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## Chamber recognizes outstanding citizens



STAR-NEWS PHOTO/Melissa Walden  
Man of the year, **Kenny Frankenberry**. Award was presented by **Angie Ware**.



STAR-NEWS PHOTO/Melissa Walden  
Woman of the year, **Bobbye Hill**. Award was presented by **Joyce Walker**.



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Pioneer Spirit, **Wanda Herd**. Award presented by **Ben Ed Hillhouse**.



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Farmer-Rancher of the year "**Fat**" **LD Childress**. Award presented by **Ben Ed Hillhouse**.



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Contribution to Agriculture awarded to the **Britt Ranch** and the **Britt family**. The award was accepted by **Paula Britt** and presented by **Ben Ed Hillhouse**.



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Employee of the year, **Kathy Thomas**. The award was presented by **Clay Mahler**.



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Teenager of the year, **Josh Hardcastle**. The award was presented by **Bryan Markham**.



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Entertainment for the banquet was provided by Wheeler's very own local talent. **Jotana Henson's** third grade class sang and entertained the crowd at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Saturday, February 27, 2010. **Tayt, Zack and Zay McCasland** also entertained the crowd with their amazing vocals.

### Keith Rose announces candidacy for Wheeler Mayor



Keith Rose has officially announced his intentions to seek the office of Mayor for the city of Wheeler in the May 8, 2010, election.

Mr. Rose, who is a 1996 graduate of Wheeler High School, is currently employed by Samson Resources as a pumper. He and his wife, Shonda, have two children, Lindi and Rylee, and are members of the Country Chapel. Mr. Rose also serves as a Director on the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce.

"I am running for this office because I want to do more for Wheeler, especially when it comes to opportunities for our children. I want to promote Wheeler in a positive manner, cooperating with other entities in our area to grow our community. Most importantly, I want to work for a brighter future and am asking for your vote and support in the May 8 election. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to call me at (806) 334-0224."

### Matt Sullivan seeks seat on Wheeler City Council, Place 2



Matt Sullivan would like an opportunity to serve the citizens of Wheeler as a representative on the City Council, Place 2. He's asking for your vote and support in the May 8 election.

"I want to try and help promote growth in our community. I want to assist the Mayor and Council in planning and allocating available funds to make Wheeler a better place for future generations. I want the opportunity to learn the processes involved in making Wheeler the best community it can be; in order to learn this process, I want to serve you as your City Councilman," said Mr. Sullivan.

Matt is a 2000 graduate of Wheeler High School. He ob-

tained an Associate's Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and is currently enrolled advancing his Associates to a Bachelors degree. Mr. Sullivan is employed by DISCO Machine as a sales representative.

He and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Keegan and Kennedee. Mr. Sullivan serves as Secretary for the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and he and his family are members of the First Baptist Church.

If you would like to discuss anything about Wheeler's future, his election, or would just like to make a comment, feel free to contact him at (806) 395-0867.

### Alyssa Witt to visit the U.K.



summer. Alyssa will be traveling to England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and North Ireland for 19 days beginning soon after school is out for the summer. While visiting these countries she will have the opportunity to learn the cultures by interacting with people in these places. She will also have a chance to stay with a family in Ireland for a few days to learn how their daily activities are different or similar to the ones here in America.

The People to People Student Ambassador Program is a student travel service based in Washington and was started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower who said, "I have long believed, as have many

before me, that peaceful relations between nations require mutual respect between individuals." Since its inception, People to People strives to provide imaginative responses to the world's need for peace by sending students to other countries to learn their culture and help them become familiar with ours.

In order to become a Student Ambassador, a student must first be nominated. Alyssa says she is not certain who nominated her to become a People to People Ambassador, but she stated that upon receiving her nomination letter "I was thrilled, but I did not feel like I had done anything that war-

ranted being nominated."

Upon being nominated, Alyssa, like all nominees, had to present three letters of recommendation and do well on her face to face interview with the People to People committee. Upon being accepted as a People to People Ambassador, it is up to the student to raise their own funds for their trip, in Alyssa's case, approximately \$7,000.

In the future, you will no doubt read about or see students in Shamrock and the surrounding areas doing fundraisers to raise money for their upcoming trips. Help these kids reach their goals and have the chance to take a once in a life time trip.

by **BETH FULLBRIGHT**  
STAR-NEWS Reporter  
Alyssa Witt, a junior at Shamrock High School, has been chosen to be a People to People Ambassador to the U.K. this

## DPS seeking identity of "Amethyst Doe"

The Texas Rangers' Unsolved Crimes Investigative Program and the DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse are renewing efforts to identify this woman, after her body was dumped on the side of the road in Gray County in the Texas Panhandle more than 10 years ago.

The woman was discovered with two rings containing purple stones that look like amethyst, the birthstone for February, earning her the affectionate nickname

of "Amethyst Doe." For pictures of the rings and all forensic reconstructions and drawings, visit [www.dps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/pr-022410photos.htm](http://www.dps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/pr-022410photos.htm).

Although the facial reconstructions and drawings are rooted deeply in science, they should not be considered exact likenesses.

The white female was discovered near the town of McLean near Business I-40, just off exit 141, by a worker mowing in the

area on August 12, 1999. The woman had been deceased about a week and foul play was never ruled out.

"It is possible the woman is actually from a state in the direct vicinity around Texas," said Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal. "Identifying her could help us ascertain how she died and perhaps bring closure or provide answers for loved ones."

Experts put the woman's age range at the time of death at 33-

45 years old, her weight at 130-150 pounds and her height between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 8 inches tall, with medium-length, brownish-red hair. The sculptures represent the younger age and lighter weight possibilities; the forensic drawings depict how she may have appeared in life at the latter end of the age and weight variables. All images, produced by Rangers' Forensic

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This forensic drawing depicts how the victim may have appeared later in life and at a different weight.

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