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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride.”

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations to Vincent Ruiz on having been named to the *Globe-News* '2008 Class 1A Golden Spread Super Team'.

January has been declared School Board Recognition Month by the governor of Texas.

Take the time to say 'Thank You' to your board members. They have to put in a lot of time attending courses to be qualified to serve, plus the time they spend taking care of our school business.

Thanks, Board Members, we at the *Times* appreciate you.

I did not stay up to see the new year in, but it came anyway.

I am sure it is no surprise that we were in OKC for the New Year.

Cathi and Dorcie arrived as scheduled, but they and Barbara had to leave Monday evening for OKC to help take care of Seth.

Seth is on the road to recovery from a viral infection.

Cathi and Dorcie returned home Saturday and Barbara and I returned to Wheeler on Sunday.

Would you believe I am five days into the new year and have not had a card game.

We played cards on Monday evening. Luck was certainly with Mike, Dwight and I, as we defeated Barbara, Rhonda and Leroy all three games—otherwise known as a 'Skunk'. I said 'luck', but remember, a lot of skill was involved also.

STORM REPORT

As Reported by Stormie Meriwether, Kindergarten Student

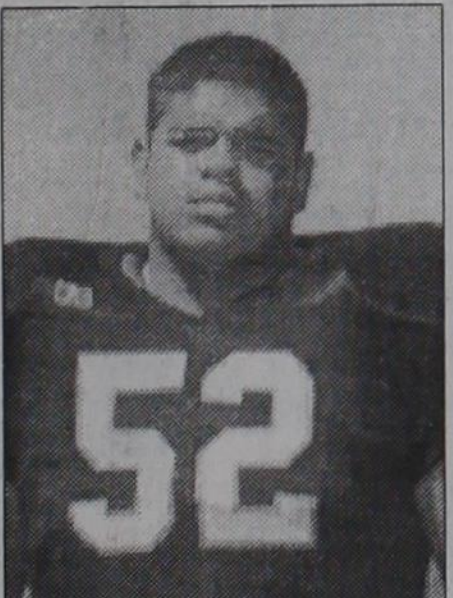
I am so happy I got a card from Miss Doodie (Phillips). She is a very nice lady. I've not seen Miss Doodie a long time. I miss her so. I hope she can come to Texas, Wheeler.

Shelby and Colby came to my house. They played video games with me a long time. Now I can do the Xbox 360. I like to play Shrek. I like to drive the racecar. It is a really hot car! The boys can go very fast. I can go a little fast. Sometimes I crash to the wall. It is so fun! I love those guys.

School is on again. Mr. Mark (Gilmer) drives the big bus. He is so nice to all the kids. He says, "How ya doin', Stormie". We get on the bus and buckle up. We go to school and eat our cereal and toast. We go to class and do our "homework".

I am so happy to see my teachers and my friends. Mrs. McIlroy got an awesome shirt!

Hailey (Spence) got a real horse! J.D. (Miles) got a "possum catcher". I don't know what is a "possum catcher", do you? That's it.



Vincent Ruiz, a member of the Wheeler Mustang football team was named to the *Globe-News* "2008 Class 1A Golden Spread Super Team. Vincent a 6'2", 300 lb., Senior, played offense. "Mustang backs enjoyed running behind this outstanding blocker" was the comment on Ruiz's play.

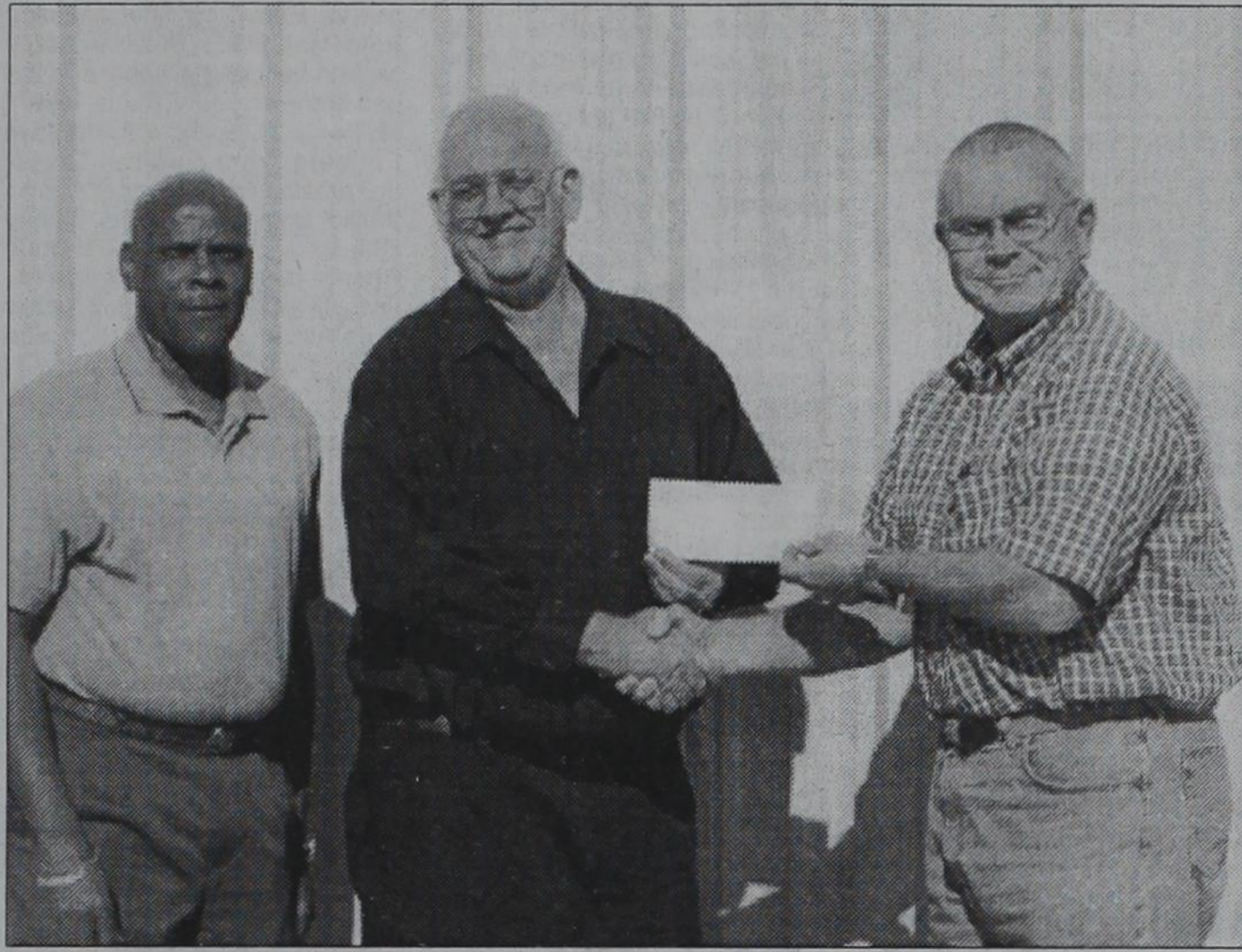
Hospital Notes

Assisted Living:
Jack Hefley
Jane Seitz
Tom Frye
Iona May
Julia Buckingham

Admissions
12/29 Ruth Wiley
1/2 Cooper Foreman

Dismissals
12/29 Helen Steen
Ernestine Holmes

\$50,000 Grant Received For A&FC From Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc.



\$50,000 GRANT: Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc., on Monday, January 5, 2009, presented a check to W.A.A.I.C. in the amount of \$50,000 to be used in the completion of the Wheeler Agricultural & Family Center under construction on the north edge of Wheeler. Shown here, Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc. District Superintendent Ken Edwards (right) presents a check to Wheeler Area Activities & Improvements Council, Inc board members, Calvin Devereaux (left) and Charles Kuntz, in front of the new center.

A check in the amount of \$50,000 to support construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center was received from Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc.

David Britt, Jr., President of the Wheeler Area Activities & Improvements Council, Inc expressed the Board's appreciation to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc. for their contribution to the construction of the Wheeler Agricultural Activities Center.

Newfield was founded in 1989 and went public in 1993. The sole focus area until the mid-1990s was the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico. By year-end 2007, Newfield had total proved reserves of approximately 2.5 Tcf and more than 90% of those reserves were located onshore in the U.S. The reserve base is about 73% natural gas and 63% is proved developed. The Mid-Continent, which includes Wheeler County, represents more than 45% of the total proved reserves at the end of 2007. At year-end 2007, Newfield owned an interest in more than 750,000 gross acres and about 2,600 gross producing wells in the Mid-Continent.

In the words of Neita Standlee 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.

When you are in the area go by and look at new building. (Schedule Completion for the project is March.)

There is still time to purchase one of the granite blocks and help finance this project. Call Charles Kuntz treasurer of WAAIC for more details 806-826-5516.



W. W. (Bill) Wheeler Bill Wheeler Rites Are Read Jan. 3

W. W. (Bill) Wheeler, 81, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, January 3, 2009, in the First Baptist Church, Wheeler, Texas, with Rev. Bill Stiles, officiating. Burial was in the Kelton Cemetery, Kelton, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Bill was born August 31, 1927, in Shidler, Oklahoma, to Clarence Wayne Wheeler and Retta Corrine Hunter. Bill was raised in the Spring Creek area and attended Spring Creek school. He attended Borger High School and earned a football scholarship to West Texas State, where he lettered as center and linebacker. He served in the Navy during the occupation of Japan and was most proud of his service aboard the USS Atlanta. He married Billye Gibbins in Clovis, New Mexico, on December 31, 1949. Bill and Billye both started careers in education, teaching and coaching. They taught in Borger, Kelton, Spearman and Wheeler. They bought a farm in Kelton and farmed and ranched together. They also started Wheeler Irrigation and were successful in the sales of irrigation equipment for several years. In his later years, Bill was active in Amarillo VFW Post 1475 where he treasured the friendship of his fellow members.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billye Jean, in 1989, and a sister, Sue Clark, in 2003.

Survivors include his son, Wayne Wheeler of Sayre, Oklahoma, and daughter, Kim Wheeler of Kelton, Texas; five grandchildren, Lori Rarden, Kristie Brummer, J.W. Ray, Will Wheeler and Elissa Johnston; ten great-grandchildren; special friend, Carmen Ford of Amarillo, Texas; and two sisters, Myrtle Laffin of Pampa Texas, and Barbara Austin of Etopia, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at www.wrightfuneraldirectors.com.

The family requests that memorials be made to Kliva Shriner Travel Fund.

Russell Lohberger On WBU Honor Roll

A resident of Briscoe was included on the honor roll lists for the Fall 2008 semester recently released at Wayland Baptist University.

Russell Lohberger, son of Alton and Ariel Lohberger, was included on the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 - 3.99 grade point average for the fall term.

Wheeler Community Blood Drive
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12—2-7

County Stock Show Activities

It's stock show season again and everyone is getting prepared for the Wheeler County Livestock Show. The show is scheduled for January 16th and 17th. On Friday, January 16 the show will begin at 9:30 AM, starting with lambs, goats, steers and heifers.

The pig show will begin on Saturday, January 17 at 8:00 AM, at 5:00 PM there will be a free bar b que dinner followed by the Awards and Premium Sale. For those of you that are unable to attend the auction and would like contribute, you may stop by the Wheeler County Extension Office located at the Old Jail Building to complete an add-on card.

The local community show schedules:
Shamrock-January 10th 1:00 PM at the Ag Farm
Wheeler-January 15th 5:00 PM

at the County Show Barn Ft. Elliott-January 15th following the Wheeler Show at the County Show Barn

These shows are open to all 4-H and FFA members of each community.

School Board Recognition Month

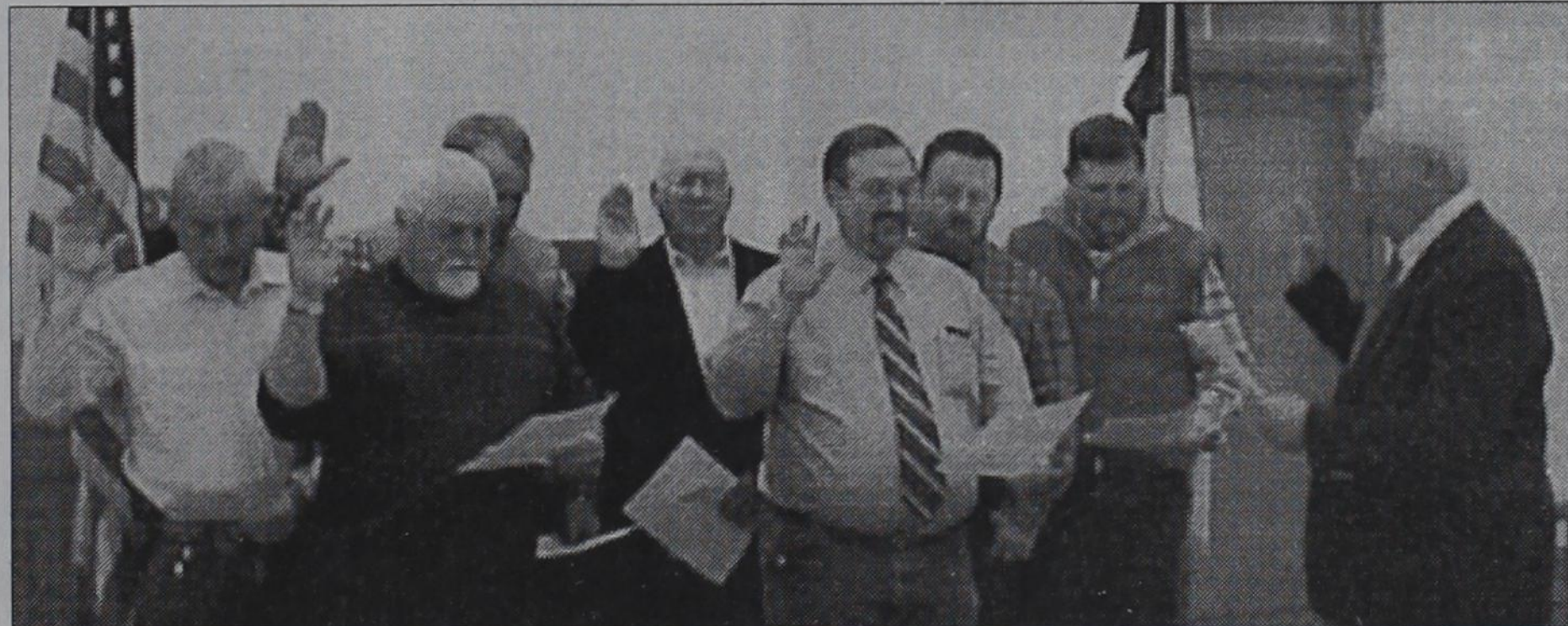
Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the vital role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Rick Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is neither an easy nor oftentimes appreciated task, but for over two centuries, school boards have risen to such challenges. Complicating matters further are issues such as the rapidly-expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards are uncompensated

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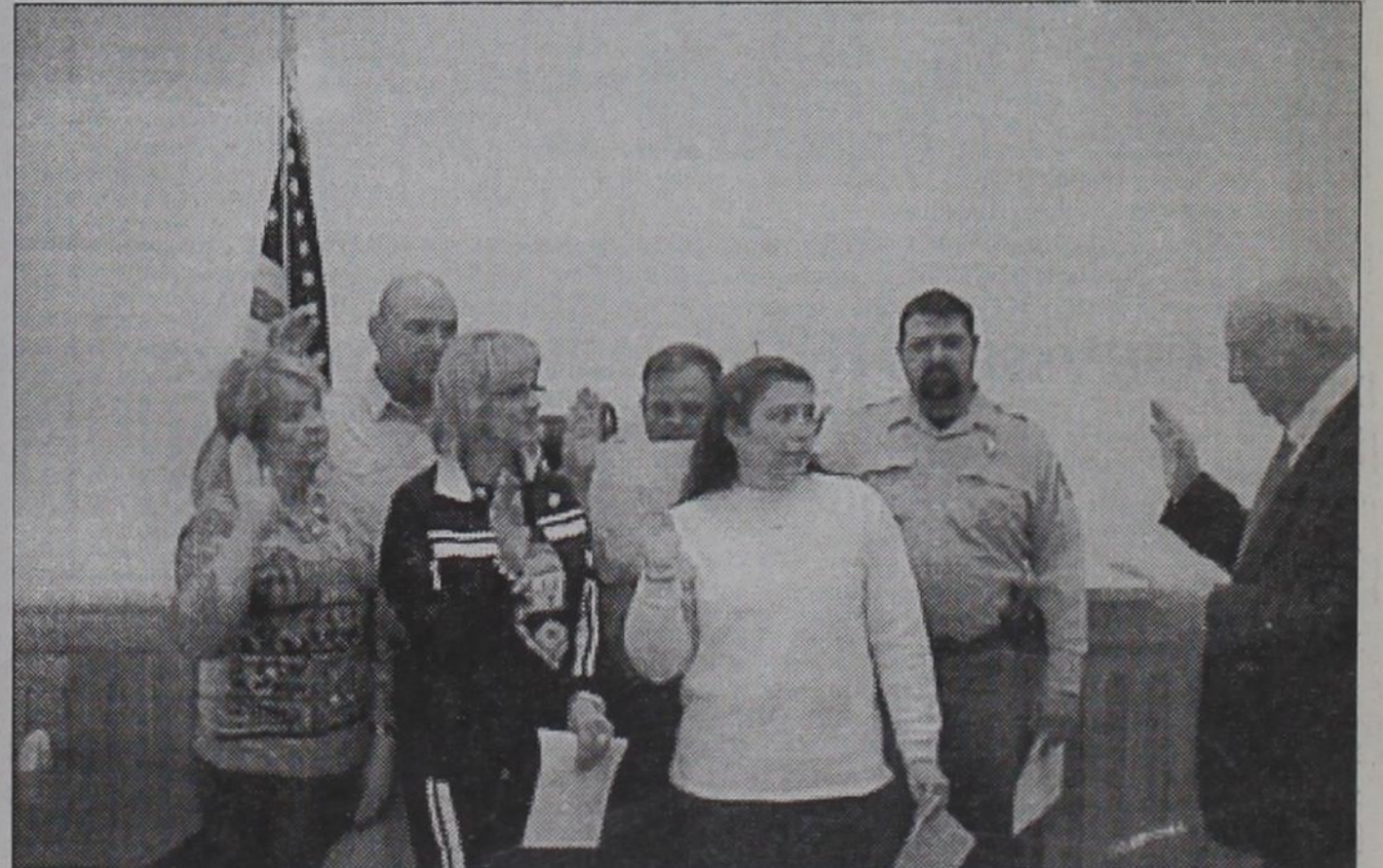
ELECTED OFFICIALS: Wheeler County officials elected to office in the November, 2008, election took the oath of office on Friday, January 2, 2009, in the district courtroom of the Wheeler county courthouse. Pictured here are (back row) Joel Finsterwald, Sheriff; Mack Marshall, Constable, Pct. 1; Hubert Moore, Commissioner, Pct. 3; Rick Walden, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Johnny Carter, Constable, Pct. 2; (front row) Daryl Snelgrooves, Commissioner, Pct. 1, and Scott Porter, Tax Assessor-Collector. Judge Jerry Hefley swore in the newly elected officials.

Wheeler County JAIL REPORT

12-30-08
Walker, James Clifton Jr 47 w/m Wheeler TX 12-01-08 to 12-02-08—Disorderly conduct— citation issued and released
Espinosa-Rodriguez, Jesus 22 w/m Oklahoma City OK 12-02-08 to 12-04-08—Failure to ID \$200.00 cash bond Meadows
Smith, Lisa Janell 38 w/f Shamrock TX 12-05-08—Felony probation violation \$500,000.00 bond Emmert
Pannell, Kirk Wayne 44 w/m Shamrock TX 12-06-08 to 12-07-08—Disorderly conduct— issued citation—Terroristic threat \$1500 bond meadows
Perez, Gustavo Adolfo Arriola 21 w/m CA 12-06-08 to 12-08-08—No drivers license— citation issued—ICE hold— released to ICE agent
Cruz, Cristobal Jose 23 w/m Wheeler TX 12-06-08 to 12-08-08—No drivers license— citation issued—ICE Hold— released to ICE agent

Oríega, Francisco Moreno 20 w/m Pampa TX 12-06-08 to 12-07-08—Dwi 1" \$1500 bond meadows—Dwls \$1500 bond meadows
Tintori, Juan Carlos 43 w/m Wheeler TX 12-07-08 to 12-08-08—ICE hold— released to ICE agents
Provencio, Rafael Salazar 23 w/m El Paso TX 12-08-08 to 12-29-08—Felony probation Violation— sentenced to TDCJ 3 yrs
Chase, Daniel James 39 w/m Shamrock TX 12-10-08 to 12-11-08—Dwi 2" \$2000 bond meadows
Childress, Thomas Jacob 26 w/m Wheeler TX 12-12-08 to 12-12-08—Carson Co Wrm1 \$1000 bond meadows
Smith, Marquisa Lavelle 27 b/f CA 12-17-08 to 12-19-08—Poss of controlled substance \$10000 bond Meadows—Poss of controlled substance \$10000 bond Meadows—Poss of Marijuana \$5,000 bond Meadows
Menefield, Randal Allen 50 b/m Shamrock TX 12-19-08 to 12-19-08—Grand Jury Indictment

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DEPUTIES: Deputies for the Wheeler County Sheriff and Wheeler County Tax Assessor-Collector were sworn in by County Judge Jerry Hefley at the ceremony on Friday, January 2, 2009. Shown here are (back row, l. to r.) Rowdy Clark, Steven Stokes and Bo Eddleman, Sheriff's Deputies; (front) Tracie Simpson, Cindy Brown and Andrea Avila, Tax Assessor-Collector Deputies

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,

that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the

grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So, we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:1-21



OPEN HOUSE: Wheeler Banking Center of Wheeler held their Christmas Open house on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Only a few of the large number of customers stopping in for a buffet of Christmas treats are shown here. Some took care of business before partaking of the goodies.

Local Business Update

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Kenneth Knowles, Founder • Larry Ingram, Agent

There are times when it is critical to know a bail bondsman. That's why **Central Bail Bonds** is available to help. You don't have to be a criminal to need a bondsman. A forgotten traffic ticket or misunderstanding could result in you spending time in custody.

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They help good people in bad situations. Although you may never need the services of **Central Bail Bonds**, it's nice to know they are there if you do. They can help you through the maze of "the system."

The editors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update recommend **Central Bail Bonds** because sometimes, bad things happen to good people. Se Habla Español!

Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation

Kenna Howard, Administrator

Finding the right care facility takes time. It is important to search for a suitable home well in advance of seeking admission to the facility. Planning ahead also makes the transition of moving into a care facility much easier.

Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation, located at 1000 Kiowa Street in Wheeler, phone (806) 826-3505, offers care to the people who cannot be cared for at home. They provide excellent skilled nursing care, rehabilitation services, nutritious, delicious meals, activities, help with daily living and supervision. They encourage residents to stay active and to participate in a variety of community services and social activities. They offer 24-hour guidance by a qualified, compassionate staff with both private and semi-private rooms available. Their staff oversees the administration of medication and insures the health and safety of the residents at all times. Safety concerns are also addressed with up-to-date fire and smoke alarms, as well as an emergency call system. **Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation** also offers occupational, physical and speech therapy.

As you and your family assess your needs, it's important to acknowledge financing options. Payment for care can be made through Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance and private pay.

We, the editors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update, give our unconditional recommendation to **Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation** for providing compassionate care in a home like setting. Kenna Howard invites you to stop by their fine facility for more information or a tour.

Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix

Jerry Smith, Owner

Built on a solid foundation, **Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix** provides competitively priced concrete products and services to both homeowners and contractors for residential and commercial building projects.

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The authors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update suggest that you shape up your building budget today! Call the ready-mix professionals at **Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix**, located at 1130 US Highway 60 & 83 in Canadian, phone (806) 323-5379. Jerry Smith and the staff of **Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix** wish everyone a Happy New Year in 2009!

The Salvation Army Family Store

Doing the Most Good

Attention all bargain shoppers: **The Salvation Army Family Store** is one of the best sources for smart shoppers to find new and quality pre-owned merchandise at bargain prices in the area, with every item costing but a mere fraction of its full retail value.

From home furnishings, appliances, housewares and toys, as well as clothing, shoes and accessories, **The Salvation Army Family Store** has it all. Everyday low prices and special discounts - you are bound to find something to take home and treasure.

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The Salvation Army Thrift Store is also a great place to donate all your usable goods, such as clothes, furniture or even that second car! **The Salvation Army Store** has dedicated their lives to helping those less fortunate in too many ways to count. Be a part of that - either by shopping at their thrift store or helping by making a donation. The authors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update suggest that you take a ride today to **The Salvation Army Family Store**, located at 409 West Brown in Pampa or call (806) 665-6755 and enjoy a thrifty day. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

One Stop Flooring

Jason Bagwell, Owner

Whether you are looking for wall-to-wall carpet, quality hardwood floors, beautiful laminate flooring or top-of-the-line tile, **One Stop Flooring** has what you need. They will help you pick the perfect flooring option, work within your budget and get the right product installed on time!

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The editors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update suggest that you call **One Stop Flooring**, located at 1533 North Hobart Street in Pampa, phone (806) 665-0995 and let them fulfill your flooring needs today! Their hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

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Kim Talley, Business Director

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Odyssey Healthcare & Hospice values quality of service above all else. Their commitment to patients is visible through their Registered Nurses, Physical Therapists, Speech Therapists, Social Workers, Licensed Practical Nurses and Home Health Aides. Each staff member is eager to provide the best possible Home Health Services.

Odyssey Healthcare & Hospice's caregivers are compassionate and highly skilled professionals who listen to patients' needs. They are trained to manage physical, psychological and emotional barriers to recovery. They work for each individual's safety, welfare and best interests.

The editors of this 2009 New Year Local Business Update suggest that if you would like more information about **Odyssey Healthcare & Hospice** or home health care in general, just call (806) 356-5018 or toll-free (806) 488-6862. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have. **Odyssey Healthcare & Hospice** wishes everyone a safe and happy New Year!

thru the weekend. Cindy Burrus of Canyon, Texas and Marki and husband, Ronnie Stringer and children, Chandler, Jordan, and Kinin of Mustang, Oklahoma arrived in Allison on Friday night. Saturday evening, Sue Chandler and grandchildren, Hagen and Audra Weatherly of Wheeler, Texas came to Peggy's house for a visit and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Cindy and Marki. They gave Peggy a rest. Good for them!! Sue and grandchildren enjoyed their visit with Cindy and Marki and husband and children Chandler, Jordan, and Kinin.

Shirley Chadwick from Jones, Oklahoma spent a few weeks with Louise Boydston, helping her get things decorated for Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, Louise Boydston had a fried chicken dinner for Eddy and Sheila Walker from Paris, Texas, Sheila's daughter and husband, Christy and Jason from Longview, Texas, Kevin, Melissa, Megan, and Ashton Fleming from Lufkin, Texas, Jonathan, Andrea and Alaina Walker from Waco, Texas, Shirley Chadwick of Jones, Oklahoma, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Josh, Heather and Paisley Archer from Allison, Texas, Jason and Alicia Boydston from Huntsville, Texas.

Those attending Louise Boydston's Christmas Breakfast on Saturday December 27th were: Eddy and Sheila Walker from Paris, Texas, Kevin, Melissa, Megan, Ashton Fleming from Lufkin, Texas, Richard, Melody, Victoria, William and Elizabeth Draper from Lufkin, Texas, Shirley Chadwick, of Jones, Oklahoma, Gary and Julie Boydston, Greg and Tiffany Boydston, Tori and Gavin Boydston, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Josh, Heather and Paisley Archer from Allison, Texas, Doug and Amie Purcell and son Ryne from Amarillo, Texas, Jason and Alicia Boydston from Huntsville, Texas, Sue and Adam Martin from Leedy, Oklahoma, Chuck, Kim, Christin, Britany, and Chase Thompson from Amarillo, Texas, Kimber Thompson from Fort Worth, Texas, Cody Dupont from Allison, Texas, Amber Maddox from Briscoe, Texas, Sabrina Dupont and fiancée, James Dardlaw and Mackenna Aguiar from Amarillo, Texas, Opal and Juanita Boydston from Allison, Texas.

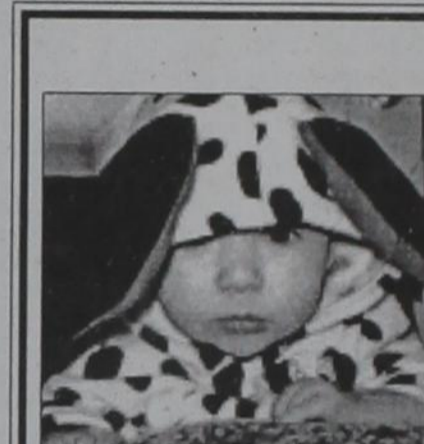
In the afternoon, Louise made homemade pizza and served it around four p.m. to all the above mentioned and others that came were: Chris, Patricia, Elizabeth and Christopher Chadwick from Aubrey, Texas, Jeff, Jennifer, Savannah, Kabria, Kevin and Camden Chadwick from Choctaw, Oklahoma, Kristi, Brianna, Braydon Hansbro from Cheyenne, Oklahoma, Tim Montgomery from Jones, Oklahoma.

Those that couldn't come, but called in were Cheryl Dupont from Amarillo, Texas, Mike and LaQuinta Hulse from Saharita, Arizona, Justin and Stephanie Walker from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Shirley Chadwick from Jones, Oklahoma left for home on Tuesday where she will be going to Aubrey, Texas to spend time with Patricia Chadwick and children, Elizabeth and Christopher while Chris Chadwick will be going to New Jersey for three weeks to serve in the National Guard.

Louise Boydston spent New Year's Eve with Gary and Julie Boydston. They enjoyed catfish and shrimp dinner with all the trimmings. They played games until the New Year came in.

Was so very saddened to hear that Tom Steven's brother, Harlan Stevens just fifty seven years of age passed away on Saturday. Please help me pray for him and his family. He was so very close with his brother, had lived with him for awhile. I know its very hard on him. May God bless him and keep him in this time of sorrow. May God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time!!



Hadley Grace Johnson is the 3 month old daughter of Mike & Rexann Johnson of Canyon, TX. Grandparents are Skeet & Dianna Johnson of Wheeler. Great grandmother is Marie Williams of Wheeler

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Card of Thanks
Just a note to say how much we appreciated the calls, flowers, food, cards, hugs and prayers which were given to us during this tragic time. Losing Mom in a car accident was never expected. The acts of kindness bestowed upon us will never be forgotten. Thank you for all of the kindness each of you have given.
Sincerely
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God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important, Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of W.W. (Bill) Wheeler, 81, in his death. Funeral was Saturday, Jan. 3, at Wheeler Baptist Church with burial at Kelton Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter,

Kim Wheeler of Kelton, a sister, Barbara Austin of Utopia and many others.

Golden Agers will meet at Wheeler Baptist Church Thursday, January 15, at 11:30 for Home Health check-up, good potluck meal and a program. Visitors welcome. See you there!

Rita Pearson went to Canyon Sunday to keep Blain and Dagen and get them to school while their mom, Lindsey Criswell, and good friend, Lisa Hughes, traveled to Dallas, Texas, for the Celine Dion concert Monday night, coming back to Canyon Tuesday. Kind of a mini-vacation and celebrated Lisa's 37th birthday. Happy birthday, Lisa. God bless you all! Hope you all had fun.

Family and friends celebrated Annie Ruth Lee's 98th birthday at her house Saturday with birthday cake and iced tea and lots of visiting. Some there were Nancy and Cecil Pierce; Sylvia and Leo Shuler; Myranda Pierce and Braden from Enid, Oklahoma; Kristi Pierce, Brady and Audrey from Amarillo; Mike and Tina Lee; Stephanie Sullivan and Keegan; Joyce Martin; Lois Downey, Tracey Burton, Dianne Sparks and Marsha McDowell. They had a good time. Happy Birthday, Annie Ruth! God bless you!

April Dawn Mick has been a missionary teacher to kids in South Korea this first semester and enjoys it a lot. She came home for 2 weeks during Christmas, but will be going back soon. She really loves those kids there. April is the daughter of Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald. Best wishes!

Diane and Jack Cody hosted the Dodd family Christmas gathering at their new house in Graham, Texas. Some others there were C.G. and Rosemary Dodd, Jacque and John D. Foreman of Lubbock and Bud and Texas McCarroll from Graham. Getting together for a later Christmas and a great time together at the home of C.G. and Rosemary Dodd were Joel and Laura Dodd and Bran-

don, Brandi and Bradley from Conroe, Texas; Lisa and Paul Bentley, Jessica and Ashley from Amarillo and Mary Margaret Dodd. Happy New Year, everyone!

Happy 92nd birthday, Erma Riley! Erma Riley's family surprised her with a party to celebrate her 92nd birthday. About 59 were there at Tuttle to wish her well. So good to see everyone in the family and friends. God bless you, everyone! Erma still lives in her little duplex house and gets around pretty well, but uses a wheel chair when she gets outside.

Services for nephew, Eddie Root, were to be at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Clovis, New Mexico, with Rosary Tuesday, December 30, at 6 p.m. and Mass at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday with graveside service and lunch for the family. Eddie was the son of Leola (Fillingim) and John Root. He was about 72...a fine man. Going to the funeral were Estelle and Everett McAdams and Ruth Irvine.

Some of you will remember Glenn Fields who attended and graduated from Briscoe School and went on to make a Baptist preacher for many years in Colorado. Glenn passed away in March, 2007. Still living in Colorado, his wife, Aletha, has had lots of health problems, but teaches two Bible studies each week...one for ladies in the Good Samaritan Village where she lives and one for seniors at her church nearby. She enjoys her family (several of them). Best wishes to all.

I feel so blessed to have visits from the kids, grandkids and great-grands. Many thanks for the helpful things they do for me and the love they bring. Thank you!

December 31, Blain Criswell had his 6th birthday party at the Western Bowl in Amarillo. He requested a chocolate cake with a picture of an elk and came on it. Pizza and drinks were also served. Attending the party were Evan, Emma & Lisa Hughes & Goldie Peyton & Hadley Archer & Corrie Archer; Tanner & Lee McDaniel; Brandel, Bryson & Kim Barrett; Bryce & Lori Salyer; Klade Bauman; his brother, Dagen Criswell and mom, Lindsey, all of Canyon and grandparents, Rita and David Pearson. His grandparents also treated him, Dagen and Lindsey to supper at Logan's Roadhouse, one of his favorite restaurants.

Casey and Vick Taylor hosted the family Christmas dinner at Hideaway Lake with Vick doing the cooking of turkey and dressing and other goodies. Also there were Carol and James Hardage and Mary Ruth VanSant. Think they met at the Hardage home and think Kenneth Gene Evans joined the group after working. Casey and Carol (and Sunny Keene) are the children of Valoise and Doc.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Iona Miller, 93, of Erick, in her death. She was the mother of Sheriff Lonnie Miller, now deceased. Services were at Wheeler Baptist Church, Wednesday, Dec. 31, with burial in Wheeler Cemetery and family dinner at Baptist Church.

"I am only one, but I am one; I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do and with the help of God I will do."...By Everett Hale

Pray for Bro. Aaron Laverty who has been having some painful degenerative problems with his back, but we are glad to know that he is doing much better. Praise the Lord! God is good!

"Life is just a bowl of cherries; Don't take it serious; it's too mysterious."

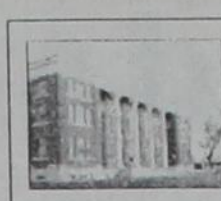
You work, you save, you worry so; But you can't take your dough when you go, go, go.

The sweet things in life to you are just loaned...so how can you lose what you've never owned?

Life is just a bowl of cherries, so live and laugh at it all." (From Canadian Record)

Sorry to hear that the Hughs Funeral Home at Canadian had burned. Wright Funeral Home (Wheeler) is letting them do preparations there some with viewing at Canadian First Christian Church Chapel. Think they plan to rebuild the funeral home. Brian and Laura Hughs do the funeral work. She was Laura Meadows, daughter of Eddie and Leta Meadows.

There was a good crowd at Gageby Church Sunday night, January 4, for First Sunday Singing with lots of good singing and readings. Some singing in the Mobeetie Church choir were Charlie and Mary Davis, Cheryl Fraley, Beverly Swift, Tony Dickey, Bobbie Walker, Paula Hathaway, Don McElroy and Gina Seitz with Gaye Hale playing the piano. Andrew Striley played the viola; Mark and Carol Roberson sang, Nadine Lane sang two songs and Winnie Gilmer sang some songs and led some others. Seth Roberson told a story; Kay Stiles had an important reading and Ray Hudson had some good readings, as did Mary Cornell. Martha Meek played the harmonica; Terri Crownover sang and John and Angie Huff sang some songs. Charlie Davis and Gina Seitz played guitars and sang. Doris Finsterwald played the piano for congregational songs. All was very good! February singing will be at Mobeetie Baptist Church, Feb. 1, 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited to come, sing



and fellowship together. There was a very delicious meal served at Gageby Sunday.

Had a request for this easy to make (and very good) recipe. It also freezes well in small containers.

- Leona's Taco Soup
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can Ranch Style Chili Beans
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1/2 package taco seasoning
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- Brown meat and onion, stirring.
- Add other ingredients and simmer 15 minutes. Serve with cornbread or crackers. Enjoy!

Nice to have a weekend visit from grandson, Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira, 4 yrs, Kamry, 2 yrs, and Karissa, 8 mos. So thankful that great-granddaughter, Kamry, is doing well or, at least, much better. They live at Windthorst near Wichita Falls. Rita Pearson also joined us for supper and a good visit Friday night at Maxey's. The kids spent nights with grandparents, David and Rita Pearson.

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Kate and Howard Yarnold who live at the Abraham Memorial Home. God bless you special people.

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander,

as well as all types of malicious behavior. Instead be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31,32).

Coming to Wheeler Care Center Tuesday morning for singing, scriptures, prayers for everyone and visiting residents were Earl and Betty Husted, Rev. Mark Barton, Joyce Wood, Martha Meek and Verna. Some residents out to enjoy church were Robert Airstik, Bill Dyson, Howard Surber, Wayne Stanton, Verna Alston, Marie Adams, Teresa Reed, Rosalee Atwood, Byron Simpson, Marie Baker, Nina Herve, who played the piano, and maybe others.

Many residents were back Tuesday night to hear the "Nearly Brothers and No Mountain Boys" band play beautiful music. Playing music were Jim Jackson, Geoff Caldwell, Robert Jones, Gene Keelin and Jay Godwin. Thank you for coming. Jay and Bob Hink also sang some good songs. Thank you! The band plans to be back to the Care Center Tuesday night, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., to play pretty music and sing. Visitors welcome to come hear the good music.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Managing Feral Hogs Not A One-Shot Endeavor

More than 2 million feral hogs roam Texas. Managing them will take more than just a few hunters, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"From 1993-2003, the damage from feral hogs that was reported to AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services increased an average of 105 percent per year," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife management specialist in Canyon. "The price tag for that damage now is conservatively estimated to be about \$52 million per year."

Feral hogs are not a native to Texas, Cearley said. In fact, neither are domestic swine. Feral hogs are simply domestic hogs gone wild.

With the potential for a female to have two litters a year and each litter having sometimes as many as 13 young, it doesn't take long for them to overrun an area, he said. Under ideal conditions, the population can double in as little as four months.

Feral hogs are now found in more than 40 states. Swine were first brought to North America in the mid-1500s by the Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto, Cearley said.

"They seem to move from one water source to another," he said. "They are starting to move into areas we haven't seen them before. They are secretive, so you are not as likely to see them until the damage gets severe."

The key to managing their numbers is to catch them when they first come into a region, Cearley said. Hunting is a fairly effective way to lower the population, but will not be the solution.

The home range for a feral hog is 2 to 3 square miles for sows and 20 to 30 square miles for the boars, he said. Feral hogs generally move in family groups called sounders, including grandmothers, mothers and pigs. The males are generally excluded from the group and live a more solitary life.

"Perceptions differ about feral hogs," Cearley said. "Some people see them as a source of economic gain by way of paying hunters, others as a loss and liability. It is that tension between

these two groups of people that causes problems getting control of them."

An increasing interest in feral hog hunting leases and guided hunts might be a silver lining to the problem, but it certainly won't solve the entire problem, Cearley said. They offer landowners, however, a way to recoup some of the money lost to the damage they do.

Also, feral hogs can be sold live to the meat trade. Texas Animal Health Commission rules and regulations must be followed regarding their movement and sale, he said.

Along with those two positives, Cearley said it could be argued that as they root up the ground, they cause weeds to grow back where grasses were, and that is a benefit to game birds. However, they are better known for their predation on young animals, whether wildlife or even sheep, goats and sometimes calves, he said. They also carry diseases such as pseudotuberculosis and brucellosis.

The signs that feral hogs are in the area include damage to trees or utility poles, hair left on fences where hogs pass through, wallows and rooting areas where they forage for grubs and other insects, Cearley said.

The feral hogs will damage water gaps, tear up net wire, wallow out springs and damage spillways, he said. They leave behind damage in many crops, including corn, sorghum and especially to wheat and peanuts.

Wildlife impacts include predation on the young, the consumption of all the eggs of ground nesting birds they can find, and the tendency to dominate feeders and consume much of the feed targeted for other wildlife, Cearley said.

Welded wire hog panels on t-posts are good for protecting feeders, he said.

Some other methods of control or capture are:

- Snares, which can be used for individual animals that might be sold for meat.
- Baited traps with "rooter"-type entry gates, which allow multiple catches at a time.

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School (from Page 1)
and, all too often, unsung for their efforts. These people volunteer their time because they care; they care about their communities, they care about their schools and, most importantly, they care about the children. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and children of Texas. At this time I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.
"Today's public schools face tremendous challenges and op-

portunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "Local trustees diligently work with community leaders, parents, and educators to develop sound education policies. They help set high standards in the education system, encouraging us to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation of leaders in our state and nation," Crow said.
"We urge every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts. We applaud their

dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed," Crow

Jail (from Page 1)
\$50,000 bond Emmert—Assault Family Violence \$5000 bond Meadows
Chandler, Phillip Lee 21 w/m Shamrock TX 12-28-08 to 12-29-08—Poss of prohibited weapon \$1000 bond Meadows
Reyna, Christopher Peter 26 w/m Mclean TX 12-30-08 to 12-31-08—Public Intoxication - citation issued, paid fine and released
Current Inmates:
Chadwick, Jered
Perez, Luis
Longbine, Brian
Smith, Lisa

said.
TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.6 million students.

Feral (from Page 3)
— Aerial hunting. AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services can remove hundreds of hogs in a day using this method.
For more in-depth information on feral hogs and tips to help landowners get a handle on their populations, Cearly suggested the following Web sites:
<http://feralhogs.tamu.edu> or <http://wildlife.tamu.edu>.



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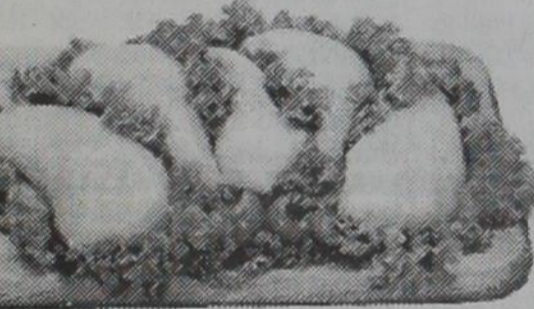
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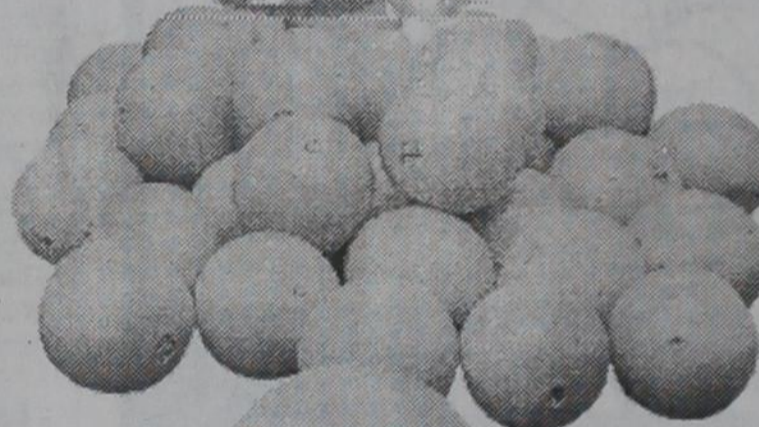
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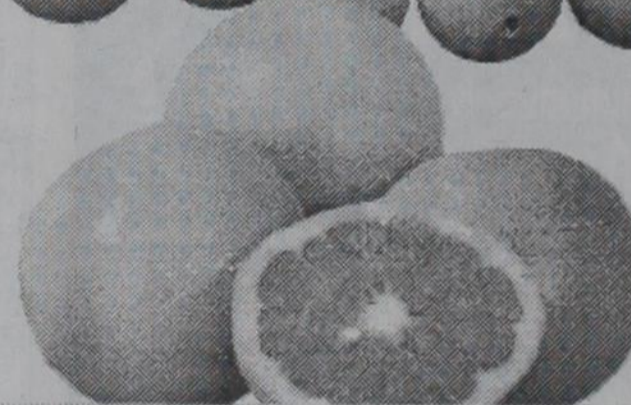
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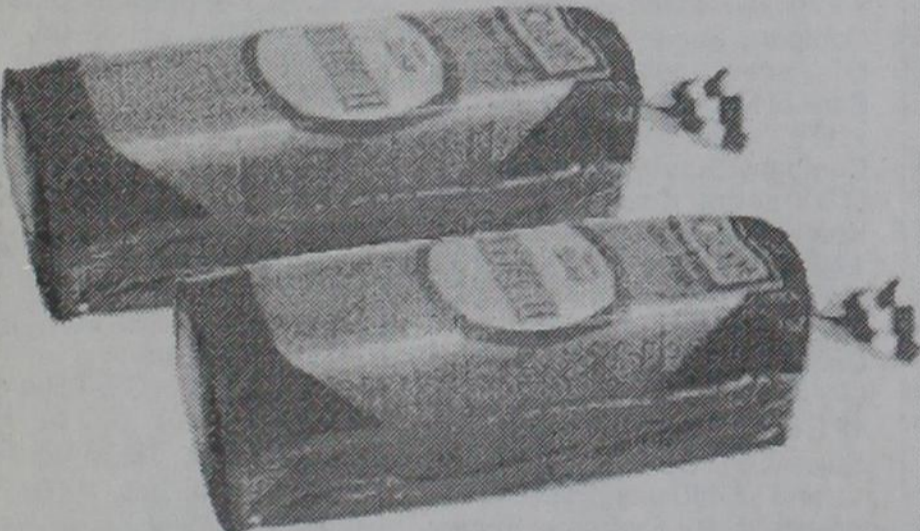
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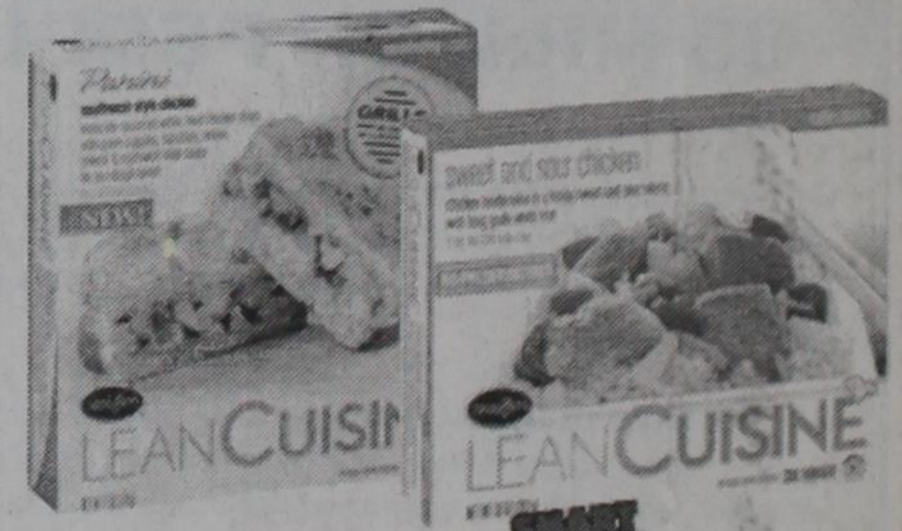
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