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“Wheeler; town of friendship and pride.”



CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Wheeler basketball fans left Canyon Tuesday evening, February 14 very pumped up. Our teams won both games. The girls Regional Quarter-Finals and the boys Bi-District; both games were major upsets for the opponents, Canadian and New Deal.

But, both local teams closed their 2010-11 season Friday evening, February 25. The 'Stangs lost their bid for the Regional Semi-Finals at Levelland in the afternoon. That evening the fans returned to Pampa, where the boys lost to White Deer.

We are quite proud of each of the team members; you made it a very enjoyable season.

Sunday afternoon the north-eastern corner of the county was ablaze with the winds blowing at a fierce force. Our volunteer fire-

STORM REPORT

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

Dear Friends, I am so excited! One day my dad got the mail. He had mail. My mom had mail. I had nothing. Then my mom said, "What is this? Stormie, check this out." It said to Stormie Meriwether! I opened it up. It was the sweetest note from Ms Judy. (Woollard). That was so nice to get my very own mail!

My Dee (Dwight Tipps) is so funny. He says my Wally dog is an Italian Pizza Dog 'cause he loves to eat his pizza. My dog's not Italian. He's just a plain ole Texas dog!

Dee gave me the biggest box of crayons I ever saw! It has almost to one hundred! My favorite one is Shocking Pink! I can even sharpen them right on the back of the box. That's awesome!

Jack J. Wells Art Exhibit Is Thurs.

The works of Jack J. Wells, a western artist will be on exhibit Thursday afternoon, March 3, 2011, from 2-5 p.m. at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center.

The showing is being sponsored by Wheeler's Thursday Review Club.

Refreshments will be served.

Commissioners Ct. Meeting Held Mon.

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 9:20 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler county courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. the court considered eleven items on the agenda.



Long Promoted To Exec. Vice-Pres

CitizensBANK has announced the promotion of Monty Long to executive vice president according to chairman E. W. Williams Jr and president/CEO Blake Boyd. Long has served as senior vice president since joining the bank in 2004. He oversees daily funds management, deposit services, IT and human resources. Monty is a 1997 graduate of Wheeler High School and holds BBA and MBA degrees from West Texas A&M University and is the son of Mike and Ann Long.

CitizensBANK has offices in Slaton, Post, Lubbock and Shamrock.

Fire Burns Approx. 2500 Acres

Homes Threatened, But None Lost

A fire was reported Sunday afternoon at 3:30, located in the area of County Road 18 and County Road J. Approximately

BB Playoffs Have Highs, Lows

Lady 'Stangs
The Wheeler Lady 'Stangs played No. 2-ranked Wellington, Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, at Randall High in Canyon in the Regional Quarter finals. The Lady 'Stangs met Sudan Friday evening, February 25, in the first game of the Regional Finals at Levelland. This will be Wheeler's first time in the Regional Tournament since 1986.

Wheeler had knocked off No. 5 ranked Canadian in area play Friday, Feb. 18.

Scoring by quarter was as follows:

| | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wheeler | 11 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 49 |
| Wellington | 9 | 15 | 2 | 17 | 43 |

Scoring individually were:
Stacie Hanson, 16
Taylor Sparks, 2
Kaylee Marion, 2
Haley Sparks, 17
Tania Flores, 8
Paige Jones, 4

Wellington was seeking their fourth straight regional tournament.

Wheeler Mustangs
The Wheeler Mustangs defeated New Deal Tuesday evening, February 22, at Randall High in Canyon for the Bi-District Title. The score was 43-41.

To quote the article in the Globe-News, "A late steal and breakaway layup led Wheeler past New Deal in a Region 1-1A Division 1 bidistrict playoff at Randall."

"After Wheeler turned over the ball on a back-court violation, Wheeler's Collin Hampton poked the ball away from a New Deal player and teammate Hayden Guest picked it up and passed to a sprinting Hampton for a layup and the game-winning basket with four seconds left."

Wheeler traveled to Pampa Friday evening, February 25, to play White Deer for the Area Title.

Scoring by quarter was as follows:

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|----------|----|----|---|---|----|
| Wheeler | 14 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 43 |
| Dew Deal | 16 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 41 |

Scoring for Wheeler were:
Robert Lewis, 10
Collin Hampton, 9
Jorge Porras, 6
Pedro Hernandez, 2
Kalen Moore, 10
Jacob Thomas, 6

Season Ends For Mustangs

Wheeler's Lady 'Stangs traveled to Levelland to meet Sudan in a regional quarter-finals game Friday afternoon, February 25.

The girls lost 32-60. Scoring by quarter is as follows:

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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wheeler | 6 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 32 |
| Sudan | 19 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 60 |

Wheeler team scoring is as follows:

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|-------------------|
| Stacie Henson, 10 |
| Taylor Sparks, 6 |
| Kaylee Marion, 6 |
| Haley Sparks, 6 |
| Tania Flores, 4 |

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Mikel Tucker One Of 534 Graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 534 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises Dec. 17 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 436 baccalaureate degrees and 98 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2010 included 29 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 25 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 40 with Cum Laude honors. Three students also were recognized as Attebury Honors graduates.

Mikel L. Tucker of Wheeler was among the fall graduates of 2010. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports/Exercise Sciences. He was a Cum Laude honor graduate.

The graduating class represented 11 states and 98 Texas cities and towns.

2500 acres was burned before the fire was brought under control. The fire is believed to have been started by a catalytic converter.

Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was joined by units from Lefores, McLean and Gem City departments. The battle continued until 10:30 in the evening, when the blaze was determined to be controlled.

Monday morning the local fire department was called to the scene of hot spots—smoldering trees, etc.

Ten houses in the area were threatened by the grass fire. The fire departments were able to prevent any structural losses.

Wheeler remains under disaster designation due to the drought conditions.

Candidates File

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

The first day to file for Place on Ballot was February 12, 2011. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot is March 14, 2011.

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

Voters will elect individual to

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

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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.

Donations of \$25 from busi-

nesses 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.

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.



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.

Home, Land Owner Says 'Thank You'

"As I sit safe and warm in my bedroom this Sunday evening, I am, yet once again, overwhelmed with gratitude for the volunteer fire fighters who, this afternoon stood between me and the raging wildfire that ravaged the countryside destroying all in its path.

What courage it must take to face and fight such a fearsome enemy. Please know I recognize your valor and give my deepest thanks to each of you, who put your life on the line to keep my family and our homes safe.

I am also truly grateful for each prayer said on our behalf. What would we do without you? God bless you all and Thank You! Thank You!"

Paula Britt

Parkview Hospital District Board To Represent County Precincts

Three places are to be filled on the Parkview Hospital Board with the election on May 4, 2011. The election will be held in connection with the school and city elections.

A change in the enabling legislation changes how the representatives of the board are elected. When the hospital district was set up, Wheeler had one representative and Allison, Briscoe, Mobeetie and Kelton each had a representative. The change now gives Pct. 1 and Pct. 2 each two representatives and one representative at large.

Places on the board to be filled in May are Jim Batton, Pct. 1; Ray

Wheeler 4th 6-Week Honor Rolls

Junior High and High School AIA Honor Roll

7th Grade—ndrea Avila, Michaela Bailey, Kaitlyn Jones

8th Grade—Abby Bond, Thomas Meadows, Bryan Parra

9th Grade—Zach Johnson

10th Grade—Danielle Garcia, Daniel Gonzalez, Danni Johnson, Chris Parra, Breann Robinson, Mary Cruz Rocha, Damian Salas

1st Grade—Alyssa Johnson

12 Grade—Elizabeth Castillo, Rachel Kidd, Omar Lopez, Kaylee Marion, Carla Mendoza, Karen Mendoza, Taylor Sparks

A & B Honor Roll

7th Grade—Abril Buenrostro, Kaitlyn Bunch, Alejandra Gonzalez, Lyndi Hernandez, Zach Hibler, Jordyn Johnson, Kade Means, Blayne Richardson, Rebecca Rodriguez

8 Grade—Stefany Barboza, Don Bulter, Mitchell Ford, Aileen Hinojosa, Kori Howard, Destrie Kinnaman, Guili Mendoza, Zulema Mendoza, Brittany Robinson

9th Grade—Dulce Castillo, Maria Jacquez, Maggie Jones, Payton Leffew, Stormy Moore, Megan Reed, Jake Ware

10 Grade—America Almanza, Vanessa Altamirano, Ricardo Avila, Carlos Corral, Elizabeth Horton, Alyssa Kinnaman, Zack McCasland, Zay McCasland, Eduardo Ramirez

1st Grade—Makynzi Blankenship, Veronica Carrillo, Hayden Guest, Shayla Horton, Colton Johnson, Gabi Menefield, Sidney Mills, Kallen Moore, Janeth Porras

12th Grade—Tania Flores, Spencer Ford, Stacie Hanson, Gio Luna, Mariah Marshall, Troy Miller, Jaten Moore, Jorge Porras, Haley Sparks, Cole Wilson

Thomas R. Helton Elementary Honor Roll

1st Grade: All A's—Rhaelee Adams, Zoey Anglin, Jose Castaneda, Hannah Davis, Reese Foreman, Litzzy Garza, Hadlee Gomez, Viridiana Gonzalez, Saily Hernandez, Hayden Holwick, Jahir Lira, Alexis Lopez, Selena Lopez, Destiny Pichardo, Abigail Porras, Alexis Puryear, Bryce Richardson, Lindi Rose, Nicholas Sparks, Laura Suarez

A's and B's—Vanessa Avila, Jonathon Burrell, Dayanara Estrada, Jovany Gallardo, Anthony Lopez, KaMonte Martin, Stormie Meriwether, Mauricio Gonzalez, Maria Valles, Karleigh Wood

2nd Grade: All A's—Marcos Herrera, Caleb Koen, Micah Koen, Ashton Lee, Wendy Lopez, Cristian Mercado, Gustavo Olivas, Jesse Sierra, Natalie Varela

A's and B's—Lizeth Botello, Rylun Clark, David Devora, Abrey Garza, Ismael Guevara, Kasandra Lopez, Jorge Luis Hollingsworth, Hesston Marshall, JD Miles, Kelvin Mosser, Diego Pichardo, Amy Rocha, Yesenia Soto

3rd Grade: All A's, Brady Bailey, Alex Davis, Kaylee Garza

A's and B's—Fernanda Almanza, Gustavo Andrade, Julia Andrade, Benjamin Bunch, Cody Carr, Christian DeBose, Daisy Duenez, Joselin Estrada, Ian Finsterwald, Baldemar Gallardo, Edwin Gaucin, Sebastian Gonzalez, Cassandra Holland, Saray Jaquez, Paden Markham, Brylee Mosser, Denise Pichardo, Valeria Tintori, Christian Torres

4th Grade: All A's—Alejandro Hollingsworth, Heather Johnson, Mac Means

A's and B's—Cooper Adams, Antonio Castillo, Cristian Contreras, Cooper Foreman, Aneiline Gallardo, Andres Garcia, Logan Harris, Angel Mares, Makalli Marshall, Melody McGruder, Angel Ontiveros, Eduardo Porras

5th Grade: A's and B's—

Hudson, County at Large; and Sue Chandler, Pct. 2. Batton and Hudson have each filed for re-election. Sheryl Lane has filed for

Individuals interested in serving on the board may file to have their name on the ballot according to their commissioner's precinct with the county at large chair open to anyone in commissioners' precinct 1 or 2.

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.

Bentley Burrell, Luis Enriquez, Jaci Guest, Luis Gutierrez, Rachel Huff, Nallely Jacquez, Shelby Jones, Cambri Moore, Marvin Ramirez, Jayton Smith, Colt Townes, Landry Umsted, Clayton Wilson

6th Grade: All A's—Levi Ware A's and B's—Alejandra Aguilar, Cassidy Andis, Dacey Clark, Esther Gonzalez, Holden Guest, Rene Gutierrez, Rowdy Henson, Layton Hibler, Coletta Holland, Ky Markham, Lurissa Meadows, Johana Pacheco, Braydon Smith, Andrew Umsted, Meranda Varela, Jordan Venzor, Caitlynn Walker,

Chamber Banquet Tickets Being Sold

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will hold their Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center.

Tickets are now on sale at the Chamber office, 505 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd., or Wheeler Vet Clinic at a cost of \$15.00 each. Individuals to contact are Kristi Petit, 334-1010; Chad Helton, 334-0558; Kenna Howard, 898-1840 or Matt Sullivan, 580/799-1853.

At this banquet, the chamber officers for the 2011 year will be introduced and the 2010 "Outstanding Individuals" will be named. Outstanding Man, Woman, Employee, Teenager and Farmer/Rancher.

Other awards presented will be "Contribution to Agriculture, Contribution to the Community and Pioneer Spirit.

Entertainment for the evening will be Jake and Levi Ware.

The meal will be catered by Mr. Bar-B-Que

Chamber officers for the coming year will be Chad Helton, president; Kenna Howard, vice-president, and Matt Sullivan, secretary. Directors continuing to serve are Louis Stas, Drs. Ben Ed and Lee Ann Hillhouse, Bob and Zodel Swift, Jim and Frankie Jackson, Lyndon and Noveline Loyd, Robin and Ryan Smith, Marla and Robert Ford, Darrel and Sue Gaines, Heather Blackburn, Bill and Karly Howard.

The chamber meets every third Wednesday at noon—dutch. Meeting location will be announced prior to the meetings.

Make arrangements to be on hand Saturday, March 12, for the annual event and enjoy the excellent food, fellowship and entertainment.

Wheeler Council Minutes For Jan.

CITY OFFICE @ 7:00 PM JANUARY 17, 2011

Present: Mayor, Bob McCain; Council Members - Stacy McCasland, Don Rose, Barbra Koelzer, Walter Simmons; City Employees - Wes Bradstreet, Kristi Petit; and Charles Kuntz

Guests: Monica Kidd, Louis Stas, Rhonda Meriwether

Absent: Council Member - Jimmy Hill

First action was the swearing in of new Council member, Don Rose. Don was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bob McCain.

Mayor, Bob McCain called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m..

Don Rose made a motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Barbra Koelzer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbra Koelzer made the motion to accept the bills as written, seconded by Walter Simmons. Motion carried.

Wes Bradstreet reported on the activities of the city utility workers

MOBEETIE NEWS

By Melba Corcoran

Dale Corcoran tended to business in Wheeler Tuesday. Joe and Janie VanZandt went to the doctor in Amarillo Wednesday and tended to business for the museum.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster went to Oklahoma City for Arica's doctor's appointment Thursday. Doris Finsterwald went with them to see her brother C B Brotherton and visited with Gary Brotherton and family in Yukon.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Amarillo for Dale's doctor appointments Thursday.

Danny and Betty Rogers got home Tuesday from a month in Florida visiting their son, Danny and wife. They missed the cold weather. Not fair.

Harry and Ty Sims got home from Arizona. They spent 10 days there. Harry said they were colder than we were and raining.

Those working at the museum this week were Louise Hogan, Maurita Stribling, Suzanne Lohberger, Ada Lester, Gina Seitz and Melba Corcoran. The men working were Joe VanZandt, Bill Finsterwald and Dale Corcoran.

The Mobeetie Museum had a program Thursday for Black History Month. Jimmy Northcutt presented a program on the Buffalo Soldiers and other famous people in history. Sarah Gill-Northcutt presented a part of the program playing different music instruments like the settlers would have had with them on their trip west by wagon.

Shamrock School brought students for the morning program. Ft Elliott brought students in the afternoon. These were the only two schools that responded to the invitation. It was a good unformatted program.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Willie Renner who passed away Sunday. He was the brother of Ethel Grimes.

John and Frances Collins of California are visiting her mother, Mae and Hugh Bailey this week.

Jana Corse of Amarillo spent the weekend with Patricia Corse. She helped with packing up stuff.

Francis Dickey said Lauretta Riseley is doing better. This week they all went to the zoo one day, Saturday when she called they were all at the car races. They will do a test in March to see if the feeding tube can be removed. Toney will be there until it is removed.

This weekend the First Baptist Church had a youth revival. The music was furnished by a youth band, Touch of Perryton. They

spent the nights with Lonnie and Sandra Trout. The preaching was done by Paul Luchsinger. Sunday morning services were real nice. Bernice Hefley and Melissa Rogers went to Amarillo Monday to the doctor.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerks office from February 18, 2011 - February 24, 2011.

FEBRUARY 18, 2011
DEED-Mary Jane Dukes to Clyde Dukes Jr., et ux, 2-17-11, Sec. 21,

Camp County School Land.
FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Holiday
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
ASSIGN.-Multi-Financial Investments LLC to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 2-11-11, E/2 Sec. 17, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
POA AFF.-Paul A. Clark, et al to Mary Van Sant, et al, 2-18-11.

ROW-Joann B. Simmons to Enogex Gas Gathering LLC, 2-8-11, SE/4 Sec. 2, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.
HEIRSHIP AFF.-Loren R. Jones, et al to Dorothy Jean Jones, 2-17-11, Pt. 21.8 acs. SW/4 Sec 78, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Loren R. Jones to Joey D. Pace, et ux, 2-18-11, Pt. 21.8 acs. SW/4 Sec 78, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-Joey D. Pace, et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 2-18-11, Pt. 21.8 acs. SW/4 Sec 78, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

C/C PROBATE-Betty Young McMordie to Ex Parte, 1-18-11.

ROY/MD-Betty Lou Jeffress to Southwest Petroleum Company LP, 11-17-10, Sec. 20, Blk. 24 H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and Sec. 4, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY/MD-Ruth Cantrell to Southwest Petroleum Company LP, 1-31-11, Sec. 20, Blk. 24 H&GN Ry. Company Survey; and Sec. 4, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY/MD-Beverly Johnson to Southwest Petroleum Company LP, 12-3-10, Sec. 2, J Poitevent Survey.

ROY/MD-Sheila Foster Hawkins to Southwest Petroleum Company LP, 1-28-11, Sec. 35, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROL-Texhoma Land Consultants Inc. to Vicki Kenney, et ux, 12-00-10, N/2 NW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

AFF.-Mark K. Brown to Mark K. Brown, et ux, 1-20-11, N/2 NW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-L. J. Davis to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., et al, 1-28-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-Cledith A. Burrell to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., et al, 1-18-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-Markus Burrell to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., et al, 1-18-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-Elisha Burrell Bonner to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration



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& Production Inc., et al, 1-31-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-Teresa Kendall to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., et al, 1-19-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

RATIFICATION UNIT DESIGN.-Kelly Burrell to Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration & Production Inc., et al, 2-14-11, W/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Less Well-Bore Right.

HOME EQUITY DT-Bobby Lee Cornell, et ux to H & H Federal Credit Union, 2-14-11, Lots 1, 3, 4, Pt. Lot 2, Blk. 8, Allison.

D-Chris L. Dobitz to Hugh M. Shannon, et ux, 2-16-11, Lots 1-4, Blk. IV, Shamrock.

EXT. DT-Thomas R. Navratil to National Bank of Commerce, 2-15-11, Pt. E/2; Pt. SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT-First Bank & Trust Company to Roger M. Wheeler Jr., 1-14-11, See Instrument.

RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., et al to Justin Peevey, et ux, 2-11-11, See Instrument.

MD-Kauffmann Family Investment LLC to Thomas Vance Kauffmann, 2-16-11, See Instrument.

OL-Daisy Moore Gabler, et al to QEP Energy Company, 12-9-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Telenia Anthony to QEP Energy Company, 12-30-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-John Allen Moore to QEP Energy Company, 12-28-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Bonnie Wuerflein to QEP Energy Company, 12-30-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Arcena Minerals and Investments to QEP Energy Company, 12-27-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Marilyn Moore Herd to QEP Energy Company, 12-27-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Charles and Margaret Pendleton Revocable Trust (Restated) to QEP Energy Company, 12-30-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Marty Todd Moore to QEP Energy Company, 12-29-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Eileen M. Huyck to QEP Energy Company, 12-28-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Linda Moore Bruton to QEP Energy Company, 12-27-10, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Dennis R. Moore to QEP Energy Company, 1-4-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Maureta Croslin to QEP Energy Company, 1-3-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Thurman Horn to QEP Energy Company, 1-6-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Julie Moore Brooke to QEP Energy Company, 1-20-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Laura Marlene Moore Miller to QEP Energy Company, 1-13-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Shonda Meek Smith to QEP Energy Company, 1-10-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Edward G. Meek Jr. to QEP Energy Company, 2-17-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

OL-Charles Moore to QEP Energy Company, 2-18-11, SE/4 Sec. 11, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

FEBRUARY 23, 2011
DEED-Glenn Keelin, et ux to James Thomas, et ux, 2-16-11, Lots 1-3, Blk. 116, New Mobeetie.

C/C PROBATE-Neal Duane Gipson to Ex Parte, 2-3-11.
C/C PROBATE-Louise Calhoun to Ex Parte, 2-10-11, 10.9 acs. NE/4; 5 acs. NE/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

AFF-Rodney Duane Gipson to Louise Crafton Gipson Calhoun, 2-11-11.

DEED-Rodney Duane Gipson, et al to Steven Hampton, et al, 2-18-11, 10.9 acs. NE/4; 5 acs. NE/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Lott Family Limited Partnership to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) LP, 1-17-11, Pt. SW/4 Sec. 15, Blk. 2, Camp County School Land.

CONVEYANCE-Money Purchase

Pension Plan for the Employees of Thomas S. Roy II MDPFA to Castle Royalties LLC, et al, 9-25-09, See Instrument.

HOME EQUITY DT-Daniel W. Debose, et ux to Amarillo National Bank, 2-17-11, 100' x 150' Southeast Part Blk. 31, Wheeler.

HOME EQUITY AFF-Daniel W. Debose, et ux to The Public, 2-17-11, 100' x 150' Southeast Part Blk. 31, Wheeler.

FEBRUARY 24, 2011
MD-Carolyn Buckingham to Lacy Delynn Britten, et al, 2-23-11, W/2 Sec. 60, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

CONVEYANCE-Victor E. Salvino to Drake Royalties LLC, et al, 5-21-09, N/2 Sec. 9, Blk. 1, Brooks & Burleson Survey.

SECOND AMEND. DT-Axis Energy Corporation to Societe Generale, 1-12-11, See Instrument.

ROW-Jarrell Russell Jr., et ux to Cross Texas Transmission LLC, 2-17-11, Pt. 614.05 acs. Sec. 46, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Douglas Corse would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, donations to charities, food and the calls of support during our time of loss. We appreciate the prayers helping us through this difficult time. God bless each one of you with your kind friendship.

The Douglas Corse Family

Canadian Supply & Redi-Mix for all your Concrete Needs!



Jerry Smith, Owner
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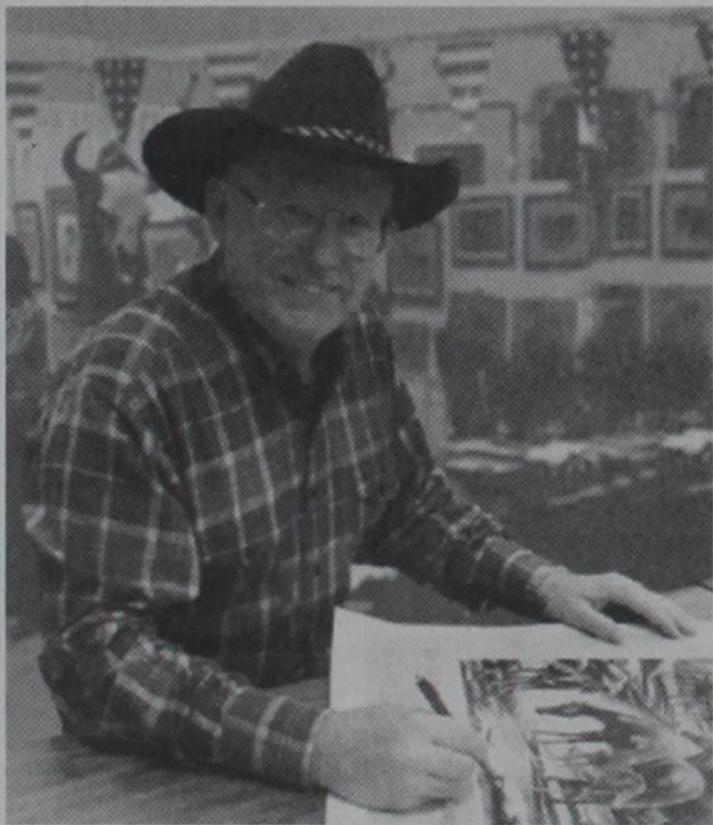
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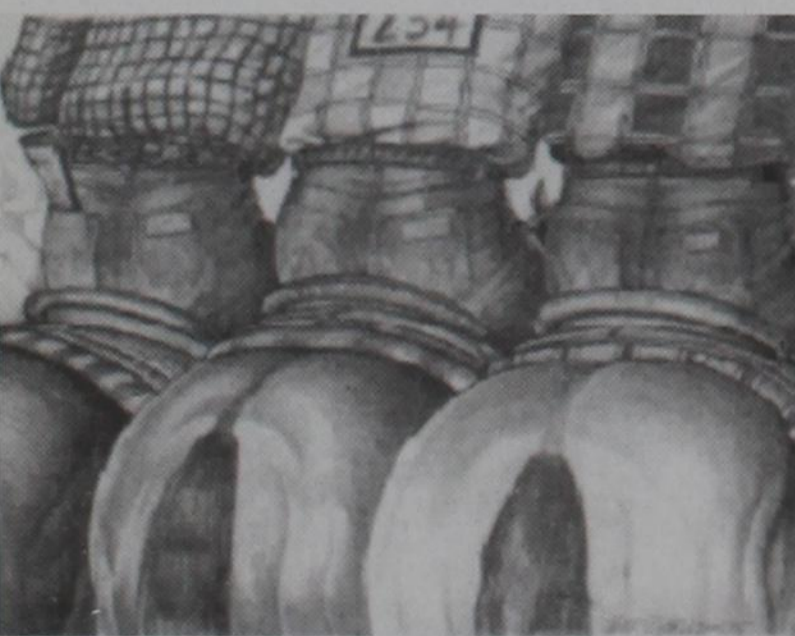
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The bank shared its success with its customer-owners by distributing \$76.1 million in patronage to them. The patronage payment had the effect of reducing the 17 rural financing cooperatives' net cost of borrowing to less than the bank's costs of funds. "We believe in the cooperative business model and the benefits it provides to our owners," said Ralph W. Cortese, FCBT board chairman. "Through this patronage payment, the bank demonstrated its commitment to provide our affiliated lending cooperatives with the lowest possible cost of funds. We want them to be competitive in their markets, because ultimately their success benefits the farmers, ranchers and rural citizens they serve."

The bank showed significant improvement in two key results areas. Return on average assets and return on average shareholders' equity for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010, increased to 1.20 and 16.78 percent, respectively, from 0.74 and 13.07 percent, respectively, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009. Loans outstanding totaled \$10.5 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with \$11.0 billion a year earlier. This 5.2 percent decrease in the loan portfolio from 2009 to 2010 was attributed to reduced borrowing by the bank's affiliated lending cooperatives, offset by a slight increase in its participation loan portfolio and other loans. The demand for funding by the local lending cooperatives decreased in 2010 as a result of general eco-

nomical conditions, which have resulted in a decline in demand for rural real estate and enhanced credit standards. FCBT assets totaled \$14.1 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with \$13.8 billion a year earlier. The bank and its 17 affiliated rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas together comprise the Texas Farm Credit District. At Dec. 31, 2010, the district reported record net income of \$275.3 million for the year and a \$15.6 billion loan portfolio. District assets totaled \$19.6 billion at year-end 2010. Farm Credit Bank of Texas is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's oldest and largest source of financing for agriculture and rural America. The System reported combined net income of \$3.495 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with net income of \$2.850 billion the previous year.

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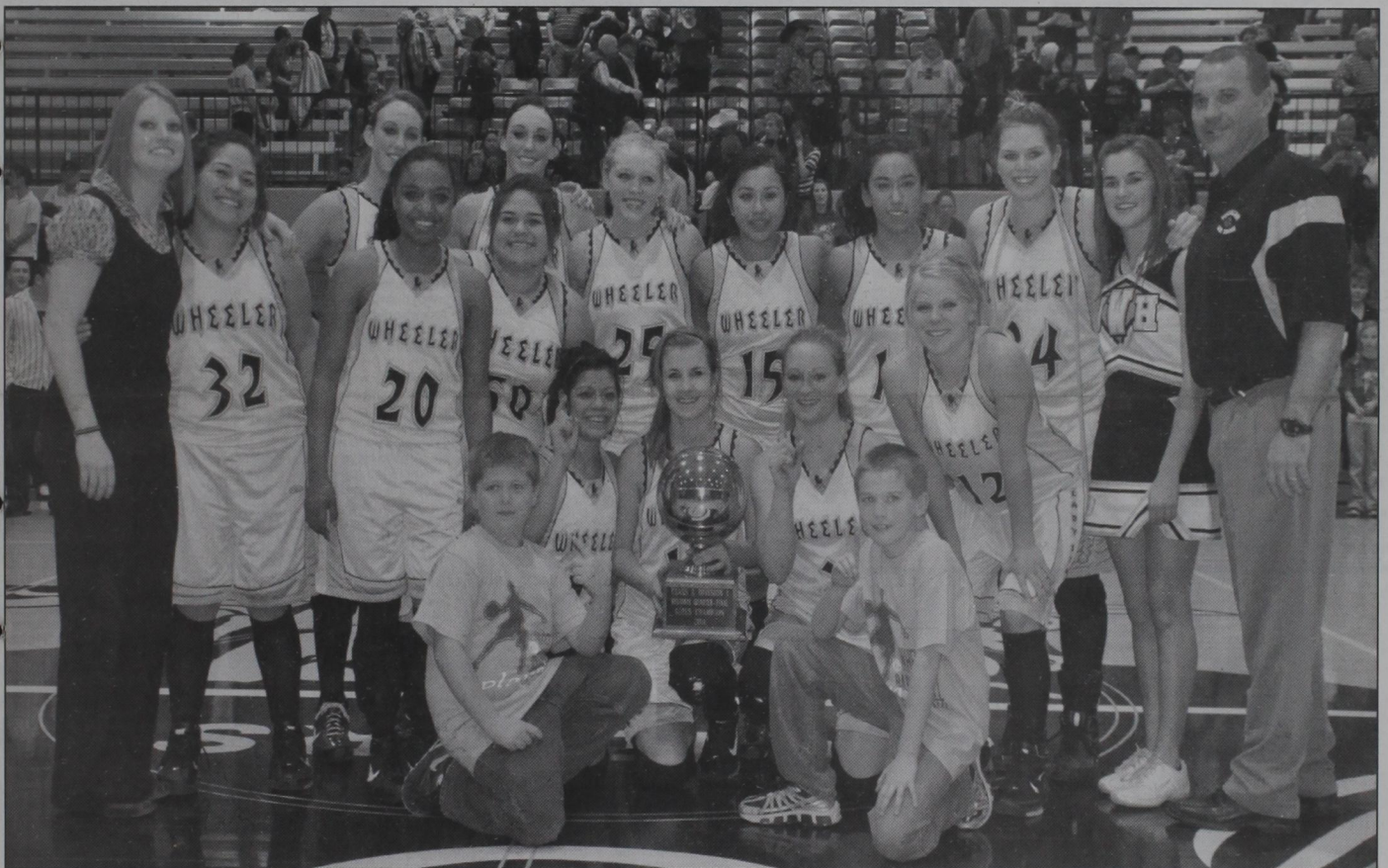
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Several family members went to Red River Steak House (at McLean) Saturday to celebrate Ray Brazeal's 95th birthday with a good meal and a special cake. Some going were Shirley Horton, Joe and Ann Ezell, Jimmy and Shirley Calderon, Jim and Nikki Calderon and maybe others. Hope all O.K.

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Wheeler Nursing and Rehab chose two very special people for Valentine's Day King and Queen: Queen, Elizabeth Heaton, and King, Terry Massey. God bless you! Fine people!

Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen (from Canyon) came Friday and were weekend visitors. I enjoyed eating lunch and visiting with them at Maxey's Saturday. Lindsey and boys stayed with grandparents, Rita and David Pearson, at Briscoe. They helped with things.

Glad to know that Amanda Childress had surgery on her legs and is home and doing well. Keep praying for Amanda and pray for Pat Childress, her mom.

Glad to hear that Nathan Willeford is doing pretty well after surgery. Keep praying.

Glad to hear that Caroline Cornett is doing much better after a stroke. Keep praying.

Edwin and Carolyn Hershman took a quick weekend trip to Lebanon, Indiana. They visited with Delilah Hershman, Alan Hershman, Tina Cavin and Troy, Cindy and Carolyn Hershman. They attended the First Baptist Church of Lebanon and enjoyed the bell choir and visiting with friends. There was lots of snow piled in most of the parking lots.

They have had a lot of snow and ice there this winter. The Hershmans were glad to get back to sunshine and warmer weather. It was snowing the day they left Indiana.

Services March 2 For John W. Renner

John W. Renner, 91, died Sunday, February 27, 2011 at Wheeler, Texas

Services were held Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 10:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie, TX with Rev. Don McElroy officiating.

Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, TX under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, TX.

John was born March 09, 1919 in Wheeler County at his grandparent's home in Wheeler County to Myrtle Allred Renner and Johnny Renner. John was raised in Laketon, TX. He graduated from Harding College High School in Searcy, AR in May 1940 and attended Harding College for one semester before enlisting in the Army. He enlisted in the Army February 16, 1942 in Lubbock, TX and served in WWII in the Pacific Theater. He served as a Technician Fifth Grade Company B, 436th Signal, Heavy construction Battalion Aviation. His campaigns included Papua, Guadalcanal and Southern Philippines. He was stationed in Australia, the Philippines, New Guinea and New Zealand. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Meritorian Service Union Plaque. After WWII he returned to Laketon, TX where he farmed and ranched for the rest of his life. He was a mechanic and knew hoe



John Renner

to do everything. He helped his neighbors and ran a combine until the age of 87. John was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister Marguerite Renner Anglin.

Survivors: John is survived by 1 sister Ethel Renner Grimes, 1 niece Elizabeth Grimes Shipp, both of Wheeler, TX., and 2 grandnieces Katie Shipp Hathaway of Canadian, TX and Savanna Shipp of New York, NY.

Memorial Requests: The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial be sent to Wheeler Historical Museum P.O. Box 449, Wheeler, TX 79096

Please sign onlin guest book at wrightfuneraldirectors.com.

Billie Ferguson, 84, Burial Is Wed.

Billie Lavern Ferguson, 84, died Sunday, February 27, 2011, at Amarillo, TX

Services were held Wednesday, March 02, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Wheeler, TX with Rev. Larry Mitchell officiating.

Burial was in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Wheeler, TX under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, TX.

Billie was born on October 02, 1926 in Hobart, OK to William Jester McWhorter and Hattie Emma Whisler. She attended the Vogue Beauty Shop in Pampa, TX, later she worked at the La Bonita Beauty Shop in Pampa, TX. She worked at Mordy's Restaurant in El Reno, OK. Billie married Orvel Green Ferguson on July 21, 1945 in Pampa, TX. She was a member of Barrett Baptist Mission in Pampa, TX, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and President of the PTA at B.M. Bakers Elementary School in Pampa, TX. Billie is preceded in death by her parents, husband Orvel Ferguson in 1990, 2 daughter-in-laws Marilyn Ferguson, and Rhonda Gail Stevenson Ferguson.

Billie is survived by 2 daughters Diana Kay Tinsley of El Reno, OK., Pamela Gay Tindol and husband Cole of Mobeetie, TX., 2 sons Gene Ferguson and wife Vicki of Wheeler, TX., Randy W. Ferguson and wife Jana of El Reno, OK., 2 sisters Claudine Melton and husband Jack of El Reno, OK., Pat Dyer of El Reno, OK., 13 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial be sent to Odyssey Hospice 7201 Evans Blvd. Amarillo, TX 79106, American heart Association 2404 West 7th Amarillo, TX 79106, or Parkview Hospital and Home Health 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler, TX 79096

Please sign online guest book at wrightfuneraldirectors.com

Com. Theatre To Feature Disney

The wildly successful original version of High School Musical was a Disney Channel made for TV movie that follows Troy, the popular high school basketball star, and Gabriella, the shy bookworm, who discover their shared passion for singing. When they both try out for the lead roles in East High's school musical, it sends their peers into a tizzy. It is such a high-energy, entertaining show we are presenting it at the Pioneer Performing Arts Center on the campus of Elk City High School.

that require communication — relationships, career, even safety (such as not hearing an alarm or a car's horn). Hearing is too important to just accept its loss. Once you have your hearing aids, don't be discouraged that your hearing doesn't return to normal (hearing aids do not correct hearing the way eye ware can correct vision). The Mayo Clinic recommends allowing time to get used to the hearing aids and suggests that though it may be awkward at first, over time you'll adjust and enjoy your enhanced ability to hear and communicate in a variety of situations. As quoted by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences, "the sense of hearing is a crucial part of our lives, both physically and emotionally. By using hearing instruments, individuals suffering from hearing loss can continue to lead productive, full, and successful lives."

For more information, contact your Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Wheeler county agent at 806-826-5243. For more information on hearing aids, please see our HealthHints newsletter at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/healthhints/2011/jan/hearing-aids.pdf>.

Written by Janet M. Pollard, MPH, AgriLife Extension Associate — Health, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System. December 2010.

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Hearing Aids Practitioners, Products, Prices

According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, approximately 17 percent of American adults, or 36 million people, report some degree of hearing loss; and hearing loss is the third most prevalent chronic health condition facing seniors. Still, fewer than 20 percent of those with hearing loss who require intervention and treatment seek help for their condition, which may be due to pride, an unawareness that hearing loss is occurring, or lack of information about the benefits and costs related to hearing aids.

It is important to note that recent improvements in technology and design have changed hearing aids. Hearing aids can be more discrete (with aids that are completely in the ear canal), and have many features that can be tailored to your lifestyle.

According to the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences, "you should suspect hearing loss if you:

- have a family history of hearing loss;
- have been exposed to high noise levels;
- are inclined to believe that "everybody mumbles" or "people don't speak as clearly as they used to";
- find yourself straining to understand conversations; watching people's faces intently when you

are listening;

- frequently misunderstand or need to have things repeated;
- increase the television or radio volume; or
- have health problems or have reoccurring ear infections, constant ringing in the ears, or dizziness.

Contact your doctor if you suspect hearing loss. He/she may refer you to a specialist, which may include:

- an otolaryngologist (sometimes called an ENT — ear, nose, and throat doctor — seeing an otolaryngologist can be very important in diagnosing and treating underlying conditions that may be causing hearing loss in full or in part),

- an audiologist (a trained professional who measures hearing loss and can fit hearing aids — an audiologist has at least a Master's degree and has specialized training in hearing loss; many now have an doctorate degree [AuD or PhD]), or

- a hearing aid dispenser (someone authorized by the state to measure hearing and to fit and sell hearing aids — the credentials for becoming a hearing aid dispenser vary by state but typically involve working as an apprentice to an already certified dispenser for some period of time and passing a test about hearing aids.)

Sometimes, hearing loss can be a symptom of a medical condition. A medical examination may uncover any underlying illnesses or medical problems associated with your hearing loss, according to the Federal Trade Commission. In fact, a medical evaluation is so important that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires hearing aid sellers to tell you about your need for a medical examination before you buy a hearing aid. "FDA believes that it is in your best health interest to have a medical examination by a licensed physician — preferably one that specializes in ear disease — before buying hearing aids." If you decide to forgo an evaluation, you must sign a waiver. The Federal Trade Commission recommends not patronizing any business that dismisses the need for a medical examination prior to the purchase of a hearing aid.

If you need financial assistance, seek help. Many veterans and children qualify for free hearing aids. For others, you can find financial assistance organizations that may help you by contacting the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse (Toll-free Voice: (800) 241-1044, Toll-free TTY: (800) 241-1055, or e-mail: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov) or the Better Hearing Institute (http://www.betterhearing.org/request_information.cfm) for help.

Finally, don't be taken by advertising of low-cost hearing aids or other hearing instruments that aren't appropriate for hearing loss (such as personal sound amplifiers advertised on TV). Be a wise consumer; follow this checklist adapted from the FDA:

- **Get a check up.** Your doctor can tell you how hearing aids can help and should provide documentation of your medical exam and a statement that says you are a candidate for hearing aids. Your doctor can also give you a referral to an audiologist or a hearing aid dispenser if your health plan requires a doctor's referral for services.

- **Consider going to an audiologist.** An audiologist will perform an audiological exam to determine the type and amount of your hearing loss, and will counsel you as to your non-medical options to improve your hearing loss.

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OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

Hoop Snakes, Jointed Snakes & Coach Whips

It seems like nearly all of the scary stories that grandpa and grandma told us cousins, took place when they were living down in east Texas. I remember them mentioning places like, Collin, Denton, Wise, Jack, and Erath counties. Grandma's specialty was ghost stories, "haints," as she called them. As I've mentioned before, it's a well-known fact, "haints only come out at night." That's why we didn't like to go out after dark by ourselves.

On the other hand, Grandpa, seemed to enjoy educating us about the daytime critters we

needed to keep an eye out for. He even told us that at one place they had lived, you could hear alligators roaring down on the river. I was sure glad I didn't live there! He would really get fired-up on "snake stories." One of them was called a "hoop snake." It would put its tail in its mouth and make itself into a hoop (circle), then it would take off rolling. He said they were known to roll into a tree and stab their sharp tail into it. Not long after that, the tree would die. Another snake that was rarely seen, was the "jointed snake." He said if you hit one with a stick, it would

fly all to pieces, so you would think it was dead; sort of like "playing possum." As soon as you left, it would gather itself back together and go on about whatever jointed snakes do. He said he never knew of one bothering anybody.

Last on the list of unusual snakes, was the "coach whip." Now, this one was known to be...downright mean! He said these snakes would sometimes chase people down and whip them. Grandpa said they had a neighbor one time, that had to do some work under his house. The poor guy had the misfortune to run into a "coach whip" while he was under there. That snake whipped him so bad, that when he got out from under the house, the man had whelps all over him.

I'm glad to report, that I've never known of anyone in Wheeler county getting whipped by one.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Red Bird Cafe, 508 S. Main in Wheeler opened for business Monday morning. The hours are 10:30-2:00 Monday thru Friday with the space available for Showers, Parties, Meetings, Family Reunions, Tea Parties, etc. Staff shown here are (l. to r.) Ana Arzabala, Drew Woollard, Suzanne Hampton, Judy Woollard, Donna Sanders, Debbie Finsterwald and (front) Kim Goad. The menu offers Soups, Sandwiches, Salad and Desserts with Daily Specials.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Week (This is severe weather awareness week in Texas. It's a great time to simply review the steps you'd take when dangerous weather is forecast and when dangerous weather is occurring. (Today we look at the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means to be prepared for severe weather soon. A warning means it is occurring now, take action. (A severe thunderstorm watch is issued for the potential of storms producing large hail and damaging wind. A tornado watch is issued for severe storms that may produce tornadoes. Watches are usually issued in advance of severe weather and usually for a few hours. (A severe thunderstorm warning is issued for a storm producing at least 1"-diameter hail and/or wind gusts of at least 58 mph. (A tornado warning is issued for a storm likely producing a tornado, either based on ground reports from trained spotters or based on radar signatures. You need to take your tornado precautions immediately during a tornado warning for your area. (

(Warnings are typically issued for short periods and for portions of a county most likely to be affected. It's a good idea to put together emergency preparedness supplies in easy-to-carry containers long before you need them. Emergency supply kits will serve you well no matter what kind of emergency or disaster you may face. Use this checklist:

- First-aid kit
- Extra prescription medications, written copies of prescriptions, other special medical items
- Important documents and records, photo IDs, proof of residence, information you may need to process insurance claims
- Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable)
- Battery-operated radio and NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Phone numbers of family and friends
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day,
- Coolers for food and ice stor-

age, paper plates, plastic utensils

- Manual can opener, knife, tools, booster cables, fire extinguisher, duct tape, tarp, rope
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing
- Toilet paper, cleanup supplies, personal hygiene products
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids
- Special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets
- Extra keys/medcat

Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while.

Claim Your Unclaimed Property

Combs and Comerica Bank Team Up to Return Unclaimed Property

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs and Comerica Bank are collaborating to reunite Texans with more than \$2.2 billion in forgotten money.

Today, at Comerica's NorthPark Banking Center in Dallas, members of the Comptroller's Unclaimed Property staff will be on hand to help people search the state's Unclaimed Property database and start the claims process for those who discover that they have money waiting to be claimed. The Comptroller estimates one of every four Texans has unclaimed money.

"Working with Comerica Bank to reunite Texans with their money is a natural partnership," Combs said. "Sixteen percent of the unclaimed money that has been turned over to the state comes from dormant accounts in various banks whose owners couldn't be found. In addition, financial institutions send us the contents of an average of 4,100 abandoned safe deposit boxes each year."

In addition to forgotten bank accounts and safe deposit boxes, unclaimed property includes utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, uncashed checks and other items. More than \$218 million belongs to Dallas County residents.

Anyone can check the Unclaimed Property database anytime at www.ClaimItTexas.org. After the event in Dallas, the Comptroller's office and Comerica bank will host similar unclaimed property search opportunities in Houston and Austin in the coming weeks.

Red Carpet Theatre Announces Season

The 46th season membership drive has now been kicked-off by the Red Carpet Community Theatre. In its traditional mission to bring theatre arts to Western Oklahoma for the young and young at heart we have selected four dynamic productions.

We will open with Disney's High School Musical—On Stage—this wildly successful original version of High School Musical was a Disney Channel made for TV movie that follows Troy, the popular high school basketball star, and Gabriella, the shy bookworm, who discover their shared passion for singing. When they both try out for the lead roles in East High's school musical, it sends their peers into a tizzy. It is such a high-energy, entertaining show we are presenting it at the Pioneer Performing Arts Center on the campus of Elk City High School April 28, 29, and 30. Join us with laughter at the classic *The Importance of Being Earnest*. An Oscar Wilde classic, that is a delight from the first cucumber sandwich on as Jack's double life catches up with him. The problems are resolved in an extremely charming and quite unexpected way as Jack and Algernon discover the importance of being earnest while answering to the pseudonym of Ernest. Show dates are June 20-26. Be moved with the telling of *Godspell* - August 8 - 14.—A modern pop musical based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew, and featuring a sparkling score by Stephen Schwartz, *GODSPELL* boasts a string of well-loved songs, led by the international hit, "Day by Day". As the cast performs "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord", "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side," the parables of Jesus Christ come humanly and hearteningly to life. This Christmas remember the meaning of the holidays with *It's a Wonderful Life*—A Live Radio Play - December 5 - 11.

Storm

(from Page 1)

You can't believe this! Very strange pets lived in the White House! Some lived inside. Some lived outside and some had to live in the zoo. One president had sheep. They ate the grass. There was a little president, he had four kids, a mustache and little glasses with a string on them, he had a snake! His daughter kept care of it.

There was an alligator that lived in the bathtub in the White House! That's a little scary.

If someone gives the president a hippo, an elephant, a lion or a tiger it has to go to the zoo. It is so fun to study 'bout the pets in the White House.

The president that has a fuzzy beard and a mole on his face had a goat. The goat pulled his kids in a wagon. One day Wes (Campbell) put a rope on Scrapy and he pulled me in a wagon. That was so fun! Scrapy is better of a goat!

I very like to play basketball. Rhaelee, Reese and Hadley and Kylee and all the girls get to play basketball. Not me. I'm a ballerina! I have to choose. I want to be with my friends, but it is a lot of practice to be a ballerina and I choose ballet.

Almost I'm in the Splits Club! I can do the splits with my legs straight out to the sides. Almost I can do it with my one leg in the front and one leg to the back. I just have to get my hiney down all the way to the floor. One girl in my ballet class can do all the splits the best. She is in the Splits Club! Ms Penny said, "Almost, Stormie. Keep practicing". I very want to be in the club! Maybe I can do it next time.

My ballet is so fun! We practice with the real ballerinas! Wizard of Oz is a lot of work. We practice and practice. Just four more weeks and it's the real one! That's it.

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Chat

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men was on the scene and successfully killed the blade Monday morning.

— cwe — Several homes were threatened by the fire, but none were lost.

— cwe — We have a 'Thank You' from Paula Britt, expressing her appreciation as only she can. Let it be known, the rest of us feel the same way.

— cwe — Don't forget Thursday Review's Western Art Showing this afternoon, March 3, at the Wheeler County Ag and Family Activity Center. It has been rescheduled twice; the time is 2-5 p.m. Jack Wells a western artist is the exhibitor.

— cwe — There is a change in the Parkview Hospital Board election; two representatives from Co. Pct. 1 and 2 respectively and one member at large. Please note this on Page 1.

— cwe —

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Golf (from Page 1)

nounced 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, 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

Mob. C. (from Page 1)

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.

Comm (from Page 1)

The hourly payroll was approved for payment as presented.

The court voted to pay the bills for the month as approved.

No action was taken on the budget.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

No reports were turned in to the court by the county officers.

The commissioners were not needing to make any new purchases.

No action was taken on the county's personnel.

The court voted to allow Linn Gas Marketing, LLC, to bore under County Road 22 with an Underground Utility and Pipeline Crossing.

The court voted to lease 1.82 mineral acres in Section 75, Block A-5 to Sanguine Gas Explorations LLC for 25% overriding royalty interest for three years.

Ada Lou Lester, chairman of Wheeler County Historical Committee, and Beth Shelton met with the commissioners to give a report on the committee's activities.

Enogex Gas Gathering L.L.C. was given permission to bore under County Road 28 with an Underground Utility and Pipeline Crossing.

The next meeting of the court will be Monday, March 14, 2011.



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B'ball (from Page 1)

They were defeated 49-60.

Scoring by quarter is as follows:
Wheeler 12 16 9 12 49
White Deer 14 16 16 14 60

Individual scoring for the Mustangs was as follows:

- Robert Lewis, 20
- Jorge Porras, 6
- Pedro Hernandez, 10
- Kallen Moore, 5
- Jacob Thomas, 8

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LB.

FAMILY PACK
PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS
Sirloin Cut Pork Chops
\$1.99
LB.
SMALL PACK LB. \$2.19

FRESH
Green Asparagus
\$1.99
LB.

SHURFINE
Meat Franks
12 OZ. PKG.
48¢

ASSORTED FLAVORS
REGULAR OR LOW FAT
Shur Fine
Yogurt
6 OZ. CTN.
3\$1
FOR

FANCY
Navel Oranges
2\$1
LBS.

ASSORTED FLAVORS
CHUNK OR SHREDED
Shur Fine
Cheese
8 OZ. PKG.
99¢

BUTTERMILK OR
HOMESTYLE
Shur Fine
Biscuits
10 CT. CAN
4\$1
FOR

SHURFINE
ASSORTED VARIETIES
Cooking Oil
48 OZ. BTL.
\$1.88

SHURFINE
Tomato Ketchup
64 OZ. BTL.
\$1.99

SHURFINE
ASSORTED VARIETIES
Duos Cookies
17-18 OZ. PKG.
99¢

SHURFINE
ASSORTED FLAVORS
Fruit Punch
GALLON BTL.
4\$5
FOR