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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

County Court Removes Burn Ban



The rain is so nice. Ken Daughtry reports 17.02" for the year; before these last rains, he had recorded 2.1". This is great for most of us, but not so good for some of the farmers.

— cwe —

A “Big Pat on the Backs” and “Thank You” to Kristen Moudy and Daymon Remy for putting together the Wheeler Ex-Student/Teacher Reunion. And, a “Big Thank You” to the others that helped. It was a success.

— cwe —

In pasting in the pictures, I see I have missed some; hope I have the names right. Thank you for being so nice to let me photograph you.

— cwe —

I started with Lou Montgomery and Linda Reid McNelly, '64; their pictures were blurry.

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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, On June 07, we celebrated two very important people. Pop's sister, my Aunt Melba, and her husband, Uncle Gene Arnold. First we met at the graveside. It was a bright sunny day. Their marker is beautiful! The names and dates are on the front. On the back are two doves, music notes, and words to, "On the Wings of a Dove." Aunt Melba and Uncle Gene loved music! I miss sitting in the front row with Aunt

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The Commissioners Court of Wheeler County, Texas met in regular session on Monday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern and to take action on the following agenda items:

- The meeting was called to order by Judge McDowell
- The prayer was offered.
- The reports of the various offices were accepted.
- No Budget Amendments were to be addressed.
- No Budget Transfers were to be addressed.
- No line item transfers were presented.
- The Burn ban is no longer in effect.
- Judge Pat McDowell gave his report.
- One of the commissioners reported that the County Show Barn had water in dirt sections.
- Commissioner David Simpson, commissioner Pct. 3 approved application for Underground Utility and Pipeline Crossings of County Roads by cutting County road Z for 6" Natural Gas Pipe (HDPE-High-Density Polyethylene) submitted by PGN Gas Transmission Col LLC. Approved
- Commissioner Pct3- 2009 Kenworth VIN#1XKDDU9X29J239154 declare surplus on 6/12/2023. Approved
- Pct 1 and Pct 2 to exchange Mack truck units. Pct 1 2015 Mack 1M1AN07YXFM018850 exchanged for Pct 2 2013 Mack 1M1AN15Y2DM015429. Approved

◦ Johnny Carter, Sheriff- 2017 Ford VIN #2FM5D8AR-5HGE39916 Wrecked April 2023 – insurance totaled and declared salvage on 6/12/2023. Approved

◦ Johnny Carter, Sheriff- Discussion and approval to purchase vehicle to replace salvage vehicle.

◦ Discussion and approval of Wheeler Central Appraisal District 2024 Proposed Budget and Budget Allocation.

◦ Margaret Dorman, County Clerk- Discussion/information concerning HB1217-Mandat-

ed increased hours of Early Voting, effective September 1, 2023-Unfunded mandate.

◦ Consideration and payment of bills.

◦ Adjournment

City Council Will Meet On June 20

The June City Council Meeting has been moved to June 20th and will be at the New City Hall located at 501 Alan Bean Blvd. The date has been moved due to the observed city holiday on June 19.



OLDEST AND YOUNGEST: Youngest and oldest students at the 2023 Wheeler Ex-Student/Teacher Reunion were Tracy Jones Tignor and Melba LaVerne “Cox” Tucker, '40.



Gina Mendiola

NICKNAMES

This song written by Garth Nash has been sung for many years at the Ex-Student/Teacher Reunion.

There is this little town that you and I call home
It's way up in Texas where the buffalo used to roam
People there are great, and we love them all the same
Only trouble is we never knew their names

Now nicknames were common, that's all we ever used
Who knows where they came from or were they ever true
Sometimes they told a story, sometimes they made you laugh
Sometimes you just hoped these names were in the past

There was a string of Reds, like May and Richardson
Don't forget Red Childress and Red Crossland
We all knew Pete Burton, Buddies, Toon and Vanpool
These were standard Nicknames in everybody's school

But Wheeler was never one to follow suit
And handing out great handles, we added just to boot
I'm sure there's a story behind every one
If it ever got out, we'd all want to run

Now who was Poolie Pettit and who was Deacon Lee

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Services For Gina Mendiola

Virginia Yap Mendiola, of Wheeler, TX died peacefully in her sleep on June 8, 2023 after a long battle with dementia.

Virginia was born on April 8, 1938 to Faustino and Dionysia Yap in the Philippines. Her father was a Colonel in the Philippine military and later became a high school math teacher. Her mother raised Virginia and her 3 sisters. Through their support, Virginia became the first nurse in the family graduating from Far Eastern University in Manila and completing her internship at the University of Baguio School of Nursing.

She had a storied career as a nurse. At one time, early in her career, she was the private nurse to the First Lady of the Philippines! In America, she was the charge nurse of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN where she managed the sickest of the sick. However one

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Merely Mustard

Hot, dusty;
dry, crusty;
old, rusty;
damp, musty...

What am I describing? The weather? My attitude? Your reaction to reading these words? Correlative physical realities? Or am I describing anything at all? Perhaps. Then again, it could merely be a senseless rhyme - a childish playing with words, by a juvenile or a geriatric (depending on whether age is classified as a matter of years or a matter of mindset). It may be childish, but children are the masters of wordplay. Poets, authors, and composers all struggle to create, only to fall short of what a child can do by nature, without effort or strain. Professionals must practice their craft; a child must only be in order to create. Indeed, in order to enhance creativity, professionals may utilize various practices or tactics with the goal of enabling them to approach the freedom that a

child would have by instinct.

The basic reality is that a child has not yet learned the boxes that constrain the proper usage of words (or practically anything else, for that matter) - the unyielding and rigid walls created by generation upon generation of predecessors, both deliberately and, as through a form of osmosis, as it were, by societies' buying in to certain modes or manners of speech and/or behavior. In this way boxes are formed. There are other ways that boxes are formed, such as by groupthink, but identifying other methods of box creation is beyond our purpose here. The point is that boxes are ubiquitous throughout our lives, and within their confines, drab or dreary, supportive or vivifying, we do our thinking and living. We have boxes for speech, for educational topics and tactics, careers, professions, you name it. We place ideas, customs, and people into boxes. We

even, often in the form of religious doctrine, endeavor to perform the absurdly impossible act of placing God into a box. Yes, boxes exist, both overt and covert.

And the master, the innovator, the trailblazer, demands to not be limited. These people are often the ones who find a way to either expand the dimensions of the box so as to accommodate their novel ideas, or, occasionally, in a flash of brilliance, like a lustrous cloud-to-ground lightning bolt; in a thrilling display of potential like the eruption of a volcano; in an exhilarating act of liberty, the true master manages to escape altogether the confines of the box, and exist apart, as isolated and alone as the victor on the medal stand, as a glorious testament to human ingenuity and an exemplar of freedom of spirit. It is almost like something a child would do. And now the question remains as to whether this com-

position is childish. In light of these considerations, I certainly hope so.



PERRYTON BUSINESS OF THE MONTH AT PERRYTON: Monty Kinnard and family, owners and operators of Daddy's Dogs was named business of the month at Perryton.

WHEELER COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

MOORE, CARLOS	2E	UNL POSS FIREARM BY FELON	\$15,000.00	6/5/23
		POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	
PARKER, NATHAN	0E	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	PTA	6/6/23
GATHINGS, OMAR	0S	MARTIN CO FL WARRANT	DENIED	DETAINER DROPPED BY FLORIDA - RELEASED
QUIROA-CASTRO, CRISTIAN	ES	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$15,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		IMMIGRATION DETAINER	DENIED	
WILSON, ELBIE	4E	AGG SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD	\$200,000.00	6/9/23
GRANGER, CHRISTOPHER	E0	DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND	\$2,500.00	6/9/23
EDWARDS, DELORES	0T	RESIST ARREST,SEARCH OR TRANSPORT	\$500.00	6/9/23
DOEBELE, DAVID	5A	PLED TO TDCJ ORIG CHARGE POSS CS PG 1>=1G<4G	DENIED	IN CUSTODY
		PLED TO TDCJ ORIG CHARGE POSS CS PG 1>=4G<200G	DENIED	
LUNA, MATTHEW	7I	POSS OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	PTA	6/9/23
		PUBLIC INTOX	PTA	
		POSS/PUR/CONS/RCPT CIGS/TOBACCO BY MINOR PROH	PTA	
DURAN, NATHAN	1E	AGG SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD	\$150,000.00	6/10/23
		SEXUAL ASSLT CHILD	\$150,000.00	
		INDECENCY W/CHILD SEXUAL CONTACT	\$150,000.00	
		AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON	\$150,000.00	
		AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON	\$150,000.00	
		INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLES RECKLESS BI/MENTAL	\$150,000.00	
		INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLES RECKLESS BI/MENTAL	\$150,000.00	
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		INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLES RECKLESS BI/MENTAL	\$150,000.00	
ROMAN-FERRIER, JOSE	5E	POSS MARIJ>=5LBS<50LBS	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
RAMOS-SILVERIO, JUNIOR	7S	POSS MARIJ>=5LBS<50LBS	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$15,000.00	
		MONEY LAUNDERING >=\$2500<\$30K	\$10,000.00	
MERCADO-JIMINEZ, JORDY	0S	POSS MARIJ>=5LBS<50LBS	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 2>=1G<4G	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$15,000.00	
CAPELLAN-AREIS, CARLOS	4E	POSS MARIJ>=5LBS<50LBS	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
ALMONTE-QUIROZ, VICTOR	ES	POSS MARIJ>=5LBS<50LBS	\$25,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 1<1G	\$10,000.00	

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from June 5, 2023 to June 8, 2023.
 JUNE 5, 2023
 RVL-Ethel Ferris to James C. Fling, 4-30-23, N/2 of Lot 3, Blk. 49, Original Town, Shamrock.
 CERTIFICATE of TRUST-Bobby Dwayne Gray to Bobby Dwayne Gray Living Trust, 4-20-23.
 DEED-Bobby Dwayne Gray to Bobby Dwayne Gray Living Trust, 5-1-23, N/2 of Lot 3, Blk. 49, Original Town, Shamrock.
 C/C PROBATE-Ted H. Walling to Ex Parte, 2-14-23, See Instrument.
 AFF. of IDENTITY-Quincy Weatherly to Bob Quincy

Weatherly, Quincy Bob Weatherly, 6-2-23.
 NON-HOMESTEAD DESIGN.-Bob Quincy Weatherly, et ux to The Public, 6-2-23, 485.29 acs. North 3/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT-Quincy Bob Weatherly, et ux to Capital Farm Credit ACA, 6-1-23, 485.29 acs. North 3/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 AFF.-Quincy Bob Weatherly, et ux to Capital Farm Credit ACA, 6-1-23, 485.29 acs. North 3/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT-Real Estate Mortgage to Timothy Reeves, et ux, 5-25-23, See Instrument.
 JUNE 6, 2023
 ROW-Scott Lewis to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 5-15-23, Sec. 57, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
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Nicknames (from) Who was Puddin' Porter and her brother Dunky Remember Froggie Barr? Her name was Margie And what's her name Jolly? We called her Tootsie

We always had our Shortys, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Loter One lived out east and the other on the western border The third Shorty ran the pool hall and games. Now he's the only one who lived up to his name

For some who were lucky, their name didn't last Jim Porter's really glad that Tadpole is in the past Harold Crossland was a Goober and we all like Joe Pete Buster Callan lived on main, on the corner of the street

Then there were the Fat boys, Fat Moore was not that tall Fat Jones was so skinny, left no shadow on the wall Mr. Reid was known as Half-up, and Adrian only Cobby Puny Griffin wasn't puny 'cause eating was his hobby

Hoot Gibson had a cafe, there was parking for your truck Remember Larry Jones we all called him Buck Smiley Gaines seemed happy just smilin' all the time Cheezy Pendleton is a name that's really hard to rhyme

Francis Pride was Sonny, Punky Martin and Happy too With names like that you wonder, did Snow White lose her crew? Remember Cotton Farmer and Nig Clark who lived out west And the man we called Tooter was always giving tests

Sometimes the theme was food, remember Spud and Tater

And was his real name Jo-Jo, we called him Joe much later Pooch Guthrie had a way of putting on a show Only cost fourteen cents when Tillie used to go

Some of our distant past may be a real alarmer Don't ask about Whiskey Cox or Glen Sauce Farmer Of all the names that I recall plus all the names I've said The one that is strangest is Cathead

Now that the word's out the names keep rolling in Stretch, Barto, Snout and Dog, will it ever end? Goofball, Butch and Sukey. Sparkplug, Sot and Posey If I add one more name, think it'll drive me crazy

There was Boog and Bear, Tootie and Dub, Monk and the Bull Bus Dorman was the sheriff, Mr. Brown was at the school I remember when I was young and all of Wheeler cried T'was a sad summer when Teedie Johnson died

We're getting up in years now, someday there'll be the call They'll dress us up best they can and place us in a stall Now if you're from Wheeler, make your tombstone small So there won't be room for your nickname there at all.

There is this little town that we all call home It's way up in Texas where the buffalo used to roam People there are great, we love them all the same Only trouble is we never knew their names.

We extend sympathy to the Mendiola Family in their loss. The Mendiolas were our neighbors for a number of years and we were always invited over when storms were approaching. They are both greatly missed.
 Louis, Barbara, Ronal Wayne, Cathi and Jennifer.



IN CUSTODY IN WHEELER CO	
ALMONTE-QUIROZ, VICTOR	23
CAPELLAN-AREIS, CARLOS	34
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Storm (from Page 1) Melba, listening to our favorite bands. One of her bands played for her memorial. It was great to hear them again. After they played, Hunter (Burt) tried out the banjo. Just like every instrument he tries, he liked it and now he will have to get one.
 After the graveside, Lesli (Arnold) and Her husband, Donnie Clements, hosted family and friends for a BBQ dinner at the Hinton United Methodist Church Family Life Center.
 It was a busy weekend with the Wheeler Ex-Students Reunion. Hunter and I greeted guests at the book signing at the museum. I met several of my mom's former students.
 Fun, food and games were at Baba and Pop's. Hunter learned to play Hand and Foot.
 We tried to work on our yard in OKC, but it was too wet to move dirt. Everything

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2023 WHEELER EX-STUDENT/TEACHER REUNION



Makenzie Chick, 2000; Savanna Jahnel, 2005; Jotana Taylor, 2001; Terrie Patterson, 1978; Taylor Weatherly, 2002 and future Mustang, Harlow Taylor.



Cecil and Nancy Pierce, '57; and Catherine Willsie, 1963, and Leon Willsie.



Mickey Pride



Garth Nash, '58, and wife, Jack and Sharon Helton



Vicki Gaines Gurley, '71; Carol 'Fowler' Gisick, '71; Ronnie Wagner, '71; and Carroll Watson, '71.



Bill Campbell, Garth Nash, '58; Peggy (Pride) Campbell, '58; Sharon Helton, '59, and Mary E. (Black) Jones, '56

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Harold Nash plays "Nicknames"



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