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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

**CWE** CHAT WITH EDITOR  
By Louis C. Stas

**Congratulations, Michael Montgomery!** He was named to the second-team defense on the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 1-A All-State Team.

It is over; we did not win the state title. And the Mustangs remain #1 with us!

I was told we left a name off the cutline for the Mustangs with Santa. Bryan Judd was not named. Sorry about that.

The Times starts a new year with this edition. The paper marks the end of 64 years of continuous publication. I have been here for the greater part of 37 of those years.

The Wheeler Banking Center will be having their Christmas Open House today, Thursday. Better make it a point to stop in for goodies.

Friday, December 19, will be the Christmas Open House for the First State Bank. They will have Christmas treats at both locations, Mobeetie and Wheeler. Better not miss this either.

Next week will be our annual Christmas Greeting Edition of the Times. We will put it in the mail on Wednesday, Christmas Eve. The deadline will be Monday noon.

We are in the process of making contacts now for the ads.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kenneth emptied out a few boxes of pens Tuesday evening. We have some real bargains, for those of you who can't ever find anything to write with.

Have you taken the time to travel over Wheeler and look at all the lights? Once again many of our residents have gone 'all out' this year on decorating for Christmas.

Take the time to make the tour and be sure to tell the individual you enjoyed their decorations.

The weekend was spent in Oklahoma City. Jennifer and Brice were the hosts for Cathi, Dorcie, Barbara and I. William came over Saturday evening.

Yes, even with all the work that needed to be done just before Christmas.

## County Ambulance Serv. Will Offer E.M.T. Classes

The Wheeler County Ambulance Service of Shamrock and Wheeler will have an emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Class starting sometime in January, 1998. The class will be held in the Shamrock Community Center (Old National Guard Armory).

Classes are usually held 2 nights per week on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6 to 10 P.M.

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer for the Shamrock or Wheeler service is asked to contact Mary K. Christner in Wheeler at 806-826-3109 or George Hooten at the Shamrock Ambulance Barn or phone 806-256-2136.

Applicants must have a Texas Driver's License and be over the age of 18.

Qualified applicants may have books and tuition paid for by the service.

## SANTA LETTERS TO BE PUBLISHED ON DEC. 24

Hey Kids! Christmas is just around the corner and Santa Claus is so busy at the North Pole in his toy shop that he has asked the "Times" to help him out with his Christmas mail.

All you little boys and girls through the third grade are asked to help Santa by sending your letter to Santa Claus to "The Wheeler Times" to be published.

Teachers, if you would like to help the children with their letters as a class project, please see that the letters are clearly printed and that they reach the "Times" office on time.

Ol' Santa will read all the letters in one issue, thus cutting down on the mail. Also, you won't be taking a chance of your letter getting lost in the snow.

Kids, read these instructions carefully, write your letter, using 30 words or less, and mail it to: "The Wheeler Times", P.O. Box 1080, Wheeler, TX 79096, or drop it by the "Times" office. The letters are needed by December 18.

# MUSTANGS' DREAM SEASON COMES TO AN END

## Mustangs End Season as State Runners-up

All high school athletes enter each practice, and each game with one simple dream. They want that shot at the State Championship, and the infamous Championship Ring. This year the Mustangs put everything on the line to achieve that dream. Saturday night in Abilene, at Shotwell Stadium, the Mustangs had the opportunity to make this dream a reality. Unfortunately, this night was more of a nightmare for the Mustangs than a dream.

Granger was able to rack up 34 first half points and just simply dominate the entire game from the opening kick-off to the final buzzer. For an

entire season the Mustangs have been able to catch the big breaks in tough circumstances, but on this night every break went to the Lions. In the

first half Granger was able to convert on 3 of 3 fourth down attempts. The Granger defense was able to completely dismantle the usually explosive, deadly Mustang offense, and the Stang defense just could not find a way to stop the high-powered Lion attack.

In the second half the Mustangs came out and played much better defense by holding the Lions to only 6 points but offensively they were just never able to get anything started. Throughout the play-offs the Mus-

tangs have been known as a second half team, but in this game they found themselves facing to great a deficit at the hands of a team that was just too tough to make one of their amazing comebacks.

Although this game was a disappointment to the players and the fans, one thing that must not be forgotten is the fact that the Mustangs had an unbelievable season up to that point. And even though the game turned out like it did, we are still extremely proud of the team and their accomplish-

ments. Coach Verden stated that on behalf of the team he wanted to make sure and thank the fans of this great town for their undying and unbelievable support. These people were behind their team all the way, and if it would not have been for their support the Mustangs would have never achieved their success this year.

Coach Verden also wanted to let the fans know that the Wheeler Mustangs will be back next year. Even though they are graduating 4 very important and talented seniors in Bryan Judd, Jeremy Davis, Josh Lee and Jorje Salas, this team will still be able to make a strong run at the title next year.

# THIRD 'CASH' DRAWING SATURDAY

## SEVENTEEN PEOPLE TO SHARE \$400; DRAWING TIME RETURNS TO 2:30

The third of the \$1500 Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Saturday, December 20, 1997, \$400 will be given away. \$300 and \$400 were given away Saturday December 6 and 13 in the first two drawings. An additional \$400 will be given at both the third and fourth events.

The time of the drawing for Saturday will be 2:30 and the amounts to be handed out will be \$400. The division of the money will be 10-\$10, 4-\$25; 2-\$40 and 1-\$100. The division of the third of the four drawings, Dec. 20, will be the same as this week. The time was changed from 2:30 because of the State Championship Football Game to be played at 7:30 Saturday evening in Abilene.

The annual Christmas Drawing is again being offered by the progres-

## Seventeen Lucky People Claim 'Cash' On Saturday

The second of four Christmas 'Cash' drawings to be held in Wheeler during December was held on Saturday, December 13. Seventeen Wheeler shoppers came away with a little more money to spend.

The drawing was held early, due to the state game to be played at Abilene on Saturday evening.

Twelve tickets were drawn before the ten \$10 envelopes were given out. Sue Rose claimed the first ticket drawn on Saturday. Other \$10 winners were Josh Couch, Melinda Whorton, Chelsea Brooks, John Wilson, Carol Bradstreet, Jerry Davis, Jona Meek, Darlene Toler name was called twice for \$10.00 envelopes. Those not coming forward when their names were called were Rebecka Morrison and Margaret Kuntz.

Five tickets were drawn before the four \$25 envelopes were claimed. Stepping forward were Josh Couch, Dick Graham, Shirley Dyson and Wesley Bradstreet. Irene Lester did not answer when her name was drawn.

Two envelopes containing \$50 in 'cash' were given away Saturday. The winners were Sue Chandler and Vernell Prater. Brenda Mitchell was not present.

The final ticket drawn had Cherry Johnson's name on it. Cherry stepped forward to claim the \$100 gift.

## Philip E. 'Phil' Pendleton Announces For County Judge

Philip E. "Phil" Pendleton is announcing his candidacy as a Democratic candidate for Wheeler County Judge in the upcoming election.

As a member of one of Wheeler County's pioneer families, I feel a special commitment to help Wheeler County grow and prosper in every way possible. I graduated from Shamrock High School, Baylor University and Baylor University School of Law. I have practiced law in Wheeler County since 1989.

I believe Wheeler County can grow and prosper into the 21st Century if all of us in the County work together for our best interests.

As an attorney, I have had extensive experience with the duties and responsibilities of the Wheeler County Judge. My profession has brought me into contact with both sides of the Court in Wheeler County. I believe the best policy dictates a full and fair consideration of all pertinent facts and circumstances. However, those who break our laws here must be punished in such a way as to immediately and permanently reduce their desire to break our laws again.

As a lifelong private businessman, I believe that I can work together with the County Commissioners to maintain and improve both the quality of services, which this County provides

sive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on Friday, November 28. You are eligible

## Meraz Dies of Injuries; Medi-Vac Called Twice

The Medi-Vac Helicopter made two trips to Wheeler this week to transport individuals injured in industrial accidents.

Monday morning a 22-year-old from Cheyenne, Okla., fell some 20-30 feet at a rig sight south and east of Wheeler. The helicopter arrived at Parkview shortly after the ambulance.

The "roughneck" remains at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. A full recovery is expected.

Wednesday morning Natividad Meraz, 48, died of injuries received in an accident at Heritage Beef Cattle Company. He was pinned between a loader and a truck. He was transported by Wheeler ambulance to Parkview. Medi-Vac arrived 15 minutes after the ambulance. Parkview Hospital and Medi-Vac was unable to save Meraz's life due to extensive internal injuries.

CPR was required at the scene, but Meraz was breathing on his own at the time of his arrival at Parkview. He suffers undetermined internal injuries.

Services for Meraz are pending at Wright Funeral Home in Wheeler.

## Harrington Center To Conduct Breast Exams

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater in Wheeler on January 9, 1998.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual Breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a

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## Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots

The first annual Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler and United Methodist Church.

New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on the gift tag on each gift.

These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Please leave the Toys or Donations at any of the above named locations.

If someone is aware of needy families. Please contact Wheeler Sheriff's Department with families names, ages and sex.

Your help and contributions are appreciated.



**A TIME TO SHARE:** The Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots program in Wheeler is underway. Barrels have been put into place in various locations over town and toys are being donated. Sheriff Jimmy Adams is shown here at the puts the barrel into place at Wheeler Banking Center. Also pictured are Stacy McQueen and Amy McCasland.

## Dallas Fillingim To Receive Degree

Dallas Fillingim is one of 429 WTA&M students who have applied for December graduation from the university. Commencement ceremonies will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 19, 1997 at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.

While at West Texas A&M, Dallas served a Residential Advisor of Residential Living, Peer Education Assistant, and Tutor Coordinator Student Assistant. A few organizations that he served on were Buff Branding, Steering Committee, Executive Dean's Round Table, Resident's Hall Council, New Student Registration Spokesperson, 1997 Buff Branding Master of Ceremonies and Judicial Board.

A few honors that Dallas received were 1995 Buff Branding outstanding Counselor, 1996 Outstanding Man of the Year and the 1996 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Committee Member.

Future plans for Dallas include attending graduate school at WTA&M to obtain a masters degree in communication with plans to have a career in a higher education. While working toward his degree he will be employed as a graduate assistant at WT.

Dallas is a 1992 graduate of Briscoe High School and is the son of David and Rita Pearson.



Dallas Fillingim

## Wheeler School Board Has Meeting

A regular Meeting of the Wheeler Independent School District Board, of Trustees was held with all members present except Mr. Ford. Guests were Tammy Moore, Jenny Smith, Coach Verden, Supt. Glyndol Holland, and Donna Walsler. President Gall Ledbetter called the meeting, to order at 7:30 P.M.

1. Motion by Mr. Sams Seconded by Mr. Dunnam

## Viola Cox Cooper, 70 Services Held Sunday

Viola Marie Cox Cooper, 70, died Friday, December 12, 1997. Services were held on Sunday, December 14, 1997 in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Lindley and Bill Morrison, minister of Wheeler Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler. Graveside services will be held Thursday in Colusa Cemetery at Colusa, Calif.

Mrs. Cooper was born June 16, 1927, at Riverside, Calif. She married Jesse "Ted" Cooper, Sr., on August 10, 1945, at Marysville, Calif. She was a graduate of Colusa High School and G.M.A.C. Business School. She moved from California to Texas in 1973 and had been a Wheeler resident since 1976.

She was a bookkeeper employed with Buck and Willoh Garage in Colusa and Cooper Union Station and Garage at Leggett, Calif. She later worked for Beef Cattle Company in Wheeler and operated Western Gift Store. She was a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wheeler and Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Survivors include her husband, Ted, of Wheeler, four daughters, Sharon Horton, of Wheeler, Daren Miranda of Colusa, Pam Deardorff of Willow Creek, Calif., and Denise Sledge of Yukon, Okla.; a son, Jesse T. Cooper of Wheeler; two sisters, Helen Bumpus of Pleasant Grove, Calif., and Harriet Moore of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Melvin "Happy" Cox of Colusa; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, First Methodist Church of Wheeler or Hospice of the Panhandle.

## Clifford Kenner, 75, Is Buried in Berlin Thurs.

Clifford T. Kenner was born February 18, 1922 south of Canute, OK to Elsie and Bill Kenner and passed away December 9, 1997 in his home at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Clifford moved with his parents to the Berlin Community in 1929 and graduated from Berlin High School in 1940. He entered the United States Army serving his country for two years during World War II. He married Dorothy Ola (Cook) on March 31, 1958 in Cordell, OK and they continued to live in the Berlin community to make their home. Clifford had repaired windmills, farmed and ranched for the past 54 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother (Conrad).

Services were held Thursday, December 11, 1997 at the Rose Chapel officiated by C. R. Tucker, and assisted by Ray Smart. Interment was in the Berlin Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service.

Survivors included: His wife, Dorothy, one son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Staci, one sister and her husband, Octana and Bill Davis, and the highlight of his life, two grandsons, Casey Lynn and Rusty T. Kenner.

## Wheeler School Board Has Meeting

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Site Based Committee committee reports were given by Jenny Smith and Tammy Moore.

The Academic Excellence Indicator System Hearing was held.

2. Motion by Dr. Smith Seconded by Mrs. Fletcher

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**WE WANT  
TO EXPRESS OUR  
APRECIATION TO OUR  
CUSTOMERS AND  
FRIENDS.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR  
OPEN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18  
for Holiday Treats  
Register for Door Prizes!  
We will close at 12:00 Noon Wednesday, Dec. 24th  
WE PERSONALLY WISH  
ALL OF YOU A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
FROM EACH AND EVERYONE OF US.**



**THE BANK KIDS:** (back row, l. to r.) Keenan Burton, Tucker Long, Trevor Burton, Gavin McQueen, Creede McQueen, (third row) Katie Ship, holding Cheyenne Hayes, Savannah Shipp, holding Gracie Gaines, Jennifer Jones, Tracy Jones, (second row) Paige Jones, Nicole Moore, Hayley Jones, Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, (First Row) Maggie Jones, Katie Jones, Jaten Moore. Not Shown: Monty McCasland, Tina McWhorter, Stacy McWhorter

Richard Sims	Stacy McQueen	Brenda McWhorter
Weldon Hayes	Liz Shipp	Ann Long
Darrell Gaines	Ann Jones	Bobbie Sue Baker
Sharon Miles	Carletta Burton	Amy McCasland
	And The Board of Directors	

## Wheeler Banking Center

**Wellington State Bank**  
Wellington, Texas

MEMBER: **F.D.I.C.**

### ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

Isaiah 59: 1-2: Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

I am sure everyone is enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather after all the cold windy days.

Darrel & Johnnie Harrison of Amarillo were last Saturday dinner guests with Pearl Harrison, Johnnie also visited with me Saturday afternoon.

The community was saddened by the death of May Bell Childress. She was a long time resident of the Allison Community, and lived here in Allison for several years before entering the Care Center at Wheeler, our sympathy is for her family and relatives and friends.

Ruby Craig and Wilma Gilmer and Tanner McWhorter went to Pampa last Saturday and did some shopping. Tanner spent Saturday night with Ruby.

Leota Black and granddaughter, Savannah Thomas, went to Texhoma last weekend and visited Jeffrey and Tracy Black and family.

The ladies from the Allison United Methodist Church and Baptist Church and the United Pentecostal Church and Christian Life Fellowship Church went to the Care Center in Wheeler last Tuesday afternoon and took refreshments and had a Christmas program there for the residents.

Mike and Teresa Dyer and Amber spent last Friday night and Saturday at Ron and Danette Wellers and Zachary in Amarillo, to help Ron celebrate his birthday on Saturday with a birthday dinner that Danette had cooked for him. Scott Dyer from Canyon was also there.

Roma and Billy Brown went last Friday to Elk City and Clinton and did some shopping.

Roma and Billy's Sunday dinner guests were Sylvia Brown from Wheeler and Thursia Poindexter from Cheyenne. Roma and Billy's Sunday night guests after church were Lan and Betty Brown of Dumas and Opal and Juanita Boydston.

Opal and Juanita Boydston's dinner guests last Tuesday were Clifton Boydston, Forrest and Bennie Boydston. Last Saturday Neal and Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra brought Pizza to Opal and Juanita's home and they had a Pizza dinner together.

Sue Chandler of Wheeler has been spending from Monday to Friday with Peggy Chandler since she has been home from Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital.

Cindy Burrus of Canyon spent the first weekend with Peggy after she came home and Marki Stringer of Temple, Okla., spent last weekend with Peggy and Sue is back with

Peggy this week. Peggy is still improving. Judi Cornell hosted a Christmas

luncheon for her ladies Sunday School Class last Saturday at her home. Those in attendance were

Nadine Lane, Nadine Reynolds, Nona Jones, Helen Crawford, Kathy Kliewer, Debbie Boydston, Carol Archer and Bro. Bob Meller, he helped Judi serve. They all had a good time.

Red and Anna Dukes went to Paradise to her daughter, Sylvia, and Joe Richardsons for thanksgiving on November 29th. With Anna's children and grandchildren on the 28th. Red and Anna went to Ft. Worth and spent the night with Red's children, Johnnie and Nelda Dukes. From there they went back to Paradise and spent the week visiting with the families there. On Saturday, Dec. 6, they had a surprise 50th birthday celebration for Anna's daughter-in-law, Shirley Pewitt. Sunday they were dinner guests with Joe and Sylvia and several others. Family guests were also there. Sunday afternoon, Red and Anna went to Mineral Wells and spent the night with Claude and Pat Pewitt. While there they made some Christmas tours through several homes and one of the homes was Anna's Granddaughter, Sherry Garcia.

Red and Anna came home on Monday, before leaving Mineral Wells they visited George and Mary Dukes. Tuesday, Red and Anna took Bessie Crenshaw to Amarillo to see her doctor for a heart check. She got a good report. They also visited Nelda Dukes at Baptist St. Anthony's and visited with Henry Dupoint there. On Wednesday Red and Anna and Bessie went to Elk City for them to see the doctor. Thursday Red took Anna to the doctor at Wheeler for a check up. They also attended the basketball tournament Thursday while in Wheeler then Red brought Anna home and he went back for the night games. Red went to Wheeler on Friday for the ball games that day. Last Sunday Red and Anna's dinner guests were Clyde and Minnie Bell Vinson.

Glen and Nona Elmore went to Silverton and spent the weekend with their daughter, Beverly, and John Bowman and they came back through Wellington on their way home and visited Glen's sister, Cora Gragson.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer went to Amarillo last Friday and spent the night with Becky and Jeannie Gilmer and did some Christmas Shopping. Others there were Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew.

Vance and Caroline Boydston's weekend guests were Kevin Boydston from Lubbock. He helped his parents get Kyle Boydston moved from Weatherford. Kyle will be moving to Oklahoma City beginning in January to finish his schooling.

Eddy and Wanda Walker celebrated an early Christmas last Sunday at Papa's Chuckbox. Those there were Shaleah, Jon and Hannah Langston, Clifton and Louise

## MAXEY'S STEAKHOUSE

**SUNDAY BUFFET**

**Salad  
Pot Roast  
Smoked Ham  
Assorted Vegetables  
Hot Rolls  
Iced Tea/Coffee  
Dessert**

Sun.—Noon Buffet (Only): 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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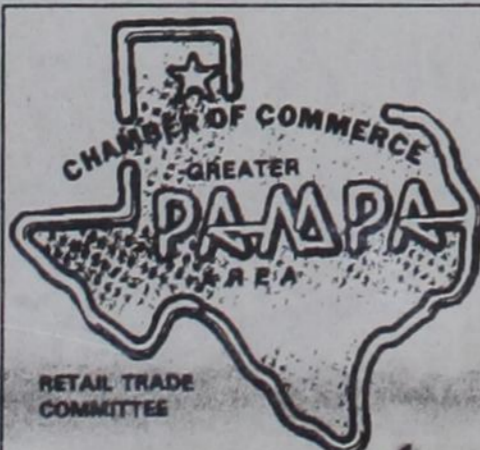
Sunday ..... 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday ..... 7:00 P.M.

### Praise & Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31, 1997

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.



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FURTHER  
FIND IT HERE!  
SHOP PAMPA!**

NETAL TRADE COMMITTEE



### THE WHEELER TIMES

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Boydston, Pearl Harrison, Opal and Juanita Boydston, Neal and Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra, Gary Boydston and Amie, Bennie and Debbie Boydston, Heather and Jason, Virgie and Jean Stinnett of Dumas. Supper guests after church Sunday night were Pastor Roy and Mrs. Jones and their son, Kenny Ray Jones.

Last Friday, Effie Hays of Amarillo had open heart surgery for three bypasses. We hope everything goes well with Effie. She had lived in Allison for many years before moving to Amarillo.

We would like to Welcome Ray and Mary Turner to our little town of Allison. They have moved in Loretta Huff's house her. I believe they moved here from Louisiana. He works with the El Paso Gas Company.

Virginia Miller's last Saturday visitor was her daughter, Lynda Banger from Amarillo. Lynda's husband, Mark, and friend were at the Miller farm hunting.

Take time to party—tis the greatest power on earth.

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# MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Ray and Velma Forbes went to Pampa to see the Doctor on Wednesday. Then they visited with Jud and Lorene Rector in the afternoon.

Our sympathy goes out to the Simpson's on the death of their nephew Billy Drake. He was buried Wednesday.

Mt. View Quilting Club held their Christmas Party Friday at Totty School House. They worked on Melba's quilt and exchanged gifts. Those attending were Betty Haines and Laramie Lancaster of Pampa, Martha Meek, Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz, Orville Greenhouse and Melba Corcoran. Those with December Birthdays were Martha Meek and Melba Corcoran.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Violet Cooper. She passed away Dec. 12. Her daughter Sharon Horton used to live in Mobeetie.

Rob and Geniva Hogan went to Amarillo Thursday for Geniva's doctor appointment. She got a good report.

Patty Crawford spent a few days in Oklahoma with her parents helping out after her mother's surgery.

Doyle Greenhouse of Dumas ate dinner Friday with his mother Orville Greenhouse.

Kevin Hampton's parents just left to go back to California after visiting with Kevin, Kim and Shawna.

Sallie and Tim Adcock and Amanda Childress and Jayton went to Amarillo Friday for the surgery on Shelton May.

The First Baptist Church will hold their Christmas Program Sunday, Dec 21 at 6:00 P.M. The youth and the children's departments will bring the program. We will also have the white Christmas again this year. The

white Christmas items to be put in boxes to be given to some families for Christmas. After the program the Christmas Cards will be given out and fellowship will be held. We will have sandwiches, chips, dips, and dessert. The church has a box for Christmas Cards to be dropped in and not mailed but handed out with the postage saved to be put in the Lottie Moon Offering.

Friday night the monthly Country Gospel Jubilee will be held Dec 19 at 7:00 at the Lodge Building in New Mobeetie.

Janice Griffith daughter of Peeler and Evelyn Haning had to have a toe removed this past week and may lose more of her toes. Remember her in your prayers. Also Dewey Allen Hicks, Jr., the grandson of Ruth Haning Hicks has just found out he has a brain tumor. Remember him also.

AnnaBelle reported that Ariza Corcoran has been doing pretty good lately. They are thankful for all of his good days.

Those attending the Christian Men Breakfast Wednesday at Sallie's was Rev. Johnny Crawford, Chuck Hogan, Rob Hogan and Dale Corcoran. The men of the community are welcome to come and take

part in this meeting. I had a letter from Edith and Kelley. They are doing fine. I always love to hear from them. I still miss them at Church and at the museum. Edith said that Betty was still in the hospital in the therapy wing, but by the end of the month Bob will have to put her in the nursing home or hire a full time live-in person to help with her. Her left side is paralyzed. She wanted Bob and Betty put on the prayer list. She said they had also received word that Mr. St. Johns sister in Minnesota had died last week - She would have been 101 in April of 1998. Edith had para thyroid surgery in Oct. but is back to normal and working at the day care center. Our sympathy goes out to the St. Johns.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We had 190 books checked out and 100 patrons visited us. 8 videos and 12 audios went out. Memorials were received in memory of Violet Knight, and Maybell Childress, we appreciate all memorials. Nancy Clymer donated three books and another patron donated two videos, they are The Shawshank, Redemption and Courage Under Fire. Thanks to these people for remembering us.

We do not expect any new books before Christmas. We have a good selection waiting for you to enjoy. During this hectic time many find it hard to have much reading time.

Our first featured book for this week is Foggy Mountain Breakdown by Sharyn McCrumb. This author lives in the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains, less than 160 miles from the Smoky Mountain valley where her ancestors settled in 1790. She has won five major awards in crime fiction writing. This latest novel is a quilting of old and new, humorous and heartfelt, offering that contrasts mountain childhoods past and present. It is a chilling tale of suspense that embraces the southern Appalachian locale. Her fans will be please with new novel. Our second featured book is Son Of Rosemary by Ira Levin. This is the sequel to Rosemary's Baby. Haunting, provocative and utterly unforgettable, Son of Rosemary is both a unique, tantalizing thriller and a cautionary tale for the coming century. With exquisite timing and masterly skill, Ira Levin takes us on a journey into darkness and the troubling forces that war within each of us. Turn on all the lights and check under your bed, this is a scary one!

This is all for this week. Come see us and get some good reading  
The Library Staff

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of MayBell Childress would like to express our appreciation for the love and concern shown to us during the loss of our "mother." The caring and concern shown to the family was uplifting and helpful.

We appreciate the food, words of comfort, the services, the music, the flowers, and memorials.

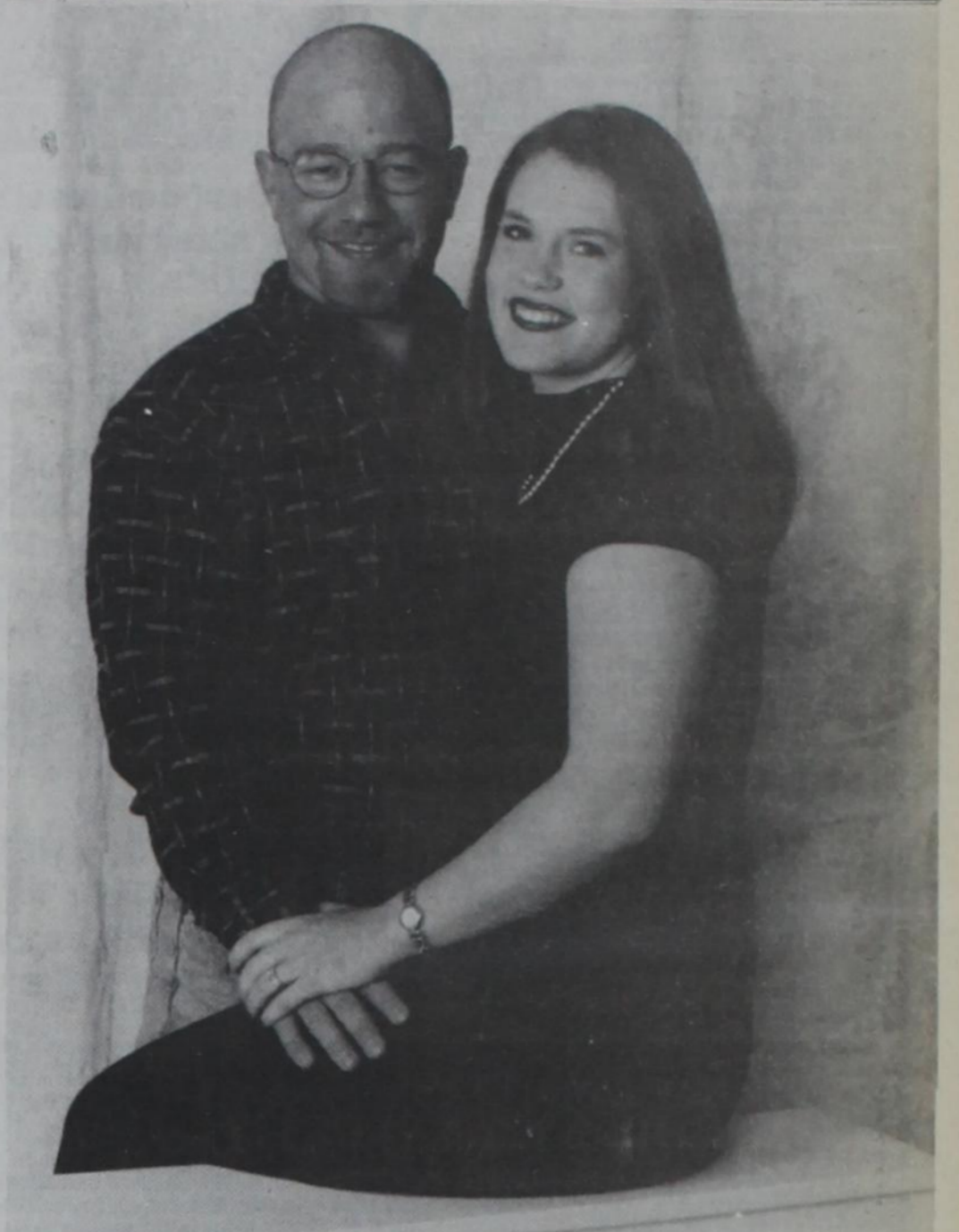
Our love to each of you and may God Keep you in his gentle care.  
The May Bell Childress Family

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**CARL JAHNEL** is the 4 year old son of Morris and Jeanette Jahnel of Allison, TX. Grandparents are Mary Carter of Briscoe and Andy and Mary Jahnel of Canadian, TX. Great-grandparents are Verneal and Juanita Prater of Briscoe and Dorothy Rich of Durant, OK, and Wesley Cato of Waco, TX.

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**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED:** Bevard and Diane Dukes of Briscoe are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Andrea Yvette, to Tracy Dale Auldridge, son of Jane Coleman of Amarillo. A January 17th wedding is planned at the Ranch House Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. Andrea attends Amarillo College and is employed by Bank One. Tracy is employed by Affiliated Foods. The couple plans to make their home in Amarillo.

### CARD OF THANKS

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to win third in the tournament. Congratulations! We enjoy watching our kids play. They really work hard and give it all they have and are good sports.

We enjoyed visiting with Mack Shields uncle and aunt at Samnorwood, Worth and May B. Shields. They are lovely people living near there. They married when they were 17 and 18 years old and have been married 63 years. Congratulations! Also visited with Bernice Stice, 74, who has been running the only store in town for 31 years and is the Postmaster, has gas and snacks, etc. My dad, O. C. Evans, pastored

the Dozier Methodist Church where she attended at one time. She also throws papers. Sweet lady. "Goldilocks, accompanied by man in suit, to three bears: 'You guys are in big trouble. This is my lawyer. I burned my mouth on your porridge.'" from Readers Digest.

Friday we enjoyed watching Allison

High Schol girls win championship of Wheeler Tournament by defeating Follett. They also defeated Reydon and Wellington earlier. The final game was 49-38. Congratulations!

Nice to have Glenn Williams join us for lunch at Maxey's Friday. Also saw Jim and Beth Alvey there. And Marie Gudel and Mary Margaret Dodd.

Correction: Those going to Branson last week were Mary Margaret Dodd, Frances Helley, Roxie Hanks, Kathryn Eads, Bill and Wynema Stewart and Ed and Laurel Hershman. They saw some good shows and shopped.

Saturday Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Dean Tipps went to a Jack Pot pig show at Perryton. Terry Tipps and Adam came down and hunted Saturday.

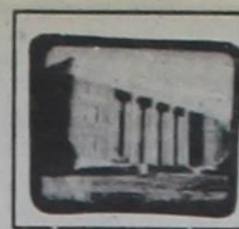
Annette and Jocelyn Meek shopped in Amarillo Saturday.

Lindsey Fillingim planned a surprise birthday party for brother, Dallas' 24th birthday at Mr. Gattis Pizza in Amarillo Thursday, Dec. 11. She brought him blindfolded to meet friends there. They enjoyed the pizza buffet and had great fun driving the bumper cars and other fun things. Nice break from studying for those important final exams. Rita Pearson also drove up for the party, but found lots of icy roads on the way. They also celebrated Lindsey's birthday. She turned 21 on Friday, Dec. 12.

Many years ago someone gave me a stick with sharp points on the end. Probably for dandelions. Working great to carry when slippery outside.

Keep praying for Peggy North. She is to start chemo Tuesday, but is feeling pretty well. Lou Dean expects to come home Wednesday.

Mother Theresa: "God doesn't ask us to do great things, but to do small



things with great love."

14 from Gageby Church went to the cantata at Wheeler Baptist Church: Bro. Aaron and Claudetta Lavery, J. P. and Martha Meek, LaJo Crownover and Terri, Ray and Pat Hudson, Lois Meadows, Willa Fillingim, Evelyn Meek, Willis and Verna Fillingim. Grand daughters Jocelyn and Amy Meadows came with Lois and Evelyn. We all enjoyed it very much. It took months of practicing and was good. Thank you! It was a blessing. Brittainy Lavery also there.

Nice to visit with old friends Preston and Elsie Glazner there. It's been a hard year for them with Preston's knee surgery and surgery for an aneurism in the aorta and losing their son-in-law, Jim Bowar. Elaine is back driving the truck. Pray for them all.

Shirley Jolly, Vickie Nelson and Kerri shopped in Amarillo Monday.

Something simple and simply delicious are Musketeeer Cookies.

Mix one box sour cream white cake mix, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup oil. Add 12 frozen fun size 3 Musketeeer Bars broken into peices. (I used a hammer)

Drop by teaspoonsful onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees for 8 min. from Amarillo paper.

Sorry Wheeler Mustangs that you lost at State Football competition. Quite an achievement to get to go to State and be second in the state. We are all proud of you.

James and Mardi Ogle are expecting Mindy and Les Prior and Little James and Lezli from New Mexico to visit during the Christmas holidays. Also Casey and Misty Gilmer, Melody Morgan and Kevin and June Sheffield. The Ogles plan to go to Amarillo the 20th to visit Mardi's dad's sister, Lois Spurgan from Lake Ft. Worth and his brother and wife, Wesley and Charleen Carter.

Winnie Gilmer got to come home Sunday afternoon after surgery in Amarillo on Wednesday. She is doing o.k. Patricia Hand and Fay Smith took supper over to them Sunday night. Venson has been sick with the flu, but has been feeding cows some.

Jocelyn Meek was in the Christmas Band concert at Canadian Sunday. Also going to watch and listen were Mark and Annette Meek, Kathy Meek, Evelyn Meek and Lois Meadows.

Grace Irvine got to come home from an Amarillo Hospital Tuesday and is feeling better after several days there. Her daughter, Delores Rinke from Kansas City, is spending a few days with Grace and Dick and Ruth. Dick and Ruth went in to the Cantata at Wheeler Methodist Church Wednesday night in spite of cold and snow. Delores also went and Leon and Vea Fillingim.

Sincere sympathy to Art Taylor and other family members and friends in the death of Art's wife, Mary, from cancer.

Correction: Jona Meek also went with the Gageby Church ladies to the pie party at Canadian at the Abraham home.

Nice to see Dr. Bob and Glenda Galutia at Maxey's Thursday night. Also there were Richard and Bonnie Meadows and Mack and Patty Shields and Amanda coming from the Samnorwood tournament. Ft. Elliott won both games.

West Texas Christian boys won consolation at Samnorwood. Congratulations!

In games with Hedley High School Tuesday night, Ft. Elliott girls won 62 to 42 in a good game. Our boys lost 49-64 at Briscoe.

We welcome Clem and Becky Helton and John and George to Briscoe. The boys go to Ft. Elliott School. Clem works on a rig and is a younger brother to John Clyde Helton. They are looking for a house in Briscoe area. They have rented a school house.

Nice to have Olaf Siviage go to Miami Senior Citizens with us and J. P. and Martha Meek Monday night. He drove his van.

Nice to visit with Kim Hampton and Shawna and Bill Brickey at Thriftway Tuesday.

Glad to hear that Peggy North's Angioplast surgery Wednesday are successful so won't have to have bypass surgery. Lou Dean Douthit is still with her daughter and is feeling better, but plans to come home Wednesday.

Not much news this week. Everyone going to ball games only and some Christmas shopping.

Doris Finsterwald took her keyboard and a Christmas pie and visited Jane and Monroe Seitz Sunday afternoon. Monroe especially liked to hear her play hymns. He even joined in on the chorus some. He has been unable to attend church, but they are doing just fair.

Mobeetie Baptist Church will have their Christmas program and Fellowship next Sunday night, Dec. 21, at 6:00 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

Sincere sympathy to Lorene (Treadwell) Jenkins and other family friends in the death of Lorene's husband, H. L. Jenkins, 77, of Wellington. Sincere sympathy to family and friends of John Wilkinson, 87, of Canadian.

Willa Fillingim felt like they nearly got asphyxiated Sunday night. They woke up feeling poorly with bad headaches. They opened windows and doors for a little while and having it

checked out. Charles Crownover came over to check things out. Dick Irvine brought out a carbon monoxide monitor and can be plugged in and will go off if the level is too high. Might be a good investment.

Nice to have a letter from the Vernon Siviage family in Uganda, Africa. They would have both girls home for Christmas for awhile, plus some single Missionaries. Vernon has been asked to be Interim Mission Administrator for the next few months in addition to all the other duties. Pray for them all and give to the Lottie Moon offering that supports the Missionaries.

"Christmas isn't dependent on a certain date, where we are or what we receive. It comes as we give of ourselves, remembering the One who moved out of Heaven and into a manger on that first Christmas." Thank you, God.

from Sunday Digest. Nice to have Ed and Laurel Hershman share lunch with us at Maxey's Sunday.

Rosalie Keelin went to Wheeler Saturday and visited her sister Ruth Taylor, at her home. Glad she was able to be home from the hospital. Her son, Larry Taylor and Janie were there fixing dinner, so Rosalie joined them for lunch. She also visited Gene and Norma Keelin and family and Pat Smith.

Sunday Rosalie Keelin had a nice surprise. After church Gene Keelin and Daniel came and brought lunch: Pot Roast with vegetables and beans. Norma and Kara Kay and Tracy went to Amarillo to Christmas shop.

Vernal and Juanita Prater are planning to bring daughter Wanda from Stamford, Dec. 17 for Christmas holidays.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Viola Cooper in her death.

Dick Irvine's sister, Delores Rinke, had the misfortune to have a wreck that pretty well totaled her car before she got to Shattuck on her way back to Kansas Friday. We are thankful she wasn't more seriously hurt—a broken nose and bruises.

Roy Swift from Eastland came Sunday night to visit his mom, Addie Swift, and will visit brother, Bob Swift and Dub Swift and families and his sister, Wanda Childress, and family and help feed the cows. Nice to see Addie Swift out to the ball games. She is one of our most faithful fans of the Ft. Elliott Cougars.

Merry Christmas, Dear Friends. God bless you everyone. "God be with you till we meet again."

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### Drawing (from Page 1)

velopes will then be handed and the last two individuals will receive \$50 when their names are drawn.

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of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsor-

ing firms. You will receive one ticket per each dollar of the purchase value-up to a maximum of \$500.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 28, 1997 at sponsoring businesses.

The merchants giving tickets are: Appearances, Azzip Pizza, Charles Kuntz, Cross Car Center, Germania Insurance, Hefley Hardware, Hyland's Pharmacy, L & F Repairs, Marshall Discount Auto, Mcllhany's Dry Goods, Thriftway, V & S Variety Store, and Wheeler Flower Shop.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawings are: Albert's Shamrock Service, Appearances, Azzip Pizza, Dr. Larry Barbour, Britt Ranch, Burton Ford-Mercury, Cross Car Center, Eastern Panhandle Ins., Steve Emmert, Attorney at Law, Farm Bureau Insurance, First State Bank of Mobeetie & Wheeler, General Store, H & R Block Tax Service, Hefley Hardware, Heritage Beef Cattle Co. Inc., Hibler Implement Co., Honey Inn, Hyland's Pharmacy, Jenning's Plumbing & Electric, Johnny's Shamrock Service Station, Jones Fuels, Marshall Discount Auto, Maxey's

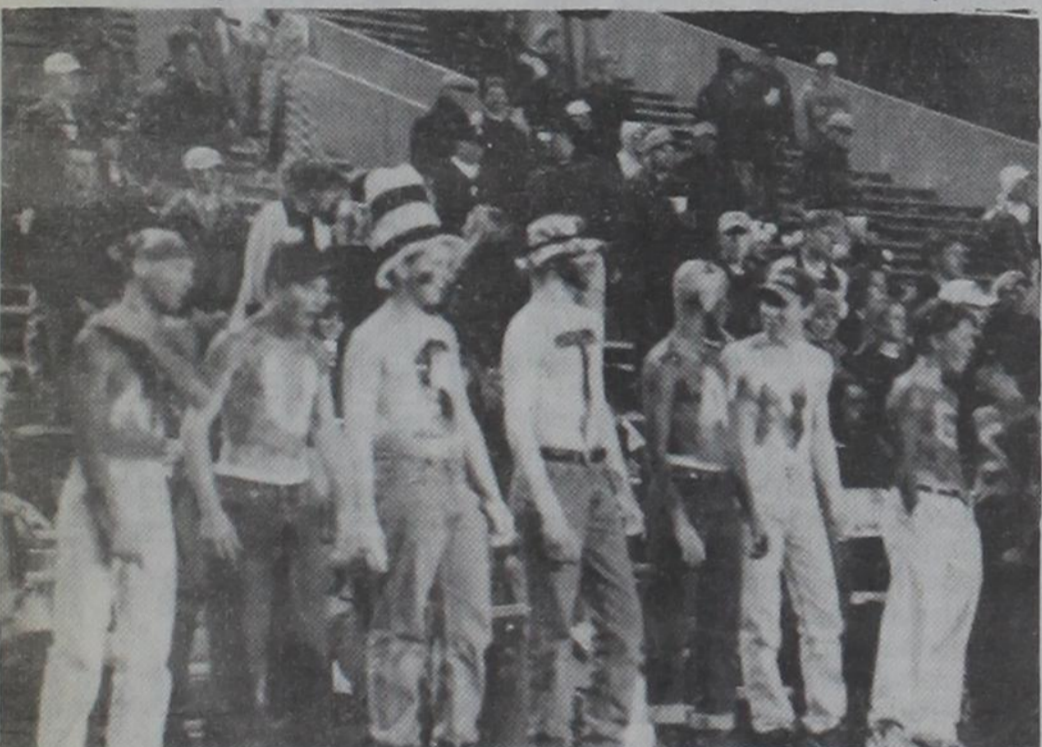
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**MUSTANG SPIRIT:** Darrin Kuntz, Kendall Hefley, Dirk Chapman, Gavin McQueen, Chris Simmons, Jacob Britt, Ramond Gentry and Neal Smith show their true spirit. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza

FORT ELLIOTT CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

EXHIBIT A-2

DATA CONTROL CODES	REVENUES:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
		100-199	200-499	98	AUGUST 31, 1997
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,271,552	\$ 51,530	\$ 2,323,082	
5800	State Program Revenues	84,591	4,805	89,396	
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	27,582	27,582	
5020	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,356,143</b>	<b>\$ 83,917</b>	<b>\$ 2,440,060</b>	
	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional - Related Services	\$ 658,673	\$ 22,085	\$ 680,758	
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	49,469	1,132	50,601	
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	112,768	127,824	240,592	
0040	Administrative Support Services	114,728	-	114,728	
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	239,448	-	239,448	
0080	Capital Outlay	6,866	-	6,866	
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	751,243	-	751,243	
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,933,195</b>	<b>\$ 151,041</b>	<b>\$ 2,084,236</b>	
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 422,948	\$ (67,124)	\$ 355,824	
7020	Other Resources	-	67,124	67,124	
8030	Other (Uses)	(67,124)	-	(67,124)	
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 355,824	\$ -	\$ 355,824	
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,059,495	-	2,059,495	
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,415,319	\$ -	\$ 2,415,319	



**THE WHEELER TIME**

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

Steakhouse, Dr. Louie Mendiola, Mustang Video, Mcllhany Dry Goods, Parkview Hospital, R&M Car Wash, Rolling Plains Production Credit Assoc., Dr. Mike Smith, Southwestern Public Service, Sparlin's Restaurant, Speedi-Mart, The Upper Room, Thriftway, V & S Variety Store, Ware Chevrolet, West Texas Gas Co.,

Wheeler Area News, Wheeler Banking Center, Wheeler Care Center, Wheeler Flower Shop, Wheeler Lumber Company, Wheeler Plumbing, Wheeler TV, Wheeler Times, Wheeler Title & Abstract Co., Wheeler Vet Clinic, Wright Funeral Home.

### Bobby Blackburn, '96 Graduate, Joins Army

Bobby W. Blackburn has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Amarillo, Texas.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Blackburn, a 1996 graduate of Fort

Elliott High School, Briscoe, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training January 28, 1998. He is the son of Bobby E. Blackburn and Rebecca A. Blackburn of Briscoe.

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**New Admissions**  
12-9 Mike Case  
12-10 Irma Wiebe  
Jane Rives

12-11 Jason Porton  
12-13 Lisa Mitchell

**Dismissals**  
12-10 Juanell Manning  
Jane Rives

12-11 Mike Case  
12-12 Jason Porton

### Chat

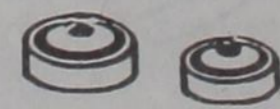
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mas, we took the time to play cards Monday night. Jane and I lost the first game, but came back to win the next two. Mike and Patsy were on the other team.

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## Winter Weather Driving Tips from Tex. Hwy. Pat.

The expected wintry weather this week may create some hazardous driving conditions in Texas. Here are some driving tips.

Treacherous winter conditions can make travel along Texas roads a dangerous proposition. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to pay attention to changing weather conditions and prepare for the winter driving season.

"We urge motorists to use extreme caution when driving under winter weather conditions. Slow down," said Col. Dudley Thomas, director of DPS. Wear your seatbelts and drive carefully. When it's snowy or icy, it's always best to avoid travel if at all possible."

Stranded motorists should call the DPS helpline at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a DPS Trooper.

For current road conditions, it's best to watch your local news reports, or look up the Texas Department of Public Transportation's website at: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.

Winter driving tips include:

- Wear your seat belt, and make sure your children are buckled up.
- Remember that ice forms first on ridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, slay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.
- Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to the weather conditions. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you.
- If your car goes into a skid, take



**TAKING THE FIELD:** The Mustangs take the field to take on the Granger Lion. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza

bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.

- Keep the gasoline level as high

### Breast Exam (from Page 1)

mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.



For emergency spackling to fill small holes in plaster walls, use a small dab of toothpaste. Let dry before painting.

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**MUSTANG FANATICS:** Travis Stevens and T. A. Taylor show their Mustang Spirit. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza



**MAKING THE GRAB:** Mike Jones catches the ball in the open field. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza

as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank.

- Check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system and wipers.

For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606

Read about DPS on-line at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>.



Toothpaste can be used to shine up silver and gold. Rinse thoroughly.



**FIGHTING FOR YARDS:** Casey Childress tries to fight free for some extra yardage. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza

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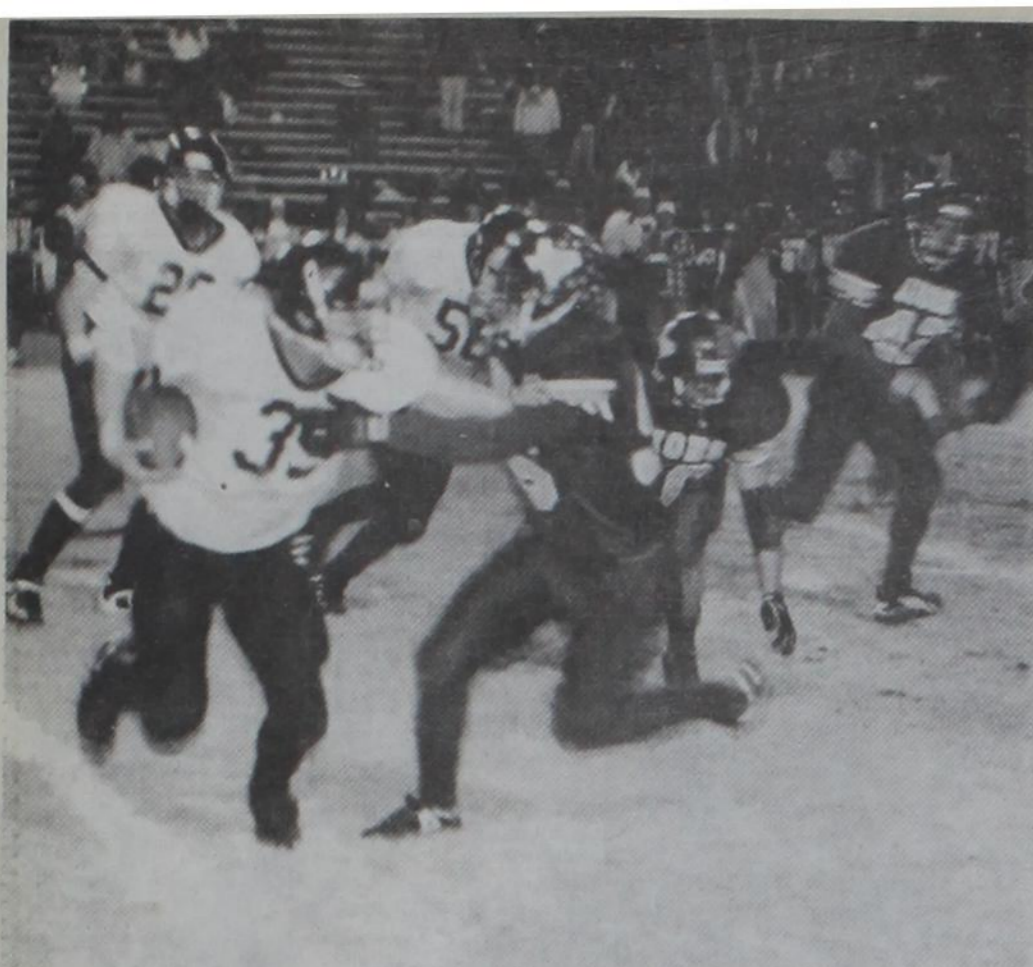
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**RUNNING HARD:** Jeremy Davis decides to run through the Granger defenders. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza



**CHEERING 'EM ON:** The Mustangs fans fill Shotwell Stadium to support their fans. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza



**BRINGING HIM DOWN:** The Mustang defense collapses on the Granger quarterback. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza



**TAKING TIME OUT:** Kerrie Marion, Cassy Brown, Lyndi Finsterwald, Rachael Bass, Taylor Hudgins, and Drew Emmert take a break from cheering to pose for a picture. —Photo compliments of Azzip Pizza

### Wheeler Church of Christ

**Congregational Concerns:**

The Wednesday night Bible classes will not meet on Wednesday night, December 24th.

Congratulations must be expressed to Lewis and Irene Rodgers who celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary on Friday, November 12th.

Congratulations must be expressed to Monk and Norma Bowerman who celebrated their sixth-fourth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, December 16th.

A thank-you note has been received from Bill Swindle, the father of Margaret Dorman. This thank-you note is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

A thank-you note has been received from Laurie Lane and her family. This thank-you note is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Bill Owen is now living at the Wheeler Care Center.

Fat Jones has been released from the hospital in Amarillo and is now recovering from his recent heart surgery at his home.

Earlene Hernandez, the mother of Cliff Fletcher, has been transferred from the Wheeler Care Center to the Columbia Medical Center in Pampa. Her condition has improved.

Debbie Ford, the daughter of Buck and Mary Jones, had surgery last weekend in Amarillo. However, she has been released from the hospital and is now recovering at her home in Canadian.

Mike Case is confined to his home in Wheeler, recovering from injuries that he suffered in a recent car wreck.

Sympathy must be expressed to Jerry Don Horton and his family upon the death of his grandmother, Viola Cooper. Her funeral was held last Sunday afternoon in Wheeler.

**From The Minister's Desk:**

Bobby Dockery, the minister of the church of Christ in Fayetteville, Arkansas, recently wrote a bulletin article that "seasonal Christians" need to read. This bulletin article was entitled, "Still Wrapped In Swaddling Clothes" and it said: ---

"On the night Christ was born, the angels told the shepherds of Bethlehem that they would find the babe "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12) Swaddling clothes were strips of linen cloth wrapped snugly around a baby. One dictionary defines "swaddle" as "to bind an infant with long narrow strips of cloth to prevent free movement." The word used in the Bible literally refers to a "band."

"There is a lot of talk at this season of the year about "the Christ child" and "the babe in swaddling clothes." People seem to be more comfortable thinking of Jesus as a baby in a manger than in responding to Him as Lord of lords and King of kings. So in their minds they keep Christ bound in swaddling clothes—never turning Him loose to make a real difference in their lives. . .

"Christ grown to manhood is an intrusion. He has a way of breaking into our lives and upsetting our comfortable routines. He is unnerving, unsettling, even exasperating. So most people prefer to keep Jesus confined to a cradle, wrapped tightly in swaddling clothes. There are many evidences of this:

- "1. A swaddled gospel. Recognizing that the authentic teachings of Jesus are a reproach to their worldly style of "Christianity, many people crave a less demanding message. They flock to preachers who have omitted such themes as sin, repentance, and hell from the "gospel" which they preach. They want salvation which is easy, painless, and cheap. They want Jesus to be nothing more than a spiritual additive to spice up their lives, guarantee prosperity, and bring instant happiness. They are unprepared for the Christ who thunders, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say. (Luke 6:46)"
- "2. A swaddled discipleship.

Many emphasize the joy of Christianity while ignoring the sacrifice. They seek contentment without commitment. They are eager for the glory of the cross, but not the shame. They want a Christ who will make no demands, require no obedience, expect no service. They are willing to stroll along with Jesus but have no intention of taking up their cross and following Him. But Jesus insisted that real discipleship involves a costly commitment. (Luke 14:27, 33) And Jesus further said that those who expect to get by with anything less "cannot" be His disciples."

"3. A swaddled morality. The grace of God which has appeared to all men teaches us to deny "ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." (Titus 2:12) But many modern religious leaders have opted for an easier standard. They present Christ to the world bound in swaddling clothes. They redefine His moral and ethical demands. Things once condemned as sin are now excused. People are told they can have their sin and Jesus too. Standards are lowered in an attempt to make the Christian life seem less demanding, less rigorous, less drastic. . .

"If Christ is only a babe in swaddling clothes, we need not obey Him. We can just admire Him and go away. It is easy to respond to a child; It is much more demanding to surrender to a living, reigning Lord."

"In John Masefield's play, *The Trial of Jesus*, there is a scene where the Roman centurion who had carried out Christ's execution is asked if he believes he is really dead. When he answers, "No, I don't," He is next asked, "Where is he then?" His answer, "Let loose on the world where neither Roman nor Jew can stop his truth." Perhaps some of us need to let Him loose in our own thinking so that He can become for us what He was born to be --- Lord of lords and King of kings."

**Bill Morrison, Minister  
Church of Christ  
Wheeler, Texas**

**Services:**

- Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 A.M.
- Sunday Morning Worship .... 11:00 A.M.
- Sunday Night Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 P.M.

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