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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations to the Wheeler Mustangs and Lady Mustangs, who were named All-District, received honorable mention and named All-District Academic.

— cwe —

The Wheeler track teams traveled to Shamrock Friday and Saturday for the meet. The teams did well for their first meet of the season. **Keep up the good work!**

— cwe —

The circus is coming to Wheeler. Make plans to be in attendance at this event. The date is Wednesday, March 25.

— cwe —

Do you have your advance tickets for the circus yet?

— cwe —

That was rain falling from the sky Monday morning. We went through a short downpour on our way into Wheeler. There was lots of water running and standing in the streets.

— cwe —

I went out to get the official measurement and the rain gage was dry. Not a drop.

— cwe —

Hopefully, by having showered on Monday we will have two more rains this week. However there were a few drops on the windshield Monday afternoon; that may have been one of the rains.

— cwe —

Our sympathy to the Weaver family in their loss of Betty. Betty taught at Wheeler for several years.

— cwe —

Our ambulance personnel was kept busy this past week. **Thanks for being there when we need you!**

— cwe —

And, this dry weather is keeping our volunteer firemen busy; **Thanks to you also!**

— cwe —

The OKC Bryants now have shelter when the sirens sound. A flat safe room was put in the garage. Not much room, but a lot better than the hall or a closet.

— cwe —

Seth didn't like the sound when the door closed, but he was quickly back to his normal happy self. They were under warnings Monday evening and part of

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by . . .
Stormie Meriwether,
Kindergarten Student

We went on the big yellow bus a long way to Amarillo. We saw the Quarter Horse Museum. It was great! I liked the movie about the girl that had a horse. It was her best friend. She has to feed him, brush his hair and ride him everywhere. It would be so fun to have a real horse.

We do our rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland, The Walrus and the Carpenter are in our dance. I love ballet. You can come to see it, if you want. It will be at Allison and Ethan's college in Weatherford (SWOSU).

My big family went fishing at the Porter Pond (Hinton OK). We caught 99 fish. All the people came to my house and we ate all the fish. The next day I went fishing with my mom and dad. I caught three fish all by myself. One was a big "ole fish! You have to be careful with the hook. It can stick you. I can take my fish off the hook. I just got stuck a little bit. I love to go fishing with my family. That's it.

Wheeler School Times

By: Diana J. Corral

The last week at Wheeler School has been a pretty calm week. All students except seniors who had already passed the Exit TAKS Test tested on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Track season has officially started. The Wheeler Jr. High Colts traveled to Wellington on Friday, and the high school Mustangs also went to Wellington on Saturday. Both junior high and high school runners ran pretty well and started the track season off to a good start. The golf and tennis also began their practices.

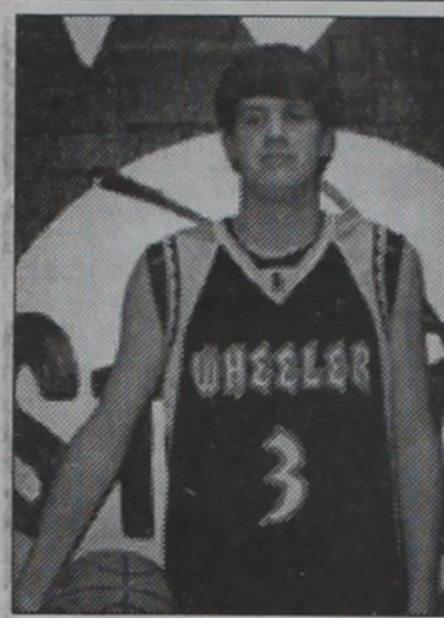
On Sunday, the 2009 One Act Play had a full dress rehearsal and invited a critique to watch the production of "The Nerd." The OAP will travel to a festival on Tuesday, March 10 in Stinnett, TX.



Kaylee Marion
. . . All District



Nicole Moore
. . . All District



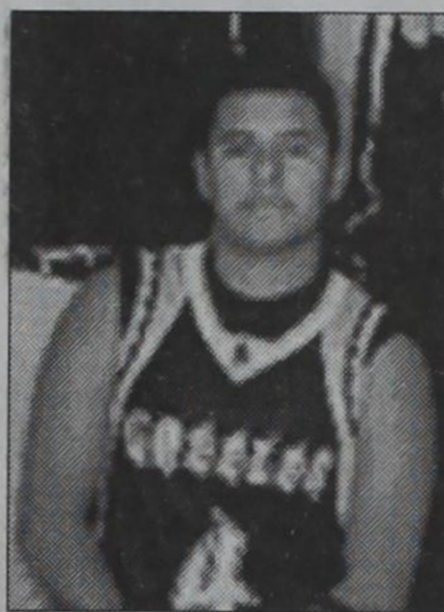
Jared Messer
. . . All District (MVP)



Terry Menefield
. . . All District



Johnny Venzor
. . . All District



Pedro Hernandez
. . . All District

Wheeler Basketball Players Named To All-District Teams

Wheeler had six students named All-District in Basketball; one selected Most Valuable Player. Four received Honorable Mention and ten received recognition

by being named Academic All-District.

All-District: Kaylee Marion, Nicole Moore, Jared Messer (MVP), Johnny Venzor, Terry

Menefield, and Pedro Hernandez.

Honorable Mention: Haley Sparks, Whitney Reed, Macie Miller, and Robert Lewis.

Academic All-District: Nicole Moore, Macie Miller, Whitney Reed, Tania Flores, Kaylee Marion, Haley Sparks, Taylor Sparks, Zack Andis, Michael Mendoza, Jared Messer and Collin Hampton

Culpepper-Merriweather Circus To Give Two Performances Here Chamber Offering Advance Tickets

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Wheeler chamber of Commerce, Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big top Circus, is coming to Wheeler, Texas, on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at the corner of Sixth & Mobeetie, with two scheduled performances at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. In its 24th season, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big top Circus has been featured on national Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, the Los Angeles times, the Chicago Tribune and Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under

the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling circus City. Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for a families, schools and interested community members to meet and learn.

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will be selling advance tickets. With the purchase of advance tickets there is a savings of \$3 per adult ticket and \$1 for a child's ticket (ages 2-12). Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for a child's ticket.

Advance tickets for the circus are available at the Chamber Office at 505 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd., Marshall Auto, Novedades Sharay, and Paradise Spa. Advance tickets may be obtained from Robin Smith at the school. Member: You save money by purchasing advance tickets and the chamber makes a percentage of the advance sales. \$aharay, 410 S. Main.

The Chamber receives a percentage of the gate for tickets sold in advance. Tickets are now on sale at the above mentioned locations.

Mark Wednesday, March 25, on your calendar and plan to attend one or both performances of the circus.

Crisis Intervention Course April 17-18

Wheeler EMS and Wheeler County LEPC will be hosting a Group Crisis Intervention Course on April 17-18 in Wheeler.

The class will be 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. at the Wheeler Church of Christ multipurpose building. This class is to train people to assist others when they have been through a traumatic event. You do not have to have any special skills or training, just a desire to help someone through a trying time.

If you are interested in this class, please call Brenda Sparlin at 826-5581 or 334-2088 or Ken Daughtry at 826-3333 or 334-7373.

Mobeetie Baptist Schedule Concert

The First Baptist Church of Mobeetie is proud to present Ron Perry in concert on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Ron's unique style of presenting the Gospel is very uplifting and entertaining to all ages. Ron uses 50's and 60's style music with Christian lyrics to spread the message.

FBC would like to invite everyone to come to our church and be a part of this evening of fellowship and praise.

To learn more about Ron Perry's ministry, you can look him up on the web at ronperryhappydays.com.

For more information about the concert or FBC Mobeetie, call 806/845-2511 or visit us at www.fbcmobeetie.com.

Co. JAIL REPORT

03-01-09

Prewitt, Randy Allen 43 w/m Kerrville TX 01-02-09 to 01-03-09—DWI 1st \$1500 bond Meadows

Leonard, Rufus Bennie IV 35 w/m Seadrift TX 01-06-09 to 01-06-09—Henderson CO Wrnts \$600.00 bond Meadows

Waters, Paula Jo 37 w/f Amarillo TX 01-08-09 to 01-08-09—Simple Assault—paid fine and released

Lewis, Misty Dawn 23 w/f Borger TX 01-08-09 to 01-20-09—Misd probation violation—pled out in county court and released time served

Atha, Johnathan Michael 22 w/m Leedey OK 01-09-09—Forgery (Continued Page 3)

Girl Scouts To Be At St. Patrick's Day

Wheeler's Girl Scout Troop will be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14.

The girls will then operate a booth to sell the cookies they have left.

Thanks again, for your support.



Francine Barber Harris Rea March 5 Services For Francine Rea

Francine Barber Harris Rea, 72, passed away March 3, 2009. Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5, 2009, at Canyon Hills Church of Christ with Leland Hutson officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. under the direction of Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas.

Francine was born April 8, 1936, in Wheeler, Texas, to Randall and Alta Barber. She married Jimmie Harris in 1955. He preceded her in death in 1971. After his passing, she moved to the Amarillo area where she met and later married Edward "Scooter" Rea in 1995. Francine was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Canyon Hills Church of Christ. Her faith and her family were the most important things in her life. She also enjoyed gardening and decorating. She will be missed by the many whose lives she touched.

Survivors include her husband, Scooter; three sons, Darrel Harris of Brenham, Texas, and Carrel Harris and Danny Harris, both of Amarillo, Texas; six grandchildren, Patrick and Jarrod Tanton, Callie and Cory Harris and Whitney and Landon Harris; two brothers, J.C. and Dewayne Barber, both of Higgins, Texas and two great-grandchildren.

Monday Services For Betty Weaver

Betty Weaver, 72, died March 6, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 P.M., Monday, March 9, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church, Wheeler, Texas, with Rev. Tom Carter, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Texas.

Betty was born February 11, 1937, in Altus, Oklahoma, to Maurice and Ninaruth Walker. She married Hyland Weaver on August 24, 1957, in Woodward, Oklahoma. Betty was a graduate of Altus High School and W. T. University. Betty and Hyland moved to Wheeler in 1961. She taught at Wheeler school for six years and after teaching, she assisted her husband in Hyland's Pharmacy. Betty was a member of the Thursday Review Club. Originally a member of the Baptist Church, she joined the First United Methodist Church after coming to Wheeler.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Joe Walker.

Survivors include her husband, Hyland Weaver; one son, Tommy,



Betty Weaver

and wife, Sharla Weaver, of Wheeler, Texas; one daughter, Tracy, and husband, Joe McMeans, of Stamford, Texas; five grandchildren, Lauren and Brandon Chick, Leslie Weaver and Myka and Cash McMeans; one sister, Glenna Sargent of Baldwin, Missouri; and one brother, James Walker, of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

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

Wheeler Track Teams Enter Shamrock Track & Field Meet

The Wheeler track teams traveled to Shamrock on Friday and

Saturday and participated in the track and field events. Individual placings for the boys are as follows:

7th grade boys:

200M- Jake Ware 5th
400m- Brody Richardson 3rd
400 relay- Zapata, Richardson, A. Johnson, Howard- 4th
800 relay- Ware, Z. Johnson, Howard, Coomer-3rd
1600 relay- Ware, Z. Johnson, Richardson, Coomer- 3rd
110 hurdles- Andrew Coomer-2nd
Discus- Jake Ware-2nd, Eddie Zapata 5th

8th boys:

100m- Josue Perez- 3rd
200m- Zack McCasland-4th, Zay
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Elisabeth Klara Newman

Elisabeth Newman Services March 7

Elisabeth Klara Newman, 80, passed away March 4, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Johnny Crawford, associate pastor of the Reydon Community Church, Reydon, Oklahoma, officiating. Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Newman was born November 14, 1928, in Lampertheim, Germany. She married Delmar Newman on October 15, 1948, in Bremen, Germany; Mr. Newman preceded her in death June 27, 2007. She became a citizen of the United States in 1968 and became a resident of Mobeetie that same year. Elisabeth was a homemaker and a loving mother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie where she loved to serve the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, one son-in-law and one grandson. Surviving are six children, Nancy Craig and husband, Orville, of Pampa, Texas, Shirley Wadley and husband, Jody, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Robert Newman and wife, Cindy, of Amarillo, Texas, Bill Newman and wife, Sherri, of Elk City, Oklahoma, Martha Gardner and husband, Terry, of Allison, Texas, and Pat Newman and wife, Marletta, of Farmington, New Mexico; 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 South Western Street, Amarillo, Texas 79118 or The Bridge, 804 Quail Creek, Amarillo, Texas 79124. Please sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

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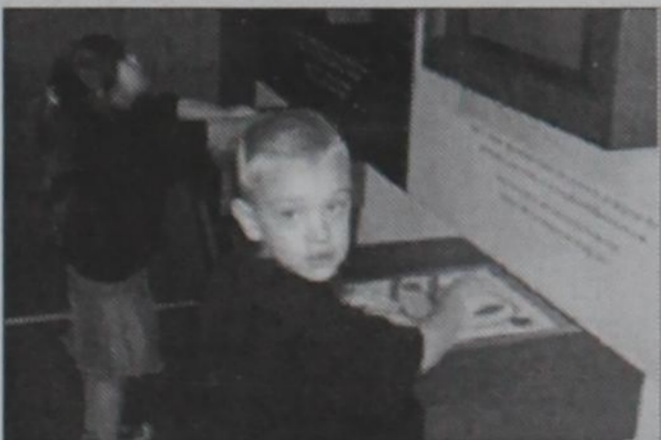
The Wheeler 1st & 2nd Grade boys, the Stangs won Conciliation Championship at the Mobeetie Fire Department Little Dribbler's Basketball tournament. Pictured Left to Right: Back: Coach, Robert Lewis, Andres Garcia, Cooper Foreman, Jordi Soto, Gustavo Andrade, Cody Carr & Coach, Terry "Boo" Menefield. Front Row: Cooper Adams, Christian Debose, Landon Peppers, Chase Helton, and Ransley Cochran. The team's sponsor is H&H Tire. The Stangs also took first place honors at the Shamrock Little Dribblers' Tournament. Wheeler's 1st and 2nd grade Boys, the Mustangs, placed third; team members are: Coach Mendy Bailey, Brady Bailey, Paden Markham, Ian Finisterwald, Aston Lee, Kade Kemp, Rae Bell, Yonathan Mendoza, Josue Sigala, David Devora & Adon Devora. Their sponsor is Finsterwald Ranch. (The Times needs a picture of this team.)



The Kelton PK & Kindergarten classes visited the AQHA Museum on Tuesday, March 3, '09. The students learned how a Quarter Horse got his name and the uses of a Quarter Horse. They learned about the people who helped make the Quarter Horse popular, what a racing Quarter Horse goes into at a race and the gear that goes on a horse. The students rode their mophead stick horses around their history and they also got to play. The students rode horses (mechanical), rode a western and English saddle, looked at the tack that people use for a horse and what people use to wear when riding a horse, saw the muscles, organs, and bones that are inside the horse plus they even got to hear the heart beat. They played videos, listened to Two Bits and the vet talk about the care and love for a horse. The students had a lot to do and had lots of fun learning.



The Kelton PK and Kinders Nathan Rowley, Nathanael Darnell, Travis Reeves, Emily Russell, & Laura Brown are galloping through the museum.



Emily Russell and Travis Reeves play videos about Quarter Horses



Micah Shortnacy rides her horse.



Gavin Guagardo and Gus Braddock take a ride at the museum.



Hunter Koelzer and Laura Brown listening to the Vet and Two Bits



Mrs. Herndon's Fourth Grade Class experienced a lesson demonstration from their fellow classmate McKinzie Martinez. McKinzie stood in front of the class and taught her friends how to create a Lava Lamp. Also Shown in the picture is Jady Wright and Taylor Riley.

MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Sue Mayfield

From last week: Our community was deeply saddened by the news of the death of Lena "Pearl" Darby. Our deepest sympathy to Bill Darby and the family and friends of Pearl Darby of Konawa, OK. Pearl passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, in Konawa. Graveside rites were held Thurs., Feb. 26, 2009, at the Mobeetie Cemetery with Rev. Alberta Helton officiating. Bill and Pearl had lived in Mobeetie for many years. Pearl's mother also lived here and they took good care of her. They tried to break us in gently by moving to Wheeler. We really missed them, but, at least, got to see them once in a while. They later moved to Oklahoma. They loved being close to the boys and really enjoyed getting to go fishing whenever they wanted to. Pearl is survived by the love of her life, Bill, of Konawa, OK.; two sons, Bill Darby of Katy, TX., and Bob and Robyn Darby of Konawa; four sisters, Barbara of FL., Betty Weatherly, Faye Farrar and Dixie McDowell; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Clinton and Maurita Stribling have been enjoying visits from their children, grandchildren and the darling great-grandchildren. Stori, Saylor, and Larah certainly keep things lively and entertaining.

Most of this last week has been so windy and cool. Sunday was just beautiful, though, and sort of gave us hope that maybe one of these days the wind will lie down. They had good showers east of us Friday. The moisture is greatly appreciated. We just got a tempting dose; then, Monday there were a few sprinkles, but no measurable moisture here.

Kent and Carron McNeely had spring fever and were out cleaning flower beds. They always have such a pretty yard in the spring and summer.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of long-time Mobeetie resident, Elisabeth Newman, 80. She had spent the last several months at the Parkview Assisted Living, enjoying her new friends and the staff. She was a sweet, quiet little lady with just a touch of her German accent left. It was always nice to get to visit with her when she came in the post office. She was born in Germany and married the love of her life, Delmar Newman, in the fall of 1948 while he was stationed in Germany. Delmar preceded her in death in 2007. She became a citizen of the United States in 1968. They moved to Mobeetie in 1968. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie and loved serving our Lord. Elisabeth is survived by six children, three daughters, Nancy Craig and husband, Orville, of Pampa, Shirley Wadley and husband, Jody, of Muskogee, OK., and Martha Gardner and husband, Terry, of Allison; three sons, Robert Newman and wife, Cindy, of Amarillo, Bill Newman and wife, Sherri, of Elk City, OK., and Pat Newman and wife, Marletta, of Farmington, NM.; 20 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by many.

Our condolences to Hyland Weaver and the family and friends of Betty Weaver of Wheeler. Betty, 72, died Friday, March 6, 2009, in Amarillo. Memorial services were held Monday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church of Wheeler with the Rev. Tom Carter officiating. Betty was born in Altus, OK., and graduated from Altus High School before attending West Texas A and M. Betty and Hyland were married in 1957 and moved to Wheeler in 1961. They had two beautiful children. Betty taught school for a few years and then retired to help Hyland get the pharmacy well established. Betty is survived by the love of her life, Hyland; a son, Tommy Weaver and wife, Sharla, of Wheeler; and daughter, Tracy McMeans and husband, Joe, of Stamford, TX.; four grandchildren; a brother and a sister. Betty was a member of the Wheeler First United Methodist Church and enjoyed the Thursday Review Club. She will be greatly missed by many.

This crazy weather has our apricot trees getting a pinkish cast, the Bradford pear trees are almost in full bloom and some of the wild plum bushes are starting to turn white. Just pray they don't get caught in a freeze this year. Some of the elm trees are leafing out beautifully. The daffodils have such beautiful yellow heads. The Striblings' forsythia bushes are popping out with beautiful yellow flowers. We were in Dumas Friday and Saturday for the Demons' 2009 Girls Softball Tournament and all the way to Dumas, there were little bursts of color popping up. Granddaughter, Harley, was playing with the Lady Harvesters. Friday was a good day for them; they played three teams, Dumas Orange, Palo Duro and Dumas Black. In a total of six innings, the Harvesters had 56 points with 14 points against them. The weather was cool and cloudy with a good breeze. Saturday wasn't nearly as nice; those poor girls fought the wind and dirt the whole time. They had to hold up the games several times just because of blowing dirt. At least, the winds were with the



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batters most of the time, but sure made it rough on the poor pitchers. They played the Amarillo Sandies Saturday morning and lost 7 to 15; then, turned around to play the girls from River Road and won 8 to 14. The Harvesters took 3rd place while McLean played the Amarillo Sandies for the gold.

We had an enjoyable visit with my sister, Shannon Pool. She came in to see Harley's opening game and then went back to work. Friday, we ate lunch with Jeff and Sky Mayfield at K-Bob's and had supper with my brother, Keith Sorensen, and sister, Shannon Pool, at Chia Blanca's. We had a very good visit. Saturday morning, Karen Sorensen and Shannon met us for breakfast and a nice visit and then we ran by Beall's for a quick shopping trip to take advantage of their sale. Shannon got to enjoy the games on Saturday with us. Harley made some good solid hits when she was up to bat, but never got to pitch, so she was a bit unhappy.

Leola Stuart took Jerry and Cheryl Richardson to lunch at Mel's on Sunday for a good lunch and nice visit after church. Jerry has gotten their garden spot tilled up and working on getting it ready. They all went over to visit with Eddie and Amy Richardson for a while in the afternoon. They had fun looking at some old pictures.

Kourtney Mayfield got a fairly good check-up from the cardiologist and won't have to go back for 6 months. He thought the changes she had were from the infections she had fought earlier in the winter. She has leveled off, so we are very thankful.

Pray for rain!! Please keep our friends and neighbors in your thoughts and prayers: Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Don and Mary Edwards, the families and friends of Pearl Darby, Elisabeth Newman and Betty Weaver, Bill and Shirley Dyson, Mabel Tabor, Louise Hogan, Bernice Heffley, Orville Greenhouse, Alvern Hutchison, Jane Seitz, Sue Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Peggy Frazier, Danny Hendrix, Lonnie Hendrix, Shelton May and family, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Kenneth and Vera Walker, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, John McGinty, Lou Dean Douthit, Iona May, Julia

Buckingham, Byron Simpson, Tom Frye, David Britt, Carolyn Sabbe, Debbie Kinnamon, Joe Tolle and family, Andrea Aldridge and family, John Paul Harris and family, Michael McLaughlin and family, John Ulrey and family, Joanne Couch, Frankie and Bob Herman, Carl and Peggy Carter, Ralph Mayfield, Jennifer Mayfield and Kourtney Mayfield. Have a great week.

Renewable Energy Workshop Mar. 26

USDA Rural Development will host a Workshop highlighting renewable energy and energy efficiency grant and loan programs and the Value-Added Producer Grant Program on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information that will assist with the application process and provide answers to any questions applicants may have. The event will be held at two locations in Amarillo and Lubbock. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Amarillo - Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service Center; 6500 Amarillo Blvd West, Amarillo, Texas—9:00 am
Lubbock - Reese Conference Center; Building #1130, 401 Gilbert Dr., Lubbock Texas—2:00 pm

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access to funds that normally would not be available to them. The Section 9007 Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement grant and guaranteed loan program may assist eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses with financing to install renewable energy projects or make energy efficiency improvements to existing operations.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Amarillo Sub-Area Office at (806) 468-8600, ext. 4 or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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ORDER OF ELECTION
An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 9, 2009, for the purpose of filling Place A and Place 5 for the Wheeler I.S.D. Board of trustees.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday, at the Wheeler I.S.D. Business Office, #1 Mustang Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.

NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER NITRATE VIOLATION
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Wheeler water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L. And has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of the drinking water in your community for NITRATE indicates a level of 12.9 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are working to correct the problem.
WE NO LONGER USE THE WELL WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF NITRATES, WHICH HAS LOWERED THE NITRATE LEVEL FROM 18.6 mg/L to 12.9 mg/L. Bottled water is available at no cost for the affected populations at City Hall. We are working with the City Engineer and getting technical support from TCEQ for an alternative water supply. The City Engineer is checking on a RO unit to be located at City Hall for use by the affected population.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have seen this notice. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact: Claudine Finsterwald, City Secretary

Frank Clymer,
Water Superintendent
806-826-3222
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NOTICE
The Wheeler County Commissioners' Court is currently accepting proposals for a used 2000 or newer 4 x 4 extended backhoe with regular front bucket or 4 x 1 bucket with trade in to be considered. More than one bid per company may be submitted. Pleas contact Daryl Snelgroves, Commissioner Pct 1 at 806-826-3186 or 806-663-1243 or Tom Puryear, Commissioner Pct 2 at 806-826-9010 or 806-669-5606 for information on trade in. Interested parties should submit proposals in care of the County Judge's Office, P. O. Box 486, Wheeler, Texas 79096. Proposals will be opened at the regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courthouse of the Wheeler County Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas. The Court reserves the right to accept or re-

ject all or any part of any proposal and to accept the offer most advantageous to us. All proposals must meet all State and Federal Laws and must be good for 30 days. 3/12-19C

Oil & Gas NEWS

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, 3930 Beaver St., Vernon, TX 76084. Davis Harrison, Phone: 940/552-6644.)

Intentions to Drill
Week Ending March 5, 2009
GRAY (WILDCAT & EAST LAKETON WILDCAT) Blue Energy Production, L.L.C., #1 Thomas, 1560' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 62, A-6, H&GN PD 13000'.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #1038 S.G. Smith, 660' from South & West line, Sec. 38, M-1, H&GN, PD 14960'.
Recompletion
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Cordillera Energy Partners III, L.L.C., #4 Alexander '48', 1599' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 48, A-1, H&GN, PD 13450'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Cordillera Energy Partners III, L.L.C., #3204 Abraham, 1175' from North & 660' from East line,

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Anonymous,
On a hot day in Aug of 2008, God sent His Son, Jesus, to Wheeler city and whispered in your ear, "A child of mine, Dean Lane, is facing the darkest days of her life. Her faith in me is in question and 'only belief' has lost meaning." Coping was out of reach, sleeping was a no! no!

For 21 days, her faithful Home Health nurses kept checking on her once weekly orders from loyal doctor, Louis Mendiola, with their sympathy. She had to face life without her most beloved and beautiful friend, Tamara Lynn, of 26 years. All she could say for months was, "Why Tamara? Why?"

She entered my life in 1982 and ended her life on Memorial Day past, 2008—O.D. on morphine. Her husband called—'ssap' from Boston. I close my eyes and I can hear his shock-filled scream, "Dean, I gave her 30 years of my life; 26 years of you were our friend, our love." "What happened?"

Some ?? have no answers. Why have I outlived family of 9? True at age 59.

I take comfort from the rich life in her 4 handsome, healthy boys God gave her. The last one, age 24, named for me. They had a tattoo over heart, "We love you, Mom." With prayer, they will make it.

Dear, Dear Anonymous, Thank you for picking me up on my way down and setting my feet on higher ground. Thank you for restoring my faith for the beauty found in the three months of "giving" to me. I am still in awe of the kindness shown me in deathly 2008. My nephew was forced to have his leg removed 6 inches past his knee Nov. 2008. He has diabetes II. So, whatever your name and whoever you are, live a good clean life. Watch the diet, 8 hours of sleep and pray I find my bed at a decent time for me, 4 a.m.—I am in the Book. This 25c will talk back. (A quarter was attached to the letter.)

"Bless you!"
Mrs. Dean Lane.



Tamara
"Gone Too Soon"
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Sec. 32, A-1, H&GN, PD 13400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #9031 Courtney, 1650' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 31, A-1, H&GN, PD 13650'.
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Mewbourne Oil Co., #24 Frank Shaller, 650' from North & 2460' from West line, Sec. 2, GH&H, PD 11600'. Rule 37
WHEELER (WILDCAT & FRYE RANCH Cons.) Apache Corp., #102 J.B. Simmons, 660' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 2, L., J.M. Lindsey, PD 18000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & LISTER Granite Wash) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #1017 Mills Ranch, 640' from North & 1390' from East line, Sec. 17, A-7, H&GN, PD 15000'. Rule 37
WHEELER (WILDCAT & LOTT RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2H Lot '17', 450' from South & 1980' from East line, Lot 3, C.C.S.L., PD 15000' (BHL: 467' from North & 1600' from East Lot line) Horizontal
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #3 D. Britt '4', 250' from South & 567' from West line, Sec. 4, 1, B&B, PD 14252' (BHL: 200' from North & 567' from West Sec. line) Horizontal
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Apache Corp., #2 Tyler '55', 660' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 55, A-7, H&GN, PD 18000'.

Oil Well Completions
ROBERTS (WEST CANADIAN Upper Morrow 'A') Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Mahler 'A', Sec. 1, Y, Studer, spud 6-1-08, drlg. compl 4-30-08, tested 8-31-08, flowed 15 bbl. of 48 grav. oil + 20 bbls. water thru 48/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 4600, TD 10425', PBDT 10364'
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Spuders 'A', Sec. 8, B-1, H&GN, spud 3-4-08, drlg. compl 4-8-08, tested 10-1-08, flowed 25 bbl. of 47.7 grav. oil + 55 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 7033, TD 11300', PBDT 10730'.
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Pennington 'B', Sec. 66, B-1, H&GN, spud 9-14-08, drlg. compl 10-12-08, tested 12-16-08, flowed 20 bbl. of 48.6 grav. oil + 100 bbls. water thru 14/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 17200, TD 11400', PBDT 10626'
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Sanguine Exploration, L.L.C., #1019 Mills, Sec. 19, A-7, H&GN, spud 4-21-08, drlg. compl 9-6-08, tested 12-6-08, flowed 267 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 500 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1790, TD 20630', PBDT 20630'
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #4 Elm Creek Ranch '46', Sec. 46, A-1, H&GN, spud 11-22-08, drlg. compl 12-9-08, tested 1-18-09, potential 2412 MCF, TD 11300'
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #2 E.B. Flowers '1', Sec. 1, 41, H&TC, spud 12-9-08, drlg. compl 12-23-08, tested 1-30-09, potential 1435 MCF, TD 13375', PBDT 13323'
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #63 Helton '6', Sec. 6, A-1, H&GN, spud 12-3-08, drlg. compl 12-22-08, tested 1-30-09, potential 3903 MCF, TD 13375', PBDT 13294'
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #1 Parnell '7', Sec. 7, A-1, H&GN, spud 11-14-08, drlg. compl 12-2-08, tested 1-10-09, potential 5660 MCF, TD 13350', PBDT 12619'
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #11 Yarnold '42', Sec. 42, 41, H&TC, spud 10-6-08, drlg. compl 10-31-08, tested 1-18-09, potential 3380 MCF, TD 13050', PBDT 12491'
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Jones Energy, Ltd., #4031H Vollmert Trust 'SL', Sec. 31, B-1, H&GN, spud 10-24-08, drlg. compl 12-18-08, tested 1-16-09, potential 12786 MCF, TVD 10710', MD 15088', Horizontal

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., # @ H Flowers 'CCSL', CCSL Survey, spud 5-4-08, drlg. compl 6-26-08, tested 10-2-08, potential 8400 MCF, TVD 8707', MD 11740' — Horizontal
WHEELER (DYCO Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #6 Dukes '7' A, Sec. 7, 31, 08, drlg. compl 8-23-08, tested 9-17-08, TD 14575', PBDT 14575'
WHEELER (DYCO Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #10 Hefley '3', Sec. 34, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-5-08, drlg. compl 1-7-08, tested 9-22-08, TD 13847', PBDT, 12778' —
WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #3H Lott '2', Sec. 2, 3, B&B, spud 9-6-08, drlg. compl 10-15-08, tested 1-8-09, potential 19513 MCF, TVD 11534', MD 15480'.
Horizontal
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Cons.) Apache Corp., #101 J.H. Hill, Sec. 1, L., J.M. Lindsey, spud 6-9-08, drlg. compl 8-8-08, tested 9-26-08, potential 128062 MCF, TD', FBTD 15022'.
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) JIMA Energy Co. of Texas, L.L.C., #204 Burrell, Sec. 4, L., J.M. Lindsey, spud 6-29-08, drlg. compl 9-4-08, tested 10-4-08, potential 34689 MCF, TD 16500', PBDT 15600'.
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., #4 Rizley '22', Sec. 22, A-3, H&GN, spud 8-7-08, drlg. compl 9-19-08, tested 11-14-08, TD 15923', PBDT 15877' —
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., #5 Rizley '22', Sec. 22, A-3, H&GN, spud 6-17-08, drlg. compl 7-31-08, tested 9-16-08, TD 16060', PBDT 15976' —
WHEELER (WEST-PARK Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #2011 Zybach, Sec. 11, —, CCSL, spud 9-12-08, drlg. compl 10-2-08, tested 12-4-08, potential 2753' MCF, TD 14150', PBDT 14033'.
WHEELER (WEST-PARK Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star L.L.C., #11 Fuhrman '19', Sec. 19, RE, R&E, spud 8-8-08, drlg. compl 8-27-08, tested 1-18-09, TD 14410', PBDT 14312' —
Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Legacy Reserves Operating, L.P., spud unknown (oil) — For the following wells:
#1 Archer 'A', Sec. 17, 4, 3, & GN, plugged 1-16-09, TD 3312'
#3 J.B. Bowers, Sec. 33, B-2, H&GN, plugged 1-7-09, TD 3314'
#304 Pampa Unit, Sec. 140, 3, & GN, plugged 1-15-09, TD 3285'
#129W East Schafer Ranch, Sec. 172, 3, 1 & GN, plugged 1-7-09, TD 3314' (Injection) —
ROBERTS (R.D. MILLS Atoka) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2 Hale, 660' from South & 467' from

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West Lease line, Clay County School Land, Tract 28, spud 1-15-04, plugged 8-17-08, TD 9900' (oil) —
ROBERTS (QUINDUNO Lower Albany Petrosearch Operating Co., L.L.C., #4 L.A. Maddox, 2323' from South & 330' from West Lease line, Sec. 158, M-2, BSCF, spud unknown, plugged 11-28-08, TD 4112' (gas) —
Form 1 in Shamrock Oil & Gas WHEELER (S.W. BRISCOE Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #102 Lancaster Unit, 660' from North & 2640' from
West Lease line, Sec. 2, H.W.H. Simpson, spud 3-5-81, plugged 8-20-08, TD 15400' (gas) —
Form 1 in Pioneer Production WHEELER (FRYE RANCH) Questar, #4034 Huff, 467' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 34, A-3, H&GN, spud 7-24-08, plugged 7-27-08, TD 845' (dry) —
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #1468 Stiles '68', 1750' from South & 1980' from East Lease line, Sec. 68, A-7, H&GN, spud 1-25-08, plugged 3-11-08, TD 13561' (dry).

Court (from Page 3)
1-28-09, S/2 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
C/C WILL-Lucile Peterson to Ex Parte, 10-15-08.
C/C ORDER PROBATE-Lucile Peterson to Ex Parte, 10-15-08.
MARCH 6, 2009
ASSUMPTION D-Lori L. Terry to John Mitchell Terry, 1-8-09, Lot 8, Blk. 3, Mont-Leuw Add., Shamrock.
D-Matthew D. Moore, et ux to Richard N. Sechrist, et ux, 3-4-09, 7.5 acs. SW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MODIFICATION OL-Frances Janet Laycock to Noble Energy Production Inc., 12-15-08, E/2 NW/4 Sec. 5, IRR Survey.
AFF-Glenda L. Floyd to Candee L. Atwood Hinds, 2-24-09, W/2 N 8 Sec. 4, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-Thelma Louise Reed Hall to Forest Oil Corporation, 2-27-09, P. S/2 Sec. 31, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ROW-Billy Buckingham, et ux to Crest Resources Inc., 2-17-09, P. NE/4 Sec. 1, B&B-C 7 Ry.

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KPDR-FM, 90.5
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Sundays: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Blood Drive
31 Pints of Blood were donated at Wheeler Monday, March 9, 2009



Carson E. Schilling

The law firm of Lemon, Shearer, Phillips, Good, P.C. announces that Carson E. Schilling has joined the firm and is officing in Perryton. He is a certified public accountant in addition to being admitted to practice law in Texas and Kansas. He has almost seven years of experience in a Wichita, Kansas, law firm that specialized in taxation, estate planning and business transactions. Carson earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting at Oklahoma State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Oklahoma School Of Law.

Carson is married to Mandie, the daughter of Rick and Reola Smith of Booker. Carson's parents are Larry and Nancy Schilling of Follett where both practice as certified public accountants. Carson and Mandie have a seven month old son, Curtis. The family will be living a few miles west of Booker.

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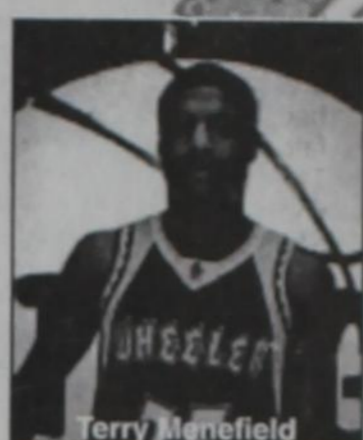
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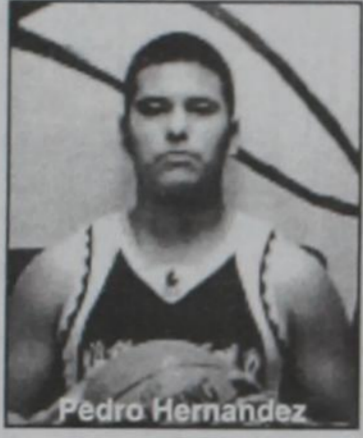
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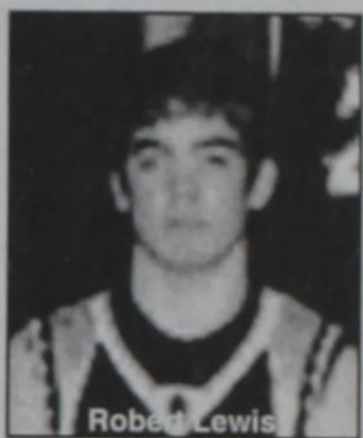
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COUNTRY NEWS

By Verma Fillingim

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

"Happy Birthday" Troy Butler, Jacy Hughes, Jacob Muller, Joy Wilson, Don Alexander, Valerie Watson, Cathy Miller, Hayden Hartsfield, Ryan May and Marci Payne, March 8; Peggy Ford, Halee Cross, Bayli Davis, Sylvia Shuler, Preston Smith IV, Austin Wills, Willie Renner, Jimmy Maddox, Tyna Horn and Sue Helms, March 9; Shelley Christner, Kelli Cromer, Sarah Pond, Wesley Steen, Michael Mayfield, Edie Phillis and Hayden Hudson, March 10; Krystal Fillingim, Rhett Morgan, Dudley Miller, Tammy Newman, Chase Scales, Leslie Wilson, Nathan Helley, Joshua Woodward and Jason Reed, March 11; Jeff Edwards, Dennise James, Urick Marshall, Erika Morgan, Betty Rives, Dianne Sparks, Pedro Soto, Tori Boydston, Andy Finsterwald and Marki Stringer, March 12; Zachary Kirkpatrick, Ruth Edwards, Dolores Simmons, Nikki Wiggins, Vincent Sanders, Darla Childress, Julie Boydston, Wilene Burke, Kyla Young, Bryan Moran, Orvel Brewer and Jared

Keys, Mar. 13; Chris Apple, Jozie Meadows, Brad Moran, Dana Trimble, Lori Selby, Mickey Macina, Andrea Hershenrader, Monroe Page, Landon Ware, Ilene Butler, Jodie Remy and Jodie Phipps, March 14.

"Happy Anniversary" to Bob and Debbie Kinnaman, Shot and Opal Childress and Lyndol and Joni Loyd, March 12.

Best wishes to Johnny Wilson who moved to Borger to be near relatives there. God bless you! Johnny's cell is 334-0683.

Coming to Wheeler Care Center Tuesday morning for a good sing-along, message from the Bible, communion to remember what Jesus did for us and prayers for everyone were Earl and Betty Husted, Joyce Wood and Verna. May God bless all the sweet people there. Also visiting were Frances and Toney Dickey to see her folks, T.J. and Eula Cole.

Jolene Jones from Louisiana came to visit her folks, Wesley and Helen Steen at Wheeler. Nice to have them out to sing at the band concert Tuesday night. Jolene sang with her daddy (good) and Helen visited with several.

So sorry to hear of the death of Betty Weaver, 72, in a bad accident. Heard she was airlifted to Amarillo, but she didn't make it. She was a sweet lady, the wife of Hyland Weaver and mother of Tommy Weaver and others. May God comfort you all.

Sunday Nite Live
KPDR-FM, 90.5
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9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Benefit Garage Sale

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Starting @ 7:00 A.M.

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Ryan and Robin Smith are in the process of adopting a child!!!
In an effort to offset the costs of adoption, we are having a benefit garage sale. If you would like to make donations, please call 334-0745

Hope to see you there!

Enjoying quilting and visiting at Totty School Thursday were Augusta Brown, Jimmae Hinds, Jamie Johnston, Betty Rogers, Audrey Seitz and Mendie Reeves. "Be not dismayed whatever betide, God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you." I enjoyed eating lunch with granddaughter, Lindsey Criswell at Maxey's Sunday. Grandkids are special! Several others were there to visit with.

At Wheeler Methodist Church Sunday was their good fellowship meal held once a month (usually on second Sunday).

Sunday dinner guests of Martha Meek were Wesley and Helen Steen and Leona Coates. Sorry to hear that Val Leffew will be moving soon to be near family. Her husband, Norman Leffew, 69, died Feb. 4 with services at Wheeler Baptist and burial at Hedley. Best wishes, Val; we will miss you.

Kent and Angie Ware and Bob and Evangeline Wills prepared the delicious hamburger with trimmings and fruit salad supper at Wheeler Baptist Church Wednesday night. Several others brought desserts. We always have Wednesday night suppers and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. at Wheeler Baptist Church. Visitors always welcome. Then, we have Bible Study by our pastor, Larry Mitchell, and prayer concerns for the ill and bereaved. Teams take turns preparing the good food. Thanks to all.

"I am so glad that my Father in Heaven tells of His love in the Book He has given. Wonderful things in the Bible I see; this is the dearest that Jesus loves me."

We welcome new members, Carson and Jeanette Bird, to Wheeler Baptist Church. God bless and keep you!

Good to have Nearly Brothers and No Mountain Boys Band out to Wheeler Care Center Tuesday night to entertain care center residents and others. Making beautiful music were Robert Jones, Jay Godwin, Geoff Caldwell, Gene Keelin and Jim Jackson. Also singing were Jay Godwin, Jim Jackson, Nadine Lane, Winnie Gilmer, Leona Coates and Wesley Steen and daughter, Jolene Jones. All was good! Band will be back March 17 at 6:30. Other visitors were Charlie Finsterwald, Stanley Ryan, David Gilmer, Evelyn Elliott, Randy and Tammy Field, Helen Steen, Martha Meek, Verma Fillingim, Tria Godwin, Gordon Estes and Mary Alston. Thank you! Visitors always welcome.

New Wheeler Care Center resident is A.D. Eads. Also new is Ovella Young from Shamrock. Welcome, Mr. Eads and Mrs. Young!
Golden Agers will meet Thurs-

day, March 19, for wellness check from Home Health, good potluck meal, program and fellowship. All over 50 years invited to come join us at Wheeler Baptist Fellowship Hall, March 19, 11:30 a.m.

"God bless America, land that I love! Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above."

Family members, Assisted Living residents and helpers and Parkview Hospital nurses came to help Iona May celebrate her 99th birthday, Thursday, March 5, at Parkview Hospital. She got many bouquets, balloons and candy. Soft drinks and a pretty cake that read "Happy 99th Birthday" were served. Some there were Richard and Dixie Gaines and daughter, Lynnette, Dwight Tipps, Dean and Georgia Tipps, Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Justin Lee. Happy 99th, Iona! Hope you make it to 100 (or more)! God bless you!

Family members and friends gathered at Maxey's Saturday night for a surprise 50th birthday celebration for Jimmy Maddox. Each ordered what they wanted and paid for it. Some there were Mack and Patty Shields; Terry Tipps; Richard and Bonnie Meadows; Ben Meadows and Bailey and Hailey Meadows; Justin and Jennifer Lee; Bobby and Sara Ford and Ty, Tate and Madelyn; Cody Dupont, Tammy and Jimmy Maddox and Amber; Vicky and Jimmy Nelson; David and Rita Pearson; Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen from Canyon; Rodney and Tamra Walser; Kevin and Jona Meek and Tommy and Shantell; Loyd and Diana Bohannon and Sanny and Brady; Danny and Veronica Grey and Kenny Brdecko. They had a nice surprise party. Happy Birthday, Jimmy Maddox, and many more! God bless you!

It was thought the large fire northwest of Shamrock Saturday p.m. was intentionally set. So sorry! Fire departments from many places came to help contain it and prevent damage to structures. Such work and expense. It was thought that about 275 acres of mostly love grass was burned Saturday, Mar. 7, on CR 14 and west and north of Twitty. Really windy. Thankful no structures were burned. Sad to learn that evidence showed the fire had been purposely set. Fire departments from Wheeler, Briscoe, Shamrock, Allison, Mobeetie, McLean and Kelton came to help. Many thanks to all!

I wonder why some people like to set fires when it is so dry and windy? They must be working for the devil and will go live with him in hell when they die. They cause so much damage besides all the hard work.
Ed Hershman got a good report



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

from his check-up with his heart doctor at Amarillo...doesn't have to go back for a year unless he has problems. Praise the Lord! Laurel is doing pretty well, too. Remember them in your prayers. Thanks, too, for the watermelons.

Most people didn't seem very happy about change to Daylight Saving Time. May be hard for little kids to get up an hour earlier, but seems nice for it to stay light outside till 8:00 p.m. or so. We will get used to it.

Temperatures on cable Sunday night varied from 0 to 4 degrees or so; didn't seem that cold.

"Junior" Pannell taught our Sunday school class for older people Sunday. Good job, E.J. He had studied.

"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" by John Wesley, early day preacher.

Saturday, it was a special treat to have old friends, Charlie and Edie Phillis from White Deer, come by for a visit. They had been to Miami to see granddaughter, Jacey Haiduk, play basketball in a pee-wee tournament. We always enjoyed Charlie and Edie and Mike and Stacey when they lived in the Briscoe-Gageby area where kids went to Briscoe School, all attended Gageby Church and visited us some. They are doing well except that Mike died several years ago. They asked about other old friends.

Martha Meek enjoyed a visit from Brandon Finsterwald (Bill and Tonya's son) and former foreign exchange student, Viktor Hermann, from Germany. Viktor is going to college at WTAM and Daniel is going to Levelland to college. Brandon is graduating from Fort Elliott this year and plans to go to W.T.

Nice to have a letter from Edith and Kelley Cross who lived at Mobeetie many years. So sorry Edith is having a hard time; she can't write letters unless someone helps as Parkinson's is progressing and giving her a hard time. She can no longer walk or even stand, but a few seconds. The toes of her right foot are turned under, making it difficult to walk. Remember Edith and Kelley in your prayers. Edith will probably be going to a nursing and rehab place soon. God bless you, Edith and Kelley Cross! You are special!

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13).

friends of Elisabeth Newman; 80, in her death. She was a sweet and beautiful lady and was a German war bride, marrying Delmar Newman in 1948 in Germany. He died in June, 2007. She was a United States citizen and member of Mobeetie Baptist Church. She was buried in Mobeetie Cemetery beside her husband.
"God be with you till we meet again."

Hospital Notes

Assisted Living:
Jane Seitz
Tom Frye
Iona May
Julia Buckingham
Mae Helton
Marcille Payne
Annie Ruth Lee

Admissions
2/28 Rosalee Atwood
3/4 Roy Bradstreet
3/6 Mildred Peairson
Johnny Kirkland
Neva Smith
Dismissals
3/3 Cooper Foreman
3/4 Misty Meadows
3/5 Roy Bradstreet
3/8 Johnny Kirkland

Crisis Intervention Course April 17-18

Wheeler EMS and Wheeler County LEPC will be hosting a Group Crisis Intervention Course on April 17-18 in Wheeler. The class will be 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. at the Wheeler church of Christ multipurpose building. This class is to train people to assist others when they have been through a traumatic event. You do not have to have any special skills or training, just a desire to help someone through a trying time.

If you are interested in this class, please call Brenda Sparlin at 826-5581 or Ken Daughtry at 826-3333 or 334-7373.

Chat

Tuesday; nothing serious.
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We got to play cards Monday evening for the first time, quite a while. Barbara and I had been under the weather and did not want to risk exposing our fellow card players. Rhonda and Leroy got their win in early and made Mike and I work for our win the second and third games.
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Colorectal Cancer Awareness

George G. Harris, lifetime resident of Wheeler County, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in February 2005, and lost his life to this disease on January 19, 2008. It is the cancer that no one wants to talk about. Many lives could be saved if men and women would simply get screened.

March 2009 marks the 10th Annual National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. It is a much needed opportunity for our country to educate itself about colorectal cancer and encourage people to learn more about regular screenings. Talking with your

doctor about screening could save your life. The Center for Disease Control states that when colorectal cancer is found early and treated, the 5 year survival rate is 90%.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States when cases of men and women are combined. American Cancer Society states that regular colorectal cancer screening or testing is one of the most powerful weapons in preventing colorectal cancer. From the time the first abnormal cells start to grow, it usually takes about 10-15 years for them to develop into colorectal cancer. Regular colorectal screening can, in many cases, prevent colorectal cancer

altogether. This is because some polyps or growths can be found and removed before they have a chance to turn into cancer. Screening can also result in finding colorectal cancer early, when it is highly curable.

Early signs can include change in bowel habits, such as constipation or diarrhea, narrowing of the stool that last for more than a few days, rectal bleeding, dark stools, blood in stools, abdominal pain or cramping, weakness and fatigue. People who have no identified risk (other than age) should begin regular screening at age 50. However, many cancers are found, and may be found to be progressed and/or spread to other organs at this time. If you

have any of these signs, or family history of colorectal cancer, talk with your doctor about screening before age 50, as more and more men and women are being diagnosed in their 30's and 40's. Those who have a family history should talk with their doctor about starting screening and/or getting screened at more frequent intervals.

Sadly, my dad, George is now included in the statistics. As many of you know, he always wanted to help anyone in need, friend or stranger. Let him help you now, talk to your doctor about colorectal cancer screening, and spread this message. It is an important message to spread. It will save lives. The more the word is



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spread about colorectal cancer, the more lives will be saved. During dad's fight with cancer, he said many times "If what I'm going through will help one person with this disease, it will be worth it".
Karla Benson RN, OCN

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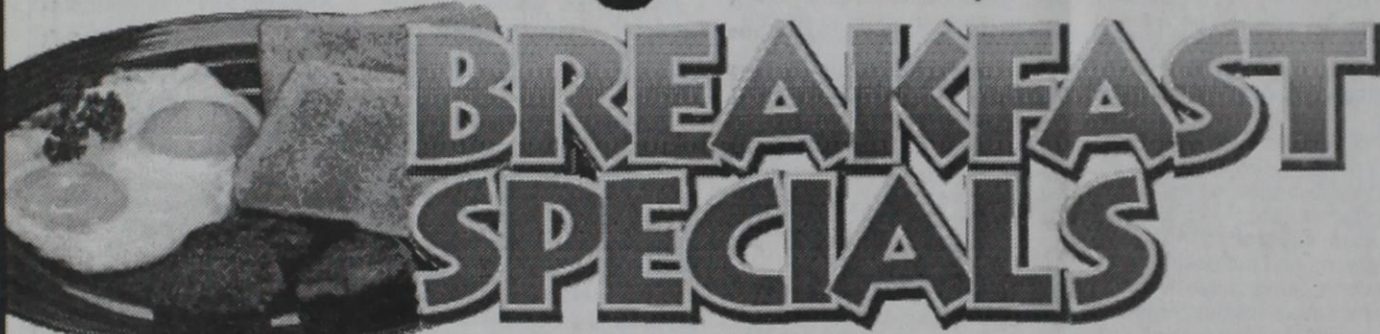


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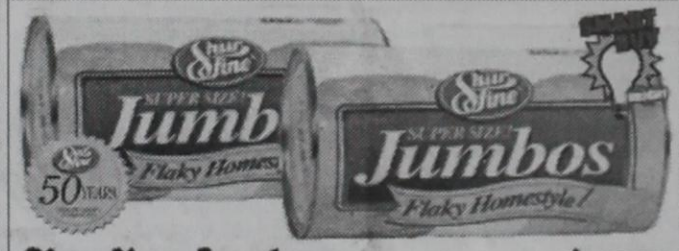
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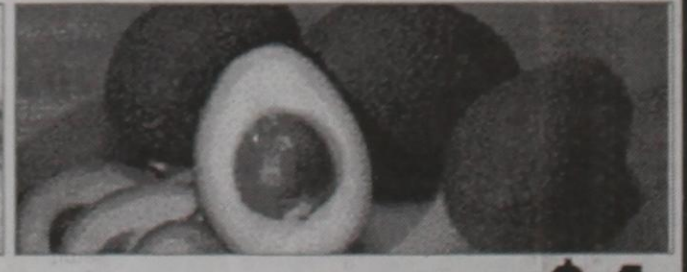
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