Wheeler Office gave a \$100 bill to the 100th customer that came into the bank during the month of March. The 100th customer came in on March 1, 2006. Dennis Moore was the lucky customer. Bill Howard Sr. Vice President is shown giving Mr. Moore his prize.



100TH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: On March 7, 2006, Marla Lax purchased the 100th Certificate of Deposit from First State Bank Mobeetie during 2006. In celebration of their 100th Anniversary, First State Bank of Mobeetie-Wheeler awarded Marla a \$100 bill. Diane Dukas presented Mrs. Lax (shown with her grandchildren) with her prize.

Country

(from Page 2)

Dunn, Joyce Thomas, Barbara Knight, Loreeta Morgan, Pauline Rivers, and Patricia Powell. Also Barbara McLemore from Shamrock and Hugh and Mae Bailey from Mobeetie. Mae had a red cowboy hat. Hugh's cap said, "God made man and He rested. God made woman and no one has rested since." Martha Meek and Verna Fillingim also had red hats. They did not bring their red hats, but also from Canadian were Bobbie Simpson (she runs Bobbies County Kitchen), Norma Robinett and Ray Munson. Some others there were Cecil and Jean Meadows, Ken and Aletha Tharp from Montague, Texas (Ken helped with the music). Glenn and Bea Williams, Lonnie and Ruth Kenney and many others for a fun night out.

Sunday Adventure
Sunday afternoon was a scary time for many with fires cropping up everywhere, fanned and scattered by a high wind. Some of towns evacuated were McLean, New and Old Mobeetie, Wheeler, Miami, Skellytown.

Ned Burrell picked Martha Meek and me up for church Sunday night. When we got to Wheeler Baptist, Wanda Herd came out to say they were evacuating Wheeler. We had also heard that smoke and wind was making vision hard on 83 North of Wheeler. Ned has a sister and husband who live near Reydon. Lovely people: Russell and Frances Clay made us feel very welcome. Had a good visit. We got word about 8:00 p.m. that we could return to Wheeler. Nice to get back home. Electricity came on for awhile, but was off several hours. Thanks Russell, Frances and Ned.

Two guys broke out of Jail in Oklahoma and robbed a local family. Thankfully the guys were caught and put in jail. Think money was recovered. Thank you, Sheriff Henderson in Hemphill County for fast apprehension. We are so thankful the local family weren't hurt.

Jimmy Maddox and Amber and Georgia Tipps left Monday to go to Houston to the Stock Show. Amber was to show a Cross Pig. Good luck!

Sorry to hear that some houses were burned Sunday in that awful fire and high winds. Thankful that no one was hurt. God is good!

Roy Bradstreet had to spend several days in Wheeler Hospital,

but is home doing better now. I enjoyed visiting with Roy and Nell and C.B. Brotherton one day.

Sunday when Wheeler people were asked to evacuate because fire was so near and moving fast, some of the Assisted Living people went with their families and some took a little trip to Elk City and ate out and rode around until they could come back to Wheeler.

The residents of Wheeler Nursing and Rehab were taken to the Shamrock Community Center Sunday when Wheeler people were being evacuated. Some in the van, ones who were able with staff persons in their vehicles. Guess that was a good training session. So thankful all were o.k. Keep praying.

Logan and Breeley Birthdays
Saturday at Bevard and Diane Dukes home was a party to celebrate Logan Harris 5th birthday and little sister Breeley's 1st birthday. First there were Little Dribblers games at Briscoe Fort Elliott. Then Bob and Gena Zybach took their family to Mels for lunch and included Diane and Bevard Dukes, Deidre and John Paul Harris and Logan and Breeley, Andrea and Tracy Auldridge and Tysen, Tanner, and Tayton, Carissa and Britt McCarter from Canyon, Steve and Joy Zybach, Wayne and Kathy Zybach, Clay and Emily from Amarillo, who plan to marry soon, Ben and Casey Pigg and Roper from Silvertown. Also at the party (49 in all) Nelda Dukes, Garland Dukes, Julie (John Paul's sister) and Jarrett Toland from Lubbock, Curtis and Jane Ann Hall, Shawn and Daphne Zybach and Alexis, Zane and Shyanna, John and Jackie Harris and Jade and Maggie and Serenity from Dalhart, David and Becky Zybach, Joe and Christy Willingham and Caylen, Britton, Trevon and Ethan from Stratford, Oklahoma and Lisa and Straton Coleman from Amarillo.

Baking a Cake
A little boy is telling his Grandma how "everything" is going wrong: School, family, problems, severe health problems, etc. Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which of course, he does. "Here, have some cooking oil", yuck, "says the boy. How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!" "Would you like some flour, then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky." To which Grandma replies, "Yes, all those seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put

together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake. God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good. We must have to trust Him, and eventually they will all make

something wonderful." God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. "God be with you till we meet again."

The View of a Southern Woman

.... Southern California that is.

We did have a few suggestions for stopping our setting hens off the nests since they were not sitting on eggs anyway. Vance (my brother-in-law) said to hold them under water for a minute. Probably drown the poor thing so I dismissed that one. Then Freddie Moon, Louise Boydston's cousin said to cage them for a few days. We did that a while. Our idea of getting baby chicks and putting them under the setting hens also did not work out worth a hoot as they pecked at the babies after inspecting them for a few minutes.

We are back to the "chicks in the garage thing" again as we bought 2 more guineas and 6 regular size chicks, but Atwoods did not know what brands they are. Now in California we had brands or names for the chickens. Some were Rhode Island Reds and Bard Rocks and

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white Leghorns or I believe those were the names, but those we bought in Elk City are just different colored pullets which are hens I hope. Do not ask me why Glenn Forrest Frosty wanted 2 more guineas since the one we have is nothing but a noise maker. Anyway we did solve our sitting hen problem. Blackie started laying eggs again, so we just put a couple under Gertrude and Red and everything is at peace again on these acres. What next I wonder??

We went to the care center in Wheeler last week and sang for the lovely people there and I met two ladies who told me how much they enjoyed my column each week. That was so sweet of them to tell me that. They were Verna Fillingim and Martha Meek and as we left, Glenn took a picture of them with me. I will make a copy for each of them.

It has been birthday party time around here lately and I think Curtis, my other brother-in-law won the most parties honor with 3 that I know of. One in Oklahoma City given by Lil's daughter, then a dinner at Mel's Diner and one given by me here at our house. Wonder if he has gained any weight. I had a cake for him and Vance called and ask if it would be alright if he baked him one of his special Orange cakes. Of course not as I have had his orange cake before and they are wonderful. My only trouble lately is having the right numbers for the candles. I had lots of numbers but

no 73, so I just used a 63 and Curtis did not mind. Now I also had a 9 and an 0, so put it on Vance's cake. I wonder how those photos will look in the future? Then our son-in-law, Robbie Green, had a birthday on Friday and the family all came in from Oklahoma for the weekend. Had the same trouble as all I had for his cake was a 3 and a 6. He was happy with that, but like I say, the photos will look funny in the future. I had fun with my daughter on her last birthday. We went to Spring Creek, Nevada for her 45th and husband Ron had a beautiful dinner party for her and lots of friends over. The cake was so pretty, but just to have some fun, I switched the candles to read 54. Then we had picture taking time. All was well until she noticed the big 54 on the cake and all I heard was, "MOTHER!!!" She is such a killjoy.

We have our 11 year old grandson for a few days this week or until we get tired of him as Sara Rita said. Kelton is a boy you never get tired of unless he goes after our birds with a pellet gun and then the stuff hits the fan. Glenn and I do love having him around.

With love to you all from the California woman, **Betty Boydston.**

Season's Last Show For Prairie Rivers

PRAIRIE RIVERS MUSICAL will present its' last show of the season on Saturday, MARCH 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Canadian, Texas. The show will be at the regular location, Canadian Middle School Auditorium at 404 S. 6th Street.

"It is hard to believe we are wrapping up seven successful seasons of Prairie Rivers Musical," noted Jay Godwin, one of the original organizers of the show. "Our hats are off to our great base of fans from Western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle who have been so supportive. Also, the regular performers and special guests who have made such commitments over these years are so appreciated."

The show continues a tradition of not charging for admission and is smoke and alcohol free. Comfortable theatre type seating is available for every one.

Regular performers expected include Hank & Venita McPherson, George Briant, Dale & Kayla Jenkins, Wayne Wright, Phil Ridgway, Mary Lynn Schafer, Lonnie Cox and Jay Godwin. A very special friend, who has almost become a regular this season, fiddle player David Jenkins, will again be here. First time guests K. R. Henry of Fort Supply, Okla and J. W. Lane of Allison, Tx are also committed to appear at this show. A group of very young clog dancers will demonstrate their skills at intermission.

Godwin reminds all, especially if the weather is threatening, to check the website texasprairierivers.com after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. You can also call 806-323-6213 to confirm the show is on schedule.

TOT CattleWomen Salute Teachers

Top O' Texas CattleWomen would like to honor the local Ag Science teachers during National Ag Week. Our local Ag Science teachers work hard dedicating themselves to educating our youth about the various agriculture related industries. Many youth and their families are representatives of a large segment of the agriculture industry who have full time day jobs but love the land and a lifestyle close to nature. For many people, being full-time farmers and ranchers is expensive and unless you have a large operation, it does not produce enough income to provide for a family, therefore, many have full time jobs and agriculture is a second income. It also provides opportunities for the family to work and play together. Hundreds of youth and their families can be found attending the Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston Livestock Shows exhibiting animals or participating in numerous agriculture related contests. The education and training for such contest is provided by our local Ag Science teachers and other agriculture related professionals. A large number of youth today would not ever experience the joys of nature, such as a newborn calf or raising a champion show animal or even hatching baby chicks from eggs, if our schools did not provide ag in the classroom. Top O' Texas CattleWomen salute All of the area Ag Science Teachers for National Ag Day, March 20th.

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