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IN GOD WE TRUST

“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



FORT ELLIOTT VOLLEYBALL ALL DISTRICT: Academic All-District: (Back Row) Aliyah McCarter, Jayla Dickey, Ali Mahler, Paisley Archer, Rylee Rose (Front Row) Jaylie Dickey, Dixie Burkett, Miah Baca, Tatum Pigg and Mikilah Baca. All-District Team: Aliyah McCarter, Rylee Rose and Ali Mahler. Honorable Mention: Jaylie Dickey and Mikilah Baca.

Sonny Pride Services Are Held Nov. 18

Sonny Pride, affectionately known as “Sonny,” passed away peacefully on November 14, 2023, at the age of 85 surrounded by his loving family. Born on March 19, 1938, in Wheeler, Texas, Sonny was the cherished son of Lela Verndell and Morgan Edward Pride.



Sonny Pride

From a young age, Sonny exemplified a strong work ethic, which he carried throughout his life. After graduating from Wheeler High School, Sonny married the love of his life, Jeraldine Cox, on March 24, 1957. Together, they created a beautiful life filled with love and warmth. Sonny and Jeraldine were blessed with four children - Ronnie, Rhonda, Rickey, and Randy.

Sonny dedicated 42 years of his life to serve the Texas and Oklahoma milk industry, working tirelessly to transport milk for local dairy farmers. He retired in 1998 from Associated Milk Producers Inc. Sonny was always a devoted

family man, spending quality time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. As a proud Papa Sonny, he cherished his 13 incredible grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, that brought immeasurable joy and love into his life.

Sonny's love for family extended beyond his immediate circle, as he was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His warm and welcoming personality made everyone feel like family whenever they were around him. Sonny was a man of faith who served diligently in various roles at Woods Chapel Baptist Church, where his unwavering devotion touched the lives of many.

Sonny possessed great character and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of all who knew him. His legacy of kindness, love, and integrity will forever be cherished by those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with him. His passing leaves a void in the lives of his family and friends that cannot be filled.

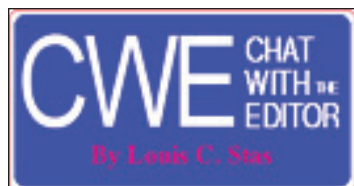
Sonny is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jeraldine, and his parents, Morgan and Lela Pride. He is survived by his children - Rhonda Dubois (Robert), Ronnie Pride (Lori), Rickey Pride (Shelly), and Randy Pride (Kari). He also leaves behind his sisters - Pat Banda, Peggy Campbell, Pam Pride - and his brother, Mickey Pride (Joyce). Sonny's memory will continue to be carried on by his 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family received visitors on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wade Funeral Home and Crematory in Arlington, TX. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Woods Chapel Baptist Church in Arlington, where they gathered to celebrate Sonny's remarkable life. A Graveside Service took place on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, Texas, where he was laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Jeraldine.

In honor of Sonny's memory, the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, a cause close to his heart.

Sonny's departure from this world leaves us with a deep sense of loss, but his spirit will

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Lots going on this weekend.
— cwe —

You can start with dinner at Maxey's; make your reservations today.

— cwe —

Small Business Saturday
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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, This is a great Thanksgiving because I get to spend it with Hunter! First we had to take care of his sister-in law's dogs for three days. They were sweet.
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Wreaths Across America Contributions

Wheeler Cemetery Announces it will continue as an Official Location for the 2023 National Wreaths Across America Day

The Wheeler Student Council, along with the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce, will participate in the National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) and once again join in the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. This is the third year that the cemetery will participate in this national program.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong movement

Wheeler I.S.D. Board Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the board conference room located at #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

Those present were: Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, Mark Marshall, Billy Richardson, Machille Henson, Mike Houska, Bryan Markham, Superintendent; Stacey Horton, Business Manager; Megan Horn, Secondary Principal; Heather Hardcastle, Elementary Principal; Tracy Lambert, Foster & Lambert CPA.

of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be more than 3,700 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 - with more than two million volunteers coming together.

The goal for Wheeler Cemetery is to raise enough funds to place 325 sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of all the local heroes

Members Absent: Beau Means, Ike Finsterwald

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
a. Pledge: Billy Richardson led the pledge.

b. Invocation: Machille Henson offered the invocation.

II. OPEN FORUM

a. Hearing of Any Person/Group Wishing to Address the Board: None

III READING OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of September 20, 2023: Billy Richardson motioned to approve the minutes. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Five members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Review of Bills: Mr. Markham reviewed the bills.

b. Financial Statement(s): Mrs. Horton provided the financial statements through October 18, 2023.

c. Financial Assumptions: Mr. Markham reviewed the financial assumptions.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Principals' Reports: Mrs. Hardcastle stated elementary numbers are up by two students for the month, provided an update for WOWW programs, upcoming UIL contests, and Halloween for pk-1st grades.

Mrs. Horn stated secondary enrollment numbers were down by two students for the month, provided an update on student incentive programs, and discussed the newly developed ESL pullout classes. She also provided updates on the success of homecoming week, district

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Kelton 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

A Honor Roll:

1st Grade: Mattie Black-stock; Jensen Bryant; Oakley Mason; Cooper Throckmorton
2nd Grade; Braylee Brown Roman Lopez
3rd Grade: Devin Bryant,



Wheeler County SWCD: Board members Billy Buckingham, Mark Elmore, Chairman Jamie Daberry, Secretary James Wischkaemper (not pictured) and Vice-Chairman Eric Zybach holding the plaque of recognition for the Wheeler County SWCD #141 office for 75 years of public service to farmers and ranchers, assisting them to address their Soil and Water Conservation needs. Eric received a plaque from the state office, award for his 30 years services as a Vice-Chairman for the Wheeler County SWCD.

Make Your Contribution Nov. 20-28

Wheeler Sports and Wheeler Historical Museum are participating in #ThePanhandleGives event this November 20-28. Wheeler Sports is hoping to raise \$75,000 to continue to make improvements at Tom Britt Memorial Park. The Museum is facing an immediate need of updating our three AC units to ensure the environment in the museum remains at a constant temperature and humidity control to preserve our artifacts on display.

The Panhandle Gives is an annual event hosted and coordinated by the Amarillo Area Foundation (AAF). The event begins on the Mon-

day before Thanksgiving and ends on the Global Day of Giving, known as Giving Tuesday. This year, that's November 20-November 28. Your gift goes further because of the Amarillo Area Foundation Amplification Fund. The Amplification Fund is made up of money given from foundations, corporate sponsors an individual donors and was established by AAF to amplify the amount of money participating organizations receive during this campaign.

Checks can be mailed now made payable to "The Panhandle Gives" with "Wheeler Historical Museum" or "Wheeler Sports" in the memo line of the Check. Mail checks to Wheeler Historical Museum, P.O. Box 73 Wheeler, TX 79096 or Wheeler Sports, P.O. Box 489, Wheeler, TX 79096.

Your support as an individual, business or organization will be appreciated.

Memories of Wheeler County and Beyond

By Winona Frances Harmon (Holland)

Hello Friends, Family and Readers of *The Wheeler Times!*

Thanksgiving evokes thoughts of a nip in the air, delightful aromas from the kitchen, so many blessings, loved ones, gratitude! Last week I wrote of my dad's last furlough, in Wheeler, before going to Europe to fight in the European Theater of Operations, World War II. I never had the presence of mind

to ask Daddy about coming home to Wheeler.

A few years ago I found in a scrapbook the yellowed document that revealed Thanksgiving Day on the ship that brought Daddy and 5185 fellow soldiers from the seaport of Marseilles, France the 3744 miles to Boston, Massachusetts. The USS J.C Breckinridge (AP-176) was traveling at 20 knots and would

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Samuel Wardwell (1643-1692)

By Jimmy Joe Ault, Briscoe, Texas

Samuel probably grew up at Boston, Suffolk Co, MA. He had located in Andover, Essex Co, MA before 1670. He had purchased a 20 acre lot there in the south-end and built his home there. Samuel was a carpenter by trade. He was married to an unidentified first wife around 1669 and she died around 1672 at Andover. As a 29 year old widower, Samuel courted a daughter of Richard Barker but he was rejected by the family. He next turned his attentions to a recent widow, Sarah (Hooper) Hawkes, who also had a young child, and was quite wealthy from her first husband. They lived on Samuel's lot in Andover and prospered for awhile. Samuel was granted a meadow and swamp land in Andover's division of common lands on 6 Mar 1674/5. King Philip's War soon erupted and on 8 Apr 1676, Andover was attacked by the Indians. Samuel probably took his family to the Abbot Garrison House, where all the south-end residents had gathered for safety. The town only lost one resident in the battle. Samuel received another grant of land on 10 Mar 1677/8 from Andover. He took an oath of allegiance in Andover on 11 Feb 1678/9. Samuel completed an apprenticeship as a carpenter before moving to Salem. In 1668 John Turner hired Samuel to build an elegant house, constructed on a splendid site overlooking the harbor. The house had peaks over the seven gables that rose up shapely. This is the house that became famous as the House of the Seven Gables in the Hawthorne story of Salem's past.

he was bound in a covenant with him until he was 60 years old. Wardwell's wife, daughter and daughter-in-law were examined on the same day and they also confessed to the crime. Although it's not clear why the Wardwells confessed, according to Emerson Baker in his book "A Storm of Witchcraft", at this point in the trials it was believed that confessing could save your life: After Wardwell's examination he was indicted on two charges: one for covenanting with the devil and one for bewitching Martha Sprague, which is probably the person who initially accused Wardwell.

It is this second indictment that historian Bernard Rosenthal finds particularly interesting, as he explains in his book Salem Story: "Reading the Witch Trials of 1692": After the Wardwell family's examinations and confessions (Continued Page 4)

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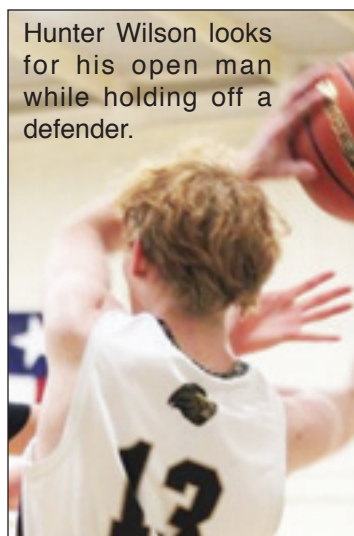
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Hunter Wilson looks for his open man while holding off a defender.



Trenton Reames dishes to his open man.



Kelton Basketball

Shyloh Smith takes her defender one-on-one!



Leslie Rivera splits 2 defenders to take it to the basket.



Brylee McManus is all hustle when she steps on the court.



Karson Stevens starts off his team's offense.



6th graders Paisley Wright, Brylee McManus, and Adleigh Daniels work together on defense to get a stop.

Memor. (from Page 1)

take 8 days, 5 hours to reach Boston. This is the Message from the Commanding Officer:

This Thanksgiving Day in 1945 we give thanks to Almighty God that that portion of the world struggle, commencing in 1931 with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, which depended for its solution on military might is finished. The military strength of our nation, together with that of the allied and associated powers, has brought us the military victory. Let us resolve to apply this same Unity to the solution of the greater struggle still ahead, in order that the heritage of the American may ultimately be brought to all men everywhere.

H. S. Berdine, Captain
US Coast Guard

This is the November 22, 1945 Thanksgiving Day Menu aboard the USS J. C. Breckinridge prepared by 3 bakers, 2 butchers, 4 storeroom personnel, 3 chief commissary stewards and numerous others.

Roast Turkey and Roast Chicken, 6000 lbs. Chicken Broth, 400 gallons Gravy, 250 gallons; Fruit Cocktail, 1600 lbs; Irish Potatoes, 2700 lbs.; Green Peas, 1500 lbs.; Bread, 900 lbs.; Butter, 150 lbs.; Ice Cream, 200 gallons; Cookies, 1000 lbs.; Mince Pie, 5500 pieces; Apples, 2500 lbs.; Coffee, 500 gallons

The Western Union telegram from Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, November 27, 1945 - 12:37 pm to Mrs. Charles C Harmon Care of W W Adams Wheeler Tex

BACK AT LAST ALL WELL
HERE SHORT TIME THEN
HOME.

Thanksgiving 2023, I wish for all of you in Wheeler County, Texas, the United States of America and beyond, blessings of love, hope, sustenance, perseverance and gratitude!!

Winona Holland
Cell: 512/453-5805
Email: winonaholland@yahoo.com.

Board (from Page 1)

cross country results, and the recent marching band contest, as well as PSAT testing. Upcoming events included an upcoming fentanyl presentation for 6-12 students, senior class visiting Western Technology Center, ACT testing, and interim assessments for core classes.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business
1. No Unfinished Business. New Business
1. Consider/Approve District Financial Audit by Tracy Lambert of Foster & Lambert, C.P.A. for the year ending June 30, 2023

Machille Henson made a motion to approve the financial audit as presented. Ike Finsterwald seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Review November Meeting Date: The Regular October Meeting will be held November 15, 2023.

b. Volleyball Petition: Mr. Markham provided the petition by female students to add volleyball as a Fall sport. Further information will be provided in a presentation by the students.

c. Safety Update: Mr. Markham provided informa-

tion regarding recent installation of gun safes in classrooms, approval of updating the camera system within the school, and possible additional safety grant funds.

d. Student Discipline
e. November Board Conference

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. If Needed, According to Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et seq. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:07 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:20 pm.

b. Consider/Take Action on Resignations/Hiring of Personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Richardson motioned to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Five members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

Pride (from Page 1)

forever live on in our hearts. He will be remembered as a compassionate, loving, and highly respected individual who positively impacted the lives of all who knew him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

This is an English speaking country. We don't care where you came from, English is our language. Learn it!

OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By: Roland Miles

Winter's Around the Corner

As I gaze from the back porch, Slowly rocking in my chair, I can tell that winter's a coming!

Its blowing in the air, The trees are gently swaying To the music of the wind! Some folks think that winter's awful, But I think it's really our friend! It resets nature's time clock, Gives the trees a rest. By the time that spring arrives, We've been subject to a test. The leaves are slowly falling now,

Not telling where they will go, Maybe help sprout poke salad next spring, 'cause mamma told me so. The outhouse was a long way off,

Or at least was by belief Shoveling snow to get to the door, Oh what a welcome relief! No more pesky mosquitos now, Swarming around my head. Thank goodness, at long last, Those critters are finally dead. And as I'm moseying back home, Dressed in my Christmas coat of fleece, Something above get my attention, It's a big ol' flock of geese! I know they're headed south for sure, And maybe dumb as can be, But I've got to give them credit, they're not shoveling snow like me!

— Roland Miles

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from November 13, 2023 to November 17, 2023.

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

DEED-Debra Walker to Lance Lindley, et al, 11-6-23, East 50' of Lots 13-15 and Part of Lot 16, Blk. 4, Original Town, Shamrock.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT-Deanne Mullins (Trustee) to Donna M. Barker (Trustee), 11-3-23, North 50' and South 100' of Lot 4, Blk. 48, Original Town, Shamrock.

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

AFF.-Mavis W. Kennedy to Tara Dawn Reynolds Supplement Needs Trust, 10-25-23.

AFF.-Mavis W. Kennedy to Brita Linn Reynolds Supplement Needs Trust, 10-25-23.

AFF.-Mavis W. Kennedy to Emily C. Coker Supplemental Needs Trust, 10-25-23.

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

PARTIAL RDT-JPMorgan Chase Bank NA to Unbridled Resources LLC, 10-25-23, See Instrument.

WELLBORE ASSIGN.-Unbridled Resources LLC to MNR ABS Issuer I LLC, 10-20-23, See Instrument.

DT-MNR ABS Issuer I LLC to UMB Bank NA, 10-20-23, See Instrument.

DT-Unbridled Resources LLC to MNR ABS Issuer I LLC, 10-26-23, See Instrument.

AMEND. OPERATING AGREE.-Unbridled Resources LLC to MNR ABS Issuer I LLC, et al, 10-23-23, See Instrument.

MEMORANDUM-Wheeler Midstream LLC to MNR ABS Issuer I LLC, et al, 10-20-23, See Instrument.

MEMORANDUM-MidPoint Midstream LLC, et al to Mid-Point Midstream LLC, et al, 10-20-23, See Instrument.

CORR. DVL-Carolyn S. Hefley to Cory Russell Brown, et ux, 11-14-23, All Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 37, Original Town, Wheeler.

DVL-Rhonda Smith Meriweth-

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IN THE 31ST DISTRICT COURT

PLAINTIFF: CENTENNIAL BANK, AN ARKANSAS STATE BANK, D/B/A HAPPY STATE BANK

V.

DEFENDANTS: MATTHEW BALBAS AND KATELYN BICKETT

509 N. WALL STREET SHAMROCK, TEXAS 79079

FILED FOR RECORD OF 2023 OCT 11 AM 3:24 SHERIFF JAMES GUST CLERK WHEELER COUNTY TEXAS

ORDER OF SALE

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Wheeler County of the State of Texas:

CENTENNIAL BANK, AN ARKANSAS STATE BANK, D/B/A HAPPY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, on August 16, 2023, in the 31st Judicial District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, recovered judgment against Defendant MATTHEW BALBAS, for the amount of \$47,613.68 with interest from the judgment date at the rate of 8.50% percent per year, until paid, and the further amount of \$5,000.00 in reasonable and necessary attorney's fees through trial; costs of suit in the amount of \$582.36, plus any other costs and interest allowed by law, as shown in the attached itemized bill of costs and made a part hereof; and against Defendants MATTHEW BALBAS AND KATELYN BICKETT, jointly and severally, for the foreclosure of Plaintiff's lien on the following described property: All of Lot Eleven (11), Block Sixteen (16), Original Town of Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas which currently has the address of 509 N. Wall Street, Shamrock, Texas 79079 (the "Property"), as the lien existed on the judgment day, and that the property be sold as under execution in satisfaction of the judgment.

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You are hereby ORDERED to proceed to levy on, seize, and sell the Property as under execution in satisfaction of the judgment, interest, and costs and the added cost of executing this writ; if the Property cannot be found or if the proceeds derived from the sale of the Property are insufficient to satisfy the judgment, interest, and costs together with your fees and commissions for executing this writ, then you are commanded to make said moneys or any balance remaining unpaid out of any other property of the defendants as in ordinary execution, and if more money is received from the sale than is sufficient to pay off the judgment, interest, and above costs, as directed by law, you will pay the surplus to inferior lienholders, if any, in order of lien priority and then to the Defendants, and you are further directed that you shall execute and deliver to the purchaser of the Property the proper deed of conveyance of all the right, title, interest, and claim that the defendants had and held in and to the Property at the time of the execution of this writ and at the time of the sale, and you are to apply the proceeds to the payment and satisfaction of the judgment and costs of suit, together with your legal fees and commissions for executing this writ; and you shall execute this writ according to law and the mandates.

The judgment is entitled to the following credits: None.

Herein fail not and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same, together with moneys collected as directed, before the above Court at the courthouse in Wheeler County, Texas, within ninety days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office at Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas, on October 10, 2023.

ATTEST: Clerk of the 31st District Court of Wheeler County, Texas

Signature of Sheriff/Constable

SHERIFF'S RETURN CAME TO HAND at 3:00 P.M. on the 10/11/23 day of Oct 11 and executed at 3:15 P.M. on the 11/11 day of Oct 11

Signature of Sheriff/Constable Wheeler County, Texas.



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Court (from Page 2) McCasland Group LLC, 10-18-23, NW/4 Sec. 2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Cert. #5/720, except 271.59 yards x 120 yards and W/2 NE/4 of Sec. 2 H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Cert. #5/720.

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Samuel from Page 2)

sions, they sat in jail while Samuel and Sarah's younger children were apparently left to fend for themselves.

Eventually a petition was eventually filed by the Andover selectmen asking to place the children in temporary homes, according to court records:

As Marilynne K. Roach states in her book, "The Salem Witch Trials": A Day-by-Day Chronicle of a Community Under Siege, part of the reason the children were suffering is because after Samuel and Sarah Wardwell were arrested, the sheriff showed up at the Wardwell house and confiscated much of their estate, including their "goods, cattle, hogs, horse, carpenter tools, eight loads of hay, and six acres of corn not yet harvested" (Roach 303), which essentially left the children with nothing.

After the petition was filed by the Andover selectmen, the couple's 15-year-old son, Samuel Jr, was sent to live with his uncle, John Ballard, for one year while their 13-year-old son, William, was apprenticed until age 21 to learn weaving from selectmen Samuel Fry. Five-year-old Eliakim was apprenticed until age 21 to farmer Daniel Poore while the baby, Elizabeth, was sent to John Steven's family until age 18 (Roach 303).

On September 13, 1692, Samuel Wardwell's trial began and, when his previous confession was read to him, he quickly recanted it, according to court records:

According to Rosenthal, Wardwell recanted his confession because he realized he would be hanged anyway and wanted to clear his conscience:

A handful of people testified against Wardwell at his trial, including: Martha Sprague, Mary Warren, Mary Walcott, Ephraim Foster, Thomas Chandler, Joseph Ballard, Abigail Martin and John Bridges.

Many of these witnesses told the court about Wardwell's palm reading and fortune-telling practices and how a number of his predictions had actually come true, which is what made many of them first suspect that he was a witch.

Ephraim Foster testified that Wardwell had told his wife's fortune, during which Wardwell said "that she should have five girls before

she should have a son, which thing is come to pass. And I heard him tell Dorothy Eames her fortune which he did and I have heard said Dorothy say after that she believed Wardwell was a witch."

Thomas Chandler also testified that he had often heard Wardwell telling young people in Andover their fortunes and said Wardwell was "much addicted to that and made sport of it and farther said not."

Abigail Martin also testified that, while at her father's house the previous winter, Wardwell had told a young man named John Farnon his fortune, during which he said the young man was in love with a young woman but would be crossed and would be shot with a gun and would fall from his horse, all of which Martin claimed later came true.

Martin went on to say that Wardwell also told another young man, James Bridges, that he too was secretly in love with a young lady, which also turned out to be true and made the Bridges family curious about how Wardwell could know this:

Another witness, Joseph Ballard, testified that Wardwell had complained that Ballard accused him of bewitching his wife, but did so long before Ballard even suspected his wife was bewitched.

The remaining witnesses included Martha Sprague, who accused Wardwell of pinching and striking her using witchcraft and also accused him of afflicting Rose Foster and her mother.

Two of the afflicted girls of Salem Village, Mary Warren and Mary Walcott, also testified against Wardwell by stating that they too saw Wardwell afflict Sprague.

At the end of Wardwell's trial, he was found guilty and sentenced to death. On Thursday, September 22, Wardwell and seven other convicted witches, Alice Parker, Mary Parker, Ann Pudeator, Wilmot Redd, Margaret Scott, Martha Corey and Mary Easty, were taken to Proctor's Ledge in an ox cart but the cart suddenly became stuck as it started to ascend the hill to the execution site.

As the law men struggled to get the wheels to move, the afflicted girls began to cry out that they saw the Devil holding the cart back. Eventually, the oxen pulled the cart free and they arrived at Proctor's Ledge.

When it was Wardwell's turn to be hanged, he stood upon the ladder speaking his last words but coughed when a puff of the executioner's tobacco smoke blew in his face,

which his accusers interpreted as a sign from God:

After Wardwell and the others were executed and their bodies were still hanging, Reverend Nicholas Noyes remarked "what a sad thing it is to see eight firebrands of hell hanging there."

It is not known where Samuel Wardwell was buried after he was executed. The bodies of those executed were cut down after they were hanged and temporarily placed in a nearby rocky crevice.

What happened to the bodies after that is unknown. Convicted witches weren't allowed to be buried in consecrated ground so they were not allowed to be buried in a graveyard.

Meanwhile, Samuel's wife, Sarah Wardwell, was tried in January of 1693, found guilty and was sentenced to hang but Governor Phips ordered a stay of execution for Wardwell and two others convicted in January on the advice of the Attorney General to King William and Queen Mary. Sandy Ault is descended from Rebecca Wardwell who was the tiny baby who had to stay in jail with her mother.

In May of 1693, Governor Phips issued a proclamation declaring that all accused persons were pardoned, and those awaiting trial were granted amnesty.

Sarah Hawkes, Jr, and Mercy Wardwell were never tried and were released after many months in prison.

In May or June of 1703, a petitioned was filed asking for the names of Abigail Faulkner, Sarah Wardwell and Elizabeth Proctor to be cleared.

On July 27, 1703, the petition was granted and the general court cleared the names of the three women.

On September 13, 1710, Sarah Hawkes's now husband, Francis Johnson, petitioned the court for restitution for the five months she spent in prison and submitted a list of expenses she paid while imprisoned. These expenses included £2 and 14 shillings paid to the sheriff and jailer in order to be released and £2

and 10 shillings for her provisions while she was in prison.

Also on September 13, 1710, Mercy Wardwell Wright petitioned the court for restitution for her time spent in jail and Samuel Wardwell, Jr, petitioned the court for restitution for the goods seized from his father's estate after his arrest in 1692 and asked that his parent's names be cleared. He listed the goods seized from his father's estate as:



5 cows worth £10
One heifer and a yearling worth £2 and 5 shillings
One horse worth £3
9 hogs worth £7
8 loads of hay worth £4
A set of carpenter tools worth £1 and 10 shillings
6 acres of unharvested corn worth £9
Grand total of: £36 and 15 shillings

On October 17, 1711, the Massachusetts legislature passed a bill restoring some of the names of the accused

which included Samuel Wardwell.

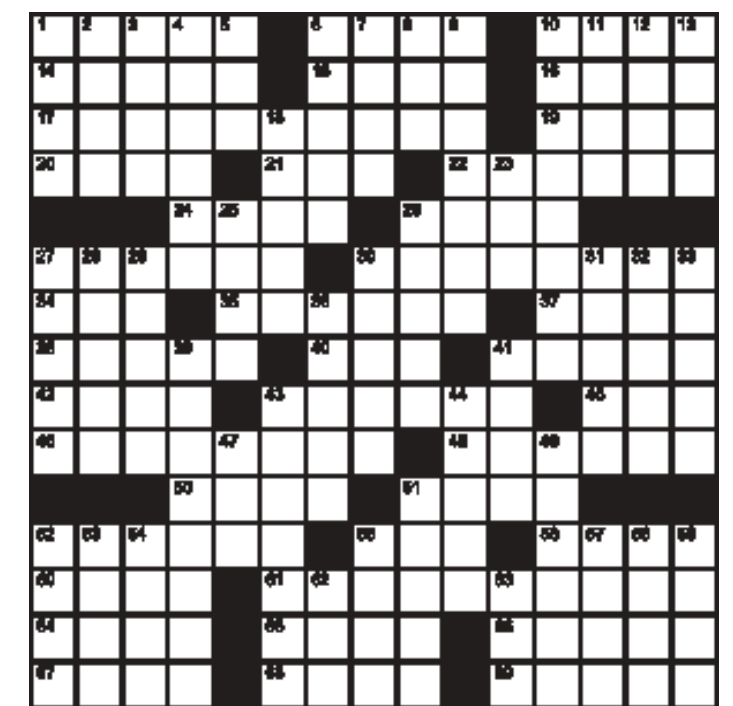
On December 17, 1711, the Massachusetts legislature awarded the Wardwell family £36 and 15 shillings in restitution for the loss of their goods.

In December of 1711, Samuel Wardwell, Jr, signed (Continued Page 5)

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- Across
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 6. Fury
 10. Bloke
 14. "Forget it!"
 15. Prayer leader
 16. It may be skipped
 17. Goof photographically
 34. Big coffee holder
 35. Dr. Seuss went there
 37. Burn a bit
 38. Crosswise, on deck
 60. Help in a heist
 61. Buyer of canines?
 64. Bluish green
 65. "___ on Down the Road"
 66. Up and about
 67. Small whirlpool
 68. Poke
 69. Not those

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 3. Still-life piece
 4. Wage follower
 5. Strong cleanser
 6. Mature
 7. Run ___ (go crazy)
 8. Kind of station
 9. Ring rock
 10. Trustworthiness

11. Phone button
12. Abbey area
13. Jury member
18. Duplicate
23. Mex. neighbor
25. Nuclear energy source
26. An editors mark
27. Virtual
28. Kind of sprawl
29. With regard to
30. Shoplift, in slang
31. Baked potato garnish
32. Gung-ho
33. Bottom of the barrel
36. Chicken purchase
39. With great skill
41. Actor Pitt
43. Simple ragtime dance
44. Historical period
47. Blvd. relative
49. Fertilizer enricher
51. No longer in
52. Tardy
53. Under the covers
54. Kaput
55. Garden-variety
57. Baptism or bris
58. Camera part
59. Combustible pile
62. Crew tool
63. ___ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)

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Samuel (from Page 4) a letter, along with 33 other victims and relatives, asking that Stephen Sewall acquire a copy of the 1711 act and collect their restitution on their behalf since traveling to Boston would be very difficult for them.

On February 19, 1712, Samuel Wardwell, Jr, peti-

tioned the court again because his mother, who was at the point deceased, was not listed in the 1711 bill and he wanted her name to be cleared and to be awarded restitution as well, according to court records:

In 1992, the Salem Witch Trials Memorial was built in Salem, Mass and a marker was established for Samuel

Wardwell.

In 2017, the Proctor's Ledge Memorial was built in Salem, Mass and a marker was established for Samuel Wardwell.

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406 S. Main
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Texas Street Floral Sew Champ Designs Klassy Klosets
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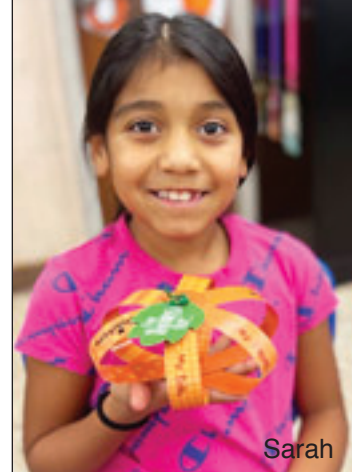
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 #14526-In Re: to Child, 10-17-23.
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 #14533-Sombrero Property Tax Fund I LLC vs Janette Mills, Dannie Lee Mills, Wheeler County, Wheeler County Road, 10-24-23, Tax Delinquency.
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 #14541-The State of Texas vs Raul Ramirez-Gonzalez, Principal, J&L Bail Bonds, Surety, 11-8-23, Judgment NISI, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.
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Storm (from Page 1)
 Then we went to a friend's wedding. It was a beautiful venue. I loved the bridesmaids' dresses. They were a medium shade of rose color. Hunter and I were looking forward to the delicious steak dinner after the wedding. Big disappointment. They seasoned it with Rosemary and nothing else. I guess some people like it that way. It was a nice wedding.
 We went to Papa Doug's early Thanksgiving Dinner and saw Hunter's Big Family. That was wonderful. The

Chat (from Page 1)
 kicks off with the local businesses putting on a style show Friday evening. See what you can find in Wheeler and go shopping the next day.
 — cwe —
 Start off Small Business Saturday with breakfast with the Grinch at Wheeler County food was delicious! I loved his Nana's banana pudding and his mom's mac and cheese! A cousin made deviled eggs that were very good!
 I'm glad I got to be with Hunter's family and now he is going to be with my family for more Thanksgiving!
 I didn't get to attend the unveiling of the Mobeetie sign, but I heard it is very nice. I can't wait to see it. That's it!

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 — cwe —
 And don't forget to drop off something for "Toys for Tots".
 — cwe —
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 — cwe —
 Happy Thanksgiving!
 — cwe —
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