

Mustangs Named 2009 Dist. I 1-A Div. I Champs

—Playoffs begin Next Week.

Lady Stangs Qualify For Dist. I 1-A Div. I Playoffs

—First playoff game played Tuesday.

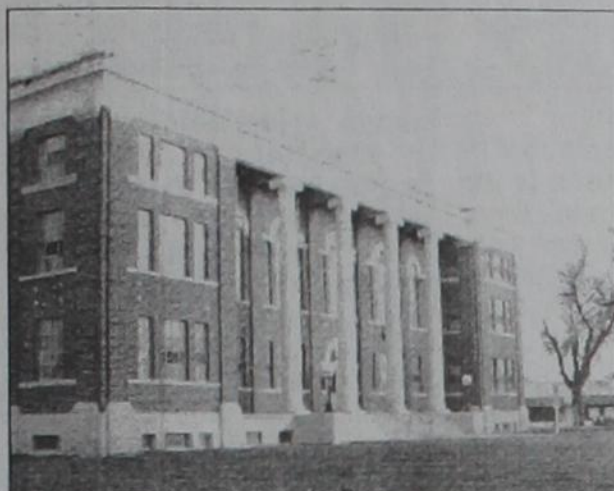
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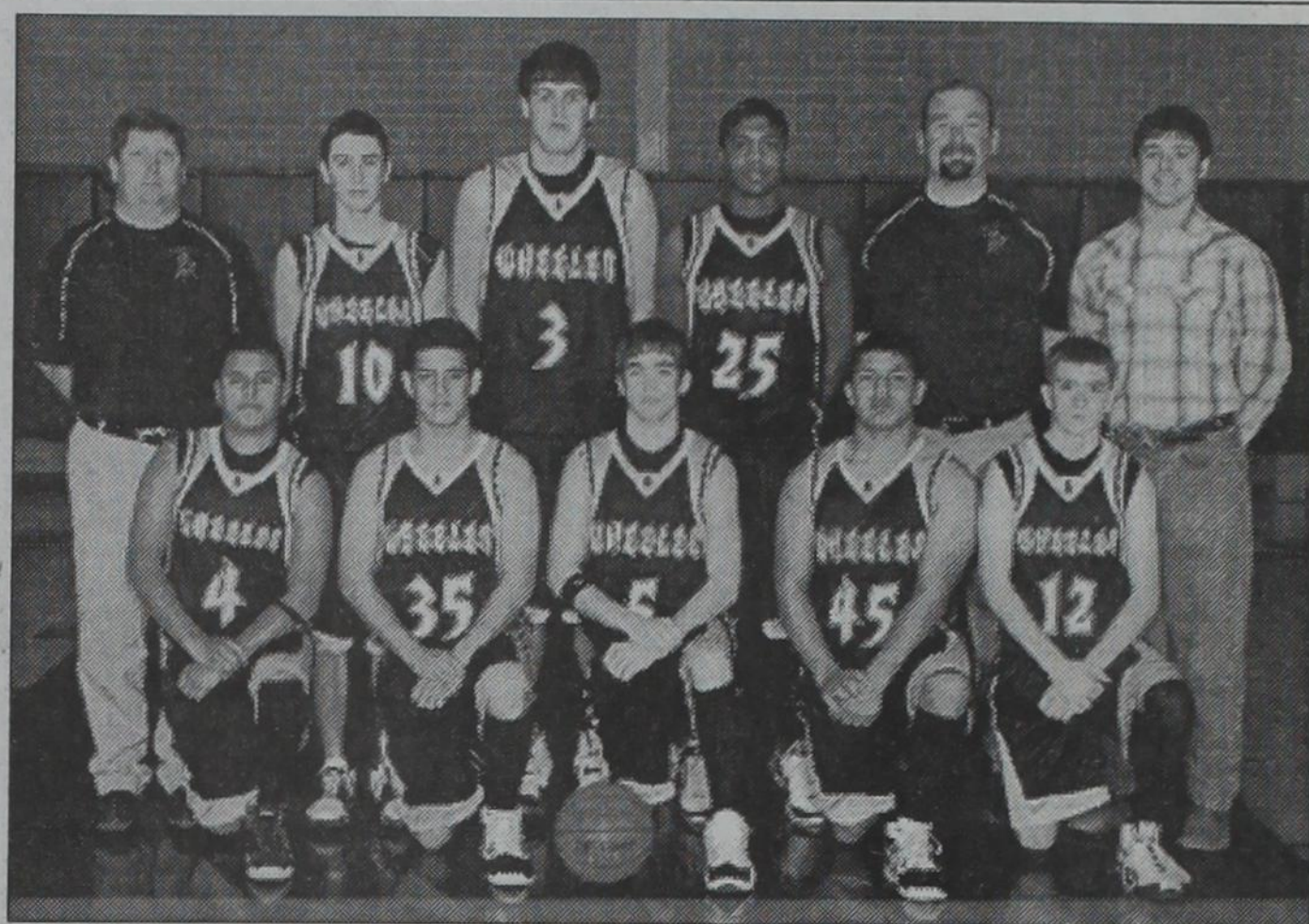
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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride.”



BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS: Wheeler's Lady Stangs played Sunray Tuesday evening in the first round of play-off games. The girls have a 11-15 record for the season. Pictured are: (back row, l. to r.) Coach Camden Dorris, Stacey Hanson, Ashley Gallagher, Haley Sparks, Taylor Sparks, Macie Miller, Coach Mike Bailey, (front) Nicole Moore, Presley Thomas, Whitney Reed, Kaylee Marion, Bailey Richardson, Tania Flores



MUSTANGS QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS: The Wheeler Mustangs will play their bi-district game on Thursday or Friday of next week; their opponent has not been determined. Practice games are scheduled for the Mustangs on Saturday at Randall High in Amarillo at 4:30 p.m. and Monday at Panhandle at 6:00 p.m. Team members are: (back row, l. to r.) Coach Bryan Markham, Johnny Venzor, Jared Messer, Terry "Boo" Menefield, Coach Morgan Brady, Nick Hardcastle—Manager, (front) Pedro Hernandez, Michael Mendoza, Robert Lewis, Richard Watler, Colin Hampton.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Lady Stangs! Wheeler's basketball girls advanced to district playoffs. The game was played Tuesday evening at Amarillo High against Sunray; we will have to get the results in next week's paper.

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Congratulations, Lady Cougars! Ft. Elliott's basketball team

STORM REPORT

As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,
Kindergarten Student

It was Valentine's Day! Mrs. Rutherford helped us make houses out of the paper sacks. They are sooo cute. The windows have hearts and a heart on the door. The roof is pink. You fold the pink paper and put it on top of the sack and it's the roof. That is so cool. All the kids can put valentines in the sack. Mrs. Rutherford put a valentine in the sack. It is a little bear. I love the bear and I love the candy too.

Now we do "Alice in Wonderland" at ballet. I am an oyster! I don't know what an oyster can do. We have to practice and get our costumes. We do the ballet with the big kids in the ballet theatre. I want to be a ballerina like the big kids, but now I just have to be an oyster! That's it.

Wheeler School Times
By: Diana J. Corral

Last week the Lady Stangs lost to the Claude Varsity girls so played the Shamrock Lady Irish in Clarendon to see which team would go on to the playoffs. The Lady Stangs beat the Irish and have qualified for the playoffs for the first time in many years. The first game will be against Sunray Lady Bobcats at Amarillo High at 6:00 on Tuesday, February 17. After beating Claude the Mustangs were named the 2009 District Basketball Champs. Their first play off game is yet to be announced. Congratulations to our basketball boys and Lady Stangs for making it to the playoffs.

Last week was also a short week. Wednesday and Thursday were enrichment days and Friday a holiday. This Monday was also a holiday.

T.O.T. CattleWomen Offer Scholarships

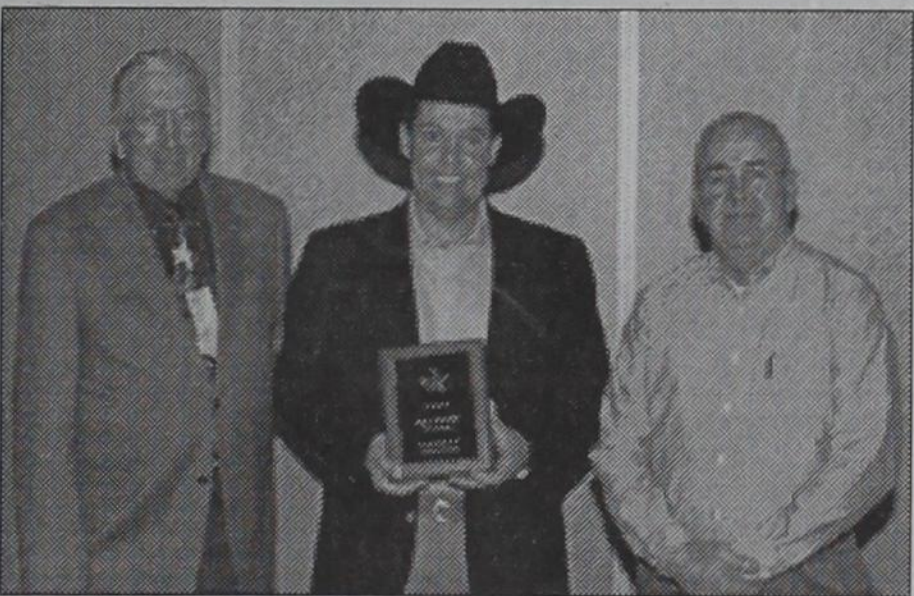
Texas CattleWomen are announcing that scholarship applications are available at their counselors office now. Each year Top O' Texas CattleWomen give scholarships to seniors that are going into a major in Agricultural, Nutritional or Health related fields. You might ask if you are eligible. If you live in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler counties and a senior in one of these counties you are eligible.

This year Top O' Texas CattleWomen are doing three scholarship one (1) \$1000.00 and two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to three deserving students.

You may also contact Sandra Christner in Wheeler, Dianne Buckingham in Shamrock or Christine Marett in Shamrock for information or applications. The applications are due back by April 15, 2009.



IN BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS: Ft. Elliott's Lady Cougars played Groom at 6 p.m. Tuesday at West Texas High for the first game of the Region I 1-A Div. II of the Girl's Bi-district playoffs. Pictured are: (left to right) Stormi Lancaster, Megan Horn, Morgan McDowell, Tori Boydston, Chanty Baird, Adrian Reis, Alexis Zybach, Karly Lovelace, Marissa Keelin, Kailey Hudson, Ailene Wyant, Sarah Horn, Kaycee Swift, and Cheyenne Swift.



PRESENTATION: Texas Limousin Association President Wayne Baber presented a retirement plaque for outstanding leadership to Ex-Officio Bret Begert. Also pictured is Ralph Hawkins, TLA Executive Secretary.

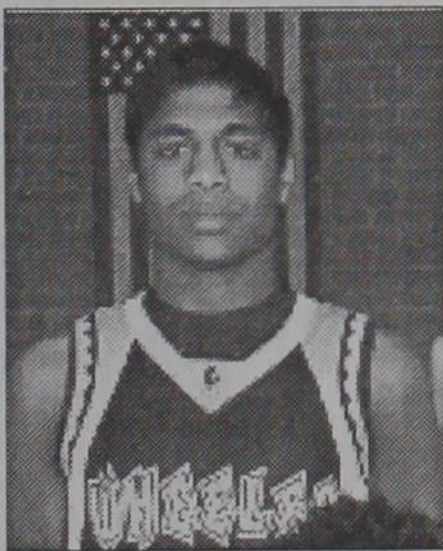
Bret Begert Retires From TLA Board

Bret Begert of Allison, TX was honored for eight years of service at the 39th annual Texas Limousin Association (TLA) banquet in Fort Worth, TX recently. The TLA banquet, association meetings, and Limousin cattle open show were held in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Bret served on the Texas Limousin Association's Board of Directors from 2001 to 2009, filling the office of President for three

years. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership qualities and strong finance abilities. Bret is the first person to serve as Texas Junior Limousin Association (TJLA) President and TLA President in the history of the breed.

Begert is currently the Director of Junior Activities for the North American Limousin Foundation and is co-chairman of the Big Texas Shindig II, the National Junior Limousin Show and Congress and the All-American Limousin Futurity, that will be held in Amarillo, TX this summer. This will be the largest Limousin event of the year, hosting approximately 500 head of Limousin cattle from twenty-five states and expected to bring over \$2 million to the Amarillo economy.



Terry Menefield,—member of the Wheeler Mustang basketball team was named to the *Globe-News* "Athlete of the Week" Honor Roll. He scored a game-high 24 points in a District 2-1A Division I win against Shamrock and scored 17 in a district victory against Canadian. (Editor's Note: The wrong picture ran with the above information last week. Our apologies!)

Time To File For Wheeler Council

The City of Wheeler will hold an election May 9, 2009, for the purpose of electing (3) council members. The positions will be for a two-year term. The first day for filing of an application is February 7, 2009. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot is March 9, 2009.

Anyone interested in filing for an application for a place on the ballot should come by City Hall, 303 Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas. Office hours: 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday-Friday.

Lorene Rector Rites Today At Mobeetie

Lorene Rector, 91, of Mobeetie, Texas, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at her home. Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at First Baptist Church of Mobeetie with Lynn Rector, grandson, and Anthony Sherrell, great-grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery with arrangements by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Lorene was born August 26, 1917, in Paducah, Texas, to John E. and Lucinda Isabelle (Beck) Pierce. She married Jud "J.B." Rector November 2, 1935, at the J.C. Penney's in Shamrock, Texas. She moved from Wheeler, Texas, to Mobeetie in 1939, lived on the Huff's ranch near Pampa for seven years and returned to Mobeetie in 1949.

Lorene was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was especially devoted to serving her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a very loving person, always with a smile on her face and a kind word on her tongue. She loved caring for her family in any way she could.



Lorene Rector

Lorene loved studying her Bible and had a Bible in every room. She was a long-time, faithful member of the First Baptist Church where she made many lifelong friends.

Lorene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1998 and by two daughters, Maxine in 1938 and Carolyn in 1944.

Survivors include one daughter, Melba Corcoran, and her husband, Dale, of Mobeetie, Texas; three sons, Delbert "D.L." Rector and his wife, Coleen, of Amarillo, Texas, Galen Don Rector and his wife, Susan, of Mead, Colorado, and Jerry Rector and his wife, "J", of Amarillo; one brother, Carl Pierce, of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Viewing will be from 8:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M. Tuesday and Wednesday at the funeral home and from 9:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Mobeetie Cemetery Association, c/o First State Bank of Mobeetie, P.O. Box 8, Mobeetie, Texas 79061.

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

Services Are Feb. 13 For Jack Hefley, 78

Jack Hefley, 78, passed away February 11, 2009, in Wheeler, Texas. Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 13, 2009, at Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas, with Dr. Shawn Johnson, Pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Mr. Hefley was born September 27, 1930, in Gageby, Texas, to Farmer and Opal Hefley. He attended school in Briscoe and Mobeetie, Texas, graduating from Mobeetie high school in 1950. Jack married Bernice Carter August 12, 1950. He served our country in the U.S. Army in 1954, stationed in El Paso, Texas, and Germany. Jack and Bernice lived in Gruver, Texas, and Wheeler, Texas, before moving to Mobeetie, Texas, in 1968. He owned a feedmill, the first feedlot in Wheeler County, and farmed and ranched until his retirement in 1992. Jack was a member of Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas. He served as a member on the Mobeetie school board for nine years. Jack received the first Pioneer Farmer and Rancher award of Wheeler County in 2008.

Jack is survived by his wife, Bernice Hefley of Mobeetie, Texas; son, Mark, and wife, Darla Hefley, of Elk City, Oklahoma; daughter, Melissa, and husband, Timm Rodgers, of Miami, Texas; brother, Richard, and wife, Dorothy Hefley, of Brownwood, Texas; grandchildren, Tiffany and Bryan Johnson of Lubbock, Texas, Michael and Courtney Hall of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Justin and Brittney Hefley of Elk City, Oklahoma, Dustin Hampton of Wheeler, Texas, Tamara and Chris Gallagher of Amarillo, Texas, Heather Hampton of Lubbock, Texas, Vanessa Trent and Randie Zims of Clinton, Oklahoma, Jonathan Cornelsen of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Gabriel, Nikki, and Allison Rodgers of Canadian, Texas; ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Farmer and Opal Hefley.

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

The family requests that memorials be made to the Mobeetie Cemetery in care of the First State Bank of Mobeetie, Texas, and The Alzheimer Association, Star chapter, 415 West 8th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101-2215.

ECA Class Will Be Offered Wheeler

North Wheeler County Volunteer Ambulance Service will be offering an ECA Class, starting around February 23.

Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. for a period of approximately 6 1/2 weeks.

This class will enable individuals to have basic first aid training and CPR, along with other basic skills that would allow one to work on the ambulance service.

If you are interested in the class, please call Brenda Sparlin at (806) 826-5581 or (806) 826-3006 or Carrie Gaines at (806) 826-0773 or (806) 826-3357.

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COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."



U.L.L.: The Fort Elliott Elementary students recently participated in UIL competition at Pringle-Morse and at Allison. The students did a great job! Those going and those that placed were: (back row, l. to r.) Savannah Spruell, Shaley Goad, Renee Shephard, Boston Terrell, Julie Keelin, Blane Evans, Pecos Swift, Devon McDowell, Matt Williams, Dillon Forbes, Daniel Roberson, Hailey Spruell, Dalton McDowell, Abbi Carr, Landry Meadows, Rozena Helton, Jace Forward, Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Pigg, (middle) Kneeling: Landon Helton, Phillip Roberson, Tysen Aldridge, Jenna Wilson, Kaylan Smith, Tanner Johnson, Brody Umsted, Tyler Lester, (front) Camryn Clark, Karsyn Terrell, Shyana Zybach, Tatum Meadows, Hannah Shephard, Emily Coulter, McKinley Begert. Not pictured is 4th grader Tate Ford.



The Kelton Junior High celebrated Coach Davis's Birthday this past week! The students along with Mrs. Kimbro surprised her with a Birthday Cake. Shown: Junior High and Coach Davis.



Above: Kelton students Tammye Lumpkin and Paloma Contreras belly crawling through the obstacle course.

Right: Kelton student Krysten Garner balancing on the beam during the obstacle course.

Below: The Kelton staff is attending a demonstration from the Promethean Corporation. (Staff included) Jamie Davis, Sarah Harless, Kandi Stages, Heather Hardcastle, Felisha Tate, Heather Kinnaman, Krissi Boswell, Bridget Weatherly, Mayme McElroy, Sue Ann Johnson, Ronda Rutherford, Kathleen Reynolds, Althea Bentley, Melissa Kimbro, Dana Unterkircher, Michelle Schafer, Amy Busby, Roy Herndon, and Jay Watson.



Below: The Ft. Elliott Kindergarten 2nd grade girls played in the Lefors Little Dribbler Tournament. The girls had an exciting game for first place. They went into three over times, and came out the winners! The girls that make up the Fort Elliott K-2nd Little Dribblers are back: row Kayle Coffman, McKinley Begert, Karsyn Terrell, Emily Coulter, front row: Kylie Tomah, Camryn Clark, Hailey Meadows, Kilie Walsler, Maddison Swearingin. The girls are coached by Tiffany Boydston and helper Hailey Begert.

Below: Mrs. Herren's Fort Elliott pre-k class was the guest of Bob Galmor of Shamrock. The class was there to have a good look at his airplane. The pre-k class have been studying the letter "M". After being able to look over the "Moonie" airplane each student got to sit in the pilot seat, and pretend to fly the airplane. Steve Galmor was also there to talk to the students about different parts of the plane, and how the plane flies. After the tour of the plane the class invited the Galmors to have lunch with them at "McDonalds". The Galmors surprised the class with hats and balloons. In Wheeler the students visited the "Market Square" where Shelly Sparks gave them a tour of the store. They looked for things that began with the letter "M". They were able to purchase the items and have them for snacks at milk break. A full day of learning the letter "M". The pre-k class: Roper Pigg, Gavin McDowell, Bob Galmor, Adrianna Goldberg, Taton Aldridge, Braxton Kirkland, Maddie Ford and Steve Galmor standing behind the plane.



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater. So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:8-11).

"Happy Birthday" to Michael Christley, Kelsie Hughes, Matt Smith and Shelly Sparks, Feb. 15; Ben Ed Hillhouse, Luke Horton, and Cheyenne Shelton, Feb. 16; Ashley Bentley, Darian Hampton, Jill Hefner, Bubba Smith, Braden Watts, Monica Moore, Diana Risner, Teresa Shelton, Shy Bailey, Shelby Dawson, Verline Currie and Eugene Boydston, Feb. 17; Mique Allison, Lane Erwin, Wade Hampton, Sephra Huerta, Jordan Jones, Blaine Rutherford, Tristan Rose, Michelle Schafer and Walter Simmons, Feb. 18; Kali Atwood, Callie Hefner, Risa Rowell, Marcus Rose, Nan Rhine, Ann Long, Sarita Dawson, Charles Tatyrek, Pam Hill, Andy Singleton, Dee Barr, Rosemary Mendiola, Nancy Pierce, David Smith, Larry Zamora, Kelsi Wiggins, Isabella Edwards, Kara Keelin Edwards, Doris Gatlin, Clay Zybach, Shawna Hector and Chad Morgan, Feb. 20; Steve Barr, Calvin Butler IV, Denise Carder, Sara Howard, Ruth Kenny, Pat Stiles Moderi, Benny Watson, Jada Hathaway, Curtis Pigg, Mack Shields, Steve Zybach and Dick Irvine, Feb. 21.

"Happy Anniversary" to Matt and Stephanie Sullivan, Feb. 15; Kevin and Janet Romines, Feb. 19; Jerry and Becky Jewell, Feb. 20; and Lonnie and Ruth Kenney, Feb. 21.

"Nearly Brothers and No Mountain Boys Band" plan to be back to Wheeler Care Center to play beautiful music Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30. Visitors welcome! See you!

Golden Agers will meet at Wheeler Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Feb. 19, at 11:30. Parkview Home Health ladies will check blood pressure, blood sugars, etc. All over 50 years old are invited to come and visit, bring food for a good polluck meal and enjoy a program. See you there! Visitors always welcome!

A very sweet and lovely lady, Lorene Rector, 91, of Mobeetie, died Saturday. She had not been well. We will miss Lorene, but should not grieve for her as she was ready to go and joyfully looking forward to seeing her loved ones in heaven. She was an example to us all! Funeral is at Mobeetie Baptist Church, Thursday at 2:00 p.m., Feb. 19.

One of the last songs we sang at our revival at Wheeler Baptist Church Wednesday night was "I'll Fly Away." We have lost so many dear ones who have flown away to heaven and left their worn out bodies. We have to rejoice with them even though we miss them, but we look forward to a glad reunion in heaven. "I'll Fly Away, O Glory."

Ray and Glenda Hudson enjoyed eating lunch Sunday at Mel's and visiting with Winnie Gilmer, a friend of many years. Melody Wilson, Frances Dickey and Sallie Adcock prepared the delicious enchilada supper with beans, rice, salad, tea, water and dessert (cherry cheesecake and chocolate cake) that was served to a good crowd at the Sweetheart Banquet Sunday night at Mobeetie Baptist Church. Servers for the banquet were Kelton Quarles, Kellan Quarles, Kaylan Smith, Julie Keelin, Garrett Childress, Jarrett Childress, Justin Smith, Dillon Forbes, Tracy Winter and Jayton Childress. The servers also cleaned up things! Wow! Gaye Hale and Gina Seitz were in charge of the Sweetheart Banquet. Sounded good.

Clinton Stribling is very ill and has been brought back home near Mobeetie with family members and maybe hospice helping care for him. Pray for his wife, Maurita, and all the caregivers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

A new resident at Wheeler Care Center is Mrs. Young from Shamrock, who was out to church. I did not get her first name.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, Ray and Glenda Hudson ate at the Red River Steakhouse in McLean for a special time.

Some coming from Mobeetie Baptist Church to Wheeler Care Center for church Sunday afternoon included Gina Seitz, who led singing; Doris Finsterwald, who played piano; youth minister, Charlie McDermott, who had a good message from the Bible and Bobbie Walker, Beverly Swift, Arica Lancaster and Martha Meek. Some Care Center residents out to enjoy church and fellowship were Marie Baker, Lanora Ryan, Marie Adams, Bill Dyson, Nina Herve, Tommy Carr, Rosalee Atwood, Ferne Turnbow, Alan Segura, Wayne Stanton and

Mrs. Young.

Vickie Ferguson's parents, Virginia and Laven Greer from Pampa visited Vickey and Gene Sunday and came to church with them Sunday morning. Vickey sang a beautiful special Sunday night. Good to see them all.

Wesley Steen sang a pretty special Sunday morning.

Bro. Larry and Dessa Mitchell enjoyed a weekend visit from their grandkids that live at Amarillo. Nice to see them out to church. Matt Koen did the evening service so Mitchells could take kids back to Amarillo. Good job, Matt.

Nice to have a note from niece, Carol (Wilhelm) Hardage at Hideaway. She had brown beans cooking and cornbread ready to pop into the oven when sisters, Sunny Keene from Maryland and Casey Taylor from Arlington, got there for lunch on Saturday, Feb. 7. Also getting together with them would be cousin, Kenneth Gene Evans and Aunt Mary Ruth VanSant during the weekend for a great time together with lots of laughing, talking, shopping and eating.

Such a wild wind here this Monday morning. Thank you to the kind lady who helped to stabilize me on getting to the car. God bless you!

So wonderful to have long-time friend, Erma Riley from Tuttle, Oklahoma, and daughter, Nelda Cody from Virginia, come to Wheeler Tuesday and eat lunch at Maxey's with Martha Meek, Dianne Sparks and me. We enjoyed good food and a good visit. They also went to Wheeler Cemetery where Erma's husband, Ed, is buried, toured the town of Wheeler and saw other folks including Sylvia and Leo Shuler. Ed and Erma were faithful members of Wheeler Baptist Church.

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After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:9-15

I Will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: Psalm 18:1-3

The weather here in Allison on Monday night is very windy and suppose to get more windy by later tonight and tomorrow. At least to fifty miles an hour. WOW!! Such is life in the Texas Panhandle!! We have had some really nice days tho, just a little cool, but nice without so much wind. So guess its time for some of that wind that the Texas Panhandle is known for. What I hate most about it is the fire danger it poses. Just pray that God will protect us and be with us during this time!!

Janice McCloy of Morse, Texas visited her mother, Alice Kelly on Sunday.

Tuesday, Juanita Boydston drove for Peggy Chandler and they went to Amarillo, Texas for Peggy's eye doctor's appointment. Juanita and Peggy enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Chicken Express on Coulter before her appointment. Afterwards they left Amarillo and on the way home they stopped in Pampa, Texas and enjoyed some shopping at Wal-Mart, Dollar Store and Fiesta Foods, before heading back to Allison, Texas.

Wednesday, Juanita cooked a homemade meal and she and Opal took it down to Vance and Carol's house where they enjoyed the meal with them and afterwards they all enjoyed a game of Mexican Train.

Thursday morning, Juanita cooked breakfast for Vance and Carol Boydston and they enjoyed it in the home of Juanita and Opal Boydston. Later they enjoyed a game of Mexican Train.

Friday, Roma Brown visited in the home of Opal and Juanita in night for awhile.

Saturday, Opal and Juanita Boydston visited Billy June Brown in the Pampa Nursing Center in Pampa, Texas. Afterwards they enjoyed doing some shopping at Wal-Marts and Braum's before returning to Allison, Texas.

Monday, Opal and Juanita Boydston were in Wheeler, Texas on business and did some shopping as well.

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Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. for a period of approximately 6 1/2 weeks.

This class will enable individuals to have basic first aid training and CPR, along with other basic skills that would allow one to work on the ambulance service.

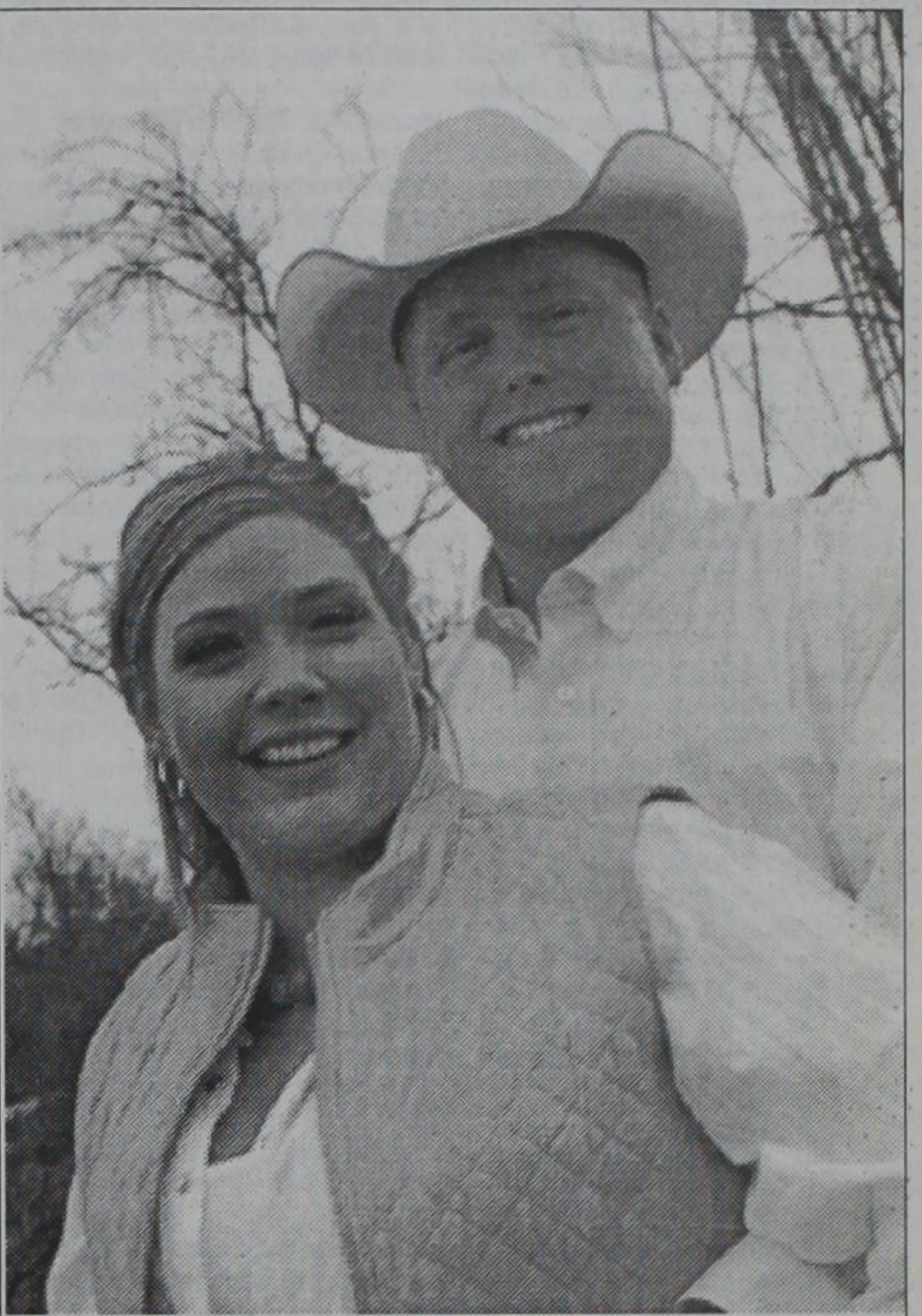
If you are interested in the class, please call Brenda Sparlin at (806) 826-5581 or (806) 826-3006 or Carrie Gaines at (806) 826-0773 or (806) 826-3357.



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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Phillip and Carrie Gaines of Wheeler would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Trenton Glen Gaines, to Kimberly Jude Johnson of Fritch, TX. Kimberly is the daughter of Milan and Kate Johnson of Shepardsville, KY, and James and the late Jodi Qualls of Fritch, TX. The ceremony is set for April 25, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

Bonnie and Robert Casas of Amarillo, Texas visited Billy June Brown in the Pampa Nursing Center for awhile.

Larry Brown has moved to Allison, Texas to help his parents thru this time of crisis. Larry is a good cook and good help for his mother who needs him.

Sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Lou the mom of David and Jimmy Gilmer and Mary Nell Finterwald, Billy Gilmer and Carolyn Sue.

Frankie Newman's sister and husband, Joe and Janet Kimmel of Paradise, California visited in

their home for a few days.

Frankie's daughter, Vickie and her son of Woodward, Oklahoma came visited one day last week.

Juanita thought it was good to get to meet Frankie's kinfolk.

Sorry to hear of the car wreck of Christian Thompson, she is the daughter of Chuck and Kim Thompson of Amarillo, Texas. She had a wreck when she was going back to Amarillo from W.T. where she attends college. She suffered several broken bones and other injuries. She needs our prayers!!

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

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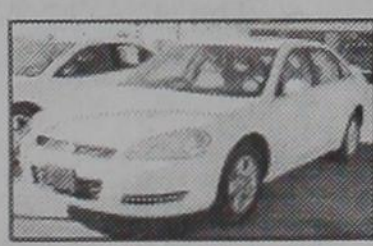


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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

My, what a week this has been! Probably one that most don't want to repeat. About 11:30 last Sunday night, we lost electricity. The weather just didn't seem that bad, but the wind had been blowing hard most of the day. Bless Dru's heart (and whoever else was out at that hour getting things figured out and traced down), we had power again about 1:15 AM. We had a slight shower, less than a quarter of an inch, but it was moisture and smelled so good!

Monday, the wind was still blowing a gale, so there went the little bit of moisture that we had gotten during the night. There was a fire out near Robert Powell's at the corner of the farm-to-market road to Briscoe and the Boy Scout camp road. Thank the good Lord that we have such a dependable fire department; it wasn't long and several of our firefighters were on the job and had it under control before it got too close to the Powell residence. Thanks for another good save, MVFD!

Lou Dean Douthit hosted the canasta club on Monday. They braved the wind and had a great time.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Norma Bowerman, 96, of Wheeler. She passed away on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009. Graveside services were held on Wednesday morning at the Wheeler Cemetery with Dr. Shawn Johnson of the Wheeler Church of Christ officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband, "Monk" Bowerman, who passed away about 2005. They had been faithful servants of the Lord and members of the Church of Christ for many years. They were two very sweet people that let God's love shine through and shared all the love of the Lord with all they met. Norma and "Monk" were two of the first people that we first met in Wheeler. She was a welcome addition to the Wheeler Care Center family and appreciated all that everyone did for her. She treasured her family and the friends in her life and will be greatly missed by many.

We lost electricity again Monday afternoon. This time it took out Briscoe, too. It took about 4 or 5 hours to get things going again. It's such a dangerous job out there in the wet and high winds trying to get the electric lines fixed. We really appreciate the guys from X-Cel that get things going for us. We are so spoiled to our fans, electric heat and lights and, of course, water. With no electricity, the wells can't pump. I would make a lousy pioneer woman. Thank God he waited until he did to put me on this earth.

Glad to hear that Sara Horn is doing so well since her surgery to repair her ACL last week. She has been a real trooper through the whole thing. She is most upset because she has to miss the last basketball games of the year. Hope you are much better soon, Sara. She did get to attend the Sweetheart Banquet in Wheeler Saturday night. She has such special friends; they decorated her crutches to match her dress, so she was ready to go and had a very nice time that night.

So sorry to hear that Clinton Stribling has taken ill and had to be transported to Wheeler and then on to Amarillo by ambulance. Our prayers are with you, Clinton and Maurita. They had planned to go to Happy and spend the night with Tom, Debbie and Jerome as Clinton had an appointment in Amarillo on Tuesday. Instead, Roy Lynn and his wife met Maurita and Clinton in Wheeler before they transferred Clinton to Amarillo. Natasha and Maurita stopped by the house and got things while Roy Lynn followed the ambulance to Amarillo. Natasha and Granny weren't very far behind, but they never caught sight of the ambulance. They had a nice visit as they made the journey to Amarillo. Thank goodness for cell phones...Tom met them in Amarillo. He was working the cattle sale in Tulia when he got the call from his mother. He has a special ministry and bible study with any one attending or working the sale that wants to attend. It's just a short get-together and prayer time that is very rewarding and continues to grow. Tom enjoys having the time to be on a horse or his crazy little mule. His son, Wesley, helps out, too. That makes it even more enjoyable. Some folks just don't get the concept of work and enjoy in the same sentence.

We are so thankful for our wonderful volunteer ambulance service out of Wheeler. They are a great team and we really appreciate the time they spend helping others and being there for each of us as needed. Thank you!

Tuesday night we were lucky enough to get another shower.

After many tests and CAT scans, the Stribling family got the devastating news Tuesday that Clinton has liver cancer. We are so very sorry. They got him into hospice at the Veteran's hospital, but, hooray, he got to come home

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Thursday! With the help of BSA hospice and family and friends he will be at home. Maurita has worked with hospice for many years, so she knows how they work and are such a big help to families with such illnesses. The men and ladies involved with these organizations are such a blessing to families. Our prayers are with you, all.

Wednesday brought more sadness to our community with word of the death of Jack Hefley, 78. He had been a resident of Parkview Assisted Living for several months, passing away on Feb. 11, 2009, with services at Wheeler Church of Christ, Friday, Feb. 13, with Dr. Shawn Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery. Jack will be long remembered and greatly missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to Bernice and Jack's family and friends. A complete obituary appears elsewhere in the Times.

We received the message that Gail Word, 46, of Lubbock, passed away Sunday evening. Services were held Wed. at the Heritage Funeral Home and Chapel in Hereford. She was laid to rest near her mother and dad, Betty and Herman "Skeet" Word, and her grandparents, Roy and Ruby Brannon at the Restlawn Cemetery in Hereford. Gail is survived by three sisters, Paula

Harrell of Hereford, Mary Sue Straskulic of Amarillo and Pam Betts of Mesquite. Our sympathy goes out to her family, friends and all the caregivers that made her life easier.

The Mobeetie VFD is sponsoring its 3rd annual Little Dribbler's Basketball Tournament on March 5, 6 and 7, 2009, at Briscoe. Come support our area kids and have a great time. They enjoy these games and play their little hearts out. These tournaments have been very good

fundraisers, along with the food stand at the Old Mobeetie Music festival in the summer. The fire department would greatly appreciate any donations to help defray the expenses of the tournament or to help with the expenses of the upkeep on the fire trucks. With so many fires, most of them grass fires, there have been some added expenses. Even though the fire fighters try to do most of the work themselves, and do a good job of keeping things in tip-top shape, the parts and other necessities add up fast. Please mail your donations to MVFD, c/o First State Bank, P.O. Box 8, Mobeetie, TX., 79061. If you would like to donate your time and share with the youngsters, call Sallie Adcock at 845-2453 or 845-2301. There are always openings for refs, gatekeepers, keeping books and helping things run smoothly at the tournament. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Our volunteer firefighters have been busy and worked hard this year to get their certifications and keep everything up to par with all the codes and laws that apply to such organizations. It gets very expensive for the fire department as an organization. The volunteer firefighters pay many of the expenses for certification of the schools and gear out of their own pockets, let alone the time they spend away from their own families to protect all of us, our families, and personal property. Thank each of you for your selfless dedication to our community. This year, the fire department had several of their members earn SFFMA standings and they have added two local EMTs that are always ready to be of assistance. With all of the state requirements and regulations changing on a regular basis, there is always a need for added funds to keep the trucks completely rigged and service-ready. They are in the process of

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Seth Hunter Bryant is the 9 month old son of Greg and Jennifer Bryant of Oklahoma City, OK. Grandparents are Mike and Beverly Bryant of Kelton, TX and Louis and Barbara Stas of Wheeler, TX.

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Country (from Page 2)

at Wheeler Baptist Church from Sunday morning, Feb. 8 through Wednesday night, Feb. 11. A delightful couple with wonderful music and powerful sermons. Thank you! Come back!

"I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back; no turning back. If none go with me, I still will follow. No turning back, no turning back!"

Enjoying quilting on Betty Haines' quilt and visiting at Totty School Thursdays were Augusta Brown, Sydney Lynch, Jammae Hinds, Audrey Seitz and Jamie Johnston and Riggins and Mandie Reeves from McLean. They got Betty's quilt finished and tacked on another.

"The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face to

shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-27).

Joe and Ann Ellison visited son, Charles Ellison at Lindsay, Oklahoma, for several days and helped him some with his business.

Chat (from Page 1)

met Groom at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday. They played at West Texas High.

I picked up the wrong picture last week and ran Jared Messer's picture instead of Terry Menefield. Sorry; the correct picture is in this week's edition.

The date on the front page was also wrong last week; inside the dates were correct.

Enjoying lunch and visiting together at

"The Spot" Friday were Roy and Nell Bradstreet, Debbie Glazner and Kelley, Wes and Cindy Bradstreet, Ronnie Maxwell, Martha Meek and Verna. God bless you all!

"God be with you till we meet again."

Must have been a senior moment!

Three city council members are to be elected this year instead of the mayor and two councilmembers as the notice stated last week. The email I received was incorrect.

Seth took two steps on Friday evening for his mother.

We did a lot of celebrating last weekend. There was no big party for my birthday, but I was taken out to eat three times, which I certainly enjoyed.

I new my winning streak would end. Rhonda and Dwight won the first two games Monday. Leroy and I managed to win the short game.



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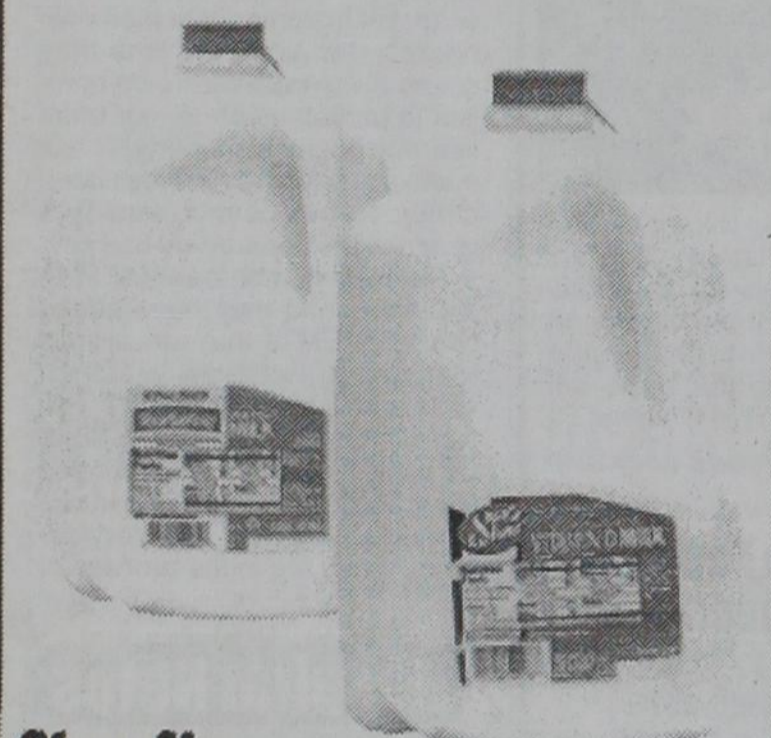
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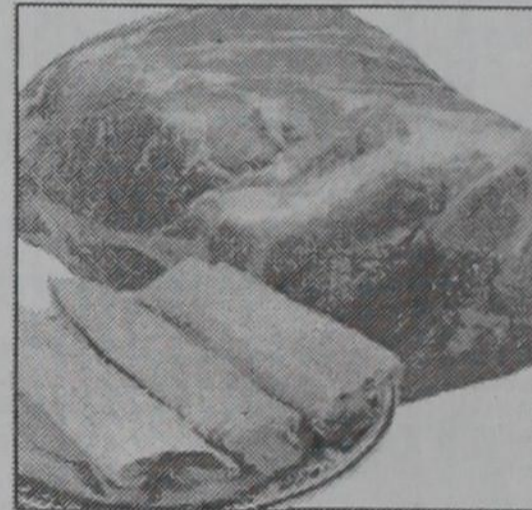
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