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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

If you were not at the 4th of July celebration, you missed a great time.

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Starting with the breakfast and ending with the dance. Everything was great.

—cwe—

Ed Hershman and I sold the tickets at the park and got in a lot of practice 'Wal-Mart Greeting'.

—cwe—

We ran out of tickets, meaning we sold more than any other year. An exact number sold was not available at press time.

—cwe—

The fireworks display was second to none, thanks to the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department.

—cwe—

The activities on the 4th were great and a number of people deserve a Special Thanks.

—cwe—

Jennifer was assigned to shoot some pictures of the park activities, since I was scheduled to work in a booth. She did get some great shots, but got a little carried away with pictures of Stormie—most of those we will keep for our personal file. Thanks, Jennifer!

—cwe—

Thanks to First State Bank and Wheeler Banking Center for running the pictures of the park activities.

—cwe—

The Wheeler Centennial Committee operated a concession stand at the dance.

—cwe—

Wheeler's Centennial Celebration is set for Friday and Saturday, August 5-6. Is going to be something you will not want to miss.

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Allison News is missing this week. Juanita called in sick. Get well soon, Juanita. Our readers will miss you.

—cwe—

Juanita had a bad time last week. She had finished the news and the computer would not email the copy and then erased the copy. She went to a relative's and typed it once more; that time we received only the last page. Happy to announce that 'third time was charm'.

—cwe—

I found out I had card players at the house about 3:30 and ducked out of the chamber booth to go play cards.

—cwe—

Jennifer and Greg had come for the fourth. They and the grandpuppies were here last weekend and failed to get mentioned in 'Chat'.

—cwe—

Beverly Bryant, Leroy, Rhonda and Stormy were at the house, so the card games began.

—cwe—

Later in the evening, Mike, Greg and Josh came in from Kelton and we had 8 playing. Rhonda, Beverly, Josh and I were against LeRoy, Mike, Greg and Jennifer.

—cwe—

After the fireworks, we returned to the house and played six-handed.

—cwe—

I truly do not remember just exactly how each game turned out, but we each managed to win at one point or another.

—cwe—

Guy, Cathi and Dorcie are in New York this week visiting the Gillettes. They managed to arrive with tornadoes and thunderstorms in the forecast.

—cwe—

On Friday evening of last week we went to Hinton for Barbara's class reunion. There were 16 or so exes present.

—cwe—

Saturday was the reunion for all the Hinton Exes. There were 16 or so of my class present at one time or another.

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Centennial Group Needs Biographies

The Wheeler Centennial Committee has biography sheets for the businesses and their owners. If you have not received one of these sheets, please contact Bobby Hill and she can fax or email you a copy.

This information is needed immediately.

TxDOT Meeting On Hwys 83/152 July 19

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a public meeting on July 19, 2005 at the Wheeler City Hall, 505 Alan Bean Blvd. in Wheeler. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the public meeting is to discuss the rehabilitation project on US 83 and SH 152 through the City of Wheeler.

The public meeting will be conducted in English, and the Wheeler City Hall is handicap accessible.

Any request for language interpreters or other special needs should be made at least two days prior to the public meeting by contacting Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7145, or Tracy Cain, Wellington Area Engineer at (806) 447-5137. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Any comments following the public meeting may be submitted in writing to Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer, at 7599 US 287, Childress, TX 79201.



Wesley Paul Martin

Benefit Fund For Wesley Martin

A benefit fund has been established at Citizens Bank in Shamrock on behalf of Wesley Paul Martin.

Wesley Paul is the infant son of Randy and Tonya Martin of Vega. Wesley was born April 18, 2005. He is the grandson of Bob and Elaine Martin of Wheeler and Paul and Myrna Jackson of Vega, and great-grandson of Lula Buice of Wheeler, Texas. He was hospitalized May 16th, 2005 and remains in Pediatric ICU @ BSA Hospital in Amarillo. Contributions to the Wesley Martin Benefit Fund may be made in person or mailed to: Citizens Bank, 711 N Main, Shamrock, Texas 79079.

James Chapman Is Inducted Into ALD

Seven hundred ninety-four students at the University of Oklahoma recently were initiated into the OU chapter of National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for Freshmen.

Founded in the 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first-year students. Today, the honor society has 251 chapters throughout the nation and offers over \$120,000 in national scholarships and fellowship to its members.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is open to freshmen who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better with at least 12 letter-graded credit hours during their first semester. Alpha Lambda Delta emphasizes that educated people have a responsibility to "have tolerance in dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of other." Members are challenged to make a "meaningful contribution to society" and, through their chapters, engage in community service and campus service projects.

The new initiates at OU have taken an oath to continue to maintain high scholarship and use their education for the benefit of their community, nation and world. Active members of the OU chapter participate in service events on campus and in the community. Local chapter scholarships totaling \$7,000 were awarded to sophomore members at the spring ceremony.

Among others is Von Chapman of Wheeler, Texas.



GOOD CROWD: A large crowd gathered for Wheeler's Annual 4th of July Celebration. It could not have been a nicer day with cool temperatures. It is normal for the crowd to thin out after dinner, but they stayed all day and continued to eat and participate in the activities.

J. W. Lane & Band To Be At Mobeetie

"J. W. has been an entertainer since the day he learned to say his first word" according to his parents Floyd and Sheryl. He and his brother Jimmy put on many a "show" in the family's living room long before they actually learned to play. But learn they did! Over the past few years J. W. has been given many opportunities to play for school functions, charitable events, and quite a few pickin' sessions around the area. In 2002 he won the FFA district talent competition and advanced to the State level as a one-man act. In 2003 he and his FFA team, which included the talents of his brother Jimmy on the bass, again won the district competition. At the time of this writing, they are looking forward to the Area competition. Last March, J. W. and his family band were given the opportunity to be regularly featured at the Cowboy Oasis Restaurant in Mobeetie, an experience for which he is deeply grateful. He has also been featured at the River Bend Steakhouse in Sayre, Oklahoma, and was a hit in beautiful downtown Lukenbach, Texas, when he traveled through! He was featured as a guest at the Music Festival in 2003 and is hon-

ored to have been asked to return. His band includes one of his best pickin' buddies who encouraged him to get started, Sammy O'Dell.

Times Is Working On Centen'l Edition

The Wheeler Times is in the process of working on its 'Wheeler Centennial Edition'. If you have any pictures and/or articles you feel might be interesting to our readers, please feel free to bring them by the office or email them to wtimes@centramedia.net.

Times Is Offering Published Photos

With email, it is now possible for the Times to share its pictures with you.

If we run a picture in the paper and you would like to have a copy of the original and/or a black and white as it appears in the paper, please contact the paper immediately and we will email you a copy.

Sammy grew up singing gospel music with his siblings; they still get together as often as they can, and still send up magnificent praises to the Lord each time they do. "Cousin Sam" officially became a member of the family when he married Sheryl's cousin Kelly ("although we had already adopted him!") Uncle A. W. Love is an up and coming Texas music artist in his own right. His first CD, "West Texas Dreams" was released in late 2003, and features mostly self-penned lyrics which tell of real-life experiences, reverent to rowdy, all set to music in a unique and very entertaining style. Jimmy Lane is featured on the bass; he is also a very talented singer, and plays the fiddle and guitar. Cousin Morgan Lane is featured on the guitar; he began playing a couple of years ago and is a great addition to the band. Mom Sheryl Lane sings and plays guitar, and is honored to get to be a part of all this fun! West Texas Dryland's repertoire includes a lively mix of country, bluegrass, gospel and Texas music.

J. W. and his family would like to thank all of his friends and loved ones who have encouraged him so very much!



J. W. LANE AND WEST TEXAS DRYLAND will appear at the Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival. Band members shown are (l. to r.) Sammy O'Dell, Jimmy Lane, J. W. Lane, Sheryl Lane, Morgan Lane, A. W. Love.

The Batten Family To Play At Mobeetie

Darrell and Tempie Batten began playing music in the 1960's in their hometown of Lubbock, TX. For the past 22 years they played bluegrass and old time music with Bob Suggs and his wife Taliene. Their group was known as Big Sandy. Over time their children and eventually their children's children began performing with them. Recently Bob and Taliene have retired from performing due to health reasons, and they are truly missed on stage.

The Batten Family currently has 4 generations of singers and musicians. In April of 2003 they recorded 2 new CDs, one gospel and one bluegrass and have performed at various venues in Texas and Oklahoma.

Darrell Batten (Granddaddy) plays rhythm guitar and sings lead vocals; Tempie Batten (Grannie) plays upright bass and rhythm mandolin; Kevin Batten (oldest son, PeePaw) plays lead mandolin and sings harmony; Teresa Batten (daughter-in-law, Kevin's wife, Mamo to Ethan and Madison) sings lead and harmony vocals; Lisa Hilton (oldest daughter, Annabelle's Mia) sings lead and

harmony vocals; Paul Batten (youngest son) plays lead guitar and mandolin, sings lead and harmony vocals; Bryan Batten (grandson, son of Kevin and Teresa) plays lead and rhythm mandolin, sings lead and harmony vocals; Kelly Crowson (granddaughter, Lisa's daughter) sings lead and harmony vocals; Ethan Batten (great-grandson, Bryan's 5 year

old son) sings; Lori Ann Gauntt (granddaughter 4 years old, daughter of Angie (youngest daughter) sings.

We are thrilled to be at the Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival. We hope that you will come by our table to visit with us and mostly that you enjoy our part of the program.

THE BATTEN FAMILY



Special Meeting Of Ft. Elliott Sch. Board

June 30, 2005
7:00 PM

Members Present: Greg Estes, Richard Meadows, Bret Begert, Kent McLaughlin, Wade Hathaway, Keith Horn

Members Absent: Richie Kiker
Guest: Carl Baker, Janet Tatyrek
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Richard Meadows, President.

1. Motion by Bret Begert to reject the Centramedia proposal. Second by Greg Estes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Kent McLaughlin to appoint Superintendent Carl Baker to RAC committee for Region 16. Second by Wade Hathaway. Motion carried unanimously.

Keith Horn entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

3. Motion by Greg Estes to accept the property/liability insurance from TASB. Second by Kent McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

4. At 7:36 p.m. the Board entered into executive session after the President announced it's right to do so under Texas Govt. Code 551.074. The President declared the executive session ended and the meeting returned to open session at 8:57 p.m.

5. Motion by Keith Horn to accept the resignation of Kathy Hathaway. Second by Kent McLaughlin. Motion carried. Voting for were Bret Begert, Greg Estes, Keith Horn, Kent McLaughlin, and Richard Meadows. Abstaining was Wade Hathaway.

Keith Horn exited the meeting at 9:00.

President Richard Meadows adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

New Arrival



Emily Lois Sword

Emily Lois Sword was born at 10:05 a.m. on March 3rd, 2005 to Ben and Arielle Sword. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Arvid and Joetta Sword of Wheeler, TX and Ray and Miriam Callahan of San Antonio, TX. Ben, Arielle, and Emily are currently living in Dublin, Texas where Ben just received his master's degree in English from Tarleton State University.

New Arrival



Caitlyn Marie Wiggins
She's Here! Caitlyn Marie Wiggins arrived March 30, 2005 weighing 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and measuring 20".

She is the daughter of Casey and Misty Wiggins of Big Spring, Texas.

Proud grandparents are Ray and Terri Allen of Alpine, Texas.

Honored great-grandparents are Hugh and Mae Bailey of Mobeetie.

Wheeler Farmer's Market

At the Park—Open Every Saturday, 8:00-12:00
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Breakfast before work is the case with Charlie Finsterwald, Mark Helton and Thomas Roy Helton. They had to put out the flags Monday.



Cooking at the annual St. Mary's 4th of July breakfast were (l. to r.) Joseph Kidd, David Cross and Chris Gallagher.



The Scott family from Atlanta Ga., made their annual trip to Wheeler for the 4th of July. They are shown here (l. to r.) Lisa, Kelli, Carol, Bill and Shannon.



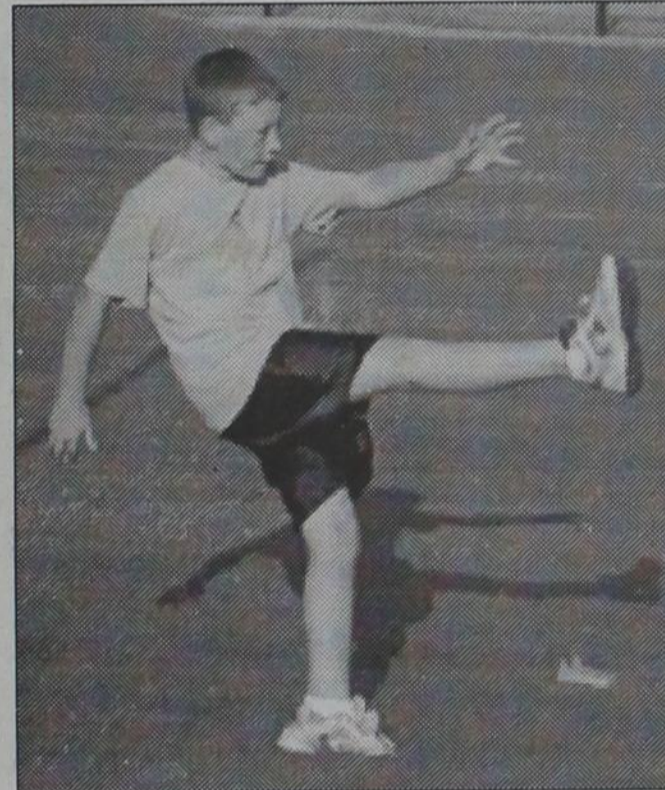
Stormie Blanchard gives here turtle a bit of coaching before putting it in the box to run in the finals at the turtle race. It did not win.



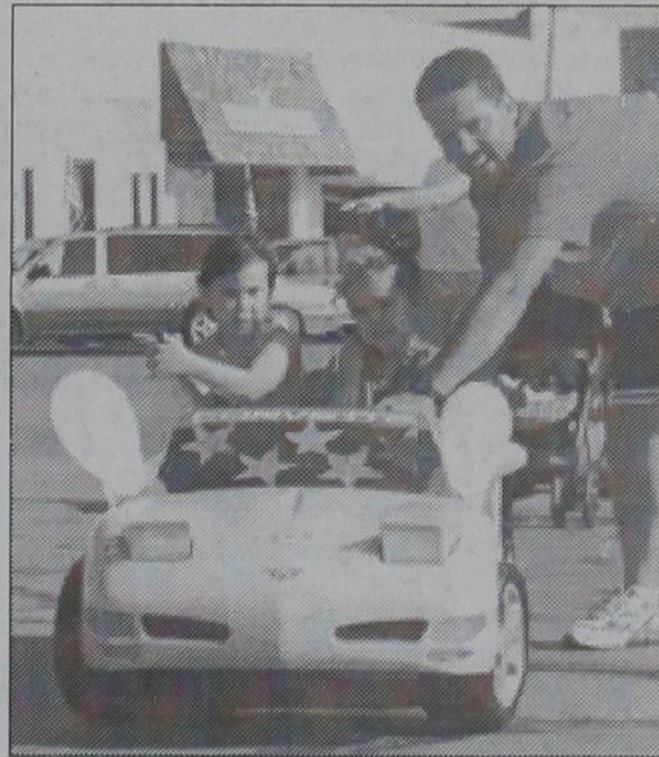
Becky Shirley was the first across the finish line in the Fun/Run.



Punting in the Punt/Pass/ Kick competition is Layton Hibler.



Jayton Bell sends the football into the air with his kick in the Punt/Pass/Kick competition.



After participating in the Fun/Run, Bret Begert had to help his daughter with her car in the parade. Driving the car is McKinley Begert; her passenger is Emily Coulter.



These youngsters enjoy the parade in their 4-wheeler.



Two entries in Wheeler's '05 4th Of July Parade.



Soto's Family Restaurant entered a float in the parade.



At dusk, a large crowd gathered for the annual fireworks display. As usual, it was great and the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department did a fantastic job.

COUNTRY NEWS
By Verna Fillingim

Philippians 2: 1,2 Is there any such thing as Christians loving each other up? Do you love me enough to want to help me? Does it mean anything to you that we are brother in the Lord; sharing the same spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic at all? Then make me truly happy by loving each other and agreeing whole heartedly with each other, working together with one heart and mind and purpose.

Happy Birthday to Tommy Lumpkin on July 3, Bronwyn Dukes, Terry McCasland, Kelly Bonner, Marilyn O'Quin, Charly Helton, Margie Meadows, Michael Killingsworth, Thomas Willett on July 10, Daniel Keelin, Tommy Weaver, Wesley Jackson, Savannah Estes, Ann Wright, Donald Finsterwald, Kaitlyn Grace Tucker on July 11, Blake Hathaway, Jimmy Nelson, Helen May, Sara Powledge Ford, Koby Hood, Pam Shuler, Elaine Rives, Kayce Swift, Beth Willis on July 12, Brody Umsted, Marshall Andis, James Vise, Frankie Fletcher, Lynnesa Salas, Steve Emmert, Patricia Forrester, Mike Lee on July 13, Wesley Steen, Joyce Edward, Mariah Marshall, Abigale Rogers on July 14, Doneta Dollar, Rodney Gurley, Bob Ratliff, Sarah Gentry, Joshua Ryan on July 15, Lyndol Loyd, Dixie Chick, Nicole Moore, Austin Wright, Joe Wagoner, Megan Hudson, Wilma Bible, Jeana Jones, and Kim Andis on July 16.

Happy Anniversaries to Monett and Don Jenkins, Weldon and Delores Simmons, Russell and Kathy Hatcher, Lonnie and Ruth Kenney on July 10, Joe and Ann Ellison on July 11, Danny and Lori DeBose on July 12, Ken and Lindsey Criswell, R. L. and Rozena Zybach, Rick and Tina Bond and Royce and Deedy Zybach on July 15, Aaron and Claudetta Laverty on July 16. God bless you everyone.

Thursday July 7 will be Ladies Day Out at Maxeys at 11:30 A.M. All ladies invited for visiting and a good meal. Dutch treat.

Next Sunday July 10 will be singing at Allison Baptist at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited to come sing and fellowship and worship together.

Pray for Addie Swift who is in Parkview Hospital.

Aaron Hartline graduated from Military Police School at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri Wednesday night and has 2 weeks off before he has to go to Germany July 17. Remember Aaron and all our boys who are in the service when you pray. Some going to the graduation were Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Tamara and Martha Meek and Cindy Hartsfield. Martha and Cindy also visited Bertha and Leonard Hollis at Bolivar, Missouri for a little visit. Hollis' hope to come in September to Texas but not sure. Pray for them.

We are proud of you, Aaron, and are praying for you.

Glory Hartsfield is working at Cross Car Center helping where needed, doing many things.

The Country Band (Our Band) will be back to Wheeler Care Center on Tuesday night July 19 to sing and make beautiful music for the residents. Visitors welcome. Always good!

Aaron Hartline is home for two weeks before he goes to Germany. He graduated from Boot Camp to be a Military Policeman at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri. Enjoying eating lunch at Maxeys with him Sunday were Grandmother Martha Meek, Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Tamara and Cindy Hartsfield and Glory and Hayden and Tina Covalt. Pray for Aaron. God Bless You!

There was a pot-luck dinner at Gageby Church Sunday and a good crowd to celebrate July 4. Bob and Jerry Meller and their new baby, Summer Brooke, and Michael, Tisha and Andi were there Also Ray and Glenda Hudson and Cindy Sweet and Nathan, Cheryl Fraley, Sonya Hudson and Patrick and others there.

Marshall and Mary Andis are planning to move to the Plum Creek Apartments at Amarillo by July 15. Pray for these sweet people. We hate to see them go and wish God's best for them.

Happy Birthday to Opal Hefley on June 29. There was a small party at Wheeler Assisted Living to celebrate her 96th birthday. Still a beautiful lady. God bless you, Opal.

Tamara Hefley and Russell Lohberger will be playing in All Star Basketball games at Lubbock, July 22. Best wishes! Congratulations for the honor.

Linda Harvey from McLean was a weekend visitor to Eddie and Lavenna Pannell. Nice to have her out to Wheeler Baptist church with the Pannells Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

Please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the calls, visits, food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy at the loss of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Words cannot express how much your kindness has meant to our family. A special thank you to the staff at Wheeler Care Center, Parkview Hospital and the Wheeler EMS for the quality care you provided.

Sincerely,
The Helen George Family
Eddie George
Lee and Tammy George
Dennis, Amy, Hilary and Matthew McPherson
Holly Williams

THE WHEELER TIMES
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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Leandra Whittenberg and Mathew and Kennan from Switzerland flew into Texas and will be visiting husband, Montie's folks, at Colleyville, Texas for about 2 weeks and then visit her folks, Billie and Donald Stuckey at Roaring Springs for about 2 weeks. Lou Dean Douthit is expecting a visit from them also before they go back to Switzerland.

Saturday visitors to Irene Keys were Lou Dean Douthit, Virginia Puryear and Edna May. Irene made her delicious Chicken Pot pie for supper and they played 42. Lou Dean took cantaloupe.

Weekend visitors to Ray and Glenda Hudson were Cindy Sweet and Nathan, Sonya Hudson and Patrick, Cheryl Fraley from Allison, Jennifer, Graddy and Allison from Wichita Falls. They helped clean up around the old milk barn and all went out to eat at Cheyenne, Oklahoma at the Band H Cafe Saturday night. Cindy works for A&G Annuities at Amarillo.

Congratulations to Doctors Yancy and Chelsea Galutia on the birth of their new baby girl at Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 16, 2005 at 2:36 a.m. and weighing seven pounds and twelve ounces and twenty inches long. Proud grandparents include Dr. Bob and Glenda Galutia. God bless you everyone! Baby's name is Carina Anne Galutia.

Glad to hear that Dr. Tony Cook, who grew up in Canadian area and attended Canadian school will soon be practicing medicine in Canadian. Friend, Roy Kendrick, will also be a doctor in Canadian. Best wishes. Tony's wife is Wendie and they have a two month old son, Everett. Roy's wife is Ellen and they have four children: Heather, 21, Hillary, 19, Clint, 18, and Erin 17. Tony is the son of George and Dixie Cook who live south of Canadian. Don Connor of Shamrock will be one.

preaching next Sunday July 10 at Wheeler Baptist Church while Dennis and Emma Williams will be on the Mission Trip to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. John and Justin Williams will be visiting grandparents.

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Obeta Vanlandingham, 85, in her death to liver cancer at Bowie, Texas. She was a sister to Marion Grimes and Doyle Grimes and others. She is also survived by 3 daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her funeral was to be at St. Joe, Texas Wednesday with graveside services at Hollis, Oklahoma at 4:00 p.m. Expecting to go to Hollis were Liz Shipp and Marion and Ethel Grimes. Obeta was in a nursing home at Bowie.

Some enjoying quilting and visiting at Totty School house Thursday were Jane Seitz, Sydney Lynch, Audrey Seitz and Bobbie Ehaman.

Little Keegan Sullivan was having surgery on one of his eyes Thursday night. Think something about the retina being detached, because so premature. The surgery was at Amarillo. Keep praying. Glad to hear that Keegan came through surgery well. Praise the Lord!

Laura Smith, Sylvia Shuler's mom, has been staying with Phil and Jane Smith at Sulphur Springs. They needed to be gone on a planned trip, so Sylvia went down Thursday to stay with her mom. An LVN nurse comes in each day to help. Laura really likes the nurse and is happy there.

We always enjoy the music specials at Wheeler Baptist. Amanda Bond sang Sunday morning and Wesley Joetta sang Sunday night. Good! Joetta Sword played the organ and piano since Sylvia Shuler was gone. Good job all of you. Thanks! Adrian Risner led singing. Wes and Cindy Bradstreet
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Wheeler Church of Christ
When things go wrong we are always quick to assign blame. Lawsuits are filed for virtually any reason when it is hard to immediately assign blame. Perhaps sometimes things just happen according to God's ultimate mysterious way. The frustrating thing about this is that we may never know why God chose for things to be the way they are. But if we trust God (and he has time and time again proven to us that he is worthy of trust) then we also trust that God knows what he is doing. Nonetheless, we look for someone to blame.
In John 9 the disciples with Jesus are walking along and they come across a blind man. Immediately the disciples respond like humans and reason that someone must be to blame for this man being born blind. So they speak to Jesus: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" It is interesting that they see sin as the reason for physical infirmity, however Jesus points out that sin and physical infirmity are not necessarily related to each other. In fact, probably even surprisingly presented to the questioners Jesus says "neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." You can look down a few verses after this and see that a miracle occurs and that the blind man sees, but even if Jesus did not perform a miracle for that man, the truth remains that the work of God can still be displayed in that man's life. Whatever things in our lives that seem to be wrong can still be a stage for the work of God being displayed.
Shawn D. Johnson
An Invitation: You are cordially invited to attend any of the weekly services of the Wheeler Church of Christ which meets at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd, in Wheeler, Texas
Services:
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship. 10:55 A.M.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

Hope ya'll had a wonderful 4th of July. We are so blessed to live in the good Ol' USA. So many have given their lives for what too many of us take for granted.

I am so proud of all the armed forces personnel that honor our country and protect and serve it. My thanks and appreciation to all that make our way of life a reality.

We would like to welcome Lonnie and Debbie Hendrix to Mobeetie and the neighborhood. They have set their camper trailer up just west of us.

Lonnie is the son of Curtis Hendrix and a brother to Sheila Umsted.

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Denise (Ma) Carter of Pampa. She was 84 and loved by many.

Ma Carter was devoted to her family and a leader in the Pampa community.

Mrs. Carter had a massive stroke 2 weeks ago and had been in ICU in Amarillo until her death June 29th.

Services were held at the funeral home Chapel in Pampa on Fri. July 1st. She will be greatly missed.

Grandma Carter had been such a big help to Jeff and Sky when they first moved to Pampa. She was a very special lady.

Good Luck to Nikki Grindstaff as she starts her new life in Marquette, Kansas. Nikki had been working in the parts department at Fenton

Ford in Pampa.

Please keep the Goodwin family of Sunray in your prayer. Mother, Catherine Goodwin, passed away Wed. June 29th, then her son, Kip, passed away on Fri. July 1st eve. Both had suffered from cancer.

Catherine's funeral was Sat. A.M. at the crowded, overflowing Methodist Church in Sunray

Kips will be Tues. afternoon at the Sunray Baptist Church. Kip had worked for the Moore County Sheriff's Dept. for over 25 years.

Fri. Bob, Michael and I were in Amarillo on business. We met Mom, Carol Orthman, and went to the movie, Madagascar, and then to China Star for a very tasty dinner. We had such a good visit.

Tim and Jennifer came by and picked up Michael Sat. evening and went to Fort Cobb, Oklahoma. Jayden and Erica were already down at the lake. They had spent the week with Granddad and Nana.

Our sympathy goes out to Jasper and Ollie Ruth Williams on the

death of his sister, Lavada, in California. She passed away Sat. July 2. Funeral services will be next Sat. the 9th.

Sun. Jasper and Ruth arrived to spend the night before going on to California. They had stopped at brother Ralph Mayfields in Cheyenne, OK for a short visit.

Ralph and brother Kenneth and wife Doreen and Aunt Helen Cooperider came from Arnett OK for supper and a quick visit.

Jasper and Ruth left about 8:00 A.M. on Mon. They called from Williamsburg, AZ about 11:00 P.M. Sure didn't let any grass grow under their pickup.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jamey Ledford of Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri. They were married June 26th. They are both serving in the Army and returned from Iraq in April.

Jamey and Maria were "home" in Pampa with his parents, James and Patsy Ledford, of Lovington, NM and brother, Jay, and Monica

and daughter Stormy, sister Debbie, and Joey and daughters, Lacey and Lynn, along with sister, Angie, and Roger and daughter, Whitney, along with Jeff, Sky and Harley Mayfield.

Have a wonderful life Jamey and Maria.

So glad Leola Stuarts Dr. appointments went well.

Hope Pam Thompson enjoyed her vacation. She flew to Manassas, Virginia to visit her brother and family.

She's lucky to have Rhonda Gallagher of Wheeler to depend on to keep things going here at the post office.

It's good to see Rhonda looking like she feels better. Always good to visit with Rhonda.



After the scorcher on Sun. we really appreciated the cool down on Mon. July 4th. Made it a great afternoon and evening for the big holiday blow out in Wheeler. Sounds like another big success enjoyed by many.

Good job ya'll.

Belated birthday wishes to Nikki Worley of Miami, TX. She celebrated her 13th birthday on July 3rd at the lake at Ft. Cobb.

Hope it was a great one Nikki!

Happy Birthday.

Sorry I missed so many this week.

Harry Sims has certainly made a big difference down on the highway on the S.E. corner. The new fence made a world of difference. At the present time he and his crew have total demolished the Old Roping Arena and barn. We're all anxious to see what his future plans hold.

Have a great week.

Country (from Page 2)

were gone to the Bradstreet Reunion. Good job, Adrian. He led singing many years.

So sorry to hear that Claudia Marion fell out of a tree and broke her leg Friday. She was taken to Amarillo to BSA. Expected to be home soon. Pray for this sweet lady and her family.

Wheeler Baptist Youth Group left early Monday July 4 to go to Wendenmere Baptist Conference Center at lake of the Ozarks, Missouri and would get back to Wheeler late Friday July 8. Pray for them.

Friday was hair fixing date at Wheeler Care Center. The ladies looked so pretty and felt so pretty.

Nice to meet three lovely ladies from Shamrock: Lary Galbraith, Sue Marsh and Lurline Issacs. I remembered Lurline from Perrys. She worked there many years. My parents Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Evans lived in Shamrock in the 1950s and 1960s and I visited them and shopped at Perrys some.

Fillingim. Good to have her come to Wheeler Care Sing-a-long Tuesday morning and visit some with Willis and me.

Two lovely ladies are new residents at Wheeler Care Center. They are Mildred Pierce and Zoah Britten. Welcome! Also Lena Sanderson.

Nice to have Earl and Betty Husted and a good group of residents out for Tuesday morning Sing-a-long. Earl brought a good object lesson around 2 rocks, a smooth one and a rough one and how troubles and trials here can take away our rough spots and make us more fit for the Lord, more helpful to others.

What a beautiful sound: steady rain and the sky lights early Saturday morning. We got a wonderful rain about 3/4 inch of rain.

In September will be the new church year with nominations for Sunday School and youth activities teachers. On that committee are Bob Wills, Ed Hershman and Buddy Sparks. (Bob and Buddy don't think you can quit teaching Berean Sunday School class. We need you.)

Good to have Bro. Dennis and Emma Williams and John and Justin back from their vacation in Colorado. They enjoyed James Dobson's Focus on the Family Camp and sightseeing at Pikes Peak, Seven Falls and other places. Cooler up there, also.

Spending a few days with Bob and Evangeline Wills was Evangeline's classmate at Panhandle State College, Jo June McDaniels, from Stratford and granddaughter Shelby. Nice to have them all out to Wednesday night supper and meeting at Wheeler Baptist Church.

Marion and Kailee were also there. Ed and Laurel Hershman also visited her Sunday. Doctors had to put a rod in Claudia's femur (thigh bone). She seemed in pretty good spirits. Claudia had climbed the tree to show Kristen's friend how easy it was. So sorry she fell out of the tree. Claudia was supposed to go on the Wheeler Baptist Church Mission Trip to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, as she has many years. They will miss her.

Glad to hear that Texas Department of Transportation will probably remove 90% less of trees they had planned to remove to make roads safer. I love trees, too. They take a long time to grow. So drunken and sleepy drivers would have it a little easier. I'm thankful for every tree around my house. Glad Wheeler has lots of pretty, friendly trees.

Nice to have a letter from Iona Bruton Reed at Rhome, Texas. On Feb. 5 she fell and broke her left hip and arm and was in the hospital and Rehab till May 6th. Happy to get home. She uses a cane and can use her arm—had to have 6 pins in it. Gladys Sprull's husband is in a wheelchair. Iona was in our senior class of 1938. Her address is 513 Derting Rd., Rhome, TX 76078. Iona and Gladys were always good friends. Gladys graduated with class of 1939 at Briscoe.

Nice to have Cindy Bradstreet come by Monday afternoon and bring news of the Bradstreet reunion, some yummy homemade ice cream from the park and visit awhile. She was going on up to Pampa and visit with her sister, Sherry Free, and spend the night with her mom, Lois Barrett. Think Sherry was having a cook-out. Cindy and her mom would go to Amarillo Tuesday and visit relatives and see a doctor. Thanks Cindy.

Wesley and Helen Steen enjoyed going to Canadian Monday July 4. They enjoyed watching the

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Jessie Sweet, 17, works for United in Berger and stays with his dad, Rodney Sweet. He is also the son of Cindy Hudson Sweet.

Wheeler Care Center residents enjoyed a Fourth of July Party Friday with Ice Cream Sundaes and Banana Splits. Having Birthdays this month are Aline Frisbie, Gelemma Back and Lena Sanderson. The July Birthday party will be Friday July 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Gayle and Kay Singleton and Whitney and Phillip visited Willa Fillingim and enjoyed the critters. Boyce and Angie Crownover also visited Willa and are putting a new metal roof on the shop.

When Willa went back to the doctor for her check-up, he diagnosed her with Rheumatoid Arthritis, but the medication caused a bad reaction. Pray for Willa.

Thursday Rosalie Keelin, Irene Taylor and Opal Hutchinson came back to Wheeler Care Center after several days in Parkview Hospital. All looking good. Their friends were glad to have them back and they were glad to be "Home".

Wheeler Care Center was a busy place Thursday morning with therapists helping several to walk with walkers for short distances. Several others having whirlpool baths. Also laundry and cleaning of halls and rooms going on. I wonder if the staff realize they are God's angels as they work hard to help these who need their help. Thank you and God bless you everyone! They are blessed by your caring ways.

Correction: I failed to mention that Elva Wood and James Hubble live at Marble Falls. Granddaughter, Amy Hubble, and Carlene Steward and Brittaney, Jarod and Mike from Abilene visited Elva and James at Marble Falls a few days.

Enjoying good food and good fellowship and games at Miami Fun Bunch Monday night were Frank and Evelyn Heare, JoAnn Morgenstern, Jane Bright, Sid and Betty Talley, Ina Pearson, Twila Taylor, Vera Murphy and Evelyn Huff.

Carol Roberson and Rebeca, Jonathan, Timothy and Deborah from Miami went to Youth Camp at Roaring Springs last week. Mark Roberson took a week off to "ride herd" on the younger ones: Danny, Gracie Ann, Phillip and Seth.

Pray for Debbie Glazner. She recently fractured a foot or ankle and has to wear a boot cast. She is still working at Thriftway. Says just 3 more weeks to go.

Nice to have Lindsey Criswell and Blain and Dagen and Rita Pearson eat lunch at Maxeys with me Wednesday and come visit awhile. Thanks!

Evalyn Free from Tyler spent a few days with her mom, Ve

Leona Coates, Ned Burrell and Ella Mae Wood prepared the luscious sandwich fixing for Wednesday night supper at Wheeler Baptist Church with deli sliced ham and turkey with tomatoes, lettuce, onions, Mayo, mustard, chips, pickles and lots of desserts. Very good.

In the business meeting it was decided to discontinue Wednesday night suppers, because of all the other activities until the first Wednesday in September when Wednesday suppers will start back. Bible Studies and prayers will start at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday night in July as usual and August at Wheeler Baptist.

A Search Committee to find a song leader and youth director for Wheeler Baptist church was made up of those nominated previously and included Sylvia Shuler, Tina Bond, Suzanne Hampton, Stacey Horton and Leona Coates. Pray that they will find just the one that God has for our church. Also on the committee are Katie Richardson and John Williams.

This is grandkids week at Bill and Kay Stiles. Marshall and Madison Stiles, children of Glenn and Tracy Stiles from Denton are visiting Bill and Kay and Bill and Melinda. Bill and Kay met them at Vernon Monday and brought the kids for a visit. They usually just have two-like Makenzie and Marshall, taking turns with Hannah, Madison and Will. Glenn and Tracy are working this week, but will come for the weekend and visit and get the kids. Have fun! They will all be in Wheeler for July 4 activities.

Judy McReynolds from Miami visited her mom, Lavois Aderholt at Wheeler Care Center Friday.

Gelemma Back enjoyed a visit from her son and wife from Stinnett at Wheeler Care Center Friday.

Geraldine Pride and Joyce Perkins and Kaylie and Emily visited Grandma Elsie Hughes at Wheeler Care Center Friday. Elsie enjoyed seeing them all.

Visiting Ed and Laurel Hershman Saturday were Gayle and Kay Singleton and grandkids Whitney Rush and Phillip Singleton son of Andy. Whitney is Maralee's stepdaughter. Also visiting the Hershmans were Emmitt and Carolyn Singleton and granddaughter Shelby from Cordell.

Buddy and Dianne Sparks and Haley and Taylor went to Amarillo Sunday afternoon and visited Claudia Marion at BSA. Royce

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Stormie Blanchard made a new friend at the park Monday at the annual 4th of July Celebration. Stormie is the daughter of Bill Blanchard and the granddaughter of Rhonda and LeRoy Meriwether.

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Ice cream and lemonade were big hits at the celebration.

These two youngsters enjoyed participating in Wheeler's 4th of July parade.



The youngsters watch intently as their turtles begin one heat of the annual Turtle Race.



A number of people entered the annual Balloon Toss. They are standing here ready to begin.



The weather was ideal and the crowd large at the city park for the annual celebration.

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The View of a Southern Woman

... Southern California that is.

Most people have heard that everyone's life is a story or they say, "I could write a book about my life." Well I am no exception except it would take 4 books to tell my life story. Maybe more. Margaret Mitchell said she only had one story in her when she finished "Gone With The Wind". And that is all she wrote. I did write a book and half of another book nearly 3 lifetimes ago and there was a publisher that was interested in the one book, but I made the mistake of having my late husband read it. His comment was, "No way are you going to get that book on the market! That is my family you are writing about." Well, I sure would not write about my family as my mother would have killed me, so end of story before it even began. Maybe if I had left out some of the problems of his family, he might not have been so opposed to me having it published. But that was a long time ago. We do live several lives. Growing up, then a family or two, our work world and then growing older. I am now in the later and it was proven to me last week when I got a phone call from Yucca Valley, CA and the voice of Penny came over loud and clear. "Hi mom, you are a great-great-grandmother as of today. Baby David Anthony was just born and he is beautiful!" Now talk about feeling OLD!!! I told Glenn Forrest Frosty that we were getting older faster than we thought. On the first week of June, we had a great-granddaughter and now the last week in June a great-great-grandson? Way too much for us to ponder, so we went out and worked until 10 pm in the yard and yes it was still light enough to see. Funny how working in the garden and flower beds can settle the nerves.

If you have any left at our age. When we married 2 years ago, we were young at heart and full of get up and go and now here we are wondering what is next, but the new additions to the family are a wonderful blessing and much loved. I wonder where they will go in life and what the future will bring for them and their families. It will be their time on earth and I hope they love it as much as I do.

Today in church we had the privilege of hearing the beautiful voices of Pete Gilmer's daughters, Ann, Linda, Becky and Jeannie in song. Ann's husband Keith also joined in, but I doubt if Pete could have. Our pastor MacDaniel's remark to the congregation was kind of funny and it maybe true. Anyway he said that when he and Pete are out driving, Pete sometimes breaks out in song and that is great if he could carry a tune. I think it was all in fun, but I will be listening next time we sing in church. One thing I do know is that his daughters make up for any singing he may not be doing.

The weather bug says we are in for it tonight, so not much sleep for me. That thunder and lightning will keep me awake and just for the 4th of July celebration, they have added a chance of high winds and

hail. Oh well, I know I will get use to it someday. Someday? With love from this former southern California woman, Betty Boydston.

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