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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT
WITH
EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Congratulations, Justen Bryant, a Ft. Elliott basketball player. He was named *Globe-News* Athlete of the Week Honor Roll.

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Christmas is going to be here before we know it.

—cwe—
The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House was held this past Sunday and Monday evenings. It was a success, even though the cold front moved in Monday.

—cwe—
I was at the mini-mall taking orders for the courthouse miniatures. We have yet to receive our model. However, we have several orders.

—cwe—
Snow in Wheeler was very light. Only traces of snow could be found in shaded areas at any one time.

—cwe—
These events, sponsored by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, represent a lot of hard work on the part of a few. You know who you are and you are appreciated. A Tip of the Hat to you!

—cwe—
We had Thanksgiving dinner (the evening meal) at the Gene Arnold residence in Del City with family.

—cwe—
On Saturday, Leroy and Rhonda Meriwether, hosted a dinner (the noon meal); some of the same family and others were present for this meal.

—cwe—
We took care of the grandpuppies Thursday morning for Jennifer and Greg. They went to Elk City for Thanksgiving dinner and stayed with the Bryants between Thanksgiving meals.

—cwe—
We did not play cards Monday evening, because of the Open House. Hopefully no one goes into withdrawals.

Wheeler I.S.D. Book Fair Is Scheduled

Wheeler I.S.D. will host a Scholastic Book Fair on December 6-10, a fun-filled book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles award-winners, classics and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers and the entire community are invited.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesday, December 8, from 7:30 to 5, the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event with special drawings and discounts.

Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys For Tots

The Eighth 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 of Mobeetie and 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 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.

Sorority Is Selling Chances On 27" TV

XI Upsilon Eta is selling chances on an Emerson 27" Flat Screen TV. Tickets will be sold at the Open House and at the weekly downtown drawings. Tickets are also available from any sorority member. TV will be given away at the last downtown drawing.

For information call: Gina Seitz—845-2025 or 669-5615.

All proceeds go to medical expenses of Shelton May.

First 'Cash' Drawing Is Sat.

Jo Lynne Vise, 41, Rites Are Monday

Jo Lynne Vise, 41, died Saturday, November 27, 2004.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church in Wheeler, Texas, with Dr. Toby Henson, former pastor of Clyde and the Rev. John Denton officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vise was born March 7, 1963, in Pampa, Texas, to Junior and Jean Ward Ellis. She attended Pampa schools and McClennan Community College in Waco and was a longtime resident of Pampa. She married Kent Vise in Pampa on April 17, 1999. She was employed as the Wheeler High School principal's secretary and was the PEIMS coordinator for the Wheeler schools.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Will Vise of Okinawa, Japan and Kelby Imel of Wheeler; a daughter, Madison Vise of Wheeler; her mother of Pampa, her mother-and-father-in-law, John C. and Rosemary Vise of Wheeler; a brother, Terry Ellis and special friend, Rebel Fulton of Pampa; two sisters, Vicki Blackmon and husband, Harold of Pampa and Rita Ellis of Amarillo; a brother-in-law, James Vise and wife Donna, of Wheeler; three nieces and five nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to the Princess Warriors of Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo, First Baptist Church or the Wheeler School Library.

Bill Shelton Rites In Reydon Monday

Bill Shelton was born November 6, 1928, in Herring, Oklahoma, to Willie and Otis Shelton. He passed away November 26, 2004, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 76 years and 20 days.

Bill graduated from Reydon High School in 1946. He attended Weatherford State College and graduated from West Texas State College with a BS in Business Administration. He was married to Willa Jeanne (Brewer) at Clovis, New Mexico, on November 17, 1951. He served his country in the

Wheeler Nursing To Have Angel Tree

The Wheeler Nursing and Rehab will again have "Angels" on a tree at the home. Residents names, sizes and suggestions will be on the angels for the purchase of gift for the resident.

Those interested in purchasing gifts are asked to select an "angel" beginning Thursday, December 2 and before the annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 12, from 2 to 3:30. Santa will be on hand to give out the presents.

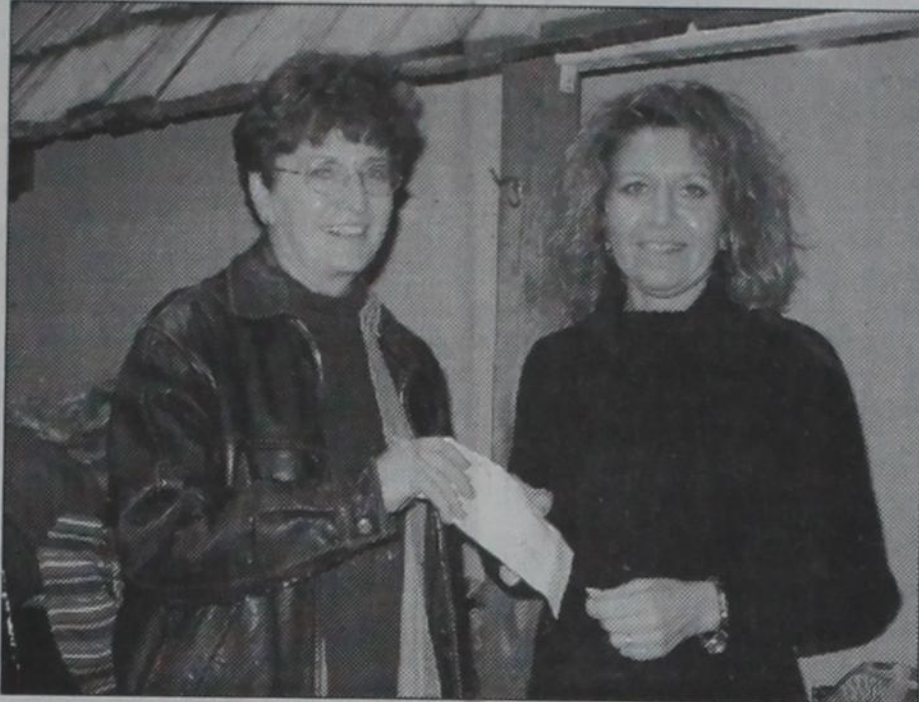
For further information, contact Cherry Johnson.

New Arrival



KATELYNN GRACE KENNEY
Katelynn Grace Kenney, daughter of Michael and Mitchie, arrived July 5, 2004, in Shreveport, Louisiana, weighing 1 lb. 14 oz. and measured 14 3/4" in length. Homecoming time was October 2, 2004, weighing 5 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 18 3/4" long. As of now she weighs 9 lbs. 1 oz.

The proud grandparents of this miracle baby are Lyndon and Noveline Loyd of Wheeler and Dan and Vicki Kenney of Henderson, TX. Great-grandparents are Lonnie and Ruth Kenney of Wheeler and Ilatrene Loyd of Elk City, Okla.



\$250 WINNER: Lori Baker of Briscoe was the winner of Wheeler Banking Center's \$250 gift certificate. Lori had a crafts booth at Hidetown Trading Co.

Wheeler County Commissioners Meet In Regular Session Monday, Nov. 22

The Wheeler County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom. Seventeen items were on the agenda.

The commissioners approved the hourly payroll for payment as presented.

The court voted to pay the bills as presented.

No action was taken on the budget.

County Clerk Margaret Dorman is checking on the progress being made in getting the signs for the

courthouse offices.
No action was taken on the burn ban.

The commissioners voted to enter into an agreement with Dave Jacobs, Secure Tech Systems, Inc. for the providing of courthouse security at a cost of \$8,367.40.

Melissa Shackelford, Plains Trails Coordinator explained plans of the Plains Trails organization. The group works toward bringing tourist money into the Panhandle area.

Jerry Bob Jernigan, Constable, Precinct 2, had requested to meet with the court for the consideration of lowering his salary. No action was taken.

Pete Cole, Kelton VFD met with the court to request help in purchasing a pump for one of the Kelton fire trucks. The cost for the equipment is \$3,200; Kelton has \$1,400 of the money. The court agreed to pay \$1,800 with the money coming from precincts 1 and 2 each giving \$900.

Mileage and meal per diem for county officials was raised to 35c from 27c for mileage and \$35 from \$25 per diem.

The commissioners agreed to allow retirees to keep health insurance with the county at the individual's expense. A check will be written to the county treasurer for payment with the rest of the county insurance.

The courthouse closings for 2004/2005 were approved as presented. The courthouse will be closed:

- Dec. 31, Fri.—New Year's Eve
- Jan. 17, Mon.—Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 21, Mon.—Pres. Day
- Mar. 25, Fri.—Good Fri.
- May. 30, Mon.—Memorial Day
- July 4, Mon.—Independence Day
- Sept. 5, Mon.—Labor Day
- Oct. 10, Mon.—Columbus Day
- Nov. 11, Fri.—Veteran's Day
- Nov. 24-25, Thurs., Fri.—Thanksgiving
- Dec. 23-26, Fri., Mon.—Christmas

The court agreed to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the central hall of the courthouse for Santa's visit on Nov. 28 and 29.

Carolyn Buckingham met with the commissioners to request the closing of county road 21 at the south end. The Buckingham's own the property at the end and on both sides of the road and it is unnecessary. Necessary action will be taken to close the road when the present lease on the property ends Jan. 1, 2005.

The Wheeler EDC was not represented at the meeting, so no action was taken on "consideration of use of old jail building" on the corner of the courthouse square.

The next meeting of the commissioner's court will be Monday, Dec. 13.

Wheeler I.S.D. Board Meeting Held Nov. 17

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Hospital Notes

Assisted Living
Odra Christopher
Glenn Williams
Verne Lohberger
Opal Hefley
Alvern Hutchison
C. B. Brotherton

New Admissions
11/28 Irene Rogers
Dismissals
11/23 Francisco Duenes

First \$300 Of \$1,500 To Be Given Away; Drawing To Be At 11:00 On The Square

The annual Christmas Drawing will again be offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Script will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on Monday, November 29, 2004. 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 4, 11, 18 and Friday 24 Christmas eve. The drawings will begin at 11:00 A.M. again this year. Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler script to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on Friday, December 24.

The \$300 'Cash' will be divided between ten lucky Wheeler shoppers. First to be drawn the ten envelopes containing \$10 'cash'. Four \$25 envelopes will then be handed and the last two individuals will receive \$50 when their names are drawn.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals in-

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Viola Carlton, 93, Is Buried On Monday

Viola Irene Carlton, 92, died Saturday, November 27, 2004, in Twitty.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 29, in the Church of Christ in Shamrock, Texas, with Cottie Tarbet officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Carlton owned and operated Carlton Grocery and was the postmaster at the Twitty Post Office for 46 years. She was a graduate of West Texas University in Canyon. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Tiptons Children's Home in Tipton, Okla., or to Westview Boy's Home in Hollis, Okla.



Justen Bryant, a member of the Ft. Elliott Cougars Basketball team was named to the *Globe-News* Athlete of the Week Honor Roll for the past week. Justen scored 32 points in the 49-45 win over Hedley on Tuesday, November 23, 2004.



SANTA GREETERS: Santa was a little late arriving at the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House on Sunday afternoon, November 28, 2004. He was greeted by these enthusiastic youngsters. Santa parked his reindeer and sleigh at the Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. and rode to the square on the fire truck.

All-Dist. Football Teams Are Named

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