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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



When this edition of the *Times* hits the newsstands, school will have started for Kelton, Fort Elliott and Wheeler in that order, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

— cwe —

Friday will be Wheeler's scrimmage with Munday.

— cwe —

The football page will start running next week. Do you have your names and/or ads on the pages? Send your information to wtimes@windstream.net.

— cwe —

Congratulations, Bryce Richardson on earning his Eagle Scout badge.

— cwe —

Jennifer came out Sunday for Seth's first day of school at Kelton; he will be an eighth grader this year.

— cwe —

Plus she worked with the repairman to get our internet at the house up and running.

— cwe —

Then she helped Bobby Jennings get the golf pictures and information to me for the paper.

— cwe —

Mobeetie's Labor Day Celebration will be going full swing this year. We hope to have the story for next week.

— cwe —

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STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, This is it! My Senior Year begins this week. I can't believe I wrote the first Storm Report for Pop fourteen years ago. Some of you have been reading about what is going on in my life for all that time. Thank you and I hope this is a great year for you too!

Just like every year, I went shopping for school clothes and I got my hair done the way I want it. My mom and I

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Merely Mustard

I received some guidance over the past couple years from an individual who taught that there were twelve common, universal domains of human concern – twelve facets of life which must be addressed. I thought that was a nice concept, although I never would have guessed the number was twelve, or only twelve. But there must be a starting off point somewhere, and that one seemed good enough. In the time that has followed, I have determined that twelve is too many things to keep track of and to address. That might be an indicator I am not properly dealing with one or more of the twelve items – that the over-complexity I am perceiving is just an indicator of a failure to honor something that demands being honored. That



Fourth Annual Mo Memorial Golf Tournament A Success

The 4th Annual Golf Tournament for the Mona Jennings Freeman Memorial Scholarship was held on August 14, 2021 at Pampa Country Club in Pampa, Texas. The weather was one of the most perfect days we have had in the panhandle of 79 degrees and no wind. The course was in tip top shape because of the great rains we have been blessed with this summer.

The tournament was another great success this year with new faces & also with most of the familiar ones from past years. We had 16 teams in the morning flight and 16 teams in the afternoon flight.

We would like to thank our many family & friends who helped with registration, organization, and being there for our every need. We could not have done it without all the love and support from all of you and we are forever grateful.

The Mo Memorial will be offering scholarships to the following schools in the spring: White Deer, Pampa, Borger, Canadian, Highland Park, Shamrock & Wheeler. These are the schools where Mona

taught, played golf or attended. We look forward to giving back to the future students in these communities.

The first year we gave (10) \$1,400 scholarships to the seniors of 2018-2019. The next year we were able to give (14) \$1,200 scholarships to the seniors of 2019-2020. Last year we gave (13) \$1,600 scholarships to the seniors of 2020-2021.

None of this would have been possible without the golfers, monetary donors, & helpers. We would like to thank April Goad for being our photographer and Clint & Sons for donating Jerky to all of the persons participating in the tournament and Pampa Country Club as our host. Again thank you to all the teams who entered, and we look forward to seeing ya'll next year.

Friday Night Lights SCRIMMAGE
Wheeler Mustangs
versus
Munday
August 20, 2021



GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER WINNING SEASON: The Wheeler Mustangs have been on the practice field since August 2 getting in shape and ready to meet Munday Friday night. Six seniors will be returning this year.

Quilt Entries Needed For Hidetown Labor Day Event

The Old Mobeetie Museum will be hosting the Hidetown Labor Day Festival and Reunion on Labor Day weekend, Friday, September 3 through

Monday, September 6. Many activities are planned to entertain families over the course of the festival, including a quilt show, Kenneth Wyatt paintings for sale, a talent show, musical entertainment, a 5K run, a parade, kids games and events, craft booths, school reunion, barbeque and steak cook offs, cowboy poetry, and corn hole tournament.

A Quilt Show will be held at the Old Mobeetie Museum Visitor's Center from Friday, September 3, to Monday, September 6. All quilt show entries are due at the museum on Monday, August 23, between 1-5 p.m. and must be accompanied by a completed quilt show entry form.

All quilts must be labeled on the back with the name of the quilt owner and their phone number. A four-inch wide sleeve for hanging the quilt must be made and attached to the top of the quilt back (so a pole can be inserted for hanging). Instructions for making a quilt sleeve are available online or when you obtain a quilt entry form. For more information, please contact Janie VanZandt at 806-845-2101 or 806-663-3402.



EAGLE SCOUT: Boy Scout Troop 472's newest Eagle Scout, Bryce Richardson! He has worked hard to achieve Scouts highest rank and the Wheeler community has benefited from his work as it has with many of the Eagle Scout projects throughout the years. Bryce's project was to build a pipe railing around the soon to be T-ball fields at the Wheeler Lions Club Tom Britt Memorial Field/Sports Complex and it should provide protection from traffic for years to come.

Ethel Grimes To Be Buried August 17

Ethel Elizabeth Renner Grimes stepped into the arms of Jesus August 12, 2021 at 103 years 5 months and 30 days.

Services were 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie with Rev. Travis Leamon, officiating. Burial followed in Wheeler Cemetery.

Viewing will be held Monday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

She was born February 13, 1918 west of Wheeler Texas to Myrtle Allred Renner and John William Renner. She was the oldest of three siblings. She was born in her Grandparents home, the same home she lived in until she was 102 years old.

She was raised on a farm in Gray County at Laketon and went to school in one room schoolhouses.

At age 18 in 1936 she came to Wheeler County to live with her aunt. At first they didn't own a vehicle and had to walk everywhere.

The next year Ethel's aunt bought a car and Ethel learned to drive.

Ethel and her aunt raised chickens, sold eggs, milked cows and sold cream and cold produce from their garden. Ethel also worked as a housekeeper and babysitter for neighbors.

WWII was a challenging time for Ethel and her aunt. All the men were serving in the war effort, there was no hired hands available. These two women had to do all the work themselves. One summer they hauled and stacked 1200 square bales of hay by themselves with a mule team.

Ethel married Francis Marion (F.M.) Grimes in 1951 at the age of 33. Her only child was born in December of 1957. She and F.M. ranched west of Wheeler on the same property her Allred grandparents owned.

Ethel was very resourceful and could do anything. She was an accomplished seamstress, quilter and loved to crochet. She produced hundreds of handmade quilts in her lifetime. She gave quilts to most of her family. She was also a wonderful cook and avid gardener.

Ethel could build fence or nail the tin down on the barn, whatever needed doing! She was active in church and taught Sunday School for 50

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Ethel Grimes

Fourth Annual Mo Memorial Golf Tournament Pictures

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First Place Morning Flight: Score 57—Michael Hall, Alan Segura, Flecy Segura and Jimmer Segura



First Place Afternoon Flight: Score 51—Alan Segura, Joel Bureson, Trent Carter and Cory Reneau



Second Place Morning Flight: Score 58—Laurie Brower, Mary Ann Lion, Ginny Grotegut and David Grotegut



Second Place Afternoon Flight: Score 55—Thane Morgan, Zach Norrel, Heath Sabbe and Grayson Benson



Third Place Morning Flight: Score 59—Randy Lee, David Jones, Gatlin Goad and Ronny Jones



Third Place Afternoon Flight: Score 56—Cason Floyd, Braxton Floyd, Mike Floyd and Brandon Barker

Chat

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I scheduled a time to take the football practice pictures and was afraid it was going to be rained out, but only a few sprinkles fell.
— cwe —
On Friday I had to take the computer to the Macman for cleaning.
— cwe —

The rain Monday morning produced 0.15" moisture.
— cwe —
William chauffeured Barbara, Jennifer and I to Prague, OK to visit Tom and Melinda Fisher, David and Wendy Fisher, Shelby Fisher and Savana Marsh Saturday evening. We visited around the card table. We had not seen them since December of 2019.

Gun Logic

- Eleven teens die each day because of texting while driving. Maybe it's time to raise the age of Smart Phone ownership to 21.
- If gun control laws actually worked, Chicago would be Mayberry, USA.
- The Second Amendment makes more women equal

than the entire feminist movement.
• Legal gun owners have 300 million guns and probably a trillion rounds of ammo. Seriously, folks, if we were the problem, you'd know it.
• When JFK was killed, nobody blamed the rifle.
• The NRA (National Rifle Association) murders 0 people and receives



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

- (\$\$\$\$ 0) nothing in government funds. Planned Parenthood kills 350,000 babies every year and receives \$500,000,000 in tax dollars annually.
- I have no problem with

vigorous background checks when it comes to firearms. While we're at it, let's do the same when it comes to immigration, Voter I.D., and candidates running for office.



FENCE BUILDERS: This group of men built the fence around the soccer field at Britt Field. The building of the fence is the Eagle Scout project of Bryce Richardson. Pictured (left to right) are Marshall McNeil, Ryan McNeil, Ricky Salas, Steve Marshall, Dylan Marshall, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Billy Richardson, Bryce Richardson and Travis Reeves.

Starting School



Seth Bryant
Kelton Eighth Grade



Devyn Bryant
Kelton First Grade



Jensen Bryant
Kelton Pre-K



Denna Bryant
Kelton Third Grade



Jaeden Musae
Mustang Eighth Grade



Clark Meriwether
Hinton Second Grade



Addie James
Hinton Third Grade



Stormie Meriwether
Wheeler Senior



Quinn Minute

Candy: a sweet history by Rix Quinn

My friend Debi asks, "Why do they call the little candy 'fun sizes?' Wouldn't it be more fun to eat a big one?"

Wow, Debi, what a flavorful question. Let me chew on that a little with my sweet tooth.

Candy has been around throughout recorded history. Actually, ancient civilizations prized it even before they made recordings.

The earliest sweets were likely those made of candied nuts and fruits in honey. Centuries ago, explorers discovered the cocoa bean and cacao trees. I'll be forever grateful to these pioneers of chocolate.

And don't forget chewing gum. In the late 1860s flavor was added to chicle, creating the first modern gum. I chewed so much when I was a kid, I considered gum one

of the primary food groups.

Hard candies also became popular in the 1800s. Chocolate bars were invented around 1850. I don't know exactly when "fun sizes" began, but here's my theory.

Fun sizes allow friends to share candy. That's a very generous idea. But here's my problem.

I don't like to share candy. If I buy the candy, I want it all... no matter what the quantity. I personally love the fun size, because it gives me more sugar to gobble.

So, in the future when I'm with a friend, I'll buy me a fun size. And — if I'm feeling generous — I'll buy him one too.

I just hope his friendship is worth the extra investment.

BUSINESS BIOGRAPHY — Would you like for Rix to write the history of your company? Just call him at 817-920-7999, or e-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.

State Sales Tax Total, \$3.4 Billion

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.39 billion in July, 13.5 percent more than in July 2020. The majority of July sales tax revenue is based on sales made in June and remitted to the agency in July.

"July state sales tax collections again strongly surpassed both year-ago and pre-pandemic levels, with continued vigorous growth

from non-retail sectors," Hegar said. "The sharpest increase from a year ago was in receipts from oil and gas mining, as the higher crude oil prices of recent months support increased drilling activity, albeit still well below the pre-pandemic pace.

"But receipts from retail

trade sectors continue to be the most highly elevated, as resurgent consumer spending following the lifting of pandemic-related restrictions and supported by increasing employment, federal income support policies and low interest rates does not appear to have begun to slow. Within retail trade, the greatest growth in receipts from a year ago was from clothing and clothing accessories stores and electronics and appliance stores — retailers especially hard hit by the pandemic. While receipts from sectors that had increased sales following the onset of the pandemic — food and beverage stores, furniture and home furnishings stores, and sporting goods and hobby stores — had no growth compared to a year ago, receipts remain strongly above pre-pandemic levels. And receipts from other retail sectors that grew strongly last year — big box and online general merchandisers and building materials stores — continued to have robust growth."

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues continue to be affected by base effects: year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were suppressed by the pandemic. Year-over-year growth in July sales tax collections, however, is not attributable to such base effects, as sales tax revenue was surprisingly strong in July 2020. Compared to July 2019, sales tax collections were up 18.4 percent.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2021 was up 20.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago and 13.9 percent compared to 2019. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59

percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, most of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects:

motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$577 million; up 24 percent from July 2020, and up 19 percent from July 2019;

motor fuel taxes — \$315 million, up 4 percent from July 2020, and up 1 percent from July 2019;

oil production tax — \$377 million, up 102 percent from July 2020, and up 21 percent from July 2019;

natural gas production tax — \$187 million, up 408 percent from July 2020, and up 45 percent from July 2019;

hotel occupancy tax — \$60 million, up 79 percent from July 2020, and up 4 percent from July 2019; and

alcoholic beverage taxes — \$132 million, up 20 percent from July 2020, and up 12 percent from July 2019.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch. For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972, visit our updated Sources of Revenue publication.

FATIGUE:

Recent studies have shown that the sugar content of honey is more helpful rather than being detrimental to the strength of the body. Senior citizens who take honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts are more alert and flexible. Dr. Milton, who has done research, says that a half tablespoon of honey taken in a glass of water and sprinkled with cinnamon powder, even when the vitality of the body starts to decrease, when taken daily after brushing and in the afternoon at about 3:00 P.M., the vitality of the body increases within a week.

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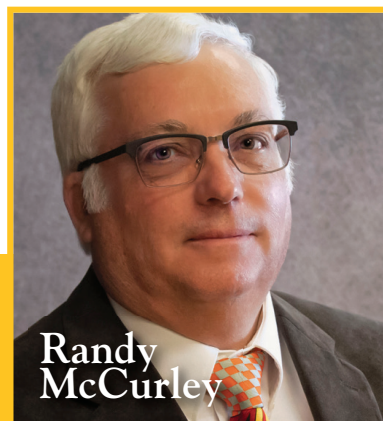
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BABY SHOWERS

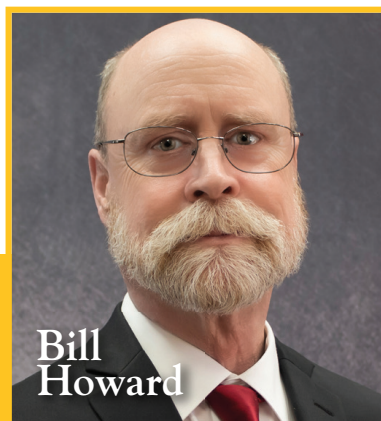
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REDUCED! 426 E. 2nd St, Shamrock. Well maintained, 3 Bed/2 Bath/1 car garage. Large backyard, deck, bay window, wood burning stove, 1663 sf, \$105,000. Ken Baxter - 806-334-0123.

REDUCED! 1006 S. Alan Bean, 3 Bed/1.75 Bath, older home with large lot and metal storage building, \$45,000. Ken Baxter - 806-334-0123.

SOLD! 215 E. 13th St, Wheeler. 3 Bed/1.75 Bath, garage on 5.79 fenced acres. Outbuildings, loafing shed, spring fed pond. \$165,000. Ken Baxter - 806-334-0123.

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