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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

As I said last week, I'm on vacation, cruising with the Meriwether family. (Anyway that is supposed to be where I am; as I wrote this Tuesday, July 21.

I missed the Bluegrass Festival and left Barbara here to entertain the Arnolds and the bands.

Sorry I missed you guys, but I am sure everything went smoothly without me.

Especially since I left you plenty of ice cream.

Hope I have not missed any headline stories

Supposed to be back for the publication of the August 6 paper. Get everything together so we can catch up on the news.

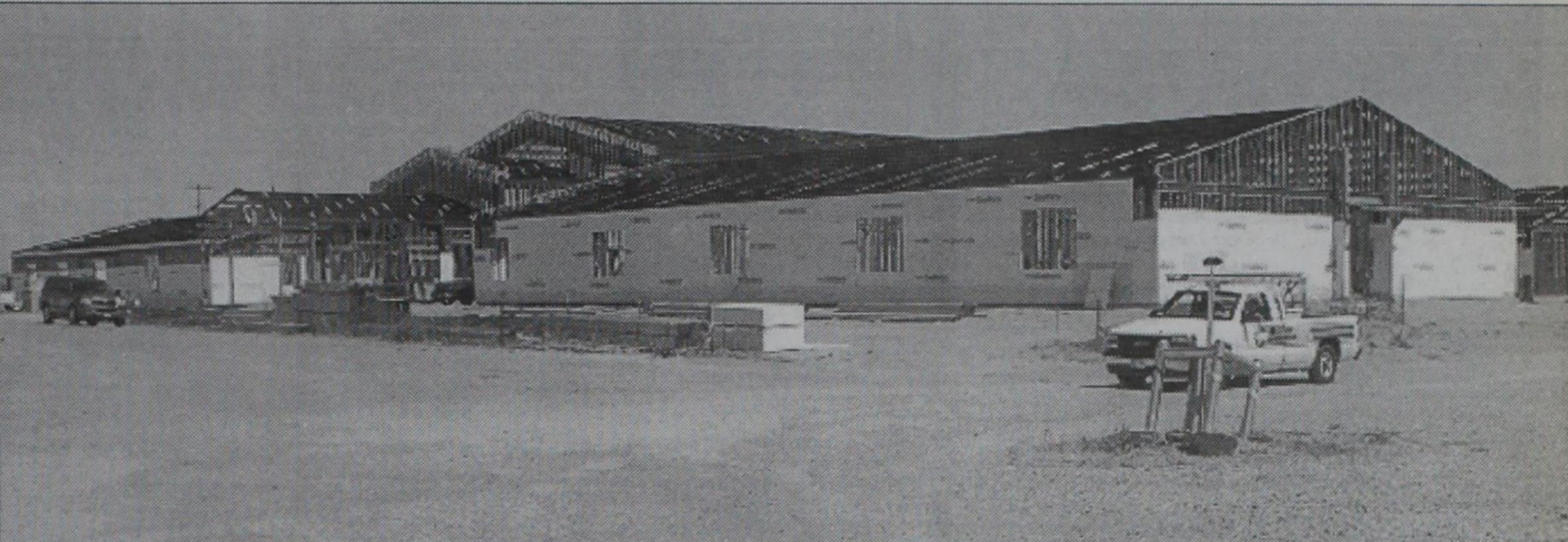
## STORM REPORT

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

I'm still on my big vacation! In Yellowstone I saw 105 buffalo. They are big and beautiful. I saw Dragon's Mouth. It's a big hole in a rock. Hot water and smoke comes out. It roars and stinks really bad like gas.

After Yellowstone we went to the Teton Mountains. I went on a raft down the snake river. I saw a red tailed hawk try to fight an eagle. I saw a baby moose, some elk and an old glacier on a mountain.

Now it's almost time to get on the ship. It will be so fun with my big family. I can't wait, I'm so excited! That's it.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Ft. Elliott's new facility on their Briscoe Campus is moving right along. The building will house an auditorium over a basement/storm shelter, cafeteria and classrooms. Completion date is set for January 1, 2010.

## Little League Ftbl Signup Is Aug. 1

Little League Football (Grades 3-6) signups will be Saturday, August 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the city park gazebo. For questions contact Danny DeBose at 806/826-0051 or 216-0338.

## Volleyball Clinic Set At Fort Elliott

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University volleyball coaching staff will present a clinic on Friday, July 24th. The morning session will begin at 9:00 and end at noon and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 and end at 3:00. Any girls, incoming 6th grade to 12th grades, interested in improving their volleyball skills are welcome and encouraged to attend. Coach Bo Pagliasotti and assis-

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## Tom Fuller To Present: 'Kingdom Come Adventure' To Methodists

Tom Fuller, founder of "The John Wesley Adventure" will be at the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler conducting a three-day presentation, "Kingdom Come Adventure".

On Sunday, August 2, the adventure will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., followed by Morning Worship at 11:00.

A meal will be served at 5:00 Sunday evening, followed by the "Lesson 2" session at 6:00 and Koinonia Groups at 7:30.

On Monday, August 3, the day begins at 7:00 with "Early Morning Light," followed by breakfast at 8:00. Lunch and "Lesson 3" will be at noon. That evening, supper will be served at 6:00 with the continuation of "Lesson 3" at 7:00. Koinonia Groups are scheduled at 8:30.

Tuesday, August 4, services begin with "Early Morning Light" at 7:00 and breakfast at 8:00. "Lesson 4" will follow a noon lunch. The evening meal will be served at 6:00. "Lesson 4" continues at 7:00 followed by the closing worship.

There will be "Dulous (servanthood) Time" both Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Call Tom Carter, Wheeler UMC, 662-5911, with questions.

Dr. Tom Fuller is General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church. He began studying John Wesley in the 1980s. Tom was fascinated by Wesley's high Christian standards, his commitment to Scripture, his balanced understanding of God, his energy and his optimism. Two questions kept returning to Tom's mind: "Why am I not like that?" and "Why is my church not like that?" Dissatisfied with mediocre standards, Tom spent five years writing *The John Wesley Adventure* to return United Methodists to a clear understanding of our thrilling heritage.

Tom has preached, taught and sung across North America, as well as in Great Britain and India. Recently, he delivered the keynote address at an evangelism meeting of the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the UMC. Tom received the Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, and the Doctor of Ministry degree in

Church Growth from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. He has written seven books:

-Let's Grow Up! subtitled, *Seriously Following Jesus in an Extreme and Compromising World.*

-*There's Something I Need to Tell You*, for young girls, lists 17 logical reasons to wait until marriage to have sex. Mandatory reading for teenage girls and those in charge of them.

-*God, How Could You?* is a common-sense study of the Old Testament book of Job, and an examination of the question: Why does God allow Christians to suffer?

-*Gay Christianity?* examines the most controversial question in the church today, and clearly describes why the Biblical position is still the logical truth.

-*The Treasure in Front of You* is a comprehensive description of how to find genuine happiness through living by Kingdom principles in our everyday lives.

-*The John Wesley Academy* is the 21-session curriculum for *The John Wesley Adventure*.

-*The John Wesley Express* is a 12-session condensed edition of *The John Wesley Academy*.

-*The Amazing John Wesley* is a concentrated, three-day presentation for local churches, on the life and beliefs of John Wesley. Tom tells it in story form, then concludes by describing *The John Wesley Adventure*, for congregations who want to get serious about Wesleyan reform.



Tom Fuller

## Wheeler Senior Citizens Meeting

Wheeler Senior Citizens (ages 50 up) will have a re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 12 noon at the new Family Life Center.

This will be an open meeting to organize and make decisions on the future of the senior citizens organization.

Sandwiches, cake and ice cream will be served.

## Extension Lunch And Learn Series

Texas AgriLife Extension provide a series of exercise classes and lunch will be held at the Wheeler County Ag & Family Center on Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, and 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Participants will need to bring or wear their workout clothes. We will exercise for 30 minutes and then eat lunch. Participants will learn information about maintaining a healthy weight and healthy eating. The cost is \$5.00. Please call the Extension office 826-5243 by noon on the previous Monday to reserve your spot for lunch.

## Do Well, Be Well With T-2 Diabetes

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Huselby Ranch House

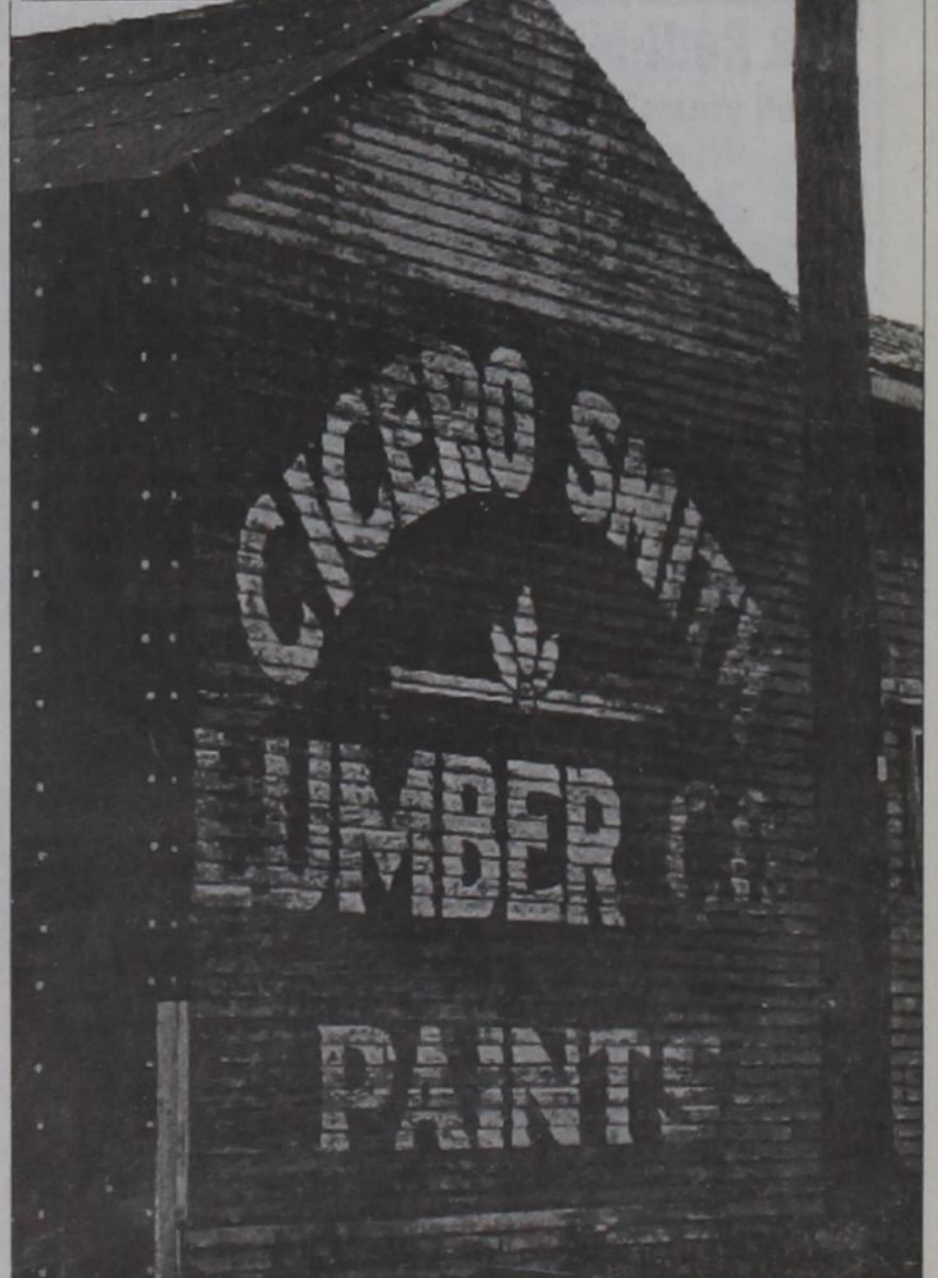
## Huselby Ranch House On Display At Old Jail Museum

The Huselby House is the two-story house built in 1898-99 by Mark and Mary Lou Huselby, prominent pioneers of the Texas Panhandle. Mark Huselby was born February 6, 1854 in Shropshire County, Overhampton, England. He came to the United States at the age of 16, arriving in New York City on December 27, 1869. He came by ship with his parents, two brothers and four sisters, eventually settling in Kansas. By 1874, he was serving in the 6th Cavalry, stationed at Fort Dodge, Kansas during the Red River Indian War of 1874. Mr. Huselby came to the panhandle of Texas in December of 1874, with four companies of the 6th Cavalry as a cook, having Christmas dinner on Commission Creek. The soldiers camped on the Washita River in Hemphill County for two months before moving to Camp Cantonment in Gray County until May of 1875. When the site for Fort Elliott was selected in Wheeler County, Huselby was Sergeant of the officers' mess at Fort Elliott. In this position, Huselby showed initiative by planning a four acre garden in the low

land near the Sweetwater Creek. Huselby also started the dairy. He procured thirty cows that provided milk for the garrison. The availability of milk as well as the garden produce was of primary importance to the health of the men and the families stationed at the post.

Huselby did not stay in the Cavalry long. He found many business opportunities in the newly opened panhandle. In 1879, When Wheeler County was organized, Mark Huselby was elected Wheeler County Tax Assessor, the first Tax Assessor in the Texas Panhandle. He served in this position until 1908, when the county seat was moved to Wheeler, Texas. By 1880, Mark Huselby had filed on a section of land fourteen miles southwest of Fort Elliott and laid the foundation for his ranch that grew to fourteen sections. On this ranch, beginning in 1884, he grew cabbage, one head weighing 28 pounds. Wagon loads of cabbage were sold to Fort Elliott, where it was made into sauerkraut for the soldiers. Huselby brought the first well drilling

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FROM THE PAST: As the stucco was removed from a building in the 500 block of South Main in Wheeler, this sign from the past appeared. If you have lived in Wheeler long enough, you remember Cicero Smith Lumber Co. The sign speaks well for their paint. I think the building was stuccoed before '59.



HONOREE: Mary Margaret Dodd will be the honoree at a reception in celebration of her 90th birthday. The event will be at the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler from 2:30-4:30 P.M. on August 1, 2009. If you cannot attend, send a card to P.O. Box 382, Wheeler, TX 79096. C. G. and Rosemary Dodd, Jacquelyn and John D. Foreman and Diane and Jack Cody are hosting the affair.



"FLYIN' HIGH": A grin from ear-to-ear came across Kenny Frankenberry's face as a 4-seater helicopter landed in Shea and Bridgette Weatherly's backyard just east of town. Little did Kenny know that his long time wish to ride in a helicopter was about to come true. A group of special friends congregated to give him a proper "send off" consisting of video taping, picture taking, waving, and cheering! A special Thanks to Trey Webb, the pilot from Canadian; and the owner of the helicopter from Garden City, Kansas. Kenny circled over Wheeler several times and exclaimed, "It was AWESOME! Great view from a 1,000 feet up!" After landing he told his friends, "I'm just trying to soak it all in - I'm just lucky to get to do it!" But Kenny will never know how "lucky" we are to have him as our friend!

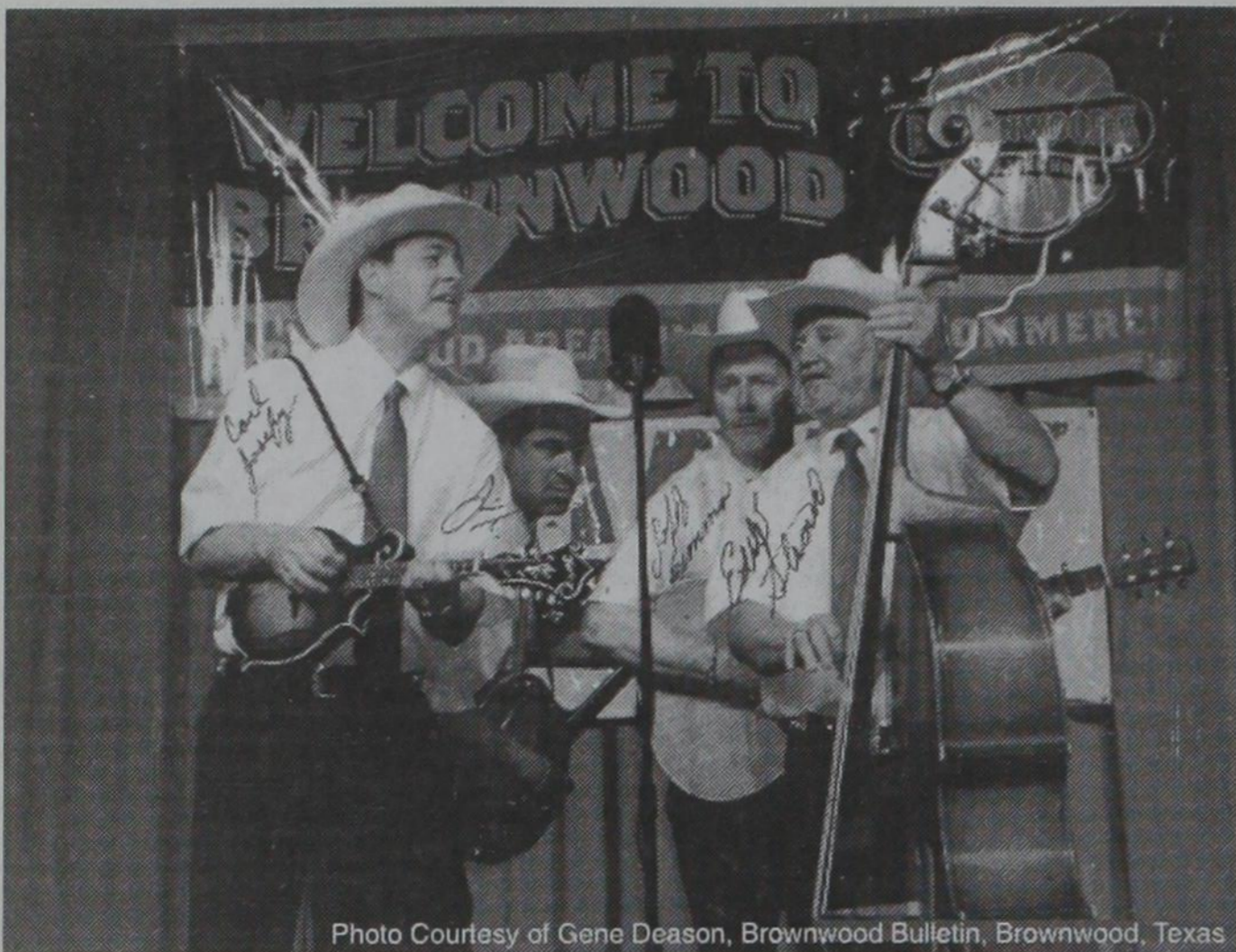


Photo Courtesy of Gene Deason, Brownwood Bulletin, Brownwood, Texas  
Star Canyon Band — Carl, Tim, Jeff and Eddie

## Star Canyon

Jeff (John Floyd) Simmons' Second Time Around

by Juanita Stockton

*Writer's note: (The name Jeff was hung on him when he was a baby called J.F. His sister, one year older and still learning to talk clearly, ran the letters together, forming the sound Jeff. It stuck.)*

"My five kids call me on Mother's Day and say, 'Happy Mother's Day, Dad.'"

That's right. Virginia-born John Floyd (Jeff) Simmons laid aside his guitar in order to obtain custody of his children and rear them. That was at a time when fathers seldom gained custody of their children.

Jeff told the judge, "I will give up the music business. I have to play two more shows in Harrisburg, Virginia, this coming Saturday. Then I will quit."

"That's what they all say," the judge said.

But Jeff pleaded his case, saying he had a good baby-sitter, and the judge relented provisionally. However, he called their home three times the day and evening of Jeff's shows checking to see if there really was an adult in charge.

At the time, Jeff was doing two live radio shows on the "New Dominion Barn Dance" each Saturday out of Harrisburg (near Roanoke). As promised, he played his final afternoon and evening shows, then went home to his children.

Twenty-five years later, with his present wife Mary's encouragement, he started playing again. In 1987, he, along with his brother, the now late Jim Simmons, and two friends, Randy Blackwood and the now deceased Joe Kitts, started jamming together. A year later, they formed the band, Star Canyon.

They soon would be playing the bluegrass circuit as a close-knit group. But with time, Jeff lost them one by one. Only Randy remained of the original group. Then, when his children became teenagers, he "left the road" to be home more regularly.

Jeff thought of disbanding. However, with true professionalism, he carried on with new men who could both sing and play well. (In Star Canyon's almost 21 years as a four-piece professional group, only eight men have been a part of it—which speaks well for their congeniality.)

The vocal and instrumental versatility of Texans, Tim Tynes & Eddie Stroud, and Oklahoman, Carl Josefy, combine with Jeff's talent to give a really good, balanced sound. They are a unit—a band worth traveling to hear.

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## Parkview Artery How to Take Care of Your Feet

Many people neglect their feet though they are probably the things that we use the most on our body other than our eyes and ears. The thing is that many people do not know the basics of foot care. We want to cover some basic foot care tips so that you can stop neglecting your feet and be on the road to a long and healthy life.

If you experience foot pain do not ignore it at all. Discomfort in your feet is not a normal thing and should be looked at by a professional. If you do have a foot issue the quicker it is identified and cured the better. Letting things go for a while can make them worse.

Keep your feet clean and dry as often as possible. You should check your feet regularly for any abnormal color or skin problems. You should keep your feet moisturized with a good moisturizer so that you can keep the skin soft, moist and healthy. Pay close attention to any fungus that you find on your feet. If you do discover fungus on your feet a professional should take a look and recommend a treatment option.

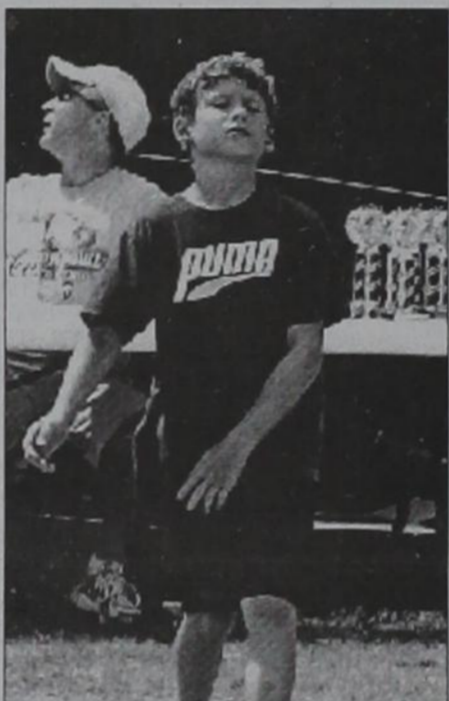
Many people do not know that your shoes have to be the right types for your feet and if they are not it can lead to problems. When you find a set of shoes that you like then break them in slowly and pay attention to how they treat your feet. New shoes may need to be broken in but they should not hurt your feet. If a pair of shoes hurts your feet you need a different pair.

If you take care of your feet they will take good care of you for many years to come. If you are not a doctor then do not try to be one, if you have a foot issue then see the right doctor so that they can fix you up.

Our feet are very important to how many of us run our lives. Take good care of your feet and they will take care of you.

### Medcat

Walking: the most ancient exercise and still the best modern exercise.



**PARTICIPANT:** Pictured above is another participant in the PP&K competition at Wheeler during the 4th of July celebration.



**BORROWED:** Seth Bryant had to borrow this medal to have his picture taken, but one of these years he is going to win a medal.

Arrington and Isabel Elizabeth Huselby. Mabel Huselby married John A. Arrington, son of G. W. "Cap" Arrington, former Texas Ranger and second Sheriff of Wheeler County. They had two children, Mark Arrington and Alline Arrington Hayter. Alline Hayter's daughter, Beverly Hayter Brown, made the gift of the Huselby Ranch house to the Mobeetie Jail Museum for safe keeping and preservation. Mark Huselby died January 16, 1937, at 83 years of age. Mary Lou Huselby died September 8, 1943. Their daughter, Isabel Huselby, continued to operate the west half of the ranch until the 1970s. Isabel Huselby died August 11, 1979.

The house has not been lived in since the 1970s. It needed immediate attention to stop the deterioration from weather. While many of its attributes are still sound, much of the home's elegance and examples of pioneer workmanship are dimmed by dirt and lack of care.

The outside has been taken care of and the money is being raised to do the inside. The work will be started as soon as funds are available. There is much work left to be done and all donations would be greatly appreciated. We invite you to come by and see the beauty of Huselby Ranch House.

west, she was ready, even determined, to go. She loves my kids; they love her—and, after all these years, she still loves me. She doesn't only love me, she likes me, and that's what makes a good marriage grow even better. I am one lucky man."

This is the true Jeff Simmons. Yet, he is a many-faceted person. In addition to being a strong family man, he is Electrical Inspector for the city of San Antonio five days a week, but his weekends are filled with playing and singing the music he loves. On stage, we see the man behind the footlights, whose quick wit is such a part of his persona. At age 76, his voice is still strong and pure, and he continues to be much in demand as a performer.

Star Canyon, as a four-man team, is a "can't afford to miss 'em band."

## Huselby

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ing machine and the first hay baler to the Panhandle.

Huselby's business interests in town centered on his hotel. The Huselby Hotel, the second hotel built in Mobeetie. It was an 18 room structure, with eight rooms constructed of rock in the back, the front two-story portion constructed of pine shipped in from Dodge City, Kansas. The hotel had a wide front porch that was unusual for the time. A unique feature of the hotel was the use of buffalo robes on the beds. The hotel was usually a busy place during rush seasons such as Court weeks and tournaments (social events that were precursors of today's rodeos). Business was so good that as the rooms were filled, many cowboys brought their own bedding and slept on the dining room floor.

On May 5, 1885, Mark Huselby married Lou Seese. Mary Lou was born in Scott County, Illinois on December 27, 1869, the same day Mark Huselby arrived in New York City. As a child, Mary moved with her parents to Sullivan County, Missouri and then to Hazelton, Kansas, at age 14. In 1885, the Seese family moved to Texas and lived on Wolf Creek in front of the 7K ranch headquarters. In 1886, the family moved to Mobeetie. After marrying in 1888, Mark and Mary lived at the Huselby Hotel for ten years. Both of their children were born in the hotel. Mrs. Huselby ran the hotel. The cowboys called her Aunt Lou and the wonderful food, buffalo robes on the all the beds, and the hospitality made the hotel a popular stopping place for lonely young men and other travelers through the panhandle.

On May 1, 1898, a tornado destroyed the hotel as well as most of the town of Old Mobeetie. The Huselbys moved into a picket house on the ranch to live during the Summer while they gathered the lumber of Huselby Hotel scattered by the tornado, and from the best, built the living room and dining room of the ranch house. To these rooms they later added a stylish two story, four room addition, kitchen, bathroom, laundry and utility room. The ranch house featured central heat from a coal fired boiler in the cellar under the kitchen. The original ductwork is still in use in the house. The home was lighted by wind generators and carbide batteries, prior to electricity. The original doors and window casements are in place. Two leaded panes of glass are still in place in the windows in the downstairs front rooms.

The home was very elegant for its time and many of the guests at the house were the prominent early settlers of the panhandle. Their home was much like the hotel, always full of guests made welcome to stay as long as they liked. Mr. and Mrs. Huselby were eager to see the area grow. Prominent lawyers, cattlemen, railroad men, oil speculators and ministers stayed with the Huselbys through the early years of the development of the Panhandle. Mrs. Huselby constantly ordered books on each new invention and had many installed in her home. Mr. Huselby was a surveyor (he surveyed part of the rail line from Dallas to Houston) and their home was home to most of the early surveyors of the Panhandle.

The Huselbys raised two daughters, Mabel Huselby

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## 'Wedding Singer' Production Aug. 3-9

Red Carpet Community Theatre has kicked off its rehearsals for its major summer musical, The Wedding Singer and excited to welcome professional guest director, Ian Strimple to Elk City. The Wedding Singer opens August 3 through 9, 2009. Ian Strimple is a New York City resident but originally hails from Enid, Oklahoma! With his musical theatre degree from Oklahoma City University, Ian has been performing in theatres across the country. Some of his favorite roles have been "Snoopy" in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, "Mordred" in Camelot, "Curly" in Oklahoma!, and "The Gentleman Caller" in Glass Menagerie. Last summer Ian produced an original play for the Manhattan International Theatre Festival called Four Unfold, to a great success. He is thrilled to be back in his home state directing, this hysterical comedic tribute to the 80's, The Wedding Singer. The Wedding Singer, called "One Big Party! A good-natured, high-energy musical" by Newsday, is based upon the 1998 hit film that starred Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. It's the '80's, you know, junk bonds, MTV, "Dynasty," Duran Duran, leg warmers. It's 1985, and Robbie Hart, a rock-star wannabe, lives in his grandmother's basement in New Jersey and is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancé leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. His dreams of being a singer/songwriter are long gone, replaced now by a burning desire to find the right girl and settle down. When his fiancée leaves him standing at the altar, he becomes a wedding planner's worst nightmare, taking out his bitterness on stage until his eye and heart turn to a new friend, Julia, but she's engaged to a wealthy Wall Street broker. The Wedding Singer takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room. This show is recommended for mature audiences only (adult situations and language). This project is done with the grant assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information call 580-225-1941 or visit our website at www.rcct.org.

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**WINNERS:** A very popular event each year at the 4th of July celebration is Thursday Review's Turtle Race. Pictured here are the winners of this year's race. They are Cambri Moore, 1st; Bria Calvert, 2nd; and Onas Calvert, 3rd.

## You've Got A Friend: How To Help A Friend In Need

by Susan LaScala, RN-C  
Family Nurse Practitioner

You have a friend in crisis. She has cancer and is going to the hospital weekly for chemotherapy treatments; or she has a 3-year-old daughter and has just delivered twin baby girls (and her father-in-law has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer); or she has just delivered a premature baby. Any number of scenarios fit the bill. They may not be life or death, but there are countless ways life gets disrupted. The most common reaction to such situations is for you to call and express your feelings — "Congratulations on the babies! But twins! You poor thing..." or "I'm so sorry to hear about the illness..." Then you automatically say into the phone, "What can I do to help?" Your

question is heartfelt and sincerely meant, but probably, ultimately, not going to be helpful to the person in crisis.

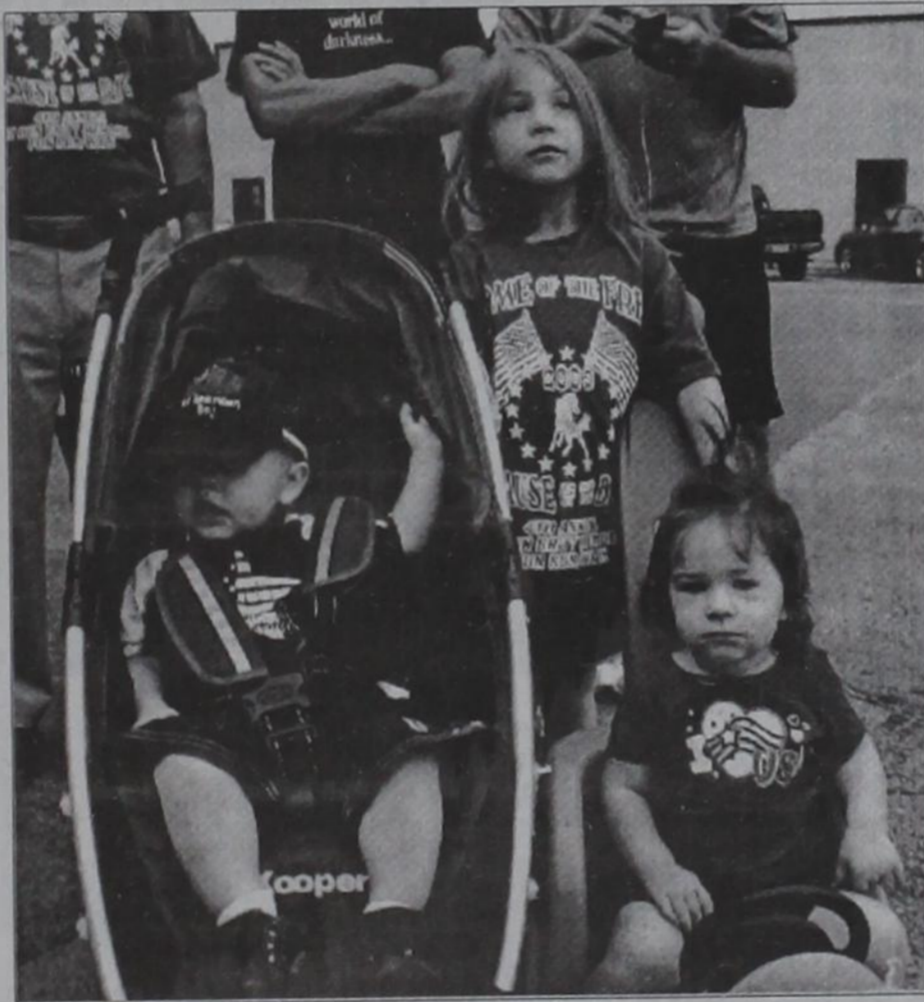
When was the last time someone actually called you back when you made such an offer, and asked you for a favor? In the long run, the most likely response you will get to "What can I do?" or "How can I help?" or "Call me for anything," is an appreciative thank you at the time of the offer, and silence after that. You will call again, and your friend will update you on her situation, but it is unlikely she will call back and ask you for anything. She will feel like she is imposing on you, or may be too overwhelmed to know what kind of favor to ask for. Who really answers your question with the truth: "What I really need is for

## Fillingim Song

by Anna Dell (Fillingim) Myers

Mississippi is where Grandpa was a lad  
On a farm worked by the slaves they had.  
We don't know what was his intent  
But out to Turkey, Texas is where he went.  
Laura Coker caught his eye before very long  
And Irving Fillingim had new song.  
They were married on February 14<sup>th</sup> nineteen-oh-nine  
After he had said,  
"Will you be mine?"  
From this union, 3 girls and 7 boys came  
(Leola, Leon, Eula, E.G., Talmage, William, Willis, Horace, Hugh, and Cornelia)  
They moved to Wheeler, then they moved again  
Out to the farm the place that we all knew  
Where watermelons, tomatoes and really good corn grew.  
All done by teams of horses and a plow  
Everything was done by the sweat of the brow.  
Grandpa bringing the horses up to the water tank  
With a shout of "haw!" he'd give the reins a yank  
Remember the goldfish and the moss that they ate  
And Grandpa in his overalls, just closing up the gate.  
Grandma made her biscuits in a big old wooden bowl  
She'd make a real nice feast that we would all behold.  
We used washboards to scrub the clothes oh so very hard  
And the soap was made in a great big pot set out in the yard  
When her eye was taken out, on the table she did lay  
But this didn't change her life at all in any way.  
She picked the currants, and pulled her "greens"  
And rocked the babies into their dreams  
Sometimes we'd get to sleep over on Saturday nite  
Grandma's pancakes were oh so lite.

We hurried out to Grandpa's new black Ford  
Down the road toward Gageby Church, we roared  
Grandma, pulling on her sox, braiding her hair  
Grandpa heading for the front pew, his hearing nair  
Sunday School, plus Brother Cole's sermon filled the air  
Singing and praising the Lord, with many a prayer  
Sunday was a day of rest for each and every one  
Grandpa argued Bible verses and always won  
Grandma set the table, feeding sons, daughters, kids and all  
Those were the days we all like to recall.  
We're proud of our heritage, the roots we're from  
We've had many an example of how it's won  
Grandma and Grandpa were a part of our history  
They make our life more than a story  
We're the Fillingims!!!!



**YOUNGSTERS:** These three were only a few of the many youngsters participating in the annual Fun Run/Walk. Pictured (l. to r.) Seth Bryant, Stormie Meriwether and Jaden Musaeu. This is their second year to take part in the event.



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someone to come and clean the bathrooms in my house. They are disgusting and I just can't get to them because I have so much else going on." Your friend won't be able to say, "I am barely putting one foot in front of the other," because she is probably trying to be brave or appear competent as she attempts to cope with her situation.

If she doesn't tell you what she needs, what can you do?

Sit quietly for a minute, put yourself in your friend's running shoes, and think about what she might need. What would you want if you were in her situation? Then call her and make an offer. Better still, make two offers, giving her a choice.

1. To the mother of the twins: "I have Fridays off. I can watch the babies on Friday mornings while you go out and get your errands done." Or, "If you make out your grocery list I can do your shopping every Friday morning."

2. To the mother of the preemie: "I know I can't help with the baby while he's in the hospital, but I love cleaning the kitchen. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to take a disaster zone and make it all shiny. When you go to visit the baby in the hospital I will come and clean your kitchen."

3. To the friend with cancer: "I always make a big dinner on Sunday evenings. I'll double the recipe each Sunday and bring dinner to you."

4. Tell your friend she is lovely but could use a haircut, then ask her when you can schedule an appointment for her. Take her to the appointment and drag her to lunch while you are at it. She still needs to eat.

5. Offer to take care of your friend's children so she and her husband can have a night out.

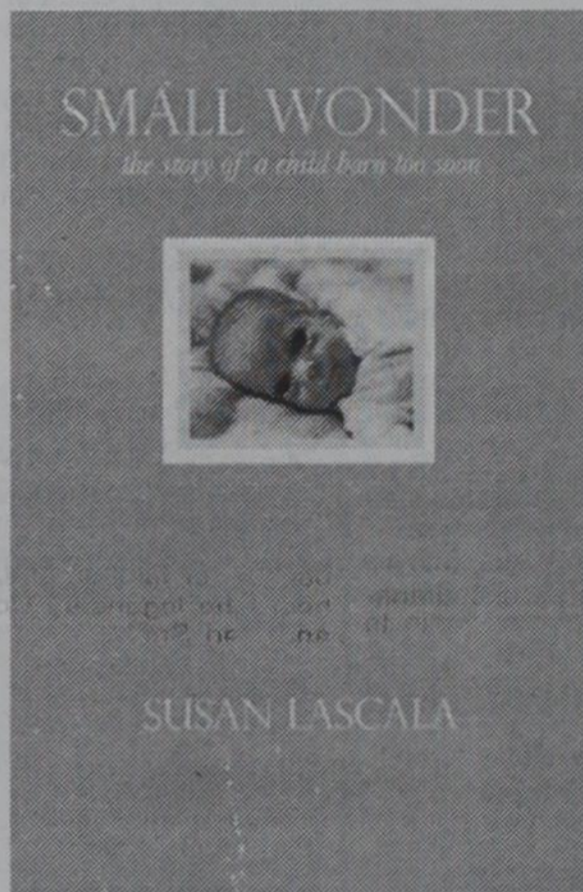
6. Tell her to do all the laundry on Friday evenings and you will be over to fold on Saturday morning.

Be specific. Make the task something you like to do so it isn't onerous for you, but a labor of love. Perhaps you are a vacuuming addict and there is nothing that makes you happier than seeing the perfection of pile carpet with those nice wheel marks going back and forth over the pile. Tell your friend that. It will make her feel better and she might laugh and say, "All right already. Knock yourself out! Come and vacuum my floors."

This helping can apply to your siblings, parents, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone in need. If you draw a blank when you are trying to think of how to help an acquaintance you may not know very well, call someone who was in a similar situation. Ask, "What was most helpful when you were sick?" Call hospice if you know someone who is dying or the senior center if your friend is elderly. Such organizations will probably have a number of ideas and resources you wouldn't have thought of. Then rework their ideas for your particular situation.

Lending a helping hand benefits both the helper — you — and the recipient. It is amazing how much better you feel when you know you have done a favor for someone. You can't remove the burden of your friend's illness or crisis, but you certainly can put a check in the plus column for that friend on that particular day. Your efforts will be much appreciated.

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## Tickets On Sale For Wedding Singer

TICKETS FOR *THE WED* The Wedding Singer opens August 3 and tickets are now on sale for Red Carpet Community Theatre's major summer musical. Professional guest director, Ian Strimble, is thrilled to be back in his home state directing, this hysterical comedic tribute to the 80's, *The Wedding Singer*, with Musical Director Sheri Lashley. "The cast is working very hard, and can't wait to share this classic movie with the community," states Strimble.

*The Wedding Singer*, called "One Big Party! A good-natured, high-energy musical" by *Newsday*, is based upon the 1998 hit film that starred Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. It's the '80's, you know, junk bonds, MTV, "Dynasty," Duran Duran, leg warmers. It's 1985, and Robbie Hart, a rock-star wannabe, lives in his grandmother's basement in New Jersey and is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancé leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. His dreams of being a singer/songwriter are long gone, replaced now by a burning desire to find the right girl and settle down. When his fiancé leaves him standing at the altar, he becomes a wedding planner's worst nightmare, taking out his bitterness on stage until his eye and heart turn to a new friend, Julia, but she's engaged to a wealthy Wall Street broker. *The Wedding Singer* takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room. This show is recommended for mature audiences only (adult situations and lan-



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# Bryant/McKeown Vows Exchanged May 2, 2009 In Double Ring Ceremony At First Baptist Church

## Couple Met While Attending University While Studying To Become Chefs

Lacey Diane Bryant of Atlanta, Georgia, and Thomas John McKeown from Pallaskenny County, Limerick, Ireland, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 2, 2009, in a 5:00 p.m. ceremony at the First Baptist Church, Wheeler, Texas.

Bro. Larry Mitchell, pastor, officiated the double ring ceremony. The church was decorated with gold candles floating in glass vases. The center aisle had wicker baskets filled with sage, rosemary and lavender herbs hanging from the end of alternating pews. Pillar candles with greenery adorned the windows. Two candles on each side of a center unity candle were located to the side of a center arbor covered with greenery. Thomas and Lacey exchanged vows under an arbor of ivy and hanging roses.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Mike Bryant of Wheeler, chose a Melissa Sweet creation in diamond white French Chantilly lace over candlelight charmeuse. Her scalloped strapless slim silhouette featured a dropped waistline releasing her trumpet skirt and demi train. To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a fingertip veil of gossamer illusion edged with French Chantilly lace by Toni Federici. She carried a bouquet of white ranunculus, ivory and green roses and coffee berries, bound with satin. Her center cut solitaire diamond with matching princess cut diamond band.

Sylvia Shuler, of Wheeler, played a selection of traditional wedding music immediately before the ceremony. "Cherish the Treasure" was played during the lighting of the unity candle.

The attendants of the bride were matron of honor, Sandy Bradstreet Cooper of Coppell, Texas, Megan Hampton Henderson of Lockney, Texas, and Maire McKeown, sister of the groom, from Limerick, Ireland. Bridesmaids wore Melissa Sweet cocktail-length strapless dresses in chocolate tiramisu Italian satin. Their empire-pleated bodice was finished with a back bow. They each carried a petit bouquet resembling the bridal bouquet. The bride's nine-year-old niece, Sarah Bryant of Lubbock, Texas, served as the flower girl. She carried a crème satin basket with tiny pearls filled with ivory rose petals. Sarah wore an A-line spaghetti strap tea length dress made of ivory satin with an empire waist and lace bodice. Cameron Bryant, five-year-old nephew of the bride was ring bearer carrying a crème satin pillow with the diamond band and groom's wedding band. Cameron understood his job was the most important as the wedding couldn't go on unless he made it to the front with the rings.

The groom was attired in a tan suit, white shirt and ivory tie. Groomsmen were Joseph McKeown and Seamus McKeown

of Limerick, Ireland, brothers of the groom, and Josh Bryant of Wheeler, Texas, brother of the bride. The groomsmen and ring bearer wore tan suits, white shirts and chocolate brown ties.

Gary Bryant of Lubbock, Texas, and Greg Bryant of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, served as ushers.

The bride's mother, Beverly Bryant of Wheeler, Texas, wore an ivory Cluny lace sleeveless top over a meadow green Dupont A-line skirt by Watters and Watters. She was escorted by her son, Greg Bryant.

The groom's mother, Kathleen

McKeown, wore a cream and lemon leaf pattern dress with black trim with a tight black feather hat. She was escorted by her husband, Joe McKeown.

Grandparents of the couple are Lorene and George Plaster of Amarillo and Peggy and Doyle Munkres of Elk City.

Photography was by Kristin Edwards of Ft. Worth.

The bride and groom left the church as guests showered them with bubbles in place of the traditional rice. Josh Bryant chauffeured the couple in a 1954 Chevrolet 210, owned by Gary and Tresa Ware.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John McKeown



Mrs. Thomas McKeown . . . nee Lacey Bryant



**Wedding Party:** Maire McKeown, Sarah Bryant (flower girl) Megan Henderson, Sandy Cooper, Lacey McKeown, Thomas McKeown, Joseph McKeown, Cameron Bryant (ring bearer), Seamus McKeown, and Josh Bryant



**ATTEND WEDDING:** The wedding of Lacey Bryant and Thomas McKeown was held at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Lacey is from Kelton, and Thomas is from Ireland; they met while attending Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island to become chefs. Shown above are Thomas' family and friends, who attended the wedding from Ireland, England, Australia, Maryland and Rhode Island. They are Joe and Kathleen McKeown, Thomas' parents, from Ireland; Seamus McKeown, Mary Staff, Jeremy Staff, Pat McKeown, Sean McKeown, Geraldine McKeown, Ann Barry, Chris Roche, Eliz Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Aisling Kenny, Morgan O'Sullivan, Mary Bourke, Margaret Sheehy, Sean Stenson, John Quinn, Helen Quinn, Aoife Quinn, Edel Quinn, Kathleen Browne and John Browne (all from Ireland) Joseph and Maire McKeown, Maria Staff, Catherine Staff (all from Australia), Seamus King, Robert Ginnard (both from England) Ronny and Mary Tilman from Maryland. At right are Lacey's and Thomas' friends from Rhode Island; they are George and Cathy Opaleric, Robyn and Kevin Duffy and Joe and Lori Leonard.



## Reception Followed Wedding At The Bryant Family Home

The reception was held at the Bryant family home under a white tent. Inside, the tables were adorned with champagne crushed satin tablecloths. Each table was numbered by the couple's favorite herbs, spices and vegetables. The flower arrangements on each consisted of Belle's of Ireland, coffee berries, ivory ranunculus and roses. The arrangements sat on a ringer base surrounded by votive candles.

At each place setting sat a custom menu, created by the couple, tucked inside a chocolate satin napkin. The menu consisted of Spring Mix Salad with Pear Tomatoes and Goat Cheese and Roast Prime Rib of Beef with creamy Red Bliss Potatoes over Roasted Vegetables. The wedding cake, consisting of Lemon Genoise Sponge, White Chocolate Mousse and Italian Buttercream, was served for dessert.

Once dinner was complete, the festivities began with the couple's first dance. There was only one song Thomas and Lacey felt was appropriate to accompany such a special moment. "This Year's Love" by David Gray has served as their song throughout their five-year courtship. The bride was swept off her feet, much to her surprise. Everyone thought they had taken lessons, but love guided their steps.

The dancing continued as father and daughter stepped onto the floor. Their dance began with Lionel Richie's "Ballerina Girl";

however, Mike was surprised by a special encore song selected by his little girl. Suddenly, "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy" piped through the sound system and the two jitterbugged and swung into action. Thomas and his mother continued the traditional dances, moving to "How Sweet It Is" by James Taylor.

Just as the DJ continued into the night, so did the dancing. Guests were amazed by the talented crowd, especially by the young ring bearer's moves! Little did they know they were all in for a big surprise. Thomas gathered a group of eight family members and began the traditional Irish set dancing. Everyone applauded and watched in amazement.

To break from the festivities, the couple moved to cut the cake. Constructed by the groom, the cake stood four tiers high, covered in smooth Cappuccino fondant etched with ivory brush embroidery mimicking the bride's lace gown. A petite bouquet of ivory roses and ranunculus crowned the wedding cake's top tier.

As the candles became dimmer and dimmer, the party became livelier and livelier. Throughout the night, the couple was surrounded by an aura of guests' best wishes and words of wisdom. The couple left with elated hearts and beautiful memories as they left to begin their new life as a married couple.

The McKeowns will make their home in Atlanta, Georgia, where they will pursue their culinary careers.

# Wheeler I.S.D. Board Meeting

Unapproved Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 8, 2009

The Wheeler ISD Board of Trustees met for a scheduled meeting June 8, 2009. Dr. Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. All board members were present with the exception of James Masters. School personnel in attendance were Bryan Markham, Debbie Finsterwald and Clay Mahler. Coby James with TXEBC attended the meeting, also. The pledge to the flag was led by Todd Moore and the invocation was offered by Ravonda Hardcastle.

Motion by Ravonda Hardcastle; Second by Kent Vise—To accept the May 14, 2009 board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by Todd Moore—To ratify payment of bills presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ravonda Hardcastle; Second by Billy Richardson—Upon the recommendation of the superintendent to extend the contract with Wheeler Banking Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by Todd Moore—To accept the bid from Vibra-Whirl Sports, Inc for

track renovation contingent upon base proposal including interior runways, track, and all existing surfaces at a cost of \$447,445. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent Vise—Second by Billy Richardson—Upon the recommendation of the HS Principal and the Superintendent to hire McKenzie Malloy as math teacher/coach—Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dr Hillhouse; Second by Kent Vise—To approve the agreement with West Texas Co-operative. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ravonda Hardcastle; Second by Dr Hillhouse—Upon the recommendation of the super-

intendent to retain Charles Kuntz for auditor for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting date will be July 21st.

Motion by Todd Moore; Second by Dr Hillhouse—To adjourn at 8:58. Motion carried unanimously.

As appropriate, the Board may enter in Closed Meeting as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551. Before any meetings are convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section on the Act authorizing the closed meetings. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meetings.



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