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Mayor presents award to students



Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat begins his presentation of awards by starting with Bryce Hardy.

Story and Photos

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WILLISTON -- Several people attended the first part of the Tuesday night (Dec. 5) meeting of the Williston City Council to see two elementary school students accept recognition from Williston Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat.

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Bryce Hardy holds his Outstanding Student certificate as the mayor reaches for a pizza certificate.



Jennifer Cook of Williston Elementary School and Bryce Hardy of Joyce Bullock Elementary School stand with Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat after the presentation process.

The monthly presentation of the Student of the Month certificates to Williston scholars has been tapered back a little bit this school year. Nevertheless, the mayor has

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maintained his standard of excellence in presenting the level of attention to the honor bestowed upon the young learners.

The Student of the Month for Joyce Bullock Elementary School was Bryce Hardy.

This second grade JBES student is the son of Theresa and Justin Hardy, and his teacher Monica Cooper noted that “Bryce is a hard worker and a wonderful role model.”

As always, Mayor Hethcoat provided his commentary to remind the audience that students brought forward for this recognition have earned their awards.

While the mayor read Cooper’s words, he added commentary and asked the boy questions to prompt happy reactions from the child.

“He is always on task and so motivated to learn,” Cooper wrote and Hethcoat read. “He’s always thinking and asking questions! Not only is he a very bright young man but he is also a good friend to anyone he comes in contact with.

“He is always willing to help out a fellow classmate and always includes everyone, whether playing at recess or during group work. I’m so honored to have him as part of our class this year,” Cooper concluded.

Each time the mayor asked the young Mr. Hardy a question, he replied “Yes sir” or “No sir.”

Mayor Hethcoat called upon the audience to applaud the boy for his accomplishment at JBES.

The mayor then asked the boy if he liked pizza. Receiving a positive response, the mayor announced that as a result, he was being given a certificate for a 14-inch, two-topping pizza at Angelia Mia’s Pizzeria in Williston. That restaurant is located across the street from Shogun Japanese Restaurant and relatively close to Dixie’s Antiques and Gifts.

The Student of the Month for Williston Elementary School is Jennifer Cook. This fifth grade student is the daughter of Jessica Cook. Pricilla Fugate is Cook’s teacher.

“Jennifer has been selected as Williston Elementary School’s Student of the Month,” Fugate wrote. “Jennifer is a thoughtful, kind, well-mannered young lady. She strives to do her best on every assignment and is always willing to help her classmates. She has an outstanding work ethic and wonderful organizational skills.

“Jennifer has made ‘A Honor Roll’ for the first nine weeks,” Fugate wrote and the mayor said. “Jennifer’s cheerful, cooperative attitude makes her a joy to teach. She positively reflects the mission of Williston Elementary School and is an ideal choice for Student of the Month.”

She also received a pizza certificate as well as the certificate, as it does for all of the Students of the Month, “Outstanding Student Award” for academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance.