

# Wheeler Stops Canadian In Area Playoff

## Girls in Regional Q-Finals, Boys Play For Bi-Dist. Title

The Lady 'Stangs took on Wellington in the first round of the Regional Quarter Finals at Randall High in Canyon Tuesday evening.

The Wheeler Mustangs met New Deal for the Bi-District Title at Randall High Tuesday evening. The Lady 'Stangs met Canadian on February 18, 2011 for the Area Title and won 53-46. The girls entered the quarter finals Tuesday, February 22.

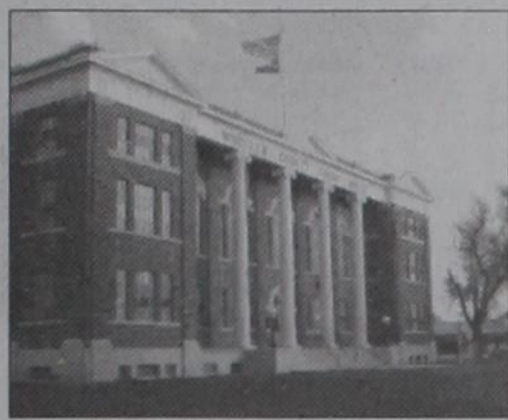
Scoring by quarter was:  
Wheeler 16 15 10 12 53  
Canadian 9 15 11 11 46  
Individuals scoring for Wheeler were:

- Stacie Hanson, 10
- Taylor Sparks, 2
- Kaylee Marion, 9
- Gabi Menefield, 3
- Haley Sparks, 15
- Tania Flores, 10
- Paige Jones, 4

The Wheeler Mustangs closed their 2010-2011 basketball season with a loss to Wellington Tuesday, February 15, 2011. The final score 40-43 was ended in Wellington's favor.

Scoring by quarter was as follows:  
Wheeler 6 10 14 10 41  
Wellington 5 9 14 15 43  
Individual scoring was as follows:

- Collin Hampton, 12
- Hayden Guest, 3
- Jorge Porras, 12
- Pedro Hernandez, 6
- Kallen Moore, 6
- Jacob Thomas, 2



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"Wheeler; town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

**CONGRATULATIONS to our local Basketball Teams!** The girls won Area Finals and played in the Regional Quarter Finals Tuesday evening. The boys played their Bi-District game Tuesday evening. Both at Randall High in Amarillo.

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**CONGRATULATIONS, Haley Sparks!** She was named Globe-News 'Athlete of the Week' for outstanding play against Canadian in the Area Game.

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Tomorrow, Feb. 25, is the deadline for making nominations for

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## STORM REPORT

As Reported by...  
Stormie Meriwether,  
First Grade Student

Dear Friends, I love ladybugs! One day Kylee had a ladybug in her backpack. On accident, her book smashed the ladybug. That was a little sad 'cause now that ladybug won't have any babies. I very want lots of ladybugs for the flowers in the Spring. The ladybugs are good for the flowers.

It was a fun time! Mimba and the boys came to my Texas, Wheeler house. For a long time I wanted to go fishing, but first we had to ride 4-wheelers all day! Finally it was almost sunset and we got to go fishing! I caught five fish. I can take the hook out by myself. All of my fish were little and middle size. Colby caught the biggest fish I ever saw! He is a good fisher!

Monday was no school 'cause it's President's Day! The two very important presidents are George Washington and Abraham Hinkon. George Washington was the first president. He fought the Indians. Abraham Hinkon was the second president. He fought the Americans. Now we are all just the United States of America and we don't fight anymore! That's it.

## Ft. Elliott Grads On WTAM Dean's List

Fort Elliott Graduates on WTAMU Deans List for Fall 2010 Semester

Amber Maddox, Stormi Lancaster and Tommy Meek were all named to the Dean's List of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas for the Fall Semester of 2010. The Dean's list requirements are 3.50 to 3.99 grade point average.

Amber is a Junior Major in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Tammy and Jimmy Maddox and granddaughter of Dean and Georgia Tipps all of Briscoe, Texas.

Stormi is a Junior Major in Sport and Exercise Science with Certification in Math. She is the daughter of Earnest and Brenda Lancaster of Mobeetie. Grandparents are Aaron and Arica Lancaster of Mobeetie and Felix and Jean Taylor of Crowell.

Tommy Meek is a Senior Major in Agriculture Education. He is the son of Kevin and Jona Meek of Briscoe, TX.



**LAYCOCKS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS:** Ray and Mary Bob Laycock celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Ray married Mary Bob Denson on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1951 in the home of the bride's parents, Cecil and Lottie Eva Denson, in Wheeler, TX. Shortly after, Ray went to the Korean War and upon returning in 1953, they moved to Pampa and made it their home. Hosting the reception were their children, Lyn and Linda Laycock of Pampa and Rachel and husband, Travis Dorsey, of Houston.



**AREA CHAMPS:** Wheeler's Lady 'Stangs took on Lockney at Caprock Tuesday, February 15, 2011. The local girls were victorious 44-42 and have a Bi-District trophy to add to the school's trophy case. This is a picture from last night's game when the Varsity Girls won their Bi-District game. Shown here with the trophy are (back row, l. to r.) Coach Bailey, Carla Mendoza, Sidney Mills, Elizabeth Castillo, Giovanna Luna, Paige Jones, Gabi Menefield, Karen Mendoza, Haley Sparks, Coach Leisher, (front) Tania Flores, Brady Bailey, Stacie Hanson, Kaylee Marion and Taylor Sparks. On Friday, Feb. 18, the girls played Canadian and that defeat earned the Wheeler girls the Region 1-1A Division Title.

## Your Help Needed For City's Grant Projects, Swimming Pool, Walking Trail, And Baseball Field Relocation

Filing Closes March 14

### Filing Opens For City Election; Mayor, 4 Places On Council

The City of Wheeler will hold an election May 14, 2011, for the purpose of electing the mayor and (4) council members. Each position will be for a two year term. Also on the ballot will be

### City of Mobeetie To Hold City Election

The City of Mobeetie will hold an election on May 14, 2011, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and two (2) City Council members. Each position will be for a 2-year term. The first day to file for a place on the ballot was February 12, 2011, and the last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 14, 2011.

The Council Members, whose terms expire are Mayor Gordon Estes, Council Member Place 1 Pam Jones; and Council Member Place 3 Patricia Kephart. Anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot can come by: First State Bank, 101 S. Wheeler, Mobeetie, Texas, and see Stephanie Coulter, City Secretary.

Councilmembers, whose terms expire, are Barbra Koelzer, Jim Hill and Walter Simmons.

Voters will elect individual to serve the unexpired terms of the Mayor and Place 2 councilman. Individuals appointed to office only serve until the next city election.

Bob McCain filed with the city to have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate for Mayor. Bob was elected to the council in 1987 and as mayor pro-tem was appointed mayor after the death of Mayor Wanda Herd.

Anyone interested in filing for an application for a place on the ballot should come by City Hall, 505 Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, TX

## Thirteenth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tourn. April 16

The Thirteenth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 16 at the Shamrock Country Club. This tournament will be an 18 hole scramble format and will offer tee times of 8:30AM and 2PM. High School students wishing to enter the tournament will play on Friday afternoon. A putting contest for youngsters will also be held on Saturday. For more information please contact Cecil Thomas at 826-5809, Ida Goad at 826-5254 or Bobby Jennings at 826-3153. You may also log on to [www.janaegoadgolf.com](http://www.janaegoadgolf.com).

Donations of \$25 from businesses will go toward special prizes such as closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt. Donations from individuals or businesses of \$50 or more will sponsor a tee box. Individual gifts for door prizes are also accepted.

Chances to win various donated raffle items will also be available. The items will be on display at local businesses preceding the tournament and at the golf club the day of the tournament. The winners will be announced prior to the start of the 2:00 tee time.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Ja'Nae Goad Golf Scholarship. This scholarship was designed to financially assist a Wheeler County high school senior who has participated in golf or multiple sports and school activities. To date, the tournament has benefited 72 high school seniors from Wheeler County. Past recipients of the award have been Alan Segura, Kacie Schlegel, Amanda Reeves, Jacob Caldwell, Kinsey Cogburn, Jordan Jones, Cassie Crossland, Cory Schlegel, Sheldon Cornett, Laramie Wilson, Jade Hilburn, Darby Oldham,

City of Wheeler seeking support from the Community for a new Swimming Pool.

The City of Wheeler is still trying to "win" the matching funds grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife for a new swimming pool, walking trail, and relocation of the baseball field. The grant application is scored on a points system,

and we need more points on support from the community. There are many different ways to show your support. The deadline for our application to be reviewed is February 25, so if you would like to help, please call the City office at 826-3222 and we will be glad to discuss the different ways you can contribute.

## Deadline For Nominations, Feb. 25, Fast Approaching

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is still accepting nominations for Man and Woman of the Year. The deadline to get your nominations in is February 25th. We encourage all of you to nominate someone that you think is deserving of this award. Just write down some facts of why you think

they deserve to be named the Man or Woman of 2010 and send it in. The winners are picked from a panel of previous winners in that same category. We know there are many deserving people out there, so let us hear from you. Send your nomination to: Wheeler Chamber of Commerce PO Box 221 Wheeler, TX 79096

## Parkview Hospital Board Minutes

JANUARY 10, 2011  
Chairman Thomas Helton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Parkview Hospital.

Present were: Thomas Helton, Chairman; James Batton, Secretary; Ray Hudson, Dale Garner, Sue Chandler and Ann Fagan Cook, RN, BSN, CEO

Chairman Helton called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

Kelly Springer made a presentation to the Board regarding a life insurance program that could be purchased by our employees. There were some questions regarding the program. Ray Hudson made a motion that was seconded by Dale Garner to allow Wheeler I.S.D.

## Three Places Open On Local Sch. Bd.

The first day to apply for a place on the Wheeler ISD trustee ballot was February 12, 2011. The filing deadline is Monday, March 14. Applications may be obtained at the Wheeler ISD Business office, #1 Mustang Drive. The May 14 election will fill three full term positions currently being held by Dr. Mike Smith, Mark Marshall and Brian Richardson.

Dr. Smith has filed for re-election to his place on the board.

The winners will be announced and presented with a plaque at the Annual Chamber Banquet on March 12th. The Banquet begins at 7:00 p.m. At the Wheeler County Ag & Family Life Center. Tickets will be available at the Chamber office or from various Chamber members. All are invited, so reserve your tickets today by calling Kristi at 826-3408.

low Mr. Springer to explain this to all interested employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Dale Garner made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Ray Hudson and carried unanimously.

Ann Fagan Cook presented the investment report. Ms. Fagan Cook reported that the highest rate available was 2% so she reinvested the two CDs that matured in December at First State Bank of Mobeetie for 5 years. No action was necessary.

Bad debt and charity write-offs were presented. Sue Chandler made a motion to accept the bad debt write-offs. Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There were no charity write-offs.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented the QAPI minutes and scorecards. There was discussion regarding some of the financial indicators. James Batton made the motion to approve the reports as presented. Ray Hudson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook presented the renewal proposal for our Workman's Comp Insurance. James Batton made the motion to accept the proposal. Dale Garner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fagan Cook reported that the cost to complete the Plan of Correction regarding fire retardant issues that were cited would be



**Haley Sparks was named Amarillo Globe-News "Athlete of the Week"** this week for her Double-double in Wheeler's Region 1-1A Division I area upset of No. 5 Canadian on Friday, in basketball. Sparks put up 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the 53-46 win at Panhandle. Coach Mike Bailey was quoted, "The whole team played great, and she had her success because of what the team did. That night, she was the piece of the puzzle that put it all together." The young lady was quoted: "Honestly, it just proved anything is possible and any team can win. God had a big part in it. We played before the game, after the game and during timeouts."

## Local Blood Drive Set For March 4

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center has scheduled a blood drive for March 4, 2011, 2-7 p.m., at Wheeler High School cafeteria. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED. Blood donors must be 17 years old and must present a photo ID or Donor Card.

Jorge's Mexican Bar & Grill, News Channel 10, KGNC-FM, KGNC-AM and 100.9 The Eagle are sponsoring the event. Every eligible donor who donates blood will receive a green Hoops Madness T-shirt and a chance to win a new flat-screen TV, a Blu-ray disc player and a fajita party for 20 people from Jorge's Mexican Bar & Grill.

For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

The need is real; there is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

Further information is available on Facebook, Twitter or [www.thegiftoflife.org](http://www.thegiftoflife.org).

## Parkview Board To Fill Three Places

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, was the first day to file for a place on Parkview Hospital's Board. Three places are to be filled this year.

Places open on the board this year are for representatives from the Allison, Briscoe and Mobeetie communities. These places are presently held by Sue Chandler, Ray Hudson and James Batton, respectively.

Applications for placing your name on the ballot may be picked up at Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler, Texas, during regular business hours, 8-5 Monday thru Friday.

## Mobeetie Council Meetings Are Held

# OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

## LAURA MAE

As far back as I can remember, Laura Mae, was the first girl I was interested in. When we moved to Estelline, my folks rented a small, two-room house in town. Right across the street was a family already living there and they had one kid, too. Her name was, Laura Mae. I was four years old at the time and she was probably seven or eight.

In their front yard, they had an old, iron bedstead with a set of box springs on it. Real often, Laura Mae would get a hold of the headboard end and jump up and down an hour at a time, singing the only song I ever heard her sing, "Oh My Darling Clementine." I was really impressed, because she knew about three whole verses, with the refrain in between each verse. Up until that time, I only knew a few words of a couple of old songs Dad sang, while playing his guitar. I really wanted to go over there and jump on those bedsprings/trampoline, but Mom had told me I wasn't old enough yet to cross the street. At least, after watching her for quite a while, I pretty much memorized the first verse and refrain. As proud of me as Mom was, she eventually got tired of hearing it and put an end to the sing-

ing. Not long after that, I came down with the measles and had to stay in the house for about a week. She kept the curtains drawn and most of the lights out, so it would be about half dark. This was normal procedure at the time, but not anymore. By the time I got over the measles and got to go outside again; Laura Mae, had moved away. "She was lost and gone forever." "Dreadful sorrow, Laura Mae."

Their house didn't stay empty very long though. My ol' buddy, Hugh Wayne, and his folks moved in there. That sure turned out to be a good deal. We became really close friends and our folks did too. Since our moms visited often, I finally got to go across the street. He and I could jump on the old bedsprings all we wanted. We never could sing nearly as good as Laura Mae, but we sure gave it a try.

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

### Wheeler United Methodist Church

Eighth at Main St. - P.O. Box 89  
Wheeler, TX 79096  
(806) 826-3114 - Fax 826-3780  
wheelerumc@windstream.net

#### Sunday Schedule

Coffee & Donut Fellowship - 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.

Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Youth Fellowship - 5:00 P.M.

Pastor's Bible Study - 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday Schedule

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerks office from February 14, 2011 - February 17, 2011.

FEBRUARY 14, 2011  
RDT-Citizens Bank to Donald Woods, et ux, 2-11-11, S/2 N/2 Lot 1, Blk LXI, Shamrock.  
OL-County of Childress to Samson Lone Star LLC, 9-10-10, NW/4 Sec. 79, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL-Richard L. Hinnant to QEP Energy Company, 1-20-11, SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
OL-Sunshine Exploration Com-

## COUNTRY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

"Be not dismayed whatever betide; God will take care of you. Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you." Nice to have James and Dana Greer and Dana's mom out to church at Wheeler Baptist Sunday. James did a wonderful job leading singing. He is a brother to Vickie Ferguson (Gene's wife).

Nice to have a visit from Dallas and Krystal Fillingim and Keaira, Kamry and Karissa from Windhorst. They took me to lunch at Maxey's on Saturday. (Great food...big crowd) Later, Dallas' family went to Briscoe area to visit grandparents, David and Rita Pearson, and had a great time. Sunday, Dallas and Krystal joined us at Wheeler Baptist Church for service and then a great lunch at Maxey's. Thank you very much!

Earl and Betty Husted enjoyed a visit from daughter and granddaughter. The husband had to go back to Okinawa in the service. Pray for our soldiers.

Some at the sing-along at Martha Meek's home Saturday night were Doris Finsterwald, Wesley and Helen Steen, Bill and Betty Morrison, Joyce Perkins, Arica Lancaster, Lurline Isaacs, Mary Galbreath, Pauline Gonzales, Ethel Ferris, Melissa Walden and two daughters, Charlie McDerment and Martha Meek. They enjoyed food, fellowship, a good time and lots of good singing.

Welcome to Wheeler...Audra Grace Salem Koen, newly adopted daughter of Matt and Konnette Koen. Sweet smile!

"God be with you till we meet again."

pany to QEP Energy Company, 1-20-11, SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
AFF-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 2-20-11, NW/4 Sec. 21, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
LIEN ASSIGN.-BOKF NA to Community National Bank, 1-31-11, See Instrument.  
DT-XOG Operating LLC, et al to Community National Bank, 1-31-11, Blk. E, G. W. Jacobs Survey.  
RDT-National Bank of Commerce to James H. Marett, et ux, 2-10-11, Pt. S/2 Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DVL-James H. Marett, et ux to Jeffery R. Bass, et ux, 2-10-11, Pt. S/2 Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT-Jeffery R. Bass, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 2-10-11, Pt. S/2 Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ROW-Henry Dupont, et ux to MarkWest Oklahoma Gas Company LLC, 2-7-11, Pt. Sec. 1, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.  
ROW-Densel Reed, et ux to MarkWest Oklahoma Gas Company LLC, 1-24-11, Pt. C&M Survey, Pt. T. James Survey.  
ROW-The Elmore Family Trust to MarkWest Oklahoma Gas Company LLC, 1-24-11, S/2 Sec. 22, Blk. 4, Camp County School Land.  
ROW-Susan Renee Blankenship to MarkWest Oklahoma Gas Company LLC, 1-28-11, Sec. 2, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.  
ROW-Rebecca Foreman, et al to MarkWest Oklahoma Gas Company LLC, 1-24-11, Sec. 2, Blk. 4, Brooks & Burleson Survey.  
SITE REMEDIATION-Texas Railroad Commission to Magic City Oil & Gas, 2-11-11, No Land Given.  
DEED-Dorothy Bradac, et al to Mary I. Macina, 12-22-10, NE/4 Sec. 128, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
MD-Mary I. Macina to Dorothy Bradac, et al, 2-11-11, NE/4 Sec. 128, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT/ASSIGN.-Mike Gallagher, et ux to Canadian Banking Center, 2-9-11, See Instrument.  
AOL-Cordillera Energy Partners III LLC to Granite Operating Company, et al, 1-10-11, N/2 Sec. 31,



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Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DEED-Leola Schmidt Farris to Richard F. Graham, et ux, 2-11-11, 30 acs East End N/2 SW/4 Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, exc. 1 ac.  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011  
DEED-John A Papini and Annette C. Papini Family Trust to Papini Investment Properties LLC, 2-8-11, Lots 20 and 21, Blk. 1, High School Addition, Shamrock.  
C/C WILL-Austin O'Neil Jr. to Ex Parte, 1-4-11, No Land Given.  
OL-Julia Murrell Lauderdale to QEP Energy Company, 1-19-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Russell Murrell to QEP Energy Company, 1-19-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
OL-Jill J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
OL-Jill Murrell Cooper to QEP Energy Company, 1-19-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
OL-Cynthia Randall to QEP Energy Company, 1-19-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.  
SUPPLEMENT DT-Larchmont Resources LLC to TCW Asset Management Company, Agent, 1-21-10, Sec. 1, Blk. 3, Brooks & Burleson Survey.  
ASSIGN.-MAP Resources Inc. to Forest Oil Corporation, 1-14-11, SE/4 Sec. 38, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-BP America Production Company to Forest Oil Corporation, 12-21-10,

Sec. 23, Camp County School Land.  
ASSIGN.-J. Stanford Shelby to Linn Energy Holdings LLC, 1-21-11, Sec. 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011  
CD-Zybach Cemetery Association to Leroy Parker, et ux, 2-14-11, Lots 1 and 3 Blk. 26, Zybach Cemetery.

EXECU. RATIF. UNIT DESIGN.-Rebecca Foreman, et al to The Public, 2-8-11, Sec. 31, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
EXECU. RATIF. UNIT DESIGN.-Susan Renee Blankenship, et al to The Public, 2-8-11, Sec. 31, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSIGN. DT-Alacritty Lending to MidFirst Bank, 1-26-11, Lot 24, Blk. XIV, Shamrock.  
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Don Martin, et ux to Douglas Grant Beck, 2-10-11, SE/4 and NW/4 Sec. 18, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL-Youngblood Ltd. to Linn Energy Holdings LLC, 1-17-11, Sec. 22, Camp County School Land.  
TRUST MD-Nicole Huve Underwood Revocable Trust #1997 to Leland Stanford Junior University Board of Trustees, 1-18-11, SE/4 Sec. 42, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
STIP. OF INT.-Joni McMordie, et al to Joni McMordie, et al, 12-28-10, W/2 and NE/4 Sec. 10, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey and N/2 Sec. 18, Camp County School Land.

DT-Wheeler County Feed Yard Ltd. to Amarillo National Bank, 2-

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Bill Dyson would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorials and the ladies of Mobeetie Community, who prepared the dinner. A special thanks to the Care Center for the things they did, Dr. Galutia, Parkview Hospital, Wright Funeral Home and the Pallbearers. Also we want to thank Gary Jahnel and Dick Irvine for the message.

Shirley Dyson  
Jerry, Linda & Libby Dyson  
Todd, Debbie & Thomas Hammer

Brothers: R. H. Dyson, Richard Dyson, Dale Dyson

### Parkview Artery Treating Diabetes

In this day and time, you or someone one you know has Diabetes. Across this country it has run rampant. Here are a few statistics of this serious disease. Total: 25.8 million children and adults in the United States—8.3% of the population—have diabetes.

Diagnosed: 18.8 million people Undiagnosed: 7.0 million people Prediabeted: 79 million people New Cases: 1.9 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed in people aged 20 years and older in 2010. Under 20 years of age

- ° 215,000, or 0.26% of all people in this age group have diabetes

- ° About 1 in every 400 children and adolescents has type 1 diabetes

- ° 25.6 million, or 11.3% of all people in this age group have diabetes

- ° 10.9 million, or 26.9% of all people in this age group have diabetes

- ° 13.0 million, or 11.8% of all men aged 20 years or older have diabetes

- ° 12.6 million, or 10.8% of all women aged 20 years or older have diabetes

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- ° 7.1% of non-Hispanic whites

- ° 8.4% of Asian Americans

- ° 12.6% of non-Hispanic blacks

- ° 11.8% of Hispanics

- ° 7.6% for Cubans

- ° 13.3% for Mexican Americans

- ° 13.8% for Puerto Ricans.

- ° Morbidity and Mortality

- ° In 2007, diabetes was listed as the underlying cause on 71,382 death certificates and was listed as a contributing factor on an additional 160,022 death certificates. This means that diabetes contributed to a total of 231,404 deaths.

- ° \$174 billion: Total costs of diagnosed diabetes in the United States in 2007

- ° \$116 billion for direct medical costs

- ° \$58 billion for indirect costs (disability/work loss, premature mortality)

- ° Want to Do Something About It? Don't like these numbers? We don't either.

- ° Medcat

- ° You can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through a healthy lifestyle. Change your diet, increase your level of physical activity, maintain a healthy weight...with these positive steps, you can stay healthier longer and reduce your risk of diabetes.

### Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix

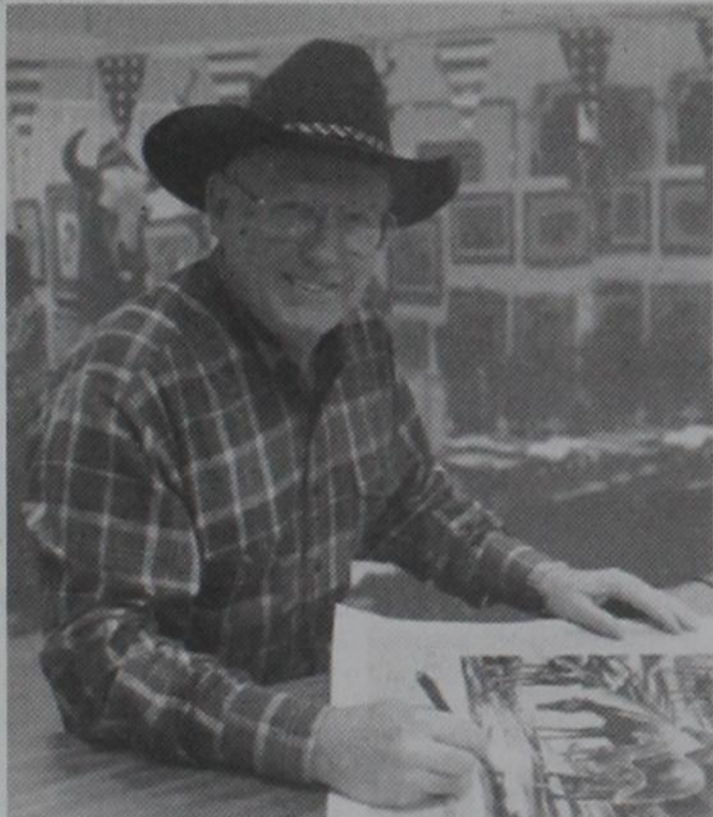
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## Jack J. Wells Western Artist



Jack J. Wells was born and raised in the horse and cattle country of Oklahoma. He received an education of his western subject matter on a first hand basis. Ranching, rodeoing and horse trading were the family business. Jack and his older brother, Justin, both began drawing about the same time they began riding and walking. This early sibling rivalry helped quicken the development of their artistic talents. They would often draw their own comic books just for fun.

Jack's formal training has since come mostly from the school of being there. From rodeos to horse shows to art shows, he has competed and shown his artwork all over the country.



## WESTERN ART SHOWING

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

EXHIBIT: 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

PLACE: WHEELER COUNTY AG AND FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SPONSORED: THURSDAY REVIEW CLUB

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Kourtney Mayfield, 3, is the daughter of Tim and Jennifer Mayfield of Summeville, SC. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Sue Mayfield of Mobeetie, TX, Nelson and Cindy Medley of Ft. Cobb, OK, and Judy and Gerry Portis of Shreveport, LA. She is the great-granddaughter of Carol Orthman of Dumas, TX, and Kaye Rhaeme of Wichita, KS.

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# MOBEETIE NEWS

By Melba Corcoran

Those working at the museum this week were Louise Hogan, Suzanne Lohberger, Maurita Stribling, Ada Lou Lester and

Melba Corcoran. Joe VanZandt, Bill Finsterwald and Dale Corcoran worked Saturday. They moved tables and chairs getting ready for the program this next week. They also trimmed trees Saturday afternoon. Joe Darnell did some mowing at the front of the visitor center.

Dale and Melba went to Wheeler for supper Monday.

Aaron and Arica joined them and they had a good visit.

Barry and Terri Corcoran and Noland visited over the weekend with Pete and Sue Seitz. Barry helped Pete repair his windmills. They visited Saturday night with Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Those from the First Baptist Church who went to the Wheeler Nursing and Rehab for church services Sunday were Rev Don and Mayme McElroy, Charley McDermott, Paul Hathaway, Don Finsterwald, Arica Lancaster and Melba Corcoran.

Thursday night Dale and Melba Corcoran visited with Pauline Barnes and Joey Stone.

Maurita Stribling went to Happy and spent the weekend with Buddy and Debbie Stribling and family.

Visiting with Laura Vandever this weekend was her sister, Sue Barnes, of Bridgeport. They met their sister, Kay Barton, of Ama-



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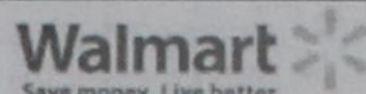
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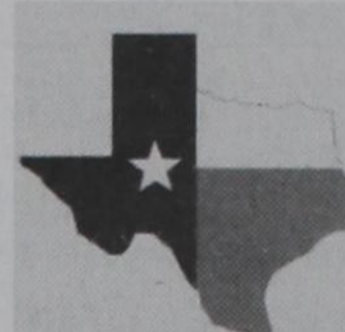


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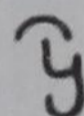


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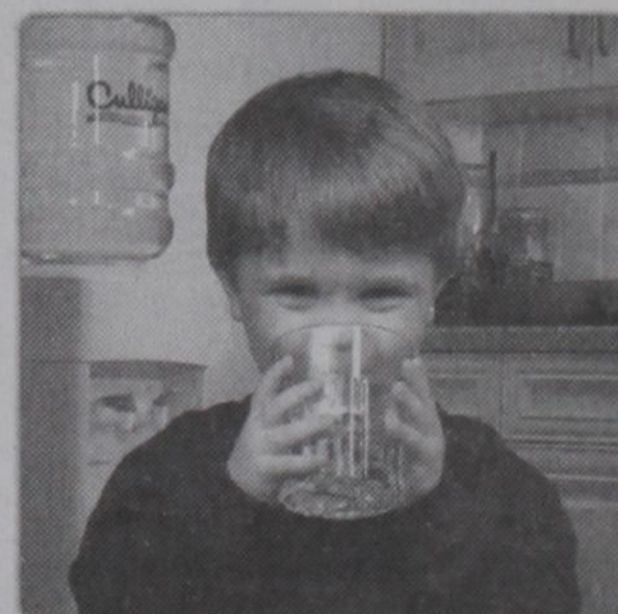
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Intentions to Drill  
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #7H George '17', 250' from South & 860' from East line, Sec. 17, M-1, H&GN, PD 13100' (BHL: 300' from North & 600' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp. #0255H Fillingim, 200' from South & 1700' from East line, Sec. 55, A-1, H&GN, PD 16000' (BHL: 350' from North & 2150' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Jones Energy Ltd., #22H Zybach '66', 250' from South & 1235' from West line, Sec. 66, M-1, H&GN, PD 15700' (BHL: 467' from North & 1275' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co. LP, #5 Mathers Ranch, 660' from North & 2300' from West line, Sec. 158, 41, H&TC, PD 11000' Recompletion

HEMPHILL (MEG Granite Wash) Latigo Petroleum Inc., #4H Moore '62', 275' from North & 679' from East line, Sec. 62, 41, H&TC, PD 13300' (BHL: 501' from South & 519' from East Sec. line) Replacement well

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Tonkawa) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #1301H William, 450' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 13, 43, H&TC, PD 18000' (BHL: 330' from North & 660' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #13H J. C. Vollmert, 2051' from North & 1182' from East line, Sec. 2, —, BS&F, PD 10500' (BHL: 150' from North & 2019' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

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WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Consolidated) Linn Operating Inc., #2H Huff '32', 250' from South & 1700' from East line, Sec. 32, A-3, H&GN, PD 12712' (BHL: 367' from North & 2420' from East Sec. line) Horizontal  
WHEELER (LOTT RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #2057H D.E. Atherton, 200' from South & 550' (Continued Page 5)

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| 5. Bride's headdress              | 2. Skip                            |
| 9. Prayer ending                  | 3. Lager                           |
| 10. Cola                          | 4. Very dark blue                  |
| 11. Told a tall tale              | 5. Pester                          |
| 12. Be                            | 6. Tales                           |
| 13. Rigorous                      | 7. Make available                  |
| 15. Remind                        | 8. L                               |
| 16. Gauger                        | 10. Diminish gradually             |
| 18. 1800's Italian secret society | 14. Pope's governing organizations |
| 21. Terminal abbr.                | 17. Skirt                          |
| 22. Asian nation                  | 18. Chest wood                     |
| 26. Prima                         | 19. Do penitence                   |
| 28. Upon                          | 20. Food from heaven               |
| 29. Red headed orphan             | 23. Soon                           |
| 30. Taboo                         | 24. Bunsen burner                  |
| 31. Pick                          | 25. Booty                          |
| 32. Tiny insect                   | 27. Pinch                          |

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 WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #1Jill '54', 1285' from North & 1322' from East line, Sec. 54, A-7, H&GN, PD 16593'.  
 Recompletion  
 WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Atoka Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #1 Necor, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 52, A-7, H&GN, PD 18402' (BHL: 1333' from South & 1301' from West Sec. line) Directional  
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 WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) SM Energy Co., #60H Ruth '4', 340' from North & 510' from West line, Sec. 60, A-7, H&GN, PD 10400' (BHL: 330' from South & 560' from West Sec. line) Horizontal  
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**Court** (from Page 3)  
 OL-James Wesley Pegram to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 11-5-10, Sec. 72, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-William Hightower Jr., et ux to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-24-11, Sec. 72, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-Janet McKenzie Marx, et al to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-25-11, Sec. 42, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-Grace Snell to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-20-11, Sec. 48, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-Jack Wyatt to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-31-11, 150 acs. SE/4 Sec. 52, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-Lloyd T. Lee Trust to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-27-11, 36.7282 acs NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 OL-Cecil G. Pierce, et ux to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-27-11, 22.6566 acs. NE/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 ROW-Alice Lister to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-3-11, E/2 Sec. 2, BBB&C Survey.  
 HEIRSHIP AFF-Luvina Wyatt to Lanelle K. Wyatt, 1-28-11, 150 acs. SE/4 Sec. 52, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 ROW-Elizabeth Ann Lummus Borchers to Cross Texas Transmission LLC, 2-11-11, Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 ROW-Christine J. Lummus to Cross Texas Transmission LLC, 2-11-11, Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 ROW-Scott W. Lummus to Cross Texas Transmission LLC, 2-11-11, Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Granite Wash Cons.) Granite Operating Co., #3H A.C. Smith (640 ac) 250' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 41, A-3, H&GN, PD 13300' (BHL: 467' from North & 660' from West Sec. line) Horizontal  
 Oil Well Completion  
 WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #5H Lott '2', Sec. 2, 3, B&B, spud 9-6-10, drlg. compl 10-12-10, tested 1-18-11, flowed 844 bbl. of 57.5 grav. oil + 825 bbls. water thru 42/64" choke on 24 hour test, TVD 11651', MD 16183' - Horizontal  
 Gas Well Completions  
 HEMPHILL (ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #401H Lohberger, Sec. 1, -, B&B, spud 7-16-20, drlg. compl 8-17-10, tested 1-17-11, potential 5892 MCF, TVD 11576', MD 16169' - Horizontal  
 HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #6H Elm Creek Ranch '7', Sec. 7, 41, H&GN, spud 4-15-10, drlg. compl 8-30-10, tested 9-1-10, potential 563 MCF, TVD 12480', MD 16080' - Horizontal  
 HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #1 Montague '30', Sec. 30, 41, H&GN, spud 9-8-10, drlg. compl 9-28-10, tested 11-5-10, potential 1646 MCF, TD 13175', PBTD 13080' -  
 HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #1 Washita River-'34', spud 5-31-10, drlg. compl 6-21-10, tested 8-16-10, potential 595 MCF, TD 13400', PBTD 13381' -  
 WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #18H Atherton '69', Sec. 69, A-7, H&GN, spud 7-28-10, drlg. compl 9-6-10, tested 1-26-11, potential 10420 MCF, TVD 13060', MD 17600' - Horizontal  
 WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co. LP, #1095 Toler, Sec. 95, A-5, H&GN, spud 4-26-10, drlg. compl 9-22-10, tested 12-22-10, TD 12762', PBTD 10980' - Plug-Back  
 Plugged Well  
 GRAY (PANHANDLE) L&W Operators, #1 Hopkins 'A', Sec. 66, B-2, H&GN, spud 9-18-26, plugged 11-23-10, TD 3303' (oil) - Form 1 in E.C. & R.C. Sidwell  
 HEMPHILL (BATES Lower Morrow) B P Production Co., #1 Marsh, S.H. Bates Survey, spud 4-12-81, plugged 8-4-10, TD 13940' (gas) - Form 1 in Cotton

Petroleum  
 HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum Inc., #4 Clara Green '28', Sec. 28, 41, H&GN, spud 11-18-09, plugged 6-21-10, TD 13150' (gas) -  
 ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Questar E&P Co., #2050 Martin, Sec. 50, B-1, H&GN, spud 7-28-06, plugged 7-20-10, TD 10240' (gas) -  
 ROBERTS (FLOWERS Douglas) Cimarex Energy of Colorado, #10 Mills, Tract 7-A, - CCLL, spud unknown, plugged 3-19-10, TD 6150' (gas) -  
 ROBERTS (LEDRIK RANCH Up. Morrow) L&C Leasing Inc., #5502 Ledrick, Sec. 55, C, G&M, spud 4-3-91, plugged 8-18-10, TD 9453' (gas) -

**Chat** (from Page 1)  
 those for the annual Chamber of Commerce awarders.  
 - cwe -  
 It is now time to file for a place on the City Councils, both Wheeler and Mobeetie; the local school boards and Parkview Hospital Board. Here is an opportunity to serve your community. I must warn you though; most of the time it is a 'thankless job'.  
 - cwe -  
 I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice warm days we have been having intermingled with the cold ones.  
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 The Red Bird Cafe in the old Cicero Smith Lumber building on Main Street will be having their Open House Saturday, February 26, from 6:30 until 9 p.m.  
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 There is also a sign for a Domino Parlor on one of the buildings. We have not been given information on that yet. It has been a long time since we have had one of those in Wheeler. Hopefully we might play cards also?  
 - cwe -  
 We have some pictures of our local 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Little Dribblers. The team took second at Shamrock's tournament over the weekend. Thanks to Noemi Sardello for the pictures.  
 - cwe -  
 It is so simple to send us pictures any more. And, we do appreciate them.  
 - cwe -  
 I went by to visit with Russell and Sue Ann Gibson last Wednesday evening. Sorry for the loss of Russell's mom, Mary; but it was good to 'catch up'. Sue Ann worked for the Times way back when.  
 - cwe -  
 We made our usual trip to OKC the latter part of the week. But, I didn't get in any card games.  
 - cwe -  
 We all attended the birthday party for Jaeden Musae on Saturday morning. Jaeden is part of our extended family; she is Leroy and Rhonda's grand-niece.  
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 Cards were played Monday evening with Rhonda and Leroy winning the first game and Dwight and I winning the second.  
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# WINTER DRIVING IN TEXAS

By Greg Easley  
Winter in Texas can be unpredictable, so being prepared is a must. Weather systems move in fast, and depending on the temperature, could include rain, freezing rain, sleet or snow. Since only a few days of winter result in challenging driving conditions, many drivers are not prepared.

Here are a few tips for driving in extreme conditions and how to prepare yourself and your car for winter in Texas.

## Cell Phones Are Essential

Be sure to always have a cellular phone with you before you drive anywhere. A cell phone can save you in a crisis by allowing you to call for help. Its signal can also be traced by emergency personnel to pinpoint your loca-

tion. If you don't currently have a cell phone or are afraid of leaving it at home, purchase a prepaid cell phone, and keep it in your car at all times. Always make sure that your cell phone is charged and has minutes available before heading out on the road. It is also a good idea to keep an extra cell phone charger in your car, in case you forget to check the charge beforehand.

## Prepare and Know Your Vehicle

It is important to routinely inspect your car's tires, brakes, windshield wipers, antifreeze and washer fluid during the winter months.

Knowing how your car handles and what type of equipment it has is important. Tires with good trac-

tion and air pressure are critical for driving in wet or icy conditions. Along with good tires, proper maintenance of the car's brake system is important for safety. Some cars are equipped with anti-lock braking systems, which help during slick road conditions. If your car does not have anti-lock brakes and you find yourself skidding on the road, you may have to pump the brakes to stop on icy surfaces.

Routinely check your car's diagnostics and fluid levels during the winter months. Your antifreeze and non-freezing windshield washer solution will help with better visibility in wintry conditions, so be sure the fluid levels are full. Also check the car battery, defroster, heater and gas tank levels, especially before taking long trips during the winter. If you are

concerned about the accuracy of your readings or would like help preparing your car for winter weather, a mechanic can ensure that your car is ready for winter conditions.

## Keep an Emergency Kit in Your Vehicle

In case of an emergency, having certain items in your vehicle will help you stay warm and may aid in your rescue. Items such as warm clothing, a blanket or sleeping bag, a first aid kit, a flashlight with extra batteries, a candle and waterproof matches should be kept in your car at all times. Additional items, such as battery booster cables, sand or kitty litter, an ice scraper, small shovel and a phone list of emergency contacts and towing companies, are especially important during the winter months.

## Beware of Ice

Although not all of Texas sees regular snowfall during the winter, snow and icy road conditions develop a few times throughout the season. Try to avoid bridges or overpasses during frigid temperatures, as well as extremely hilly roads. Be careful when getting out of your car, because icy parking lots and driveways are a frequent cause of falls, which may result in broken bones. Sprinkler systems left on during freezing nights can also create hazards to drivers on roadways where the sprinklers have wet the surface and frozen. It is important to turn your sprinklers off if there is a possibility of a drop in temperatures.

## Warm Up the Engine

An extra 15 minutes in the morning will give you an opportunity to warm up your vehicle. Although this isn't as important for cars manufactured in the last few years, it is still a good idea. Starting your car's engine a few minutes before you leave will give the oil a chance to warm and the coolant an opportunity to circulate. It will also get your heater running so that the interior of your car is warm, and you can run the defroster in case you need to scrape ice off the windshield. Don't forget that traffic usually slows down in these driving conditions, so leave a little earlier than usual.

## Turn Into the Skid

If you find yourself on icy or snowy roads, be aware of the possibility of losing traction and skidding on the street. If this happens, turn the steering wheel into the skid while pressing lightly on the accelerator. This is one of the most difficult tactics to learn—because it goes against many drivers' instincts—but it is often the best way to regain control of your vehicle. Remember to put easy pressure on your brakes before turning or heading into a curve.

Winter driving can be menacing and create anxiety, but with an increased awareness of the weather conditions and a few simple preparations you, can feel more comfortable in the snow, cold and icy weather conditions that come your way during Texas winters.

Greg Easley is a senior loss prevention consultant for Texas Mutual Insurance Company. Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company is the leading provider of workers' compensation insurance in Texas.



# Xcel Energy Asks Customers To Curb Electricity Use In TX

## Xcel Energy asks customers to curb electricity use in Texas and New Mexico

Xcel Energy is asking electric customers in Texas and New Mexico to join their neighbors across the region in conserving energy as regional utility systems struggle to meet high demand with diminished resources.

The utility company is not planning rotating outages in the area at this time, but is cautioning customers that conditions both inside and outside the area could impact Xcel Energy's ability to serve customers. Natural gas supplies to area power plants have been curtailed to lower volumes because of natural gas pipeline supply and delivery issues. Additionally, high electrical loads within the Xcel Energy service area are straining the company's distribution system.

Xcel Energy currently anticipates having enough resources to meet demand based on the generating and gas supply situation at noon Thursday. However, if natural gas supplies to regional power plants are interrupted further, or if the company loses any generating capacity because of

extremely cold weather, the company may be unable to meet customer demand.

Customers can help prevent power emergencies by:

- Turning off unneeded lights, computers and appliances.

- Setting the thermostat to 68 degrees or lower at home.

"We take our responsibility to supply energy to our customers very seriously," said Riley Hill, president of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system. Turning off all lights and appliances that are not essential to health and safety will help us meet everyone's energy needs without service interruptions. We at Xcel Energy — and your friends and neighbors — thank you."

If you experience an outage, please call us at 1-800-895-1999.

In an emergency, please call 911. For more information about outage preparations, reporting, and an outage map, please visit our website.

## Over 200 Exhibit Products, Services

### More than 200 exhibitors showcase products and services at Texas' largest cattle industry trade show Fort Worth, Texas

More than 200 exhibitors will showcase the newest products and services to cattle producers across the state at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) 35th Annual Trade Show during the TSCRA Convention Weekend April 1-3 in San Antonio. As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production. "The TSCRA trade show offers endless opportunities for cattlemen and women to experience some of the most exciting innovations in the industry," said Dave Scott, rancher and TSCRA president. "Not only does the trade show provide ample opportunity for businesses and clients to connect, it's a great way for convention goers to stay current on all the issues affecting cattle raisers."

Exhibitors will showcase the latest in ranch equipment and management tools, animal health products, animal identification, herd management, real estate, veterinary services, seed products and more. Exhibitors will offer door prizes, drawings and giveaways to all Trade Show attendees. The trade show opens Friday, April 1 at noon. Day passes are available. For information including a complete schedule of events and registration information, visit [www.tscra.org/convention](http://www.tscra.org/convention). The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million

acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry. ###

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## Applications For Rural Economic Developm't Funds

Investing In Rural America Essential to Job Creation and Business Growth

**TEMPLE, TEXAS, Feb. 15, 2011** — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for loans and grants to create jobs and spur economic development. Funding is provided through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program.

"In his State of the Union address, President Obama laid out a vision for 'winning the future,' with a call to 'out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world,'" said Vilsack. "These investment opportunities will promote business expansion and entrepreneurship by helping local businesses get access to capital, technical assistance and new markets for their products and services."

REDLG provides loan and grant funding for rural projects through local utility cooperatives. Under the program, USDA provides zero-interest loans and limited grant support to utilities. The funds are re-loaned to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. For more information on this program, visit [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_redlg.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_redlg.html).

"Our mission at USDA Rural Development includes the creation and preservation of jobs in rural Texas," said State Director Paco Valentin. "The REDLG program supports this mission by promoting entrepreneurship and stimulating business expansion."

Applications from the utility cooperative must be received by March 31 for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter funding and June 30 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> by the provided contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the February 14, 2011 issue of the Federal Register, page 8334.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of nearly \$146 billion in loans and loan guarantees. For additional information or an application package, contact Billy Curb at (254) 742-9780. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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<p><b>Wellington State Bank</b> WSSB Wheeler Banking Center 405 Alan L. Bean Blvd. P.O. Box 1040 Wheeler, Texas 79096 Phone: 806/826-5566 Member F.D.I.C.</p>	<p><b>CROSS COUNTRY BARN</b> HUNT BROS. PIZZA Pumps Open 24/7/365 301 E. Okla. St.—Wheeler Phone: 806/826-2276 Dale, Monica &amp; Rachel Kidd</p>	<p><b>1</b> Wheeler Lions Club Mel's ..... 6:00 A.M. Wheeler S. Citiz. .... 3:00 P.M. Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Wheeler Fire Dept. : 7:00 P.M. Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> Church ... Wheeler Nursing &amp; Rehab W. First Baptist ..... 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Mobeetie Fire Dept. .... 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner ..... 6:30 A.M. American Legion Whirl. Vol. Fire Dept. ... 7:30 P.M. Birthday Party ..... 2:30 P.M. Care Ctr. (Meth. Women) Our Country Band Care Center ..... 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Old Mobeetie, Texas, Assoc. Visitors' Center ..... 7:00 P.M. Wheeler I.S.D. Bd. .... 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Wheeler Chamber Of Commerce Banquet</p>
<p><b>13</b> Church ... Wheeler Nursing &amp; Rehab Allison ..... 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Kelton I.S.D. Bd. .... 7:00 P.M. Comm. Court ..... 10:00 A.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Bd. .... 7:00</p>	<p><b>15</b> Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner ..... 6:30 A.M. Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>16</b> Wheeler Chamber Of Commerce Monthly Meeting Time and Place ... to be announced</p>	<p><b>17</b> Wheeler Fire Dept. : 7:00 P.M. Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> Church ... Wheeler Nursing &amp; Rehab Mobeetie Baptist ..... 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Wheeler City Council City Hall ..... 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner ..... 6:30 A.M. Our Country Band .. 6:30 P.M. Wheeler Nursing &amp; Rehab</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> Church ... Wheeler Nursing &amp; Rehab Johnnie &amp; Patty Crawford ..... 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>30</b> Wheeler Chamber Of Commerce brings the CIRCUS to town!</p>	<p><b>31</b> Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595</p>	<p><b>FIRST STATE BANK</b> OF MOBEETIE Mobeetie &amp; Wheeler Member: F.D.I.C.</p>	

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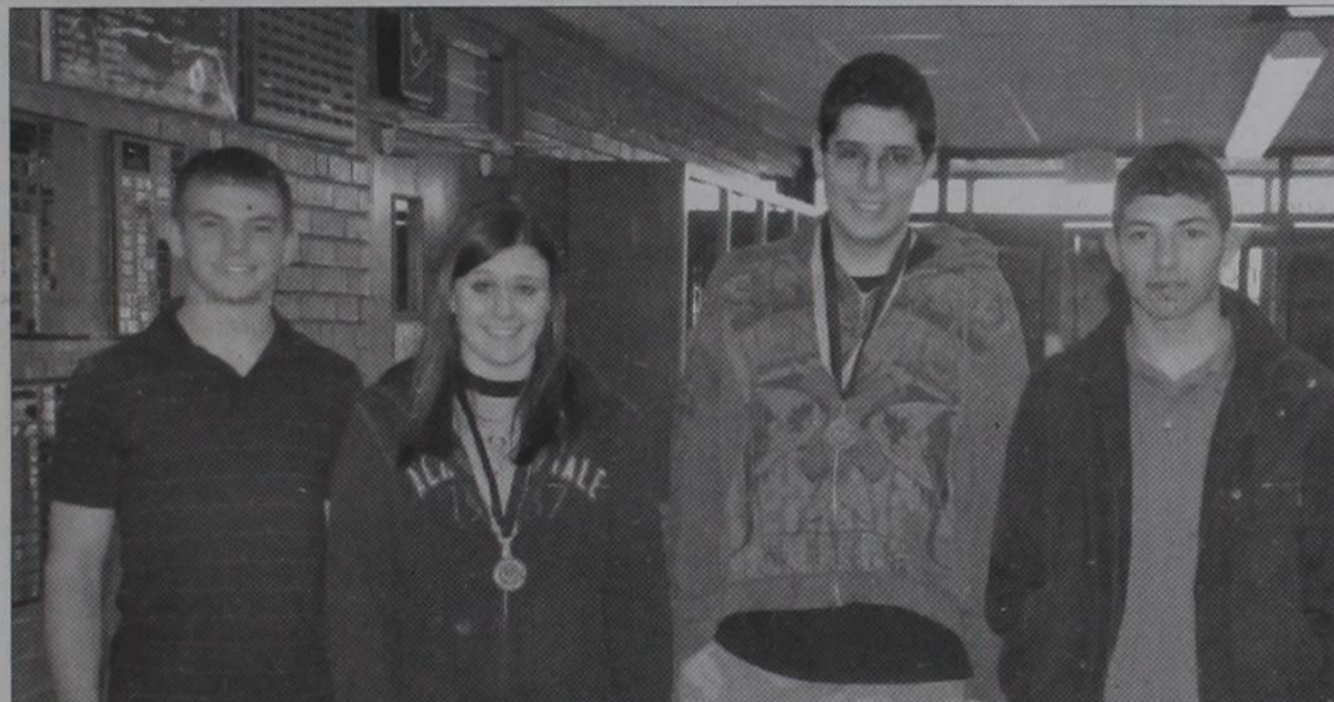
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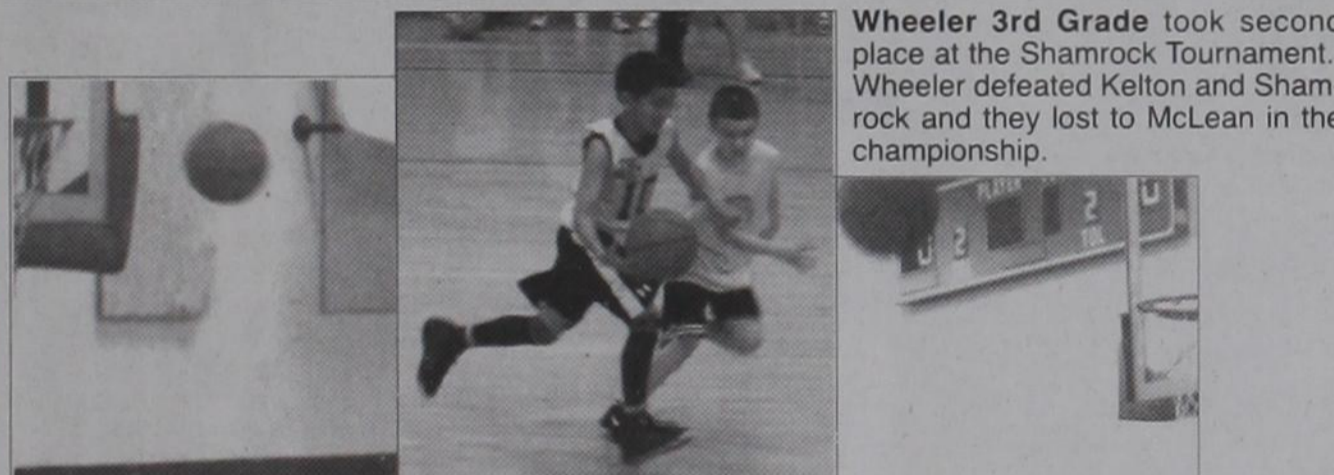
Recently the Cub Scouts of Fort Elliott visited the Mobeetie Fire Station and was given a grand tour by the department. Fire Chief Jackie Don May showed the scouts how all the equipment worked and let the boys go through the station, getting on all the trucks, showing how each truck is used for different types of fires. The Scouts were able to ask all kinds of question for each firefighter. The Scouts were very interested in the ways the the department works and the firefighters were glad to show them around and answer all question that each one had. The Scouts are: Kelton Quarles, Skyler Ray, Gatlin Goad, Gavin Boydston, Justin Williams, Milaki Deathridge, Jason Williams.



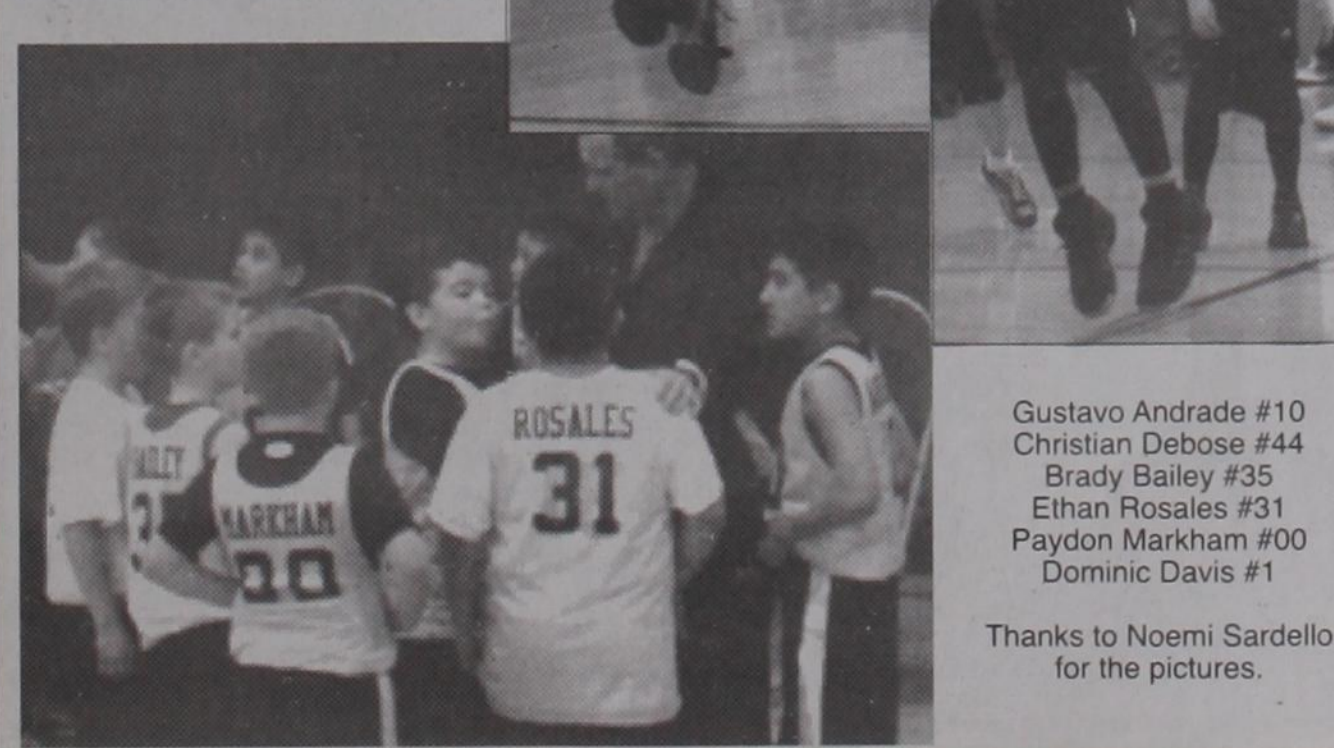
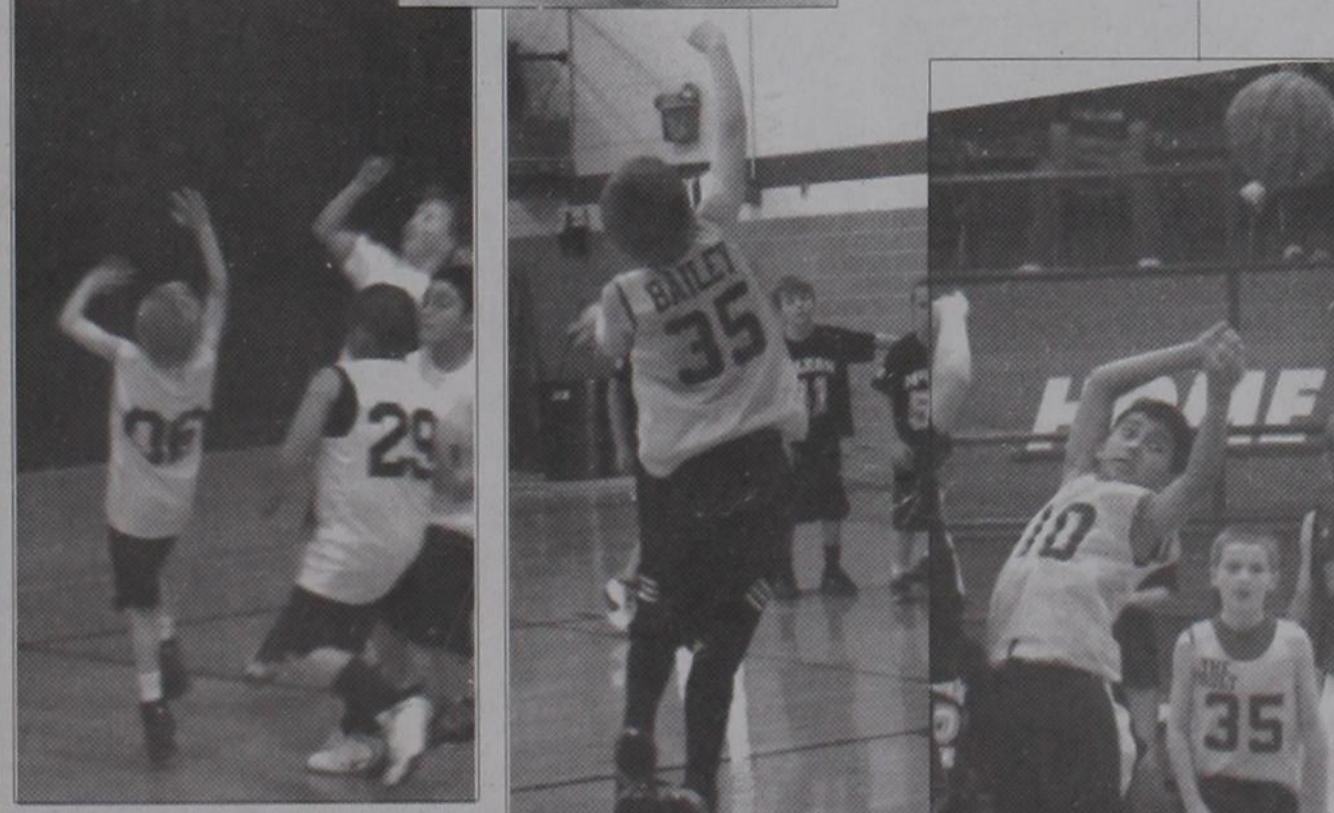
Kelton Students, (l. to r.) Chantelle Hampton, Paul Luna, and Shai Dougherty participated in the Calf Scramble at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 13 at the Freeman Auditorium in San Antonio.



**U.I.L. MEET:** Wheeler High School students traveled to Canadian February 12, 2011, for U.I.L. competition. Students placing (l. to r.) were: Jaten Moore: 4<sup>th</sup> place News Writing; Alyssa Johnson: 5<sup>th</sup> place Ready Writing, 6<sup>th</sup> place Science, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mathematics Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mathematics; Omar Lopez: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mathematics Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mathematics; Andrew Coomer: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mathematics Team



**Wheeler 3rd Grade** took second place at the Shamrock Tournament. Wheeler defeated Kelton and Shamrock and they lost to McLean in the championship.



Gustavo Andrade #10  
Christian Debose #44  
Brady Bailey #35  
Ethan Rosales #31  
Paydon Markham #00  
Dominic Davis #1

Thanks to Noemi Sardello for the pictures.

## City of Mobeetie Council Minutes

February 14, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes  
Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes, Council Members-Patricia Kephart, Pam Jones, Emma Swigart, Gaylord Thompson

Members Absent: Louise Shorter

Guests: None

Minutes for the January 10, 2011 meeting were read by Patricia Kephart. Emma Swigart made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 5-0.

The Financial Report were read by Emma Swigart. Patricia Kephart made a motion to approve the financial reports as read, seconded by Gaylord Thompson. Motion approved 5-0.

Monthly bills were reviewed and considered for payment. Louise Shorter made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented, motion seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 5-0.

New Business: Emma Swigart made a motion to order an Election for May 14, 2011 for Place 1, Place 2 Council Members and Mayor, motion seconded by Gaylord Thompson. Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution of the City of Mobeetie denying the application of SPSC Statement of Intent of rate changes. Gaylord Thompson made a motion to accept, seconded by Pam Jones. Motion approved 5-0.

Emma Swigart made a motion to declare Severe Weather Week Proclamation February 20-26th, seconded by Gaylord Thompson, motion approved 5-0.

Mayers Report: Ordered 10 new meters for the city  
Water Report: Good

### Special Meeting

February 19, 2011

Joint Election Agreement between The Fort Elliott CISD and City of Mobeetie

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Gordon Estes

Members Present: Mayor Gordon Estes, Council Members-Patricia Kephart, Emma Swigart, Louise Shorter

Members Absent: Pam Jones, Gaylord Thompson

Guests: None  
Adopt a joint election agreement between the Fort Elliott CISD and the city of Mobeetie. Emma Swigart made a motion to adopt a joint Election with Fort Elliott CISD, seconded by Louise Shorter. Motion approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



THE WHEELER TIMES  
PAGE 7 - Thursday, February 24, 2011  
"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

## Buyer Beware When Purchasing Tree Care

Fall and winter storms often bring out the best in a community. Neighbors, even strangers, help each other cope with aggravations and property damage left in the wake of a storm.

Unfortunately, storms also bring out the worst in a community - fast-buck artists looking to profit from the misfortunes of others. How can homeowners protect themselves when they need to hire a tree care company to clean up after a storm?

"With thousands of dollars at stake, not to mention the integrity and appearance of your property and your personal safety, make sure you investigate before deciding which company you should hire," warns Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association.

If the "professional arborist" you hired to remove a tree drops it on your house instead of your lawn, it's too late to confirm the company is insured.

"Disreputable companies are renowned for ripping gutters off, breaking fences and bird baths, and even dropping trees on houses," says Andersen. "Then they typically fold up and leave, never to be seen again."

### Disreputable companies tend to:

- Solicit work door-to-door
- Demand payment in advance
- Advertise topping
- Sell jobs without producing a written estimate or work order

Start with the arborists listed in the phone book or on the Internet. Don't place much emphasis on the size of the Yellow Pages ad - some of the most reputable firms rely almost entirely on word-of-mouth advertising. Look instead for what the ad tells you about the company: number of years in business, professional affiliations, licenses, Accreditation, certification, etc. Avoid companies that advertise topping, an injurious and unacceptable practice. You should be aware that the credentials of someone calling himself or herself an arborist can vary widely. Don't just hire someone with a chain saw who knocks on your door. Look for the company displaying the credentials of a professional.

**When you meet with the arborist:**

Ask to see current certificates of liability and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable. Ask for local references, and check on the quality of their work and level

of service. Verify professional affiliations the company might have, such as membership or Accreditation with the Tree Care Industry Association. Don't be lured by a bargain and don't pay in advance. Insist on a signed contract as to cost, dates when work is to be performed, and exactly what is to be done. Insist that climbing spikes are used only if the tree is to be cut down; they damage the tree. Get a second opinion if it will add to your comfort level. Make sure that a complete diagnosis of the potential for tree failure is performed before a tree is removed.

### What can you do?

Find a professional. A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best salt-resistant trees and shrubs to plant and to care for your existing landscape. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on [www.treecaretips.org](http://www.treecaretips.org).

Editors: If you would like additional information or digital photos, please contact [editor@tcia.org](mailto:editor@tcia.org)

TCIA arborists, safety and business professionals are also available as sources for tree related articles and issues: 1-800-733-2622 or [andersen@tcia.org](mailto:andersen@tcia.org).

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