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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

## 35th Annual 4th Of July Celebration

The 35th Annual 4th of July Celebration in Wheeler will take place around the Wheeler Courthouse Square on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th. In an effort to support our local businesses, most everything will be moved to downtown.

On Friday, July 3rd, Cornerstone will host “Bring Back the Drag – Red, White and



Looking forward to Saturday!

— cwe —

There has been a lot of work put into organizing this event.

— cwe —

I did not look at the temperature Monday, but according to the television, we were over 100°. Fortunately I did not have to be outside any length of time.

— cwe —

The weekend was spent in OKC with no visiting and no cards; rather dull.

— cwe —

Had a new experience last week; having been at this for over 60 years, I had to uninsert.

— cwe —

Thriftway has gone to inserts; I went to the store and picked them up.

— cwe —

Seth got to do inserts, as have his mother, Ronal,

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### STORM REPORT



As Reported by...  
**Stormie Meriwether**,  
U.C.O. Freshman

Dear Friends, We are still working on fence and pens. I wore my boots out and had to have new soles and heels put on them. Now they are good as new. We almost have the pens ready to work the calves.

In OKC we are repairing the deck/dock. Ethan and Clark

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### Wheeler I.S.D. Board Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
The Board of Trustees  
Wheeler ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 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, Billy Richardson, Ike Finsterwald, Mark Marshall, Machille Henson, Chad Helton, Bryan Markham, Superintendent.

Members Absent: Beau Means

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

a. Pledge: Mark Marshall

### Farmer's Market To Open July 8

The Wheeler County Farmers' Market will open Wednesday, July 8 on the east side of the square. It will be open Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. On Saturday mornings the market will be on the west side of the square from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

Local grown produce, and fruit if ripe will be available.

For further information, call Patty Crawford at 806-570-4192.

Blue Edition” from 6-8 pm and will be live on Legends 103.9, so be sure to tune in. Grand prize for the most patriotic decorated car on the drag! There will be food, fun, and great DJ style music! (Giveaways and Special guest throughout the party)

At 6:30 pm the Janette Umsted Memorial Scholarship Cornhole Tournament will have signups and the tournament starts at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per player and will be double elimination.

We are also looking to host some of our favorite, talented musicians – Mitchell Ford and the Volunteers and JW Lane & CR X will hit the stage. We

### Silent Auction Added To Celebration; Auction Item Donations Requested

Our 35th annual Wheeler Chamber 4th of July looks a little different this year as we choose to celebrate our freedom and come together to celebrate our community and the wonderful businesses and organizations that make up the fabric of our community.

This year we will host the 35th Annual 4th of July starting at 6 pm on Friday, July 3rd and will end it on Saturday, July 4th with our awesome fireworks show. We would love for your business to be represented in our Silent Auction in support of our community. If you are interested in donating an auction item, please get donations to our chamber office (City Hall, under the water tower) or let us know and we will be glad to pick it up. Be sure to include your business card or flyer so we

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### Farmers and Ranchers to Apply for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA Adds Digital Options for Online portal, e-signature tool enable producers to apply from anywhere

USDA's Farm Service Agency will now accept applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) through an online portal, expanding the options available to producers to apply for this program, which helps offset price declines and additional marketing costs because of the coronavirus pandemic. FSA is also leveraging commercial document storage and e-signature solutions to enable producers to work with local service center staff to complete their applications from home.

“We are doing everything

led the pledge.

b. Invocation: Billy Richardson 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 May 20, 2020—Chad Helton motioned to approve the minutes. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Six 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): Mr. Markham reviewed the fi-

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are looking forward to some LIVE music on Friday, July 3rd downtown starting around 8pm. They never disappoint! For the 1st time, we hope to start a new tradition for the community, a North vs South Fireworks Pop Off Competition. This competition will

### WHEELER SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### \$5,000 Raffle Is Underway

The Wheeler Sports Association and the Wheeler Lions Club are working together to improve the playing fields and facilities at Tom Britt Memorial Park, a Lions Club property. Through an Amarillo Area Foundation grant and

see which side can bring the BEST Fireworks Show. The split will be 7th street to determine North vs. South. If you are interested in participating, you can purchase fireworks from our local fireworks stand (the bigger, the better) and let

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the extreme generosity of local donors, \$75,000 has been received and allocated for electricity and lighting on one or both new fields.

We are still in need of donations for the other expenses associated with the project. Although electricity and lighting represent the largest expenses by far, there are other expenses to be taken into consideration, such as dirt work, fencing, new dugouts, and establishing grass in the outfields, to name a few. The \$75,000 can not be used for purposes other than electricity and lighting, as per the terms of the grant.

If you would like to donate financially, please make checks payable to the Tom Britt Memorial Park account under the Wheeler Area Activities and Improvements Council (you may abbreviate it WAAIC). The check can be dropped off at Charles Kuntz's office or mailed to PO Box 489 in Wheeler. Donations are a tax write-off.

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### COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

June 22, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM with the following in attendance: Judge Hefley, Commissioners Steve Walker, Bob Hink, David Simpson and John Walker. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk; Nichole Mock-County Auditor Kimberly Morgan-Chief Appraiser and Jim Beck-County Star News.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Bob Hink.

2019-2020 INDEPENDENT AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT

Mr. John Meares, Doshier, Pickens & Francis, met with the Court to present the Annual Financial Report as prepared by their company. The complete report is on file in the County Clerks office. David Simson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to accept the report as presented

At 10:00 AM the above remained in attendance and were joined by Wes Crites,

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### Merely Mustard

Jewel of the summertime – Part 3: For the past couple of weeks I have been writing about the summer season, and I will keep the needle down in the same groove for another week. It is not to club you over the head with the topic, or to induce fatigue, but I felt as though I hadn't exhausted my thoughts on the matter. But principally, the reason I pick up this theme again is to do it from another's perspective, to balance out my myopic viewpoint; to provide a counter to the frustrations I expressed. And the subject is a most qualified witness, and I don't think there is any doubt as to its preferential season; in fact, it is hard to find it doing much of anything during the three other seasons we experience on Earth. Yes, I stand to be reproached if he makes his case convincingly. Now, without further perfunctory descriptions, I introduce

my expert witness: the grasshopper.

I was taken aback by the multitude of grasshoppers I encountered last week; it seemed to be a doubling, or more, compared to what I had seen in the week before. And it made me wonder what it was like to be a grasshopper, and how the grasshopper undoubtedly prefers the summertime above all seasons. I began to think that this is the case for most, if not all, insects common to our area, and I considered their lives and their activities. I imagined what it would be like to be any of these insects, and in doing so, I determined that if one were to be an insect, being a grasshopper might be one of the better lots available.

Think about it – the grasshopper enjoys an abundance (or superabundance) of food. Everywhere you look, it seems, there is vegetation for

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Ruby Foote

### Graveside Rites For Ruby Foote

Ruby Foote, 100, formerly of Pampa died Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Wheeler.

Graveside services were 10:00 AM Monday, June 29, 2020 in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Viewing was held from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Ruby Foote (Granny) was born the February 15th, 1920 and was the 2nd of 7 children born of Hugh and Eunice Rushing White. She grew up on a farm in Amit County Mississippi. In 1942 she married the love of her life Loyd Wilton Foote. To this union were born three daughters Jo, Glenda and Kim. They eventually moved to the oilfields of west Texas and in 1956 the family settled in Pampa, TX. Ruby was busy making

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**4th** (from Page 1) them know if you are on the NORTH side or the SOUTH side of 7th Street. The WVFD teams will pick up the fireworks or you can deliver to the fire station by 5pm on Friday. The Pop Off will begin on Friday night after Mitchell Ford and the Volunteers perform and BEFORE JW Lane and CR X start. You should be able to watch from around the square. The winner(s) of the competition will be announced on Saturday after our Awards Ceremony and before the big fireworks show presented by the WVFD. That's 2 nights of fireworks!!!

On Saturday, July 4th starting at 7:30 am we will kick off our 35th Annual Celebration with Breakfast on the Square with Momma Nanny's Food for the Soul. Sibly will also be set up in the Rogue Theatre on Main with face painting starting at 7:30 for those that might want their face painted for the parade. The Parade starts at 9:00 am and will take a different route this year to be sure and include our Parkview Assisted Living and Wheeler Nursing Home residents, but will end up at the Courthouse Square. Parade forms are available at City Hall (under the water tower) or can be requested by chamber@wheelertexas.org.

The Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 am around the Courthouse Square. We will have numerous activities and vendors around the Square. We are still looking for volunteers/organizations that would be willing to host some games/activities, please contact chamber@wheelertexas.org if you are interested in being a part of the celebration. We will host a turtle/frog race, so you can be on the lookout for either. We will not be hosting the Firecracker Pageant, the Fun Run, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament or have bounce houses this year. There will not be a chamber booth to purchase tickets, you will just

pay for things as needed per vendor. Some activities that will cost would be face painting, Crafty Shack - Come and Go Kid's Crafts, confetti eggs and water games. If you are interested in being a vendor (food or activity), please email chamber@wheelertexas.org for more details on our protocols in place or pick up information packet at City Hall (under the water tower). We will have hand washing and hand sanitizing stations set up around the square.

We will also have Kids and Art Care and Kids at Heart artwork displayed in the Rogue

Theatre (406 Main Street) for people to bid and purchase. Money raised goes to various community projects. The next project is to help build the supplies for crafts for our Parkview Assisted Living and Wheeler Nursing and Rehab residents.

There will also be a Silent Auction held in the Rogue Theatre (406 Main Street) with many great options,

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

**Opens Wednesday, July 8**

**East Side of Courthouse**

**Wednesday—3-6 P.M.**

**West Side of Courthouse**

**Saturday—9 A.M.-12 P.M.**

**Fresh Local Produce!**

*“If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?”*

--John Wooden

**In God We Trust!**

so be sure to go cool down and check out all the great projects, art and items that afternoon. IF you are local business or organization that would like to donate Silent Auction items, please contact Christie Davis 806.736.0418 or chamber@wheelertexas.org. We appreciate your consideration and generosity and look forward to a fun auction.

This year we will host the first “Wheeler's Got Talent” Show that will showcase our talented locals of all ages. Cash prizes awarded for 1st - 3rd place!! The sign up deadline is Wednesday, July 1st by 5:00 pm and there is no cost to enter. Those that make it to the finals will be the LIVE Entertainment for Saturday evening. Pick up an entry form at Wheeler City Hall (under the water tower) or email chamber@wheelertexas.org.

To wrap up the day, we will start at 7pm out at the Tom Britt Memorial Park and finish the night with “Wheeler's Got

**Footie** (from Page 1) a home with “Footie” and the girls. She lost her beloved husband in 1968. She went to work at a Central Baptist Church in the nursery department where she worked for over 40 years, helping to instill Godly instruction and love into many young lives.

Granny kept a close connections with her family from the South making almost all of the yearly family reunions. She was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, aunt, Granny and friend to so many.

In November 2019, Granny became part of the community of the Wheeler Nursing Home and Rehab where she soon stole the hearts of all with her stories of life on the farm in Mississippi. Throughout all the stages of her life, she never gave up her zest for life.

**\$5,000** (from Page 1)

We understand that it is difficult to try to fundraise in the middle of a historic pandemic in which many members of our community may have been furloughed, laid off, or struggling to find work. However, that very situation could also provide us with an abundance of manpower and volunteers to help the project reach completion more quickly. Even if you are unable to donate financially, but would like to donate your time and labor, that would be welcomed also.

**UPDATES:**

May 8th-10th: all of the fences were disassembled and moved off to prepare the fields for dirt work.

Last week of May- June 18th: Dirt work began to level the fields and increase the useable surface area to allow for the expansion of the playing fields. Progress was halted due to unfavorable weather conditions and will resume when weather allows.

July 4th evening festivities will be held at the Tom Britt Memorial Park and donations will be accepted at the gate.

We also are hosting a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$100 and will be limited to the first 100 tickets sold. Once 100 tickets are sold, a winner will be drawn and will win \$5,000. Tickets are available at the Wheeler City Hall Office (under the water tower).

**Silent** (from Page 1)

can include it with your donation. We are grateful for your donation, as it will help us this year as we are not seeking sponsorships for this year's celebration.

The Silent Auction will be set up in the Rogue Theatre located at 406 Main on Saturday, July 4th from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!!**

CONTACT:  
Christie Davis 806.736.0418  
Kristen Moudy 806.367.0084 or chamber@wheelertexas.org.

Talent” Finale, the Chamber “of the Year” Awards Ceremony and our Friends of Veterans will present (14) quilts to our local veterans. We will then announce the winner of the North vs South Fireworks Pop Off Competition then hand it over to the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department for one of the best fireworks shows around.

Sunday, July 5th, we will have clean up at Tom Britt Memorial Park, the Courthouse Square, the Industrial Park and Wheeler Track field on Sunday morning to beat the heat and for those wanting to go to church. We will start at 7am to pick up the trash and fireworks. Please join us if you are able, the more that help, the faster it will go! Be sure to wear gloves.

Don't forget to send us your nominations for the Wheeler Chamber “Of The Year” to



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Preceded by her parents, her sisters Bill Jacobs, Dell Turk and June Rome, her brothers Sam White and Bobby White.

Survived by her brother Charlie White of Independence Louisiana. Her daughters Jo Daniels and husband, Jerry, of Pampa, TX. Glenda Weatherly of Wheeler, TX. Kim Snell and husband, Craig, of Canyon, TX. Three granddaughters, Michele McCutchen and husband, John, of Katy, TX. Lindsey Thiesen and husband, Kent, of Elk City, Ok. Sheridan Frazier and husband, Waylon, of Amarillo, TX. Four grandsons Lee McCasland and wife, Amy, of Edmond, Ok. Layne McCasland and wife,

chamber@wheelertexas.org. Tell us who you think should be Man, Woman, Teenager, Business, Employee, Volunteer or Pioneer(s) of the Year. Let us know why you think they deserve it!

We are not seeking sponsors this year, as we understand the hardships and complications due to COVID-19, and do not want to put a burden on any business. Our intentions would be that we can bring the community together in a safe and acceptable way while respecting one another and supporting our local businesses and organizations. As a business, please send your hours of operation for Saturday, July 4th to chamber@wheelertexas.org, we will get it published.

We look forward to another fun-filled 4th of July Celebration!

**Comm.** (from Page 1)

Mark Brown, Cindy Brown, Ken Daughtry and Kristen Moudy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
No action needed.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE AND DISBURSEMENT REPORTS

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to approve the May 2020 fee report for the Tax Collector; the Treasurers May 2020 report and the Treasurers disbursement report for the period of June 9, 2020 through June 17, 2020 and totaling \$104,056.18. Motion carried unanimously.  
BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROVED

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to make the following budget amendment:  
County Attorney Supp Salary-\$4,667.00

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by John Walker to make the following budget 1 item transfer:

County Clerk-\$3,500.00 from Equip Purchase to Computer Expense

Motion carried unanimously.  
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<b>BABY BOY</b> Tracy & Seth Meadows TBA	<b>Kinsey &amp; Matt Kiker</b> July 30th @Tara Buckingham's
<b>BABY BOY</b> Ilene Butler & Hunter Boone July 26th @Church of Christ	<b>WEDDING</b> Bailey Meadows & Cooper Hurst August 8th @Rhonda Meadow's

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**FOR SALE:** 202 W. 11th St in Wheeler on approx 3/4 of an acre. 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, ADA ramps. 469-323-9625

**FOR SALE:** 320 acres divided into 4-80 acre tracts. Located 8 miles S. of Wheeler on HWY 83 with one mile of frontage. Creek and Tank 972-989-8019

**SOLD!** 408 E. 2nd in Shamrock. 4 bed, 1.75 bath, wood floors, fireplace, deck & fireplace. 806-334-0123

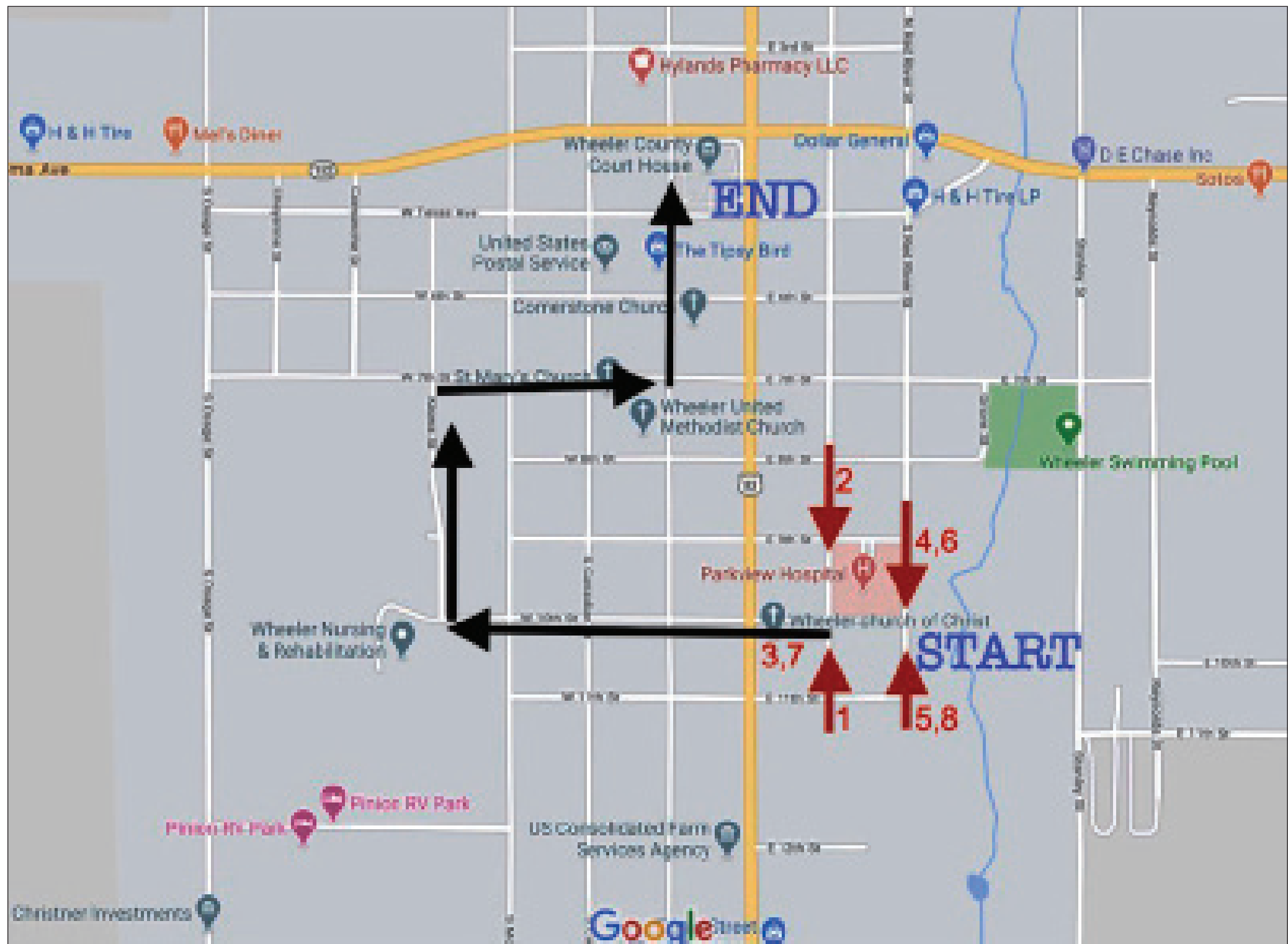
**FOR LEASE:** Townhome - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 car garage. 972-989-8019.

Ken Baxter - 806-334-0123 - landdaddy47@gmail.com  
Pam & Chip Hill 469-323-9625 or 972-989-8019

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**FSA** (from Page 1)

vice Center by mail, electronically or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

2. Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at farmers.gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, and then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.

Getting Help from FSA  
New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office

**Comm** (from Page 2)

**POLICY MANUAL REVISION APPROVED**

John Walker made a motion which was seconded by David Simpson to make the following revision to the Wheeler County Policy Manual:

"Add Shift differential pay for night shift Sheriff Department employees. Recommendation: Shift Differential pay of \$6.00 per day for each night shift worked, which would average out to a \$.50/ hour differential", due the start of a work week beginning at 12:01 am each Sunday.

Motion carried unanimously, and will be effective July 1, 2020 for SO dispatcher/jailers.

**BURN BAN**  
No action taken.

**COUNTY TREASURER-LICENSE/SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH NEO GOV FOR HR ONLINE PLATFORM APPROVED**  
David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Steve Walker to approve the agreement between Wheeler County and NEO GOV for HR online platform. The cost will be \$10,299.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDITOR-GRANT-CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND-Exhibits Approved**

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Bob Hink to approve the following Exhibits: Exhibit A-State of Texas Assurances; Exhibit B-CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification; Exhibit C-Certification Regarding Lobbying; Acceptance of Grant and All Exhibits and to abide by all terms and conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX COLLECTOR-Approval of Contracts for Collection Services approved**

Cindy Brown, Tax Collector, met with the Court to present Contracts for Collection Services between Wheeler County and the following: Wheeler ISD, Shamrock ISD; Shamrock General Hospital; Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District; Parkview Hospital; Kelton ISD; City of Wheeler; City of Shamrock; and City of Mobeetie. The terms will be as in the past, except the Tax Collector will no longer participate the figuring their effective tax rates. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

David Simpson made a motion which was seconded by Bob Hink to pay the bills as approved. Motion carried unanimously.

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at their local USDA Service Center.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

Producers self-certify their records when applying for CFAP, and that documentation is not submitted with the application. However, producers may be asked for their documentation to support the certification of eligible commodities, so they should retain the information used to complete their application.

More Information  
To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in

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the grasshopper to eat. They do not have to hunt for their food and chase it down as it tries to evade them; they do not need to set any trap in order to obtain their fare; they simply jump and fly around from plant to plant, gorging on as much greenery as can be found, and in our rural part of the world, the supply is seemingly infinite. Additionally, the



Week of June 15-21, 2020  
Intents to Drill

MOORE (KILLGORE RANCH, Red Cave) Scout Energy Management LLC, #2210R Killgore, (10255 acres) 990' FEL & 1024' FSL, Sec 22, Blk PMC, EL&RR RR Surv, A-782, 13 mi S from Dumas TD 2500', (sgd. Scott Haynes 972--325-1096)

Vertical Reclass  
MOORE (KILLGORE RANCH, Red Cave) Scout Energy Management LLC, #2212R Killgore, (10255 acres) 2311' FEL & 1024' FSL, Sec 22, Blk PMC, EL&RR RR Surv, A-782, 13 mi S from Dumas TD 2400', (sgd. Scott Haynes 972--325-1096)

Vertical Reclass  
Gas Completions  
HEMPHILL (LIPSCOMB, Cleveland) 4P Energy Texas, LLC, #1H William 13X76D, 12 mi SW from Higgins, Sec 13, Blk 43, H&T RR Surv, A-324, spud 8-20-2019, compl 2-24-2019, tested 5-4-2019, potential 1077 mcf, 320 bbls cond, 948 bbls wtr, 163# ftp, 163# SIWHP, TVD 8696', MD 19648' API 42-211-35618,

Horizontal Recompletion Reclass Oil to Gas  
POTTER (PANHANDLE, WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #18A Bivins, 10.8 mi SW from Fritch, Sec 18, Blk 5, G&M Surv, A-558, spud 7-17-2019, compl 8-14-2019, tested 9-16-2019, potential 188 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 16# SIWHP, TVD 2705', PBD n/s' API 42-375-31905, Vertical

POTTER (PANHANDLE, WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #17D Bivins, 9.2 mi SW from Fritch, Sec 17, Blk M20, G&M Surv, A-466, spud 7-12-2019, compl 8-7-2019, tested 9-12-2019, potential 349 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 19# SIWHP, TVD 2806', PBD n/s' API 42-375-31903, Vertical

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH, Consolidated) 4P Energy Texas, LLC, #9HC Puryear 13, 4 mi NW from Kelton, Sec 8, Blk A3, H&GN RR Surv, A-8483, spud 2-5-2020, compl 2-5-2020, tested 5-27-2020, potential 1047 mcf, 201 bbls cond, 261 bbls wtr, 260# ftp, 351# SIWHP, TVD 12341', MD 18005' API 42-483-33971, Horizontal

POTTER (PANHANDLE, WEST) Scout Energy Management LLC, #13A Bivins, 10.5 mi SW from Fritch, Sec 13, Blk M20, G&M Surv, A-356, spud 7-7-2019, compl 8-9-2019, tested 8-29-2019, potential 207 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 19# SIWHP, TVD 2806', PBD n/s' API 42-375-31903, Vertical

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH, Consolidated) 4P Energy Texas, LLC, #9HC Puryear 13, 4 mi NW from Kelton, Sec 8, Blk A3, H&GN RR Surv, A-8483, spud 2-5-2020, compl 2-5-2020, tested 5-27-2020, potential 1047 mcf, 201 bbls cond, 261 bbls wtr, 260# ftp, 351# SIWHP, TVD 12341', MD 18005' API 42-483-33971, Horizontal  
Oil Completions  
None

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grasshopper appears to enjoy an advantageous position when it comes to predators. The grasshopper is blessed with two escape methods – the strong jumping power they possess, and, to evade larger predators such as mammals and birds, the jump can be augmented with the ability to fly, which gives them a better chance to further the distance between them and their predators. In contrast, many other insects lack the diversity of methods of escape. For instance, many beetles can fly, but they often seem slow to spread their wings and get going; they lack the ability to quickly put distance between themselves and their predators. The grasshopper can quickly gain some separation from its predator, and then use its wings to increase the separation. Further, should the grasshopper be caught by a pursuing creature, the grasshopper can inflict some discomfort by using the serrations on its hind leg. I do not know if this is an intentional defense maneuver or the side-effect of the grasshopper's trying to jump away while it is being grasped, but I would venture that the reader has been pricked by the spikes on a grasshopper's legs before. And finally, should all else fail, there is the old spit trick, where the insect spits a dark liquid on the thing that is harassing it.

So, I suppose the preceding paragraph essentially says, "If you are going to be an insect, you may as well be a grasshopper." To that I would append the thought, "If you are going to be a grasshopper, you may as well be a grasshopper in summertime." For the grasshopper, and most of the natural world, summertime is party time – time to grow and play; time to eat, drink, and be merry. I must confess that considering the life of the grasshopper did not cause me to change my mind and view summertime as my favorite time of year. But it did make me try to view the season with the intention of taking advantage of some of the luxuries it offers – to try to take the opportunity where it is available to grow and play, to eat, drink, and be merry. It is a good strategy for any season, really. And, considering the life of a grasshopper also made me consider something that I hitherto had not, and broadening one's perspective tends to be a good thing. That said, the mere mention of the insect probably elicits a visceral loathing on the part of farmers and backyard gardeners, as the grasshopper could be counted by them as public enemy number one, the nemesis who destroys their handiwork. Perhaps those individuals will take my side in this matter and dismiss the testimony of the grasshopper

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per, who could make a convincing argument, if only it knew its manners and didn't overstep its boundaries. In its rudeness, the grasshopper does manage to teach a life lesson, though: going to someone's place and eating the food they are growing will not earn you many friends or advocates.

**PONDERISMS**

• Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

• Why do doctors leave the room while you change??? They're going to see you naked anyway.

• Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

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**Chat** (from Page 1)

Wayne, Cathi and Liz.

— cwe —

There were also two other inserts, which is unusual.

— cwe —

Leroy and Rhonda helped. (Thanks)

— cwe —

When Rhonda got home she looked at the grocery insert; it was for this week. We had to remove the Thriftway insert.

— cwe —

I was able to skip mowing last week, but will need to mow this week.

— cwe —

I did not have the yard sprayed this year and am surprised it looks as good as it does. We did have to spend part of two evenings getting the unwanted growth out of the front yard.

— cwe —

I have left a few pecan and/or black walnut trees; I will mow around them one more time. If you want them, come bye in the evening. I just hate mowing them.

— cwe —

**Crossword PUZZLE**

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9. Shock: Var.  
14. Sundae topper, perhaps  
15. Join (with)  
16. Paris divider

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38. "No kidding!"  
39. "As if!"  
40. Archaeological site  
41. Boot part  
42. Shed item  
57. Close imitation  
58. Passenger  
59. Shopping \_\_\_\_  
61. Off-pitch  
65. Like some pond growths  
66. "Not to mention ..."  
67. Salad cheese

17. Bridges of Los Angeles County  
18. Pacific  
19. Beauty parlour  
20. No angel  
22. Simulated  
24. Warm-up  
27. Basil, e.g.  
28. Dropsy, today  
29. Minute  
33. Nile bird  
34. Runway walker  
44. Projection  
46. Winter coating  
47. Walked boldly  
49. Key employee?  
51. Prosperity  
53. Evening service  
54. Mint family member  
68. Distrustful  
69. Lascivious look  
70. Watch part

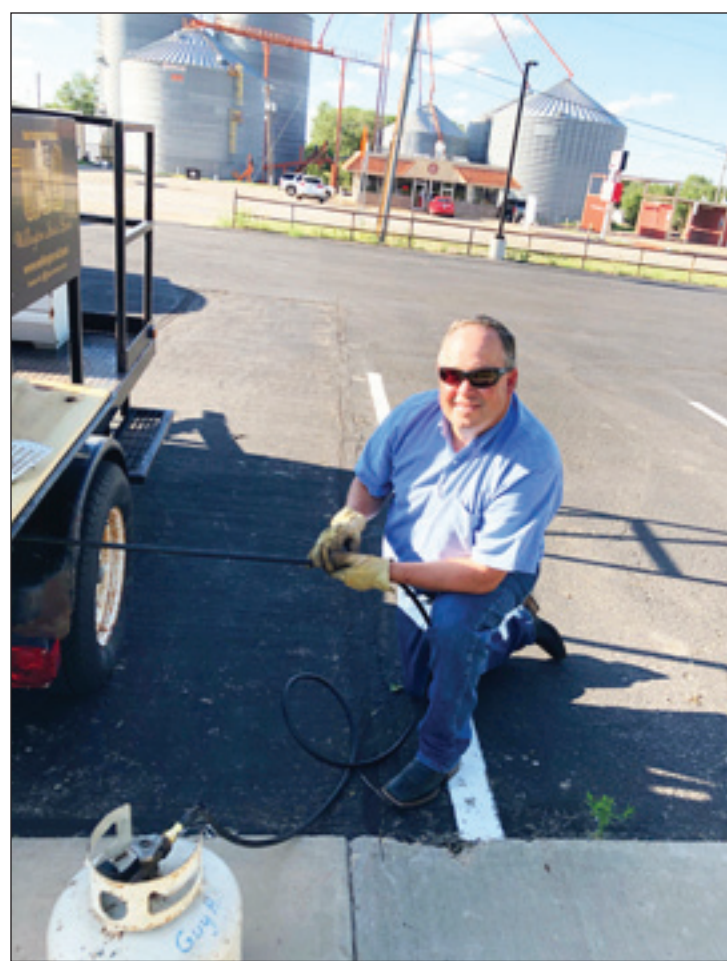
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1. Cygnet's father  
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4. Wimbledon competition  
5. Paving material  
6. Make joyful  
7. Apiece, in scores  
8. Pretty spirit of Greek myth  
9. Put forward  
10. Where cranberries may grow  
11. Fortune  
12. Not quite yet  
13. Advance  
21. Piña colada ingredient  
23. Not made up  
24. Bettor's spread  
25. Common advice from tech support  
26. Newspaper chief  
30. Able to shift, in biology  
31. Chemical compound  
32. TV bar sitcom  
35. Laudatory lines  
36. Carried out  
37. Breakfast item  
43. What trucks go uphill in  
44. Mrs. Sprat's dietary no-no  
45. Kind of seat used by 007  
46. Swindles  
48. So very much  
50. Volcano output  
52. Nearby  
53. Frost lines  
54. Kind of surgery  
55. Tick off  
56. Nose out  
60. Public order  
62. Court call  
63. Had a bite  
64. Cap

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**Storm** (from Page 1)

came to help. Ethan worked. I entertained Clark. That was fun.

I wanted my mom to cut my hair for a long time. She did not want to do it. Finally she said she would do it. I think she did a great job! I love for Mom to cut my hair.

This is going to be a very different Fourth of July. Every year our Big Family comes to the ranch. We do the Fun Run and all the fun things in town. At night we all go watch the best fireworks show ever! This year, because of Covid19, we can't have our big family. That is just sad! Everything is different this year and I'm getting tired of it. I miss

school, teachers, friends, and family. I know we have to be safe and take care of each other until this crazy mess is over, but it is not fun.

Now the whole country is going crazy. Why do people want to destroy everything and each other? I want all races to get along. I want people to stop hurting other people. Some police are mean and they should be punished, but why hurt the good policemen when they are just doing their job? That is just bad. Be nice to ALL people! That's it!

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