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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

**Congratulations** are in order for the area students advancing to regional in both U.I.L. competition, golf, tennis, track and field. It has not worked out for us to get pictures of these students with the TAKS tests going on.

**The Regional U.I.L. competition** is this weekend with next week being for golf, track, tennis and field events.

**The annual Easter egg hunt** was a success. We talked Nancy Pierce into sharing her pictures. Thanks, Nancy.

**The Ja'Nae Goad Golf Tournament** is this weekend. All the local golfers will be out in full force at Shamrock. This event offers alumni a reason to come "home".

I was notified Monday that I had failed to turn in the weather report for March. You may not remember, but we did have some moisture; a total of 1.71, which includes the moisture from the light snow early in the month.

You are reminded that the City-Wide Garage Sale, Annual Car Show, Pokey Rodeo, etc is fast approaching. If you are going to have a garage sale and/or a crafts booth, the deadline for contacting the Chamber office is Friday, April 28. **Do it while you are thinking about it; 826-3408.**

We had an enjoyable Easter. Ronal, Juanita and Jessica joined us at Jennifer and Greg's in OKC. Ronal Jr. and Julie were already there.

LeRoy, Rhonda and Stormie Dawn and the Fishers, Tom, Melinda, Colby and Shelby came to Jennifer's Saturday evening.

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## Wheeler Kindergarten Visitation

Any child five years old or before Sept. 1, 2006, will be eligible to attend kindergarten this fall. If your child will be attending kindergarten at Wheeler ISD, you and your child are invited to attend the visitation in the Wheeler ISD West kindergarten room, located at the end of the Jr. High Hall, last door on the west.

The following schedule has been set:

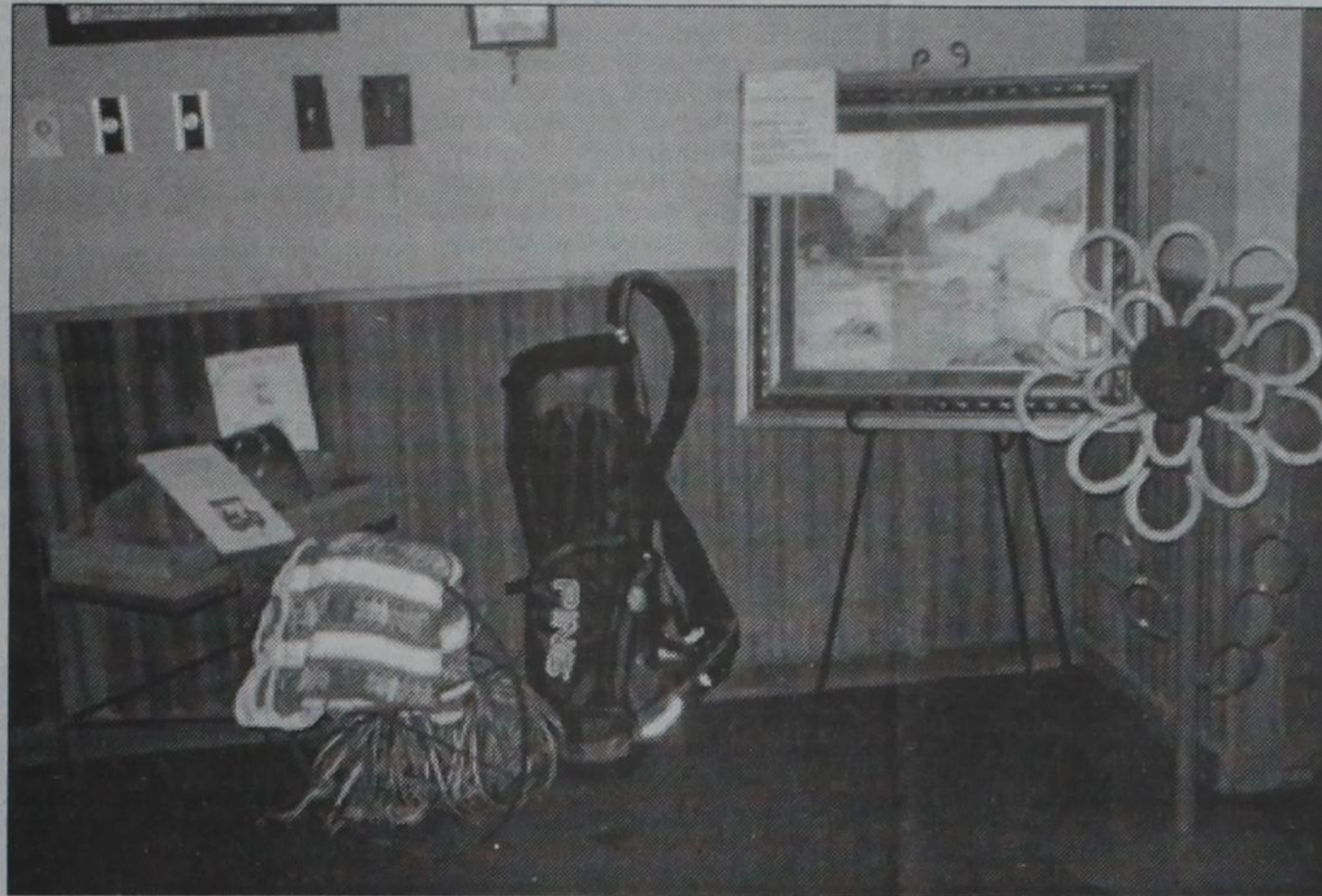
Last names beginning: A B C D E F, Tues., April 25, 2:15 to 3:15 PM

Last names beginning: G H I J K L, Wed., April 26, 2:15 to 3:15 PM

Last names beginning: M N O P Q R, Thurs., April 27, 2:15 to 3:15 PM

Last names beginning: S T U V W X Y Z, Fri. April 28, 2:15 to 3:15 PM

Feel free to come on another day of the week of visitation if you cannot come on your child's day. The state of Texas requires the



Items being raffled are on display at Wheeler Banking Center.

## Raffle Items Benefit Goad Scholarship

The Eighth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Shamrock Country Club.

Raffle items benefiting the scholarship are available for \$1 each and include

- 1 framed watercolor by Sibyl Clark
- 2 Afghan made by Ruby Jones
- 3 one year family membership to the Canadian Golf Club
- 4 dove hunt for two provided by Buck Dollar and Britt Ranch
- 5 sunflower yard art made by Mike Lee
- 6 sterling silver turquoise & Jade necklace & earring set by Silpada Designs
- 7 Ping golf bag donated by Mike Leonard

These prizes will be awarded the day of the tournament. Contact Melody Goad, April Goad or Kim Goad to purchase a ticket.

## Eighth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament Is Set For April 22



Ja'Nae Goad

The Eighth Annual Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Shamrock Country Club. This tournament will be an 18 hole scramble format and will offer tee times of 9AM and 2PM. To enter please contact Cecil Thomas at 826-5809, Ida Goad at 826-5254 or Bobby Jennings at 826-3153. The entry fee is \$35 and teams will be drawn from the first 120 paid contestants.

Donations of \$25 from businesses will go toward special prizes such as closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt. Donations from individuals or businesses of \$50 or more will sponsor a tee box. Individual gifts for door prizes are also accepted. Again this year a \$5000 dollar prize for a hole in one is included. Other hole in one prizes include a computer system, a Bose wave radio/cd and a set of Ben Hogan

## Annual City-Wide Garage Sale Activities To Be Held May 6; April 28 Deadline For Garage Sale, Crafts Booth Reservations

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual City-Wide Garage Sale the Tenth Annual Car Show on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The garage sales will be located throughout the city limits and the car show will be on the square in the 400 block of Main Street. It is hoped to bring in lots of shoppers from out of town with the men having a car show to go to while the women shop the town bargains.

Individuals and/or organizations are invited to have a booth either on the square or at a location in Wheeler. Notification of a desire to have a booth and \$10 is to be

in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce secretary by Friday, April 28, 2006. This will allow time for the printing of maps, showing the location of the booths. Any entries received after that time will not be on the map, they will however be allowed to have a space.

Crafters are invited to have a booth either outside on the square on inside at the front of Shear Delight in the 400 block of Main St. Booth rent will be \$10 for an 8x10 space. Those desiring space are required to make contact with the Chamber of Commerce office with the following information: Name, Type of Booth, Specify inside or outside booth and need for electricity. Booth space to be paid by the 28th. Information may be mailed to: Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096 —Phone: 806/826-3408.

The Chamber will again be selling hamburgers. The booth will be across the street, north of the square.

The Chamber wants to invite our community as well as all others to come out and enjoy the festivities.

**Note: There will be no Garage Sales for Saturday, April 28, advertised in the Times.**

### POKEY THE CLOWN

Pokey the Clown will be on the square, with entertainment and competitions for young and old alike.

### Pokey's

**WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo**  
This rodeo is in affiliation of the Working Ranch Cowboy's Association. It's an excellent opportunity for children and adults to experience some of the skills used by working cowboys on ranches today. There is no real livestock—instead, Pokey uses wooden "livestock" in all events. This enables all ages to participate. The winning team of each group qualifies for the WRCA World Championships in November of each year in Amarillo, Texas.

The entry fee is \$20.00 per four-person team. There are three age groups. Each team will compete in four events; Pony Express Race, Steer Wrestling, Wild Cow Milking and Dact Branding.

The goals of these rodeos are to teach young people the ways of the American Cowboy and to keep our American heritage alive. It also teaches young people to compete in an event as a team, just as on a real ranch.

Pokey will also have "The Cowherd" barrel train. The longhorn herd is pulled by a riding lawnmower and the fee to ride is \$1.00 per person. This is guaranteed to create excitement, adventure and entertainment for all. Almost all of the proceeds will benefit a local charity. For more information on entry details, please contact Pokey the Clown at 1-800-888-3382 or the chamber office at 826-3408.

### GARAGE SALE

The City-Wide Garage Sale will give local residents a chance to clean their closets and/or attics and earn a little extra spending money in the process.

Individuals wishing to participate in the sale will be charged a \$10.00 fee. The charge will provide them a place on the City Garage Sale Map and advertisement. Provided registration has been made with the Chamber of Commerce office by April 28.

On the day of the garage sale, city maps will be available showing the location of the registered sales. The event will be publicized in area newspapers and radio stations. Spaces on the square will be made available for area residents, who wish to bring their items to Wheeler for this sale.

**To register your sale, contact the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce office at 806/826-3408 or write P.O. Box 221, Wheeler, Texas 79096 by April 28, 2006.**

If you are wanting to have a garage sale and want to be insured of a good crowd, this is your opportunity. But, you need to contact the Chamber office by April 28 to have your sale on the map!

### 10th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Registration for the car show will be in the 100 block of East Texas, south side of the square. Cars will be registered from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; the entry fee will be \$10.00. The top three vehicles of each class will be recognized in each of the seven divisions. Classes are: Pre-40, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-Up, Pickups and Special Inter-

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## Dr. Eddens Closes Practice April 11

Dear Patients:  
It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my active practice, effective 4/11/2006. It has been a great pleasure living in Wheeler, and providing health care for the people here for the last couple of years.

As of 4/11/2006 you will need to seek medical care from another doctor of your choice. I recommend looking for a new physician as soon as possible, so we can transfer your medical records.

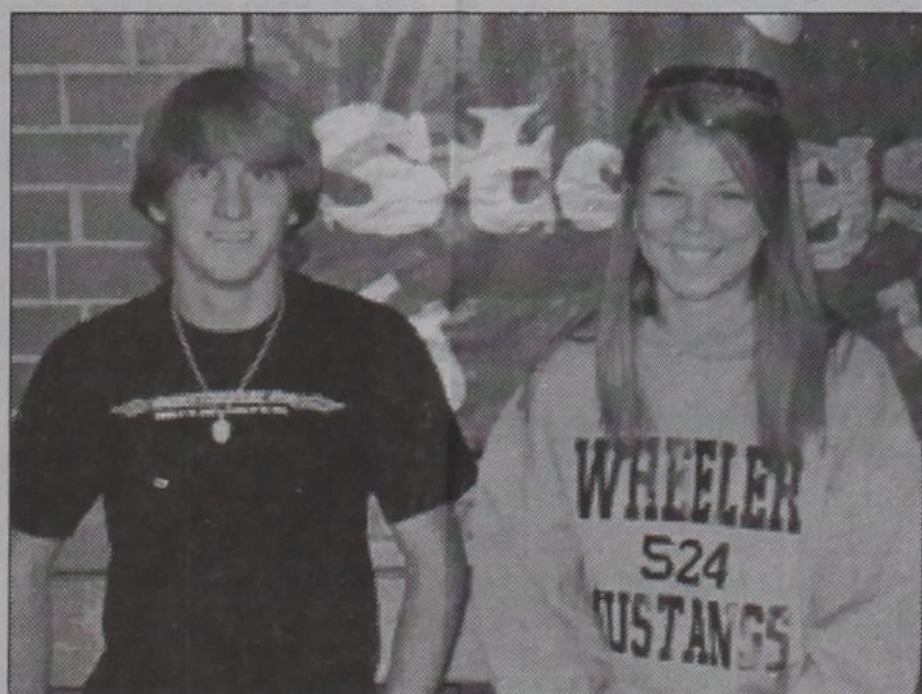
Your medical records are confidential, and a copy can be transferred to another doctor, or for a fee can be released to you. If you choose to transfer your records, for free, to another physician please come to my office as soon as possible to sign a release form, so we can get the records transferred before the office closes.

After May 12, 2006 your records will be on file at Parkview Hospital and you will need to contact their facility for your records.

If you have an outstanding balance you may come to my office

### Ft. Elliott Yearbooks

It is time to order your 2005-2006 Ft. Elliott Yearbooks. The cost is \$5 each and money must be included at time of order. Orders will be taken until May 10, 2006. Last year we ran out of yearbooks, so don't let this happen to you this year. Contact Brenda Hefley at 375-2454 or Patricia at 845-2301. Any Ft. Elliott senior or sponsor will be glad to take your order and money. Order soon before time and yearbooks run out!



**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:** Wheeler ISD students of the week are Tyler McWhorter and Samantha A. Chapman. Tyler is the 18-year-old son of William and Rhonda McWhorter. His activities include basketball, tennis, and UIL Science. Samantha is the 18-year-old daughter of Sindy and Von Chapman. Her activities include basketball, golf, UIL, NHS, and FCCLA.

## URGENT REQUEST FROM WHEELER ELEMENTARY!!

If you have a child who will attend either Pre-K or Kindergarten at Wheeler this fall, please call the elementary office, 826-5934, by May 1st. Wheeler ISD is currently evaluating personnel needs for these areas. Thank you!

## AVISO URGENTE DE LA ESCUELA ELEMENTARIA DE WHEELER!!

Si usted tiene un niño/a el cual va a entrar en este otoño siguiente a Kinder o Pre-Kinder, por favor llame a la oficina elemental al 826-5934, la fecha límite es para mayo 1. El sistema escolar de Wheeler está actualmente evaluando las necesidades del personal de estas áreas. Gracias.

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**MOBEETIE NEWS**  
By: Sue Mayfield

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**  
Please keep our friends and neighbors in your prayers: Earl and Mabel Tabor, Don and Mary Edwards, Lonnie and Debbie Hendrix, Andrea Aldridge and family, Todd Stuart, Leola Stuart, Peggy Dunn, Rhonda and Gene Ferguson, Leonard and Bertha Hollis, Doyle and Bulah Grimes, Clinton and Maurita Stribling, Bill and Patsy Caswell, Penny Summers, Chuck and Louise Hogan, Virginia Murray, Alvern Hutchison, Gary Morris, Lorene Rector, Orville Greenhouse, Charlie Brown, Earl and Leola Farris, Dick and Ann Graham, Marvel Graham, Joe Shelton, Don and Willene Burke, Iva Richardson, Dale and Barbara Richardson, Sidney Maham, Paula Britt, Mrs. Bulah Stuart, Addie Swift, Jackie and Fred Thrasher, Chuck Carl, Mandy Wilson, Hertha Pax, Dusty Fleming and family, Scott Corcoran and family, Carlos Soto and family, the family of Raymond Moore, Nick Thomas and family, Aaron Hartline and family, Mr. Curtis Hendrix.

The beautiful spring weather is finally here. Except for the high winds about every other day we had a short spring temperature wise. It's so good to see the trees getting their new leaves and the grasses finally greening up. Some peoples flowers have been blooming for two weeks. Ours have just stuck the heads out of the ground so maybe we will actually have May flowers. The winds have hindered the fire departments again. Thankfully most of the damage was to open range, just lots of it. Tuesday our fire fighters had to respond to two call outs at the same time. They fought fires southwest of town and to the north west while the winds were at their peak and gusting to 59 miles an hour. Thank God for each of the people that comprise our fire department. They are very dedicated. They have done an exceptional job this year. I know that a few local people thought our department was buying trucks and equipment that wasn't necessarily needed in their way for thinking. But all of these terrible fires have proven that the current volunteers had a lot of foresight and knew what they were going to need to protect our community. Thanks to each of you that have helped our department grow. Your dedication and time spent training and keeping equipment in working order is much appreciated. Let alone the hours spent fighting fires. We pray that the good Lord will protect each of you and your families.

It's good to hear that Peggy Dunn is doing quite well and will have her last chemo. treatment on Wednesday. So that all of that will be behind her and hope she'll soon be perky and ready to play some golf after it cools off. Of course the heat never stopped her before. She's a true golfer at heart. Todd Stuart is still having a lot of health problems. In order to keep up in chemistry he has to go to school one hour a day to do his labs. That is quite tiring and makes his headaches worse. Ronnie and Tanya are taking him to a neurologist in Oklahoma City next week. Maybe he can give them a clue what they are dealing with and find something to help Todd. Good luck. Hope you feel better very soon Todd.

Sunday after church Leola Stuart had lunch with Jerry and Cheryl Richardson at their home in Wheeler. They had a good visit. Orville Greenhouse had a busy, enjoyable week. It started when her niece and nephew, Annette and Jerry Jones, from Breckenridge, Texas brought Annette's mother, Alvern Hutchison of Wheeler, over for a nice visit. Orville served them ice cream and cake. Nothing like a good visit around the table. Orville's daughter, Virginia and grandson, Miles, and friend Charlotte Nichols, all of Dumas, Texas were holiday weekend guests. They all attended church at the

**Garage** (from Page 1)

ests. Dash plaques will be given to each of the entries. Awards will be presented at 3:00 p.m.

**People's Choice Award**  
Again this year, the chamber has created a People's Choice Award. For a \$1.00 fee the public may vote for their overall favorite entrant. Each vote is also an entry for a door prize that will be drawn at the time of the awards presentation.

For additional information, contact the Chamber office at 806/826-3408.

**Chat** (from Page 1)

Yes, the grandpuppies enjoyed all the company, walks and extra attention.

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Cards were played Monday night. Rhonda and LeRoy won the first two games. Bob and I worked long and hard and did manage to win the third game.

—cwe—

**News, Views, Commentary**  
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**THE WHEELER TIMES**  
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

First Baptist here in Mobeetie. Virginia always enjoys getting to attend services in her "home" church. Virginia and Miles are always so helpful while they are here. Really gets almost too quiet when they go home.

Lorene Rector was having trouble with her phones on Monday. Was so hard to hear anything on one phone and the other didn't work at all. Hope they have her all fixed up now.

Jackie Thrasher had a good check up on Thursday. But the doctors want all of the last of the scabs to come off before they do another surgery. Dr. Hyde gave her permission to put a little weight on her leg. She also gets to set in a chair with her bad leg down for the first time in six months. She said it really felt good. Jackie has some exercises to do so it will bend a little easier and get some strength back in it. She loves her glider rocker and it helps her to work that bad knee a little. It will

be another two or three weeks before they will even consider scheduling her surgery. Seems like a long time away but after seven months of this, what is three weeks? Jackie has gone fishing with Fred a couple of evenings. Enjoyed the outings and even caught three fish. Maybe it's the start of a great summer.

The Meek family and the Hartline's are counting the days until Aaron gets to come home from the war zone. Aaron is in our prayers.

Erica and Jayden Mayfield got their fill for Easter. They haven't named her yet but they go visit her everyday. She is definitely a bay and has the same markings as her momma.

We are waiting for Bob's brothers and their wives from Tucumcari, New Mexico to come and spend a few days. We'll have a mini reunion before it's all over with. Should be fun. Hope ya'll have a great week.

**From the Principal's Desk**

Congratulations to all of the Wheeler athletes and coaches. We qualified athletes to Regional in every spring sport, both boys

and girls. We are very proud of all of our student-athletes. Regional competition will begin next Monday with golf, followed by tennis on Wednesday and track on Friday. As you can see it will be a busy week. We are also thrilled that we will be taking 17 students to the UIL Regional Academic contest in Levelland on Thursday. We must not forget our students who are members of Mr. Sell's Ag program. We have several that our going to be competing at the state level. Our students are once again proving that the education at Wheeler is top-notch.



Rubee Smith, is the daughter of Jeff and Ashlee Smith. Grandparents are Tanya Waldo, Boyd and Patti Waldo and Mary Smith all of Amarillo, Texas. Great-grandparents are Patsy Rarden and the late David Rarden of Wheeler, Texas and Glen and Wynell Waldo of Amarillo, Texas.

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We have some important events at WISD that are coming up soon. On May 2nd at 9:00 our 7th through 12th grades students will hear a presentation on the dangers of meth use. On May 3rd our sophomores will travel to Canyon to attend the career day at West Texas A&M. Students will have the opportunity to visit with many businesses as well as learn about new and exciting careers. On May 9th our 9th through 12th graders will have the opportunity to experience the use of the drunk goggles. These goggles are designed to show how alcohol can impair motor skills. We will have a short obstacle course for our students to try to maneuver through. Once again we feel that it is critical to educate our students both in and out of the classroom.

**Toby Tucker**  
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**Wheeler Church of Christ**

We are so proud of our young people at the Church of Christ in Wheeler. They have committed so much of their time over the past six months in study and preparation toward the Leadership Training for Christ (L. T. C.) gathering that occurred this past weekend in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Twenty of our 3-12 grade students plus another ten adults were over there, joining in with thousands of other young people from congregations across the nation as a culmination of their work. Yes, it is a competition and there were awards given, but the point of the L. T. C. is not as much to figure out who the best is, but rather to grow up in the Lord. From these young people we will one day have our future song leaders, preachers, Bible class teachers, plus just plain ol' good Christian parents.

This year they specifically have studied from the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth with the theme "Take the Lead." Joshua specifically tells of the conquest and claiming of the land that the Israelites were promised. The book of Judges spends its time telling about the sad state of morals that the people had and why God let them fall into the hands of their enemies. Periodically God would raise up a judge to rescue them, but they were always just temporary fixes. It might be tempting for us to look at some of those characters as heroic, but the truth is that the only hero that appears in the book of Judges is God. And then Ruth is a short story concerning one specific families trust that God will rescue them. Ruth's family also ends up being important in relationship to later Israelite history since King David will come from that family lineage.

**Shawn D. Johnson**

**Services:**  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday Night Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 P.M.

**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



Cecil Pierce, Kristi Pierce, Audrey, Brady attended the Wheeler Fire Department's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday.



Braden Pierce is proud of the fish he caught with the help of Grandpa Cecil



Firemen on the scene at the Allison House Fire



**ALLISON FIRE:** The Allison Volunteer Fire Department was called to the home of Terry and Martha Gardener on April 5th outside Allison. This is the old Eddie Walker place. The Allison Fire Dept. was first on the scene followed by Briscoe, Kelton, and Wheeler. Mobeetie was dispatched out, but turned back while in route because the fire was contained by the fire fighters there. A big thank you for your quick response! The house was not a total loss, only the roof and attic were burned.



**FIELD TRIP:** The Fort Elliott Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in Mobeetie went to visit the Mobeetie Post Office on March 31st to mail postcards they made for their former classmate. Rhonda Gallagher gave them a tour of the post office and taught them how mail is sent and received. Students were treated to balloons, toy balls, candy and tags with the postal stamp. Pictured are (front) Payton Tollison, Camryn Clark, Kyras Kelley (back) Michael Rice, Blake Baker, Pecos Swift, Adley Gilmer, Skyler House, Rhonda Gallagher, Harley Jones, Tysen Aldridge.

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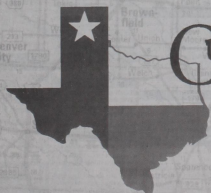


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Edmond, OK. Proud great-grandparents are Truman and Betty Zybach of Sayre. Proud grandparents include Eric and Pauline Zybach of Briscoe and Charles

and Debbie Hickey of Heydon, OK. Serving Wednesday night's good hot dog and chili supper with all the trimmings at Wheeler Baptist church were Ella Mae Wood,

Ned Burrell and Leona Coates. Thank you!

Getting together at Maxeys for Easter Dinner Sunday were Ned Burrell's family: Heather Schmitt and family, Ned's brother, Curtis and Rennie Davis from Pueblo and Shamrock and Martha Salem from Ft. Worth.

Visiting Ned Saturday night were Kelly and Lucy Burrell and Kellingna and Louringa from Shamrock.

Ron Moon from Mobeetie has been preaching at the Progressive Church in Pampa and also going with Johnny Crawford to Wheeler Jail to visit with inmates there and sing for them. Pray for Ron and Johnny and those they are trying to help.

Led by Stacey Horton, Members of the Children's Choir did some good singing Sunday night at Wheeler Baptist Church. Claudia Marion sang Sunday morning. Thanks to all.

Best wishes to Cassie Shea Brown and Marty Ray Rash as they plan to marry on August 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Pampa, TX. Cassie is the daughter of Cindy and Ronny Brown of Wheeler. She graduated from Wheeler High School and attends Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, OK. Marty is the son of Jerrye and Kenneth Rash of Gilmer, TX. He graduated from Abilene Christian University and is a soil conservationist in Wellington, TX.

In the Hemphill County Run-Off election, Steven Vandiver received 512 votes with Remelle Farrar getting 239 in the Republican Run-Off. Congratulations, Steve. Steve used to teach at Briscoe.

For Justice of Peace in Miami Run-Off election, Teda Seuh got 171 votes to 127 for Sandy Carr. Congratulations, Teda. Roberts County Republican election.

Sometimes we kinda forget what Easter is all about. Jesus dying a horrible death to pay for



our sins. And how wonderful that he arose from the dead on that Sunday morning and walked out of that tomb. And Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend now and forever. The cross is not a beautiful thing; it was a horrible death.

Sorry to hear that Leonard Hollis' sister, Jean, passed away from cancer. She used to visit them here some and lived in the Dallas area. Sincere sympathy to all the family and friends.

Enjoying eating lunch together at Maxeys Sunday were Roy and Nell Bradstreet, Wes and Cindy Bradstreet and Debbie Glazner and Kelly and Jacob.

It's a tradition to sit on the bridge on the Sweetwater Creek where Beverly Lewis was born on Easter and eat hard boiled eggs. That was the Bradshaw place and Beverly and daughter, Lannette and Beverly Jean did just that.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of Bill and Shirley Dyson were son, Jerry and Linda Dyson, and Libby and Shirley's sister, Janie and Bill Morris all from Pampa.

At Wheeler Care Center, Mobeetie Baptist Church had the afternoon church service with lots of good singing and a good message from interim pastor, O. K. Bowen. He sings well, too. Paul Hathaway, Melba Corcoran and Marion Grimes sang good gospel songs while Doris Finsterwald played beautiful music on the piano. Several residents there to enjoy the service made me think of going to church when I was a kid. That was our main activity. I've always enjoyed going to church and thankful that my parents took us to church. I remember outdoor revivals at Corn Valley.

**Beverly Lewis' Company**  
Stephanie and Mark Bowerman and Samuel, 12-weeks, from Arlington have been visiting Lou Dean Douthit, great-grandma, and other relatives. Other relatives getting together at Beverly Lewis' home were Butch and Charles Moore, Todd and Tammy Moore and Jaten and Nicole, Bret and Tammy Moore and Braden and Stormie, Beverly de Gruyter from Albuquerque, Charlene Whitener, Ken Ahler, Katie Weatherly and Jhea and Jet and friend, Joseph Penn on leave from Iraz and Andrew Coomer. Beverly is great-grandma, too, of the precious little Samuel, their entertainment.

David and Patti Bradstreet and Roy and Nell Bradstreet took a little trip for a few days to Oklahoma. They were taking a boat and will be doing some fishing and get some fresh air and exercise. Remember them in your prayers. Roy has had some problems with sugar diabetes and has to use oxygen some. He and Nell enjoy fishing. God bless you all!

Cheryl Lane and Wanda Lane took their mom, JoAnn Love to lunch at Maxeys Friday to celebrate JoAnn's birthday. Think they all work at Parkview Hospital. They had a good meal and a good visit.

Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen were Easter weekend guests to David and Rita Pearson. Nice to have Lindsey and boys eat supper at Maxeys with me Friday night. We had a good visit, too. Saturday we all and Rita Pearson ate lunch together at Maxeys. Sunday Lindsey and Blain joined me for church at Wheeler Baptist and ate lunch at Maxeys.

Spending Easter holidays with David and Phyllis Hefley were their family: Darren and Chalone Hefley and Dawson and Logan from Tulla and Kristi Hefley from Lubbock. Nice to see them eating together at Maxeys Saturday. Darren still teaches at Nazareth.

**Guthrie-Bradstreet Wedding**  
Patti Guthrie and David Bradstreet were united in marriage Saturday, April 15, at the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn about 2:00 p.m. Brady Meadows, J.P., officiated. There were family from both sides. After the wedding they went to Patti's house and had hamburgers, cake, punch and fruit plate for a good meal. May God bless and guide you, David and Patti. Some others there for the wedding and for meal were Paul and Nancy Sanders and J. R. and Mark and Laurie Malone and Reid and Neil all from Wolfe City, Kassy Bradstreet and fiancée from Pampa, Roy and Nell Bradstreet, Wes and Cindy Bradstreet, Sandy Bradstreet from Ft. Worth, Debbie Glazner and daughter, Kelly and son, Jacob, Mike and Jan Bradstreet from Berger, Pampa and Betty Louvier from Pampa, Jeannie Stone and Yolanda and son from Pampa, Bobby Dan and Crystal McNeill and Mathew, Jacob, Lindsey and Katie Grace,

Ryan McNeill and wife and kids, Chad and Kellie Helton and Kaitlyn and Chase, Danny and Karen McNeill, Norma Keelin and Tracy and Jimmie and Jotana Henson.

There was a nice group of residents out to Wheeler Care Center for Sing-A-long and church Tuesday morning. Thanks for coming, Earl Husted and Dennis Williams. Dennis played the guitar and sang and Earl had a message. And they prayed for everyone. God bless you all. Also visiting was Joyce Wood from Shamrock. Good to have her come.

At Miami, spending a week with JoAnn Morgenstern and Mark and Carol Roberson and family was Evelyn Roset a sister to Carol's dad, Melvin Morgenstern. Evelyn was from Canada. They enjoyed having her.

Quilting at Totty Thursday were Audrey Seitz, Jane Seitz, Betty Rogers, Augusta Brown and Sydney Lynch. They rolled the quilt twice. Nice to have Maurita Stribling come by and visit awhile there.

Jim and Beth Alvey are expecting several family members home for the Easter holidays and to celebrate Jim's birthday. How fitting that his birthday comes on April 15, the day when taxes have to be in. Some expected to visit are Tina and Dale and Emily from Van Buren, Ark., Todd and Misty Alvey and Paige, Peyton, Presley and Patterson from Pampa and Jim Jr. and Esther Alvey and Josiah from Lelia Lake for the Easter weekend. Nice time enjoyed by all.

Thursday Ned Burrell and sister, Martha Salem, went to Pampa and visited LaDonna and Mike Honeycutt and Heather Schmitt and Ashyton, Chance, Quinlan and Emmi.

**Easter at Earl and Shirley Jolly's**  
Some family at Earl and Shirley Jolly's on Easter were Cathy and Frank Hooper from Perryton, Vickey and Larry Nelson, Jimmy Nelson, Keri Nelson and Caden, Danny Nelson and Danielle and Amy from Pampa, Myron Jolly and Kendra, DeAnn and Jerry Foshee and Ashton, Makenzy, Madison and Tanner and Wayne Jolly and Earl and Shirley.

Nice to have a call from niece, Lynn Martin, in Layton, Utah, Monday. It was 67° on Sunday but a beautiful snow falling on Monday. Pine trees looked so pretty. Flowers were trying to bloom underneath the snow. Anyone like to have snow here?

When we moved to Wheeler over four years ago, there were four houses in the 800 block of South Mobeetie Street that were in sad shape. But someone has been doing "Extreme Make-over" on those houses, stuccoing, painting, new roofs and windows. One looks so nice and a family has moved in. The others are coming along. Makes me feel good at how nice they are looking. And I thought of how God can take our lives and make something fresh and good from our old lives, if we will let Him.

Ned Burrell's sister, Martha Salem, from Ft. Worth, has been visiting Ned and other family members.

Everyone is invited to attend a Bridal Shower honoring Britney Mick and Justin Hefley on Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 at Briscoe Cafeteria. Best wishes.

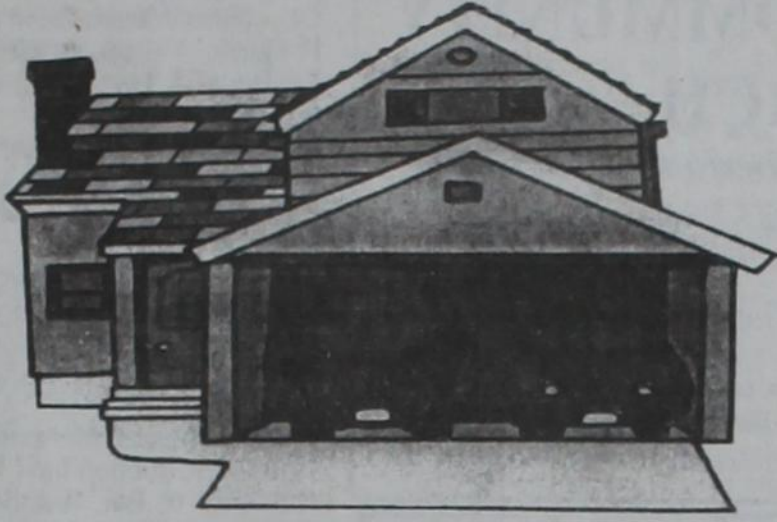
**Easter at Bob and Gena's**  
Bob and Gena Zybach enjoyed having most of their family at their house Saturday before Easter with a good meal, lots of visiting and Easter Egg hunts for the kids. They have a big garage with room to put up folding tables and chairs, refrigerator and stove. Some there were Steve and Joy Zybach, Wayne and Kathy Zybach, Clay Zybach and Emily Wood from Amarillo, Ben and Casey Pigg and  
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Refreshments

Friday, April 28, 2006  
Bura Handley  
Community Center  
Wellington, Texas

1:30 p.m. - Registration  
2:00 p.m. - Call to Order

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$1000 CASH**



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**Country** (from Page 5)

Roper from Quitaque, Deidre and John Paul Harris and Logan and Breeley, Andrea and Tracey Aldridge and Tanner, Tysen and Tayton and Bevard and Diane Dukes.

Jimmy and Tammy Maddox took daughter, Amber, and good friend Stormie Lancaster to Amarillo Saturday to celebrate Amber's 15th birthday. They ate out and saw a movie. Happy Birthday, Amber!

Happy Birthday to Esther Bowers of Miami. She will be celebrating her 95th birthday soon. A sweet lady. God bless you!

**Baker Reunion**

Larry and DeAnna Baker at Pampa hosted a family dinner Easter Sunday in a big building they have there. They furnished the meat and everyone brought other food to go with it for a great meal.

A surprise to have Kelly and Rodney Weaver and Kara and Kierbie from Amarillo come to Wheeler Baptist Sunday and then go on to Pampa to Larry and DeAnnas for dinner. Some others at Pampa were Dwayne and Bobbye Sue Baker, Ben and Andrea Baker and Bailey and Brea from Panhandle, Kristi and Charles Pettit and Kenton from Amarillo, Ed and Diane Hillman from White Deer, Chris and Elaine Witt from Amarillo, Kim and Kila Beth King from Oklahoma City, Kyle and Kaya Parnell and Ky and Karson from Pampa, Phillis and Ricky O'Quinn from Perryton and Tracey and Vince Jordan and Shelia and Wes Farris from Amarillo and Grandma. And also Marie Baker from Wheeler. Marie thought it was a wonderful day. There were also some Easter Egg hunts.

Tuesday night there were many Wheeler Care Center residents out to listen to the beautiful music of Our Country Band. Playing the bass was Robert Jones, Gene Keelin and Jim Jackson played guitars; Geoff Caldwell played the mandolin. Singing were Jim Jackson, Daniel Keelin and Thomas Peppers, who is pastor of the Pentecostal church at Cheyenne, OK. Thomas will also be helping with funerals and is a paramedic. Many, many thanks, to each of you. Sounded great! Chuck Hartline didn't get to come because he was fighting a fire at his place. Don't know what started it. "Our Band" will be back Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 to make beautiful

music. Visitors always welcome. See you there! Also visiting were Leona Coates, Betty Howard, Martha Meek and Verna Fillingim. Gelemia Back has a grandson home from Iraq and enjoyed getting to go visit with them. Hope all our boys get to come home for good very soon. Keep praying.

Leo and Sylvia Shuler enjoyed having Roy and Melanie Gates and Colton, Logan, Caden and Cheyenne from Weatherford, Oklahoma come to visit them Easter and come to Wheeler Baptist Church on Sunday. Also there was daughter Lucretia Davis. Good to see them all.

Bob and Debbie Kinnaman hosted a family get together at their place in Downtown Briscoe Easter after church with lunch and visiting and lots of Easter Egg hunts for the little ones. God bless you everyone.

Wares having lunch together at Maxeys Easter were Garrett and Jessica Ware and Claire, Gary and Tresa Ware and great-grandma Ella Mae Wood. LeeAnn Hillhouse took Claire for a little stroll around Maxeys to greet her admirers. Big crowd there enjoying the good lunch and visiting. Thanks, Maxeys. Maybe Claire was taking Lee Ann for the stroll.

Ray and Glenda Hudson went

to Ripley, Oklahoma over the weekend to visit Brady and Cynthia Hudson and Megan and Mika. They took some horses to share with the granddaughters, too, at Easter.

Thursday night they visited Ray's mom, Lois Hudson. Lois is doing pretty well and will be 90 years young on Dec. 22. Lois lives in Park Place for seniors in Amarillo.

Ruth Irvine and granddaughter, Casey Tipps, went to Tyler Thursday and visited Casey's brothers, Zachary and Adam and Ruth's sister, Evalyn Free. They came home Sunday. Adam goes to college and Zach has a job there at Tyler. They had a nice Easter weekend while kids out of school.

Luke 24:6 "He is not here; He has risen."

Charles and Lajo Crownover went to Amarillo Tascosa to the track meet Thursday and Friday to see grandson, Andrew Striley, run. They also got to see Andrew's little sister, Madison, 5 weeks old. Crownovers plan to go to Dallas over the weekend and bring Rose, 2 years, back for a visit. She is a busy little girl.

Buddy and Dianne Sparks and Haley and Taylor and Shelley Sparks and Nicholas went to visit Sherry and Greg Clark and

Dawson, Cody and Camryn on Easter after church for lunch and visiting and Easter Egg hunts.

Georgia Tipps has done well with her knee surgery. She was having the staples out Monday and was to go back to Amarillo to her doctor who did the surgery on Wednesday. Hope all is well.

Sometimes it is scary to think of our last years on earth with sometimes pain and loss of independence and loved ones who have gone on before and disabilities.

But I'm sure when we get to heaven and see Jesus and our loved ones there and all the love in heaven, this all will seem very minor and unimportant. Jesus love you and me! And He has promised to be with us always. We can trust Him. Yes, Lord!

Rhodes Easter Family Reunion The Annual Rhodes Easter Family Reunion was held at Pampa on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the Knights of Columbus Building.

Those attending from Pampa were: Clara Achord, Judy and Glenn Douglas.

From Wheeler: Joyce Perkins.

From Carnegie, OK: J. V. and Bonita Rhodes.

From Hooker, OK: Archie and Mary Rhodes and their grandson Aaron Gibley.



"God be with you till we meet again.."

**Editor's Note:** This article was written by Todd Meek for a news letter that he mails out to friends and relatives who are interested in his work as an international missionary and relief worker. Todd is the son of Karen and Grant Meek of Wheeler.

**A Lesson God Taught Me**

On April 6, 2006 my mother was awoken and told that grandpa had passed away. His condition had steadily worsened in the last days so the news was not a surprise.

It would be difficult to sum up a life that spanned nearly a decade (90 year) in a single article. But I wanted to share with you a lesson that God taught me through my grandpa.

About 8 years ago grandpa and grandma moved from their life on the farm to a retirement center in Amarillo, Texas. My grandma's Alzheimer condition had worsened so grandpa needed help in caring for her on a daily basis.

Grandma was placed in a unit in the facility that primarily housed Alzheimer patients. Grandpa stayed in independent living and walked to visit grandma at least twice daily.

I occasionally would make that walk with grandpa. On one such visit I was profoundly struck by the things that I saw. God took the opportunity, as only He can, opening my eyes to see things I had never seen before.

When we arrived in the room I watched as grandma set up in the bed and my grandpa positioned himself near her in a chair. I then watched as he cleaned her face, combed her hair, held her hand, told her he loved her and gave her a kiss. I watched him and thought, "she has no idea who he is... she will forget this tonight... no, she has already forgotten it... grandpa's not even here."

I watched him and realized that he does this at least twice a day. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year for four years my grandpa loved a person that did not know who he even was. Every day she forgot him all over again yet every day he returned to love her.

I remember grandma's funeral-near four years ago. You would have thought that after all that care, year after year of tending to her, grandpa would have been somewhat relieved. Finally a release after such a long ordeal. No... my grandpa wept. He loved her to the end and he missed her when she was gone.

In all of this grandpa gave me the greatest gift of all- I saw the true nature of love as I had never seen it before. How many times had I read 1 Corinthians 13 but not really understood it at all?

"Love is patient, love is kind... it is not self-seeking... it always protects... always hopes, always perseveres, Love never fails."

I am understanding God's love in a new way now... how patient and persevering His love is. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year for my entire life, and before, God has loved us. And then spiritual Alzheimer's sets in and we forget Him all over again and again and again.

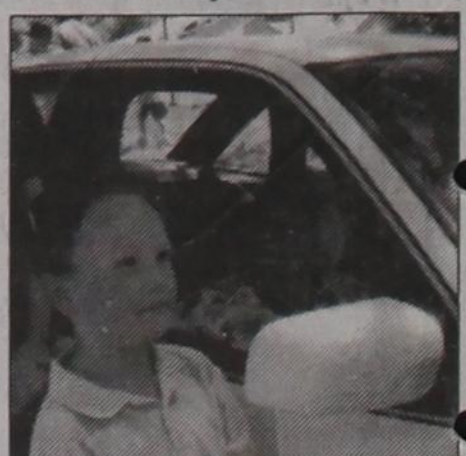
**But He loves us still.**  
"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

My grandpa gave up his life on the farm, the only life he had ever known, to be with grandma in the end because of his great love for her. He gave up his life for her. I understand better now that Jesus loves me and you so much that he left the only home He had ever known to come and love us. He laid down His life for us and now He is loving us still... day after day...

**THANK YOU**

The family of Raymond Moore would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the friends and relatives for the many acts of love and kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our loved one. You touched our hearts and eased our sorrow. We are grateful to each and every one who reached out in our time of need. You are a blessing. We pray that God will richly bless you.

Sincerely,  
Garland and Rachel Moore and family  
Karen and Grant Meek and family.



Annie Ruth Lee and Great-Grandson Caden Gates were in attendance at Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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