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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

**H. Whitener Services  
Are Pending in Wheeler**

Funeral services are pending at Wright Funeral Home for Hiram Whitener of Wheeler. Hiram died Monday night.

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

## \$1500 'Cash' To Be Given Away

# Third of Three Drawings Sat.

What time of the year is this? We have been having beautiful weather. Most likely we will pay for it later.

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We do not have the results of Saturday's 'Cash' drawing. We will get those for you in the next edition.

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At the beginning of the drawing it was announced that the Chamber would be giving away the amount of money collected for the drawing. We have been giving away \$1500 for many years. \$1500 was collected and will be given away.

—cwe—  
'A tip of the hat' to our local banks. If you have not noticed, they come through with so much help with chamber projects, projects of other organizations and individual causes. We are fortunate to have Wheeler Banking Center and First State Bank in our community. **Thanks!**

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The banks will also be having  
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## Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots

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

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

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

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

Your help and contributions are appreciated.

Monetary donations may be left at the Sheriff's Office, Methodist Church of Wheeler, and Wheeler Vet Clinic. Monies will be used for toys, clothing or food, as the donor wishes.

## Hospital Notes

### Extended Care

Estelle Orr  
Ruth Ledbetter  
Verne Lohberger  
Ardie Martin  
Gladys Pannell  
Vera Moore

### New Admissions

12/7 Joe Hawkins  
12/11 Edith McLaughlin  
12/14 Jimmie Sanders  
12/15 Jeanette Umsted  
Julia Buckingham

### Dismissals

12/11 Irene Dixon  
12/12 Joe Hawkins  
12/13 Avis Parker  
12/14 Edith McLaughlin  
12/15 Jeanette Umsted  
Jimmy Sanders

The annual Christmas Drawing will again be offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. The past years the Chamber of Commerce has asked for and received \$1500.00 in Christmas cash donations, at press time we have received \$1500.00. The Chamber of Commerce recognizes that there are fewer merchants but we sincerely hope to receive the intended amount to continue our Christmas traditions and efforts. However, if the \$1500.00 is not received prior to the first drawing the chamber will make adjustments and divide the money that has been allocated to the drawing. The Chamber directors would like to express their sincere appreciation for the businesses and merchant's donations to this cause, support in our efforts, and love for community.

## Wheeler Livestock Boosters Host Swine Show Dec. 15

On Sunday, December 15, the Wheeler Livestock Boosters hosted a Swine Show at the County Barn with 130 hogs showing. From Wheeler County, Nic Gaines won 1st place and Reserve Breed Champion with his Duroc Amber Maddox won 1st place and Breed Champion with her Hamp. Cade Vinyard won 2nd place with his York. Congratulations Nic, Amber and Cade!

Others participating from Wheeler County were: Heather Leven, Jackie Dukes, Shantell Meek, Don Butler, Josh Britt, Brenton Goerend, Payton Austin, Brad Masters, Bailey Richardson,

Trenton Gaines, Caitlyn Burch, Leslie Weaver, Braden Moore, Kandra Gaines, Caleb Gaines, Savannah Hampton, Bo Compton, Taryn Harmon, Kenzi Watkins, Tommy Meek, Dusty White, Tyler Burch, Mike Gaines, Kendall Cogburn, Jeremy Hobbs, James Wischkaemper, Jonathan Hobbs, and Leslie Killingsworth. Grand Champion was won by Byron Norton from White Deer, and Reserve Grand Champion was won by J.D. Schnitker from Memphis. The Junior Showmanship Award was won by Matt Smith from Panhandle. Congratulations to all the participants.

## Wheeler I.S.D. Board Meeting

December 12, 2002  
I. Establish Quorum  
A. Call to Order by: Dr. Mike Smith at 6:32 p.m.  
B. Pledge Led by: Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse

## "The Light of the World" Cantata To Be Dec. 22

Christmas Cantata, "The Light of the World" will be presented Sunday, December 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Reydon Community Church, directed by Lori DeBose. Everyone is welcome to join us for this Christmas Celebration with refreshments after in the Fellowship Hall.

## Sorority Sets Benefit For Coach M. Bailey

Win a 27" picture-in-picture color television w/remote.  
Donated by: Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank Mobeetie/Wheeler, and Citizens Bank-Shamrock.  
Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

They may be purchased from any XI UPSILON ETA Sorority member: Sallie Adcock, Dena Brown, Jane Dukes, Stacie Dukes, Pat Graham, Linda Hall, Cathy Hunt, Patricia Kephart, Kathy Knibbs, Rita Pearson, Kara Richardson, Shonda Rose, Gina Seitz, Bobbie Walker.  
Drawing will be held downtown immediately after the Chamber drawings December 24. Need not be present to win.

C. Invocation by: William Burch  
All Board Members Present  
less Jauna Benefield.

School Personnel Present: Daymun White, Cathy Burrell, Dianna Johnson, and James Hubble.

II. Open Forum. No Comments  
III. Reading of Minutes of November Board Meetings:

Motion by: William Burch  
Second by: Lee Ann Hillhouse  
To Approve Minutes As Read  
Motion carries unanimous.

IV. Supt. Report  
Board invited to visit school on Friday December 13th and partake of snacks provided for staff.

Mr. White expressed his appreciation of their willingness to serve.

V. Financial Report.

A. Ratification of Bills  
Motion by: Mark Tucker  
Second by: Kent Vise  
To Approve As Presented.  
Motion carries unanimous.

B. Financial Statement given by Mr. White.

75% local taxes are paid and approaching 80%. State Revenue will be less than budgeted. The 2001-2002 audit will be presented in January.

VI. Reports/Discussion Items  
Mr. White Led Discussions On The Following:

A. Information for 2003-04 Budget

B. School Vehicles

VII. Action Items.

A. Approve District/Campus Report Card

Motion by: Lee Ann Hillhouse  
Second by: William Burch  
To Approve Report  
Motion carries unanimous.

B. Approve Tax Collector's Annual Report

No Action taken

C. Conduct Board Self-Evaluation

Results compiled by Dr. Smith were distributed to board members. Board will discuss at later date.

D. Approve Sale of Old Computer Equipment

Motion by: William Burch  
Second by: Kent Vise  
To Sale Equipment  
Motion carries unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.  
Motion by: Lee Ann Hillhouse  
Second by: Rhonda McWhorter  
Motion carries unanimous.

## Army Pvt. E. Schwartz Graduates Bask Train'g

Army Pvt. Edward Schwartz has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Schwartz is the son of Linda C. Taylor of Harvey Ave., Linwood, Pa.

Merchants began giving tickets on December 2, 2002. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each five dollars spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 100 tickets per purchase.

Four drawings will be held. The drawings will be held on Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21 and Tuesday 24 Christmas eve. The drawings will begin at 11:00 A.M. this year. This time change was made to enable merchants to be in town while businesses are still open, to do shopping before the drawing and only one trip to town is necessary. As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

At the end of the chamber's annual 'Cash Drawing', First State Bank of Mobeetie/Wheeler will be giving away twenty-five \$25 gift certificates—one certificate for each of 25 Wheeler businesses. The tickets will be drawn from the hopper and the lucky individual will have an extra \$25 to be spent with the business specified on the certificate.

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

You will receive one ticket per each \$5.00 of the purchase value—up to a maximum of \$100.

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

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

Drawing tickets were available December 2, 2002 at sponsoring businesses.

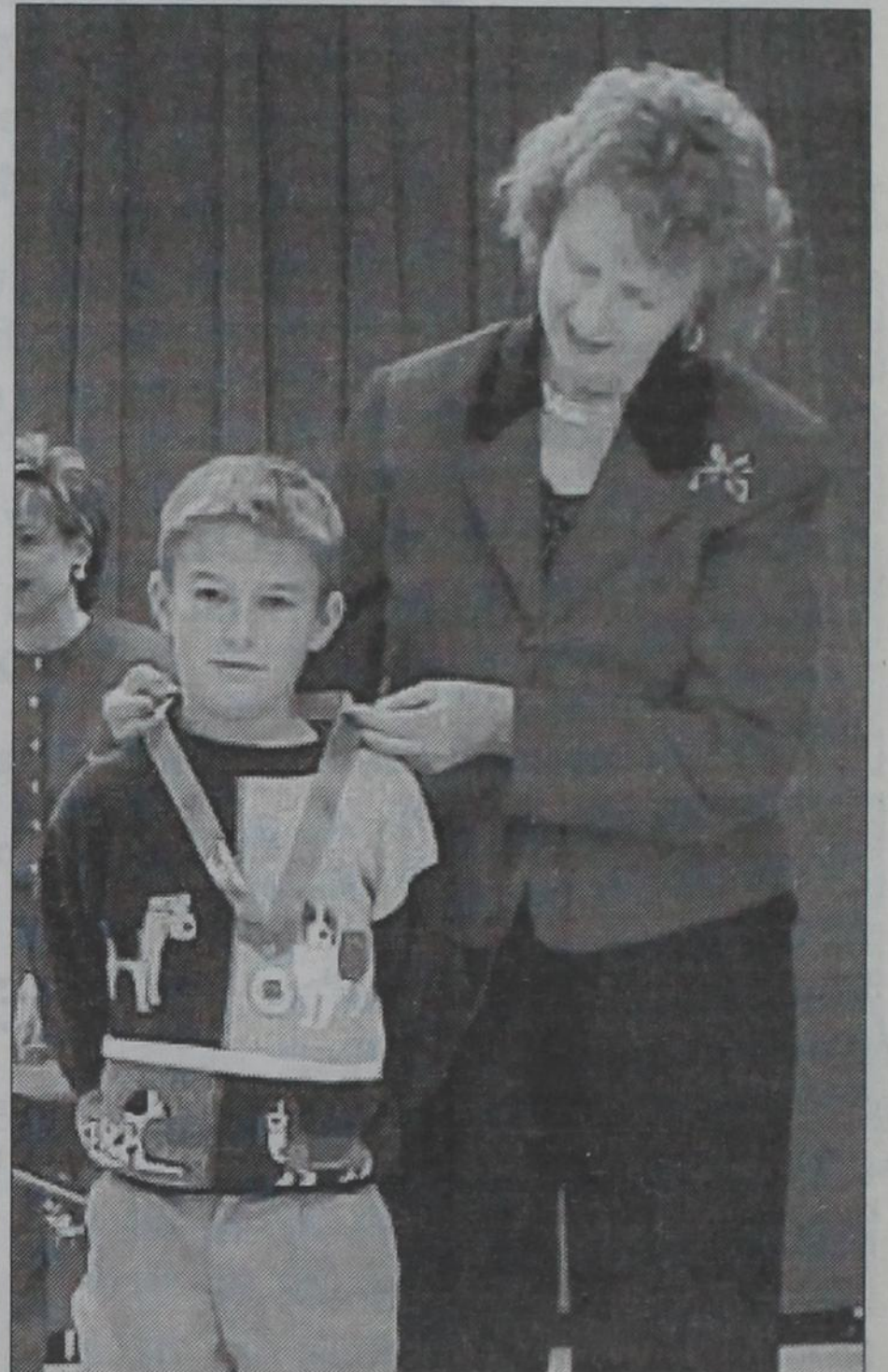
The merchants giving tickets are: Cross Car Center, Hefley  
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## Danyell Hughes Is Raffle Beneficiary

The Danyell Hughes benefit raffle is being held to give away \$100.00 in groceries to three lucky winners. Market Square Thriftway, County Women's Club and the Wheeler Student Council have each donated \$100.00 in groceries with all proceeds to benefit Danyell Hughes.

Danyell has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is 30 weeks pregnant. She will be receiving chemotherapy and radiation treatment after her baby arrives prematurely. All proceeds from the raffle will be used for Danyell and the baby's medical expenses. Danyell resides in Wheeler with husband Hale and one-year-old daughter Hallee. Hale manages the General Store in Wheeler.

A drawing will be held on December 21, 2002 following the Wheeler Chamber Drawing. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Wheeler Student Council or the County Women's Club. Tickets can also be purchased at the following local businesses: Wheeler Banking Center, Shear Delight, Maxey's,



## Local Youth Named Winners In District Food Show Dec. 14

One hundred fifty 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties of Texas gathered at Westover Park Intermediate School for the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show Saturday, December 14, 2002. Each participant earned the privilege of competing at the district level by placing first in respective county food show competitions. Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product as well as their community services and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project.

The Junior top 4 medalists in Main Dish included: Jenny Dettner-Carson, Zachary Odum-Gray, Daniel Bouchard-Ochiltree and Payton Austin-Wheeler with his Roast Beef Cheddar Pockets. He received a 4th place medal, a ribbon and food product. This is Payton's second year in the Food & Nutrition Project and his first time at the District Food Show. Placing at the District Show is a great honor and takes a great deal of hard work. Congratulations Payton!! The other entries were Haley Sparks, Fruit and Vegetable Junior Category, Winona Parsley, Main Dish Senior Category and Heather Hampton, Breads and Cereal Senior Category. Haley Sparks, Heather Hampton and Winona Parsley received participation ribbons. This is their first District Food Show as well and they did a great job! We are very proud of these youth and their dedication to 4-H. Congratulations to all the participants!

4-H is as national youth program sponsored in Texas by Texas Cooperative Extension. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Prairie River Musical Will Be Held Dec. 21

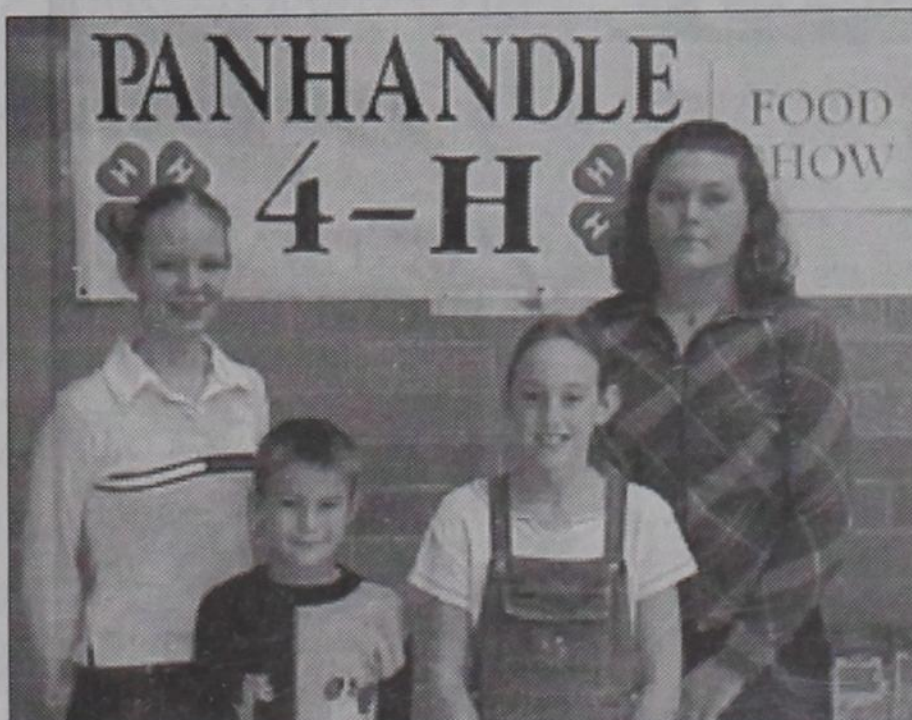
Canadian, Texas, is the place for live music and a knee slapping good time at the monthly Prairie Rivers Musical on December 21. The show, as usual, is at 7:30 p.m. and takes place in the very comfortable Middle School Auditorium, located at 404 S. Sixth St. "Hopefully, most everyone, including you procrastinating guys, will have all the Christmas shopping done by Saturday evening and are looking for something 'cool' to do," said Jay Godwin, a director of the live music show, which is in a successful fourth season. "What better way to wind down from the rush of going head to head with other shoppers, looking for that special gift? You can kick back in theatre type seating and take in tow and one-half", maybe three hours of good live music performed by local and area musicians and singers."

As usual, a big part of the music will consist of real classic country, western swing, rockabilly and some gospel. A significant part of the show will be traditional Christmas songs and hymns in keeping with the Holiday Season. "Hopefully, if we have all been good, there will be a special visitor from the North Pole!" Godwin wistfully noted.

"We are expecting most of the regular performers to be at this show," Godwin noted. "The show is quite close to Christmas but that seems to be a plus for our performers. Several families, such as ours, will have children or others in Canadian that night." Scott Campbell, Lonnie Cox, Frankie McWhorter, Wayne Wright, Phil Ridgway, George Briant, Hank McPherson, Venita McPherson, Mary Lynn Schafer, and Jay Godwin are anticipated performers. This group continues to represent a real popular cross-section of musical entertainment." He emphasized. "There are two or three other good singers who may perform but those have not been finalized. We promise you a good musical show in a very friendly environment for the entire family!"

No admission is charged for the performance.

For any additional information, you may call Jay Godwin in Canadian at 806-323-6213.



**REPRESENTATIVES:** These four youngsters represented Wheeler in the District 4-H Food Show. Pictured are Heather Hampton, Payton Austin, Haley Sparks and Winona Parsley.



**SCOUTS:** Members of Wheeler Boy Scout Troop #472 are shown assisting with the Christmas lights around the square in Wheeler. Ben Ed Hillhouse, Scout Master, continues to provide projects of community service for the scouts to perform. First State Bank is proud to make a contribution to the Wheeler Boy Scouts in recognition of their outstanding contributions to our community.

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Bobbie Sue Baker  
Sharon Miles**

**Stacy McQueen  
Liz Shipp  
Kara Richardson**

**Brenda McWhorter  
Ann Long  
Carletta Burton  
Kellie Helton**

**THE BANK KIDS: (back row, l. to r.) Nicole Moore, Darren Gaines, Jaten Moore, Blake Randels, Aaron Gaines, Bailey Richardson, Chase Helton, (front row) Brooke Randels, Kaitlyn Helton, Brock Randels, Gracie Gaines, Blayne Richardson, Brody Richardson**

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**COUNTRY  
NEWS**  
By Verna Fillingim

Isaiah 59: 1, 2: Listen now! The Lord isn't too weak to save you. And he isn't getting deaf! He can hear you when you call. But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. Because of sin, he has turned His face away from you and will not listen any more.

Happy Birthday to Martha Meek, Lois Hudson, Patterson Alvey and Barbara Hodges on December 22; Stacy Horton, Wade Hathaway, Bobbie Kay Greene and Laramie Lancaster on Dec. 23; Ken Criswell and Jeff Christner on Dec. 24; Mack Marshall, Kenney Reed, Shelia Mick, James Chapman, Wanda Herd, Robert Brown and Debbie Stinnett on Dec. 25; Lee Young, Nancy Shelton and Phyllis Kinnard on Dec. 26; Lewis Britt, Shane and Dee Dee Boring and Anita Brown on Dec. 27; Erma Riley, Kylie Jo Schubert, Jotana Simmons, Bro. M. B. Smith, Blue Coomer, Chris Fillingim and Sue Harrison on Dec. 28.

Happy anniversary to Ann and Cliff Wright on Dec. 22; Rick and Janet Helmer on Dec. 24; Garland

and Charlene Dukes on Dec. 27. **The Way to a Happy New Year** To leave the old with a burst of song, To recall the right and forgive the wrong; To forget the things that bind you fast

To the vain regrets of the year that's past; To have the strength to let go your hold Of the worthwhile of the days grown old; To dare go forth with a purpose true

To the unknown past of the year that's new. To help your brother along the road To do his work and lift his load; To add your gift to the world's good cheer Is to have and to give a Happy New Year

—Author unknown

Ray and Glenda Hudson went to his company Christmas Party at Dyer's Barbeque in Pampa Friday night. Ray's company is High Plains Filtration. They expect to have some of their family home for Christmas.

Everyone is invited to go to Gageby Church Christmas Eve night at 6:00 p.m. for a special service with songs, readings, candles, and snacks.

Merry Christmas everyone! Weekend visitors to Ed and Laurel Hershman were Brad and Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Shelby from Amarillo and Willa Fillingim for an early Christmas get-together with Ed and Laurel and Delilah Hershman.

Weekend visitors to Bevard and Diane Dukes for an exciting weekend was Tysen Aldridge from Amarillo. Nice to see him at the ball games; he is a little cutie. His mom, Andrea, was sick, Bevard and Diane hope all are well before they have their family get together for Christmas next weekend.

Jodie and Kenny Striley and Andrew from Amarillo visited Charles and Lajo Crownover and went to Gageby Church Sunday.

Willis enjoyed a trip out to the country and to Canadian with Danny Wednesday afternoon.

Nice to see Kim Ray and daughter, Elissa Ray at Maxeys Wednesday. Kim was graduating Friday night, Dec. 14, at WTAM with a BSN degree in nursing. Congratulations. Elissa lacks just a semester or two in General Studies and has stopped to work awhile.

Dallas Fillingim turned 29 (honestly) Wednesday, Dec. 11, and



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enjoyed supper Tuesday night with Krystal's mom, Joyce, and dad, Melvin, three sisters and husbands, two nieces and a nephew. There was a beautiful birthday cake. All of this at Windthorst. Wednesday Krystal and Kelley and Lewis Garrett went out to eat for his birthday and shopped for new boots for Dallas. Dallas thought he had a fine birthday. Krystal sang Happy Birthday to him. Happy Birthday, Dallas. We love you. Bob and Gena Zybach enjoyed having great-grandson, Tysen Aldridge, come to visit. The joy of his life is to go with Bob, Wayne (Continued Page 6)

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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

The Church of Christ always tries to take everything back to what the Bible says. Our goal is to be as similar to the first century Christians as is possible, even while living in a 21st century world. Sometimes that causes us to do things that might not make sense to those who are members elsewhere. One of those types of things concerns the celebration of Christmas. When other churches are putting up their nativity scenes, it seems as though those in the Church of Christ have distanced themselves from the birth of Jesus altogether. There is a little fact and a little fiction associated with this belief

The Bible nowhere claims when Jesus was born. December 25th is not a date listed in the Bible asking us to celebrate Jesus' birth. That is the main reason that those in the Church of Christ do not celebrate Jesus' birth on that particular day. However, the story of Jesus' birth is very biblical. The beautiful story of our Savior's birth is written

about in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. Since it is biblical, it is very appropriate to read, study, and praise God because of these words. Therefore, I personally, as a Church of Christ preacher, always try to preach on the birth of Jesus at this time of year (I preached on it this last Sunday) because it is 1.) Biblical, and 2.) On so many people's minds already. But for me there is also a 3.) It gives me the opportunity to tell people the "rest of the story."

The rest of the story is that Jesus was a baby ... in 4 chapters out of 89 chapters in each of the gospels combined. The story of the birth of Jesus is a beautiful one, but it is not the most beautiful or important thing in the life of Jesus. To only know about Jesus' birth is to not really know Jesus at all. It is a place to start though. Hopefully, we will look to the story of baby Jesus, and watch him grow up, to be the Savior who redeems mankind from sin.

Shawn D. Johnson

**An Invitation:** You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas

**Services:**  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:55 A.M.  
Sunday Night Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.

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Life is full of blind curves...dead ends, and broken promises. But when God sent years ago, He sent with Him a new way for us to be with Him. By faith, we can start over again...find a faithful companion...become holy...catch a fresh glimpse of God...and be changed forever.

**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 22, 2002**

**11:00 AM  
AT  
FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**



**MEALS ON  
WHEELS MENU**

**MONDAY, December 23, 2002 —  
FRIDAY, December 27, 2002**

**MONDAY:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Peas

**TUESDAY:** Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding

**WEDNESDAY:** Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake

**THURSDAY:** Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake

**FRIDAY:** Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

Roma and Billy Brown's visitors Sunday afternoon was a grandson, Merlyn Jr. Brown from Clinton, Okla., and also Holly Hamlin, a cousin from Elk City.

Red and Anna Dukes and Minnie Bell visited and attended the basketball tournament at Ft. Elliott through last weekend.

Red and Anna's dinner guests after church Sunday morning were Amos and Rena Duvaill from their country home near Elk City and also Minnie Bell Vinson.

Pearl Harrison's last Wednesday dinner guest was Bennie Boydston. On Thursday afternoon Willis and Mary Harrison from

Claremore, Okla., spent Thursday night with Pearl. Friday they went from Pearl's to Amarillo and ate dinner at the Burbon St. Restaurant, which is a new place to eat. It is on Western and I-40. They also went to Canyon and Amarillo Friday and came back to Pearl's on Saturday. Sunday Willis and Gary Boydston did some plumbing work for Pearl. Willis and Mary after having a big breakfast with Pearl and also with Louise came for breakfast and brought homemade biscuits and gravy. Willis and Mary then went home.

Ruby Craig and Rhonda McWhorter were in Elk City last Friday doing some shopping.

Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.

**I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

By: Lorena g. Males

There are only two days in our calendar that are "home" days. One is Thanksgiving and to a much greater degree, Christmas. Everyone wants to be home. Home has a certain magic.

The hardened criminal has sweet memories of childhood. He'd like to leave the bars that bind him and go home. They'd take him in.

Grandchildren long to be with their grandparents. Grandparents feel young and happy with the house full of children. Never mind the noise and the mess.

Orphans seek out their next of kin—the people who took them in. Adopted children wonder where their real parents are.

Long standing quarrels, friction and misunderstandings are forgotten and forgiven, at home at Christmas.

Airplanes are loaded with people going home.

Highways are crowded with holiday traffic—going home.

No matter the cost and the effort, its worth it just to gather

around the Christmas table—at home.

Those going home like, to have things left just like they were. Keep the same old tin foil star at the top of the tree, have the same good turkey dinner, the same beloved Christmas songs, the same people singing. Silent Night.

Other times of the year we can manage to be loners—to carry on—but Christmas without a

Christmas card or a Christmas telephone call just wouldn't be Christmas.

Its only at Christmas that we realize what the family means. Like little children we all, loving and appreciating the special folk we call family.

There's an old popular song that says—"I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dreams."

II Chronicles 5: 13, 14: It came even to pass as the trumpets and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for his mercy endureth for ever; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of cloud; for the glory of the Lord has filled the house of God.

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer.

And a baby's low cry! And the star rains it's fire while the beautiful sing. For the manager of Bethlehem cradles a King! (J. G. Holland)

Another sunny Monday morning here in Allison, the weather has been real nice for the past few days.

Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo came last Friday evening which was a nice surprise and spent the night, and Darrel attended the farm sale at Briscoe Saturday. They went home Saturday afternoon. Enjoyed their visit. They come every other week but hadn't spent the night in quite a long while. Jerry and Cathy Gilmer from Amarillo came Sunday morning and attended church with us at the U.P. church. We had our annual Christmas dinner in the fellowship hall. Sunday, Jerry and Cathy went home after they had eaten dinner with us and visited awhile. Other visitors from out of town were Henry and Dora Lee Dupont from Muskogee, Okla., and also one of our home town ladies, Sue Chandler. We are always happy to have Sue. And also Sally Shirel from Claremore, Okla.

**HAMMON AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

By: Lorena g. Males

We had a big family at Hammon. Lorena, Eugene, Glona Belle, Lew, Iris, Mary Nell, Ted and Marge. Our parents were Mary and Bernard Savage.

At Christmas besides the candy, nuts and oranges, there was always one big gift for each of us from Santa. One year he brought Glona Belle and me Indian dolls and buggies. Eugene pushed us in the buggies. They broke down.

When I started teaching at Strong City I found a wonderful Santa. He took me home to Hammon after the Traditional Christmas program at Strong City. It was a clear, crisp star-studded night. You know the rest of the story. I became Mrs. L. L. Males.

Next stage was Santa delivering gifts to two little boys at our house. There were drums, tinkler toys, Lincoln logs, sleds and trains. The incessant noise was music to Mama and Daddy. Daddy liked to play with the trains.

Too fast the boys became men. They each soon had a special Santa Claus who brought them shaving cream and cuff links. My old faithful Strong City Santa Claus stayed right by my warm side. We all lived in Cheyenne and loved it. Merry Christmas.

Every Christmas the entire family would treh back to Hammon. Hammon is home. We watched Papa and Mama growing older. We didn't notice it in ourselves. Santa still came down the chimney with a gift for each of us. Everyone was present—all the chairs at the dining table were filled.

Then one sad Christmas some were absent. The head of our big family was gone. Santa continued to come but the old happy Christmas spirit was gone—dead. We saw empty chairs at the table.

Where was Mama? Its now 2002. Christmas time.

Our Santa list is so short it doesn't seem like us.

Every missing family member comes to life, in memory, at Christmas time.

The missing ones seem to be with us as we spin tall tales of yester years at Hammon. Merry Christmas!

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**CELEBRATING ST. LUCIA DAY:** Terra Taylor serves Pre-K students, Chyandra Holmes and Lexi Canada.

**Kelton Students Have St. Lucia Day Program**

The Kelton Pre-K and Kindergarten students have been studying Christmas Around the World. Last week the students learned about how Sweden celebrates St. Lucia Day. St. Lucia Day is celebrated on December 13th and the 13 year old girls in each family get up early, fix cinnamon rolls, coffee/hot chocolate, dress up in a white dress with a crown of

candles lit on top of their heads, and serve their family breakfast. Terra Taylor was the St. Lucia for the class and she dressed up in the traditional dress and wore a crown of candles on her head made of construction paper. The first grade class joined the other students and all enjoyed celebrating St. Lucia Day on Friday, December 13, 2002.



**ALLISON CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** JH singing "Frosty the Snowman" (l. to r.) Jonathan Greene, Kelsi Essay, Lesley Archer, Cody Dupont, and Ryan Chupp.

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**SANTA:** Alton Bryant serves as Santa for his fellow students at Allison.

**Xi Upsilon Eta Sorority Has Christmas Party**

Xi Upsilon Eta Sorority met Monday, December 9, at the home of Bobbie Walker for their annual Christmas Party.

Secret sisters were revealed with the giving of Christmas presents and new secret sisters were drawn for the coming year.

A feast of soup and sandwiches with all the fixings were prepared by hostesses Bobbie Walker, Pat Graham, Rita Pearson and Kara Richardson. Members brought "homemade" Christmas candy which was absolutely delicious!

The ladies will be downtown Saturday, December 14, and December 21, and Tuesday, December 24, selling chances during the Chamber drawings for a 27" Picture-in-Picture Color TV with proceeds benefiting the Mike Bailey family.

You can purchase chances or make a donation to any sorority member or at Wheeler Banking Center of First State Bank of Mobeetie—Wheeler Branch.



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# Oil & Gas NEWS

(New Location, Completion and Plugging Report made possible by Oil & Gas Reporting Service, 3930 Beaver St., Vernon, TX 76384. Doris Harrison, Phone: 940/552-6644.)

Week Ending December 5, 2002

## Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1112 Carr 'P', 1880' from South & 1960' from West line, Sec. 12,4,AB&M, 15.5 mi south from Canadian, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #7012 Carr 'P', 1980' from North & 1760' from East line, Sec. 12,4,AB&M, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1646 Graham 'P', 700' from South & 630' from East line, Sec. 46,A-2,H&GN, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH FELDMAN Tonkava) Questar Exploration & Production Co., #3013 Immel, 1100' from North & 1250' from West line, Sec. 13,1,G&M, PD 8100'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #2022 Jones Estate, 660' from S/South line & 2640' from East line, Sec. 22,1,G&M, PD 7550'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BIG TIMBER Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Cleveland, 660' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 88,41,H&GN, PD 8400'.

ROBERTS (Shreikay Brown Dolomite) J. M. Huber Corp., #2 Bob McCoy 'B', 467' from North & East line, Sec. 14,M-2,H&GN, PD 11298'.

Week Ending December 12, 2002

## Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #9070 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 70,A-2, H&GN, spud 7-28-02, drlg. compl 8-16-02, tested 10-7-02, potential 7500 MCF, TD 11250', PBDT 11203' -- Orig. Form 1 in Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

## Plugged Wells

HEMPHILL (WEST CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Apache Corp., #2 John C. Isaacs, Jr. et al 'J', Sec. 2,-, A. Lout, spud 10-9-75, plugged 11-20-02, TD 13152' (gas) -- Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) BP America Production Co., #1154 Charles Tubb, et al Trustees 'B', Sec. 154,41,H&GN, spud 1-20-73, plugged 8-26-02, TD 7366' (gas) -- Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Lower Douglas) BP America Production Co., #3 Billy Jarvis & Sons, Inc., et al, MacKay Survey, spud 9-16-75, plugged 7-30-02, TD 7500' (gas) -- Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock

HEMPHILL (RED DEER CREEK Cherokee) Apache Corp., John C. Isaacs, Jr. 'J', Sec. 2,-, A. Lout Survey (gas) -- Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock, for the following wells:

#5, spud 4-15-76, plugged 11-12-02, TD 11300'

#6, spud 6-23-76, plugged 11-4-02, TD 11380'

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Douglas) BP America Production Co., #4 Flowers Trust 'A', Sec. 82, B-1,H&GN, spud 10-26-81, plugged 9-9-02, TD 7355' (oil) --

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Form 1 in Maxus Exploration ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Lower Douglas) BP America Production Co., #7 Vernon M. Flowers Estate, Sec. 80,B-1,H&GN, spud 5-17-80, plugged 9-18-02, TD 7510' (oil) -- Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #1083 Lois Webb, Sec. 83,B-1,H&GN, spud 12-27-98, plugged 9-24-02, TD 10848' (gas) -- Form 1 in Crescendo Resources

WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Ricon Petroleum Co., #6D Porter, Sec. 14,27,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-29-02, TD 2272' (disposal) --

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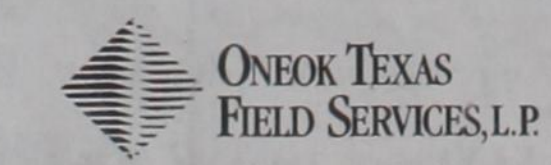
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## Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from last of December 6, 2002 — December 13, 2002.

D—Doris Finsterwald to Billy Wayne Finsterwald, et al, 12-6-02, W 284.710 acs. Sec. 80, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, exc. 2 acs.  
MODIFICATION AGREE.—William W. Edwards, et ux to Wheeler Banking Center, 12-4-02, Pt. SE 1/4 Sec. 6, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Ricky Robles, et al to National Bank of Commerce, 11-29-02, Lot 1, Blk. 39, Wheeler.  
A. of JUDG.—Royce Cantrell Corporation to Kenneth Otts, 11-26-02.

ASSIGN.—Broughton Petroleum Inc. to BP Prod. Corp., 10-2-02, Pt. S 1/2 Sec. 9, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
OL—Charles F. Doornbos Revocable Trust to Jackfork Land Inc., 11-15-02, SW 1/4 Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey, C/C PROBATE—Virginia Parton to Ex Parte, 9-11-02.

**DECEMBER 9, 2002**  
DVL—Pedro Soto, et al to Benancio S. Lira, et ux, 12-6-02, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Benancio S. Lira, et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 12-6-02, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.  
NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT—Benancio Lira, et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 12-6-02, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, T&NO Ry. Company Survey.  
POA—Concho Oil & Gas Corp. to Cliff Merritt, 11-11-02.

ASSIGN.—Citrus Energy Corporation to Concho Oil & Gas Corp., 11-14-02, See Instrument.  
EXECUTOR MD—Trigger Vance Phillips, Estate to Trigger Vance Phillips Trust, 11-1-02, E 1/2 Sec. 66, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
C/C PROBATE—Trigger Vance Phillips to Ex Parte, 10-29-02.  
REL. FTL—United States of America to William R. Dickey, et ux, 11-19-02.

**DECEMBER 10, 2002**  
EXECUTRIX D—Tony M. Griffin to Joe B. Griffin, 11-21-02, See Instrument.  
REL. A. of JUDG.—State of Texas to Vicky Sue Goldberg, 12-6-02.  
**DECEMBER 11, 2002**  
DT—Perryton Equity Exchange to Cobank, ACB, 12-6-02, 3.19 acs. Sec. 60, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
ASSIGN.—Questar Gas Management Company to Kelton Gas Services LP, 10-21-02, See Instrument.  
DT—Kenneth Otts, et ux to Great Plains National Bank, Elk City, Oklahoma, 12-6-02, Pt. Secs. 37 and 24, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
AFF.—Gaylynn Otts to Gaylyn Otts, 12-6-02.  
AFF.—Kenneth D. Otts to Kenneth Duane Otts, 12-6-02.  
**DECEMBER 12, 2002**  
COR. MML—Ronnie Hungate, et ux to Colonial Housing Inc., 10-31-02, 1 ac. Sec. 56, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RVL RDT—Mary C. Berton to Lurline S. Benson, 11-14-02, Pt. Sec. 1, Blk. LX, Shamrock.  
D—Donald R. Walberg, et ux to Bob Weatherly, 11-12-02, W 1/2 Sec. 32, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
RVL RDT—Lyman G. Benson, et ux to Ricky Dean Walden, et ux, 11-15-02, Lots 5, 6 and N 1/2 Lot 7, Blk. 78, WSSA, Shamrock.  
RDT—David Carl Hale, et al to Audra Morgan, 11-11-02, Lots 17 and the S 7 1/2' Lot 18, Blk. 9, Shamrock.  
MD—Lorraine C. Hansen to Bennett L. Hansen, 11-22-02, SW 1/4 Sec. 19, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
STATE TAX LIEN—State of Texas to Industrial Systems Associates Inc. ISA, 12-6-02.  
ASSIGN.—Chaparral Energy LLC, et al to Chaparral Texas LP, 11-22-02, See Instrument.  
C/C MOTION & ORDER—Shanda Kay Alfaro, et al to Arturo Alfaro, et al, 12-5-02, Lots 13-16, Blk. XLVII, Shamrock.  
CD—Wheeler Community Cemetery Association to Johnny Velasquez, et ux, 12-12-02, SW 1/4 Lot 2, Blk. K6, Wheeler Cemetery, NE.

**DECEMBER 13, 2002**  
RDT—First National Bank Albany/Breckenridge to Rockford Energy Partners LLC, 11-6-02, See Instrument.  
APPT. SUB. TRUSTEE—United State of America to Larry J. Goetze, 11-7-02.  
DT—Johnny Carter, et ux to Great Plains National Bank, 12-12-02, NW 1/4, and N 100 acs. NE 1/4 Sec. 71, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, except 20 acs.  
DT—Johnny Carter, et ux to Great Plains National Bank, 12-12-02, S 210 acs. E 1/2 Sec. 71, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
DT—Joe C. Richardson Jr., et al to PNB Financial Bank, 12-5-02, N 1/2 Sec. 16 and all of Sec. 25, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
COR. ASSIGN.—EOG Resources Inc. to Rick Woolflard, 12-12-02, NW 1/4 Sec. 3, AB&M Survey.



**THIRD PLACE:** The Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars won third in their tournament over the weekend. Pictured are (back row, l. to r.) Melissa Kephart, Shealee Coulter, Andrea Hathaway, Sarah Zybach, Andria Keelin, Tamara Hefley, Jessica Puryear, Jocelyn Meek, (front) Holly McCurley, Tamera Hartline, Brittney Mick, Shantell Meek and Jackie Dukas.



**MOVING:** The Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars are on the move against Wheeler in a tournament game. In the white jerseys are (l. to r.) Tamara Hefley, Tamera Hartline and Sarah Zybach.



**JUMPING:** Tamera Hartline jumps for control of the ball. Teammates are Andrea Hathaway, #2, and Brittney Mick, #35. The girls played Wheeler Saturday for a 53-46 win.



**TIP OFF:** Larry Lee Horn, #25, gets the tip off in the game against Randall J.V. Junior Newman, #12, is also shown in picture.



**TWO POINTS:** Junior Gonzales, #32, shoots for two points in the tournament game against Wheeler.



**ATTEMPTS FREE THROW:** Ft. Elliott J.V. Cougar Blaine Baker, #34, attempts a free throw in the game against Randall J.V.

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**TOURNAMENT:** Holly McCurley, #10, shoots the ball in one of the Ft. Elliott Tournament games. Tamera Hartline, #5, and Andrea Hathaway, #2, are in the game against Wheeler. Third place game on Saturday. Ft. Elliott 53-Wheeler 46.

Bill Caswell took Othella Marr to Tucumcari New Mexico Wednesday to meet a friend. Othella had been helping Patsy out after her surgery.

Dale and Melba Corcoran spent the day in Amarillo Wednesday.

There was a good crowd at the Christian Men's Breakfast Wednesday morning at the Cowboy Oasis. Those attending were Hugh Bailey, Chuck Hogan, Danny Rogers, Bill Caswell, Toney Dickey, Paul Hathaway, Bob Meller, Louis, Dale Corcoran and Scott Neighbors.

There was a good crowd at the Christmas play at school Wednesday night. There have been lots of children getting sick with the stomach bug. But they did a good job on the play.

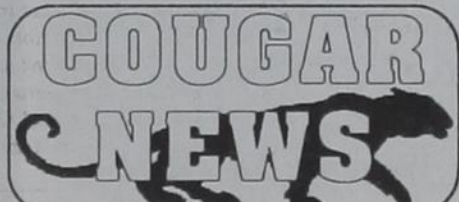
The Mt. View Quilting Club finished the quilt that Bobbie Ehmann had in. They will not quilt again till Jan. 8. They had their Christmas party following lunch at the Cowboy Oasis. Those attending were Elva Wood, Bobbie Ehmann, Audrey Seitz, Jane Seitz, Estelle Hodges, Elaine Martin, Diane Sparks, Betty Rogers, Augusta Brown, Martha Meek and Melba Corcoran. Lorene Rector joined them for lunch.

Joe VanZandt went back to Houston Wednesday for his 18-month checkup. He got a good report.

Some more lights worth seeing in Mobeetie is Eugene and Louise Shorter house, The Cowboy Oasis has an unusual Christmas tree. It is made out of horseshoes and decorated with lights and ropes and other cowboy items. Clint and Maurita Stribling also have their place lighted up. Aaron and Arica Lancaster have their place fixed up with decorations in the yard. I miss seeing the lights at Don and Willene Burke's. They had been so busy and didn't put them up this year.

It is good to see Patsy Caswell out after her surgery. She was able to make the play Wednesday night. She is still not up to par. Patsy went back to the doctor on Monday and had the staples removed. She was able to play for the Misfits to sing in the Christmas play Sunday.

Those going to the Wheeler Care



The elementary school classes put on the Christmas program Wednesday night at the Mobeetie Campus. The kindergarten and first grade put on the Nativity "Heaven's Child". Mary was played by Larami Lancaster, Joseph by Ethan Johnson, and The Wise Men by Brayden Trimble, Jesse Lunsford and Blake Hathaway. The Shepherds were Cody Clark and Zane Zybach. The Angels were Haley Barton, Kasey Barton, Jayton Childress and Jessica Alls.

The older class put on "Christmas Around the Clock", a holiday musical for young voices. Cast Members were Clock Master played by Blake Baker. Boss played by Karly Lovelace, Santa played by Shelton May. Charity Baird played the Clock master's wife. Hayden Duncan played the part of the Mayor. Gatlin Duncan and Cody Selby were the council members. Pate Alls and Colbey Hanson played robbers. Jada Hathaway and Davis Corse played the constables. Those having Narrators parts were Carl Jahnel, Karen Kelley, Brandon Hathaway, Chelsea Selby, Brett Johnson, Derrick Hungate, Shelby Weber, Joe Maldonado, Houston Barr, Jayton Bell, Alexis Zybach, Ailene Wyant, Kathy Kelley, Emily Wyant, Peyton May and Tyler Schaub. Solos and Duets were Adrian Reis, Marissa Keelin, Kory McLaughlin and Hayden Gatlin on "Christmas Around The Clock". Blake Baker did the solo part on "Santa Claus Don't Worry". Karly Lovelace and Andrea Martinez did the duet on "Get You Good". Sarah Horn did the solo part on "Make The Season Last". Sabrina Reeves, Felecia McCarty and Dawson Clark did the lead in "It's That Special Time of Year". Following the program Santa Claus arrived and gave out bags of fruit and candy to the children.

Events this week:  
December 19 High School Basketball game with Channing at Borger Frank Philips at 6:00.

On December 20 they will play Shamrock at Shamrock at 2 PM. It will be both Varsity and Junior Varsity.

Center Sunday were Bob Meller, Nadine Lane, Marion Grimes, Paul Hathaway, Doris Finsterwald, Melba Corcoran, Don and Willene Burke, and Danny and Betty Rogers.

The First Baptist Church had their Christmas Program Sunday night. The youth down to the nursery had parts on the program with the Choir backing them up on the songs. Then following the program they had a fellowship meal. Then the group went out Christmas caroling and gave out packages to the elder and shut ins. The children enjoyed the hayride and caroling.

Don and Willene Burke attended the dinner Sunday night at Maxey's for the employees of Thriftway.

Jack and Bernice Hefley got home from vacation Friday. They had a good time.

Justin Hefley was home over the weekend. It was good to see him at church. He is enjoying college.

Jana Jones and daughters and Zana Corse took Pierce Walker out riding Sunday afternoon. They brought him to Mobeetie.

Visiting over the weekend with Gayle Hale was Vikki Fannan from Spennymore, England. This is in the northeast part of England. Vikki was a foreign exchange student that lived with Gayle and went to Fort Elliott CISD. Sarah Hale from Fort Worth is also visiting with Gayle.

Bob Meller has been sick. Remember him in your prayers.

Paul and Clarise Hathaway went to Lubbock shopping Monday. They went on to Jayton to see the granddaughters play ball.

There was a good crowd at the Christmas open house at Toney and Frances Dickey's. It was held Monday night. There were lots of goodies there.

Those eating supper Friday with Lorene Rector were Dale and Melba Corcoran and Scott Neighbors.

The Misfits met Monday night at Bill and Patsy Caswell for a fun

night of Christmas Caroling. Those there were Nadine Lane, Danny and Patsy Caswell, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Karla Lovelace, Don and Willene Burke and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Aaron Lancaster went back to Amarillo this week. Arica stayed in Mobeetie. Aaron had to take 3 therapy treatments this week on his neck and shoulder. Remember him in your prayers. He is starting to get some of the feeling back in his fingers.

Lamari Lancaster had a birthday tea party Sunday afternoon. They had a good time.

Tracy Winters of Pampa visited with her grandparents Sheila and Billy Umsted over the weekend. It was good to see her in Sunday School. We miss her in Sunday School.

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Densel and Fern Reed visited Saturday night with Pauline Barnes in Wheeler.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Eddie Maurine Gilmer would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food, flowers, memorials and all other acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

We would also like to thank Dr. Mendiola and Staff, Parkview Hospital Staff, the Wheeler Ambulance crew and Parkview Home Health for all their special care.

We are thankful to live in a community with such wonderful people.

- God bless each of you.
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**Country**

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or Steve to see the cows, check cows and water. They each enjoy him, too.

Vickey Nelson went to Kingfisher to visit Larry over the weekend. They attended Larry's company party at Oklahoma City Saturday for Christmas. They plan to have their family together Christmas Eve and will get together at Iva and Sybil Alexander's in Lefors for Larry's family get together and at Earl and Shirley Jolly's for Vickey's family Christmas.

Glad to hear that Vera Moore is feeling some better. Keep praying for her.

Pray for Cecil Pierce, who had four bypasses recently in his heart. Hope he is soon o.k.

Willis and I enjoyed visiting Martha Meek after church Sunday night. We also played some dominoes and had delicious cookies and buttermilk.

Best wishes to Jerry Keelin and Doris Adams, who were married at Pampa at the home of the bride on Nov. 30, 2002. A reception at the home was served by Jerilyn Ragan, daughter of the groom and Julie Lange, daughter of the bride. Mother of the groom is Rosalie Keelin of Briscoe. Jerry works for Incentric Corp. Doris is self-employed with Home Interiors. They planned a honeymoon trip to Taos, N.M. and will make their home in Pampa.

Nice to visit with Linda Hampton Buttry at the Wheeler Hospital Lab. She grew up in the panhandle but had been in California for many years before moving back to Wheeler. She is related to most of the Hamptons. Pleasant lady.

So sorry to hear that Furr's Cafeteria will be closing very soon.

We enjoyed eating at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Pampa Monday. Very good. Nice to visit with Leta Mae Gatlin and Claudia Quarles at K.F.C.

Twelve lovely ladies were eating together and visiting at Cowboy Oasis Thursday. It was the Totty Quilting Club. They went on out to Totty after lunch for a Christmas party and some quilting. Some there were Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz, Jane Seitz, Lorene Rector, Bobbie Ehman, Betty Rogers, Elaine Martin, Elva Wood, Martha Meek, Diane Sparks, Melba Corcoran and Augusta Brown.

At Cowboy Oasis Sherrie Sims had decorated the front windows to be colorful and welcoming, painting free hand on the windows. Some others eating there were Bill and Patsy Caswell, Bob Miller, with Greg Clark and Tucker Reames, Joe Shelton, John Thierstein, and Harry Sims.

Pray for Wynelle Waldo who had both knees replaced recently. Hope all is o.k. We missed Wynelle and Glen at Wheeler Baptist Church.

The youth of Wheeler First Baptist Church were in charge of the Sunday night Christmas program. Very good. Some singing were Katie Richardson, Aspen Hathaway, Samantha Chapman, Macie Ellis and Brentney Taylor. Reading scripture were Amanda Bond, Tanner Collins, Keri Marion, Chucky Rivera and music by Ryan Henson and Amanda Bond. Also had congregational songs led by Adrian Risner and a very impressive devotional by Kyle Goldsmith. Remember "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

Nice to eat supper at Maxeys Monday night with Ed and Laurel Hershman, Delilah Hershman from Kirklint, Ind., who has been visiting Ed and Laurel and Sarita Dawson and Micaela and Shelby. Brad was still looking for a deer. Merry Christmas to all.

We enjoyed watching Ft. Elliott J.V. boys, High School girls and boys play San Jacinto Christian at Briscoe Tuesday night. J.V. boys lost 20-44. High School girls won easily 70-42. Varsity boys lost in a close one 59-62.

Nice to see Roberta and Ernest King from Higgins out to games to see granddaughter from Canyon play with San Jacinto. Also good to see Sondra Hill and Ben there from Canadian. Betsy Hill is going to WT to college. Drew Hill was there too, but busily playing with friends.

Willis and I enjoyed going over to Mobeelie Wednesday morning to the Ft. Elliott Christmas program presented by the Elementary kids. They did a good job. Wish I had all their names. There was also a large group of Kelton Elementary there for the program. Refreshments were served after the program to the guests.

David and Rita Pearson attended the Rotary Christmas dinner at Canadian Tuesday night.

Willis and I enjoyed seeing Ft. Elliott High School boys and girls play Higgins Thursday morning at Briscoe. Ft. Elliott girls won 61-26. Ft. Elliott boys won 84-27. Congratulations. Thursday night Ft. Elliott H.S. girls won over McLean 70-29. and Ft. Elliott boys won over McLean 80-29. F.E. J.V. lost to Randall J.V. Friday Ft. Elliott girls lost to Shamrock 43-58. Ft. Elliott boys defeated Wheeler 51-47. And Shamrock 61-50. Saturday Ft. Elliott girls defeated Wheeler 53-46 to win third. Randall J. V. defeated Ft. Elliott boys to win first. Ft. Elliott boys won second.

Lindsay Fillingim Criswell turned 26 Wednesday. She and Ken had doctor's appointments at Amarillo, enjoyed lunch out and did some shopping for a nice day.

Nice to visit with Alice Kelley at Maxeys Sunday. Her family all got together at Janice's Thanksgiving near Morse. She was expecting most of her family at her house for Christmas.

had a request for this recipe:  
**Honey Roasted Peanut Bar Cookies**

3/4 cup margarine  
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon soda  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1 1/4 cup chopped Honey-roasted peanuts. Might be good to add 1 cup choc. chips. Mix all together, adding flour and peanuts last. Spread in 9x13 sprayed or greased pan. Bake 375 degrees about 20 minutes. Cool and cut in bars. Enjoy! Good! Recipe from Progressive Farmer.

Willis has been very concerned that he couldn't find his billfold with his drivers' license and some money and other things. So Monday we called the Driver's License Service, 665-7160. We needed to go there and take original Social Security card and proof of insurance and \$10. We got a card to carry until the real license comes. Good to see Betty Talley from Miami there, getting her license and Sharla Weaver and Leslie. It was Leslie's 16th birthday and she got her license! Also good to see great-nephew Todd Alvey there. He always has a smile.

Later I did some more looking for Willis' billfold and found it in some pants. Yeal But then I realized my billfold was not in my purse, where I keep it. Woe is me! I couldn't find it anywhere! I thought Willis was careless! But not me of course! I'm the worst. As we had just been to Pampa. No telling what happened to it.

"God be with you till we meet again."

**THE ANGEL SONG**

By: Lorena G. Males  
A Memorial for Mickey Kendall Shelton

Everywhere I go I meet my former students. This is an experience all teachers share. You taught a darling little girl in the fifth grade. Years go by. You meet her on the street. She still has that twinkle in her eyes—that radiant smile. That giggle! Never mind the crow's feet around her eyes.

She's now a successful business woman.

I met this particular girl when I was going on a walk one morning lately.

"Did you know I had cancer?", she asked me out of the blue.

"Oh no! That's impossible, you look like the picture of health and you're so pretty. You look like you did when you were my little girl in the fifth grade." We visited a while.

"Do you know what I remember best about that wonderful school year? It was the songs we sang. I think we learned all of the Stephen Collins Foster songs.

Because you loved them so you taught us to love them too."

"You were a natural born music lover, Mickey."

"You taught us that we take our songs with us wherever we go," answered Mickey.

I could see she was getting weary.

Picture us the next day.

The Teacher sitting beside the sick bed with the small piano keyboard on her lap; the sick one, smiling bravely.

"What shall we sing? I asked. "I love "In The Sweet By and By".

You have them in school as children.

They become doctors, lawyers, janitors.

A few of them never make it.

A weak voice repeated: We take our songs with us wherever we go."

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**ALLISON CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Vicki Goldsmith, 7 swans a swimming; Alexis Greene, 8 maids a milking; and Michaela Bailey, 9 ladsy dancing.

**Allison School Program For Christmas Dec. 9**

Monday, December 9th the Allison school held their annual Christmas program for the community. The evening began with the elementary as they presented "The Twelve Days of Christmas". They demonstrated excellent memorization skills as they sang through twelve verses. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the students' imaginative interpretation of each "day" of Christmas.

The Jr. High sang and choreographed a Christmas favorite, "Frostie the Snowman" The High School class then beautifully played "Hark the Harold Angels Sing". The High school choir presented to the audience the songs "Breath of Heaven" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" which was accompanied by a homemade slide show displaying the choir's "acting" talents. The lights were then dimmed and Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus, (Sabrina Dupont, Jason Boydston, and Jacob Walters), made their way on stage among the candle light and soft guitar strumming. The choir went into their final song, "Silent Night" and there was a hush as

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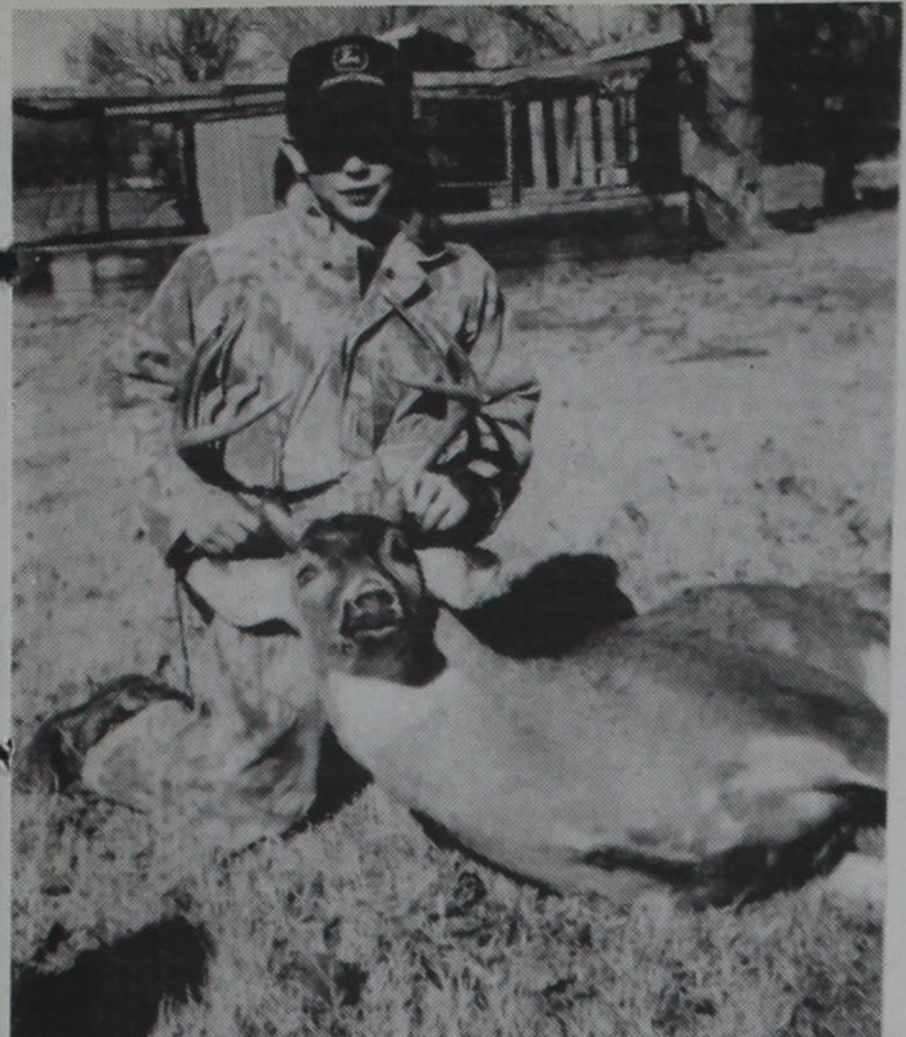
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**Kelton Elementary Has Christmas Program**

The Kelton Elementary students performed the Christmas programs for 195 guests. The students put on two performances on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at the Kelton School. The first performance was at 9:30 a.m. performed for the Ft. Elliott and Allison Elementarys. The second performance was at 6:30 for the parents, friends, and community members. The Pre-K and Kindergarten students performed Christmas Traditions songs and the 1st-6th grad-

ers performed December Nights, December Lights which told about Hannuka, Kwanza, La Posada, and Christmas. Featured soloists were: Katie Leven, Charmayne and Chantelle Hampton, and Payton Laffew, Mari Bustinza, and April Ortiz. The students did a wonderful job thanks to the hard work and dedication of Stacey Horton, thanks to Melinda Stiles for the backdrop and thank you to Mr. Watson for the sound and music.

**MUNER CONLEY'S CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE**

By: Lorena G. Males

We called her Muner Conley. She was our paternal grandmother. Our dad, Eugene Bernard Savage, was her only son. Sometimes we called her Grandmother.

Muner Conley and her first husband, Eugene F. Savage had a general store in Old Hammon. When Old Hammon moved to New Hammon, they moved the store and it became Conley and Savage. Muner's second husband was H. J. Conley, Elk City.

Several of Grandmother's brothers moved to Oklahoma and settled on adjoining sections. They were John Hiatt, Sherman Hiatt, Grant Hiatt. They had a little colony of their own. Their neighbors jokingly called it Yankee Front.

From their old home in Missouri they brought to their new home their culture and mores. The children took up the customs.

We hung up our Christmas stockings. We opened our Christmas presents Christmas morning. We had our Christmas dinner at noon Christmas day. We believed in Santa. We had oranges, candy and nuts. We were on the Christ-

mas program at the church.

But most of all we remember Muner Conley's Christmas Fruit Cake. Muner Conley and her brothers took time being host to our family Christmas dinner. Any person who was even distantly related was automatically invited.

When it was Muner's time to be hostess one of the first steps in her preparation was ironing the big white linen tablecloth.

All the leaves of the big dining table were let out and the table was stretched to capacity. I can still smell the starch as Muner ironed to perfection. My grandmother could do magic with country fresh cream. She added it generously to the mashed potatoes. She topped the pumpkin pie, added a pop to the red jello.

When the turkey was brought out, browned to a turn, that was the crowning glory following closely was dressing, gravy, sweet-potatoes and cranberries.

There were so many kinds of jellies and jams it looked like a country fair. There was fresh churned butter to go with the fresh homemade bread, yum, yum! Children ate at the second table. Oh, how great that food looked. Thanks to the persons who saw to it that the custom was changed and children now eat at the first table.

Muner's cake was the great dessert. She had baked it two months earlier. It contained all kinds of candied fruit. The citron taste ruined it for me.

After Muner baked the fruit cake she soaked it lightly with grape juice (no alcoholic beverages for her) then she wrapped the cake in a dish towel and put it in the storage room to ripen. Muner's cake takes the cake!

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"The new farm bill does provide an enhanced income safety net. But that doesn't mean your marketing decisions will be any easier ... in fact, marketing may become more complicated," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist based in Lubbock. "The methods we use to attain the best cash price haven't changed, but a portion of our income safety net is now market dependent."

The new farm bill includes a counter-cyclical producer payment that is directly tied to market prices. That payment will be highest when market prices are lowest, but may not be there at all when market prices improve.

"That's what makes marketing plans and methods so important to producers operating under the new farm bill. Learning how to manage farm bill provisions/options such as the counter-cyclical payment should be an integral part of your marketing plan," Smith added. "Educating producers on these options and helping them develop strategies to reduce price risk is a key goal of the instructors in our next series of Master Marketer classes."

The first of four 2003 Master Marketer Program sessions begins on January 22, 2003. The registration deadline for this in-depth, intensive marketing and risk management education program is Jan. 7, 2003. Participants will learn how to identify and evaluate marketing opportunities, and then design and follow through with sound marketing plans.

Master Marketer training pays direct dividends to the bottom line. A recent survey suggests past participants were able to increase their average annual gross revenues from three to 10 percent, or about \$30,000 each, simply by applying their new-found marketing skills and knowledge, Smith said.

Master Marketers learn from top industry and university professionals, who apply case study examples and simulation exercises in the classroom. The 64-hour curriculum is offered in four, two-day sessions held every two weeks.

"Our instructors this year include several Texas A&M and Kansas State University economists, and industry experts/consultants who specialize in technical analysis, charting, weather, and marketing management," Smith added. "Master Marketer graduates will take

**YOUR MAIL BOX IS EMPTY**

By: Lorena G. Males

Did you ever notice how depressing it is to call on the telephone to inquire if you've had a telephone call and the robot telephone operator always answers in the same flat voice. "Your mail box is empty."

That answer makes me see, in my imagination, a parade of lonely people marching across the page, a page that has been watered with my tears.

First, in my imagination I see an old man who goes to the post-office every day. Most of the time he returns at a slow pace, shoulders stooped and empty-handed.

Next I see the proverbial aged mother, setting in her rocking chair, constantly glancing at the empty doorway. The mailman has nothing for her. A telephone call could make her day. It's not likely!

Next in the parade is a lonely child—too young to read, too sick to play. How this child would love a letter, addressed to him or a telephone call with his name on it.

Now, in my imagination I'm in a nursing home. The place is clean, attractive, lovely, smells nice, but something is missing. These people are far from their old homes. They're lonely for company.

The patients are all in the dining-room when the telephone rings. They rise, as one, as if to say: "Was that call for me?" But no, it's a call for the plumber to fix the sink.

This is a parade of loneliness, a serious ailment that no medicine can cure.

A sure cure for these miserable people would take less than five minutes—just a letter (a note would do) or a telephone call. Even better would be a cheerful visit.

People busy with life, full of excitement and activity, forget the meaning of loneliness.

These lonely people feel put out to pasture. Why has everyone forgotten them?

Making a telephone call today can be complicated and its easy to push the wrong button. But its worth it all to make a call and say, "Mom, I love you."

Postage is high but take pen in hand to say "Hey, Dad. I liked your last letter. Write again. Your loving son, Bob Jr."

"Knock! Knock! I come to tell you about the ball game. Your grandson was the star," reported a good neighbor who came to call. Keep the visit short-speak of happy things—Help this parade of lonely people have a few minutes of happiness.

their new-found expertise and knowledge home and work as volunteers with county marketing clubs.

"This master volunteer approach has proven an effective way for Extension and our program sponsors to spread the training across a large group of participants. State-wide demand for this type of training continues to grow, which is why we are bringing the program back to Lubbock for the third time. We have more than 120 Master Marketer graduates in the Lubbock area alone."

Registration costs \$250 per person, plus a commitment to work with your county agent back home to try to start a marketing club. Anyone interested should register as soon as possible. The first two times the class was offered in Lubbock it filled up before the deadline, Smith said.

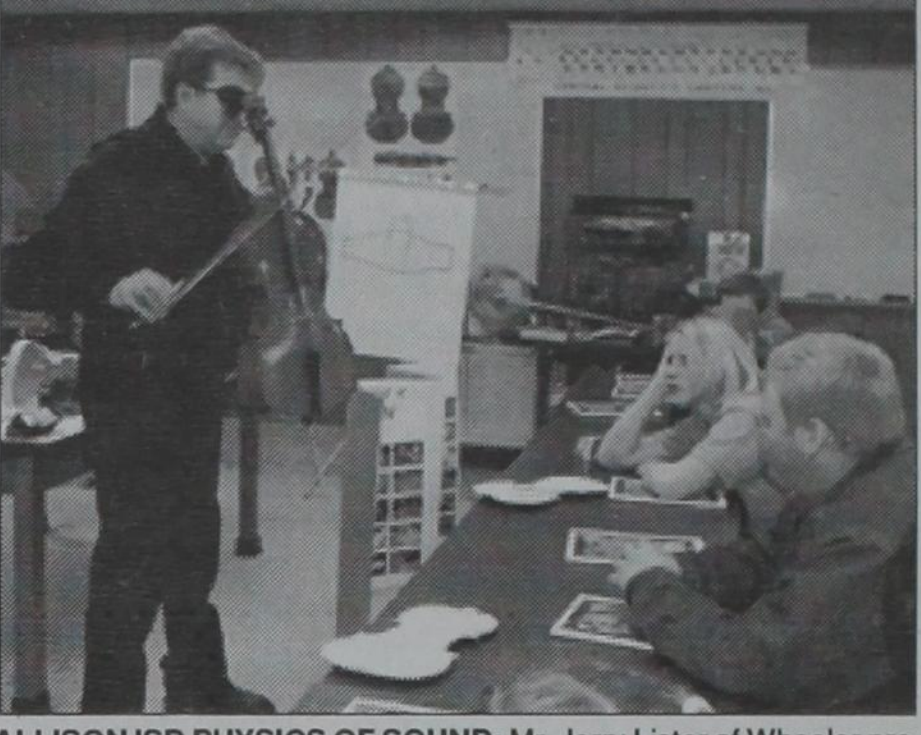
Checks or money orders for registration should be payable to the Texas Extension Education Foundation. Enrollment for the 2003 Master Marketer Program in Lubbock may be limited, so prompt registration is recommended, Smith said.

Registration fees pay only a small portion of the program's cost. Grants from Extension partners such as the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, and agribusiness also helps fund the training.

Texas can get registration forms or more information on the 2003 Master Marketers Program in Lubbock by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101, or their local county Extension office. More information on the Master Marketer Program is also available on the Internet (<http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>).



**ALLISON ISD JR. RING CEREMONY:** Allison ISD Junior Class Rings from Jim Morgan of Jostens. Opening their ring boxes are Katie Donaldson, Jimmy Lane, Laura Lohberger, and Jennifer Helton. The Juniors proudly display their rings.



**ALLISON ISD PHYSICS OF SOUND:** Mr. Jerry Lister of Wheeler presented a short program on the "Physics of Sound" to the Physics and Music classes of Allison High School Thursday, December 19, 2002. Mr. Lister, who builds custom violins, explained to the classes the various aspects of how string instruments are made.



**KELTON 1ST-6TH GRADERS PERFORMING:** "December Nights, December Lights".

**Chat**

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their 'Christmas Open House' this week. First State Bank is having 'Open House' at both their Wheeler and Mobeetie locations on Thursday. Wheeler Banking Center will be having 'Open House' on Friday.

I notice James Williams' drawings are still on display at Wheeler Banking Center. Certainly worth the time to admire this man's work.

The First Baptist Church and Reydon Community Church will be having their Christmas programs on Sunday, December 22. Fortunately the Baptist program is at 11 a.m. and the Community program is at 6:30 p.m.

Our college students are finishing up their work for the first semester and we have had reports from three of these collegiate.

Lacey Smith was happy to learn that she had all A's. This is not a first for Lacey, but she had a difficult schedule. Reported by Dad.

We have a news release about Army Pvt. Edward Schwartz. I do not know his connection to Wheeler. Please fill me in.

Mother Phyllis had to call and brag on her youngest. Monty Kinnard has returned to school at Frank Phillips. He works full time, has two little ones and has managed to make the Dean's Honor Roll.

And Jason Porton finished college. Reported by another proud mother.

Congratulations! to all three. We are proud of you.

Remember, tonight is the judging for the lighting contest. If you want to be considered, contact the chamber office NOW!

It is our intention to put the Christmas edition of the Times in the mail Tuesday morning. We will need your advertising by Friday evening.

Thanks once again for all the pictures.

We left for Lovelady Friday evening for a quick trip to see Dorcie in her school's production of the 'Nutcracker'. They did a fantastic job.

William was nice enough to volunteer as our chauffeur. We did not waste any time stopping along the way.

And back to the subject of pictures, after Cathi finished decorating Camp Street Store she went out side to take a picture in the afternoon. There was a glare on the back of the building that she

could not avoid and had to take the picture.

When she had the pictures developed, the glare is an angel. This will not show up in reproduction in the paper, but I will have an enlargement at the office if you would like to see it.

Mother Porter remains hospital-

ized and Mother Smith is now a resident of the nursing home in Corn, Oklahoma—just south of Weatherford!

Dwight had a good night at cards Monday evening; he and Barbara were the 'Skunkers'. Bob and I were the 'Skunkees'. Revenge is just that much better!

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### OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

Old Mobeetie Texas Association received a grant from Xcel Energy. They were one of 13 Amarillo-area arts and culture groups to receive \$89,224.00 in grants funded by Excel Energy Foundation.

This year's winners are Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Amarillo Little Theatre, Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo United Citizens Forum, Amarillo Youth Choirs, Armstrong County Museum, The Mobeetie Jail Museum, The Pampa Fine Arts Association, the Southwest Center for the Performing Arts, the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation and the Wolf Creek Heritage Museum (Lipscomb). The largest of the grants, \$20,000.00 is going to fund educational outreach at the soon-to-be-built Southwest Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Amarillo. The Center is a \$25 million project that is being funded from private dollars as a gift to the City of Amarillo. Included with a state-of-the-art performance hall will be an education center to provide every child in the region with the opportunity to attend a performance during the school year.

Another \$15,000.00 is being granted to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens to fund a water garden, bog garden, decking and an observation/sampling area. The pond or water garden will be a living laboratory where individuals and groups can learn about the region's environment and its water resources.

The other grants were Amarillo Opera \$10,000.00 to fund the main stage spring production, "Verdi's Rigoletto", and to help fund the popular "Lift Every Voice" concert and in-school educational programs that celebrate America's diversity and the cultural contributions made by African Americans. Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation \$10,000.00 for the

TEXAS-Express Outreach Program, which will bring Texas cultural heritage awareness to more than 2,000 area students through song, dance and story telling.

Amarillo Little Theatre \$3,224.00 to fund production costs for two shows to be presented through the "Theatre for Children" project during the 2002-2003 season.

Amarillo Museum of Art \$5,000.00 for educational programming for children identified as at-risk of lower educational attainment in area schools.

Amarillo Youth Choirs \$5,000.00 to underwrite scholarships to help cover tuition and to cover additions to the choir's musical library.

Amarillo Symphony \$5,000.00 to fund educational outreach programs such as Kinderkonzerts, Music Makes the Difference! Concerts for Young People, in-school concerts, the Lunch and Listening program, The Amarillo Youth Orchestra concerts and the Symphony 101 demonstrations and rehearsals.

Amarillo United Citizens Forum \$2,000.00 to fund a youth theater troupe that will hire six young African-American actors, age 15-20, to educate African-American children and youth about socially responsible issues.

Old Mobeetie Texas Association \$5,000.00 to help fund the Mobeetie Music Festival. Armstrong County Museum \$3,000.00 to develop a script for an annual festival which, when produced, will establish a closer working relationship between the community theater of Claude and the patrons of Wesley Community Center in Amarillo.

Pampa Fine Arts Association \$3,500.00 to cover expenses of several outreach programs, including an annual scholarship of \$500.00 to a senior at Pampa High School, arts and crafts classes in June for children and adults, Chautauqua in September, The Arts & Crafts Festival in October, and the Artist of the Year show in

November.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum \$2,500.00 to cover program and exhibition expenses to showcase artifacts of the German and Russian cultures.

Anyone wishing to explore funding opportunities through the Xcel Energy Foundation should go to the company's website at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com). Foundation programs are located at the "com-

### Kelton 2nd & 3rd Grade Write Autobiographies

Paul Luna

Paul  
Related to my family.  
Cares deeply about my whole family.  
Who feels happy.  
Who needs my brother.  
Who give my Mom.  
Who fears I need to grow up.  
Who would like to see my Grandpa.  
Resident of Shamrock.

Terra Taylor

Terra  
Funny, Pretty, Fun, Smart.  
Related to cousins.  
Cares deeply about family.  
Who feels happy.  
Who needs a costume.  
Who gives presents.  
Who fears bats.  
Who would like to see the President.  
Resident of Wheeler.

Aaron Bennett

Aaron  
Cute, funny, brave, smart.  
Related to Mama.  
Cares deeply about dog, cat, fish, pig, mama, nana, and papa.  
Feels mad.  
Needs a Dad.  
Gives Mama candy.  
Fears ghosts.  
Would like to see a map.  
Resident of Shamrock.

Tammye Lumpkin

Tammye  
Joyful, fun, dumb, funny.  
Related to my Mother.  
Cares deeply about my Father.  
Who gives candy.  
Who fears snakes.  
Who would like to see the zoo.  
Resident of Wheeler.

community and environment" link from the home page. Organizations may also contact Wes Reeves at 806-378-2714. Funding is available for any group that is a customer of Xcel Energy across the company's 12-state service area.



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"



**ALLISON ISD GOES TO AMARILLO TO SEE NUTCRACKER BALLET:** The Allison Elementary and JH students went to Amarillo and attended the Nutcracker Ballet.

### Allison Participated in Ft. Elliott Tournament

Over the past weekend, the Allison basketball team's competed in the Ft. Elliott Tournament. Both the boys and girls met Shamrock for their opening games. Neither team won, but both teams played their hardest. The girls held their ground against the tournaments winning team and let Shamrock get by with only a 9 point win. Since both teams lost, they went to the loser's side of the bracket.

The next day, Friday, the girls met Higgins and the boys met Hedley. The girls had an easy victory and went on to play for consolation, but the boys lost and played Higgins later that Day. Despite poor shooting percentages, the guys pulled off a win.

On Saturday, the girls met White Deer. The first half of the game was tied nearly the entire time. At half-time the score was 18-18. When the girls came out in the 3rd quarter they began to get into foul trouble and didn't shoot two well but as their Coach said, "The effort was there." The final score was 39-49.

Both teams represented the Allison Athletics program very well over the weekend, we are very proud of them.

By: Katie Donaldson

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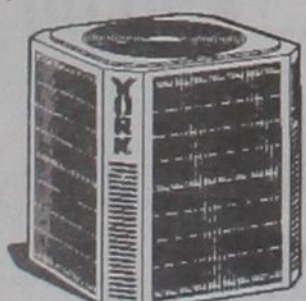
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