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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

## CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

By the time this is officially in the mail, the 4th of July celebration will be over. Some of you will be getting your papers off the rack earlier, but they probably won't go into the mail until Thursday.

**cwe**  
I am sure we will have or 'had' a big crowd.

**cwe**  
Remember the Centennial celebration at Stiles Ranch Saturday. We are proud to have the Stiles family as active members of our community. Congratulations!

**cwe**  
Next on the calendar is the Old Mobeetie Music Festival July 27, 28 & 29.

**cwe**  
The streets looked nice Tuesday morning. The 'city boys' had been hard at work early and had the downtown streets swept.

**cwe**  
They're Back! Bill Scott was in to re-subscribe to the Times. He is married to Carol Holt-Scott. They come back each year to attend the 4th of July celebration. It is good to get to see 'old friends' every 4th of July.

**cwe**  
Cathi and Dorcie Gillette are scheduled to arrive on the 4th. They will be spending a little over a week with us—here and OKC.

**cwe**  
We will be working on post cards announcing the completion of the Gillette Bros. new CD.

**cwe**  
I failed to tell you that Dorcie made her debut on stage with the Gillette Bros. other than announcing them. She played the maracas. The Gillette Bros. appear on a regular basis at their Camp Street Cafe and Store at Crockett.

**cwe**  
Speaking of CD's. Two of our locals have CD's.

**cwe**  
Wade Hampton will take orders. He wrote the songs and plays all the instrumental parts on the CD. Wade and his wife have moved back to Wheeler; he is to be the band director at Wheeler.

**cwe**  
Andy Copeland had CD's cut and will have to re-order. You will remember Andy for his ability to play the sax. His CD is 'old favorites' played on the sax.

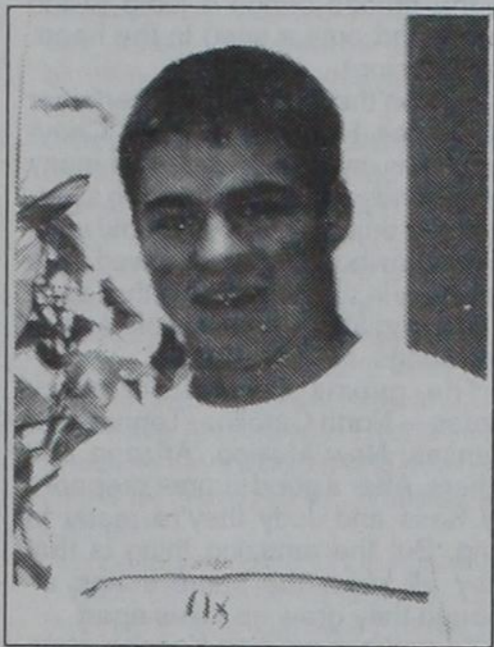
**cwe**  
We made a quick trip to OKC Thursday night and came back Saturday evening. We had to get the statements finished and into the mail.

**cwe**  
Liz, Phoebe and Jaden came over Friday and spent the afternoon at Jennifer's.

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Julie Zybach



Nathan Hefley

## Zybach, Hefley Named Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Scholarship Winners

Recipients of the Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Scholarship were recently named at graduation exercises in Shamrock and Fort Elliott. Awards in the amount of \$1250 each were given to Julie Zybach and Nathan Hefley of Fort Elliott and Kacie Schlegel and Amanda Reeves of

Shamrock. In addition to the graduating senior grants, awards of \$500 each were given to the 2000 recipients J. J. Johnson of Wheeler and Curt Smith of Fort Elliott. These scholarships are made possible by the Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Golf Tournament held annually in April.

## CONTINUOUS CRP SIGNUP FOR LANDOWNERS

Continuous CRP signup is an on-going signup. The continuous CRP signup will allow landowners to improve and enhance their natural resource base on their land. Participants voluntarily enter into contracts with USDA to enroll erodible and other environmentally sensitive land into a

long-term contract for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and also receive up to 50 percent cost-share rate on establishing conservation practices.

Environmental quality practices that could be used here in Wheeler County are: filter strips along streams, newly constructed waterways, contour buffer strips on top of terraces, a strip of grass planted on the contour, field borders and riparian forest buffers. These practices may be enrolled at any time during the year.

This program protects millions of acres of topsoil from erosion. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, it also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving (vegetative) covers. This CRP program also enhances wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

For more information on continuous CRP signup, please contact your local Natural Resource Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency. Thank you.

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## Mobeetie Class of 1961 Needs Grads' Addresses

The class of 1961 is planning a class reunion for August 3 and need to locate the following students: Marilyn Rogers, Debra Olsen, Betty Hickman, Kathy Hawley, Bobby Dyer, Shirley Curry, Huey Couch, Linda Baggerman, Loretta Copeland Britian, Verena Hunter Lawellen and James Coleman. The information can

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**BUDDY AND TINA WRIGHT:** Thirteen year old Buddy and eleven year old Tina are brother and sister musical prodigies. They have received numerous award and honors, including the 1996 SMU Symphonic Music Festival Award; as well as performing at the 1998 International Bluegrass Music Association's Fan Fest in Louisville, Kentucky. These songwriter/musicians rotate between fiddle, mandolin, guitar and piano with lyrical voices as smooth as silk that will truly astound. This duo will be making an appearance at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival July 27, 28 & 29, 2001.

## STILES RANCH TO OBSERVE CENTENNIAL WITH RECEPTION SAT. AT THE RANCH

Sandra Stiles Christner, Sharon Stiles Swindler, Bill Stiles and Bob Stiles and their families extend a cordial invitation to all their friends and neighbors to an open house July 7, 2001 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at Bill's and Kay's house which is the original ranch house. The headquarters is located 10 miles east of Wheeler on Highway 152, turn north at sign and go 2 miles north.

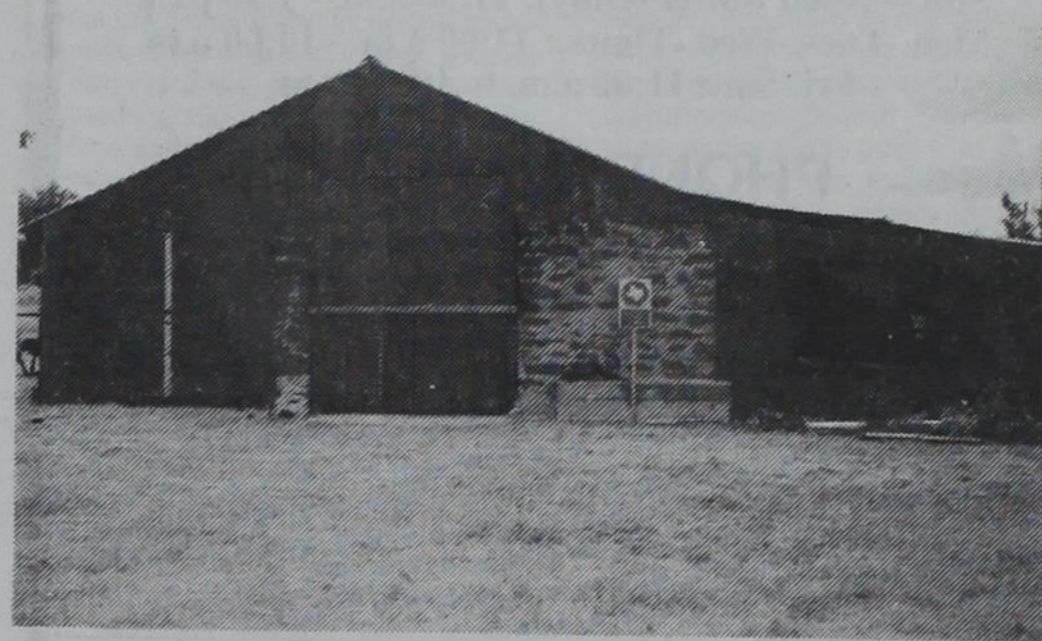
In July 1901 William Gordon Stiles bought the ranch from Judge F. M.

Patton. Judge Patton had filed on and purchased the land from the State of Texas. W. G. operated the ranch until his death in 1935. At that time his sons Gordon and Robert and daughter Beth took over the operation. In the 1940's Robert sold his land interest to Gordon and Beth.

As many will remember, Gordon's wife Ora B. Wood and Beth were killed in an automobile accident in 1980. Gordon died in 1996 and his sons Bill and Bob are the present operators along with Bill IV.



**GRADUATED:** Seaman E2 Justin James Tyler graduated from Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., on June 22, 2001. Airman Apprentice Tyler was a member of the Navy Recruit Marching Band as the first chair trumpet player, served on the band committee and was section leader of Division 930. Tyler is a 1999 honor graduate of Burleson High School, where he participated in student council, band, "Kids Inspiring Drug Free Students, Mr. Burleson Pageant and received rank as an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. Tyler is currently stationed at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, where he is attending "A" School Specializing in aviation electronics. Tyler is the son of David and Michelle (Levitt) Harrill of New Braunfels, brother of Jordan Tyler, grandson of Oleta Calcote Levitt, formerly of Panhandle and now lives in New Braunfels, and the great-grandson of the late Goldie Calcote and Edith Levitt.



**BUILT IN 1891:** The barn at the Stiles Ranch Headquarters was built in 1891 by the rancher's owner, Judge F. M. Patton. Part of the material used to build the barn came from the abandoned Ft. Elliott. The barn was used to store prairie and alfalfa hay. The barn is still used by the Stiles family for storage. The barn's Texas historical marker can be seen in the picture. Stiles Ranch will celebrate its centennial year with a reception at the Ranch Saturday, July 7, 2001.



Gary Alan Bruce

## Gary Alan Bruce To Make Appearance At Mobeetie

Gary Alan Bruce is from Pampa TX. He is a 15-year-old student of Pampa High School. He has had training in vocal, acting, TV Commercial, On-Camera (Sitcom, soap opera, monologue). He has received two First place (CMTA Music Contest), First place (Looks West Talent Search) First place, first runner-up, second runner-up (MB Talent Expo) First Talent Show.

His hobbies are singing/performing, golf, basketball, softball, fishing, and horseback riding.

His singing experience is participated in numerous school and talent shows. CTMA Music Contest (Big Texan Opry). Looks West Model and Talent Show, Mike Beatty Talent Expo (Dallas Texas). Numerous performances in Dallas and Lubbock Texas and in and around surrounding towns of Amarillo, Pampa, and Canyon, Texas. Member of the Big Texan Opry (Amarillo, TX). Member of the Cowboy Symposium (Lubbock, TX) MB Expo of Dallas, Texas, Wonders of World 2000 Music Festival, Music Expo and Showcase (Nashville, Tennessee) Opening Artist for Kenny Chesney and Opening Artist for Mark Chesnut.

Bruce will be making his first appearance at Mobeetie this year at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival on July 27, 28 & 29, 2001.

## Hospital Notes

### Extended Care

Estelle Orr  
Virginia Frye  
Ruth Ledbetter  
Verne Lohberger  
Ardie Martin  
Myrtle Dorman

### New Admissions

6/21 Madge Erwin  
6/22 Darville Atherton  
6/24 Tony Griffin  
6/26 Mae Hill  
George Gandy  
Janice Sparlin

### Dismissal

6/27 Bill Bruton  
6/28 George Gandy  
6/23 Tony Griffin  
6/30 Mae Hill  
7/1 Madge Erwin

## Duffin Family Band's First Trip To Mobeetie

The Duffin family is a bluegrass and gospel band from Montague, TX. Dad (Chuck) and Mom (Faith) have been playing bluegrass music for several years in Texas and surrounding areas.

In June of 1999, while watching a jam session at a bluegrass festival, Jennifer, Nathan, and Lindsey all decided they too wanted to play bluegrass music. The children decided for themselves which instrument would best suit them and took off within the first week playing "Cripple Creek" and "Liza Jane" over and over. In only three months they put together several songs, and decided it was time to start playing in public as "The Duffin Family".

They have performed at many festivals, and are booked for a number of up-coming festivals and events in Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas. They had the pleasure of performing at the SPBGMA Band Contest and Awards Show at Nashville in February of 2001, and were honored with two standing ovations. The Nashville ABC news affiliate were there to catch their performance and interviewed them for the ten o'clock news that evening.

They have now come out with two recordings. The second recording is also available in CD format. Nathan

and Lindsey, who have both won awards for their art, do the cover artwork on the second project. They also have a two-hour video, T-shirts, pictures, etc. From Nathan's hard-driving banjo on songs such as "Train 45", "Foggy Mountain Breakdown", and "Clinch Mountain Backstep" to Lindsey's strong vocal on "Muleskinner Blues" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky", her versatile fiddle playing on songs like "Cajun Fiddle", "Milk Cow Blues", and "Orange Blossom Special". With Jennifer's solid bass and melodious vocals on "Steel Rails", "Pass Me Not", and "I Pray My Way Out of Trouble", the Duffin Family show is always lively and entertaining. "The Duffin Family" has made many friends and is enjoying performing and traveling together as a family.

The family is: Chuck Duffin (Dad)—guitar, banjo, lead & harmony vocals  
Faith Duffin (Mom)—mandolin, fiddle, lead & harmony vocals  
Jennifer Duffin (16 years old)—bass, fiddle, lead & harmony vocals  
Nathan Duffin (12 years old)—banjo, guitar & lead vocal  
Lindsey Duffin (8 years old)—mandolin, lead vocals & clogging.

The Duffin Family is one of several bands to be appearing at the Old Mobeetie Music Festival July 27, 28 & 29, 2001.



THE DUFFIN FAMILY

## Postal Service Offering Jobs In Pampa Area

Offices included in the Pampa Area are: Follett, Miami, Mobeetie, Pampa, Perryton, Shamrock, Wellington, Wheeler, and Booker, TX.

Rural Carrier Associates are non-career employees who sort, deliver, and collect mail along a rural route. They generally provide their own vehicle, but are given an equipment maintenance allowance. Salary is \$13.51 per hour.

Applicants must pass a written examination and a pre-employment drug screening, and have a valid state

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## ALLISON COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16th - 20th  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Daily  
You are cordially invited to take part in the Annual Community Vacation Bible School. There will be registration on Monday, July 16th at 9:00 AM with dismissal at 11:00 A.M. For children age 3 yrs. and those completing the 6th grade. Make your plans to attend and bring a friend for the study of "Courageous Kids Stepping Out For Jesus".





