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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

WHEELER CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE SET

SEVEN STUDENTS ADVANCE TO REGIONAL

W.H.S. Students Win At District U.I.L. Meet

The U.I.L. District meet was held March 30, 1995 at Amarillo College. Many students participated in the meet, and each represented our school well. Several students will be advancing to the Regional meet in Levelland on April 20 and 21.

Amanda Rives won first place in Literary Criticism, Monty Long placed second, and Julie Hampton received fourth. They placed first as a team.

In Calculator Applications, Rocky Mendiola won first, Amanda Rives placed second, and Jessica placed third. They also placed first as a team and will advance to the Regional meet.

The Mathematics team also placed first as a team. Amanda Rives won first, Phillip Wiggins

received fourth, and Robert Stiles placed seventh. Robert Stiles also placed fourth

in the Science competition, and Kindra received fifth place in the Prose competition.



Allison School Will Hold Election On May 6, 1995

Allison Independent School District wishes to post notice of concern for the Regular School Board Election, to be held on May 6, 1995 to fill two at-large positions.

ABSENTEE:
APRIL 17, 1995 - Early voting by personal appearance begins. MAY 2, 1995 is the last day to vote by personal appearance. **ABSENTEE BY MAIL** - applications may be obtained as early as MARCH 22, 1995. Last day to receive applications for early voting ballots is April 28, 1995. Days for absentee voting are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absentee voting will be held in the Board Room of Allison I.S.D. Applications for absentee voting may be obtained upon request from Linda Ingersoll, P.O. Box 50, Allison, TX 79003.

MAY 6, 1995 - ELECTION DAY - Voting places - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting will be held in the Allison ISD Agricultural Building.

We will have TWO Regular terms to fill on the School Board of Trustees which will expire in 1998.



Ann Henderson

Reception Will Honor Ann Henderson Wed.

After 23 years of service to this community, Ann Henderson will be leaving Wheeler Banking Center. Ann, and her husband, James, will be moving this month to Tuttle, Oklahoma, where he has been transferred. Ann grew up in Wheeler, moved to Amarillo, and then moved back to Wheeler in 1972, when she began working for First National Bank in Wheeler. James and Ann raised their children in Wheeler, Ty, Cheryl and Tera. Ann is the daughter of Ed and Erma Riley.

Wheeler Banking Center invites you to a reception in Ann's honor, Wednesday, April 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Catholic Priest Will Be Ordained At Canadian

The Rev. James McGhee will be ordained to the Catholic Priesthood at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Canadian, Texas, on Friday, April 7, 1995 at 5:00 p.m.

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 6, 1995. The event will give local residents a chance to clean their closets and/or attics and earn a little extra spending money in the process.

Individuals wishing to participate in the sale will be charged a \$10.00 fee. The charge will provide them a place on the City Garage Sale map

and advertisement. On the day of the sale, city maps will be available showing the location of the registered sales. The event will be advertised in area newspapers and radio stations. Spaces on the square will be made available for area residents, who wish to bring their items into Wheeler for this sale.

To register your sale, contact the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce office at 826-3408 or write P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

If you are wanting to have a garage sale and want to be assured of a good crowd, this is your opportunity.

The Chamber will be cooking hamburgers on the square for your noon meal on Saturday the day of the City-Wide Garage Sale. So plan to eat a hamburger while shopping at the sales.

METHODIST GROUP WILL PRESENT "THE LIVING TABLEAU" THURSDAY

The First United Methodist Church of Wheeler, will be presenting the fifth annual presentation of "The Living Tableau" on Holy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. "The Living Tableau" is a play depicting the last meal Jesus shared with his Disciples.

Last year Belinda Masters, director added "The Mary Monologues". Though each Mary tells a different story, their messages converge into one brilliant expression of the light of His love.

The cast:
Andrew...Ervin Emmert
Simon...Jim Batton
James...Bob Stiles
John...J. C. Brooks
Philip...Bobby Ware
Nathanael...Roy Chick
Simon...Dick DeArment
Matthew...Gail Ledbetter
Thaddeus...Larry Porton

James...Lyndon Loyd
Thomas...Ben Ed Hillhouse
Jesus...Thomas Roy Helton
Lucanus, M.D....Warren Schoenecker
Matthais...David Wright

The Four Marys:
Mary, mother of Jesus...Noveline Loyd
Mary of Bethany...Gwen Emmert
Mary, mother of Mark...Denise Ware

Mary Magdalene...Karen Gill
Director...Belinda Masters
This year the cast had the privilege of presenting their program to the United Methodist Church in Wellington on April 2.

Please join us Holy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. for the presentation of "The Living Tableau."

ADVANCE TO REGIONAL: Wheeler High School students participated in the district U.I.L. meet last week. Seven students will advance to Regional Competition. They are: (l. to r.) Phillip Wiggins, Julie Hampton, Monty Long, Jessica Jackson, Robert Stiles, Amanda Rives and Rocky Mendiola.

FT. ELLIOTT STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN GOLDEN SPREAD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Golden Spread All-Star Tournament, which annually features the top senior players in the area, will be held this weekend, April 6, 7, and 8th at the Amarillo Civic Center's Cal Farley Coliseum. Lindsey Fillingim and Justin Wesbrooks, both seniors from Ft. Elliott, have been chosen to play on the East Squads.

Lindsey is the 18 year old daughter of David and Rita Pearson and Dan Fillingim. She has been a 4-yr starter at Briscoe and has made All-District 1st team each of her 4 years in high school. This year she averaged 15 pts. per game, 10.4 rpg, 3.6 apg. She also has been invited to play in the Six-Man All-Star game in Wichita Falls in July. Lindsey made the all-tournament team at Fort Elliott and Allison. Her other sports interest are volleyball and tennis. She was a regional qualifier in tennis in 1994 and her volleyball team was the regional runner-up this year.

Team members on the East Golden-Spread All-Stars are Christy Kirkland, Amarillo High; Misty Homen and Melanie Friemel, Groom; Adrain Vanhooser, Canadian; Jennifer Humphrey, Panhandle; Michelle McWilliams, Randall; Sally Hamilton, Borger; Ashley Shieldknight,

Spearman; Katy Yauck, Follett and Lindsey Fillingim, Ft. Elliott

Justin Wesbrooks is the son of Mike and Alice Wesbrooks. He has been a 2 year all-district 1st team selection. This year he averaged 21 pts. per game, 2.6 assists and 11.9 rpg. Wesbrooks was all-tournament at Fort Elliott and Allison and was named to the 6-Man All-State Squad this season. He was also invited to play in the Six-Man All-Star game in Wichita Falls. He ran on the fourth-place cross country State team and plays baseball and tennis. He was also a regional qualifier in track in 1994.

Other East Golden Spread team members are Cory Fields, Clarendon; Bo Burgin, Groom; Duane Nickelberry, Pampa; Snapper Hunnicutt, Wellington; Willie Herring, White Deer; Deric Waters, Samnorwood; Michael Gay, Hedley; Blaine Bivins, Canadian; Allen Gorham, Panhandle.

The North and East All-Stars will play on Friday April 7th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Lindsey Fillingim



Justin Wesbrooks

Local Meals on Wheels Needs More Volunteers

The Meals on Wheels organization are badly in need of more volunteers to take the meals to the people in need. Several have been sick or some of the family is ill. Others are going on long vacations, or summer jobs elsewhere.

At one time we had enough volunteers that they only needed to take meals once a month, and now we are very short, and having to call on some that take the meals several times a month.

If you feel as if you could help us, please call Amelia Sims at 826-3764 or Joan Gray, 826-5243, or Betty Hennard at 826-5961 or 826-5790.

We sincerely appreciate all the help we can get. **THANK YOU, ALL YOU VOLUNTEERS.**

Amelia Sims, Chairman of the Board.

New Arrival

Leslie Nicole Erwin is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby brother: Lane Nichol-Edward Erwin.

He was born on February the 18th at Childress Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Larry and Lorrie Erwin.

Grandparents are James and Millie Williams, and Dwight and Susie Erwin. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Edward Gilmer, Lona Mae Williams, Madge Erwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Benevidez of Erjck, Oklahoma.

Ft. Elliott Students Participate in Dist. U.I.L.

Several Students from Fort Elliott High School participated in the District U.I.L. competition at Clarendon on March 30th and 31st. The Math and Spelling Teams placed 1st and earned the honor of advancing to regional competition, to be held on April 21st and 22nd at Levelland. Misty Walker also placed 1st in News Writing, earning the right to advance to regional competition. The Science Team Placed 2nd.

Members of the 1st Place Mathematics Team are: Jodie Crownover, Misty Walker, and Justin Wesbrooks.

Members of the 1st Place Spelling Team are: April Finsterwald, Misty Morgan, and Tera Hefley.

Members of the 2nd Place Science Team are: Dana Trimble, Jodie Crownover, Johnny Brannen, Josh Purcell, Justin Wesbrooks, and Sarah Hale.

Individual Results:
Misty Walker, 1st Place News Writing; April Finsterwald, 1st Place Spelling; Misty Morgan, 2nd Place Spelling; Jodie Crownover, 2nd Place Number Sense; Jodie Crownover, 2nd Place Calculator Applications; Jodie

Crownover, 4th Place Mathematics; Sarah Hale, 4th Place Science; Dana Trimble, 5th Place Ready Writing; Misty Young, 5th Place Editorial Writing; Tera Hefley, 6th Place Calculator Applications; David Helton, 6th Place Prose Interpretation, and Collin McCurley, 6th Place Headline Writing.

Other students attending the competition were Bobby Blackburn, and Amanda Shields. We are very proud of the effort shown by these students.

Graydon Parnell Kyseth Dies April 3, No Services

Graydon Parnell Kyseth, 78, died Monday, April 3, 1995. There was no services. The body was cremated under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mr. Kyseth married Topaz Williams on Feb. 3, 1946 in California. He had lived in Wheeler County for many years and worked for Ashland Chemical Co. for 23 years. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Topaz, of Wheeler; a son, Kelly Kyseth of East Camden, Ark.; two brothers, Lyle Kyseth of Tucson, Ariz., and Wendell Kyseth of Riverside, Calif.; two sisters, Olive Rubek of Colma, Calif., and Elva Mattson of Wilmer, Minn.; and two granddaughters.

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

None
New Admissions
3-27 Lucille Neuhaus
3-28 Lorena Adams
Cecil Blevins
3-31 Timothy Andris
4-2 Antonio Badillo
Maria Reyes

Dismissals

3-27 Richard Jackson
3-29 Ott Davis
J. C. Reeves
3-30 Howard Lohberger
3-31 Craig Morris
May Bell Childress
Nellie Lackey

Men's Softball

The Fort Elliott Senior Class of 1995 will be sponsoring a Men's Softball Tournament. The tournament will be held at Briscoe, Texas on April 8 and 9. This will be a double elimination tournament with prizes going to first and second place teams. Entry fee will be \$100 until April 3. Entry fee after April 3 will be \$130. All teams interested need to contact either Brad Logan at (806) 375-2453 or Mike Wesbrooks at (806) 375-2104 for more information.

Girl Scouts Schedule Bake Sale Sat. at Thriftway

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Troops #1 and #185 will have a Bake Sale on Saturday, April 8 at Thriftway in Wheeler. The time will be from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Money is being raised for picnic tables for the commu-

nities of Mobeetie and Briscoe and also for the Girls' awards and pins earned this year.

The Girls thank all of you who have helped make this year a productive one.

Chemical Free Party To Sponsor Auction April 22

There will be an auction at the ag barn in Wheeler on April 22 at 7:00 P.M. Proceeds will go to The Chemical Free Graduation Party for students from Wheeler, Allison, Mobeetie, Briscoe, and Kelton. If you have items you wish to donate to the auction please contact the following: Allison—Johnathan Walker 375-2349, Jeremy Sutterfield 375-2134, Wheeler—Corby Chick 826-3302, Katie Coomer 826-3407, Phil Wiggins 826-3198, Brad Harrison 826-3269, Mobeetie—Jake Swagart 845-1080, John Moffet 845-2872, Briscoe—Keri Nelson 375-2238, Josh Purcell 375-2571, Justin Wesbrook 375- , Kelton—J. W. Ray 826-5747.

Mustang Boosters Will Meet Monday, April 10

The Mustangs Booster Club will meet **MONDAY, APRIL 10TH** in the **WHEELER SCHOOL CAFETERIA AT 7:00 p.m.** Work and food assignments will be made for the District Track meet to be held April 13th here in Wheeler. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to get the work time that they want.

WEATHER

DATE	DAY	Hi	Low	Pre
3-29	Wed.	39	34	0.40
3-30	Thurs.	39	33	0.03
3-31	Fri.	62	31	0.00
4-01	Sat.	74	36	0.00
4-02	Sun.	74	46	0.00
4-03	Mon.	65	48	0.37
4-04	Tues.	73	42	0.00
Low for the Year:		03-07	12	
High for the Year:		03-22	84	
Total Moisture for March:			1.60"	
Total Moisture for the Year:			2.88"	
Total Snow:			15.02"	

Courtesy: KPDR-FM Radio

Best wishes to Mona Jennings and Johnny Freeman on their marriage March 10.

Best things to give:
To your friend—loyalty;
To your enemy—forgiveness;
To your boss—service;
To your child—a good example;
To your parents—gratitude and devotion;
To your wedded mate—love and faithfulness;

To all men—charity;
To God—your life."
Pray for Oral Helton. They took him to Amarillo for tests Saturday at High Plains Baptist Hospital. Hoyle is not well. She has breathing problems.

Vetola Parker is doing pretty well at home. Her son, Nelson, visited her Sunday morning.

Georgia Tipps, Tammy Maddox, Jennifer and Amber shopped in Elk City Saturday.

Mark Meek and Kaleb went to Lubbock Friday for Kaleb to play in the Lone Star Classic Basketball tournament. They won their first game by 44 points, lost their second game by three

points and were playing Sunday. Annette went to Amarillo Sunday night to get him. Kaleb's team won second in the tournament.

Eric Shields was visiting his Aunt Amanda Shields Sunday.

Jocelyn Meek visited Evelyn Meek Sunday. Nice to have her out to the Singing at Gageby.

Nova Powledge, Evelyn Meek, and Lois Meadows went to the Abraham Home in Canadian Saturday for a Sing-along with the residents.

David and Winnie Gilmer went to Amarillo two days last week for his doctor's appointments. He is walking better. Keep praying!

Willa Fillingim was entering St. Anthony's Hospital Monday and having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for a full recovery for Willa. Good to have her and Laurel out to church Sunday night.

Nice to have Leonard and Bertha Hollis, J. P. and Martha Meek, Edna May, and Homer Sanders come for supper and games of 42 Friday night. Nice to have the Hollises back in Texas.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Wheeler track meet Saturday and did their very best, whether they placed first or whatever. We went down and watched while. Nice to see and visit with people. We got to see Jake Swigart, Brooke Stevens and Shane Sparlin all win first in their event. Jake won in several things.

Jackie Dukes went to Briscoe to church with Fat and Wanda Sunday. Also joining them at Fat Childresses for lunch were Clyde and Jane Dukes and Stacie and Jeremy Seay from Shamrock.

Shelly Hunt and Melody Morgan are working at Wheeler Dairy Queen, and doing a good job.

Wednesday Bob and Gena Zybach shopped in Pampa and met Gena's sister, Mary Lee Gilliland for lunch at Dos Caballeros.

Sally Dillman, another sister, from Carrollton was a weekend visitor to Mary Lee, and Gena and Bob.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Berga Goad, 91, who passed away Saturday in Encino, California. They are bringing her back to Wheeler for burial. Berga was a sister to Ruby Zybach.

Danny and Mary Nelson and Danille visited Tom and Emma Swigart and Jake Saturday night for supper and ice cream and cake to celebrate Tom's birthday—at Mobeetie.

Jimmy Nelson has been helping Gary and DeAnn Nagel at their home in Elk City. Sunday Larry and Vickey Nelson visited awhile with Shirley Jolly and Cathy Harrison.

Fort Elliott High School kids playing tennis Tuesday at Pampa included Stacie Dukes with Keri Nelson, Donnie Barr with David Helton, Misty Morgan with Dana Trimble, Justin Wesbrooks and Lindsey Fillingim.

Our Fort Elliott High School baseball team is doing well. Some on it are Jake Swigart, John Moffett, Michael Farrel, Tim Kincannon, Justin Wesbrooks, Donnie Barr, Dana Trimble, Josh Purcell, David Helton, Johnny Brannen, and Jonathan Lester. Good Luck!

David and Rita Pearson and Lindsey Fillingim went to Plainview Saturday and Dallas came down. The coach seemed really pleased with Lindsey and offered to sign her up. She is waiting to see about the financial side of it. Pray for Lindsey and our other youth that they will make the right decisions. Lindsey played volleyball with the Wayland girls and other invited girls. They all met Amy Brown for supper in Amarillo Sat. night.

Praise the Lord! Dean Lieb is recovering well from surgery. He is Edna May's son-in-law. They appreciate the prayers.

There were many old friends and relatives out to Country Chapel Sunday afternoon to celebrate Leonard and Susie Fulks 60 wedding anniversary. They were looking good. Good to see and visit with everyone. Their children and grandchildren hosted the party.

Doyle and Beulah Grimes visited Harold and Lessie Austin Thursday. They had shopped in Wheeler.

Aint It The Truth
By Ab Gunter

Been watchin a bunch of things on the tube lately and find it a bit confusin. Mud slides in California, earthquakes in this country and that and floods and poison gas and who knows what else, but in our Capitol we see our representatives havin a child's temper tantrum. Now aint that the pitts?

By the way its gettin spring time around here and all the little flowers are gettin ready to sprout and some of them have. Gives me a good feelin. We can get out the lawn mower and garden hoe and put up the snow shovel. Now don't get too durn ready for summer, we ain't got by the Easter spell yet. I've always told Mama I will change the snow tires after Easter and there has been times I wuz glad I waited.

Have any of you good folks figered out the baseball problems? I ain't. I can't understand why so few people can keep us pilgrims from watchin one of our favorite sports. I can hardly wait till the official says Play Ball. Honest we have watched that sport more than any other thing in the spring and summer and it would be awful for us to have to pick out something else to entertain ourselves. Wow, wouldn't that go hard for some of them million buck pitchers and catchers to have to get another job to earn their meagor salaries? Wonder what they would choose. Maybe bein a used car salesman or maybe a talk show host. Honest what would they do to earn their keep? What really hurts me is to see all of them folks that work around the Parks that sell tickets, clean the bathrooms and even the feller that sell popcorn, what will they do? I wonder if the owners and players have ever thought about these people or do they really care about them. I feel its really GREED on the part of both parties and the Hell for the Rest, what do you think?

Noticed in the Reader's Digest of the Dilley family here in the Hoosier state that had SIX little ones all at one time, goodness me if that ain't a bunch. I'm afraid I would have fainted and am sure my Little Fat Wife would have. Can't imagine changin six diapers all at one time. You should read about the family, very interesting.

That bird over in Japan that runs some kind of cult that had tried to do away with millions of folks apparently just cause he wants to, don't recon he wuz kin to that bird in Guiana that caused most of his clan to take their own lives. We've had folks like this forever, but back in those days you hardly ever knew about it unless you were in that area but nowadays we have instant availability over the wire to know everything happening in the world.

One of our granddaughters has been studying World History in school and one day she asked me if the Holocaust really happened and I have tried to tell her about it, but it is so horrible that we just don't want to believe it ourselves. Yes things like this did happen on both sides of the planet. I have seen such things like that over in the Orient and have talked to buddies that were in the European Theatre and their experiences with it. We humans are strange creatures, yes we are.

By the way, a feller I have known of in San Angelo, Tex. is gettin in the limelight. Elmer Kelton, a writer, just had one of his books made into a movie, The Good Ole Boys. I met Elmer some years ago in Angelo and bought one of his books. I think it was "When The Cowboys Quit". He has written about 40 books and I have read a few of them and liked them. He's a western writer and doin a good job. Recon I'm sort of a western reader. No I ain't a cowboy, but wear Levis when I find a pair in a yard sale that is my size.

Enjoyed the visit. You take it easy now. Love, Ab and Mama

WHEELER MENU

April 10 thru April 13, 1995
Monday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, milk
Lunch: Chili dogs, relish, tater tots, milk/tea, peaches, cookie.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits/gravy, eggs/sausage, peanut butter, milk.
Lunch: Mexican pile on, grated cheese, salad, chili beans, chips, milk/tea, pineapple.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, cinnamon roll, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, french fries, milk/tea, pears.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, pancake pups/syrup, hash browns, toast/sausage, milk.
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, pork and beans, tater rounds, mixed fruit, cookie, milk/tea.
Friday: Holiday
Menu subject to change.

There was a big crowd out to Briscoe Thursday night for the Fort Elliott P.T.O. talent show. It was very good. Lots of talent. Those performing were Cassie Hodges with Sarah Beth Zybach, Tamara Hefley with Stormy Reeves, Crystal Selby, Brittany Daniels, Melissa Kephart with Jackie Dukes. Also Monty Hand was singing with a band "playing instruments" and doing lots of acting. Julie Zybach played the piano and also sang. The program closed with two teachers, Cheryl Daniels and Pam Jones singing. They also directed the children and coached them. Many other kids cheered them all on and got in the act. Band members were Aaron Hartline, George Reeves, Justin Hefley, and Seth Meadows.

Don and Cindy Hartsfield and Hayden and Glory from Canyon came to the program at Briscoe and spent Thursday night with J. P. and Martha Meek and stayed till after dinner Friday. They celebrated Cindy's birthday.

"Dear God, help me to spread happiness among those I meet today, for in doing so I bring joy to myself" Nell Rhea.

We had a real good singing at Gageby Church Sunday night. Good to have Ray and Pat Hudson and foster daughter, Cindy Valdez, from Perryton come and they all sang. Also had Coy and Hazel Bennett from Perryton with dulcimer, spoons, harmonica. Rosalie Keelin played for Coy's singing and harmonica. Our youth group ate lunch at church, practiced on songs and got things ready for night—tables, chairs, etc. They sounded good and were John Moffett, Misty Morgan, Sarah Hale, Jodie, Londa and Terri Crownover, and teacher, Gage Hale. Others singing were Aaron and Claudetta Laverty, Winnie and David Gilmer, Rosalie Keelin, Evelyn and Martha Meek with Lois Meadows, Monty Hand. Willa had some very good poems. Willis played the harmonica. Gage Hale and Rosalie Keelin played the piano. Lots of good food and visiting.

Fort Elliott High School baseball team will play Shamrock there Tuesday April 11 at 4:30.

"God be with you till we meet again."


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Shane Simms was the Student of the Week at Fort Elliott Elementary for the week of March 27, 1995. Shane is in the Fourth Grade and the son of Barbara and Rick Hodges of Canadian, Texas.

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Edith Cross

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Evelyn Hanning, Dianna Jones and Ora Lee Underwood on April 6. Cody Walker, Mary Nelson, Allie Johnson, Lula Buice, Wayne Edwards, Cynthia Worthington and Lucy Johnston on April 7. Dustin Yowell, Lola Cyphers and Jody Powledge on April 8. C. J. Bryant, Carrie Perry, Stephanie Baker, John Meadows, Eula Cole, Alma Maddox and Willetta Shelton on April 9. Jack Morgan, Bobbye Horn and Kenneth Wade Corse on April 10. Becky Blackburn, Amber Maddox, Dale Moore, Steven Moore, Mark Hamilton on April 11. Leslie Harrison, Tammy Red, Roberta Eudey and Doretta Moore on April 12.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Curtis and Jane Ann Hall on April 9, Domer and Hazel Miller, Gene and Louise Shorter on April 11. Ray and Verline Currie on April 12.

A good quote from Charles Kingsley, English author, clergyman and teacher,

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in

you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know." Speaking of being forced to work. A good group met at the First Baptist Church Sat. A.M. for the GREAT TEXAS TRASH-OFF. There were 22 of us. We were treated with Orange juice, coffee and doughnuts, then divided into groups for our 2 mile area. We are really proud of our youngsters that went along to help. They worked hard and were very cautious and well behaved. We are also proud of our pastor Robert Cook for donning his

over-alls and helping do his mile. Louise Hogan made a big sacrifice too, it was her birthday. What a way to spend a birthday. Those helping with the Trash-off were: Michael Farrell, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Doris Finsterwald, Mary Nell Finsterwald and Andy, Louise Hogan, Robert Cook, Artie, Daniel and William, Lester Leonard, Lori Selby and Chrystal, George, Shana and Stormy Reeves, Willene Burke and granddaughter Amber Mullins, Kelley and Edith Cross and Rob Hogan.

The Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department wishes to extend its most sincere appreciation to Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department for training classes attended by Mobeetie and the other assistance given to Mobeetie VFD.

Visiting with Don and Willene Burke over the weekend were David Mullins and Amber and Angie Darling all of Amarillo.

Gene and Sue Harrison visited Monday with Thelma Harrison in Carnegie, Ok. Wed. they attended a cattle sale in Hobart, Ok.

FIRST BAPTIST W.M.U. met Tues. March 28 for the regular Bible Study, led by Orville Greenhouse. The lesson topic was: WHEN YOU ARE HURTING, from the 6th Chap. of Galatians. Members attending were: Mona Cook, Velma Forbes, Lorene Rector, Melba Corcoran, Edith Cross and Orville Greenhouse. Kelley received a phone call re-

cently, followed by a letter from a Travis Roberts, in Bellaire, Tx. He is interested in collecting old tokens used by businesses years ago. It seems they were used by stores, barber shops, pool halls, bakeries, saloons, etc. They were used for a certain value toward merchandise. He would like to find one from Mobeetie to add to his collection. If anyone has a token you would like to share with Mr. Roberts, call us and we can get you in touch with him (806) 845-2353.

Mona Cook left Amarillo, Wed. by plane to Greeley, Co. to visit her sister, Christie Albert for a few days. Bro. Cook and the boys are batching it, and so far they seem to be doing fine.

OLD MOBEETIE ASSOCIATION will meet Thurs. April 6 at 7:00 at the First State Bank Hospitality room.

XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) will meet Friday April 7 at 5:30 P.M. at the First Baptist Church. Come join us for lots of good eats, fellowship, and games afterward.

"Parents Night Out" will meet for our second time, Sat. April 8 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. We had a good time last month and hope more of you will come join us.

Melba Corcoran tripped on a tree root and fell as she was taking the trash out at City Hall last Monday. She got a pretty bad sprain on her left wrist and some scrapes and bruises. Wed. she and Dale drove to Okla. City and spent the night with their children Barry and Terri Corcoran and Cody and

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Justin. Thursday Melba had an appointment with a Cardiologist in Okla. city. They will have to go back the 17th for tests.

Tina Dockins of Reydon, OK. spent the weekend with her grandparents, Leon and Rosemary Dockins.

April 9th will be a special day at the First Baptist Church. We will be celebrating our Pastor and family's 1st Anniversary with a meal following the morning worship service. We ask each family to bring a vegetable or salad and a dessert. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the church. Everyone is invited.

Everyone is invited to our EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at M. K. Brown Boy Scout Camp on April 16. The service will begin at sunrise at the Lakeside Tabernacle. We will have refreshments and fellowship at the scout dining hall. This is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie and everyone is welcome to attend. We will have our regular Sunday morning services at the church after the sunrise service.

Melissa Kephart invited Jackie Dukes for a sleep-over party Friday. The girls had a good time playing dress-up and other fun things until about 2:00 a.m., then finally gave in to sleep.

Shirley Keller and Curly Watson of Carter, OK. visited with Lori and Dewayne Selby and children Sunday. They were also guests at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Lindy Mason of Amarillo visited last Monday with Jap and Alice Bailey. Visiting them Sunday were Hugh and May Bailey.

Doug and Doris Whaley visited a week ago Sunday, with Floyd Gatlin at the McLean Care Center.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes visited Thursday afternoon with Harold and Lusia Austin of Briscoe. Saturday, son Gary Grimes of Amarillo came down for a visit.

Orville Greenhouse visited with Dorsie and Alvern Hutchison of

Wheeler Sunday afternoon.

Calvin and Leola Stuart went to Amarillo Friday. Calvin had blood work done for tests. While in Amarillo they visited with their children, Randy and Julie Stuart, Jesse, Zack and Jeremy.

Jud and Lorene Rector and Dale and Melba Corcoran drove to Shamrock Sat. and had lunch at the U-Drop In Cafe. Lorene's nephew, Wayne Pierce and wife Mary operate the Cafe. Son-in-law Aaron Lancaster of Amarillo came down last Thursday and did some carpenter work for Ariza and Anna Belle Corcoran. Helen May visited with Ariza and Anna Belle on Friday. Mon. they kept Karen Kelley while parents Jeff and Melie Kelley went to the Dr.

Billy and Katie Henning and twin daughters, Brittane and Brianna moved last Friday to Kansas. Billy's parents Ed and Jean Hennig of Wheeler helped them move and returned home Sat. I understand they will be out in the country, about 25 miles from civilization, but will be able to buy a few supplies at Sylvia, Ks., like gas, bread, milk, etc. We wish them the best of luck.

Jud and Lorene Rector went to Pampa Monday for Jud's Dr. appt.

Melba and Dale Corcoran visited with Calvin and Leola Stuart on Friday. Sat. they visited with Gene and Sue Harrison.

It was good to see Leonard and Bertha Hollis of Bolivar, Mo. in church Sunday. The Hollis' come twice a year to spend some time at their farm west of Mobeetie. (The Willis farm) We enjoy having them spend time here. They always participate in most of our community activities.

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urday morning. At 7 a.m. we had .3 and by 8 had an inch and a half. At 8:45 we had 2 and a half inches. Just fell by the bucketful. Faye Jones over south reported over 3 inches and Iva up east had 2 inches. Sure was appreciated. Had some lovely snow this week. It was 32 this a.m. but no ice. And here is April, the dangerous month. The big blizzard of '38 came

howling in about the 6th. Joe chopped fence posts to keep us from freezing as we thought spring had come. Were eating out of the garden. April 9th, in '47 a tornado blew us away. We didn't have a cellar. It took all the outbuildings, barn, fences. Moved one end of the house off the foundation and scattered the stack of bundles. Killed Mr. Olson at Grimes. No one got very

excited about us since that was the night Woodward took off with many killed.

We've got til the 15th to send in the remainder of the 1994 income tax and get the 1st quarter estimated tax for this year. Also, it is time to turn the clocks up an hour. The clocks aren't bad, it's those digital watches! It isn't all bad tho. Joe Dale and David were born in April. Easter comes in April most of the time.

Reba and John Greer and Rocky of Burns Flat were out to see Mellie Stone. Put her in a door bell front and back. Mellie visited Ethel Dodd one day.

Peck and Edith Sanders of Satanta, KA were here to visit Larry and Pearl Conway. Edith, Beatrice Lloyd, Brenda Foshee, Ryan and Laura, Sand Springs, and T.W. and Ruby Dell Hobbs, Sayre visited Inez Coffey.

Jerry and Linda Nabors, Rusty and Randy, Pagosa Springs, Colorado have been visiting Wilbur and Theresa Nabors, and Carolun Barham this week.

After the flood on Saturday, we put off the birthday celebration at Cal's until Monday. Guess I really was 39, at least that is what the birthday cake Margaret made said. Joe and I, Harold and Mary Bollen, Margaret Hiller, Iona Miller, and Mable Holland had a good time. Got there in time to see our cousins George and Wanda Flowers, Erick, Jim and Nora Lou Lukens of Bartlesville. Jim and Nora were on their way to Colorado. Think they found snow?

Ch. 4 had their weather helicopter out to Erick to watch the bad weather last Friday. Not to be outdone, Ch. 5 sent their weather crew out Saturday, so Erick got on network TV two days in a row. TV said Sweetwater has bad hail but no one knew of it.

Randy Allen is home from the hospital in OKC, Howard Lohberger has been a patient at Wheeler and John Mollet at Elk. Lucille Barker has been on the puny list. Eva Atkinson spent two days at OKC with her mother who had eye surgery.

Sherman Wilson, Texhoma, has been out to see Eileen and Ed Logan, and Dovie Wilson while Wanda visited her mother in OKC.

FFA members attending the Spring State Fair at OKC were Brad and Brendon Atkinson, Colby and Mandy Hagerman, Brandi and Dusty Elam, Tiffany Sanders, Jennifer Taylor, and Dalea Robison. Colby had Champion Southdown lamb, and Brendon placed 8th with his cross barrow. Parents going were Ed and Jimmy Elam, Natalie Robison, Lynn, Kay and Robin Hagerman, Jerry and Charlotte Sanders, Elbert and Eva Atkinson.

Beverly and Gene Keathley, Leann and Lana attended the rodeo at Earth, TX last weekend. Leann won 1st on goat tying. Lana placed 2nd in roping and 4th in barrel racing.

Also there were Dean and Mollie Carlson and Matt. He won 2nd calf roping. Monte and Mandy were home recently from college on spring break.

I hope you wateched 60 minutes last week. It seems that in Mississippi the people actually stood up in some counties and their schools have a simple prayer asking the Lord to look after them during the day, sing a hymn, and salute the flag to start each day out right. Never did stop doing it but now a good Christian lady moved into the community and was horrified to find that her children heard a prayer during the day. She is really after them.

If America survives, we are going to have to get the Bible and Ten Commandments back in the schools. Even folks who deny God should have a code of ethics. Children need to be taught morality, right from wrong, and praised for doing the right thing.

Harold and Sylvia Hammond visited the Lester Andersons at Sayre Sunday. Bertha Coffey visited Ray and Doris Smith. The Smiths went to Clinton to see Leonard and family. Kim (Gene's wife) Ryan and Kelli from Owasso were there.

Dale Dunlap had the misfortune to lose his pickup when the grass around caught fire at Wellington. Little Jake was out last week to visit great grandmother Iva Thompson.

Roy and Nell Hiller were out from Amarillo to spend the weekend with his mother Margaret.

Carol Griffin spent a few days with Kenna Wilson and family at Kingfisher. Kenna had tonsil surgery.

Cheyenne had a Food and Health Educaton fair recently. Our FFA, 4-H, and Home Economics had food exhibits as well as Home Fire Safety, Lindsey Coffey, Forestry, Brandi Elam, Pork Promotion, FFA and Dusty Elam. The Sweetwater Home Economics display, Food Choices for Good Health received the People's Choice Award by popular vote. Everyone enjoyed sampling the food.

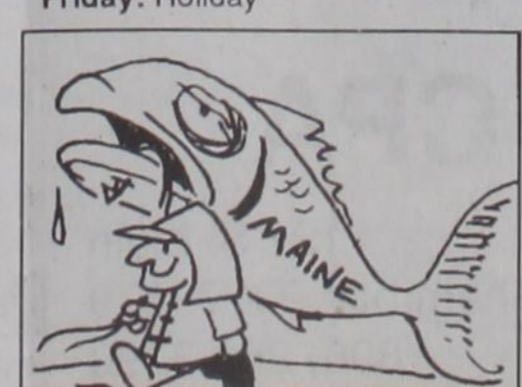
KELTON MENU

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Monday: Enchilledas, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Tuesday: Roast Beef, Cream Potatoes, Gravy, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Apricots, Milk.

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Thursday: Holiday
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No. Wheeler Co. Senior Citizens Meeting

The North Wheeler County Senior Citizens met at the Senior Citizens Center, April 3, with twenty-three present, one being a visitor and another hope to be a new member. The president, Marie Gudgel, called the meeting to order and asked for members with April birthdays to hold up their hands. The two with April birthdays were Laverna Fillingim and Ina Mae Brotherton, Lois Meadows led the birthday song, with Willis Fillingim giving the invocation.

The delicious meal was enjoyed by The Holicoman, Jean Pollack, Nova Powledge, Lois Meadows, Marie Gudgel, Oleta Jones, Hestel Killingsworth, Tom and Alice Bell Helton, Claudy and Ina Mae Brotherton, Marie Baker, Elva Wood, J. P. and Martha Meek, Laverna and Willis Fillingim, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Sally Harris, Nellie Horton, Helen Sabbe and Amelia Sims.

After the clean-up meeting was finished, the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the March meeting were read and ap-

proved, and also the treasurer's report. A letter from Ravonda Hardcastle was read asking us to share in her style show and campaign for the LIFE GIFT PROGRAM, and the organization voted a pay \$25.00 to that program.

We urge all those that are eligible (old enough and willing to admit it) to come out and forget your troubles for an evening of food, visiting, and playing of games, if you so desire, on May 1, at 6:00 P.M. at the Senior Citizens building, the southwest corner of the old hospital.

"Fractured Fairy Tales" Presented At Cheyenne

Snow White, Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs are some of the stars in Ballet Oklahoma's performance of the fun, often ridiculous "Fractured Fairy Tales," that is coming to the Cheyenne Schools Fine Arts Auditorium April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Sharing the program with "Fractured Fairy Tales" is "Sweet Dreams," featuring the legendary music of Patsy Cline, whose music is intertwined with Vivaldi concertos.

This is the first time Ballet Oklahoma will perform in Western Oklahoma and the first performance of ballet to be held at the Cheyenne Schools Fine Arts Auditorium.

Local sponsors for this spectacular program are Red Hills Theater, Security State Bank of Cheyenne and Dobson Telephone Co., Dobson Cellular Systems through their Oklahoma Touring program Presenters and Great Plains Resources Conservation and Development Association.

Tickets are now on sale for \$10 each, \$5 for children 14 and under at the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Cheyenne or at the door April 13. Call (405) 497-3318 to reserve your tickets or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check to Red Hills Theater Co., P.O. Box 643, Cheyenne, OK 73628.

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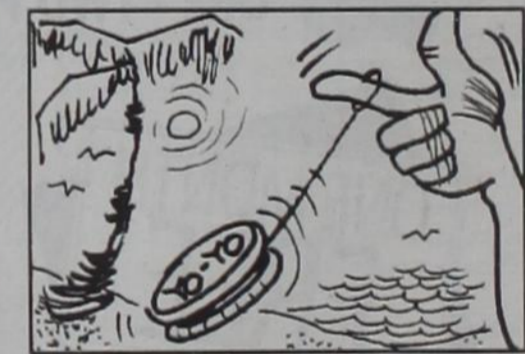
FT. ELLIOTT (Briscoe Campus) MENU

April 10 thru April 12, 1995
MONDAY: Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Navy Beans, Cornbread, Cake, Milk-Tea.

TUESDAY: Hamburger Patties W/ Mushroom, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Pudding, Milk-Tea.

WEDNESDAY: Sandwiches, Pork and Beans, Lettuce and Tomatoes, French Fries, Fruit, Milk-Tea.

THURSDAY: HOLIDAY
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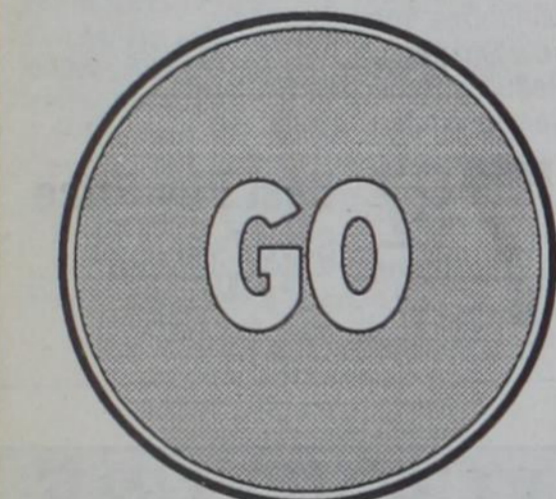
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About 500 county and district clerks and deputy clerks took part in the 23rd Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar in College Station March 27-29.

Participating in the seminar from Wheeler County were Margaret Dorman, County Clerk and Sherri Jones, District Clerk.

"The continuing education seminar provides valuable information and current procedures of the office to county and district clerks," said Margaret. "It is designed to update participants on duties and responsibilities of their offices, helping them become more capable and effective in serving the public."

"You Are An Elected Public County Official" was the theme for the 1995 educational program. Participants took part in general sessions and workshops on topics that included Working with a Jury, Working Effectively with

the Legislature, Processing Juveniles, Budgeting and Purchasing, and Optical Disk Programming. Updates were given on Informal Probate, State Jail Felonies/Penal Code and Proposed and Pending Legislation.

"Another added bonus of the seminar is that it provides the opportunity for new officials to network with those who have been in office a while," Sherri said. "Talking with others who hold the same office from different counties helps one learn how to handle similar situations and problems if and when they arise."

The seminar was sponsored by the V. G. Young Institute of County Government of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas in cooperation with the Texas Association of Counties. Clerks who attended all of the sessions will receive 14 hours of credit and new clerks will

receive 15 hours from Texas A&M University's Office of Continuing Education. State law requires county and district clerks to complete a minimum

of 20 hours of continuing education relating to their duties of office every 24 months.

Course Offered for Pesticide Applicators

Farmers and ranchers who need a Private Pesticide Applicator's License are invited to attend the training and testing session scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 1995. The session, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture, will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Coin and Copper Room of the Wheeler Banking Center. During the training session, partici-

pants will receive training in the safe use of pesticides given by Don King, county Extension agent. They will then take a test administered by Martha Edwards of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Those who pass the test will then be eligible to apply to the TDA for a Private Pesticide Applicator's License.

This license, which cost \$50.00, is valid for five years. To be eligible to renew the license at the end of five years, the holder must obtain 15 continuing education units (CEU's) by attending other training meetings.

In addition to those who have never had a license, there are others who may want to attend the school.

Those who received Private Pesticide Applicator Certificates prior to January 10, 1989 may want to upgrade their certificate to a license. Certificate holders may purchase and apply restricted use pesticides but cannot supervise their application while license holders are allowed to supervise application. Certificate holders must get 15 CEU's by December 31, 1995 to be able to renew their certificates. If they do not get the 15 CEU's, they will have to get a license.

Certificates that were issued between January 10 and December 31, 1989 will expire December 31, 1995 and those who held these certificates must get a license.

Anyone in Wheeler County who has a question about the Private Pesticide Applicators License should contact Don King, County Extension Agent at 826-5243.

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At 12:00 noon the Ex-Students will be serving up barbecue sandwiches at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Facilities. Tickets will be available at the concession area. The Clarendon College Intramural Rodeo will follow at 1:00 p.m.

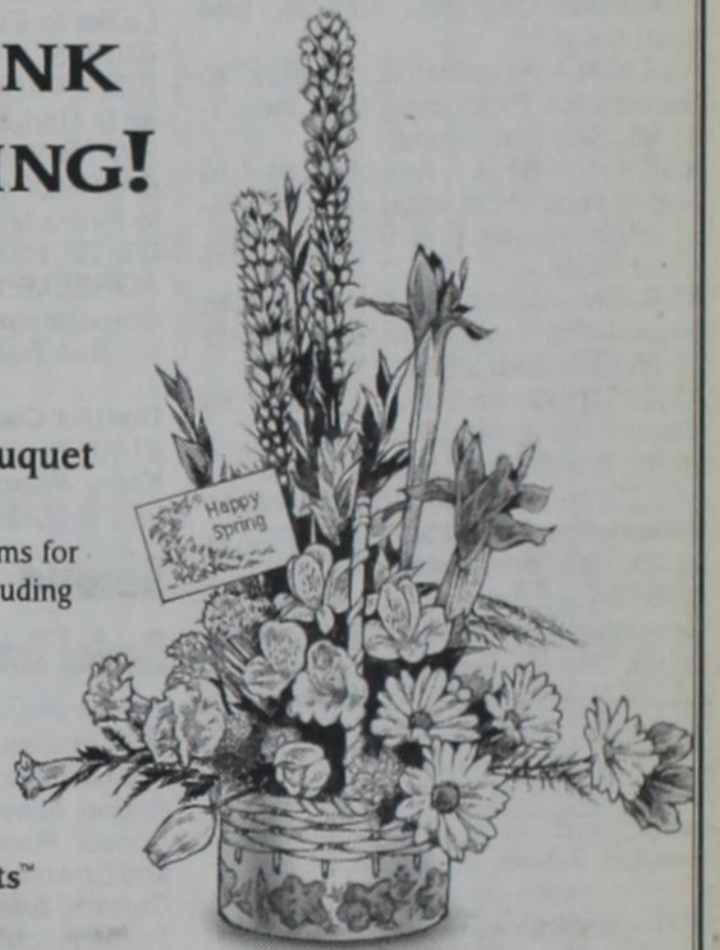
Prior to the evening banquet, the Ex-Students will hold their annual business meeting. The meeting will take place at 6:15 p.m. Business for the meeting will include the election of three board positions. Classes being honored at this year's banquet are '45, '70, and '85. The evening entertainment will feature the Clarendon College Singers and Clarendon College Ex-Student Jo Shaller who will recite some of her cowboy poetry.

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Congregational Concerns:

From 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th, the Quartz Mountain Christian Camp will host a "Super Saturday" for first, second and third graders. This "Super Saturday" is designed to introduce these children to a Christian camp.

Congratulations must be expressed to John David Wright and Ruth Regan upon their marriage last Saturday night.

Gene White is now hospitalized in the Specialty Hospital in Tulsa. His condition remains serious.

Marie Wright remains hospitalized in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Her condition has improved.

Ernie Davis, the father of Cindy Brown, is taking treatments at the Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa.

Violet Knight, the sister of Glenn Gains, has been experiencing some serious health problems.

Gallena Scrivner, the sister of Robert Ford, has been released from the Bivins Rehabilitation Center in Amarillo. She is now staying at her mother's home.

Berga Goad, the aunt of Sarah Pond and the sister of Ruby Zybach, died last Friday. Her graveside service will be held in Wheeler on this coming Thursday afternoon, April 6th, at 2:00 P.M.

From the minister's Desk:

John Gibson, the minister of the Sixth and Izard Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, recently wrote an article that pinpointed a serious religious problem. This article was entitled, "Whitewater", and it said:

"The Arkansas Democrat Gazette carried a five page story on 'Whitewater' in the August 28, 1994 issue. It is, we are told the first in a series of four articles. Much of the story revolves around the failure of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and the sixty-five million dollars this has cost taxpayers."

"If the story is to be believed, you have a tale of deceit upon deceit. A story in which some were enriched and others were impoverished. Among the latter was Dean Paul, a Malvern businessman. Paul claims he signed loan papers for \$825,000—money that he did not see and was not supposed to see. He contends that Judge David Hill told him not to worry because it would be taken care of. Paul relates that he trusted Hill completely and therefore did as he was asked, but the faith Paul had in his friend did not save him from having his property sold at auction for \$559,569. (Hill has pleaded guilty to defrauding the Small Business Administra-

tion and Paul's Yell Forestry lumber company has gone bankrupt.)"

"I am confident that any number of people involved in the business activities on Madison Guaranty could pray with the psalmist, 'Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.'"

"As shameful as these things are, they hardly compare with the deceit being practiced by preachers in many religious circles today. Paul's message to the church in Corinth needs to be heard again. 'For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, their end will correspond to their deeds.' (II Corinthians 11:13-15)"

"In my preaching I must remember some other words of the apostle Paul: 'We have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.' (II Corinthians 4:2)"

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New approach challenges use of clot-busters for heart attacks

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drugs or balloons? A rancorous debate over how to treat heart attacks, already a plot twist in the hospital drama "ER," is sharply dividing one of the world's largest gatherings of cardiologists.

On "ER," the dialogue went this way: Young resident: "Acute infarct. I just started TPA."

Senior doctor: "Without consulting me? He should go to the cath lab for angioplasty."

Judging from talk in the formal sessions and hallways at this week's meeting of the American College of Cardiology, similar exchanges are common in hospitals across the United States, or soon will be.

At issue is the better way to quickly get rid of blood clots that cause heart attacks. Disintegrate them with clot-dissolving drugs like TPA? Or push them aside with tiny balloons?

At stake are lives and money.

During the past decade, clot-busting drugs have emerged as the front-line treatment for heart attacks, used on 180,000 Americans at a cost of \$350 million annually. If given soon enough, they can break up blockages in

the heart's arteries, preventing permanent damage or death. But now an approach called primary angioplasty is challenging the dominance of these drugs. Angioplasty is already a mainstay of heart therapy. It is used on about 420,000 Americans each year to relieve chest pain in patients, nearly all of whom were not having heart attacks. Doctors thread a catheter into clogged heart arteries and briefly inflate a tiny balloon that squeezes open the blockage to restore blood flow.

In its new application, some doctors are performing angioplasty as an emergency procedure within an hour or two after the heart attack patient arrives at the ER. The latest findings presented at the cardiology meeting, attended by about 25,000 people, suggest that primary angioplasty is better, safer and cheaper than clot-busters.

"The data are overwhelming that it is a superior strategy," said Dr. William P. O'Neill of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. He described primary angioplasty as a breakthrough that has "changed the natural history of this disease."

By contrast, about 6 percent of patients die after getting clot-dissolving drugs. About 3 percent suffer strokes when the treatment accidentally triggers bleeding in the brain. Angioplasty does not carry this risk.

"This has profound implications for clinical practice," said Dr. Jeffrey Isner of Tufts University in Boston. "It should be regarded as good news. It suggests the opportunity of a very aggressive approach getting people out of the hospital after a heart attack."

However, those who have spent much of their careers on clot-dissolving drugs are skeptical, at best. "Some of these investigators have been overstating the case based on small numbers of patients," said Dr. Eric Topol of the Cleveland Clinic, who helped pioneer the use of clot-

dissolving drugs. Only about 3,000 patients have been formally studied in reviews of primary angioplasty, compared with 150,000 in experiments with clot-busters.

Birch bark may provide skin cancer weapon

NEW YORK — The peeling white bark of a common birch tree may contain a weapon against the deadly skin cancer melanoma.

A substance found in (FARMERS) change, farmers need to contact their local USDA office or crop insurance agent by certain crop-specific deadlines.

Under the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994, farmers have a new program of cat-astrophic insurance, a new protection plan for noninsurable crops and lower premium rates for producers who want higher levels of insurance coverage.

The new system benefits farmers and taxpayers, alike, because it replaces costly, off-budget disaster assistance programs with affordable insurance that agricultural producers can rely on for basic protection.

Many farmers may want to carry additional coverage. It is available from private insurance companies and the Federal government will pay part of the extra cost. (NAPS)

birch bark shrank human melanoma tumors placed in mice, virtually eradicating some cancers, researcher John Pezzuto said.

It worked better than the drug most commonly used in people to treat melanoma, Pezzuto said.

The compound, betulinic acid, caused no apparent side effects in the mice. And if it works in people, it should be relatively inexpensive because it is so widely available, the researcher said.

Bark peels naturally from "paper birch" trees, which are common in the northern United States and Canada. In fact, a wood-pile near Pezzuto's lab at the University of Illinois at Chicago provided about 50 pounds of bark that had dropped off logs. That might be enough for 100 doses of betulinic acid for people, he said.

Catfish production expands after 1994 dip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catfish will make a comeback this year after 1994 witnessed the first production decline in nearly two decades, the Agriculture Department says.

The department's Economic Research Service reported Wednesday that production should grow 5 percent to 7 percent after falling to 439.3 million pounds in 1994. Last year's decline was the first since 1975, and was caused by low prices in 1993.

As of Jan. 1, growers held 202 million food-size fish, up 7 percent from last year. Those fish are expected to be sold in the first half of this year. Production and prices during the second half will depend on how fast the stockers and fingerlings held by growers are brought to market size.

Farm prices are now averaging 77 cents to 78 cents a pound, and feed costs are lower, which could drive growers to

Oklahoma Ballet schedules program in Cheyenne April 13

CHEYENNE, Okla.—From opera to ballet in one year. That is the range of accomplishments that has been made by the Red Hills Theater Guild of Cheyenne. The guild's work to bring quality entertainment to the people of Western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle has not gone unnoticed. The Red Hills Theater Guild has been nominated



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New gasoline is a gripe for owners of lawnmowers and chain saws

BOSTON (AP) — Spring is starting, but many lawnmowers and chain saws coming out of storage aren't, and their owners blame a new reformulated gasoline.

Critics said the gas, designed to help clean up the air, actually dirties engines and hurts the performance of smaller engines and sometimes cars.

"The auto industry can't document it, the EPA can't document it, but there's all this anecdotal evidence," said Dennis Bailey, a spokesman for Maine Gov. Angus King, one of many officials hearing complaints from constituents.

About one-third of gas sold in the United States is reformulated gasoline, or RFG. It was initially required by the Environmental Protection Agency to help ease air pollution in Los Angeles, Chicago, Baltimore, New York and five other cities. Several other states now require it, too.

Motorists using RFG have reported headaches, nausea and skin irritation. No health problems have been proven, though MTBE, an additive in the new gas, has been shown to cause cancer in animals when given in high doses.

Now, automotive experts and drivers are complaining of poor engine performance and home-owners complain that chain saws, lawnmowers and other power tools with two-cycle engines won't start.

"Individuals with two-cycle engines are experiencing engine failure because the oil is separating from the gasoline," said Stephen J. Lavallee, who owns Transmission Engine Service and Technology, a Lawrence testing center analyzing RFG

for a domestic automaker he wouldn't identify.

Gasoline and motor oil are mixed together in two-cycle engines so the oil lubricates the cylinder.

But Don Purcell, president of the Portable Power Equipment Manufacturers Association, said any gasoline will separate from motor oil if left unused.

The manufacturers association this week shipped two chain saws to a Louisiana lab for study after loggers working in the Berkshire mountains of Massachusetts complained that RFG affected the machinery's performance.

Complaints about poor performance also are being heard in Houston and Southern California, particularly among lawnmower owners.

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Cattle report is good news for consumer, bad for farmers

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Prices for hamburger, steaks and roasts should continue reasonable at the super-market, but beef farmers will have to work to show a profit, the March cattle on feed report indicates.

"For the consumer, it's going to say they again, for the second year, will have some beef prices that will definitely fit their pocketbook," Lee Huntrods, operations manager for the Farm Bureau's

BIC feeder cattle procurement service said last week.

"For the farmer, the feedlot itself, it's going to mean very tight margins, very limited positive margins," Huntrods said of the report

that shows farmers in most of the seven major cattle feeding states are increasing their supply of cattle.

There were 8,926,000 cattle being fattened for market in the top seven cattle feeding states as of March 1, according to

the U.S. Department of Agriculture's monthly report. There were 1,607,000 cattle placed on feed while 1,481,000 went to market last month.

In Iowa, there were 910,000 cattle on feed, 115,000 placed on feed and 120,000 sent to market.

There was little change from last month's figures, but Huntrods noted that the number of cattle placed on feed is up 19 percent over a year ago. There is usually a big drop in February.

"Placements are pretty consistent in the major feeding states except in Nebraska. Colorado is up 45 percent, Iowa up 35 percent, Kansas up 20 and Texas up 34 percent from a year ago. Nebraska is down 3 percent."

He said there are several reasons for the increases.

"There was a little profit back into the cattle feeding industry which encouraged placements. There also is a good supply of cattle left over from last fall.

"The question mark that I can't answer is I think we also saw some increase in imports from Mexico due to devaluation of the peso. What percentage this is, I can't tell," Huntrods said.

"For the cow-calf producer, it's going to mean lower prices than a year ago," Huntrods said. "He's going to have to shore up his efficiency."

Totals for the seven major cattle feeding

states compared to a month ago:

—Texas, 2,370,000, down 7 percent.

—Arizona, 196,000, down 2 percent.

—California, 280,000, unchanged.

—Colorado, 980,000, up 7 percent.

—Iowa, 910,000, up 1 percent.

—Kansas, 2,080,000, up 8 percent.

—Nebraska, 2,020,000, down 6 percent.

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Seed bank keeps crops, Indian culture alive

TUCSON (AP) — It all began when Tohono O'odham Indian gardeners were offered free seeds for crops like broccoli and Brussels.

Thanks, they said. They would prefer seeds for the crops their ancestors grew: brown beans, white-kerneled 60-day corn, orange-fleshed squash, casaba-like melons.

So archaeologist Barney Burns and botanist-author Gary Nabhan set to work, planting seeds and grasping the past.

Eleven years later, they have a regional seed bank for edible crops and other plants of cultural importance to more than 40 Indian tribes in Arizona, New Mexico and northern Mexico.

Foods include amaranth, corn in scores of colors and sizes, dozens of types of beans, watermelons, lentils and garbanzos. Nonedible plants include gourds and devil's claw, used in O'odham basketry.

The cultural heritage represented by such crops

is essential to traditional Indians, says Angelo Joaquin Jr., new executive director of Native Seeds-SEARCH, the seed bank.

A genetic scientist may change a plant's seed by manipulating its genes, said Joaquin, a Tohono O'odham.

"The traditional farmer has done the same thing over a longer period of time. And he ends up with a piece of life, with prayers, traditions and ceremonies part of it," Joaquin said.

"When a seed becomes extinct, you've lost not only the piece of life but the songs, traditions and ceremonies attached to it."

Nabhan and Burns' wife, Mahina Drees, worked for a private aid group that first offered the nonnative seeds to Indians. Drees, first director of the seed bank, said operators hope their work will help keep native cultures alive.

"Most of the cultures of the Southwest are defined by their farming,"

Drees said. "If they lose their agriculture, then they lose a sense of themselves. It's like losing their language."

The seed bank serves a larger purpose by preserving genetic diversity, said Jimmie Hillman, a retired University of Arizona agricultural economist.

That's important because such desirable traits as resistance to disease, drought or bugs can be bred out of a crop.

"When you get things too pure without resistance they get easily knocked off," Hillman said.

Most tribal farmers grow on small plots for their own use. The traditional crops, which have evolved to withstand adverse conditions, don't yield as much as genetically engineered hybrid seeds, Joaquin said.

The seed bank was founded in 1983, using corn, bean and squash seeds provided by old-time O'odham farmers.

The nonprofit organization has seeds of some

1,300 varieties of plants representing more than 50 species. Its current catalog offers nearly 350 types of seeds.

Native Seeds-SEARCH gets most of its \$300,000 to \$500,000 annual budget from memberships and sale of seeds, crafts and food. Project grants make up the rest.

Some Indian farmers grow seed under contract. Native Seeds-SEARCH raises other inventory on garden plots.

An adobe house is stocked with jars of seed and reserves of each variety frozen as backups.

An education program stresses the importance of traditional Indian diets in preventing diabetes.

The group shipped 30,000 packets of seeds last year. Some 2,700 were given free to Indians, while others paid \$1.50 per envelope.

There's international interest. One Norwegian customer was looking for short-season crop varieties.

Joaquin said the aim is to keep alive the diversity represented in the jars. "These seeds have to be treated with respect."

Texas park staff search for loose rattlers, none found

FORT WORTH (AP) — Authorities in the Texas Hill Country community of Kerrville haven't determined whether someone actually hauled 186 live rattlesnakes into a local state park.

Nonetheless, they have to find out. An unsigned letter to local authorities, carrying the Revolutionary War-era "Don't Tread on Me" flag with coiled, tongue-extended viper, said the snakes were imported from the Sweetwater area and let loose in the park.

"More snakes will be released in the future until the Parks and Wildlife Department honors the wishes of the citizens of Kerrville to restore the original name of the park," warned the note.

This was an apparent reference to a May 1990 poll in which Kerrville residents voted 1,517 to 206 in a nonbinding referendum urging a return to the original park name, Kerrville State Recreational Area.

"I think the people who wrote that letter wanted to generate some news media attention, and they got it," said Dickerson, whose department's animal control unit ended up empty-handed after a sweep of the park.

The six-member staff at Kerrville-Schreiner State Park dropped its regular duties for three days to search the 528-acre site.

They've spotted deer, armadillos, jack rabbits and cottontails, but no rattlers, said Park Superintendent Tim Hufstedler.

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Morning-after pills are available, but few women know of them

NEW YORK (AP) — Morning-after pills are a safe, effective and legal way to end a pregnancy but most doctors don't suggest using them and few women know how they work, according to two new surveys.

Best Kept Secret," that includes a list of 1,477 doctors willing to prescribe the pills. The list has also been posted on the Internet.

And on Wednesday, they will hold a briefing in New York on the findings of the surveys, commissioned by the non-profit health research group, the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Morning-after pills are high dosages of regular

birth control pills that interrupt the implantation of a fertilized egg into the wall of a woman's uterus. Doctors can legally prescribe them but no drug company has ever sought to market the contraceptives as a morning-after pill. Nausea and vomiting are common side effects.

The morning-after pill is different from RU-486, the French-made drug that actually induces abortions. RU-486 is currently being tested in the United States, but does not yet have approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

Advocates say mor-

ning-after pills work 75 percent of the time and can be taken up to 72 hours after sex.

In a survey of 270 sexually active women who didn't want to become pregnant, 60 percent had heard of the pills but only 20 percent knew they can be taken up to three days after sex.

A total of 47 percent said they would be likely to use the pill if necessary to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

The survey, conducted by telephone last fall, has a sampling error of plus or minus 6 percentage points.

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Quarter of school children don't eat fruits, veggies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One-quarter of America's schoolchildren don't eat fruits or vegetables every day or brush their teeth every night, and half think apple juice has more fat than whole milk, a nationwide survey found.

The survey's sponsors say the message is clear: Bad health habits as well as good ones start early.

The survey was conducted by the American Health Foundation, a private New York-based research organization, and Scholastic Inc., a publisher.

Dr. Ernst L. Wynder, the foundation's president, said the findings show Americans are

doing a poor job of educating youngsters about healthy ways of living.

"Rather than blame the children, we should blame ourselves," he said.

Wynder released the survey findings Tuesday at a conference sponsored by the American Cancer Society. It was based on a questionnaire distributed to 3,112 children in grades 2 through 6.

Among the findings: —24 percent had eaten no fruit and 25 percent had eaten no vegetables the previous day.

—24 percent did not brush their teeth the night before.

—15 percent said they

thought cheese was a good source of fiber. (It's not.) And 16 percent said fiber reduces the risk of cancer. (It does.)

—48 percent said they thought apple juice, which contains no fat, has more fat than whole milk, which has a lot. Moreover, 36 percent said watermelon has more fat than American cheese.

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