Texas Independence Day Event

torical Commission will again Independence at the Wheeler be hosting an event March County Ag Life and Family



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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS: The Wheeler Mustangs' win over Sanford/Fritch earned them the Bi-District Champions title at Canyon. Their season closed with a 72-66 loss to Lockney, played Friday, February 24 at Amarillo High. Shown here with their Bi-District Trophy are (back row, I. to r.) Angel Ontiveros, Ryan Porter, Logan Harris, Traylen Drake, (middle) Tiny Castillo, Austin Calhoun, Holden Guest, Marvin Ramirez, Ivan Lopez, (front) Gustavo Andrade, Brady Bailey, Levi Ware and Jose Rincin.



Congratulations, Wheeler Mustangs Basketball Team for winning the Bi-District Title.

— cwe —

The Wheeler County Historcal Committee will be celebrating Texas Independence Day at the Ag-Life building. Head out that way and enjoy the exhibits and activities.

- cwe -

This evening Fort Elliott will be holding their Coffeehouse Evening.

> — cwe — (Continued Page 3)

STORM REPORT

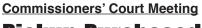


Stormie Meriwether, Seventh Grade Student

Dear Friends, I love science, but watching a video of a baby eating food and digesting it is not good. The human body is like a machine. It is amazing. Texas History is fun. I like to

learn about the battles and the people. They will have all the history things this week at the Ag Life building. I hope Coach Klink lets us go.

I try to do my work at school and not think about Layne too much, but it is hard. When I am ored as a semi-finalist in the served. There will be art paper at home I can think about him. On Sunday I went fishing. I can feel Layne's spirit with me there. I have many memories of fishing with Layne. I will remember him forever! That's it!



Pickup Purchased By Precinct 3; **Sheriff's Department Adds Two**

of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' courtroom of the Wheeler were approved. County Courthouse, 401 Main consider prior bills and discuss General Fund. matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. court recontransfers were approved. vened to address and take

Dawson Hefley

Dawson Hefley Is

Given Recognition

The Commissioners' Court action on the 13 items on the agenda.

> · There were no minutes of previous meetings to approve. Two budget amendments

· A budget transfer was Street, Wheeler, Texas, to made to Precinct 3 from the

• Miscellaneous line item

· No action was taken on the

(Continued Page 3)

Wheeler Eco. Dev. Board Has Meeting

Minutes of the Wheeler Economic Development Corporation Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall

Members Present: Ben Ed Hillhouse, Randy McCurley, Jack Helton, Yvette Venzor and Dale Kidd, also attending (Continued Page 3)

Coffeehouse Eve. **Is Set For March 2**

Fort Elliott's Music department is again sponsoring a Coffeehouse evening this Thursday, March 2, 2017, be-Dawson Hefley from Fort ginning at 5:30 p.m. Flavored Elliott High School is hon- coffees and desserts will be Forty-Eighth annual national and chalk on the tables for any (Continued Page35)

(Continued Page 3) **Wheeler I.S.D. To Pursue Dist. Innovation Designation**



WINNER: Rosemary Dodd (left) of Mobeetie, is shown here claiming the football signed by Randy White of the Dallas Cowboys; her name was drawn at the local Thriftway. The football is presented by Diana Magadan, store manager.

Wheeler ISD to Pursue District of Innovation Designation House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, provides the opportunity for Texas public schools to pursue the designation of District of Innovation. This allows local school districts to obtain exemptions from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code allowing for more flexibility and local control for innovative programs.

On January 12, 2017, Wheeler ISD board of education passed a resolution to initiate the process of designation as a District of Innovation in order to increase local control (Continued Page 3)

Top o' Texas CattleWomen **Scholarships Are Avaiable**

Top O'Texas CattleWomen counties are eligible. scholarship applications are available at your High School Counselors office now. Each year Top O'Texas CattleWomen give scholarships to seniors Health related fields.

Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, tree, Roberts or Wheeler coun- April 15, 2017. ties and only seniors in these

This year Top O' Texas CattleWomen are doing four (4) scholarship for \$500.00 each to four deserving seniors.

You may also contact Dithat are going into a major anne Buckingham in Shamin Agricultural, Nutritional or rock 806-256-3633, Racheal Adkins in Shamrock 806-You might ask if you are 217-0564, or Amy Brainard in eligible. If you live in Carson, Canadian 806-323-6397 for information. Applications must Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochilibe post marked no later than

The Wheeler County His- 2, 2017 celebrating Texas Center on U S HWY 83. The event time is 9:00 AM---4:00 PM. The program will include Re-enactors, Time Period Artifacts and Reproductions, State Song and State Flag Pledge. Also, the stories of 3 Battles fought during 1836, which include the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto Battles.

> There will be a "Come and Take It" Cannon on display and the story told of the role this type of cannon played in gaining our independence. Chuck Hartline and son Aaron will fire a Mountain Howitzer Cannon at different times though out the day in the parking lot.

Area School Children have been invited to attend and help celebrate our Great State's 181st Birthday. This event is for all ages and we hope everyone will attend.

Gary McWhorter Life's Celebration

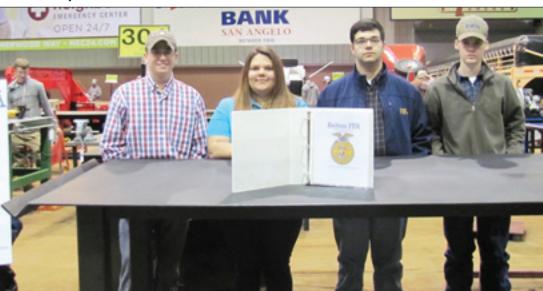
Celebration of life gathering was Saturday February 25th at 11:00 am at Calvary Christian Fellowship Church 913 South Main in Shamrock.

Cremation & Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

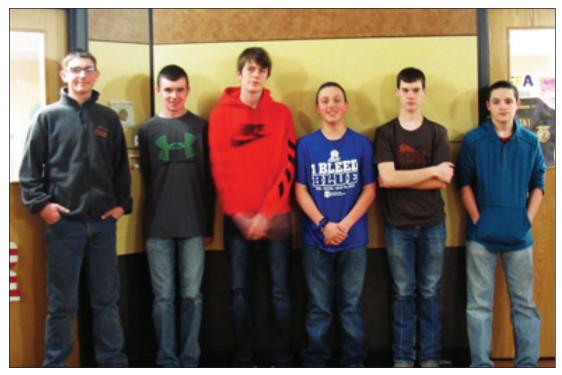
Gary Don McWhorter was born August 27,1944 in Memphis Texas to John and Evelyn McWhorter. He died at age 72 Tuesday February 21, 2017 in Lubbock Texas surrounded by his loving family.

Gary was a graduate of Memphis High School in 1962. Enrolled in the Clarendon College LVN program & later went on to Amarillo College for his RN degree. Gary married Patricia Cole of Quanah Texas February 10,1965 soon after moving to Shamrock Texas where he was a lifelong resident and hard working much loved nurse for Shamrock & the surrounding communities.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Betty New, sister Johnnie Kay Bice, brother Joe David McWhorter & brother Frankie (Continued Page 3)



Kelton FFA Participates at the San Angelo Ag. Mechanics Show: Four members of the Kelton FFA recently competed in the San Angelo Livestock and Rodeo Ag Mechanics Project Show. The four students entered a shop table in the Ag Machinery & Equipment Division; Kelton received a Blue Ribbon Placing Category for their first time in this competition. Team members were Trenton Jasper, LeighAnne Cook, Justin Baker, and Brett Hennig.



Kelton FFA Competes In The Area 1 Tractor Tech CDE: Six members of the Kelton FFA competed in the Area 1 Tractor CDE held at West Texas A&M in Canyon. Team members competed in a three-part contest. The first was a written exam over the operations of a farm tractor. The second part of the contest dealt with students examining tractor components and determining whether the part was usable or should not be used. In the third part of the contest, students had to debug problems with a tractor, then start the tractor, and drive it through a designated course. Team member from (left to right) were Kaleb Kimbro, Brock Buckingham, Mark Herndon, Kyle Dawson, Brett Hennig, and Colten Galvez.



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WHEELER STUDENTS: Mrs. Weatherly's Science Class has



Monserrat and Jaime

List of instruments filed in the

Wheeler County Clerk's office

from February 16, 2017 to

DEED-Lucile Helton (Estate)

to Arthur Glenn Rose, 10-14-

16, Lot 2, Blk. 6 Briscoe & Lots

RDT-Doyle Glazner, et al to

Carol Marie Judd, 1-31-17, Lot

7, Blk. 64, Woodley's South-

NOTICE CHILD SUPPORT

LIEN-Amanda Danielle Reyn-

olds to Brandon Zachery Mill-

RDT-Happy State Bank to

Paul L. Stephens, et ux, 1-24-

17, Lots 7-12, Blk. C, Smith

DEED-Carol Judd to Shane

Ray Dougherty, et ux, 8-5-14,

Pt. SW/4 Sec. 70, Blk. 13,

H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

QCMD-Colin Dale Shelby, et

ux to Alan Lyndal Shelby, 1-24-

17, S/2 Sec. 32, Blk. R.E.,

Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA

to Billy G. Ivy Jr., et ux, 2-13-

DT-Billy G. Ivy Jr., et ux to

17, See Instrument.

side Addition. Shamrock.

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Addition, Shamrock.

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

er. 2-15-17.

Holiday

February 24, 2017.

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

4-8, Blk. C, Briscoe.

Plains Land Bank FLCA, 2-17-17, Sec. 83, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROY./MD-Holdeman Living Trust to Bobbye Aleeyne Holdeman Rader, et al, 1-23-17, Middle 106.67 acs. S/2 Sec. 8, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

FEBRUARY 22, 2017 QCMD-Gerald L. Gibson, et ux to Staci E. Gibson, et vir, 2-7-17, Middle 106.67 acs. S/2 Sec. 8, Blk. R. E., Roberts &

QCMD-Wanda Lou Newkirk to Dana W. Hawk Revocable Trust, et al, 1-12-17, SW/4 Sec. 18, Blk.

Eddleman Survey.

L, J. M. Lindsey Survey. NOTICE LP-Kelton Independent School District to Nicholas J. Felix, 2-16-17, See Instrument.

RDT-First State Bank of Mobeetie to Gregorio Magadan, et ux, 2-22-17, Lot 12 & West 13' Lot 13, Conner Addition, Wheeler.

FEBRUARY 23, 2017 DEED-Ocie Dale Menefield to Lila Hood, 1-31-17, N 50' Lot 4, Blk. LIX, Romans Addition, Shamrock.

DEED-Greg Boydston to Paden Don Coulter, 2-23-17, See Instrument.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, SE/4 Sec. 28, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, NE/4 Sec. 70, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, NE/4 Sec. 78, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, Sec. 79, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, S 210 acs. E/2 Sec. 71, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Bennett B. Doubleday Jr., et al to Pense Ranch Properties LLC, 2-20-17, 231.25 acs, Sec. 71, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey

DT-Pense Ranch Properties LLC to Bennett B. Doubleday Jr. Revocable Trust, 2-20-17, See Instrument.

MD-Ruth Helton David, et al to Amy Hunt, 2-17-17, Secs. 10 & 11, Blk. R.E. Roberts &

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Ashton and Jennifer

Eddleman Survey.
FEBRUARY 24, 2017
RDT-APW Royalty Lender LLC to Alyson Celeste Abbott, 2-21-17, See Instrument.
RDT-Woodbridge Home Exteriors Inc. to Rowdy D. Clark, et ux, 2-14-17, Pt. Sec. 6, Blk. --, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
RMML-Amarillo Custom Pools to Rhonda Lyn Gallagher, et al, 2-16-17, See Instrument.
ASSIGN.-Flow Production Company to Robert L. Evans Jr., 2-15-17, NE/4 Sec. 3, Blk.

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Survey.

The family of Yreva Topper would like to thank you very much for prayers, cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown following her sad passing. Your support during this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.

The Sue Stiles Family
The Sibyl Clark Family
The Sally Ledbetter Family
The Sherry Pate Family
Paul (PD) Topper Jr.
and Family



Gavin Ryder Gaines is the son of Aaron Gaines of Wheeler and Kayla Motley of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Darrell and Sue Gaines of Wheeler and Shawn and Crystal Brown of Amarillo. Greatgrandparents are Mark and Sandy Brown, Richard Gaines of Wheeler and Mike and Janice Wilson of Amarillo. Great-greatgrandfather is Darrell Brown of Wheeler.

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comm. (from Page 1)

burn. It remains in effect! The court approved changes in the Wheeler County Policy Manual. As of this court

Court (from Page 2) District Clerk's Filings:

#13427-Wheeler County vs Double H. Gomez, 11-17-16, Tax Suit.

#13428-Wheeler County vs Carolynn Johnston, 11-17-16, Tax Suit.

#13429-In Reference to Children. 11-21-16.

#13430-Maria Alejandra Bocanegra to Jonatan Emiliano, 11-22-16, Divorce.

#13431-Toni Louise Deherrera vs Daniel Ezeikel Deherrera, 11-30-16, Divorce.

#13432-The State of Texas vs Rifat Abdeljawad, 12-05-16, \$1083.00.

#13433-The State of Texas vs Bashar Jawad, 12-5-16, \$980.00.

#13434-Kathy Margarette Vasquez vs Domingo Vasquez III, 12-6-16, Divorce.

#13435-Wheeler County, et al vs Laura R. Helton Bair, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13436-Wheeler County, et al vs Pamela Hooper Barker, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13437-Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District vs Jennifer G. Boecker, 12-8-16. Tax Suit.

#13438-City of Wheeler vs DBJR Properties LLC and Jason Foreman, 12-8-16, Tax prayer Suit.

#13439-City of Shamrock, et al vs Doolittle Holdings LLC, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13440-Wheeler County, et al vs ERF Wireless Inc., 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13441-Wheeler County, et al vs Machille Mitchell Henson, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13442-Wheeler County, et al vs Tom D. Horn, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13443-Wheeler County, et al vs Kindra Jolly, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13444-Wheeler County, et al vs Susan Christine Legg, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13445-Wheeler County, et al vs Artie C. Sailor III, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13446-Wheeler County, et al vs Steven Lee Simmons, 12-8-16. Tax Suit.

vs Gwendolyn Smith, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13448-Wheeler County, et al vs Judy Spearman, 12-8-16,

Tax Suit. #13449-Wheeler County, et al vs Colley Pat Webb, 12-8-16, Tax Suit.

#13450-First National Bank D/B/A National Bank to Star Lodging Ltd., et al, 12-8-16,

Debt-Contract. #13451-Hugo Andrade vs Francis Donna Rodriguez, 12-9-16, Divorce.

#13452-Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District vs Marci Diane Bell Trust, 12-9-16, Tax Suit.

#13453-James Wingo vs Manita Griffin and Ray Navarez, 12-9-16, Other Civil Cases.

#13454-Melody Christina Conner vs Eric Suarez, 12-22-16, Divorce.

#13455-Lamar Advantage Outdoor Company LP vs Retrac Solutions LLC, 1-3-17, Debt/Contract - Debt Consumer/Commercial Debt.

#13456-Wheeler County, et al vs Estate and Unknown Heirs of Steven Gaines

and Becky Gaines, Tax Suit. #13457-Tabitha Irene Majors vs Billy Wayne Majors, 1-9-17, Divorce.

#13458-Forrest Lloyd (Trustee) vs Michael Eugene Gallagher, et al, 1-12-17, Other Civil Case.

#13459-State of Texas, et al vs Lawrence Adler Brooks, 1-25-17, (Title IV-D OAG USE Title IV-D UIFSA).

#13460-Velocity Investments LLC vs Jarrell McNeely, 1-26-17, Debt/Contract - Debt Contract Consumer/Commercial Debt.

#13461-The Bank of New York Mellon vs Brandon Lewis, Jo Ann Lewis, 1-31-17, Debt/ Contract - Debt Contract Consumer/Commercial Debt.

meeting, individuals termi- of departments not complynated from the county payroll ing with the manual policy, will not be paid for unused holidays.

 The County Treasurer reported \$91,833.96 expenses for the period 02/14/2017 to County Sheriff, requested and 02/28/2017.

missioner, Pct. 3, was given as a full time employee, effec-Chevrolet Pickup at a cost of \$28,509.75 plus the trade-in

ty through the County's fiscal year 2016 required the payment by the county of \$809.10 by Motor Vehicle Division of \$1,151.37.

 Concerning the handling of Receipts. The court voted to terminate the credit cards March 13, 2017.

office immediately. · Wes Crites, Wheeler received the approval of add-• David Simpson, Com- ing Jennifer Carr to the payroll permission to purchase a 2017 tive 03/01/2017. The salary is

requiring credit card receipts

be turned in to the treasurer's

\$2,896.96 per month. · Wes Crites, Wheeler Counof a 2008 pickup, valued at ty Sheriff, requested and received the approval of adding · An audit of Motor Vehicle Miguel Badillo to the payroll Division activity with the coun- as a full time employee, effective 03/01/2017. The salary is \$2,896.96 per month.

• The court voted to pay the and payment to the county bills, \$91,833.96. Payroll for the last part of February was \$115,086.23.

The next meeting of the Credit Cards and Credit Card Wheeler County Commissioners' Court will be Monday,

EDC (from Page 1) Amy Zybach, CPA and Kristen

Moudy, Coordinator Members Absent: John Han-

Others Present: City Council Members - Don Rose and Stacy McQueen and Wheeler Historical Museum Members - Pam Hill, Ada Lou Lester, Rhonda and Stormi Merriweather and Kathleen Cross

Ben Ed Hillhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Randy McCurley opened with

Jack Helton made a motioned to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes and Randy McCurley seconded the motion, passing it with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

There was no public com-

In a motion by Dale Kidd and seconded by Jack Helton, the financial statements presented by Amy Zybach, CPA were approved in a motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1

absent. Pam Hill, President of the Wheeler Historical Museum, presented the board with a budget for the museum that included annual operation expenses, exhibit cost completions and future events planned for the museum. In husband Tim of Orange, Kellie #13447-Wheeler County, et al a motion by Dale Kidd and Alves and husband Perry of seconded by Jack Helton, the Vidor & one son Jason Mc-2016 approved budget line item for historical maintenance was approved to be paid out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund to the museum for \$7k, this motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Kristen reported she is still researching different funding sources and strategy structures for Tom Britt Memorial

Kristen gave the board information from the Texas Plains Trail Region for advertising in the 2017 Regional Highway Map. The last map produced by TPTR was in 2006. The map will be prepared and distributed by TravelHost, Texas Travel Information Centers and will cover Texas from OK border to NM border, from i-20 to the top of the Panhandle. In a motion by Jack Helton and seconded by Randy Mc-Curley, the board approved a half-panel ad for \$545 that will come out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund under the advertising/brochure line item. This motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Kristen presented an advertising request from the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce for the 2016 Small Business

Saturday. There were approximately 20+ vendors set up on the square and had a successful turnout with local retail businesses. In a motion by Yvette Venzor and seconded by Jack Helton, the board approved for \$3,247.35 that will come out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund under the advertising line item. This motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Kristen updated the board that she will be attending an EDAC Regional meeting in Amarillo on the 12th, the High Ground Redi 2 Session in Plainview on January 24'h. The board also discussed future travel plans for the High Ground with the National Farm Machinery Show and AWEA Operation, Maintenance and Safety Shows. This year, Kris-

packets for these shows. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7pm at Wheeler City Hall. Budget Hearing will be at 6pm, prior to the regular, scheduled board meeting.

ten will focus on recruitment

Future agenda items to be discussed will be budget workshop and Tom Britt Memorial

In a motion by Dale Kidd and seconded by Randy McCurley, the board approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

MCW. (from Page 1)

McWhorter.

Survivors include one brother Keithy McWhorter, his wife Patricia McWhorter, 4 daughters Cheryl Mc-Whorter of Amarillo, Stephanie Smith and husband Doug of Lubbock, Leslie Castille and Whorter of Amarillo. 8 grandsons Logan Smith, Tucker Smith, Tre' Terry, Justin Sellers, Kris Castille, Caleb McWhorter, Perry Alves & Jason Don McWhorter. 3 granddaughters, Brandi Gutierrez, Laramie Alves & Shelbie Bowen. 5 great grandchildren Trent Smith, Gunner Smith, Aubree Gutierrez, Amberlee Gutierrez & Michael Bowen. Gary was a much loved husband, Daddy & Pappy to his whole family.

The family requests memorials be made to Calvary Christian Fellowship Church fund.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gary Don McWhorter please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cottee (from Page 1)

who wish to participate in the art contest, giving children and adults alike a way to doodle constructively while enjoying an evening of entertainment, which includes both students and community members.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this event. It will be held in the Fort Elliott Cafeteria at Briscoe, and it is free. See you there!

unat (from Page 1)

While sitting at my 'desk' Tuesday afternoon, a car alarm sounded. The alarm continued to sound. Then a second alarm sounded.

– cwe –

I decided to see whose car it was. I looked out and my lights were flashing. Maggie stuck her head in the door to tell me it was my car.

– cwe – She had pushed her alarm button, setting her alarm off.

— cwe —

— cwe — My keys were in my pocket.

Pursue (from Page 1) over district operations and to support local initiatives that would benefit our students. The Board appointed a Local Innovation Committee comprised of community members, teacher leaders, parents, and campus and district level administrators to prepare a Local Innovation Plan to address

the needs of the district. In this article, I would like to outline the areas of innovation that Wheeler ISD will pursue and hopefully answer any questions that may arise:

I. First, some of you may or may not be aware that school districts in Texas are not allowed to begin instruction until the fourth Monday in August. This year, the fourth Monday is on August 28th, which severely limits an already tight school schedule. As a district, we always try to plan to have our graduation prior to Memorial Day or at least by the end of May. In an effort to not only alleviate scheduling, but also provide flexibility during the school year, WISD will begin school no earlier than the second Monday in August each year. By beginning five to seven days earlier than previously allowed, WISD will be able to balance the number of instructional days in the fall and spring semesters as well as to provide for more flexibility in scheduling staff development opportunities.

II. Second, school districts may choose, as most of the districts in our region have, to operate with regard to minutes rather than days. Beginning last school year, 2015-2016, WISD operated in excess of the 75,600 minutes required for public schools. The length of instructional days for attendance accountability purposes is set at seven hours or 420 minutes. Schools currently may only have six, shortened "waiver" days that count towards attendance and they must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency for approval. The waiver allows for early dismissal days that have fewer than 420 minutes. WISD currently utilizes those days for semester exams at the end of each semester. By utilizing innovative practices,

WISD will be able to have a flexible plan at any point during the year, provide staff development when needed, allow for parent-teacher conferences or utilize other opportunities that fit our school and community. The innovation plan will allow us much needed flexibility as long as we provide the 75,600 minutes required for instruction, which we most definitely will utilize to the fullest. III. Third, teacher contracted

days have been defined as ten months or 187 days. With the reduction in instructional days, due to the minutes bill, teachers have been forced to complete up to sixteen or seventeen staff development/work days each year. Prior to the minutes bill, students would attend 180 days and teachers would serve seven additional days for staff development/ work days each year. Flexibility in teacher contracted days would serve two important purposes. First, teachers would only be required to serve eight to ten days for professional development and preparation. The fewer days would provide more streamlined and productive opportunities for teachers to obtain enrichment for their career. Second, by reducing the number of required teacher days without reducing salaries, WISD would, in effect, be increasing daily salary rates. By increasing daily rates, WISD would not only benefit those teachers already employed but ultimately aid in recruitment and retention of new employees.

IV. Fourth, teacher certification is required for employment of all professional staff members. Emergency certification and waivers are possible, but not always approved by TEA. With the flexibility provided by innovation, WISD would be allowed to employ staff members that have not completed



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their educational certification but have experience in a career and/or technological field. These non-certified staff members may be used in CTE courses. Also, certified teachers could teach outside of their subject area, if needed.

I would like to stress that WISD will make every effort to employ certified teachers in all positions. There are times, however, where that is not reasonably possible. We, as a district, do not always have a large number of applicants for teaching positions. When given the choice between someone with questionable skills versus someone with valuable skills, the district would much rather invest in a candidate who proves to be accomplished in a given subject area. Other cases involving career and technology positions would allow the district opportunities to create partnerships with the community, whether it's with law enforcement, the health care industry, cosmetology or plumbers and firemen. All in all, we would be able to not only educate our students but to provide and to promote partnerships with community members and organizations.

V. Finally, school districts are required to establish planning and decision-making committees that develop goals and objectives for the district.

Districts are also required to establish a school health advisory council that ensures the local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction. With the innovation flexibility, WISD will be able to replace not only these committees but also others as well, in an effort to better utilize time and resources for all those involved. A new Wheeler School Advisory Council (WSAC) will be established to meet, to review, to analyze, and to respond to the various needs of the district. The combined committee will allow for more efficient use of time and provide the same services as multiple committees in the past.

In conclusion, I would just like to inform the community about what the designation of a District of Innovation entails, and to be open about the flexibility our district will be able to utilize. Many districts across the region and state have either completed the process or are working toward the designation presently. As a member of the WISD team, I can say it is always our intent and our desire to do what is best for students. Added local control is seldom an option. but by becoming a District of Innovation, our community has a voice in some of the decisions that will influence our students' education.

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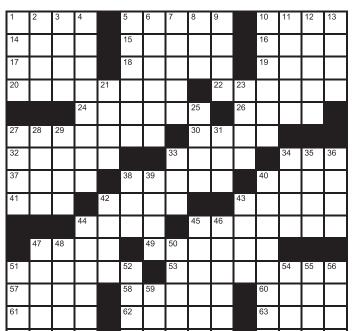
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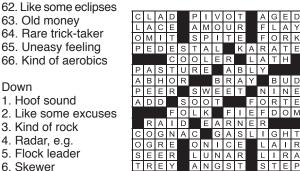
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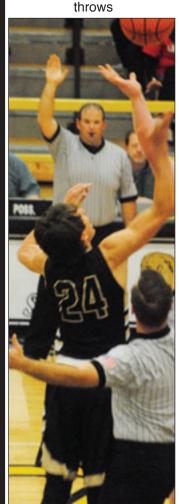
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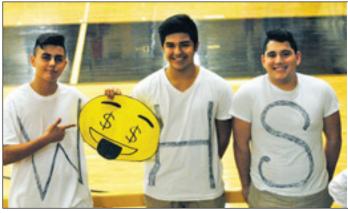
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