

Memorial Service For Caryn Risner

Caryn Diane Risner, 64, of Amarillo, Texas died Sunday, December 4, 2022 in Amarillo, Texas. Memorial graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler. Cremation and Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler. Caryn was born October 13, 1958. (Continued Page 4)



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Wheeler County Commissioner Court Pat McDowell Takes Oath Of Office At Special Meeting November 30

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in a Special Session on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas.



FINAL MEETING: County Judge Carol Porton for the last time called the meeting of the Wheeler County Commissioners Court to order on Wednesday, December 30, 2022.

Necessary action was taken on the four items on the agenda.

• Judge Carol Porton submitted her letter of resignation, effective 11:59 p.m., November 30, 2022.

The letter read: “After careful thought, consideration and discussion with my family, this is to advise the Wheeler County Commissioners' Court, I tender my resignation as Wheeler County Judge, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 30th, 2022. It has been my pleasure to work with each of you and I have been honored to serve in the capacity of Wheeler County Judge. I greatly appreciate and thank the citizens of Wheeler County for the opportunity to have

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SWORN IN: Pat McDowell took the oath of office as Wheeler County Judge at a special meeting of the Wheeler County Commissioners' Court on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 after the resignation of Carol Porton. District Judge Steve Emmert administered the oath. Liz McDowell holds the Bible. McDowell took office on December 1, 2022.

Service On Dec. 3 For Johnny Rhodes

Johnny Wright Rhodes, 73, of Shamrock passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022 in Lubbock.

Memorial service were Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the First Baptist Church with James Henderson, officiating.

Arrangements and cremation were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Johnny Wright Rhodes. Johnny, 73, left his earthly body November 30th, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Johnny was born on April 17th, 1949 in Shamrock, Texas to Madelyn Lois Dougherty and John Thomas Rhodes. In 1981, he married the love of his life, Kathy Denise Hill. Johnny started with the City of Shamrock water department in 1970s and later became the City Manager where he devoted 35 years of

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Carol, wishing you many years of enjoyable retirement. You will be missed at the courthouse.

— cwe —

What a beautiful day Monday was; 75° and no wind. Enjoyed it while I could, because I am sure it will not last.

— cwe —

Happy to see puddles of water, when we returned Sunday evening. I measured 0.18" Tuesday morning.

— cwe —

I got started typing Santa Letters over the weekend.

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STORM REPORT



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

Dearest Friends, I had an awesome birthday! Hunter (Burt) met us in OKC. My parents, Hunter and I started our trip to New York. We went through Tennessee to see Christmas at Graceland. It was totally different from

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PRESENTATION: John Walker presented Judge Carol Porton with a plaque at her retirement party Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at the courthouse. David Simpson looks on. The plaque reads “In appreciation of Carol Porton, Wheeler County Judge for 28 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wheeler County.” Jackie Don May, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Phillip Gaines, Commissioner, Pct. 2, David Simpson, Commissioner, Pct. 3, and John Walker, Commissioner, Pct. 4.

Wheeler County SWCD Tree Sales

The Wheeler County Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking tree orders from now through March 24, 2023. Seedlings are sold in quantities listed. Lots will not be broken to facilitate the sale of individual seedlings.

Bareroot species available are Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Pecan, and Shumard Oak.

They are sold in multiples of 25 and priced at \$55.00.

Containerized species available are Afghanistan Pine, Italian Stone Pine and Austrian Pine. They are sold in multiples of 25 and priced at \$70.

Payment must accompany order; no trees will be re-

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Parkview Hosp. Board Minutes

A regular called meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 5 p.m. on October 17, 2022.

Christmas Tour of Homes In Pampa

The 26th annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be December 11 from 1-4 pm in Pampa. The tour is sponsored by the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club each year to raise funds for the Opportunity Plan, Inc. All ticket sales go to OPI which is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to students in post-secondary educational programs.

The program has been in place since 1954 and has assisted many students at various colleges, universities, and technical/vocational schools achieve their educational goals. Since 1965, over \$180,000 has been contributed by the study club to assist over 160 student with

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Pam Hibler, Chairman;
Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman;
Janie VanZandt, Secretary;
Zane Zybach, Member; Roy Laughlin, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:
Cecil Gaither, Interim CEO/DON; Jace Henderson, CFO; Christa Worley, auditor, BKD; Skye Lane, Ambulance Dept. Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to or-

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Johnny Rhodes

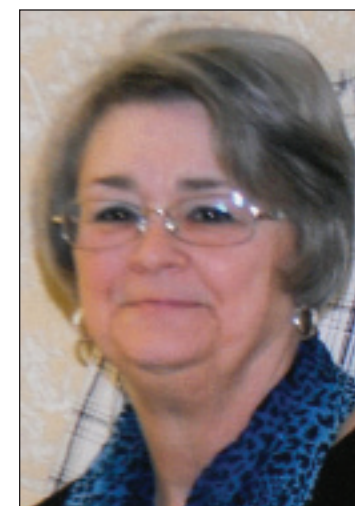
Giourgas Passes In Shamrock Dec. 1

Theodoros Ioannis Giourgas of Shamrock, TX passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022 in Amarillo, TX at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 30 days.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors in Shamrock, TX.

Theodoros was born on August 2, 1949 in Corfu, Greece to Ioannis Giourgas and Ioanna Mayropoulou Giourgas. He served in the Greek Army for one year and served numerous years in the Greek Navy. After arriving

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Vaughn Anne Thomas

Vaughn A. Thomas Memorial Is Sat.

Vaughn Anne Thomas, 73, of Shamrock passed away Friday, December 2, 2022 in Wellington.

A family led memorial service will be Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM in Calvary Christian Fellowship. Arrangements and cremation were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Vaughn Anne was born December 28, 1948 in Shamrock to Neylon and Nina Tinsley Morgan. She had lived in Shamrock all of her life

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Merely Mustard

I just completed deleting over 900 unread emails from my inbox. I hadn't set out to accomplish that, but the process began and I decided to ride the wave of momentum as long as it was available. Now there remain a mere 85 or so unread messages. What a mess email technology typically is, or maybe it is better to say what a mess email causes. And yet it is simply a sort of symbolism for life: isn't it often the case that

we pile things up until they are unmanageable or insurmountable, instead of dealing with them in the moment they occur?

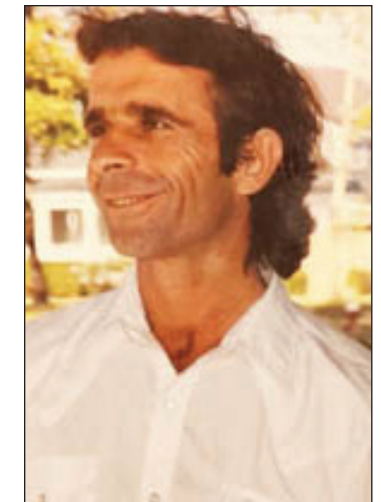
Not too long ago I read a claim (it wasn't an email, but I think I got to the web URL via a link contained in an email) that accumulating clutter is simply the act of postponing a decision. Certainly that was true of the emails I deleted: 900-something postponed decisions, postponed to some

future date when they would be dealt with properly, given the attention I thought some of them deserved at the time I first saw them. That was the idea; the reality was they got a couple seconds' attention as I was frenetically checking the 'delete' box for message after message. In this case the postponement of the decision did not serve me. And the 85 messages that I did not cull, that were left for another day – it is reasonable

to suspect that they will suffer the same fate as their 900 counterparts, only at some future time.

This is not some fable with the moral being to deal immediately with the immediate; a carpe diem on life, or email; but I did find plenty to observe about the process: surprise (I hadn't planned on taking the time to cull my inbox), frustration (that this has been and will likely continue

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Theodoros Giourgas

Hosp. (from Page 1)

der at 5:10 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jace Henderson.

2. BKD REPORT - Christa Worley with BKD in Waco presented her report to the board and the administration on the condition of the North Wheeler County Hospital District.

3. CONSENT ADGENDA:

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: October 17, 2022

b. Patient census

c. Payment of bills

d. Investments -Currently, there are three CDs at

Merely (from Page 1)

to be a problem), disappointment (at my failure to have acted on the emails in the first place), futility (both in the original concept that I would have dealt with those emails later, and in the reality that replacement emails are likely to stack up again), joy (in cleaning up and simplifying), and humor (in the mixture of all of the aforementioned perceptions). It turns out the practice was actually perhaps a "walk through the garden of life" - after all, "what [did I] think [I'd] expect [I] would see?"

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e. QAPI

f. Date to next meeting: November 21, 2022

Roy Laughlin made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

4. EMS REPORT: Skye Lane reported that September was a little slow. The Fleet ID number has been received so we could submit the chassis order on the retail side to the government as well, enabling our chances to get the chassis. We can cancel the adjacent order, depending on the fulfillment of the retail vs. fleet orders. The state grant for the stair chairs, more vacuum mattresses, Med-Safes, IV pumps, and radios is complete. We received the radios and 6 new handhelds. Omega Electronics will install the new radios. Administrator of records (ACR) has been changed and updated with our state license. Ambulances will be serviced at Quick-Lube in Shamrock since Tintori's closed. NWCEMS team training is continuing in-house as well as online. Dr Pinson is sending some real-life scenarios for the EMS staff to practice. The team will be running six mock trials every two weeks (each shift) for six months. Sierra Widener and Jared Shaw have

completed the CPR instructors' course and are now certified BLS instructors. Four AEDs are ordered for the city and area fire departments. A full-time paramedic position is opening on "B" shift, with a possible PRN medic interested in filling the position. The team responded to 21 calls during September.

5. CNO REPORT:

a. Nurse Staffing: Cecil Gaither reported that staffing is holding well.

b. EMR Progress: The program has some issues. Nursing is doing okay with it, while other departments have occasional issues.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS:

a. Palo Duro G&P Suit Update - They have filed suit to get taxes reduced like Mid-coast.

b. Cares Act - LPRF & ARP - The \$250,000 grant from Texas Health and Human Services must be spent by the end of October. Jace stated that computers need to be replaced (\$61,000), and a blood/IV warmer, a Bladder scanner (\$15,000), and beauty shop chair (\$25,000) are needed. Also, the sewer line pipe at Home Health is cracked and plugged up and needs to be relined (\$25,000). Zane Zybach made a motion to use the grant for all these expenditures. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

c. AED/EKG Clinic: They have not been able to find what they want.

d. Conference Chairs: Sixteen chairs and a seventeen-foot table plus a credenza for the meeting room upstairs will cost \$9600. Janie VanZandt made a motion to purchase the table, chairs, and credenza. Roy Laughlin seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

7. APPROVE BAD DEBT - No report.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. EMS Medicaid - Our license has been extended until 2025.

b. Rural Hospital Covid-19 Healthcare Relief Grant - This was taken care of in 6(b).

c. EMS - Cecil reported that he met with the Shamrock Hospital CEO, County Judge Carol Porton, County Attorney Leslie Timmons, and County Auditor Nicole Mock concerning the \$300,000 payments to each hospital district for ambulance department operations. Nicole suggested quarterly payments. Cecil was instructed by the board not to meet with them again. Our contract is between our hospital district and the County Commissioners Court. Leslie was instructed to draw up the new contract,

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served in this official capacity. The court accepted the resignation.

• The court appointed Pat McDowell as Wheeler County Judge, effective 12 noon, November 30, 2022.

• The bond for Pat McDowell, County Judge was approved by the court.

• Pat McDowell was sworn in as Wheeler County Judge by District Judge Steve Emmer.

Trees (from Page 1)

served until payment is received and all sales will be final; no cancellations or refunds.

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JUDGE'S FAMILY: The family of Wheeler County Judge Patrick McDowell gathered Wednesday, November 30, 2022, for the swearing in ceremony. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Savanna Jahnel, Pat McDowell, Liz McDowell, Katie Hathaway, Logan Hathaway and Sidney Hathaway.

upon which we are still waiting.

d. CEO Position - After discussion, Roy Laughlin made a motion to hire Cecil Gaither as the Parkview Hospital CEO on a five-year contract on an annual salary (no clocking in or out). After completion of the CEO administrator course and the master's degree, the annual salary will be renegotiated. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Delineation for privileges for ER Locum - Pam Hibler signed the legal papers to give privileges to Dr. Rydka.

b. Physician recruitment - Marla Ford made a motion to make an offer to Dr. Paul as a permanent ER doctor, 7 days on/7 days off. Zane Zybach seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

c. Salary evaluations - A salary adjustment was proposed for Jace Henderson, CFO. Also, it was suggested that X-ray be raised to \$700/weekend for on call (same as the lab). Marla Ford made a motion to increase the salary adjustment for Jace and to increase the on call rate for the X-ray department. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Rhodes (from Page 1)

service to the community he loved so dearly. After "retiring" from the City of Shamrock he began working for Wheeler County and continued diligently serving the community.

Johnny is survived by his wife Kathy Rhodes, son Dusty Rhodes and wife, Robin; daughter Kristina Sanchez and husband, Joe Bryan, and brother Thomas Eugene Rhodes. He is also survived by his grandchildren Madison Rhodes, Colton Rhodes and Hayden Herrick along with many nieces and nephews, as well as his life long friend Kirk Clay and numerous others.

While Johnny was a hard working man and a servant to his community, he was so much more. He was the loyal friend you would call when you needed a helping hand. He was the classic car fanatic and expert mechanic. He was a self proclaimed fair weather fisherman, where he undoubtedly spent most of his time untangling himself and his grandchildren's line. He was the witty jokester when you needed a laugh. Truly, a jack of all trades. Most of all, he was a family man. Johnny dedicated his life to his family who he cherished so deeply. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and an incredible Papa to his grandchildren. Johnny never missed an opportunity to let anyone in his life know what they meant to him. He never took life for granted and always found a way to crack a joke. Johnny was a light that would turn any dark room bright. He left behind a great legacy that will always be remembered and celebrated.

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from November 28, 2022 to November 30, 2022.

NOVEMBER 28, 2022

NOTICE of REVERTER-Kazimir Investment LLC, et al to City of Shamrock, et al, 11-16-22, All Lot 3, Blk. D, Potts Addition, Shamrock.

NOTICE of REVERTER-Kazimir Investment LLC, et al to City of Shamrock, et al, 11-16-22, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 32, Original Town, Shamrock.

NOTICE of REVERTER-Kazimir Investment LLC, et al to City of Shamrock, et al, 11-16-22, South 50' of Lot 4, Blk. 34, Original Town, Shamrock.

Tour (from Page 1)

more than \$950,000.

There are three homes on the 2022 tour, including Brenda and Mike Guess at 1900 Charles, Lynnae and Mike Borger at 2357 Aspen, and Natalie and Dave Davis, 490 FM 282 (3 miles west of the Red School House). Tickets are \$10 and are available from any club member or at the door of any of the homes.

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MEMO. of OL-Tim and Terrie Patterson Family Trust to EHVI Exploration LLC, 11-10-

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Giourgas (from Page 1)

in the United States in 1979, he met Lori Ann Morehead in Gainesville, TX in 1983. They were married on November 28, 1983 in Kerrville, TX. He became a United States Resident in November of 1984. Over the years, they lived in Hearne, TX, Kerrville, TX, Gainesville, TX and Ft. Worth, TX. He worked for over 45 years as an industrial sandblaster and painter, retiring in 2006. Theodoros was of the Greek Orthodox faith and loved God very much. He was the hardest working man you will ever know, and nothing in the world gave him more pride than providing for his family. He loved to go deer hunting with his in-laws and fishing/camping at the Red River with his son and grandchildren. His favorite person in the world to speak to was his sister Loukia and they spoke at least twice a day every day. He made friends in every place he stepped and never allowed his Greek accent to be a barrier or keep him from making someone smile. Nothing made him happier than spending time with his grandsons in the garden and going for walks. He enjoyed cooking his favorite Greek dishes for his children and loved ones and had a severe obsession with fried chicken and coffee. He loved watching the Dallas Cowboys play along with his son-in-law, son and grandchildren. He also spent many hours watching wrestling with his grandsons Sterling and Sethen, who he helped raise.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; and one brother, Spiridon Giourgas. Theodoros is survived by: his son, Casey Adam Giourgas and wife, Courtney Brooke Giourgas; 2 daughters, Ioanna Cassie Giourgas Gillen and husband, Justin Bryan Gillen, and Kallista Tia Ann Giourgas Carmon and her husband, Kenneth Scott Carmon; also, one he claimed as his own daughter, Samantha Kay Bohlar; his grandchildren, Blayne Allen Giourgas, Sterling Carl Rhodes Giourgas, Sethen Ray Brice Giourgas, Jill Ann Carmon, Cameron Elaine Giourgas, Kenneth Scott Carmon Jr., Casey Albert Lee Carmon, Jordan Coe Giourgas, Caston River Giourgas, and Saxxon Bryan Gillen; his "claimed" grandchildren, Zayne Anthony Bohlar and Lucas Matthew Lewis; the love of his life and mother of his children, Lori Ann Morehead Giourgas Kruthof; 3 sisters, Loukia Giourgas, Eleni Giourgas and Olga Giourgas; and one brother, Christodoulos Giourgas.

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To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of DUDLEY VERNON MILLER, Deceased, No. 4,009 in the County Court of Wheeler County, Texas, Probate Matter: The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of DUDLEY VERNON MILLER, DECEASED, by the Judge of the County Court of Wheeler County, Texas, on the 30th day of November, 2022, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against this Estate to present them to the Executrix within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

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Stacey Renae Horton
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 of the Estate of DUDLEY VERNON MILLER,
 Deceased

Court (from Page 2)

22, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
 MEMO. of OL-Roy and Reba Kroeker Family Trust to EHVI Exploration LLC, 11-8-22, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
 MEMO. of OL-Peggy Hunt to EHVI Exploration LLC, 11-9-22, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
 RDT-American Financial Resources Inc., Sandra Almeraz, et al, 11-17-22, See Instrument.
 RDT-Centennial Bank to Gale Hardin, et vir, 11-1-22, SW/4 Sec. 46, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MD-Carla E. Meister to James Wischkaemper, 11-16-22, All Interest in Sec. 52, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MINERAL QCD-Anna B. Wil-

liams Nauman Trust to Dawn Michelle Williams, et vir, 12-12-12, See Instrument.
 MINERAL QCD-Dawn Michelle Williams, et vir to Keelen Irrevocable Trust, 12-12-12, See Instrument.
 NOVEMBER 29, 2022
 MD/ROY. DEED/OVERRIDING ROY-Phillip K. Dressen to E3 Land & Minerals LLC, 11-18-22, Interest in Sec. 18, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; And Any Other Interest in Wheeler County.
 ASSIGN./BILL of SALE/MD-Ward X LLC to Ward Petroleum Corporation, 10-25-22, All Interest in W/2 NE/4 Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Certificate #5/720.
 STATEMENT OWNERSHIP-Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to James Garner, et ux, 11-17-

22, 7.427 acres out of Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 C/C WILL-Randall L. Sims to Ex Parte, 11-29-22.
 C/C ORDER-Randall Lee Sims to Ex Parte, 11-29-22.
 NOVEMBER 30, 2022
 DEED-Adam Hawkins, et ux to Adam Hawkins, 11-21-22, North 10' of Lot 14 and All Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 59, Woodley's Southside Addition,

IDEAS

Herbs for the week, and now they're on the edge of going bad? Rather than wasting food, you can use an ice cube tray to help preserve the herbs.
 Chop up the herbs and fill the tray with them. Add a small dose of water to help the herbs freeze into cubes. The next time you need some parsley or thyme while cooking, you can throw a cube into the pot.

It's wonderful to get flowers, but bouquets like lilies can create quite a mess with their pollen stains. And if some pollen lands on a sleeve or tablecloth, rubbing it away can increase the stain. Instead, grab a piece of tape and gently lift the pollen with the tape's sticky side.

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Shamrock.
 HOME EQUITY DT-Adam Hawkins, et ux to New America Funding, 11-21-22, North 10' of Lot 14 and All Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 59, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock.
 HOME EQUITY AFF.-Adam Hawkins, et ux to New America Funding, 11-21-22, North 10' of Lot 14 and All Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 59, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock.

Thomas (from Page 1) and married Lee Thomas November 5, 1965 in Shamrock. Vaughn Anne was a member of Calvary Christian Fellowship and was very active in the church. She helped with Awanas at First Baptist Church, worked with the Ex-Students Association and ran craft shows here for many years. Vaughn Anne retired from The Texas Department of Human Services.

She is survived by her husband, Lee; a daughter Nikki Seymour and Richard of Sayre; and a son Wade Thomas of Shamrock; three grandchildren, Donnie Hunt, Justin Hunt and Ashlea Bealle; three great-grandchildren Eian Hunt, Braylei Sarai Hunt and Alayna Hunt

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Christmas in the Park

The Way Church COMMUNITY CANDLE Light Service
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 December 16th
 7:30 pm

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Crossword PUZZLE

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- More sleazy
- Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"
- Angles between leaves and branches
- Kidney-related
- Show piece?
- Magnum ___
- Hoopla
- Prefix with scope or meter
- Reclined
- Vessel of Greek mythology
- Happy
- Devout
- Hullabaloo
- Not busy
- At any ___ (nevertheless)
- Buenos ___
- Rework
- Commies
- College newbie
- ___ for the books
- Go on a spree
- Said a swearword
- Elec. instrument
- Hubbub
- Hole-making tool
- Pilotless plane
- Hand mill
- Colourless Greek liqueur
- Whodunit board game
- Milky-white gem
- Vegetative state
- ___-friendly
- Email button

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Across
 1. Pound sterling
 5. Wear with flair
 10. Nanaimo ___
 14. Shrek, for one
 15. Greedy one
 16. Corp. bigwig
 17. Commoner

typically
 38. Latvia's capital
 39. Ocean bottom
 40. Glorified gofer

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18. Skylit lobbies
 19. Love potion's number
 20. Past masters
 22. Verve
 23. Golf instructor
 24. Nuisance
 26. Vexatious
 30. All expenses ___ vacation
 32. English nobleman
 33. Fries or coleslaw

41. Unscented
 43. Sedate, in archaic terms
 44. 11 o'clock broadcast
 45. Pirates' treasure holders
 46. Sunglasses
 50. Status ___
 51. The "Y" in FYI
 52. Magician's word
 59. Aborted, at NASA

60. Drug smugglers
 61. Sit for a photo
 62. "___ what happened?"
 63. Sky-blue
 64. Prayer ending
 65. Tortoise racer
 66. Ceaselessly
 67. Cooking fat

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Down
 1. 19th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 2. Jamaican citrus fruit
 3. Wraths
 4. Borrower's burden
 5. Van Gogh's "The ___ Night"
 6. Place for a cookout
 7. Gumbo ingredient
 8. Bridle strap

Wheeler County Sheriff's Report October 27

NAME	AGE	CHARGE	BOND	RELEASE
GRiffin, ROBERT	21	ASSAULT CBI FAMILY MEMBER	\$3,000.00	11/29/22
FIGG, ASHLEY	35	MOT TO PROCEED W/ADJ OF GUILT ORIG CHG. POSS CS PG 1>=1G<4G	\$50,000.00	11/29/22
WALLS, ASHLEY	31	MOT TO PROCEED W/ADJ OF GUILT ORIG CHG. TAMP/FAB PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INT TO IMPAIR	\$50,000.00	
SLOAN, KRISTI	44	POSS CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$25,000.00	11/28/22
		POSS CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$25,000.00	11/28/22
		TAMPER/FAB PHYSICAL EVIDENCE W/INTENT TO IMPAIR	\$15,000.00	
BINGAMAN, KYLIE	24	POSS CS PG 1>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	11/28/22
COLE, CASEY	58	TERRORISTIC THREAT	\$25,000.00	11/30/22
		POSS MARIJ >4OZ<=5LBS	\$12,500.00	
SWIGART, MARY	47	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	PTA	12/2/22
VIGIL, ALIZ	24	MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=400G	\$60,000.00	IN CUSTODY
DE LA CRUZ, JANK	27	MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=400G	\$60,000.00	IN CUSTODY
SISLER, JARED	32	BOND SURRENDER ORIG CHARGE DWI	DENIED	IN CUSTODY
HUNT, DONNIE	31	BOND SURRENDER ORIG CHARGE MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$40,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		BOND SURRENDER ORIG CHARGE MAN/DEL CS PG 1>=4G<200G	\$30,000.00	
		BOND SURRENDER ORIG CHARGE POSS MARIJ <2OZ	DENIED	



THANKS to the awesome **Wheeler Student Council** for braving the cold and spending their evening decorating the courthouse. So awesome to see the love they have for this community. They are (l. to r) Breeley Harris, Andrea Gurreca, Katherine Woollard, Ximena Badiello, Jose Herrera, Holden Holwick, Macy Robinson, Levi Ashurst, Karsyn Malone, Creede Newkirk and Henry Mendoza.



PORTON FAMILY: Retiring Wheeler County Judge Carol Porton had her family at the retirement reception held in her honor Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Pictured (l. to r.) Meredith Porton, Larry Porton, Carol, Maddox Porton, Jason Porton, Christi Hatley and Graham Porton.

OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN

By Roland Miles

Short on teeth

Cattle don't have
Upper front teeth
On the ones
Down there beneath
Just snap off the grass
There's no time to waste
Swallow it while
Without even a taste
We'll chew it up later
In the heat of the day
Lying in the shade
We like it that way
I've seen a few bulls

Give a great big smile
Not very often
But once in a while
It's easy to see
He's a real go-getter
To him, his life could not be
any better
Cows won't smiles
Nobody knows why
Maybe not lady-like
Or simply too shy
Don't know the reason
I write stuff like this
Could be my mind
Is going amiss

Did you know?

Most breeds of cattle don't sweat like people and horses. Just Brahmas, which originated in India.

Chat (from Page 1)

Remember our Christmas edition of the paper will be December 22. If you have something you want in the paper that week, please get it to me by December 15 for the Greeting Section. The deadline will remain 5 p.m. Monday for the news section of the paper.

— cwe —
Received a Christmas

Greeting from Claude (Junior) Cox; he was a resident of Wheeler from 1948 – 1956. He says he is 86 and holding.

— cwe —

Sarah Washburn was in the office Monday while I was out and left a check and a note. Sorry I missed you Sarah.

— cwe —

It was good to see Ruth Smith and Mandy Wednesday. They drove in from Conway for Carol's retirement.

— cwe —

Happy Birthday Stormie! Sorry I forgot to get it in the paper last week.

— cwe —

Storm (from Page 1)

the first time I went. Now it's like a big museum and store. It used to be just his house. This time it was beautiful with the Christmas lights! Hunter and I agree that our favorite parts were his clothes and the cars.

After Graceland we went to visit my mom's cousin, Jan Rose Talbot. Mom and Jan spent every Christmas together when they were growing up.

When we first saw New York City, Hunter said, "I don't think we are in Kansas anymore!" It was big and beautiful! Mom drove us through the Lincoln Tunnel and to Manhattan! We parked at our hotel in Times Square. Our room had big corner windows. The billboards were bright and colorful with flashing lights. Broadway was below us. Traffic was slow and it flowed like a river. Thousands of people blended with the yellow cabs and the firetrucks that howled like angry cats.

On Wednesday we went to Radio City Music Hall to see the Rocketts Christmas Spectacular and it really was spectacular! The outfits were outstanding! I loved the reindeer. Hunter thinks the dancers were like intricate gears in a finely made watch. It was raining all day, so we decided to watch the Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting on TV from the comfort of our room. If I had known that Blake Shelton and Andrea Bocelli were performing, I would have stood in the rain all day to see them! Oh, well, I had a better view on TV and I know they were right around the corner.

Check Storm Report next week for Day Two NYC! That's it!



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

Risner (from Page 1)

ber 21, 1958 in New Jersey. She married Robert Risner on September 27, 1980 in Wheeler. Caryn was a homemaker and enjoyed all types of crafts. She enjoyed making jewelry, blankets, cross stitching and reading.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband

in 2019; and her son, Robert Lee Risner in 1982.

Survivors include her daughters, Diana Risner of Salem, Missouri and Sarah Sewell and husband, Chuck, of Amarillo; and a granddaughter, Gracelynn Sewell of Amarillo.

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