Grass Fire Tuesday May Have Been Arson

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene for a fire Tuesday, March 22, 2011, around 1:00 p.m. The fire started in some grass and wheat stubble south and east of Wheeler

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The fire was brought under control by 2:30, due partially to the east side of the property having been plowed prior to the fire.

Called to help fight the fire were Allison, Briscoe, Kelton, Mobeetie and Wheeler. The Wheeler County tankers and maintainers. drivers and operators were also called in to help fight the blaze, which was burning during the worst of conditions - exceedingly

guilty of setting a fire, an individual is responsible for damage and if death or injury is a result, the person could be imprisoned. The Wheeler Volunteer Fire

It was determined after the

blaze was extinguished that the

fire was deliberately set. If found

dry with high winds.

Department was called to the scene a short time later to bring a

hot spot under control.

Anyone with information about the fire is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 806/826-0227. You may remain anonymous.

Dies At Odessa, TX

away Monday, March 21, 2011, at Regency Hospital, Odessa,

Texas, after a long illness. Doyce

was born October 25, 1936, in

Nocona, Texas, to Lucky Mitchell

He attended school in Wheeler,

Texas, graduating in 1956. He

married Laura Lancaster August

30, 1958. Doyce worked for Cabot

Corp. and Harnischfeger Corp. in

Pampa, Texas, until 1979 at which

time he moved his family to

Odessa, Texas, to work for Fron-

tier Crane. He later went to work

for Permian Tractor Sales in 1990

where he worked upon his death.

Watson of Odessa; two daugh-

ters, Kym Wallace of Fort Worth,

Texas, and Deidre Watson of Aus-

tin, Texas; five grandkids, Brook-

lyn Arias and husband, Ruben

Arias, of Odessa; Mitchell Davis

and wife, Molly, of Austin; Tyler

Wallace of Odessa and Amelia

and Aubrey Wallace of Mansfield,

He is survived by his wife, Laura

and Mildred Irene Watson.

Doyce R. Watson, 74, passed



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ALL-DISTRICT: Several of Wheeler's Lady Mustangs were named All-District. The (back row, I. to r.) Kaylee Marion, Taylor Sparks, Paige Jones, and Haley Sparks. (Front) Gabi Menefield, Stacie Hanson, and Tania Flores. Kaylee and Tania were Basketball All-District Honorable Mention. Haley, Taylor, and Stacie were basketball All-District. Paige, Gabi, Kaylee, Taylor, Haley, Stacie, and Tania were also Academic All-District.



Congratulations to our students being named All-District; both for their play and academ-

As is normal for the Panhandle. the weather is undecided whether it is warm or cold. Monday was. cold and damp. A little moisture, but not enough to measure. - cwe -

Tuesday dawns with temperatures at 38° and fog. But expected to clear off and reach 59° on Wednesday for the circus.

- cwe -Good to talk to Ricky Pfiel Monday evening. He wanted to get the article in the paper about the ex-(Continued Page 7)

As Reported by . . Stormie Meriwether, First Grade Student

You can't believe this everybody! It's time for the Wzzard of Oz. One more rehearsal and that's it. I do hope I will know how to do it. We practice all the time. Miss Penny has to yell a little. Some kids don't bring their braid to rehearsal.

It was just me and dad against the world, when my mom went to Houston to see the astronaut. We did home work, fed animals and watched old cowboy movies. That

Dad and Pop took me to ballet. Pop read a book to me all the way. I am so happy! My name is on

"splits club" and my mom is home!! That's It!

KPDR Radio Station Expansion Underway

KPDR is in its 25th year of broadcasting from Wheeler. On August 31, 1986, the station began at 3:00 p.m. After the engineer on the project failed to get the antennas installed at the top of the tower, he placed a temporary antenna on the Ware TV tower about 30 or 40 feet high. Then, when he turned on the transmitter that had been brought for the start of the station, it caught on fire. But, the crowd had been invited to gather at the Wheeler High School auditorium for a "live" broadcast to begin the operation of the station. So, it all began in Wheeler that day with a small piece of equipment called an exciter putting out a signal of about

10 watts from that low antenna. Soon, the station was able to broadcast at 300 watts. Then, in November of 1986, the transmitter that was actually purchased for

Commissioners Court Meets Mon.

The Wheeler County Commissioners' Court met in regular ses- get sion on Monday, March 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission- ban. The court discussed the ers' Courtroom of the Wheeler need to inform the public on fines County Courthouse, 401 Main and responsibilities of individuals Street, Wheeler, Texas, to con- who set fires, accidental or delibsider prior bills and discuss mat- erate. This information is to be ters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m., the commission- date. ers considered the nine items on the agenda.

The hourly payroll time sheets

were approved for payment. as approved.

No action was taken on the bud-

No action was taken on the burn released to the press at a later

No reports by county offices were received.

The county of Wheeler voted a resolution to sponsor HJR56/ The court voted to pay the bills SJR17, a constitutional amend-(Continued Page 8)



ALL DISTRICT: These Wheeler Mustangs were recognized on the All-District team and honorable mention. They are (I. to r.) Jorge Porras, Robert Lewis, Callan Moore, Pedro Hernanedz, and Collin Hampton. Moore, Lewis, and Hampton were all district; Jacob Thomas, Porras, Hernandez were honorable mention

ITA Wildlife Art Exhibit Corresponds **With Turkey Hunting Season Opening**

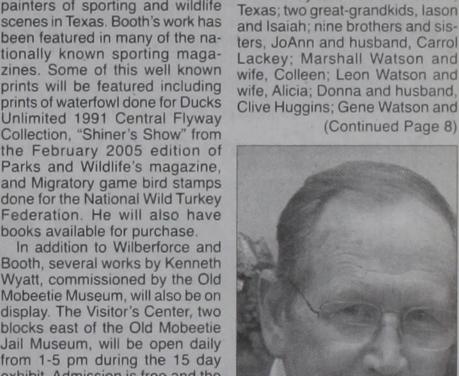
The Old Mobeetie Jail Museum will host a Wildlife Art Exhibit featuring the work of photographer R.D. "Dick" Wilberforce of Canadian, Texas and painter Herb Booth of Rockport, Texas. Works will be displayed from April 2-April 17 at the Visitor's Center in Old Mobeetie. Mark these dates on your calendar as a "must see"

Wilberforce's photography exhibit will include works featuring wildlife, dogs, horses and cattle.

Wilberforce is a veteran outdoor photographer whose images have graced over 125 magazine covers. These publications include Ducks Unlimited, Quail Unlimited, Wild Bird, Quarterhorse Journal, Wing & Shot and Gun Dog. "I've been fortunate enough to enjoy documenting God's creatures and the outdoor world for over half a century," Wilberforce said. "You can't ask for a more challenging or rewarding life than one working with nature and the people who respect and enjoy it," he

Original watercolors by Rockport artist Herb Booth will also be on display. Booth, who has wedded his artistic skills with decades of experience as a naturalist and hunter, is one of the best known and most sought after painters of sporting and wildlife scenes in Texas. Booth's work has been featured in many of the nationally known sporting magazines. Some of this well known prints will be featured including prints of waterfowl done for Ducks Unlimited 1991 Central Flyway Collection, "Shiner's Show" from the February 2005 edition of Parks and Wildlife's magazine, and Migratory game bird stamps done for the National Wild Turkey Federation. He will also have

In addition to Wilberforce and Booth, several works by Kenneth Wyatt, commissioned by the Old Mobeetie Museum, will also be on display. The Visitor's Center, two blocks east of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum, will be open daily from 1-5 pm during the 15 day exhibit. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to see this outstanding display of art.



Doyce R Watson

Ann Reed Buried At Sayre Mar. 30

Services were held Wednesday, March 30, at 2:00 P.M., in Rose Chapel, Sayre, Oklahoma, for Ann Reed, Chevenne, Oklahoma. Burial was in Buffalo Cemetery, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Reed passed away March 24, 2011, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 72 years, 3 months and 22 days. She was born was born December 2, 1938, in Texola, Oklahoma, to Grace Berneal (Berry) and Carl Bryson Odom.

Ann grew up in Texola and later attended school Sweetwater. She was married to L. G. Reed in Sayre, Oklahoma, on September 24, 1954. They made their home in the Sweetwater community. Ann moved to Chevenne, Oklahoma, in August of 2010 to be near her daughter.

Ann was a member of the New Liberty Church. She was a chihuahua breeder and loved taking care of her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Willie WINKIES: The Winkies, who Davis, and one son, Carl Gene

She is survived by her homa Ballet Theatre's production husband, L.G. Reed; one of "The Wizard of Oz" includes daughter, Lavonda Beavin, and For more information, call (580) and Bobby Drbousek, Timothy (Continued Page 7)

W./S. Girl Scouts Say "Thank You!"

The Wheeler/Shamrock Girl Scouts sold \$25,000 worth of cookies this year. They still have a few cookies available. Please contact Joyce Walker, 826-5733.

The girls would like to thank all those who donated to send cookies to the troops: Atherton Ranch, Britt Ranch, Stiles Ranch, Puryear Ranch, Jay Lewis and several anonymous donations.

We would also like to thank the Lions Club and Wheeler Banking Center for paying for shipping the

The Girl Scouts will clean Wheeler City Park Thursday,

The girls also presented a flag to the Wheeler Nursing Home. The flag was donated by the Wheeler Volunteer Ambulance

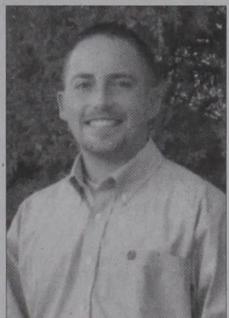
Wheeler Fire Dept. **Seeking Donations**

The Wheeler Fire Department is asking for donations to help build a 30' X 40' building to house the additional equipment we have received over the past two years. We have received an additional pumper from the City, a 20 ton truck and a trac from the County.

Our current barn is completely full and we are leaving the trac

DIRECTORS EMERITUS: The OMTA Board of Directors met recently at McLean to show appreciation to (I. to r.) Maurita Stribling, Bernice Hefley and Louise Hogan for their many years of faithful service and dedication to the museum. Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Stribling were both named as Directors Emeritus in December. Joe VanZandt, president, of the board, presented the plaques.

Kendall Hefley Seeks City Office



Kendall Hefley

Kendall Hefley announces he is a candidate for Wheeler City Council, Place 5. "My name is Kendall Hefley. I am the 27-year-old son of Judge

Jerry and Carolyn Hefley. I am seeking the position of City Council Place 5. I am a Wheeler native and graduate of Wheeler High School. I continued my education and received a Bachelor's Degree in Plant and Soil Science from Lubbock Christian University. I moved back to Wheeler in 2009 to help run the family business, Hefley Hardware and Feed. This is a great community and I hope to see it grow and continue to prosper. I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election," Kendall stated.

Singing Women Of Texas Plan To **Perform At Methodist Church**

The women of the United Meth- spread across Texas. The women odist Church of Wheeler will be sponsoring a concert to be given by the Singing Women of Texas, Sunday evening April 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Methodist

meet together once each month for an afternoon rehearsal and concert that night for a church in their area. In addition, they are occasion-

ally involved in music mission trips and sing for events either individually or combined with other groups to share the message of Christ. Their mission is to glorify God

and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through music and to provide opportunities for Christian growth, inspiration, fellowship, mission service, and to encourage musical excellence within the local church.

Gathering Interest

Class. This would take about 3 1/ 2 months and would be two nights a week. If you are interested, please call 826-2010 or Brenda Sparlin at 334-2088 or Carrie

guard the Wicked Witch of the Reed. West's castle in Western Okla-Stormie Meriwether of Wheeler. husband, Craig, Cheyenne, OK.; WOBT's one-act version of "The, one brother, Whford Odom, Erick, inquiries about an EMT Basic Wizard of Oz" will be part of the OK.; two sisters, Ruby Beutler company's Spring Gala perfor- and husband, Alan, Elk City, OK., mances, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. and and Barbara Cummins, Erick, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the SWOSU OK.; one granddaughter, Taci Fine Arts Center in Weatherford. Beavin; five grandsons, Derby



Wheeler EMS has had some Gaines at 334-0907.

outside. Any donations would be Church in Wheeler. greatly appreciated. You can send There are currently 7 SWOT your donation to Wheeler Fire chapters sponsored by the Bap-Department Building Fund Box tist General Convention of Texas (Continued Page 6) 711 Wheeler, Texas 79096.

Singing Women of Texas,

OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

Goober's Collarbone & Troy's Big Toe

only a classmate; he was also a friend, football team quarterback and my "professional hay-hauling associate." Doggone, that sure does sound important and classy! Actually, we just hauled hay together all one summer for his dad, who baled hay for a living. Another thing we had in common was the tendency to get hurt, either running or climbing.

The first incident I remember, was when he fell out of Mr. Black's apple tree one night and broke his collarbone. At least he didn't drop any apples. When his folks took him to the hospital, Dr. Harold asked him how he got apple juice on the back of his head. Goob replied, "Jerry Barton hit me with an apple and that's why I fell down and broke my collarbone." (No use incriminating yourself.)

Not long after that, he and some other boys were messin' around with an old car that was in a small pasture behind a service station. The story I got, was that the car had been parked there for quite a while. Someone in the bunch, said

My old buddy, Goob, was not they were pretty sure it would start up and run. If it would, they could drive it around the pasture, or even out on some dirt roads. They knew they weren't supposed to be doing this and one of the boys thought someone had seen them and was headed their way, so they stampeded into the dark. Goob was running full-bore when he hit the barbwire fence. It cut him up pretty bad on his chest and less

After we got in high school, he broke his other collarbone in a football game and was out of commission most of the season. Another time, he caught his neck on much room to talk. an electric pole guy wire while running in the dark. Seems he had a real balance of bad luck followed with the good luck.

Running in the dark didn't work out very well for me either. One time I fell in a ditch, then another time, my cousin and I ran into a barbwire fence. We were lucky though and hit it square-on, so all it did was punch little holes in us.

think of Troy. He was a big ol' boy that usually didn't have a lot to say. He was a couple of years older than me and was on the football team, too. One day, I noticed that he was favoring one foot; kind of 'hobbling along.' Naturally, I was curious, so I bounced him out about it. I asked, "Hey, Troy, how come you're limping?" He kind-of grinned, like he was a little bit embarrassed and said, "I shot my big toe with my .22 rifle." I said, "My gosh Troy, how'd that happen?" He told me, "I went huntin' the other day and after awhile I got a little tired of carrying my .22, so I just stood the end of the barrel on my shoe toe and leaned over on the stock." "For some reason, it went off and shot my big severe in about three other toe." For a few seconds there, I was tempted to laugh at what a dumb stunt that was, but remembered the time when I shot the old car fender and the bullet came back and hit me, so I didn't have

Funding Available For Rural Residence

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Funding to Improve Electric Service for Rural Residents and

Businesses

Vilsack today announced that ru-Hurting yourself, makes me ral electric cooperatives in eight states will upgrade services to newable energy projects. more than 24,000 rural consumers with loan guarantee financing provided by USDA. Wsack made the announcement during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.

> 'Today's announcement is a continuation of USDA's commitment to bring reliable and affordable electric power to homes and business in rural America," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration supports investment in the country's energy infrastructure as part of our commitment to 'win the

being awarded through USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service to assist electric utilities with upgrades, expansion, maintenance, and replacement of USDA electric program also helps fund energy conservation and re-

Monday, Dale Corcoran tended to business in Pampa. Melba started her therapy in Wheeler

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Doyce Watson.

Tuesday, Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo. Dale had three doctor appointments. Jerry and J came and got Melba and took her to Bushland to see Lynn Rector and Marilyn Beckham. Lynn is doing pretty well. He had another surgery on his right arm on Thursday of last

J has had back surgery for a broken back and isn't doing the best right now.

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association had dinner at the Red River Steak House in McLean on Tuesday to honor Bernice Hefley on her moving and Louise Hogan and Maurita Stribling for their service. Those attending were Board members and guests Joe and Janie VanZandt, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald, David and Melba Seitz, George and Marie Agriculture Secretary Tom Kilcrease, Dale and Melba

"Texas will greatly benefit from three of these guaranteed loans," commented Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development, Paco Valentin. "Wo of the guaranteed loans, totaling \$230 million, will go to Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative and East Texas Electric Cooperative to fund acquisition of a gas-fired plant to provide electric power to meet growing capacity. The third guaranteed loan will go to Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc., for \$5,200,000 to build and improve 181 miles of distribution line."

USDA, through its Rural Devel-The \$442 million in funding is opment 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 rural America's electric infrastruc- programs are designed to imture. Over \$9 million of these prove the economic stability of loans will support investments in rural communities, businesses. smart grid technology through the residents, farmers and ranchers use of automated metering. The and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of nearly \$146 billion in loans and loan

Caprock Canyon's April Events Listed

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of April.

Soar with Doris Mager and the Raptors at three special programs at Caprock Canyons State Park. Doris, founder of Save Our American Raptors (SOAR) will be visiting the park and teaching about the importance of birds of prey. She has rehabilitated over 80 eagles and has returned 15 to the wild. Known as "The Eagle Lady", she has devoted the past forty-five years of her life to rescuing, rehabilitating, training, researching, and loving American birds of prey, or raptors. Doris will be conducting an owl walk at 9:00 p.m. Friday, April 1st. Then on Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m., she will have rescued birds of prey to see up close at the Raptor talk including a Great-horned owl, a Crested Caracara, an Eastern Screech Owl, and an American Kestrel. Later that night on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00 p.m., she will conduct another Owl walk where we will go in search of these unique, noc-

turnal creatures. At 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 9 and Saturday, April 23 also at 10:00 a.m., we will have a Canyon Walk & Talk on the Eagle Point trail where we will discuss the geology and history of Caprock Canyons State Park.

Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday, April 30th at 8:00 a.m., we will have "Hiking Through Time" where we will hike down into the canyons and into the past from 250 million years ago to the present learning about the geology of the park and the stories that rocks can tell us.

Evening programs this month at the Interpretive Amphitheater include "Caprock Critters" where we will be discussing the animals that live in Caprock Canyons State Park on Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 p.m. and "Bats of the Texas Panhandle-Plains" on Saturday, April 30th at 8:30 p.m. Other evening programs include a "Sunset Stroll"

at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April

Our monthly "Kid's Fish Camp" featuring angler instructor Kevin Reich, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 23rd in which families can spend quality time together learning the basics of fishing and trying their luck catching

a fish at Lake Theo. "Geocaching 101, Treasure Hunting Made Fun" will be held at the Lake Theo pavilion Saturday, April 30th at 9:30 a.m. During this program, visitors can learn about the excitement and thrill of finding geocaches hidden right here within the park with the use of a gps, global positioning system.

Our monthly "Trail Ride" takes you and your horse through the scenic vistas of the canyons of Caprock Canyons State Park where you will learn about the rich history and cultural uniqueness of

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Corcoran, Dutch Elliott, Maize Scribner, Louise Hogan, Maurita Stribling, Suzanne Lohberger, Gina Seitz, Bobbie Walker, Bernice Hefley, and Melissa

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Pampa Wednesday and Thursday for Melba's doctor appoint-

Melba Corcoran went to Wheeler for therapy on Friday. She visited with several of the

residents at the care center.

Those working at the museum this week were Suzanne Lohberger, Louise Hogan, Maurita Stribling and Melba Corcoran. Bill conducted tours on Sunday.

Candy Jones and Harley visited Saturday at the museum with Louise Hogan and Melba Corcoran. Harley has surely grown tall.

part of the week in Parkview Hospital. She got out Sunday.

Mobeetie Baptist Church is having a revival April 10-17 at 7 PM.

Arica Lancaster spent the last

The speaker will be Kade Wilcox. Special music will be each night with the following having one night each, Joe Jernigan; Erron Mercer; Shelby and Kayla Deathridge; Pastor and his wife Zimmerman; Allan Wilson; Vickey Ferguson; and Kory and Nathan McLaughlin. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Sallie Adcock took Nancy Shelton to the Shelton Ranch this weekend to see them work the

cows. She enjoyed it. Melba Corcoran visited several patients in the nursing home Monday following her therapy.

Monday was cold and wet; it sprinkled on the way to Wheeler. The moisture was nice...just needed more.

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Wheeler Track Teams Place in Meets

54 points at Panhandle on March

Individual placings were:

Cooper Ellison, 6th, triple jump, Victor Camarena, 6th, long

jump, 15' 4" Trevor Clayton, 1st, shot put,

Don Butler, 5th, shot put, 33' 3" Jair Tintori, 3rd, 2400 meter run,

4x100 relay, 5th, 52.5, (Victor Camarena, Destrie Kinnaman, Cody Clark, Cooper Ellison) Camilo Magadan, 4th, 800

meter run, 2:31.04 Zach Hibler, 2nd, 110 Hurdles,

Dallan DeBose, 4th, discus

throw, 88' 6" Zach Hibler, 4th, 300 hurdles,

4x200 relay, 6th, 2:06.1, (Don Butler, Troy Duncan, Thomas

Meadows, Mithchell Ford) Cody Clark, 4th, 400 meter

dash, 1:01.62 4x400 relay, 5th, 4:14.27, (Cody Clark, Victor Camarena, Camilo

Magadan, Zach Hibler) 7th grade boys finished 6th with 28 points at Panhandle.

Individual Placing was as fol-

4x400 relay, 6th, 4:47.6, (Ricardo Gallardo, Blayne Richardson, Isaac Gaucin, Urrick

4x100 relay, 4th, 59.0, (Richard Casfillo, Ricardo Gallardo, Blayne Richardson, Jordan Vaughn) David Contreras, 3rd, 800

meter run, 2:37.1 Gairo Gallardo, 5th, long jump, 14' 3 1/2"

Ricardo Gallardo, 5th, triple jump, 28' 1"

Gairo Gallardo, 4th, 100 meter dash, 13.75

4x200 relay, 5th, 2:04.3, (Ricardo Gallardo, Blayne Richardson, David Contreras, Urrick Marshall)

JV boys4th with 79 points at Individual placings were:

Cody Howard, 4th, 100 meter dash, 12.5

Bryan Tollison, 1st, 1600 meter run, 5:23.4 Bryan Tollison, 2nd, 800 meter

run, 2:25.25 4x100 relay, 2nd, 49.31, (Jake Ware, Irving Flores, Zach

Johnson, Zay McCasland) 4x200 relay, 2nd, 1:44.09, (Jake Ware, Irving Flores, Zach

Johnson, Zay McCasland) 4x400 relay, 2nd, 4:03.85, (Jake Ware, Irving Flores, Zach John-

son, Zay McCasland) Zach Johnson, 3rd, pole vault,

Varsity Boys finished 7th with 24 points at Quanah March 26,

Placing individually were: Jorge Porras, 3rd, 400 meter

dash, 56.09 4x100 relay, 5th, 47.12 (Eduardo Ramirez, Jorge Porras,

Robert Lewis, Zack McCasland) 4x200 relay, 6th, 1:40.71, (Eduardo Ramirez, Andrew Coomer, Hayden Guest, Robert

4x400 relay, 4th, 3:52.9 (Eduardo Ramirez, Jorge Porras, Andrew Coomer, Zack McCas-

Zack McCasland, 5th, 300 hur-

dles, 47.52 Jacob Thomas, 5th, Discus,

Results from Panhandle meet Results Friday March 25

7th Grade Girls individual placings were:

High Jump-4th place, Kayla Duncan, 4'4"

Shot Put-10th place, Kaitlyn Jones, 21'-07"; 17th place, Andrea Avila, 17'6"

Long Jump-5th, Gracie Gaines, 12'2"; 15th, Heidi Almanza, 10'3"

Discus-8th, Gracie Gaines, 51'7"; 19th, Katie Bunch, 35'11" 4x100 Relay-6th Place 1:02. Bec Rodriguez, Heidi Almanza,

Kaitlyn Jones, Stefany Barboza 800 Meter Run-3rd, Savannah Foster, 3:00

100 Meter Hurdles-5th, Gracie Gaines, 21.13

100 Meter Dash-12th, Kaitlyn Jones, 16.22; 16th, Stefany Barboza, 16.74; 18th, Andrea Avila, 17.22

400 M Dash-13th, Johanna Rodriguez, 1:22; 18th, Andrea Avila, 1:27

200 Meter Dash-17th, Gracie Gaines, 38.13

4x400 Relay-7th Place, 5:37, Beca Rodriguez, Heidi Almanza,

Savannah Foster, Stefany Barboza 8th Grade Girls individual

placings: High Jump-2nd, Taylor McClendon, 4'8"; 3rd, Tillie

Menefield, 4'6" Long Jump-5th, Taylor McClendon, 13'

4X100 Meter Relay-2nd, 56.21, Abby Bond, Aileen Hinjos, Taylor McClendon, Tillie Menefield Triple Jump-6th, Kori Howard,

100 Meter Hurdles-4th, Kori Howard, 20.21 100 Meter Dash-2nd, Taylor

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8th grade boys finished 5th with McClendon, 13.92; 5th, Abby

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4x200 Meter Relay-4th, 2:08, April Buenrostro, Brenda Garcia, Kori Howard, Michaela Bailey 4x400 Relay-4th, Place 4:43, Abby Bond, Kori Howard,

McClendon Wheeler Varsity Girls Track Meet Results Saturday March 26 at Quannah.

Taylor

Michaela Bailey,

Individual placings were: 100 M Dash, 1st, Stacie Hanson, 12.90

200 M Dash, 1st, Stacie

Old Time Gospel Music KPDR-FM, 90.5

... In Wheeler Sundays: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. 400 M Dash, 4th, Haley Sparks,

1:10.04

800 M Run, 2nd, Taylor Sparks, 2:36.96 1600 M Run, 2nd, Taylor

3200 M Run, 3rd, Haley Sparks, Hanson, 16.72

Sparks, 5:53.55

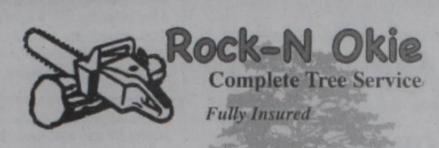
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Wheeler County

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerks office from March 21, 2011 - March 24, 2011. MARCH 21, 2011

AFF.-Melinda Stiles to Bill G. Stiles Jr., et ux, 3-14-11, S/2 NW/ 4; N 70 acs. SW/4; Pt. S 90 acs. SW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-City Golf Club Inc. to Citizens Bank Shamrock, 2-22-11, W/2 SW/4 Sec. 37, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Garland Moore, et ux to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 2-24-11, Pt. N/2 NW/4 Sec. 10, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ROW-Hyland Weaver to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 2-12-11, Pt. SE/4 Sec. 1 IRR Co. Survey. ROW-Stiles Land Assets Ltd. to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 1-14-

11, Pt. SW/4 Sec. 17, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ROW-Beulah Miller Revocable Trust to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 1-13-11, Pt. E/2 Sec. 19, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ROW-Timothy M. Montgomery to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 1-6-11, Pt. NW/4 Sec. 19, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

Ex Parte, 12-31-09. ROW-Wayne R. Zybach to Linn Gas Marketing LLC, 3-15-11, Pt. Sec. 19, Camp County School

C/C PROBATE-Elayne S. Reid to

ASSIGN.-Devon Energy Production Company LP to William A. Gruy, et al, 3-14-11, Sec. 16 Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Sur-

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there to make music was "Cricket also for a good visit. Lots of good

Thanks, Rozena Zybach, for letting me know that Oleta Rogers, friend of many years had died, but no services planned. God is in control. She is with the Lord, "God be with you till we meet again." Oleta and husband, Doyle, and boys were near and special neighbors for some years. Matt looked after his folks as long as they lived.

Thanks, Sue Chandler, for taking me to lunch at "The Spot" Friday. We barely got there when David and Rita Pearson came and joined us for a good visit. Pearsons had been to a funeral at Odessa for relative, Doyce Watson. May God comfort you all. They brought Doyce back to Wheeler for burial with other relatives. Nice to visit with Lonnie and Ruth Kenney at the "Spot" Friday

Enjoying lots of good singing

and fellowship at Leona Coates home Saturday night were Wesley and Helen Steen, Bill and Betty Morrison, Martha Meek and Bob and Evangeline Wills. Also at Leona's were Doris Finsterwald, Leona, who played the piano, Verna Fillingim and maybe others. All brought snacks; all were good. Thanks for a good time.

Thank you, Pastor Larry Mitchell, for all the inspiring sermons. Thank you, Matt Koen, for the good song leading and work to inspire our youth at church. Thank you to those who help with Wednesday night meals and other things. Thank you to Sylvia Shuler and Suzann Hampton for beautiful music. God bless you all!

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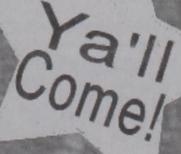
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carry out planning activities to

develop the 2016 Region A Re-

gional Water Plan as part of the

state's Fourth Cycle (2012 -

2016) of Regional Water Plan-

ning. It is anticipated that the ap-

plication will be considered by the

Texas Water Development Board

at a June 22, 2011 board meet-

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Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter,

Randall, Roberts, Sherman,

By April 8, 2011 copies of the

grant application may be obtained

from the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission when it

becomes available or online at

www.panhandlewater.org. Writ-

ten comments from the public re-

garding the grant application must

be submitted to the Panhandle

Regional Planning Commission

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action on this application (date

Kyle G. Ingham

Planning Commission

Panhandle Regional

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gional Water Planning. The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 PM on May 9, 2011 in conjunction with the upcoming regular Region A Planning Group Meeting, to be held at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at 415 W. 8th. Written and oral comments (not to exceed five (5) minutes per speaker) regarding the scope of activities to be considered during the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

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Those who play in team sports bond with teammates, and that bond carries on through their school years and many times, beyond.Strength training is important for preparing for any sport. For basketball, strengthening the muscles around the knees can be very helpful. Common injuries in athletes who play basketball are sprained knees, sprained ankles, jammed or broken fingers, broken noses, and poked eyes. Other possibilities are colliding with other players, walls, or posts, and head con-

Players must wear the correct types of basketball shoes, protective mouth guards, and eye and nose gear as needed. Doctors may prescribe certain bracing be worn by athletes who have experienced injuries of their knees

· Before playing any sport have a complete physical.

 Maintain the proper weight for your size - this cuts down on injuries where jumping and landing on your weight is in-

· Get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy diet. When a body is overall healthy, injuries are less likely to occur

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· Maintain a clean playing area. Such as keeping backpacks, jackets, drinks and food off of the court to avoid creating trip and slip hazards.

· Warming up before basketball play and cooling down afterwards are two of the best ways to prevent injury.

· Follow the rules of the game. Be sure that if you or your child plays that other team members are forced to follow the rules - if pushing, shoving, and other harmful acts are allowed this is not the right team to play with.

· Keep it fun. Keeping basketball fun allows for a good time and not a high pressure and stressful time.

· Make sure your child's school provides safe outdoor school games - basketball at recess can be just as dangerous as basketball on a team.

· If you're in pain stop playing. If you get hurt stop playing. If you feel too tired or stressed stop playing. Most injuries can be treated much more efficiently in the early stages. There is never a good reason to play after an injury has occurred. Continuing to play when your body is damaged or hurt can result in life-long injuries. The best advice is that at the first sign of injury seek medical attention and rest.

Each year, many talented college players will be chosen to move on to professional basketball next season. So, if your "little dribbler" aspires to play like his/her hero when he or she is older, teach him or her, to play safe, play fair, and keep in good physical condition. Parents can start them off by providing them with healthy diets and teaching good sports-manship. Whether they choose to be an athlete, or a scholar, or both, leadership qualities are taught at home, at a young age

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WHEELER (Atiles Ranch Granite Wash Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., #1H Britt '38', 270' from South & 800' from West line, Sec. 38, A-3, H7GN, PD 13635' (BHL: 367' fron North & 800' from West Sec. Line) Horizontal

WHEELER (Stiles Ranch Granite Wash Cons) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con. Inc., #20H Britt Ranch 'B' 45W. 2500' from South & 1600' from West line, Sec. 45, A-3, H&GN, PD 13721' (BHL: 300' from North & 1600' from West Sec. Line) Horizontal

Oil Well Completions ROBERTS (lard Ranch Granite Wash"C") Great Plains Operating, L.L.C., #103H T. Boone Pickens, Sec. 3, B, H&GN, spud 11-18-10, drig. Compl 2-28-11, flowed 853 bbl. Of 40 grv. Oil and 120 bbls. Water thru 30/64" choke on 24 hour text. GOR 2337, TVD 8435,', MD 12559'-Horizontal

Gas Well completions ROBERTS (Lard Ranch Granite Wash 'C' Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5060H lard Ranch, Sec. 60, C, G&M, spud 2-8-10, drig. compl 3-1-20, tested 5-27-10, potential 8827 MCF, TVD 13243', MD 13243"-Horizontal

ROBERTS (N. W. Mendota Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #593H Mendota Ranch, Sec. 59, B-1, H&GN, spud 11-25-10, drig. compl 12-27-10, tested 2-15-11, potential 2898 MCF, TVD 10812;, MD 13763; - Horizontal

ROBERTS (N. W. Mendota Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #643H W. H. Moore, Sec. 64, B-1, H&GN, spud 11-30-10, drig. compl 12-30-10, tested 2-15-11, potential 2596 MCF, TVD 10687/, MD 13450"-Horizontal

ROBERTS (N. W. Mendota Granite Wash) Unit petroleum Co., #1H Mahler 'D', Sec. 111, C, G&M, spud 9-22-10, drig. compl 11-3-10, tested 1-28-11, potential 2446 MD CF, VD 9919', MD 13796', MD 16610"-Horizontal

WHEELER (Frye Ranch Consolidated) Linn Operating, Inc., #2H Black-'50', Sec. 50, A_#, H&GN, spud 8-21-10, drig. compl 9-27-10, tested 3-4-11, potential 1583 MCF, TVD 12153', MD 16610"-Horizontal

WHEELER (Frye Ranch Consolidated) QIP Energy Co., #1H Barnett-'11', Sec. 2-, H&GN, spud 9-20-10, drig. compl 11-24-

MCF, TVD 13289', MD 18506 MCF, TVD 11261', MD 16440"-Horizontal

WHEELER (Stiles Ranch Granite Wash Cons.) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #15H Miller-'2', Sec. 2, A-3, H&GN, spud 9-23-10, drig. compl 11-1-10, tested 2-23-11, potential 13235 MCF, TVD 13036', MD 17535"-Horizontal WHEELER (Stiles Ranch Granite Wash cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #1H Dupont-'1', Clair Granite Wash) Texakoma Sec. 1, 4, B&B, spud 10-25-10, drig. Compl 12-14-10, tested 2-'8', 1215 from North & 1517' from 25-11, potential 16891 MCF, TVD 12140', MD 16630: -Horizontal

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Vaalco Energy USA Inc., #9001H Hefley, 300' from South & 1200' from West R&E, PD 16000' (BHL: 350' from line, Sec. 90, M-1, PD 11500' (BHL: 467' from North & 567' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

10, tested 1-19-11, potential 3370 son Ranch '75', 250' from North & 1060' from West line, Sec. 75, 41, H&TC, PD 15000' (BHL: 544' from South & 2061' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Overflow Energy LLC, #1 Tipps SWD, 513' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 23, M-1, H&GN, PD 6500' Injection well

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Consolidated) QEP Energy Co., #8027H Puryear"SL', 250' from North & 2373' from West line, Sec. 27, A-3, H&GN, PD 8000' (BHL: 267' from South & 2173' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, #2033 Burrell, 2100' from North & 267' from East line, Sec. 33, A-7, H&GN, PD 14000' (BHL: 2173' from North & 467' from East Sec. line) Directional well

WHEELER (Mills Ranch Granite HEMPHILL (MEG Granite Wash) WHEELER (STILES RANCH Latigo Petroleum Inc., #3H Ander- Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield

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

The Thirteenth Annual Ja'Nae Alan Segura, Kacie Schlegal, 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 to'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 an- Justin Lee, Lezli Finsterwald, nounced prior to the start of the J'Shay McCasland, Lauren Fite, 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

Amanda Reeves, Jacob Caldwell, Kinsey Cogburn, Jordan Jones, Cassie Crossland, Cory Schlegel, Sheldon Cornett, Laramie Wilson, Jade Hilburn, Darby Oldham, Chelsey Tallant, Kaylee Zaiontz, Cari Caldwell, Courtney Dame, Sarah Sweatt, Cami Creamer, Kaitlyn Otts, Clay Greenwalt, Tamra Jernigan, Briana Stewart, Cade Vinyard, Tandy Wright and from Shamrock High School; Curt Smith, Nathan Hefley, Julie Zybach, Justin Hefley, Stephanie Baker, Seth Meadows, Jason Hathaway, Kade Zybach, Holley McCurley, George Helton, Tamara Hefley, Russell Lohberger, Jason Boydston, Steven Kephart, Blaine Baker, Kelsey Zybach, Sarah Zybach, Lauren Baird, Chance Newman, Mayci Meadows, Megan Horn, Stormi Lancaster, Amber Maddox and Blake Baker from Fort Elliott High School; and JJ Johnson, Gavin McQueen, Jake Britt, Keri Marion, Dee Alston, Josh Miller, Jarrod Haning, Landon Sams, Savannah Hampton, Samantha Chapman, Jonathan Hampton, Lacee Henson, Mikel Tucker, Ricky Salas, Jason Brownfield, Chace Horton, Katlin Rutherford, Jesus Gonzalez, Michael Mendoza, Jared Messer, Nicole Moore, Stefan Tucker, Cesar Gonzalez, Nick Hardcastle, Macie Miller, Braden Moore, Bailey Richardson, Whitney Reed, Brock Sabbe and Johnny Venzor from

Wheeler High School.

Western Oklahoma Ballet Theatre, the area's nonprofit, pre-professional ballet company, is currently preparing its annual Spring Gala production, which this year features the return to the stage of the one-act ballet "The Wizard of Oz." for performances to be held April 2-4 at the Fine Arts Center of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Public performances are scheduled for Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. On Monday, April 4, the company will be presenting a Children's Concert for students from

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tary. Tickets for Spring Gala are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be reserved by calling 580-

323-7400 Stormie Meriwether of Wheeler will perform in "The Wizard of Oz" as a Munchkin and a Winkie. The daughter of LeRoy and Rhonda Meriwether, Stormie has been attending ballet classes at Western Oklahoma Ballet Academy in Clinton this year, and has also participated in WOBT's production of "The Nutcracker."

"The Wizard of Oz" was first performed by the local dance troupe in 1997 and again in 1999 and 2006. Choreographed by WOBT Artistic Director Penny Askew to music by Edward Elgar, Sergei Prokofiev, and Maurice Ravel, the ballet is based on the classic book by L. Frank Baum. "This is, of course, a very famous story because of the movie, but it also really lends itself to being told through dance," reported Askew. "There are great characters, drama, comedy, and lots of opportunities to dance in this ballet." Added Askew, "There's something for everyone, and I think our audiences will really enjoy seeing it again!" The production includes a total of 47 dancers, ranging in age from 3 to adult, from seven Western Oklahoma communities and Wheeler.

Spring Gala also features the works of two guest choreographers, both former dancers with WOBT. Charles Martin, currently dancing professionally with Kansas City Ballet, created "Recess" for the local company to music by Domenico Scarlatti. "Recess"

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Exploration Mid-Con. Inc., #21H Britt Ranch 'B' 45SW, 2889' from South & 1510' from West line, Sec. 45, A-3, H&GN, PD 13764 (BHL: 300' from South & 1600' from West Sec. line) Horizontal WHEELER (N.E. WHEELER Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating Inc., #3020H Zybach, 360' from North & 2000' from East line, Sec. 2, -, CCSL, PD 18000 (BHL: 350' from South & 2000' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

WHEELER (WEST-PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co. LP, #6H Holmes"17', 610' from North & 1980' from East line. Sec. 17, RE, R&E, PD 14500 (BHL: 375' from South & 1980' from East Sec. line) Horizontal Oil Well Completion

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Great Plains Operating LLC, #103H T. Boone Pickens, Sec. 3, B, H&GN, spud 11-16-10, drlg. compl 2-28-11, tested 3-1-11, flowed 853 bbl of 40 grav. oil + 120 bbl. water thru 30' 64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 2337, TVD 8435', MD 12808' - Horizontal

Gas Well Completion WHEELER (N.E. WHEELER Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star LLC, #2058H Lancaster, Sec. 58, A-4, H&GN, spud 8-26-10, drlg. compl 2-20-11, tested 3-8-11, potential 11918 MCF, TVD 11218' MD 15243' - Horizontal



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(from Page 3) R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Sur-

OL-Jacqueline S. Powell to Granite Operating Company, 1-21-11, W/2; NE/4 Sec. 21, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RDT-First State Bank of Mobeetie to Roberto Herrera, et al. 3-21-11, Lots 13-15, Blk. J, Park Addition,

Wheeler. MARCH 22, 2011

AFF.-John J. Wheir to Kenneth L. (Kenny) Wagner, 3-2-11, Sec. 1, Camp County School Land. DVL-TJC Trust to Karl Sosebee, et ux, 3-21-11, E/2 Sec. 3, J.

Poitevent Survey DT-Karl Sosebee, et ux to Capital Farm Credit FLCA, 3-21-11, E/2 Sec. 3, J. Poitevent Survey.

UCC DT-Brett Buckingham, et ux to Citizens Bank, - - -, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

UCC TDT-National Bank of Commerce to Citizens Bank, - -N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. UCC RDT-National Bank of Com-

merce to Michael L. Oldham, et ux, ---, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.-Elco to Ronald D. Edmondson, 12-31-10, Lott Well; Lott #102; Land description not complete.

ASSIGN.-Sonya Denise Hill Tyree to Panhandle-Plains Land Bank FLCA, 3-16-11, W/2 Sec. 1, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

ASSIGN.-Sonya Denise Hill Tyree to Panhandle-Plains Land Bank FLCA, 3-16-11, W/2 Sec. 1, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey

ROY./MD CONVEYANCE-Triangle Royalty LP to Oak Valley Mineral & Land LP, et al, 3-10-11, Secs. 23 and 24, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. MARCH 23, 2011

MD-Clay Bumpass to Enerlex Inc., 3-11-11, Sec. 51, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. UCC DT-John Richard Hefley, et al to First Priority Irrigation, et al, -, NW/4 Sec. 30, Blk. A-7,

H&GN Ry. Company Survey. D-Michael W. Bullock to Leslie A. Adams, 2-12-11, Lot 11, Blk. 16, Shamrock.

EXT. DT-Sanabi Oil Company, et al to Happy State Bank, 2-23-10,

See Instrument. EXT. DT-Sanabi Oil Company, et al to Happy State Bank, 1-27-11, SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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SW/4 Sec. 11, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry.

Company Survey. Ramona Cheely Douglass to 4, Blk. 119, Mobeetie Westco Family Limited Partner- A. of JUDG.-National Home ship, 3-14-11, Sec. 8, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. HEIRSHIP AFF.-Belinda K. MARCH 24, 2011

Hutchison, et al to Wanda Edgar, OL-Minco Oil & Gas LP to QEP 3-15-11, Pt. Outlot 28, Shamrock. ASSIGN. OVERR. ROYALTY-Gerald N. Furseth Revocable Survey Trust to Furseth Family LLC, 3-21- OPTION TO PURCHASE-George 11, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. OVERR. ROYALTY-Betty Ann Furseth Revocable strument. Trust to Furseth Family LLC, 3-21- ROY./MD-Charles Blake Stringer See Instrument.

OL-Mary Cheri Holladay to San- 11, See Instrument. 11, Sec. 44, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY. D-Oleta Faye Levitt Ellis to Eddleman Survey. Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 3-14-11, SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. OL-Beverly Anne McLane to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 1-25-11, Sec. 93, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OVERR. ROY. ASSIGN.-San- Company Survey. guine Gas Exploration LLC to Ri- ROY./MD-William L. Mathers to cable Living Trust, et al, 3-21-11, Trust, 3-18-11, N/2; E 3/4 SE/4 NW/4 Sec. 36, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

tion LLC to Richard Lee Hauschild peake Midstream Gas Services Jr. Revocable Living Trust, et al, 3-21-11, NW/4 Sec. 36, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Richard ing Trust, 3-21-11, Sec. 37, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 3-21-11, S/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 3-21-11, S/2 Sec. 59, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Ex-

ploration LLC to The Public, 3-21-11, SE/4 Sec. 5, AB&M Survey. PAYOUT AFF.-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to The Public, 3-21-11, SE/4 Sec. 16, Blk. A-7, H&GN willing to bring their talents back Ry. Company Survey.

RELEASE-Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC to Multi-Financial In- choreography from some of the vestments LLC, 3-21-11, Pt. N/2 current dancers in the company, Sec. 6, AB&M Survey.

UCC DT-Sanabi Oil Company, et vestments LLC, 3-21-11, Pt. E/2 tional Endowment for the Arts.

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pany Survey.

D-Ethel Morgan (Estate) to Shamrock. MD/ROY, OVERRID, ROYALTY- Beverly Swift, 3-8-11, Lots 3 and

> Healthcare to Cahterine Humphreys, 3-23-11.

Energy Company, 2-18-11, Sec. 26 Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company

Reid Stringer, et al to Kendra Lea Beene, et al, 12-28-10, See In-

to Revelation Oil & Gas LLC, 3-8-

guine Gas Exploration LLC, 2-22- ASSIGN.-Robert R. Klabzuba to Klabzuba Exploration LLC, 3-21-11, Sec. 8 Blk. R.E., Roberts &

PARTIAL ASSIGN.-West Plains Energy Company Inc. to Nolaco Energy LLC, 1-15-11, Sec. 1 C&M

Survey. ROW-Tracy M. Lummus to Cross Texas Transmission LLC, 3-14-11, Pt. Sec. 47, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry.

chard Lee Hauschild Jr. Revo- William L. Mathers Revocable Sec. 70 and W/2 Sec. 71, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. ASSIGN.-Sanguine Gas Explora- ROW-Ray L. Ware to Chesa-LLC, 3-9-11, Pt. S/2 Sec. 1, Blk. 3, Brooks & Burleson Survey. RDT-USAA Federal Savings

(from Page 5) Lee Hauschild Jr. Revocable Liv- was recently performed by WOBT at the Regional Dance America/ Southwest Festival in Houston, where Martin received special recognition for his choreography. Carol Uraneck, currently a junior at the State University of New York-Purchase College Conservatory of Dance, created "Ravel's Three" for WOBT, which was also selected for performance at the Festival in Houston.

"I'm very proud of these two young artists and all they've accomplished," said Askew,""and am especially happy that they are to Western Oklahoma on a regular basis. We have some great

This project was made possible RELEASE-Sanguine Gas Explo- in part by a grant from the Oklaration LLC to Multi-Financial In- homa Arts Council and the Na-

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al to Happy State Bank, 1-29-11, Sec. 17, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Com- Bank, et al to David L. Woods, et ux, 3-21-11, N 75' Lot 4, Blk. 49

YEARS

the editor remembers! March 30, 1961:

A Chat with The Editor: J-Lee Dept. Store has a new bow ribbon maker; it all works with the simple turn of a crank and, believe me, it's the darnedest thing I have ever seen.

James Phillips of Dakota, Texas, assumed duties here Monday morning with the Soil Conservation Service.

We could have rented 7 or 8 apartments or houses Saturday, if they had just been available; this housing shortage has really become acute in Wheeler

Workers have almost finished North Texas Producers Coop. The new building is located 5 blocks east of the red light in Wheeler.

The Wheeler Mustang Band has had a very busy schedule since the spring concert. Much time was spent preparing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which ended as an unpleasant adventure. However, they came back and spent the next 2 weeks preparing for the Borger Band Festival, March 24.

Kay and Cathy Callan and Betty Sue Henson received numerous cuts and bruises Sunday afternoon when the 1955 Ford they were riding in overturned on a country road near Wheeler. Betty spent several days in the hospital as a result of the accident. Kay was driving the car at the time of the mishap. Bus Dorman, Wheeler County Sheriff, said a mechanical failure caused the auto to overturn.

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J-Lee Dept. Store offered Girls' Easter dresses \$5.95 to \$10.95. LaVera Ann Lewis To Wed Jerry Killingsworth: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Lewis, Ralls, Texas, have an-

nounced the approaching marriage of their daughter, LaVera Ann to Jerry Killingsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Killingsworth, Kelton. The couple will marry April 23 at the First Baptist Church, Ralls.

Rogue Theatre showing"Journey to the Lost City" and""Midnight Lace"

Garth Nash of Texas Tech is spending the Easter vacation in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash and Mrs. Estell

Joe Richard Hyatt of Texas Tech is home for the Easter vaca-

Puckett's had Betty Crocker Cake Mix 3 boxes \$1; Mazola Oil

was 73c for a quart bottle. Almost 300 persons attended the Open House Sunday of the Claudia Brotherton new home located just east of the city limits in Wheeler. Bob Wilson and Gay Meek won the door prizes. The Wheeler Lumber expressed their sincere appreciation to those that made to expand to 10,000 watts. attended the open house.



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On display At Mobeetie April 2-14



"Showing Off" by Herb Booth



"The Homestead" by R. D. "Dick" Wilberforce

(from Page 1) KPDR, but was not ready in August, arrived and the station was able to transmit at the 3,000 watts that had been the plan from the start. However, the original engineer had said that grounding was not needed. So, within a couple of months, lightening got the transmitter, and that began a se-

ries of many problems with the transmitter. The transmitter itself was the one and only transmitter built by the manufacturer. It wasn't funny at the time, but some of these things seem comical now. You had a preacher heading up the project who didn't know anything about what he was doing. He just had a dream. Then, you had an engineer who tried too hard to keep expenses down by advising not to ground the transmitter and to use simple radiator clamps from the implement store to secure the cable to the tower. Those soon began to cut into the cable. Add to that the purchase of a transmitter from an individual who had never built a transmitter. Then, the radio signal began to interfere with television sets all over town. That required that

to TV sets. But, the blessing of the Lord was on the ministry, and things turned around over a process of time. Since 3,000 watts didn't get the signal out as far as had been anticipated, an application was

KPDR arrange to replace most of

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That has been the output power for many years, reaching a distance of 40 miles from Wheeler, and often as many as 60 miles.

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Kelton students, Shyla Smith, Felicia Butler, Cheyenne Powell, and Leslie Alvarado mastered 100+

Pepper the Clown teaches Kelton student, Braddock how to balance her peacock feather named Macaroni.

objectives on Accelerated Math.



Pepper the Clown with Culpepper & Merriweather Circus visited Wheeler Schools. Alejandro Hollingsworth and Isiah Lopez tried their hand at balancing the feather.









Some week's students at Kelton are allowed a Friday free day. Hula Hoops, Jump Ropes, beach balls, and basketballs are laid out to play with. Most of the time we have used one or more of theses items throughout the week. This week we learned how to hula hoop. All the students enjoyed it but pre kindergarten really got into it. Shown here (l. to r.) are Kaleb Krueger, Tessa Doutherty, Abby Kimbro and Mrrcus Rowley.



MUSEUM MEMORIES

(The following article was printed in the Amarillo newspaper and later printed as "Museum Memories" by the Clay County Museum. Fat Childress brought it into the Times for us to publish, as it has to do with the formation of Wheeler County.)

By Herbert and Carolyn Timmon No deadline for filing for county offices, no scramble for places on the ticket, no depositing of funds for expense of holding the election, no appointing of election of-

Today, with the deadline for filing for county offices and paying of fees just past, such a setup as that at the first election in the Texas Panhandle (usually written then as Pan Handle) would seem-

ingly provide a political heaven. Before this first election, all the law enforcement in the 27 named, but unorganized, counties of the Panhandle and other sections to the southeast was carried out by Texas Rangers headed by Capt. G. W. Arrington.

Court trials were held at for offices. Henrietta, 200 miles away in Clay County, to which all these unorganized counties were attached. Naturally, with no railroads, no found many excuses for not attending court. Distance often defeated good law enforcement.

county commissioners of Clay County decided the Panhandle area had grown big enough to own government.

Clay County commissioners seat ordered an election held at the little village of Mobeetie (now known as Old Mobeetie) in Wheeler County on April 12, 1879.

Judge W. B. Plemons, county judge of Clay County, and later a well-known lawyer in Amarillo and over the Panhandle, left Henrietta several days before April 12 to give assistance in the organiza-

Arriving in Mobeetie about noon of April 12, he was astonished to find no election was being held and that there were no candidates Levi Schick was made hide and

Being a man of action, Judge Plemons told the few men he could find, to let others know he was calling a county convention well-defined roads, witnesses to meet in the Weed Building that evening.

Old-timers recall that about 25 men attended that county conven-It was in March of 1879 that tion and voted to organize the county. The convention then turned itself into an election body to nominate and elect county ofassume the responsibility of its ficers by voice vote. Naturally, Mobeetie was chosen the county

> Emanuel Dubbs, an early day buffalo hunter and later a beloved Christian minister, was elected county judge; Moses Wiley was named county attorney; A. D. Tombs was chosen to fill the offices of both county and district clerk; and Frank Schick was made

The county sheriff and tax funds. collector's office was given to Henry Fleming; Moses Huselby was chosen tax assessor; Travis Leach was named surveyor and

animal inspector.

The two justices of the peace were Coss Hite and A. P. Simers. Evidently, not all the justice of the peace places were filled that evening, for Simers was assigned place No. 5; Hite was unassigned and no others were listed in early

Constable of Precinct No. 1 was Michael Welch and Hugh McCay was given place No. 5

Commissions selected were John Donnelly, No. 1; J.W. Huselby, No. 2; G.A. Montgomery, No. 3 and Benjamin Williams, No.

With Judge Plemons assisting, temporary quarters for county offices were found the next morning. Naturally, the first thing to be considered was how to proceed in obtaining the much-needed money that each newly organized county was allotted from state

Mr. Tombs was instructed to place an order for county record books, but there was no money available to pay for even postage stamps

There were other troubles. Although the officers of Wheeler County had no election expenses,

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they had no time to formulate any plans for taking care of the 26 unorganized counties of the Panhandle that Clay County immediately dumped on their court.

With almost blind faith the commissioners directed Tombs to go to Henrietta and copy all the handwritten deeds and other records affecting titles in Wheeler and the 26 other counties of their court.

Since these records had been recorded as received, with no listing by counties, the work was tedious. Also, a number of records listed Panhandle land along with be corrected later.

"While Tombs worked away in County officers attended to court business during time off from the regular employment. It is known that while Wiley was a lawyer, he also owned a ranch, Henry Fleming was a saloonkeeper and

Huselby ran a hotel. Judge Dubbs operated a dairy that supplied milk to Fort Elliott.

That county business was not neglected is shown by early court records. The first court session was held on May 22, 1879. Fortyseven cases were tried during the

remainder of the year. The first case tried was for "discharging a six-shooting pistol". It drew a fine of \$1. Court costs were dismissed. The second case was different. Assault drew a fine and full court costs.

Although drafted into office, other plats. Naturally, there were Wheeler County officers worked errors and omissions that had to well. In telling of the early court years later Judge Dubbs declared, "I was the most surprised man in Henrietta, the other Wheeler the world that morning of April 13 when some men rode out to my dairy and hailed me as Judge Dubbs. I hadn't even heard about the called meeting, but believing that court work came first, like all the others. I went to work and we got the job done.

National Observance Week Highlights Work Zone "Safer Driving, Safer Work Zones For Everyone"

word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. The word that should come to mind is cau-

Each April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joins the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and numerous other state DOTs for National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remember victims and to raise awareness about safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. This year, NWZAW will be observed

The TxDOT Childress/Amarillo Districts will host a NWZAW event on April 5, 2011, for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Donley County Safety Rest Area on US 287 southbound. A mock traffic control will be set up and interested motorist will tour through the zone to get a better understanding of the area our maintenance forces work in and motorist drive

Work zones can be hazardous for both motorists and highway crews working to improve Texas' highways. However, TxDOT has seen a 35 percent decrease in work zone fatalities in 2009 from the previous year because of increased safety measures and difficult, not to mention risky for public outreach efforts.

While work zone fatalities and crashes have declined significantly, there is still work to do. In 2009, 108 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas.

"One work zone fatality is one too many. We are continuing our efforts to educate motorists on the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones," said Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "Each of us has the power to protect lives as we drive. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop adjusting the

radio and focus on driving safely." TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones.

 In 2009, there were 3,871 distracted driver crashes in work zones, involving 7,837 vehicles.

For many motorists, the first These distracted driver crashes resulted in 27 fatalities.

 In 2009, 66 percent of work zone fatalities were male.

· Forty-six percent of all work zone fatalities for 2009 were 35 years old or younger.

 Four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

· One in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

 Of the 108 work zone fatalities in 2009, 40 were drug and alcohol-related.

Underwood said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers (and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety or to download our newest Public Service Announcements, www.txdot.gov, search work zone.

> To The Editor The Wheeler Times Wheeler, TX 79096

Safer Driving, Safer Work Zones. For Everyone. **Observing National Work** Zone Awareness Week. April 4-8

Navigating construction can be both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on 80,000 miles of Texas roads. To remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners April 4-8 to observe the 12th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week.

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PROGRESS: The Wheeler Historical Museum was hooked up to the Wheeler sewer system on Wednesday—progress in bringing the museum into reality. The work was done by Terra Drill H.D.D. of Guthrie, OK; they had to bore under U.S. Highway 83 to make the connection. The interior has been "stripped" and the debris removed and work continues.

maintenance zones in Texas. Since 1938, there have been 270 TxDOT employees killed, with 200 of those deaths occurring in work

Thankfully, in 2009 the Childress District had no fatalities, but we have had nine crashes that occurred in a work zone. More than four out of five, or eighty-five percent, of those killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited. Rear-end collisions

account for one in three crashes. Safety is TxDOTs first priority, no matter what job-behind the desk or on the highway.

 Slow down and follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones. · Pay attention. Workers are

often close to traffic. · Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone. · Plan ahead. Leave early to

reach your destination. Drive safe to be safe. Terry Keener District Engineer, P.E.

Childress District, TxDOT

Red Carpet Theatre To Present Disney Reed

theme for Red Carpet Community movie that follows Troy, the popu-Theatre's opener, 'Disney's High School Gabriella, the shy bookworm, who Musical On Stage. Set your cal- discover their shared passion for endars for the production dates singing. When they both try out for April 28, 29, and 30, 2011. The the lead roles in East High's wildly successful original version school musical, it sends their

Canvon (from Page 2) the area. The program takes place at 10:00 a.m to noon, Saturday, April 23rd. Negative cogins required. We will meet at the Wildhorse Equestrian area. If you would like to attend, but do not own a horse, horses are available through the Quitaque Riding

Hinojosa at (806)269-1209. Park admission: adults, \$3; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

Contact Thomas

Stables.

"We're all in this together!" is the Disney Channel made for TV season lar high school basketball star, and of High School Musical was a peers into a tizzy. It is such a highenergy, entertaining show we are to noon. presenting it at the Pioneer Performing Arts Center on the campus of Elk City High School. The show runs April 28 through Saturday, April 30, 2011 with a 7:30 nightly show. This project is done with the grant assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and local underwriter First National Bank and Trust of Elk City while partnering with the Lincoln Teen

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Organizations & School Activities. Call: 806/826-3123 for listing:

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(from Page 1) Bolton, Joseph Reed and Joseph Beavin; five great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Dillon, Hannah, Samantha and Melina and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29, 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., and Wednesday, March 30, 9:00 A.M.

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pansion of KPDR. Doesn't seem like it has been in operation 25 years.

- cwe -

Sorry to hear of the loss of Doyce Watson. You could always count on him being at the school reunion.

- cwe -

Don't forget the Old Mobeetie art exhibit, which starts Saturday and continues through April 14. - cwe -

Bobbye Hill and Rhonda Meriwether were in Houston on Wednesday to interview Alan L. Bean for an exhibit in the Wheeler Museum. Maybe we can have our moon walking native son back to Wheeler for the opening of the

museum. - cwe -

If you noticed the work at the site of the museum, they were hooking up to the city sewer system. The Legion Building had been on a septic tank.

- cwe -Stormie's dance recital is this weekend. She will make two appearances

- cwe -Cards were played Monday evening. Rhonda and Leroy won

both games, leaving Patsy and I in the losers' column. **Theatre Group**

Tours England

Red Carpet Community Theatre JAG Director, Tiphani Haraughty, took a group to discover the magic of England on an EF educational tour over the 2011 Spring Break. The group included students: Katie Currell, Chance Neal, Andrew Wasson and Elizabeth Wasson. The adults were Dean and Melissa McSpadden and Shonda Currell. The sevenday tour included stops in London, Stratford, and Oxford. "Seeing the Globe Theatre in person, walking where Shakespeare walked in Shakespeare's home in Stratford was an unbelievable experience, said 18-year-old Katie Currell, a member of JAG.

"You study these items in school, but to actually physically live it, was unreal." The group also enjoyed attending musicals, "Phantom of the Opera", "Wicked", and "Mama Mia". EF is the world's largest private educational organization with offices and schools in over 50 countries. EF offers language travel and cultural exchange programs for students of all ages and is dedicated to breaking down barriers of language, geography and culture.

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TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY **FIRST STATE** Wellington State Bank BANK AI & CHILDRINE & MEMPER WISE OF MOBEETIE GUUNTRY BARN Wheeler Banking Center Mobeetie & Wheeler 405 Alan L. Bean Blvd. HUNT BROS. PIZZA P.O. Box 1040 PumpsOpen 24/7/365 Wheeler, Texas 79096 301 E. Okla. St.-Wheel Phone: 806/826-5566 Phone: 806/826-2276 Member F.D.J.C Dale, Monica & Rachel Kidd 5 Church . Wheeler Fire Dept. . 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Wheeler Nursing & Rehab **Drivers' License Renewals** . 6:00 A.M. W. First Baptist 3:00 P.M. Shamrock—256-1595 Wheeler S. Citiz. 3:00 P.M Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595 16 Mobeetie Fire Dept. Old Mobeetie, Texas, Assoc. Kelton I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Chamber Wheeler Lions Club Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Mobeetie City Coun. 7:00 P.M. Ft. Elliott C.I.S.D. Bd. 7:00 Vistors' Center 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Mel's Diner. . 6:30 A.M. of Commerce 13th Annual Wheeler I.S.D. Bd.6:30 P.M. 3:00 P.M. American Legion Monthly Meeting .7:30 P.M Whir. Vol. Fire Dept. Time and Place Ja'NaeGoad Birthday Party2:30 P.M. . to be announced Care Ctr. (Meth. Women) Golf Tournamen Our Country Band 6:30 P.M. Care Center 20 Wheeler City Council Wheeler Fire Dept. . 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club . 6:30 A.M. Wheeler Nursing & Rehab City Hall7:00 P.M. Mel's Diner Drivers' License Renewals Mobeetie Baptist 3:00 P.M. Drivers' License Renewals Shamrock—256-1595 Shamrock—256-1595 30 27 29 24 Church ... 25 26 28 Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Wheeler Lions Club Mel's Diner 6:30 A.M. Our Country Band .. 6:30 P.M. Johnnie & Patty Crawford 3:00 P.M.

Wheeler Nursing & Rehab

Watson

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wife, Shelia; Cheryl McKinley; Carroll Watson and wife, Karen; Ricky Watson and wife, Sharon; and Dwight Watson and wife, Becky; and a half sister, Janette Southerland, and husband, Raymond. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Phillip Watson and Ronnie Steven Watson; a half brother, Daulphus Watson and a half sister, Pauline

Doyce was an active member of the Highland United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of staff parish committee for 3 years and as chairman for 1 year. He was chairman of the trustees for 5 years and a mem-

211, 214, 217, 220, 1393, 1522, 1540

ber of the Hamilton Sunday years of quality life. To make a taxdedicated service to the Children Laboratory, Denver, CO 80206. of the Texas Lions Camp in May 2010 and the Outstanding Spirit Award for Inspiration, Courage and Dedication to the Mission of the Odessa Downtown Lions in 2008-2009.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that a memorial in Doyce Watson's name be sent to National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado; a world renowned hospital for treatment of lung diseases. Because of their loving, compassionate care, Doyce was given an additional 4

School class. He was active in the deductible donation, please send Odessa Downtown Lions Club, your contribution by mail to: Na- ment that would "restrict the where he was Director from 2002 tional Jewish Health, 1400 Jackto 2003. He was presented with son St., Attn: Memorial Departthe Jack Wiech Fellow award for ment, gift for Dr. William Janssen

> A special thanks to William Janssen, MD of National Jewish Health; Khavar Dar, MD and Fernando Boccalandro, MD of Medical Center and the staff of Regency Hospital in Odessa.

News, Views & Commentary

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power of the Legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments," including

The commissioners needing Belly Dump Trailers were given permission to make the purchase not to exceed \$50,000.

Windstream Communications was given the right to lay a line along CR 22 within the right-of-

Linn Gas Marketing, LLC, was given permission to bore under CR "B" for the installation of an oil and gas pipeline.

The next meeting of the Wheeler County Commissioners' Court will be Monday, April 11,

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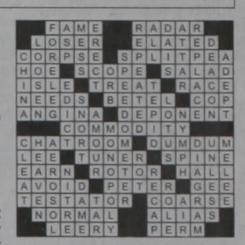
Kelton Volunteer Fire **Department Trap** Shoot

(non regulation) Date: April 9, 2011 @11:00 Location: Paul Calcote's (9 miles east of Wheeler on 152 & 1 æ miles south on 592)

Cost: \$3.00 Per Shoot Brisket Sandwiches, chips, sodas, and water will be sold.

**We will also raffle a \$50 gift certificate that will be given away at the end of shoot. (\$5.00 per

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