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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Britt, Dunnam To Play In K101 Bowl

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

Top Players of Tri-State Area To Play In Game

Congratulations, Ben Britt and Aaron Dunnam! These young men will represent Wheeler at the K101 Bowl in Woodward the first of June.

Congratulations, Ft. Elliott Boys Basketball Team! According to the Pampa Daily News Tuesday evening, they were 25-0 for the season.

We are running some more of the pictures of the livestock show this week. There was not room last week.

We have several businesses around town undergoing some renovation. The three businesses at the intersection of 83 and 152.

Cross Car Center is in the process of coming into compliance with the new laws concerning gasoline storage. The pumps are not in place, but they have a temporary tank on skids with a pump to sell gas.

The Texaco is going to have a convenience store with donuts and deli. They are closing in doors and taking out walls.

Zodel Swift has been selling donuts and barbecue out of the Snow Cone place. They have purchased the old convenience store next to her and she plans to expand.

The tickets for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be going on sale shortly. They will be available at the Chamber office, 101 E. Oklahoma.

Monday, February 1, will mark the beginning of our 39th year in Wheeler.

Monday is also our daughter's birthday, Happy Birthday, Cathi!

William Thomas will be having a birthday on Wednesday, Happy Birthday!

An early Happy Birthday, Juanita! We will have another paper before your birthday on Feb. 5, but you will not get the paper until afterward.

I notice that I was in the middle of a losing year in cards last year at this time. Not so this year. Mike and Barbara and I were the skunkers Monday night. Barbara and Jane joined our team at the start of the second half of the third game. Dwight and Paul and Jane were the losers.

It was early, so we decided on a fourth game. Dwight, Paul and Jane got revenge.

Hospital Notes

- Old Admissions**
- Estelle Orr
 - Winifred Buckingham
 - Monroe Seitz
 - Virginia Frye
 - Ruth Ledbetter
 - Leon Fillingim
 - Clara Holmes
 - Lewis Rogers
 - Elsie Chester
- New Admissions**
- 1/24 Audrey Pierce
 - Bennie Mae Whitener
 - Lezli Finsterwald
 - 1/25 Valentine Benavidez
- Dismissals**
- 1/19 Lillie Billingsley
 - Virgil Jamison

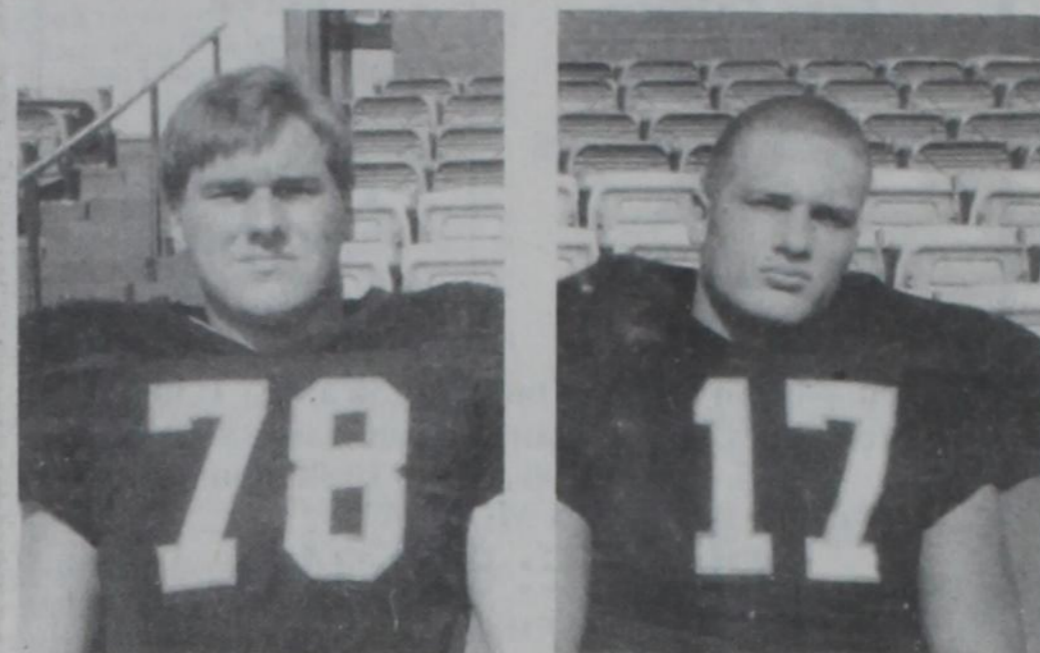


GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HOG: The hog shown by Jennifer Maddox, right, was named Grand Champion at the 1999 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show, held over the weekend. Winning Reserve Grand Champion was the hog shown by Jacob Seymour, left. The awards were furnished and presented by Jim Bob Nall of the Great Plains Breeders Service of Shamrock; Nall is pictured in the center. Jennifer is a member of the Ft. Elliott FFA and Jacob is a member of the Shamrock FFA.

der the direction of Mike Raiber of Oklahoma State University. Basketball will take center stage two nights during the festive week. Two different games will be played each night, with the girls taking first billing on Tuesday, June 1. The boys' basketball games are scheduled for Thursday, June 3, at Boomer Fieldhouse.

What would a sporting event be without cheerleaders? Classic Bowl XI will feature over 125 cheerleaders, who also will be competing for awards.

Representing Wheeler in the Classic Bowl XI - West Team will be Ben Britt, 6'0", 210 lbs., T/T and Aaron Dunnam, 6'1", 200 lbs., QB/LB



Ben Britt

Aaron Dunnam

CHAMBER BANQUET PLANNED FOR FEB. 15

Larry Brown, a Minister at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church in Pampa will be the speaker at the annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 1999, at the school cafeteria.

Highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the "Outstanding" individuals. Plaques will be presented to the "Outstanding" man, woman, teenager, employee and farmer/rancher.

One other selection is made by the chamber. The "Pioneer Spirit Hall of Fame" award goes to an individual, who has spent many years in business in Wheeler, serving the public.

Officers and directors for the coming year will be recognized.

Make plans to attend the banquet. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office at 101 E. Oklahoma.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER: Laci Russell of Shamrock FFA exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show January 15-16. The steer was purchased by Parkway Dental Clinic, represented by Dr. Mike Smith (center), and Frank Hunold Jr. (left), Attorney at Law in Wheeler.

Wheeler Soil & Water Conser. Offering Trees

The local Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to inform the public of the upcoming tree sale. The tree sale is held every year at the local NRCS office in Wheeler. The tree sale began on October 13, 1998 thru March 1, 1999. Your local Soil and Water Conservation District would like to encourage all of the landowners to come by and order some windbreak trees.

The evergreen seedlings that are available at this time are Afghanistan Pine, Arizona Cypress, Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine and Scotch Pine. In addition are the deciduous trees such as Cottonwood, Desert Willow, Honeylocust, Hackberry and Bur Oak. There are additional trees that don't appear on the list.

Please hurry up and order your windbreak trees! A payment is required at the time your order is placed.

USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Local Cub Scouts Will Have Bake Sale Sat.

Cub Scout Bake Sale will be Saturday, February 6th, 1999, from 12:00 N to 5:00 PM at Thriftway.

Andy King Named 'Generation of Excellence' Scholarship Winner



Andy King

Andy King of Wheeler is the recipient of a \$200 Inovec Scholarship given by Merial Corporation (formerly Merck). This scholarship is given to an area student who is a junior or senior in college and majoring in an agricultural related field. Andy attends Texas A&M University.

Top O'Texas CattleWomen held their monthly meeting at the Sirlain Stockade in Pampa, January 5, 1999. Plans were discussed concerning Ag Day, Beef for Father's Day, and the Spring Style Show.

We decided to participate and have a booth at Friona's "Ag in the Classroom" Fair Day on February 4th and February 6th we will be at the Ambassador Hotel to promote membership at the Panhandle Livestock Association's Convention in Amarillo. Sharon Spenwrath, former President of Texas CattleWomen will be giving a program in Canadian on property rights April 13th. We hope to have her in Wheeler on the evening of the 12th or noon of the 13th.

Members attending were: Amelia Sims, Carolyn Buckingham, and Anita Brown of Wheeler; Nadyne Williams of Shamrock; Margaret Tolbert of Miami; Lilith Brainerd and Sena Brainerd of Pampa; Sally and Pat Youngblood of Lefors; Berklee Clements of Skellytown; Amy Brainerd, Edy Brainerd, Sally Wicker, and Janet Parnell of Canadian.

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First State Bank Rated Outstanding by FDIC

The FDIC is the federal financial supervisory agency of the First State Bank of Mobeetie and it has granted a CRA rating of Outstanding to both the Mobeetie and Wheeler Offices.

Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department Election, 1998 Annual Report

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GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB: Wheeler County 4-H'er Haley Hipkens (right) showed the Grand Champion Lamb at the 1999 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show this past weekend. The Reserve Champion lamb was shown by Chris Umsted (center) a member of the Wheeler FFA. The awards were furnished and presented by Jim Bob Nall of the Great Plains Breeder Service of Shamrock (left).



GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPION STEER: Evan Reed, right, of the Shamrock FFA showed the Grand Champion Steer at the 1999 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show this past weekend. Laci Russell, center, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the show; she is a member of the Shamrock FFA. The awards were furnished and presented by Great Plains Breeders Service of Shamrock; Jim Bob Nall, left, made the presentation.

Jay Bill Martin Rites Are Read At McKinney

Jay Bill Martin, 57, of Denton died Monday, January 25, 1999 at Denton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Martin was born March 2, 1941 in Wheeler, TX to Ralph C. and Claudia (Johnston) Martin. He was married to Sue Jenkins on June 25, 1960 in McKinney, TX. He was a graduate of McKinney High School and received his Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree from East Texas State University. He taught in Millsap ISD from 1968 to 1971 and came to Denton ISD as an instructor in Vocational Agriculture and Horticulture; where he retired in 1997.

He was a member of the Highland Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was a member of the Triangle Squares Square Dance Club for 24 years; Stanfield Masonic Lodge #217; lifetime member of the Denton, State and National FFA Alumni Association and was Past President of the Texas State FFA Association; Denton County Livestock Association.

Funeral services were at 1:30 PM Wednesday, January 27, 1999 at Highland Baptist Church with Rev. Dale Osteen officiating. Burial was at 4:00 PM at Ridgeview Memorial Park in McKinney, TX. Visitation was at 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at the Funeral Home. Mulkey-Mason/Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Donald Dooley, Jerry McCormick, Larry Davis, Larry Scott, Charles Saling, and Bill Travis. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Martin of Denton; mother, Claudia Martin of Denton; son, Jay Lynn and his wife Gloria Huber Martin of Dallas; brother, Cecil E. Martin of Miami, TX; aunt, Dorothy Stockton of Ft. Worth; granddaughter, Hannah Huber Martin and grandson, Perry Jenkins Martin both of Dallas. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph C. Martin; grandparents, Ed and Ella Johnston of Mobeetie, TX and Bill and Nina (Ribble) Martin of Ft. Worth; uncle, Jay T. Johnston of Mobeetie, TX.

Memorials may be made to the Highland Baptist Church, Building Fund, 600 Thomas, Denton, TX 76201 and the Denton FFA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 51086, Denton, TX 76206.

YFT Net Announces Internet Access Upgrade

Deana Gardiner, owner and operator of Your Favorite Things announced Monday of this week her intentions to upgrade the local Internet access provided by her business to the Canadian and surrounding vicinity.

Deana advised that Southwestern Bell has been contacted and that they are in the process of establishing a timetable for their portion of the upgrade. On the whole the upgrade will include laying of new telephone lines into Your Favorite Things office and the acquisition of additional equipment and modems.

As things stand now, Gardiner said, we have utilized all of the telephone lines that are available to come into our office. Once the upgrade is complete we will be able to offer dedicated lines to individual customers. Those same customers may wish to have their line upgraded to allow 56K access to the Internet. I believe that in the coming months many of our local businesses are going to want to access their suppliers, customers or other affiliates through the Internet.

In a related note, Gardiner advised that she has taken steps to discourage certain of her customers from the practice of holding telephone lines open even though they are not accessing the Internet. This practice, called Camping, has created busy signals for other customers during peak periods. Deana said that the industry standard for customers to telephone lines is approximately eight to ten customers for each line. YFT.net, her local Internet access, provides a ratio of 6.5 customers per line.

When Your Favorite Things took over the local Internet access from Lads Radio Shack the number of incoming lines was increased by one third, and the out going bandwidth was doubled. Deana shared that the system has grown steadily since she acquired the business, and she wants the business to be able to continue to grow as the area's need also grows.

Dean's Honor Roll

WTA&M Names Giles

West Texas A&M University, the College of Education and Social Sciences proudly certifies that Dena R. Giles as a member of the Fall 1998 Dean's Honor Roll in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and the pursuit of excellence in the classroom. Dena has a 3.8 grade average.

Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Report Officers & Truck Assignments



1998 Fire Call Summary

January 1999 thru January 2000

CHIEF: Robert Ford
ASST. CHIEF: Dell Ford
FIRE MARSHAL: Russell Gaines
ASST. FIRE MARSHAL: Dean Hathaway
SAFETY OFFICER: Luke Horton
SECRETARY: Kendall Murray
TRAINING OFFICER: Kevin Frankenbery
STATION MANAGER: H.L. Owens
APPARATUS SUPERVISOR: Bobby McNeil
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Billy Richardson
AIR COMP / CASCADE: Dean Hathaway
AIR PACKS: Pete Cole
SCFA REPS: Pete Cole / Dell Ford
1998 FIREFIGHTER: Dean Hathaway

UNIT 95
Rusty Ferguson*
Paul Arganbright
Luke Horton

UNIT 96
Bobby McNeil*
J.D. Horton
Robert Ford

UNIT 97
Pete Cole*
Jerry Horton
Dell Ford

UNIT 98
Roger Brown*
K.D. Ford

UNIT 99
Mack Marshall*
Darin Kuntz

UNIT 100
Danial Keelin*
Ann Cole

UNIT 90
Steve Horton*
Kevin Frankenbery
Russell Gaines

UNIT 92
Wade Brickey*
Lyndon Loyd

UNIT 60
H.L. Owens*
Gary Davis

UNIT 91
Ken Daughtry*
Billy Richardson

UNIT 94
Dean Hathaway*
Keith Rose

* DENOTES TRUCK CAPTAIN

FIRE CAUSE
INTENTIONAL BURNING...33
ELECTRICAL...1
FUEL SPILL/LEAK...1
EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION...10
FIREPLACE...0
FIREWORKS...3
LIGHTENING...21
CHILDREN...1
REKINDLE...2
N/A MUTUAL AID...46

CALLS PER MONTH
JANUARY...6
FEBRUARY...5
MARCH...14
APRIL...24
MAY...6
JUNE...9
JULY...22
AUGUST...8
SEPTEMBER...10
OCTOBER...4
NOVEMBER...2
DECEMBER...8

FIRE TYPE
RESIDENCE...3
STRUCTURE...1
VEHICLE...2
GRASS...80
RESCUE...3
MEDI-VAC...12
DUMPSTER...0
SEARCH...3
OTHER...14

TIME OF ALARM
A.M....22
P.M....96
CITY FIRES...24
COUNTY FIRES...94
TOTAL FIRES 1998...118

OCCURANCE DAY OF WEEK
SUNDAY...14
MONDAY...15
TUESDAY...17
WEDNESDAY...18
THURSDAY...17
FRIDAY...17
SATURDAY...20

RUNS PER TRUCK
60...0
90...2
91...4
92...27
93...7
95...79
96...104
97...25
98...78
99...86
100...89

AVG. FIREMEN @ FIRE...13.78

AVG. MANHOURS @ FIRE...24.3

TOTAL MANHOURS FOR FIRES...2870

TOTAL TRAINING FOR YEAR...971

NUMBER OF FIRES ATTENDED:

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| ARGANBRIGHT...7 | 23% | TOTAL HOURS AT FIRES & TRAINING = 3841 |
| BRICKEY...50 | 42% | |
| BROWN...40 | 34% | |
| COLE, A...80 | 68% | |
| COLE, P...74 | 63% | |
| DAUGHTRY...101 | 86% | |
| DAVIS...87 | 74% | 74.7% HOURS AT FIRES |
| FERGUSON...33 | 28% | |
| FORD, D...88 | 75% | |
| FORD, K...91 | 77% | 26.3% HOURS FOR TRAINING |
| FORD, R...77 | 65% | |
| FRANKENBERY...68 | 58% | |
| GAINES...30 | 25% | |
| HATHAWAY...70 | 59% | |
| HORTON, J.D...10 | 8% | |
| HORTON, L...75 | 64% | MUTUAL AID @ 56 FIRES |
| HORTON, JERRY...33 | 28% | |
| KEELIN...70 | 59% | |
| KUNTZ...39 | 33% | |
| LOYD...12 | 27% | |
| MARSHAL...32 | 10% | |
| MCNEIL...63 | 53% | |
| MURRAY...59 | 50% | |
| OWENS...76 | 64% | |
| RICHARDSON...45 | 53% | |
| SNELGROES...77 | 65% | |

TRAINING HOURS FOR YEAR

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| ARGANBRIGHT...8.0 | HATHAWAY...91.0 |
| BRICKEY...30.0 | HORTON, J.D...8.0 |
| BROWN...27.0 | HORTON, L...27.0 |
| COLE, A...41.0 | HORTON, JERRY...13.0 |
| COLE, P...56.0 | KEELIN...42.0 |
| DAUGHTRY...85.0 | KUNTZ...33.0 |
| DAVIS...33.0 | LOYD...16.0 |
| FERGUSON...37.0 | MARSHAL...10.0 |
| FORD, D...26.0 | MCNEIL...93.0 |
| FORD, K...20.0 | MURRAY...38.0 |
| FORD, R...32.0 | OWENS...31.0 |
| FRANKENBERY...82.0 | RICHARDSON...36.0 |
| GAINES...14.0 | SNELGROES...42.0 |

Wheeler Fire Department currently has 25 active members and 1 junior fire fighter. WVFD meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of every month. The department also meets on the odd Thursdays for work nights. We are currently working on a new unit, that will respond to grass and structure fires as well as chemical fires and traffic accidents.

Free Hospice Course Begins Feb. 1

The spring session of "Hospice Approach to Living & Dying," a 30-hour educational event sponsored by BSA Hospice of the Panhandle and Clarendon College - Pampa Center, will be free to the public. Classes begin at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1, in the BSA Hospice of the Panhandle Conference Room, 800 N. Sumner, in Pampa. Classes will continue to meet on Mondays through April 5. Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator for BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, serves as class facilitator.

"Hospice Approach to Living & Dying" is a study of the effects of a terminal illness on the patient and family. In this course, death, dying, grief and loss are identified, defined and then placed within the hospice concept of care. Those who complete the class are qualified, but not required, to become a hospice volunteer. Topics covered in the class include hospice philosophy, concepts of death and dying, care and comfort measures, communication skills, psychosocial and spiritual aspects, the hospice team, grief and bereavement, legal issues and stress management. Anyone 18 or older who has not

recently experienced the death of a loved one may enroll by calling (806) 665-6677. Three (3.0) continuing education units (CEUs) from Clarendon College will be awarded to those who complete the course.

For more information concerning "Hospice Approach to Living & Dying" or about hospice care in general, contact Sherry McCavit, director, or Janet McCracken at (806) 665-6677.

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