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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

And the weather turns cold with the temperatures in the teens on Tuesday and the promise of colder weather for Wednesday. Could snow!

I do appreciate the individuals who help with the picture taking. Lee Ann Hillhouse came through of the pictures of the two Mustangs signing their letters of intent.

CONGRATULATIONS! Chucky Rivera and Steven McAlpine on their having signed letters of intent to play football for Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell.

The Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet is just around the corner. Get your tickets and be sure to mark your calendar. Who will win recognition.

Did you get your recommendations sent in for consideration?

I hear the Wheeler's Little Dribblers tournament was lots of fun last weekend. I think the finals are to be this weekend.

We made a trip to Oklahoma to take care of business on Friday afternoon and returned on Sunday afternoon. The Bryants were our hosts.

Cards were played on Monday evening. Three really good games. Rhonda and LeRoy won the first game, followed by a comeback by Mike and I. Mike and I managed to make up the difference and more on the last hand.

Ten Star Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by (Continued Page 6)



THE SIGNING: Steven McAlpine and Chucky Rivera are shown here signing letters of intent to play football for Oklahoma Panhandle State University of Goodwell. The letters were signed on Wednesday, February 7.

Two Wheeler Mustangs Sign With O.P.S.U. For Football

Mike Wyatt, Oklahoma Panhandle State University's head football coach, has been on the job for just over a month. Determined to make the Aggie program

successful, Wyatt and his assistant coaches have hit the recruiting trail with intensity and he announced today that 36 players have made commitments to join

the OPSU team for the fall campaign.

Wyatt's initial goal was to sign approximately 12 players, but the hard work of the Aggie staff has paid off and that amount tripled on the first signing day. He said, "We are still in the hunt for another 12 or so quality players and I'm pleased with the efforts my assistant coaches have put into addressing our particular needs with only a month on the job."

"There are some really fine football players in the group and they seem to be really excited about becoming Aggies for 2007. Time will tell how good a class this will be, but on paper, they are a good group," Wyatt added.

Wyatt noted that a third of the commitments are from lineman - something he is also very pleased about. "Because of the way the bigger guys throw their bodies around, it is important to stock the shelf with guys who can compete for playing time and help create depth," he said.

It will be six months before all players report to preseason camp, and Wyatt and a great many other people are excited about the future of OPSU football. The new players who have committed to be Aggies include:

James "Chucky" Eric Rivera, 5'11" and 190 pounds is a Running Back in Wheeler ISD. High School Coach is Brandon Smith. High School Team Mascot is Mustangs. Football Honors are 2005 All State - 2nd Team Defensive Back - 1st Team All Region All District; 2006 All District - 2nd Team Running Back - 2nd Team Linebacker.

High School honors are Eagle Scout, and Senior Class Vice President.

His parents are his mother, Lisa Rivera and James Payton of San Antonio, Texas; grandmother, Angie Rivera of Wheeler, Texas; guardian, Drs. Ben Ed and Lee Ann Hillhouse of Wheeler, Texas.

Steven Douglas McAlpine Jr., 6'3" and 185 pounds is a Quarterback in the Wheeler ISD. High School Coach is Brandon Smith. High School Team Mascot is Mustangs. Football Honors are 2005 All State 1st Team Safety as well as All Region and All District; 2006 AP All State 2nd Team Defensive Back - Amarillo Golden Spread - Punter - All Team - Texas Sports Writers Honorable Mention Punter District - 1st Team Quarterback, Defensive Back.

Highschool Honors are Senior Class President

Parents are Steven and LaDonna McAlpine of Mobeetie, Texas - Cory and Misty Turner of Odessa, Texas; grandparents are Mae and Hugh Bailey of Mobeetie, Texas and J. R. Williams of Amarillo, Texas; guardians are Drs. Ben Ed and Lee Ann Hillhouse of Wheeler, Texas.

County Commissioners Vote Down Request For Tax Abatement

Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the Wheeler County Courthouse. The 10:00 a.m. meeting was moved from Monday since the commissioners had to be in Austin on Monday.

Retired Judge Wendell Morgan met with the court to express his thanks for the "cost of living raise" for the retired county employees.

Fourteen items were on the agenda.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

The court accepted the monthly reports of the Justice of the Peace, County Clerk and District Clerk.

The commissioners approved the hourly payroll for payment as presented.

The county bills were paid.

Daryl Snelgroose, Commissioner, Pct. 1, requested the move of \$2,000 from material to equipment in the Lateral Road account.

The commissioners do not feel the need to re-enact the burn ban at this time.

Kenny Brdecko, county agent, submitted plans for the Wheeler County Agriculture Building. The county agents has visited the First Methodist Church kitchen in making the decision on the arrangement of the kitchen in the proposed building. The county agent's offices will be located in the new structure. The building was referred to as the Ag and Family Community Center.

Commissioner restated the commissioners' desire to be completely in control of the center after it's completion.

It was reported by the county agent that the Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show sale reached the \$100,000 mark. A large part of the total sales is attributed to the oil and gas activity in the area.

Wheeler EDC and Shamrock EDC met with the court for the presentation of a request for tax abatements in connection with the building of motels in both Wheeler and Shamrock. The request for a four-year abatement was voted down by the commissioners.

The court approved the proposal for an audit for fiscal year ended 9-30-06.

Action on the approval of the County Surveyor's Bond was tabled.

Margaret Dorman and Sherri Jones each presented continuing education certificates to the court.

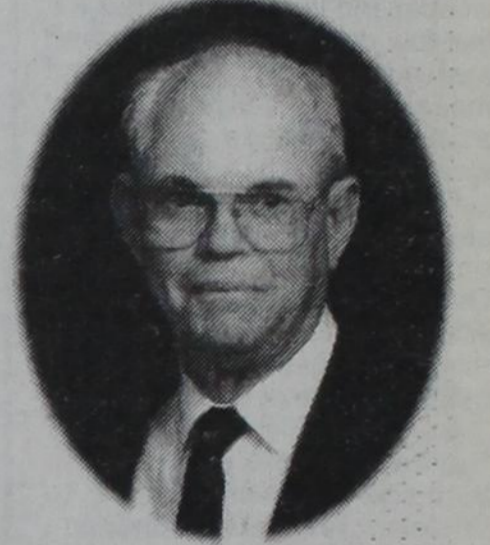
Randy Finsterwald was ap-

pointed Assistant County Fire Marshall. There are five Assistant County Fire Marshalls in the county.

Enogex Gas Gathering, L.L.C. requested permission to cross County Roads 21, 26 and 27 for the installation of an oil and gas pipeline. Request was granted.

The next meeting of the commissioners court will be Monday, February 26, at 10:00 a.m.

The county judge's office must be notified by 10:00 a.m. the Friday before the next regular court date to be on the agenda.



O. K. Henson, Jr.

Services Feb. 12 For O. K. Henson, Jr. 94

Services for O.K. Henson Jr, 94, were held at 2pm on Monday, February 12, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

On February 7, 2007, in Plainview, TX, O.K. Henson departed this earth to join his precious Heavenly Father and Lord whom he had served so faithfully.

O.K. was born September 6, 1912, in Granite, OK to Oscar Kyle and Effie T. O'Neal Henson. Effie died when O.K. was 6 months of age. In 1914, Kyle married Nona Moss Mayberry, who became O.K.'s mother. He was preceded in death by his parents. His brother Frede Henson, his two sisters, Lucille Duty and Helen Ewing, and his wife of 32 years, Crystal Mae Fowler Henson.

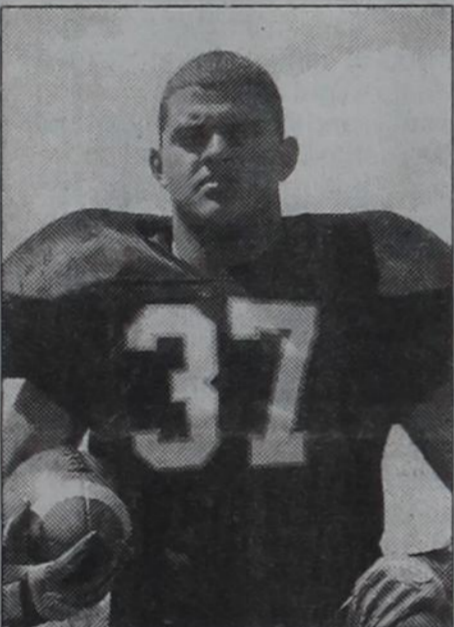
O.K. grew up in Granite, OK, Lefors, TX, and the community of Meridian-Sweetwater, OK, graduating from high school at Ringling, OK. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern State College in Canyon, Texas. In 1941, he married Crystal Fowler, and they began teaching careers in a two-room school east of Amarillo, Texas. After serving in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, OK returned to teach for over 30 years in Briscoe and Wheeler, Texas, Mt. Rose, Harmony, Meridian, and Sweetwater, Oklahoma. He was a master teacher of math and science, who farmed in his "spare time." He frequently spoke of former students and their achievements.

In 1973, he lost his wife Crystal to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). In 1982, he married Elma Jennings Burrow. He felt truly blessed to experience and enjoy the fellowship and accomplishments of his extended family. He taught Sunday School, loved singing in the choir, and was a deacon in the Sweetwater First Baptist Church where he served faithfully until he had to move off the farm in 2005. His primary interests and loves were God, family, farming and teaching.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Elma, of Tulsa, Texas; his daughter, Carolyn Ross and husband, John, of Plainview, Texas; sons, Dennis and wife, Dena, of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Greg and wife, Jan, of Sweetwater, Oklahoma; the children of Elma; Ken Burrow and wife, Janie, Jan Latham and husband, Ronnie, and Debbie Barnes and husband David; for a total of 6 children plus spouses, 18 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

O.K. was truly a gentle man, with a servant's heart. His sense of humor, quiet manner, and acts of kindness and thoughtfulness with no expectation of recognition spoke volumes about his Christian witness. He was admired, respected, and loved by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial be made to the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, P.O. Box 210, Sweetwater, Oklahoma 73666, or to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, FL 17, Chicago, ILL. 60601-7633. Services were under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service, Sayre, Oklahoma.



Chucky Rivera



Steven McAlpine



GAVIN AND HANNAH BOYDSTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: This resulted in getting this picture of Five Generations (from l. to r.) Gavin Boydston, Hannah Boydston, Tori Boydston, Greg Boydston, Gary Boydston, Louise Boydston, Pearl Harrison and Opal Boydston. Greg Boydston is the dad of Gavin, Hannah and Tori Boydston; Gary Boydston is Greg's dad; Louise is Gary's mom; Pearl is Louise's mother, and Opal is Gary's grandma.

Kelton V.F.D. To Sponsor Little Dribblers Tourney

The 2nd Annual Little Dribbler Tournament at the Kelton School will be held March 1, 2 and 3. Teams of 3-4 grade boys and girls and 5-6 grade boys and girls can sign up with Susan Leffew. We already have a number of teams entered in the tournament. Teams not already registered are urged to contact Susan at 806-826-2046 or

806-334-0824 or fax a memo to 806-826-1396. We look forward to a great tournament.

Kelton Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting the concession featuring our freshly grilled hamburgers, baked potatoes and homemade chili. Our cook has agreed to man the grill one more time. Homemade pies and cakes will be available. Everyone is invited to attend the tournament to support our youth. Admission is a donation to KVFD.

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living

Verne Lohberger
Opal Hefley
Alvern Hutchison
C.B. Brotherton
Iona May
Willie Mae Helton
Duane Bradford
Tom Frye

Admissions

2/5 Delmar Murray
2/8 Nona Turpen
Eddie Pannell
2/11 Teddy Tucker
Gerardo Ayala

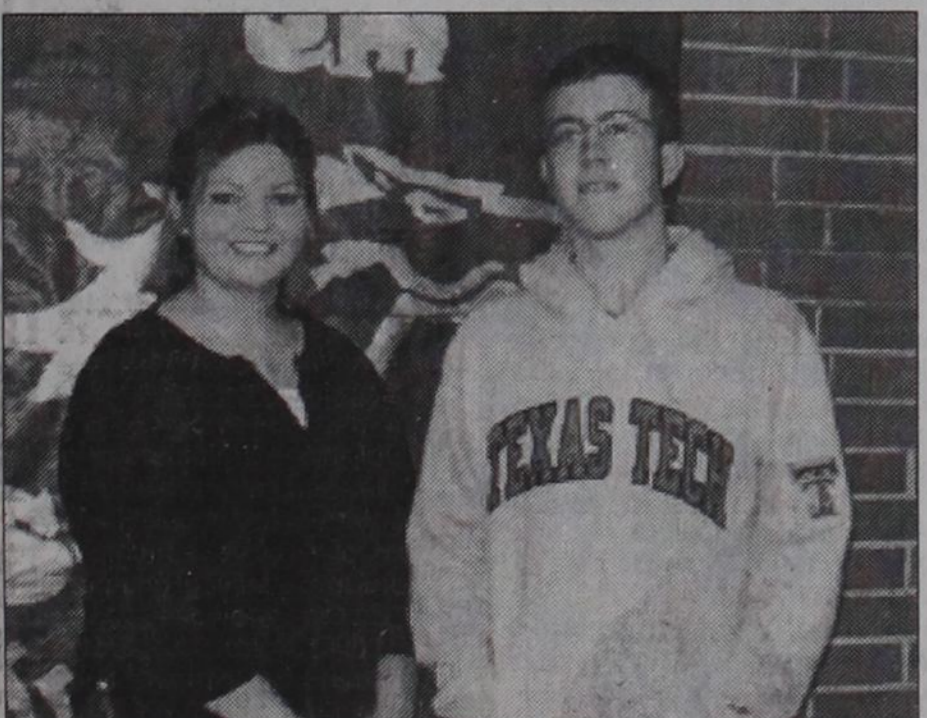
Dismissals

2/5 Christine Maret
2/6 Julia Buckingham
2/10 Nona Turpen
2/12 Teddy Tucker
Delmar Murray

Chamber Installation Banquet Saturday, February 24—7:00 P.M.



SWORN IN: Wheeler County Surveyor, Kenneth Allen, is shown being sworn in by County Judge Jerry Hefley. The office is a 4-year elected office, but no one placed their name on the November ballot.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: Wheeler ISD students of the week are Tracy Jones and Jonathan Hampton. Tracy Jones is the 17 year old daughter of Ronny and Sherri Jones. Her activities are FCCLA, Junior Class Officer, Student Council, Yearbook. Jonathan Hampton is the 18 year old son of Larry and Suzanne Hampton. His activities are FFA Vice President, Horse Judging, FCCLA, Calculator UIL, Number Sense UIL, and Mathematics UIL.

... from last week
O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness. Psalm 95:1-8

O sing unto the Lord a new song: Sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. Psalm 96:1-4

The weather in Allison has been really nice and beautiful. The other day, we had fog to freeze on our trees and it made for a beautiful wonderland look outside. But the last few days has been nice and even melted more of our snow and made it really muddy all around Allison. Thankful for the good weather we are having for sure.

Glenn and Betty Boydston journeyed to Amarillo, Texas on Saturday where they attended an Outdoor Show at the Civic Center. Afterwards they did some shopping and enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Olive Garden.

Sunday, Glenn and Betty Boydston took Pastor F.R. Johnson and wife, Olene to Wheeler, Texas where they enjoyed a very delicious meal at Maxey's Steakhouse.

Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Canadian on Wednesday on business. After they got thru there they went to Wheeler, Texas where they enjoyed a delicious meal at Maxey's Steakhouse.

Sunday after church, Pearl Harrison, Debbie Boydston, Josh and Heather Archer, Gary and Julie Boydston, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Greg and Tiffanye

Boydston and children, Gavin, and Tori and Hannah all gathered in the home of Louise Boydston where they had a very delicious homecooked meal. They also celebrated Gary Boydston's birthday early.

Thursday, Vance and Carol Boydston was treated to a homecooked meal prepared by Juanita Boydston in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston. Lots of good visiting.

Thursday night, the United Pentecostal Church services were cancelled because of the icy and snowy weather. Didn't want no one to fall down and break a leg. So Ron Hall came over to Opal and Juanita's house and brought his guitar and played and sang several songs. Others there were Vance and Carol Boydston and Juanita Tinchler. We had a good time of hearing Ron play his guitar and us all singing. Its good to get together and have a sing along and sing praises to the King of Kings. Several special songs were sang as well.

Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Allison School Cafeteria, Greg and

Tiffanye Boydston, Gavin, Tori and Hannah, Louise Boydston, Julie Boydston, Pearl Harrison, Debbie Boydston and Heather Archer, Juanita Boydston, Bret and Hayley Begert and children, Mackie and Boone gathered to help Gavin celebrate his 4th birthday. Grandma Julie had made a beautiful superman cake and the decorations were all superman too. He received several envelopes with money and other really nice gifts too. Had a great party. Happy Birthday Gavin.

Sunday at two p.m. at the Allison School Cafeteria, Gary and Julie Boydston, Louise Boydston, Judi Walser, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Debbie Boydston, Heather Archer, Greg and Tiffanye Boydston, Gavin, Tori and Hannah all gathered to help Hannah celebrate her early 11th birthday. Grandma Julie made her a neat turtle cake and her theme for her party was Safari. She loves animals. And one of her gifts were a couple of albino frogs. She received also several envelopes with money and then received several other nice gifts as well. Had a great

time! Happy Birthday Hannah.

Sunday night after church, Vance and Carol Boydston, Glenn and Betty Boydston and Pearl Harrison all gathered in the home of Louise Boydston for a great meal and lots of visiting.

Pastor F.R. Johnson and his wife, Olene journeyed to Ruidosa, New Mexico for a Ministers Meeting.

Tuesday, Opal Boydston accompanied Curtis and Lil Boydston to Reydon, Oklahoma where they enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Reydon Senior Citizens Building. Louise Boydston and Pearl Harrison accompanied Vance and Carol Boydston to Reydon. And they all met with Glenn and Betty Boydston who were there also. Had a great meal and lots of visiting.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time.

Vance's Wife's Babbles

Yahoo! The Indianapolis Colts did it! They are the champions! They are some team! And their coach Tony Dungy is awesome. Such a kind man and loves Jesus! And no doubt a very smart coach! Because the hearts and their coach are not pushovers. Why are we excited? Our daughter, Linda and her friend Bob and her children and grandchildren are passionate fans of the Indy Colts! They were all watching the game on T.V. yesterday. They said Indianapolis was buzzing. The circle downtown was a busy place last night. They love their team and they love Tony Dungy their coach!

I'm sure Marsha, Melissa and Michael were excited too. After all Indianapolis, Indiana was our families home for fifteen years.

Some sad news from Indiana was about Jeremy's mare Nicky. She has been sick for a couple of weeks. Couldn't stand most of the time. Some neighbors and friends came to help hoist her to her feet from time to time. Their vet said her blood test showed she had a disease from walking in racoon waste and started her on medication. He thought she could get well as did all the people praying for her. But it wasn't to be as Sunday, she had a stroke and the doctor came and put her down today. Our prayers are with their family. They really care deeply for their horses. There are two others. Even, Kim Sparks, Mother's caretaker was concerned about Nicki. Her children have shown horses with Jeremy and they have become friends and share the love for the horses. Kim is a real blessing the way she goes about her job with love. She also cares for my Aunt Myrtle who has congestive heart failure and cancer and my cousin's wife Betty. She should have stars in her crown! We all love and appreciate her. She is a sweetheart. If you are a caregiver, you should be proud of yourself.

We are saying prayers for Ronnie Hall and his family. They are traveling this week. His mother, Helen is not very well. But his granddaughter, Juanita is taking home schooling on the computer. She is really excited about her progress but says, it sure is't easy, especially spelling and math. She's real excited about serving the Lord. Last Friday, she really wanted to go to the Youth Service in Pampa, Texas at Brother Corbit's church. Her grandpa couldn't take her as he needed to be home with his mother. Well, after some pondering and a few phone calls from Nita Kay, we decided to go. The house was full and running over and the presence of God was truly there. Juanita and Nita Kay really got a good blessing. So it was well worth the trip. And we give God thanks for clear roads. Just wish our three teenage boys from our church could have been there too.

We enjoyed our visiting, speaker, Brother Swint last Sunday evening. He was teaching us to be closer to Jesus through prayer and fellowship with him. We had a very wonderful service. Brother Johnson and Sister Johnson was at a minister and wives retreat. We appreciate him bringing us such an anointed young preacher in his absence. And we thank God for their safe return on treacherous roads! We were happy to have sunshine and two good services Sunday! Praise God!!

Billy June Brown covets everyone's prayers for her grandson, Sergeant Larry Brown who has left for Iraq, this will be his third trip over there. Just keep him in your prayers!

Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Canadian, Texas on Tuesday on business and enjoyed a delicious meal at Kim's Country Kitchen.

Glenn and Betty Boydston traveled to Elk City, Oklahoma on Friday where Betty had eye surgery. Afterwards they stopped by Sonic for a tasty meal.

Pete Gilmer left on Wednesday and stopped in Johnson City, Texas where he stayed the night. Then early Thursday morning headed on to Aransas Pass where he arrived and got him a room. Pete enjoyed doing some sightseeing at the Aransas Wildlife Refuge. He said the Whooping Cranes migrated there and there was 237 there at that time. Then Pete went to Ft. Lavaka and then while there he also visited Port Alto. Pete reported a very enjoyable time there. Then he went back to Aransas Pass. While there he visited Mustang Island where he watched the birds and enjoyed visiting people there. He enjoyed eating very delicious meals at the Big Fisherman. They served big portions of food for your money. They had great seafood such as bacon wrapped shrimp and steak and shrimp just to name a couple of good ones. He enjoyed the sights as he also watched the snowbirds. Pete stayed a week and came back on Thursday. He said he would have stayed longer if he didn't have a couple of doctors appointments here.

Wednesday evening, Opal and Juanita Boydston accompanied

Since we have been back in Allison, we have had some good fellowship, lots of delicious food (even at Reydon Seniors) and a few fun games. But I guess Nita Kay has kept you up on most of that.

Lil and Curtis are missed. They no more than got here til they were called back to Oklahoma City as her brother isn't expected to live. Would you please say a prayer for them? Gonna have to interrupt Vance's reading. He's on that ole horse again riding with the cowboys. I wonder just how many westerns he has read? Nita Kay just called and wants us to play a game of Mexican Train. He'll put down his reading for that!

Please pray for our niece LaQuinta Hulse in Arizona. She is to have surgery February 8th on Thursday. Until next time, Love, Carol

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalm 121:1-8

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

The weather in Allison has been very foggy the last few days. But Praise God we did get to see the sun for a short time today on Monday before it clouded back up again. It came a shower last night with lots of lightening and warmed up in the night and in the morning our snow and ice was melted. Just in time for the next round of snow. It rained again tonight on Monday. Just am praying for our electricity to stay on.

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Vance and Carol Boydston to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where they visited and stayed the night in the home of Curtis and Lil Boydston. Wednesday night they all attended church services at Southern Oaks United Pentecostal Church. Afterwards they had snacks and a good visit back at Curtis and Lil's. The next day Vance and Carol and Opal and Juanita headed home and arrived in Allison in time to go to their church services.

Friday night, Vance and Carol Boydston visited in the home of Opal and Juanita Boydston and played a game of Mexican Train. Opal won this time around. YEA!! She usually has the highest score, but she had the lowest this time. Way to go Mom!!

Sunday morning at the United Pentecostal Church, we were blessed to have our Pastor F.R. Johnson his wife's grandson, Kendall Wood, who was visiting in their home over the weekend. And he preached for us Sunday morning. He did a good job as he is just getting started in his ministry.

Then on Sunday night the United Pentecostal Church was blessed to have Bro. Randy and Sis. Carolyn Adams missionaries to Togo, Benin and Gabon, Africa with us and he showed a wonderful slide presentation and then he preached a great message. The Lord is really blessing them in Africa. Praise God.

Sunday afternoon, a birthday party was given at the Allison School Cafeteria in honor of Kaylye Coffman who turned six years old. Those helping her to celebrate were Stephanie and Emily Coulter, Hayley, McKinnley and Boone Begert, Gary and Julie Boydston, Debbie Boydston, Heather Archer, Mark and Sasha and two girls from Amarillo, and Lindye Alumbaugh and Melvin Walser.

Amie and Ryan Purcell of Midwest City, Oklahoma were weekend visitors in the home of Gary and Julie Boydston.

God Bless and Keep ya'll till next time.

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WHEELER MENU

MONDAY, February 19, 2007—February 23, 2007
MONDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Corndogs, Pickle Spears, Baked Beans, Strawberry/Shortcake, Applesauce, Milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Meat Chalupa, Refried Beans, Rice, Salad, Orange Salad, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pancake Pups, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Corn, Tossed Salad, Texas Toast, Fresh Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Pizza, Carrots, Salad, Pears & Peaches, Rice Cereal Treats, Milk
(Menu subject to change)

Wheeler Church of Christ

I don't know the original author of it, but it will make you think. It is entitled "Twelve Givers of the Bible."

- The willing giver, Abraham, who offered his only son. Genesis 22:1-19.
- The big little giver, the widow, who in giving two mites, gave all she had. Mark 12:42-44.
- The stingy giver, Saul, who wanted to offer the spoils of the Amalekites. I Samuel 15:17-23.
- The sacrificial giver, David, who refused to give that which cost him nothing. II Samuel 24:24.
- The covetous givers, Ananias and Sapphira, who held back part, pretending to give all. Acts 5:1-10.
- The consecrated givers, the Macedonians, who first gave of themselves to the Lord. II Corinthians 8:1-15; 11:8, 9.
- The life givers, Peter and John, who had neither silver nor gold but gave their lives. Acts 3:1-10.
- The voluntary giver, Zacchaeus, who had given half his goods to feed the poor without being asked. Luke 19:1-19.
- The reward givers, those who gave to be seen of men. They had their only reward. Matthew 6:2.
- The unpretentious giver, the Samaritan, who made no show. Luke 10:25-37.
- The perfumed givers, the Philippians, whose gifts were "an odor of sweet smell." Philippians 4:17, 18.
- The greatest giver, God, for "thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift." John 3:16.

WHAT KIND OF GIVER WILL YOU BE?
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.

The View of a Southern Woman

... Southern California that is.

We had to go to Canadian last week because my doctor ordered a blood test so I finally gave in and was tortured with the needles twice since not many nurses can hit my small veins the first time. This has been a lifetime problem so I call it chasing-the-veins and pure, agonizing torture. Finally got finished with the blood work and got a nice big bandage on my poor arm, so Glenn Forrest Frosty took me to Bobbie's Kountry Kitchen for a late breakfast since I had been fasting for 16 hours. Great breakfast. I did not realize that Canadian had so many restaurants until we went to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and talked to a really nice lady that works there by the name of Jackie McPherson. She is very much into what and where things are in that town and very informative. We found out that there are 14 places to eat out there. Glenn and I have been to 5 of them since Glenn seems to make our business and doctors appointments to coincide with dinner time. We keep going back to the Cattle Exchange, Our Fillin' Station and a couple of others so now we have to sample the rest of them. I think eating out must be a hobby of mine and now Glenn seems to think it is a very good hobby too. In California, we have hundreds of restaurants nearby, so I have had a lot of experience on that subject. My late husband thought it was best for us to eat out a lot since I was not that great a cook and he loved good food. When I was much younger and did cook a meal, my children said it must be time to eat because they smelled something burning in mom's kitchen. Enough said on that.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has a new beautiful building and while I was picking up some information for my friend, Pat Hendry, in California, we took a look at the photo exhibit by Dick Welberforce. He has a wonderful wildlife photo display. Those quail photos are so realistic that you want to touch their feathers and feel the texture. Just great photos by a very talented photographer. There is also a terrific and very unusual exhibit of "Art from the Ruins" by Mr. Doug Ricketts in the main room. It is a unique craft using old wood, door knobs, bolts and many other items that he found in an old farm house, grain elevators and other old relics from the past. He also included the history of the owners of the farm house in this craft. His cabinets are amazingly beautiful and well crafted and so different from anything I have ever seen. Each cabinet opens to reveal treasures of keepsakes, old photos, cattle sales of long ago and other items from the past that reflect on the history of the Texas Panhandle. I was really in awe of his talent for the unusual and I would love to meet this craftsman some day. Since I taught crafts for 13 years in San Clemente, California for the San Clement Arts and Crafts Club, I can respect a very talented person and Mr. Ricketts is certainly one. His is the most unusual work and if you get a chance please drop in and enjoy this exhibit and do not forget to open the doors of those cabinets to see those treasures inside. It is worth a trip to Canadian.

After we got home, Glenn said that since it was so warm today, we should get out a boat and go fishing. I agreed with him and said lets go. Then I think the lazes hit him and he said he did not have a new fishing license. I told him we could get one on the way to the lake. Problem solved and lets go. Well he wanted to wait so no fishing and I was really cranked up to get a hook in the water again. Oh well...I let the bantams out to roam the yard and fly a bit. Then I told Glenn that since it was a beautiful day and so nice and warm that I thought it would be a good time to wash the truck and car, paint the wood strips that he is adding to the gazebo and put them up. Also he should clean the big fish pond's filtering system and help me clean out the garden shed. No big deal since we were not going fishing. That took the rest of the day and I know that he enjoys my supervision. Now I think he is probably

sorry that he made the wrong choice. Some men just never learn do they? Oh well we did get a lot accomplished.

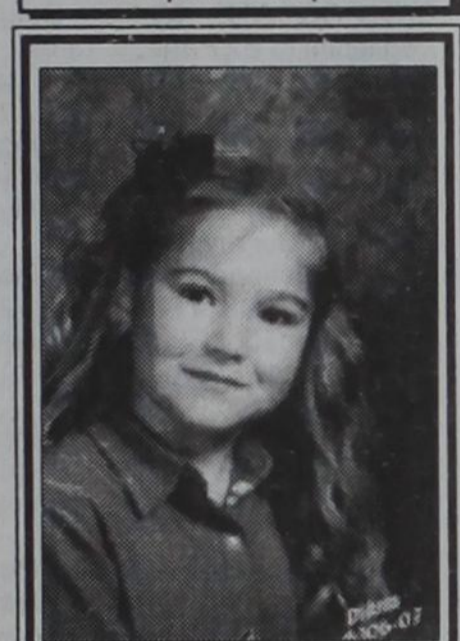
With love to all of you, **Betty Boydston.**



John 2:17: The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Happy Birthday Mechelle Adkins, Betty Weaver, Linda Willetto, Cheryl Wilson, Robert Brown, Gary Morris, Wanda Lane, Aaron Eddens on Feb. 11; Skilar Rowley, Tina Watson, Bobby Hill, Zach Hibler, Kenia Gallegos, Abby Gilmer on Feb. 12; Ethel Grimes, Cathy Hunt, Buck Rodgers, Paul Hathaway, Peyton May, Gina Herd, Richard Laverty, Chelsea Brooks, Jennie Britt, Scott Wright, Kristi Whitaker, Terry Schafer, Ben Dollar, Jack Cornett, Rylun Clark, Ashley Sheppard, Amy Sappington, Tanner Fisher, Addie Swift, Ryan Sparlin on Feb. 13; Makynzi Blankenship, Zachery Helton, Joanna Marshall, Judy Woollard, Hank Hunt, Allison Meriwether, Louis Stas, Irene Owens, Laura Smith, David Vogt, Kent McLaughlin, Nelda Kukes, Jeremy Childress, Don Zumstein, Cindy Zumstein, Tammy Jones on Feb. 14; Matt Smith, Michael Christley, Kelsie Hughes, Shelly Sparks, Russell Laverty, Lucy Cook on Feb. 15; Ben Ed Hillhouse, Cheyenne Shelton, on Feb. 16; Eugene Boydston, Verline Currie, Dianna Risner, Teresa Shelton, Monica Moore, Ashley Bentley, Darian Hampton, Jill Hefner, Bubba Smith, Shy Bailey, Shelby Dawson, Braden Watts, Mlssy Schafer on Feb. 17.

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John 14: 6: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Sincere sympathy to Joyce Carr and other family and friends in the death of Joyce's sister, Doris Morris, 72, who was buried at McLean Tuesday.

Laurel and Ed Hershman served the delicious brisket supper with pork and beans, slaw, pickles, etc. at Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church. Visitors Welcome. Good to see Trudy Kendall there with Ned, looking so well. Weldon Simmons did the Prayer Concerns and read scriptures and had a Bible Study. Thanks to all.

Doris Finsterwald took her friend, Orville Greenhouse to Pampa Wednesday to take her income tax papers in they also had a good visit. And they also visited Shirley Dyson at Pampa at her apartment. They took a lunch of sandwiches, chips, etc. so Orville wouldn't have to get in and out and they could visit with Shirley Dyson, too. Nice day.

Congratulations to Chad and Shonda Harrison on the birth of their new baby boy. Tyler Blaine was born Feb. 6 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. in Van Buren, Ark. Tyler was welcomed by big sister, Kylee. Chad and Shonda will be living in Oklahoma City. Frank and Cathy Hooper are grandparents; Earl and Shirley Jolly are great-grandparents, and Gayle and Terry Lewallen are grandparents, too.

Earl and Shirley Jolly went to OKC to visit Steve and Christi Patterson Thursday and see their new great-grandbaby, Adalyn Nicole. Jennifer and Ross Barton's of Shawnee are the proud parents. Steve and Krysti are proud grandparents. God bless you all.

Thanks for the nice Valentine Card, Carol Gene. She was excited about having sisters Sunny Keene from Maryland and Casey Taylor coming for a long weekend to visit. So glad to hear that Mary (Ruth's) husband Van is doing quite well since a stroke earlier. Kenneth Gene, son of Gene Evans and Ruth will be coming on Saturday night and they will be getting together. Van's niece from Florida will be coming after Casey and Sunny leave to help him celebrate his 88th birthday. Carol and husband, James Hardage, and Mary and Van all live at Hideaway Lake east of Dallas. Valoise and husband, James Massey, are deceased.

Thank you Keaira and Kamry for the beautifully decorated Valentine card. Hope to see you soon.

Thank you, Mary Lois for the sweet card.

Darren's 40th Birthday
Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Tish and Terry in Tulia for a surprise birthday party for Darren Hefley and included Lindsey Criswell, Tammy and Bud McLain, Kristi Hefley, Michael Murphy, Clifton and Dusty Bradstreet from Canyon, Bob and Susan Stack from Lubbock, Shannon (sister) from Lubbock, Shawn Rice, and many other teachers and friends (about 30 all). Delicious food included chicken enchiladas, fruit tray and vegetable tray, chocolate cake with strawberries on top, a cake with picture of a small boy and an old man and cheesecake. It was a fun party Saturday. Happy Birthday, Darren. Of course Darren and Chalone were there, too.

Ray and Mae Brazael have been enjoying having daughter Shirley Horton visit them for a few weeks. Saturday Martha Meek came over and visited and play games and ate lunch with them. They always have fun.

Chronicles 7:14: If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Correction: Nile Patterson's wife is Lois (Anglin) and did attend Briscoe School some, but was not a sister to Margaret Anglin the way I heard it. Sorry. Happy 60th Anniversary!

Several months ago, two guys from Oklahoma broke in the house of Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and tied them up and robbed them and left them in their cellar. Glad to know when each guy came to trial, he got a very long many years sentence in prison. Praise the Lord! Jimmy and Tammy would never hurt anyone! So thankful that they weren't hurt any worse.

Chad and Shonda Harrison

were weekend visitors to Terry and Gayle Lewallen and got to see other relatives to show off their new baby, Tyler, and Kylee, big sister.

Ben and Arielle Sword live at Stephenville and attend First Baptist Church there. Arielle sings with a group at the church. They have been invited to come to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. What an honor! It will be Thanksgiving week from Tuesday to Saturday. Meanwhile they are doing fund raisers to make money for the trip. Congratulations! Ben is the son of Joetta Sword and the late Arvid Sword. So glad Joetta is feeling better.

From Alvarado, Mike and Ember Keith and Miles, Jenna and Zachary were weekend visitors to Wes and Cindy Bradstreet. Mike also cut lots of wood for Wes and Cindy to use in their heating stove. There was a party to celebrate Jenna's 3rd birthday. Some others there were Roy and Nell Bradstreet, Lois Barrett, Cheri Free and Christian, Evan and Aaron from Pampa, Frank and Nancy Clymer, Debbie Glazner and Kelley and Jacob Maxwell. They had birthday cake with strawberries. A fun party. Happy birthday, Jenna. Darrell Gaines and Aaron and Darren also took wood to the Bradstreets.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of O. K. Henson Jr., 94, of Sweetwater, Okla., in his death Wednesday, Feb. 7. Services were Monday at Sweetwater Baptist church. O. K. and his first wife, Crystal, taught at Briscoe School for a few years. Crystal died. I always enjoyed seeing him and second wife, Elma, eating at Maxeys and other places. They were always friendly. May God comfort each of you. Thinking of you, Elma and family.

Correction: I goofed about when Johnnie Bird went to Houston for a grandson's surprise 40th birthday party. Sounded like fun, but it was not that recent. Sorry about that.

Going to Wheeler Care Center to sing for and with the residents Saturday night were Leona Coates, Wesley and Helen Steen, Ella Mae Wood, Martha Meek and Verna Fillingim. Several residents out to enjoy it. Always good to see and greet the residents.

The Hogans will be having an auction of farm equipment and other things soon. Louise plans to stay on there kinda half-way between Wheeler and Mobeetie. Best wishes.

Nice to see Orville Greenhouse and daughter, Virginia Mixon at Wheeler Thriftway Thursday. They were looking so pretty. Pray for them.

Nice to visit with Eula Newman at Richland Hills (on the phone). Remember her in your prayers. She has an apartment there and could eat in the dining room there if she felt like it. Some days are better than others! She was a sister to my husband, Willis.

We must all feel troubled at all the bad people and bad things in our world. Keep praying for our troops overseas. God loves them, too. "When the battle is over we shall wear a crown in the new Jerusalem." From a song, "Heaven".

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Tom Abraham, 96, of Canadian in his death Thursday. Services were Sunday in First Christian Church at Canadian. Tom was born in Kafracab, Lebanon about 1910 to Nahim and Alia Malouf. (Their surname was changed to Abraham when they came to America through Ellis Island.) Tom was known mostly for his many kindness to others. Tom did many helpful things for Canadian and its people. He is survived by wife, Helen, and several children and grandchildren.

Charlotte (Austin) Brown and her husband, Aubrey Brown, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary Thursday. Son, Eugene took them out to eat at a special restaurant. God bless you! Happy Anniversary, Aubrey and Charlotte.

Ruth and Lonnie Kenney visited Mike and Sharon Miles Sunday after dinner at Wheeler Baptist church. Very good dinner at church.

Glad to hear that Bo Dunn had stints put in his heart and is now home and doing pretty well. Bo is married to Cathy, who is Wesley Steen's daughter. Pray for Bo and Cathy.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Esther May Dickey, 97, of Shamrock in her death. Services



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

were Saturday at Sweetwater Baptist church at Sweetwater, Okla. She was married to Howard Dickey, now deceased. She was living with daughter, Eleanor Meares at Shamrock.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Bob Ward, 84, of Canadian in his death Wednesday. Services were Saturday at First Presbyterian church in Canadian with burial in Canadian Cemetery.

Nice to have Sue Chandler from Allison come eat lunch with me at the Spot on Thursday. Good to have Louise Hogan join us there for a good visit. Also got to visit some with Charlene Rainey there. Sue was signing checks at the Hospital. She is secretary there.

Charlotte Coward's Birthday
Charlotte Coward's grandson, Dennis Hillburn and wife, Frannie, prepared a big dinner Sunday to celebrate Charlotte Coward's 95th birthday at their house in Wheeler. Some there were Dean and Sherry Randolph and Jett from Canyon, Bill and Janice Rand, Diana Jones and friend, Hooper, Kera and Cory Tice from Stinnett, Nicole Culwell and Brailey from Stinnett and Gene and Judy Coward from Canadian. It was a wonderful party. Lots of good food. Charlotte still lives alone and does all her work and thankful to be able to. Happy Birthday, Charlotte and many more.

My, that cold north wind goes through you this Tuesday morning. About 24 degrees.

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." from a song.

Darren and Chalone Hefley's beautiful grandchildren are Dawson, Logan and newest member, Addison, born in November 2006.

Panfork Mission Banquet
Panfork Fellowship Mission Banquet was held at Wheeler First Baptist Church Monday night with a good crowd there. Mr. Barbeque, Steve Walker, with help from Harold Jones had the meal all ready to be served. Very good food. After supper was over, Steve and Harold quickly gathered up their things and were gone. Several interesting speakers told of their summer mission projects. Our youth and music minister, Matt Koen, led a song and sang a special. He always does a good job. There were people from Wellington, Shamrock, Wheeler, Allison, Mobeetie and other Baptist churches. Good program, good fellowship and good food. Thanks for coming. Weldon Simmons also gave an interesting talk.

Tish and Terry Murrell hosted the Surprise 40th birthday party for Darren Hefley at Tulia, Texas. Darren's mom, Phyllis Hefley started to the party, but it got so foggy that she went back home. She hated to miss it, but wasn't safe to be out. Didn't get to see the grandkids even.

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Week Ending February 8, 2007

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1461 Flowers, 500' from South & 2400' from West line, Sec. 61, B-1, H&GN, PD 10900'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #1916 Campbell, 2500' from North & 1485' from East line, Sec. 16, 1, I&GN, PD 14000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C., Sec. 33, 1, I&GN, PD 14000', for the following wells:

#3 Mendota Ranch '33', 2295', from South & 2550' from West line of Sec.

#6 Mendota Ranch 'A' 33, 335' from South & 467' from East line of Sec.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #24 Hefley '47', 770' from North & 495' from East line, Sec. 47, M-1, H&GN, PD 14500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #2248 Hefner, 642' from North & 515' from East line, Sec. 48, M-1, H&GN, PD 13800'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #4068 Stiles '68', 2190' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 68, A-7, H&GN, PD 18000'.

Recompletion

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'.

Recompletion

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #3019 Bartz '19', 467' from South & East line, Sec. 19, A-3, H&GN, PD 18000'.

Recompletion

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Britt, Sec. 1, 5, B&B, for the follow-

ing wells:

#201, 2000' from North & 467' from East line of Sec., PD 16200'.

#301, 2310' from North & West line of Sec., PD 15800'

Oil Well Completions

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petco Petroleum Corp., #15 M. Davidson, Sec. 86, B-2, H&GN, spud 10-28-06, drlg. compl 10-31-06, tested 1-16-07, pumped 3 bbl. of 44 grav. oil + 160 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 1667, TD 3148' --

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petco Petroleum Corp., #16 M. Davidson, Sec. 86, B-2, H&GN, spud 10-21-06, drlg. compl 10-25-06, tested 1-16-07, pumped 4 bbl. of 44 grav. oil + 121 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 750, TD 3125' --

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #7 Mendota Ranch '51B', Sec. 51, 1, I&GN, spud 9-5-06, drlg. compl 9-22-06, tested 10-22-06, flowed 57.1 bbl. of 49.5 grav. oil + 949 bbls. water thru 29/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 8231, TD 11301', PBTD 11081' --

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Cimarex Energy Co., #1006 Byrum, Sec. 6, B-1, H&GN, spud 12-9-06, drlg. compl 12-25-06, tested 1-30-07, flowed 216 bbls. of 46.5 grav. oil + no water thru 9/64" choke on 24 hour test, TD 11194', PBTD 11107' --

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #4 Darsey 'A', Sec. 7, 2, H&GN, spud 9-17-06, drlg. compl 9-19-06, tested 10-24-06, potential 200 MCF, rock pressure 130 psia, TD 2387', PBTD 2360' -- Form 1 in Gryu Petroleum

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #4 Willis 'A', Sec. 26, R, J.R. Blalock, spud 2-6-06, drlg. compl 2-10-06, tested 3-10-06, potential 260 MCF, rock pressure 135.2 psia, TD 2495', PBTD 2464' -- Form 1 in Gryu Petroleum

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #4 Wilson 'A', Sec. 52, E, D&P, spud 9-12-06, drlg. compl 9-15-06, tested 10-24-06, potential 64 MCF, rock pressure 177 psia, TD 2660', PBTD 2632' -- Form 1 in Gryu Petroleum

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Yoes, Sec. 4, 1, BS&F, spud 9-7-06, drlg. compl 9-9-06, tested 10-24-06, potential 155 MCF, rock

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pressure 158 psia, TD 2588', PBTD 2561' -- Form 1 in Gryu Petroleum

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #306 Peak-Bourassa, Sec. 6, 4, AB&M, spud 10-16-06, drlg. compl 11-4-06, tested 12-20-06, potential 1447 MCF, rock pressure 2315 psia, TD 12835', PBTD 12699' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #5048A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48, A-2, H&GN, spud 11-8-06, drlg. compl 11-26-06, tested 1-9-07, potential 4630 MCF, rock pressure 3034 psia, TD 13120', PBTD 12984' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #208 George, Sec. 8, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-23-06, drlg. compl 9-9-06, tested 12-20-06, potential 879 MCF, rock pressure 2415 psia, TD 12821', PBTD 12733' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #519P Carr-Muse '55', Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN, spud 6-25-06, drlg. compl 7-7-06, tested 12-12-06, TD 11890', PBTD 11786' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5418P Vandiver, Sec. 54, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-25-06, drlg. compl 3-12-06, tested 1-4-07, TD 11900', PBTD 11820' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #7011P Brotherton, Sec. 70, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-22-06, drlg. compl 9-4-06, tested 12-13-06, TD 11778', PBTD 11687' --

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #6053 Campbell, Sec. 53, 1, I&GN, spud 9-17-06, drlg. compl 10-4-06, tested 1-4-07, potential 776 MCF, rock pressure 1038 psia, TD 10900', PBTD 10815' --

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #706 Byrum, Sec. 6, B-1, H&GN, spud 9-15-06, drlg. compl 10-2-06, tested 1-8-07, potential 2606 MCF, rock pressure 1074 psia, TD 10662', PBTD 10557' --

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #806 Byrum, Sec. 6, B-1, H&GN, spud 10-7-06, drlg. compl 10-24-06, tested 1-4-07, potential 7572 MCF, rock pressure 1838 psia, TD 1119', PBTD 11027' --

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1135 Osborne, Sec. 35, B-1, H&GN, spud 10-28-06, drlg. compl 11-13-06, tested 1-4-07, potential 6753 MCF, rock pressure 1516 psia, TD 10600', PBTD 10507' --

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Calcote '63', Sec. 63, A-7, H&GN, spud 9-16-06, drlg. compl 10-27-06, tested 12-21-06, potential 876 MCF, rock pressure 1633 psia, TD 16700', PBTD 16556' --

WHEELER (DYCO Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Lohberger '13', Sec. 13, RE, R&E, spud 9-23-06, drlg. compl 10-15-06, tested 11-24-06, TD 13820', PBTD 13732' --

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MODIFICATION OL—Glyn Rives to Noble Energy Production Inc. 11-28-06, N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 13, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

MODIFICATION OL—Beverly Strickland to Noble Energy Production Inc., 12-5-06, W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 6, J. Poitevent Survey.

D—Arlan Womble, et al to Arlys Womble Welch, 1-5-07, 150 acs. SW 1/4 Sec. 37, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Coppermark Bank to Coastal Energy LLC, 1-26-07, See Instrument.

PARTIAL ASSIGN—Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Investments, et al, 1-17-07, Sec. 7, Blk. E., G.W. Jacobs Survey.

PARTIAL ASSIGN—Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Investments, et al, 1-5-07, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

MEMO. AGENCY AGREE.—Holbrook Family Trust to Farmers National Company, Agent, 1-30-07, N 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

EXECUTRIX DISTRIBUTION D—Richard Key Dulaney Estate to Lyn S. Dulaney, 1-5-07, Secs. 9 and 11, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

ROW—Atherton Family Limited Partnership to Chesapeake Energy Marketing Inc., 12-18-06, SW 1/4 Sec. 69, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Loree King to Ozell Devenport, 2-1-07, 107.47 acs. S/3 W 1/2 Sec. 10, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Charles M. Sessions to Sessions Living Trust Dated January 4, 2000, 1-12-07, Sec. 4, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

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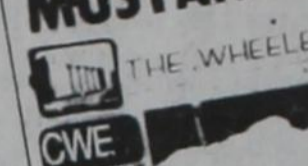
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NOTICE FEDERAL LIEN—United States of America to Christina H. Gomez, 1-11-07.

HEIRSHIP AFF.—Thomas Raffo, et al to Matilde Botto Pagliettini, 12-19-06, Min. Rights in Wheeler County.

C/C PROBATE—Matilde Botto Pagliettini to Ex Parte, 9-18-06.

POA—Valeria Pagliettini to Suzanne Burchette, 12-19-06.

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Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Don and Mary Edwards, Lonnie and Debbie Hendrix, Curtis Hendrix, Todd Stuart, Andrea Aldridge and family, Louise Hogan, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Leonard Hollis, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Shelton May and family, Penny Summers, Alvern Hutchison, Gary Morris, Audrey Seitz, Augusta Brown, Orville Greenhouse, Lorene Rector, Sidney Mahan, Charlie Brown, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Bulah Stuart, Martha Meek, Addie Swift, Chuck Carl, Mandy Wilson, Scott Corcoran and family, Virginia Greenhouse, Chris Mick and family, Aaron Hartline and family, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Lou Dean Douthit, Jack and Bernice Hefley, Iva Richardson, Jim and Kay Batton, Blondell Skaggs, Iona May, Mandy Wilson, Doug and Pat Corse, Louise Shorter, Aaron and Arica Corcoran, Alice Little, Ada Lou Lester, Sallie and Tim Adcock and Amanda and Antonio Salas, the family and friends of Anna Lee Sims, the friends and family of Gladys Setliff.

The weather in the Mobeetie area is still cool and cloudy most every day but no moisture to speak of. Although we got a shower early Monday morning that wet the streets good. Smelled good though. The sun tried to shine afterwards so got to 54 before the wind changed and started cooling things off fast. We finally have gotten all the ice melted off the north side of the house.

Last Monday was really beautiful and warmed up to 70. We all found all sorts of reasons to be out in the wonderful weather. We took advantage of the afternoon and went to Cheyenne, OK to visit with Bob's brother, Ralph, and on to Elk City to do some shopping. Those boys know every "back way" to almost any where a person would want to go over there. The seismograph companies are doing a booming business in the Reydton, Cheyenne area. They even have lines down Main Street.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Anna Lee Sims. She passed away Tuesday and her graveside services was Thursday at the Mobeetie Cemetery. She lived many years in our little community. She has several extended family members still live in the area. We missed her when she moved closer to her son at Booker. Her nephew and niece, Bill and Virginia Ridgway, were always so good to help her out. She enjoyed her grandchildren and was so proud of each of them and their accomplishments. Her family (immediate and extended) was such a blessing to her.

Our condolences go out to the family of Gladys Setliff of Hereford. Mrs. Setliff taught school for many years. Part of those years were spent at Walcott School. A little rural school west of Hereford, really out in the boondocks. They still have classes there. My youngest brother and sister were in her classes in the late 60's They loved her and learned so much from her, as did most of her students. She and Mrs. Leta Kaul both taught out their about the same time. Joe and Shannon still consider them their favorite teachers. Mrs. Kaul passed away several years ago. Mrs. Setliff was 102 at the time of her death. She passed away on Saturday and graveside services were held on Wednesday in Littlefield.

It was so nice to get a quick visit with Margaret Dorman at her office in the court house one day last week. Their girls and our two oldest boys went to school together while we lived in Wheeler. Darby and Tim had scouts together and baseball. The good of days!! Lots of changes in every ones lives. Nice to know that all are well and busy as ever. Dee Dee and Brad have moved from Panhandle to Amarillo since we last got to visit. Dee Dee works at the Potter County Courthouse and Brad has his own commercial air conditioning and heating business that really keeps him tied down. The kids have adjusted well to the changing of schools and have made new friends. Deidra and Gary are still in Panhandle. Deidra is a court re-

porter for Potter County, so the girls see each other regularly. Darby and his wife have moved to Marrietta, OK. It was so nice to get to see Carol Porton for a few minutes. Really enjoyed the recent pictures in the paper of their 3 beautiful grandchildren, Margaret and Danny have 4 grandchildren.

It was nice to meet Gaylene Waint and Kristi Pettit at the appraisal office. They were so helpful in getting things sort of straightened out and they are going to check into the rest of it for me. It was so good to see Kristi again. She still the sweet, bubbly Kristi she has always been. The "big city" didn't ruin her. I really knew it had been longer than I wanted to admit when her youngest son came in. A very handsome young man that looks so much like his Dad, Charles. It's good to have Kristi, Charles and the boys back at home. Both boys are outgrowing their parents all ready.

Jackie and Fred Thrasher got to go to Fort Stockton, Tx to visit their daughter, Kari Cummings and her fiancé, Vincent. They were also celebrating Jackie and Fred's anniversary. Of course their luck is a lot like ours, the nicest day was the day they traveled. But that didn't stop them from having a great visit and staying busy the whole time they were there. They even went out and went dancing. Jackie even got to dance a couple of dances. Her knee is finally getting so she can do more and more each day. It almost seems like a miracle at this point, after 15 months of problems and set backs.

It's so nice having Michael Smith and his family living back in Mobeetie. They spent their holiday time packing and moving and started the new year in a big way. Lots of changes. Michael is DeeAnna VanDivers brother. They both graduated from Mobeetie in the late 80's. Michael was one of our Jeff's best friends in high school. Michael is working for Enbridge. Monday was to be Gina's first day as a secretary with a company that is contracted to Enbridge. They have five beautiful children that are practicing to be mighty cougars. We are glad to have you all here and hope the new jobs are perfect for you. Grandma Judy (Smith) Hicks of Shamrock is glad to have them closer too. Although it always made for a good reason to go to Pampa. Aunt DeeAnna was a life saver on Monday. Two of the kids got up sick on Monday and she had to go get another from school about lunch time as he was running a fever. But Aunt DeeAnna had every thing under control and the little extra TLC can't hurt. Hope you are all feeling better soon.

Oh, by the way. It's amazing how

bad I can make things sound by just omitting one little four letter word. Like don't. I'm really sorry Tim and Sallie, I hope I haven't jinxed you. I really didn't wish you any more bad luck. What I meant to say was that I hoped that the rest of the family, DIDN'T get the crud that Garrett was fighting. I'm really not as cruel as I sound. Sorry, I will try and proof read closer from now on. Glad things are going a little better for the whole family.

The Little Dribblers had a very busy weekend. The Wheeler School hosted an area Little Dribblers tournament that was a huge success. The kids all did a great job and had a good time. They are all winners in my book even if they didn't all get to bring home top placing trophies or medals. They really give their all.

Amanda has such a good attitude about therapy and the days that she has been home bound.

Congratulations to Megan Horn. She competed in the U.I.L. Solo (Vocal) and took first place. She will be going to state competition soon. She sings "Victoria" in French. Last year she sang "Ava Maria" in German and did very well. Best of Luck Megan.

The Cougars had some really good games on Friday. The last games of the season were played at home. The Lady Cougars did a good job and handled Lefors well. The boys weren't quite as lucky, they had to fight nip and tuck until almost the end of the game. They finally pulled it out with an extra ten points. But Lefors went down fighting. Good games!! They play in Amarillo on Tuesday night and then many of the girls and boys will be heading to San Antonio for the stock show. Good Luck!!

Scuttle butt has that Hanover and Universal, oilfield services, are going to merge in the near future to establish a new company that they will call "New-Co". This will allow them to provide their services to a wider area. Hanover is more diversified nationally, but Universal has international interests, too. Will be interesting to see what transpires, and what effect it will have on area employees of both companies.

It's good to have Shelton May, and Mom, Kellie, home for a while. They have been on the road to Amarillo so much they can almost drive it in their sleep. But please don't try it. They spent all of last week in the hospital. Shelton had mega doses of his chem meds in back to back IV's. Two different chemos five times a day and then a rescue drug to help his only kidney. They had to contend with some new IV equipment that is so new that even the nurses couldn't get it regulated to not be so sensitive. Shelton couldn't eat or drink anything without setting it off. Then when he tried to relax and go to sleep it would start dinging again. So nobody got any rest. They finally released Shelton Saturday evening. It is so good to be at

home in his own bed and have his own things again. Monday they went back to Amarillo to have all his lab work done again and praise the Lord, they were good after having so much medicine last week. Shelton had the rest of the week off to do what ever he wants. Dad, Jackie, and sister, Peyton, got to come down Friday night. It was so good to see them. Peyton and Mom got to go spend the night in a motel together to get caught up on Peyton's week. A company that Jackie does work for, furnished them a room at one of the new motels close to the hospital. Kellie appreciated that so much. It was heaven just not to have to sleep on that uncomfortable cot at the hospital. Dad and Shelton enjoyed a little guy time and managed just fine with out Mom and Peyton. The Friday before Shelton went into the hospital on Monday he finished his radiation treatments. Hooray! Hooray! They have that much behind them. Only five more months to go and he'll have all of his chemo finished. With all that has been going on and the weather not cooperating, Shelton hasn't been able to go back to see his surgeon yet for his follow-up. Maybe while he is not so tied down this next week or two with treatments he can get in to see him.

Saturday night a skunk had gotten in to the dog pen and the crazy dog had it pinned in a corner. He wasn't about to share his food with that crazy skunk. That poor dog got sprayed at least three times before Jackie could get the dog to back off, so he could shoot the skunk. So much for coming home to peace and quite and a full nights rest. Monday was Peyton's big day. Nanny, Sallie Adcock, took Peyton to the orthodontist to get her braces off. A more beautiful young lady emerged from the dentists office. She has a contagious smile anyway and now it is prettier than ever. Congratulations Peyton. Was it worth it?? Even Shelton noticed Peyton's beautiful new smile and complemented her on how pretty her teeth are now. See there is hope for "little brothers" that would rather tease and pester than admit they have one of the best sisters in town.

I have two younger brothers that loved to harrass me, but they have mellowed a lot too. Good thing, Mom was probably ready to trade us off. Our Erica has just started with her braces, she has been a real sport about it all. This is her idea of finally get up there with the "big girls". I hope hers look as well as Peyton's when they are finished. Happy Birthday Peyton. Sorry this is belated. Hope you had a wonderful birthday.

Sunday started out with lots of ice around the area. Just a thin glaze but slippery none the less. Instead of celebrating just Super Bowl Sunday Peggy Dunn and Leola Stuart celebrated all weekend. They left on Friday to go visit their kids in Lawton. Then Saturday they got in some more visiting before going to Springtown for the 100th Birthday celebration for Peggy's dad's sister, Aunt Christine. Peggy's parents were Tince and Leona Williams. I never had the pleasure of meeting her dad, but her mother was one very special lady and I miss her a lot. Aunt Christine had a very enjoyable party with her family and friends. Congratulations Christine, hope you enjoy many more. You'll have to tell the girls your secret to your wonderful life. Saturday night the girls went back to Ronnie and Tanya's so they could help prepare for the big game. Sunday was a fun time with the family and it just wouldn't be a game with out a little easy chair coaching and couch commentary. They all had a good time. Todd has finally been doing quite a bit better now that they are treating the acid reflux with the right medicine. Certainly hope this continues to be the answer for him. The girls came home on Monday. The rest of the week was quite in comparison to Leola's usual schedule.

Congratulations to Ronnie and Tanya Stuart. They have bought a different home, with 5 acres. It will be very nice when they get moved. They have to put their move off a little bit, because they have some more exciting things to tend to first. A once in a life time thing has come their way. Before it's all over with they may be glad it is a once in a life time thing. Ronnie and Tanya own the Merry Maids office in Lawton. They got a call from the producers of the show "Extreme Make Overs". They are planning



to do an extreme make over for a family in Lawton in the very near future. They want Tanya and her girls to do all the clean up for them when they are finished. The bad part is, they may call her at 2:00 in the morning that they are finished with their part and ready for her and her crew NOW. One of the other owners in OKC has offered her services and 2 of her girls if Tanya needs a little extra help. That is so neat. Good luck ya'll. I hope they will let us know when this episode will be aired so we can watch for them. Tanya and Ronnie get to do the walk-in at the beginning of the show as part of the people that are going to make all of this happen. We are really anxious to see what all happens. Sorry you have to work so hard for your moment of fame. Great advertisement though.

This Sunday afternoon turned off nice so Leola went to Erick and picked up Iva so they could go to Elk City and check on Dale and Barbara. Barbara has had this viral stuff and the laryngitis, but is finally doing better. They all went out for dinner and then back to

Dale and Barbara's for a couple of hot hands of dominoes. Great news! Iva is going to have a boot burning party for Marsha sometime in the near future. Marsha finally got the okay to get out of the orthopedic boot. She still had to wear high topped shoes or boots for another 6 months, but at least she will be able to wear 2 matching shoes or boots. It's been almost a year since she could do that. Amazing how much we appreciate little things like that. And yet we take so much for granted the rest of the time. She still has to use one crutch for a while, but that's nothing compared to every thing she has been through. Congratulations Marsha.

Thank you to the committee at the Methodist Church here that did all the research and letter writing to get the church building on the historical list for Texas. They are planning a wonderful dedication on March 27, 2006 in the afternoon. They have a full day of celebrating planned. Will have more information next week.

Hope you all have a great week.

Court

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Finsterwald, et ux to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 4-11-06, Pt. S 1/2; S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 49

ROW—Joe Grayson, et ux to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-22-06, Pt. Sec. 27, Camp County School Land.

ROW—Leon Eldridge, et ux to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 11-21-06, Pt. Sec. 27, Camp County School Land.

CORR. ROW—Huff Ranch to Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc., 9-21-06, Pt. Sec. 47, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROL—Cambridge Production Inc. to Jesse W. Turner, 1-26-07, SE 1/4; SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 22, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.—Paul Britt Assets Ltd, to Paula Britt, 12-14-01, Property listed on Exhibit C of Limited Partnership.

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MD—Cheri Dawn Harrington to J & J Royalties LP, 9-23-06, S 1/2 Sec. 39, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Densel Reed, et ux to Sheryl Case, 2-6-07, 2.19 acs. Sec. 1, C&M Survey.

D—Sidney Mahan to Robert Mayfield, et ux, 2-5-07, Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 118, New Mobeetie.

D—Dorothy Sue Davis Simmons to Teddra Bell Kinsey, 2-7-07, 79.53 acs. Sec. 61, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Dorothy Sue Davis Simmons to Susan Sebeth Parsley, 2-7-07, 79.53 acs. Sec. 61, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

HOME EQUITY DT—Eddie Hughes, et ux to Amarillo National Bank, 2-2-07, Pt. Blk. G-2, Prairie Lawn Add.

HOME EQUITY AFF.—Eddie Hughes, et ux to The Public, 2-2-07, Pt. Blk. G-2, Prairie Lawn Add.

D—Jerry D. Hefley, et ux to State of Texas, 6-12-06, Pt. Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TAX DEED—Wade Thomson, et al to Jack C. Nix, 1-25-07, Lots 1-

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By: Diana Corral, Reporter

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Information Is Given On Winter Driving

The winter driving season is underway in Texas, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) wants motorists to be well informed when traveling state roadways.

The newly-designed TxDOT web site now features a winter-driving safety page. By accessing the information, motorists can learn basic winter driving tips, and access a list of winter survival items you should carry in your vehicle, along with an auto safety checklist to help keep your vehicle in good winter driving condition.

Also featured is a link to TxDOT's "Don't Take a Chance" Don't Crowd the Plow" snowplow safety program. The page has advice on how motorists can safely operate their vehicles when snow plows are working on state roadways.

To access the new information, go to www.txdot.gov, keyword: "winter." There is also a link to the TxDOT road conditions web page, as well as important telephone numbers motorists should have on hand in the event of an emergency.

The mission of TxDOT is to provide a transportation system that moves people and goods safely. The newly-designed web site offers a wide variety of information and services to help motorists get to their destinations in one piece. The Winter Driving Tips pages are just one more tool motorists can use to safely experience the beauty of winter in Texas.

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as well as NOAA weather radio. A **TORNADO WATCH** is issued when severe weather is expected along with large or multiple tornadoes. It means **WATCH** the sky. A **TORNADO WARNING** means **TAKE ACTION** because a tornado is on the ground. Seek shelter immediately. A tornado warning usually covers one county or a portion of a county and generally lasts for an hour or less.

When a tornado is sighted, the most important rule is to **get low and stay low**. Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet or room without windows. In an office building, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

Leave your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

Never stay inside a car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or a ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.

At school, follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms and areas with wide, freestanding roofs.

Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in your car.

If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.

Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide overhanging roofs — such as auditoriums, cafeterias and gyms.

Hail & Straight Line Winds

Thousands of thunderstorms strike Texas every year, many of

Texans Urged To Be Prepared For Storms

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management urges Texans to prepare for severe storms before they strike. Your family should have an emergency supply kit on hand. Your supplies should be kept in water resistant, easy-to-lift containers that you can move rapidly if necessary. This supply kit is appropriate for severe weather events as well as other emergencies. It should include:

- First-aid kit
- Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
- Road maps
- Battery-operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries
- Important documents and records, photo IDs, proof of residence
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing
- Extra medications and prescriptions, hearing aids and other special medical items
- Eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Toilet paper, clean-up supplies, duct tape, tarp, rope
- Can opener, knife, tools, booster cables
- Special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets
- Remember to change perishable supplies and water every six months.

them severe. A severe thunderstorm is defined as a storm that produces winds of at least 58 mph, hail three-fourths of an inch in diameter or a tornado.

While tornadoes are extremely dangerous, wind and hail storms can do similar damage, so thunderstorms should never be taken for granted. Dangers include:

Straight line winds, or winds in excess of 100 mph, strong enough to uproot trees and cause substantial damage to buildings.

Downburst winds — severe and rapid downdrafts of air that push damaging winds outward on or near ground level, especially dangerous to aviation.

Hail falling to earth at speeds nearing 100 mph, damaging trees, crops, automobiles and buildings. Hail storms cause more than \$1 billion in damage nationwide each year.

As with other severe weather threats, the key is to monitor TV and radio broadcasts as well as NOAA weather radio for storm warnings and watches.

When straight line winds threaten, respond the same way you would to the threat of a tornado. Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a bathroom or closet. Stay away from windows. If you are outside, cover your head to protect against flying debris.

If you encounter hail while driving, turn around. You may be driving into the core of a thunderstorm where tornadoes form.



Delay The Game When Thunderstorm Approaches

Sports fields are dangerous places to be during thunderstorms.

That's why the National Weather Service and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management urge

Texans to delay the game when thunderstorms approach.

Sports fields are large, open areas where you and your companions may be the tallest objects. Metal bleachers, fences, light poles and goal posts attract lightning. When lightning hits these objects, the charge travels along the object, potentially injuring anyone in contact with the metal. Lightning can bounce off any of these objects and strike people nearby.

Schools, athletic programs, day care centers and summer camps, as well as coaches, referees and parents participating in field events need to understand the dangers of lightning. They should be prepared to suspend games and move the players and spectators inside nearby buildings or into cars and

buses until the storm threat passes.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management offers the following lightning safety tips.

If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low.

Move away from hills and high places, and avoid tall, isolated trees.

Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats, or golf clubs.

Do not hide bicycles, or lean against fences or metal sheds.

Do not lean against a car or truck — get inside the vehicle quickly.

If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target.

Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands.

Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge. EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Issue Update

...with Mac Thornberry

Medicare Part D: Competition is the Best Prescription for Drug Prices

Health care has changed a lot in recent years. One of the ways it has changed is that patients rely much more on prescription medicines to treat disease, manage a condition, or prevent problems.

About three years ago, I voted to add a voluntary prescription drug benefit to Medicare. I believed that such a benefit would help update Medicare to reflect the change in the way doctors treat patients. I also believed that it would improve the quality of life of all Medicare recipients who had not been able to afford all of the drugs recommended to them and that ultimately it would be good for the taxpayer as fewer Medicare beneficiaries would develop complications caused by not taking their medicines.

This benefit, known as Medicare Part D, has proved to be very popular with over 80% of beneficiaries pleased with the way it has worked, according to surveys. There are generally more than a dozen plans available to each Medicare beneficiary in the country so that he or she can choose the one that best meets his or her needs. In addition, the competition among plans has helped keep the cost to beneficiaries and the cost to the taxpayers lower than expected. The first year of Part D saw average monthly premiums drop from \$37 to \$24.

I have heard two primary complaints about the prescription benefit. One is that it does not cover all drug costs that there is a "hole" in coverage. It is true that the benefit does not cover 100% of drug costs. The goals of the program are to help every Medicare beneficiary with some of his or her drug costs and to provide catastrophic coverage so that someone who got very sick and had extremely high drug bills would not lose all of his or her savings. There are special provisions that provide extra help for low income seniors, but paying all of everyone's drug costs would be very expensive and would likely require raising taxes.

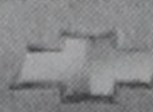
The other point that some raise is that the government should negotiate with the drug companies directly to set the price that each

plan would charge for a particular medication. The House recently voted on a bill along those lines. I am always interested in finding ways to improve the prescription drug benefit and other parts of Medicare. I also want to be careful about changing key elements of programs that are working. A big part of the reason that Medicare costs are lower and benefits more generous than expected is that there is competition among the plans. Eliminating that competition in favor of government price-fixing could increase costs, reduce the choices available, or both.

There are those who point to the Veteran's Administration Health Care System as an example since the government negotiates a price for the entire VA. Such a system would not work as well for Medicare, however. As a result of the government stepping in, the VA offers access to many fewer drugs than are covered under Medicare. For example, the VA makes available 31 classes of prescription drugs, while Medicare Part D offers access to 209. Often under the VA system, there is only one brand available of a particular kind of drug. In fact, over a million veterans who are eligible to participate in the VA system have chosen to participate in the Medicare benefit instead.

Rather than have the government set the price of each drug, I believe that government should make sure that there is competition for each beneficiary's business. Real, fair competition will help keep choices high and prices low.

Good health care can help us live longer, healthier lives. The government plays an important role, but we also rely on health care professionals, the research and development sector, and the free market system to help ensure quality and affordable health care, especially for our seniors. We need to keep working to improve important government programs and our health care system, building on the strengths that have provided us with the best health care system in the world.




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