

Texas Independence Day Event

The Wheeler County Historical Commission will again be hosting an event March 2, 2017 celebrating Texas Independence at the Wheeler County Ag Life and Family

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

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"



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, l. 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.

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

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This evening Fort Elliott will be holding their Coffeehouse Evening.

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STORM REPORT



As Reported by . . .
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 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!

Commissioners' Court Meeting

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

The Commissioners' Court 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 County Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. court reconvened to address and take

action on the 13 items on the agenda.

- There were no minutes of previous meetings to approve.
- Two budget amendments were approved.
- A budget transfer was made to Precinct 3 from the General Fund.
- Miscellaneous line item transfers were approved.
- No action was taken on the

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Dawson Hefley

Dawson Hefley Is Given Recognition

Dawson Hefley from Fort Elliott High School is honored as a semi-finalist in the Forty-Eighth annual national

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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

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Coffeehouse Eve. Is Set For March 2

Fort Elliott's Music department is again sponsoring a Coffeehouse evening this Thursday, March 2, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Flavored coffees and desserts will be served. There will be art paper and chalk on the tables for any

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Wheeler I.S.D. To Pursue Dist. Of Innovation Designation

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

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Top o' Texas CattleWomen Scholarships Are Available

Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarship applications are available at your High School Counselors office now. Each year Top O' Texas CattleWomen give scholarships to seniors that are going into a major in Agricultural, Nutritional or Health related fields.

You might ask if you are eligible. If you live in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler counties and only seniors in these

counties are eligible.

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

You may also contact Diane Buckingham in Shamrock 806-256-3633, Racheal Adkins in Shamrock 806-217-0564, or Amy Brainard in Canadian 806-323-6397 for information. Applications must be post marked no later than April 15, 2017.



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.



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 STUDENTS: Mrs. Weatherly's Science Class has been studying the sun. They conducted an experiment with UV beads to demonstrate the importance of wearing sunscreen to protect our skin from the sun. (left) Stormi, Codi, Teagan, Ashton, Diego, Jaxxn, John, Chris, Jennifer, Nickolas and Ryan.



Monserrat and Jaime



Chris, Jaxxn, Ryan and John



Natali, Jose Angel and Jaime



Ashton and Jennifer

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 16, 2017 to February 24, 2017.

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

DEED-Lucile Helton (Estate) to Arthur Glenn Rose, 10-14-16, Lot 2, Blk. 6 Briscoe & Lots 4-8, Blk. C, Briscoe.

RDT-Doyle Glazner, et al to Carol Marie Judd, 1-31-17, Lot 7, Blk. 64, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock.

FEBRUARY 17, 2017
NOTICE CHILD SUPPORT LIEN-Amanda Danielle Reynolds to Brandon Zachery Miller, 2-15-17.

RDT-Happy State Bank to Paul L. Stephens, et ux, 1-24-17, Lots 7-12, Blk. C, Smith Addition, Shamrock.

FEBRUARY 20, 2017
Holiday

FEBRUARY 21, 2017
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, 2-13-17, See Instrument.

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

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 & Eddleman Survey.

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

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, 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 &

Eddleman Survey.

FEBRUARY 24, 2017
RDT-APW Royalty Lender LLC to Alyson Celeste Abbott, 2-21-17, See Instrument.

RDT-Woodbridge Home Extérieurs 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.

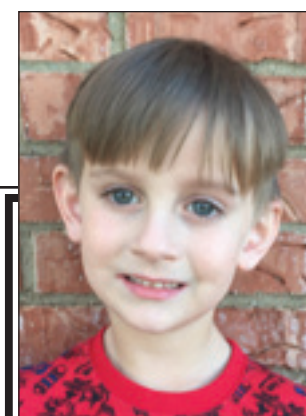
ASSIGN.-Flow Production Company to Robert L. Evans Jr., 2-15-17, NE/4 Sec. 3, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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CARD OF THANKS

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. Great-grandparents are Mark and Sandy Brown, Richard Gaines of Wheeler and Mike and Janice Wilson of Amarillo. Great-great-grandfather 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 Carolyn Johnston, 11-17-16, Tax Suit.

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

#13430-Maria Alejandra Boacanegra 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 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.

#13447-Wheeler County, et al 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 terminated from the county payroll will not be paid for unused holidays.

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

David Simpson, Commissioner, Pct. 3, was given permission to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Pickup at a cost of \$28,509.75 plus the trade-in of a 2008 pickup, valued at \$3,500.

An audit of Motor Vehicle Division activity with the county through the County's fiscal year 2016 required the payment by the county of \$809.10 and payment to the county by Motor Vehicle Division of \$1,151.37.

Concerning the handling of Credit Cards and Credit Card Receipts. The court voted to terminate the credit cards

EDC (from Page 1)

Amy Zybach, CPA and Kristen Moudy, Coordinator

Members Absent: John Hankins

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 prayer

Jack Helton made a motion 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 comment.

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 a motion by Dale Kidd and seconded by Jack Helton, the 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 Park

Kristen gave the board information from the Texas Plains Trail Region for advertising in the 2017 Regional Highway Map. The last map produced by TPTA 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 McCurley, 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.

of departments not complying with the manual policy, requiring credit card receipts be turned in to the treasurer's office immediately.

Wes Crites, Wheeler County Sheriff, requested and received the approval of adding Jennifer Carr to the payroll as a full time employee, effective 03/01/2017. The salary is \$2,896.96 per month.

Wes Crites, Wheeler County Sheriff, requested and received the approval of adding Miguel Badillo to the payroll as a full time employee, effective 03/01/2017. The salary is \$2,896.96 per month.

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

The next meeting of the Wheeler County Commissioners' Court will be Monday, March 13, 2017.

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 24th. 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, Kristen will focus on recruitment 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.

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

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 McWhorter of Amarillo, Stephanie Smith and husband Doug of Lubbock, Leslie Castille and husband Tim of Orange, Kellie Alves and husband Perry of Vidor & one son Jason McWhorter 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 & Shelby 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.

Coffee (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!

Chat (from Page 1)

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

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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.

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

— cwe —

My keys were in my pocket.

— cwe —

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



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.

Hefley (from Page 1)

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship Competition. The prestigious awards are granted to high school seniors for the best all around presentations including an explanation of why they are planning careers in government service. The Foundation noted that these students represent the most talented and accomplished of our country's young leaders and that it is these young men and women who are dedicating themselves to public service. The Foundation's headquarters is in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The Washington Crossing Foundation scholarships were inaugurated in 1969 and honor the more than sixty years of dedicated service to the nation by the late author-historian Ann Hawkes Hutton. The Foundation believes that if our

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.

country is to continue to progress, we must have thoroughly trained, dedicated young men and women to carry on our government's work in future years. Its scholarship program seeks to find, identify, and encourage young people with the same sense of dedication and service demonstrated by George Washington and his soldiers who, under the most adverse of conditions, crossed the Delaware on Christmas Night in 1776 to win the Battle of Trenton that turned the tide of the American Revolution. Since its inception the Washington Crossing Foundation has awarded more than \$1,400,000.00 in scholarships.

Information about the Foundation membership and the Foundation's scholarship program is available at www.gwcf.org or write to the Washington Crossing Foundation, P.O. Box 503, Levittown, PA 19058.



LEARNING MATH: Mrs. Weatherly's Class is being introduced to an new interactive math game. The game gives each team word problems about money and the students work as a team to correctly calculate each answer. They had a blast learning about money. Shown above are Isai, Brayden, Heath, Juan Carlos, Jaime, Natali, Ele and Jake. Below are Ryan, Teagan, Chris, Marley, Jaxxn, Diego and Codi.



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Gustavo Andrade puts up two points.



Marvin Ramirez lays it up for two.



Levi Ware sinks two free throws



Traylen Drake jumps for the tip-off.



Holden Guest drains a 3 pointer.



Traylen Drake posting up



Logan Harris stops the drive.



Gustavo Olivias, Diego Pichardo, and Daniel Rascon supporting the Mustangs.



THE WHEELER TIMES

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

grade this year and as always parents are welcome.
Hope to see everyone this week in our library!
Vicki Ferguson/Librarian
Peggy North/Assistant

Sunday Nite Live
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Our weather has been a bit unusual lately as I'm sure everyone has noticed! Before long we will be planting crops, gardens and yards. Could do without some of the wind we are receiving but I'm sure there is a purpose for it, I'll have to look that up in a book!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 6th from 4 until 6 p.m. here at the Wheeler Library. Mrs. Becky Hardcastle will be our guest author and she will have her new book here for us to buy. Becky will be giving us a short talk on how it all came about and why she is donating all proceeds to the Claudia Marion Scholarship Fund. You don't want to miss this special night, folks will be able to come and go and we will furnish water and snacks for all. You will want to visit and check out what Becky may have going for her next project. Don't forget to have her sign your book also!

We will be slimming down our New Book purchases for awhile but never fear we will keep you going on your favorite reads, just not as many. Times are a little rough for our community right now so please be patient with these changes.

Well, I've had my little friends asking about the Summer Reading Program and we will start a little later this year. July 6th will be the first one at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning here at the Wheeler Library. We will have Pre-K through 5th

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Sue Owen would like to express our sincere gratitude for the love that was shown to us during Mom's passing. Your love and expressions of sympathy shown by your prayers, visits, calls, food, floral gifts, cards and other acts of kindness was so comforting to in our time of sorrow. We would also like to thank Parkview Hospital and Parkview Assisted Living for the exceptional care that was given to Mom during her illness. We are so fortunate to have such a great hospital and staff in our rural area. Mom was a special person to many and she will always be remembered for her warm smile, endless love, and her love of cooking.

Sincerely,
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