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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

'Outstanding' Individuals Are Recognized



"OUTSTANDING MAN": The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce recognized Bill Robertson (left) as the "Outstanding Man at the Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet on Monday evening, February 15, 1999. Bill is an active member of the Wheeler community; he is a past president of the local Kiwanis Club and Ex-Student Association. He is the administrator of the local Parkview Hospital. He and his wife, Von Eva, are native Wheelerites and the parents of three. The presentation was made by Bill Morrison.



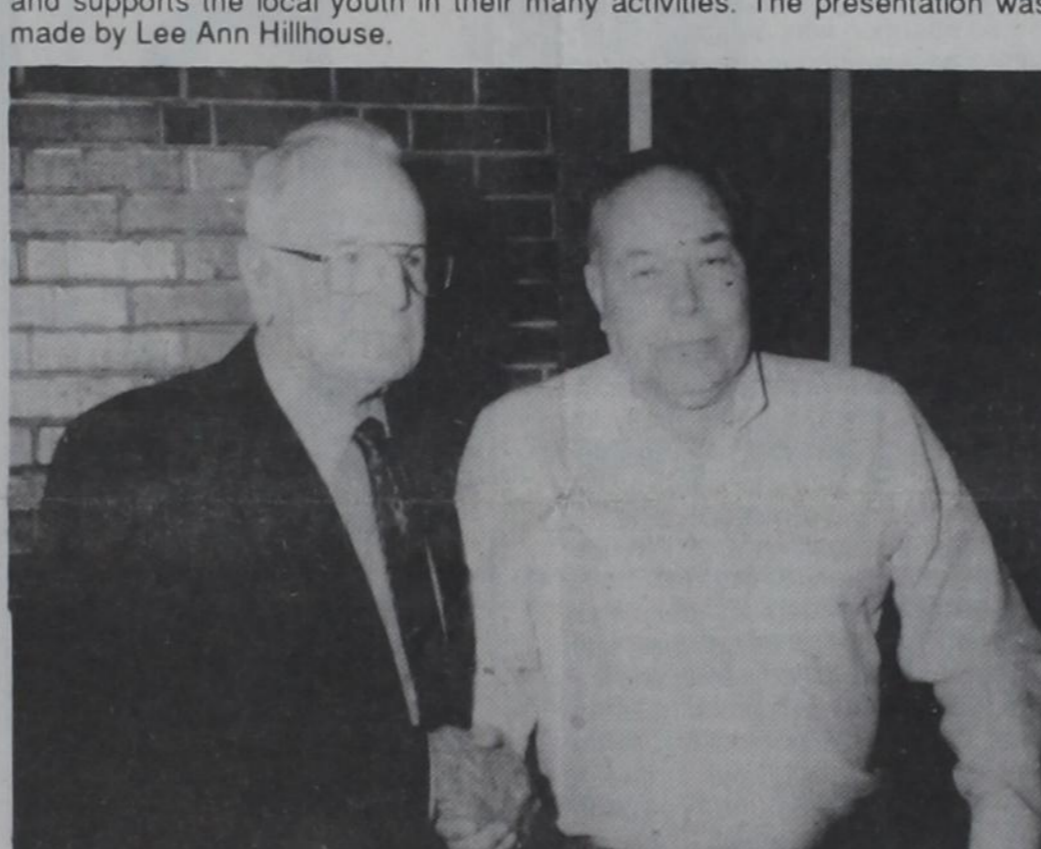
"OUTSTANDING WOMAN": Named at the 1999 Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet on Monday evening, February 15, 1999, the "Outstanding Woman" was Sharla Weaver. Sharla has been a resident of Wheeler since 1978; she and her husband, Tommy, are pharmacists and own and operate Hyland's Pharmacy. Sharla is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the mother of two daughters, maintains her household and cares for a "happily married husband". She is an avid football fan, Mustang Booster and supports the local youth in their many activities. The presentation was made by Lee Ann Hillhouse.



"OUTSTANDING TEENAGER": Ben Britt was presented a plaque at the 1999 Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet on Monday evening, February 15, 1999, after being named "Outstanding Teenager". Ben is a senior at Wheeler High School and president of his class. He is a member and president of the National Honor Society. As a member of the 1998 football team he was named to the Globe/News Super Team, All-State and Academic All-State. He is a member of F.C.A. and the Cross Country team. He is a member of the U.L.L. Literary Criticism Team. Outside of the school he is an Eagle Scout, a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church and is active in the church youth group. Ben is the son of Dave and Mary Britt. Qualifications for the award are leadership, citizenship, scholarship, character and achievement. The presentation was made by Rhonda Blanchard.



FARMER/RANCHER: Dennis Hefley (left) is both a farmer and rancher, with purebred Hereford and Angus stocker and feeder operation. Dennis is a 1972 graduate of Briscoe High School. He presently serves his community on the Ft. Elliott Board of Trustees and is a member of the Briscoe Fire Department. Dennis and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of a son and a daughter. The award was presented at the 1999 Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet on Monday evening, February 15, 1999, by Ben Ed Hillhouse.



EMPLOYEE: Waddell Davis lives in Shamrock, but for the past 30 years he has driven to Wheeler, where he has been employed at the local Ford dealership. Waddell began his employment at Wheeler in 1969, when he went to work for Vanpool-Burton. In 1963 he was made parts manager and later general manager of Golden Spread Motor Co. in Shamrock; this dealership was owned by Pete Burton. He presently serves as Parts and Service Manager at Burton Ford with 35 years of service to the dealership. The award was presented by Wallace Fields, a close friend and former employee of Shamrock.



CONTRIBUTION TO AGRICULTURE: James Verden worked for Production Credit Association for 30 years; all of those he was manager of the local office. James retired and now devotes his time to his personal farming and ranching program and Wheeler High School and Texas Tech athletics. During his time as manager of the local PCA, James helped local farmers and ranchers through the good and bad times. A loan through PCA help establish the local veterinary clinic; James was instrumental in getting this first such loan finalized. The award was presented at the 1999 Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet on Monday evening, February 15, 1999, by Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse, local veterinarian.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

CONGRATULATIONS to those recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet Monday evening. The committees did an excellent job, once again.

One thing we do at banquets in Wheeler is eat very well. Maxey's catered the banquet and it was delicious.

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HUNTER VINCENT MENDIOLA New Arrival

Luis Vincent and Stacy Turner Mendiola announce the birth of their son, Hunter Vincent Mendiola. Hunter was born at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 1999. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Louie Mendiola of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby D. Murdock of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Turner III of Ft. Worth.

Clyde Bob Markham, 84 Rites Are Read Feb. 17

Clyde Bob Markham, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 1999 in Zybach Cemetery in Briscoe with the Rev. Robert Meller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Allison, officiating. Masonic rites were by Lodge No. 1099 of Wheeler and arrangements were by Wright and Arrangement Home, Wheeler.

Mr. Markham was born May 4, 1914 to Charlie and Eula Markham. He married Marylu Kinsey December 22, 1943 in Amarillo. He was a lifelong resident of Wheeler and Hemphill counties where he was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Allison and a 60-plus year member of the Masonic Lodge No. 1099. As a Mason, he served in every capacity and every chair.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jay and George Markham, and one brother George Columbus Markham in 1913.

Survivors include wife; a daughter, Clydene Hall of Allison; four brothers, C. H. Markham of Hico, Ralph Markham of Bernalillo, N.M., Glenn Markham of Wheeler and Cecil Markham of Lubbock; a sister, Avis Parker of Wheeler; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Ft. Elliott CISD Trustee Election Set For May 1

The filing period for the School Trustee Election on May 1, 1999, has opened. It officially opened on Monday, February 15th, 1999, and closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Fort Elliott CISD has three School Trustee positions up for election. Each position is for a full term of three years.

Wheeler Co. Bass Club Meeting Set March 1

The Wheeler County Bass Club will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday, March 1, 1999. The meeting will be held at McCain's Auto Body at 7:00 P.M. New members welcome.

Wheeler Board of Trustees Renew Contracts

February 11, 1999

A regular meeting of the Wheeler Independent School District Board of Trustees was held with all members present except Mr. Ford. Guests were Jim Bassett, Doug Rives, Larry Schoenhals, Jim Hill, Jim Verden, Supt. Glyndol Holland, and Donna Walsler.

President Gail Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

1. Motion by Mr. Dunnam; Seconded by Mr. Sams; To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Schoenhals, Chief Appraiser

of the Wheeler County Appraisal District, spoke to the Board.

2. Motion by Mr. Osborne; Seconded by Dr. Hillhouse; To approve the resolution concerning the Wheeler County Appraisal District. Motion carried.

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Marguerite Robinson, 84 Services Held In Houston

Marguerite Robinson, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston with the Rev. Dale Talbert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Conroe, officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawndale Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Crosby and lived in Midland from 1966 until 1991 when she moved to Wheeler. She worked with her husband in Robinson Photography Studio and was a member of St. Lukes Methodist Church in Midland.

She married Lee E. Robinson Jr. in 1937. He died in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Walsler of Wheeler; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church in Wheeler.



ABREE LOREN FINSTERWALD New Arrival

Ike and Stacy Finsterwald are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl Abree Loren Finsterwald. Abree was born January 26, 1999 at 7:42 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Andrea Sims, Kent Sims, and Larry and Claudine Finsterwald of Wheeler. Proud great-grandparents are Ronald and Sarah Ledford of Fritch, Christine Conner of Shamrock, Katie Finsterwald, and Amelia Sims of Wheeler.

City of Mobeetie Calls For City Council Election

The City of Mobeetie will be called for an election to be held May 1, 1999 for the election of a mayor, alderman place 1, alderman place 2. These will be for a two year term. Also to be elected in alderman place 5 which is an unexpired term of 1 year. The first date to fill application for place on ballot will be February 16. Anyone wanting to run can pick the application up at the City Hall. The last day to file will be March 17.

The City Hall will be open from 8-12 February 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, and March 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, and 17th.



PIONEER SPIRIT AWARD: Annie Ruth Lee (right) was the recipient of the 1999 Wheeler Chamber of Commerce "Pioneer Spirit" award. Each year the chamber recognizes an individual who has "been here from the start", and been active in the community as they raised their family. Annie Ruth began her life in the business world as a local telephone operator. She married Loyd Lee and moved across the street to Ernest Lee Hardware, where she remained until her retirement in 1996. She has been a member of the Eastern Star for 37 years. Lee Ann Hillhouse made the presentation.

Old Jail Museum Receives \$1,000 Grant

State Senator Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, sent congratulations to the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Wheeler County after they received a

grant in the amount of \$1000 from the Texas Historical Commission.

"What an honor it is to receive this type of recognition," Haywood said. "I am proud to commend the people of Mobeetie for their hard work and dedication to history and heritage."

This grant will enable the museum to better serve the local population as well as attract visitors and their tourist dollars to the region. State funds, appropriated specifically for this history museum grants program since 1984, have enabled all sizes of museums in Texas to become more responsible, more professional and more attractive to their audiences.

New Arrival

APRIL RENEE NELSON

Douglas and Kristi Nelson of Odessa, Texas announce the arrival of a daughter, April Renee Nelson. April was born December 27, 1998. She weighed 5 pounds 12 1/2 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are H. B. and Kathryn Krug.

