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July 4th Activities Starts Fri.

Wheeler County Commissioners' Court

Retirement, Air-Med & Radios

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioner's 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 Commissioner Walker, in the absence of Judge McDowell.
- The meeting opened with a prayer.
- TCDRS, Ralph Wallace presented information on re-

tiree COLA and the group discussed the county's retirement plan.

• The Wheeler County Historical Commission was presented their 10th Texas Historical Commission Distinguished Service Award for the year 2022; the presentation was made by Commissioner Walker.

• The Court accepted the Wheeler County Treasurer's Report.

• No Budget Amendments were presented.

• The three Budget Transfers were approved.

• The Court approved the line-item transfers presented. *(Continued Page 2)*

Producers Need To File Crop Acreage

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after



Such wet country we live in. The rain Monday night measured 0.65".

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The *Times* welcomes Wheeler's newest business, "The Coate Rack", located 100 East Texas Street. Check *(Continued Page 3)*

STORM REPORT



As Reported by... Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, We made a quick trip to Bryan, Texas. We took Bill to get his car. He was lucky that it was not ruined when it was stolen. We had fun on the trip singing old songs.

Last Tuesday, my parents resigned from the Wheeler County Historical Commission. I have enjoyed many *(Continued Page 4)*

Saturday Market Opens Sat.

Saturday Market to kick-off this Saturday, July 1st on the north side of the courthouse in Wheeler at 10:00 am and will run until 2:00 pm or until vendors sell out. The market is open to one and all and offers all kinds of wares including fresh vegetables and fruits along with canned goods, baked goods, plants, meats, food items, craft, art, etc. The gardens are beginning to produce lots of squash, tomatoes, and other goodies and later in the summer we hope to have a good production of okra, melons, peas, cucumbers, corn, and more. Come out and support your local growers. Contact person is Chester Jones and

he can be reached at 806-438-5095.

Merely Mustard

I've started an experiment of sorts, namely, I have stopped wearing a wristwatch in particular, and have tried to stop keeping up with the time very closely, in general. One of the better, most all-encompassing questions I have heard asked is, "What if I did the opposite?" I decided to ask that question in regard to my habits concerning time. I had observed that I was painfully familiar with what time the clock showed, at virtually all waking hours, and yet I found that I was almost

What, When, Where and What Time

- Friday, June 30**
- Kickoff with Capital Farm Credit 6:00-9:00 P. M. (Courthouse Square)
 - FREE Hamburger and Hot Dog feed
 - Open Mic, Music & Entertainment for all
 - Quilt Show 4:00-8:00 P. M. (401 S. Main Street)
 - 2nd Annual "King of the Grill" 7:00 P. M.
 - Cooks Sign-In 6:30 P. M. (Market Square Parking Lot)
 - BBQ Cook-off hosted by Market Square Thriftway
 - Saturday, July 1 (Courthouse Square)**
 - Food Vendors & Merchants 9:00 A. M. (Courthouse Square)
 - Wild & Free on 83 Car Show 9:00 A. M. (Courthouse Square)
 - Quilt Show 9:00 A. M. -4:00 P. M. (401 S. Main Street)
 - Panhandle Handmade Market 9:00 A. M. -4:00 P. M. (Courthouse Square)
 - Softball Tournament 10:00 A. M. (Tom Britt Memorial Park, 721 W. Okla. off W. Hwy. 152)
 - Firecracker Pageant/Talent Show 3:00 P. M. (Wheeler I. S. D. Auditorium)
 - 7th Annual Cornhole Tournament 7:00 P. M.
 - Benefits Janette Unsted Memorial Scholarship Fund (East Side Courthouse Lawn) Sign-Ups. . . . 6:30 P. M. Raffle for professionally made cornhole boards by Jones Customized Cornhole Boards of Elk City
 - Street Dance 6:00 P. M. featuring JW Lane, CRX Tyler Wilhem & Jake Worthington (110 East Texas Street)
 - "King of the Grill" Awards will be presented at this time.

- Tuesday, July 4**
- 1st Lt. Ben Britt Fun Run/Walk 7:35 A. M.
 - Start/Finish at the EAST Entrance of Tom Britt Memorial Park (7th & Osage)
 - Parade 9:00 A. M. Parade forms in designated areas around 10th and Sweetwater (SW Corner of Parkview Assisted Living)
 - Opening Ceremonies 10:00 A. M. (Tom Britt Memorial Park)
 - Food, Merchandise & Fundraiser Booths
 - Turtle Race 10:15 A. M.
 - Goat Roping, Mud Volleyball, Horseshoe Tournament, "Punt, Pass & Kick" Activities Begin 11:00 A. M.
 - Kid's Korner Activities 12:00-6:00 P. M.
 - Chamber "Of the Year" Awards, Friends of Veterans
 - Quilt Presentations and Entertainment 6:00 P. M.
 - Fireworks Show 9:00 P. M.

Wheeler School Board Meets

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Wheeler ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 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, Ike Finsterwald, Billy Richardson, Machille Henson, Mike Houska, Bryan Markham, Superintendent; Stacey Horton, Business Manager; Heather Hardcastle, Elementary Principal; Mike Bailey, Secondary Principal; Shayla Ruiz, Centennial Bank; Bill Howard, Centennial Bank; Shane Sawyer, Wellington State Bank

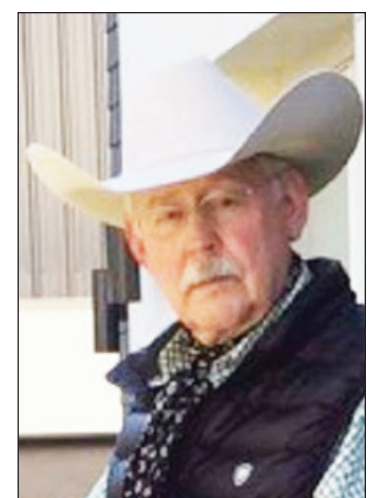
Members Absent: Beau Means and Mark Marshall

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

a. Pledge: Mike Houska led the pledge. *(Continued Page 2)*

Wheeler City Council Meets

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023
City of Wheeler City Office
505 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd.
Present: Dan Sams, Mayor; Council Members: Kelli Hampton, Tracy Tignor, Camden Dorris, Amy Zybach and Bryan Markham. Also present: Stephanie Alvarado, City Secretary; Paul Arganbright Water Supervisor; Kristen Moudy, EDC Executive Director; Chalone Hefley; Criss Rogers and Dustin Weatherly
Mayor Sams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mayor Dan Sams.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Criss Rogers addressed the council about noise and excessive traffic in front of his house at 606 Red River Street due to the snow cone stand across the street.
Lauren Guest gave options for the sign for the new city office building. The council agreed on one with the writing Wheeler City Hall.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Library: Vicki is going to be working with Stephanie to go over her budget monthly to stay within her budget.
Maintenance: Paul gave updates on what the water/sewer guys have been working on lately, training and certifications they are working on. He mentioned that Wheeler will have a water inspection done on May 23, and there will be some items that will need to be repaired. He will be attending a class about lead and copper this week. He reported the new city truck had been delivered



Ken Baxter

Graveside Rites For Ken R. Baxter

Ken Ribble Baxter, 75, of Shamrock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

He was born December 7, 1947, to Ethelyne Ribble Baxter and Robert Lee Baxter, Jr. He was a lifelong resident of Collingsworth County and Wheeler County. Ken was a graduate of Samnorwood *(Continued Page 3)*

SMALL - TOWN CARING

By Ariel Lohberger
Small-town church greetings sometimes go like this: "Did you hear about Donna being in the hospital?--and

she's had bags of mulch there by her flower beds for a long time. Why don't we go over and do it for her? It'll be a nice surprise when she gets home!"

"Great idea! And maybe the youth group could help us..." Just like that, a project was *(Continued Page 3)*

Houston & Justin Hardcastle Are On SHSU Honor Roll

Houston Hardcastle and Justin Hardcastle of Wheeler are listed on the Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours are named to the Spring 2023 honor roll.

In any case, for the time being (whatever time that is), I am running without a watch. The clocks on the oven and the microwave oven in my house do not display the correct time, courtesy of an electric outage, and my lack of effort to reset the time properly after electric service was restored. If I miss an appointment, cut me some slack. And, if I happen to arrive at some event on time, or, early, now you know the reason. More on this topic some other time.

always a few minutes late to any of my obligations. What is the use of keeping up with the time if you are going to be late anyway? I had taken an assessment which identified strengths, weaknesses, tendencies, personalities, etc. and the assessment declared (with the infallibility typical of computer algorithms) that I was a master of time, of sorts. I thought, "That can't be right." And then the more I thought about it the more I determined, "It is exactly right. I have mastered the art of time

keeping, and have used that mastery to master the art of being precisely a few minutes late to all of my obligations." I was very seldom more than five minutes late, and very seldom on time, and if I was, the timeliness was often earned by playing the game of breaking-the-speed-limit-hoping-to-not-have-a-collision-or-a-speeding-ticket roulette. I imagine there is a deeper, psychological, lesson behind that phenomenon, but I have not endeavored to wrestle with it.

Crop (from Page 1)

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety;
- Intended use of the crop;
- Number of acres of the crop;
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop;
- Planting date(s);
- Planting pattern, when applicable;
- Producer shares;
- Irrigation practice(s);
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable;
- Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Exceptions

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or ac-

quiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

• Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification. (Continued Page 3)

I.S.D. (from Page 1)

b. Invocation: Machille Henson 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 April 26, 2023

Ike Finsterwald motioned to approve the minutes. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Five 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): Mrs. Horton provided the financial statements through May 10, 2023.

c. Financial Assumptions: Mr. Markham provided the financial assumptions as of May 5, 2023.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Presentation of Depository Bids: Shayla Ruiz presented the depository contract bid for Centennial Bank. Shane Sawyer presented the depository contract bid for Wellington State Bank.

b. Principals' Reports
Mrs. Hardcastle presented the elementary report including steady enrollment, end-of-year field trips, PK/K Graduation, and awards programs.

Mr. Bailey presented the secondary report including steady enrollment, state track, and baccalaureate/graduation plans.

c. Review Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Instruction Plan: Mr.

Thank You

Thank you so much to all the longtime friends, who called, texted, brought food, came to visit and gave condolences to our family. We appreciate all the donations made to the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Dept.

A special "Thank You" to the Fire Dept. for providing Pall Bearers and giving Daddy a first Class ride to Kelton in the Fire Truck. He would have loved that! We appreciate all the ones that gave Daddy such good care over the past 16 months at the Parkview Assisted Living. He expressed to us many times "What a wonderful place it was."

Thank you to all the many visitors he welcomed while he was there. Daddy grew up in Kelton and lived in Wheeler since 1959. He always said he wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

The Boyd Neal Austin Family

Markham reviewed the RIP-ICS for Wheeler ISD.

d. Review of Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief—Use of Funds: Mr. Markham reviewed the ESSER—Use of Funds for Wheeler ISD.

VI. ACTION ITEMS
a. Unfinished Business
1. No Unfinished Business
b. New Business

1. Issue Certificate of Election Statement and Swear in Newly Elected Trustees: Billy Richardson was sworn in as a Trustee for the term 2023-2026.

2. Reorganize the Board: Billy Richardson made a motion to maintain prior official positions. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

3. Consider/Approve Depository Contract: Ike Finsterwald made a motion to approve the depository contract bid from Wellington State Bank for the term July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no

Comm. (from Page 1)

• No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

• In the absence of Judge McDowell, no report was given.

• The commissioners reported that work was done on the water problem at the Wheeler County show barn.

• Tecolote Holdings, LLC received permission to cut County Road 18 for the installation of a gas pipeline

• David Simpson, Commissioner Pct. 3, received approval to hire Tommy Wright, Jr. as part-time employee at an hourly base rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective June 27, 2023.

• Sheriff Johnny Carter received permission to have 5-10 year-old computer hardware declared salvage.

• The court approved a Gray County housing contract for prisoners housed in Wheeler County Jail.

• The Commissioners approved the purchase of Oklahoma compatible radios and walkie-talkies at a cost of \$10,592.00. One-fourth of the amount to be taken from each of the Commissioners' budgets.

• The Court approved the renewal of the AirMed contract for full-time, part-time and seasonal employees and their immediate families at a cost of \$55 per employee.

• The Court voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$64,841.31.



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votes against.

4. Consider/Approve Staff Stipends: Mike Houska made a motion to approve ESSER retention stipends for all staff. Machille Henson seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Review May Meeting Date: The Regular June Meeting will be held June 14, 2023. The Special June Budget Meeting will be held June 28, 2023.

b. Preliminary Values: Mr. Markham provided preliminary taxable values for both Wheeler and Gray Counties. The total taxable value is \$277,810,608.

c. Teacher Work Day & Graduation: Mr. Markham provided work day and graduation details.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. If Needed, According to Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et seq.

The Board Entered Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

The Board Returned to Open Session at 7:35 pm.

b. Consider/Take Action on Resignations/Hiring of Personnel

Mike Houska made a motion to approve a probationary contract for Megan Horn. Machille Henson seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Billy Richardson motioned to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Five members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

Council (from Page 1)

501 Alan Bean. The building will be cleaned this week and the grounds have been spruced up. We should be able to move in soon. Mayor Sams addressed the council with the monthly fee the city receives for the collection of WTG payments. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Sams discussed the delinquent water payment procedure. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Sams updated the council on him attending an Emergency Management training in Canadian, a municipal law seminar, and a TML small town conference this month.

Discussion was held on the lease of a copy machine for the new office building. More information was needed before a decision was made. Mayor Sams gave an update on updating the automated Water Salesman outside of current building. Due to the cost of replacing and our current one working he decided to not update and send customers to load out west of town if needed.

ACTION ITEMS:
Mayor Sams presented the council with the proposal of an 8% raise for all employees apart from the two employees who have been here less

than six months. Amy Zybach made a motion seconded by Bryan Markham to give all full time and the two part time employees who have been employed more than six months an 8% increase in wages. The motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Sams presented the council with the option to hire Jenny Estrada as the Pool manager for the 2023 season. She was the only applicant. The motion was made by Camden Dorris and seconded by Kelli Hampton to hire Jenny Estrada as the 2023 pool season manager. The motion passed unanimously.

Water/Sewer rate increases were discussed. Mayor Sams and Paul Arganbright made a recommendation for the increase. After deliberation Bryan Markham made a motion seconded by Tracy Tignor to approve the recommended Water/Sewer rates. The motion passed unanimously.

March & April meeting minutes- A motion was made by Bryan Markham seconded by Tracy Tignor to approve the March and April meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tracy Tignor and seconded by Amy Zybach to accept the engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis for the 2022-2023 financial audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Sams adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p. m.

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2	3	4 Wheeler's Annual 4th of July Celebration Fun Run/Walk Parade-Awards Fireworks	5	6 W. Fire Dept. . . . 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club	7	8
9	10 Comm. Court 9:00 AM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 W. City Council. . . 7:00 P.M. Parkview Board . . . 6:00 P.M.	18	19	20 W. Fire Dept. . . . 7:00 P.M. Chamber of Commerce Maxey's 12 Noon	21	22
23	24 Comm. Court 9:00 AM	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MULE RAFFLE

Curtis & Leroy bought a mule for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the mule the next day. The next morning the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, fellows, I have some bad news, the mule died last night."

Curtis & Leroy replied, "Well, then just give us our money back." The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already." They said, "OK then, just bring us the dead mule." The farmer asked, "What in the world ya'll gonna do with a dead mule?" Curtis said, "We gonna raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead mule!" Leroy said, "We shore can! We don't hafta tell nobody he's dead!" A couple of weeks later, the farmer ran into Curtis & Leroy at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and asked, "What'd you fellers ever do with that dead mule?"

They said, "We raffled him off like we said we wuz gonna do." Leroy said, "We sold 500 tickets fer two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898." The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?" Curtis said, "Well, the feller who won got upset. So we gave him his two dollars back."

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USDA Announces

Corrections To
USDA Announces Corrections to Emergency Relief Program Policy to More Accurately Reflect 2020 and 2021 Natural Disaster Impacts on Crops Intended for On-Farm Use.

Duplicative payment provisions for two key conservation programs also clarified

The U.S. Department of **Baxter** (from Page 1)

High School and West Texas A&M University, where he earned a B. S. in Education with an emphasis in Special Education and a M. Ed. in Counseling with a minor in Psychology as well as an educational diagnostician certification. He served in education for over 30 years. Upon retirement, Ken worked in real estate. Ken was a member of the Board of Trustees at The University of the South—Sewanee, Tennessee. He was the Eastern Panhandle representative to Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Golden Nail Award and served on the Harrington Cancer Center Circle of Friends Board of Directors. He was a member of the Wheeler County Historical Commission and the Wheeler County Tax Appraisal Board. He served as Senior Warden at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Janis Ruth Holmes Baxter, and his brother, Bob Baxter. Ken is survived by his wife Rosemary Baxter, his children, Annabelle Baxter of Dallas, Hugh Baxter of Atlanta, Georgia, Paige Buckingham and husband, Bobby, of Rockwall, Murphy Parks and wife, Amanda, of Ft. Worth. Surviving grandchildren are Ben Parks, Olivia Parks, Julia Buckingham, Billie Buckingham, and one great-grandchild, Sawyer Buckingham.

Graveside services were held in Shamrock Cemetery Monday, June 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM officiated by Rev. Jim Aveni. Honorary Pallbearers were Hugh D. Baxter, Murphy H. Parks, Benjamin H. Parks, Bobby Dale Buckingham Jr., Michael B. McKinney, Rev. Canon William D. Nix, Dr. Mike Smith, S. S. Buddy Stephens, Charles F. White, and Dr. Randall Williams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church of Shamrock or to any favorite charity. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Emergency Relief Program Policy

Agriculture (USDA) is updating the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two to provide a method for valuing losses and accessing program benefits to eligible producers of certain crops, including grapes grown and used by the same producer for wine production or forage that is grown, stored and fed to livestock, that do not generate revenue directly from the sale of the crop. These updates ensure that ERP benefits are more reflective of these producers' actual crop losses resulting from 2020 and 2021 natural disaster events. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting ERP Phase Two applications from eligible wine grape and forage producers once this technical correction to ERP is published in the Federal Register and becomes effective, which it anticipates will be on Friday, June 16, 2023. The deadline

Crop

(from Page 2)
Farmers.gov Portal
Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units through the farmers.gov portal. Through a new mapping feature, producers can import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture planting boundaries. This allows producers to view, save, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes. To access mapping features and other helpful on-line tools, producers need level 2 eAuth access linked to their Business Partner customer record. Visit farmers.gov/account to learn how to create a farmers.gov account.

In addition to mapping tools, a farmers.gov account offers a variety of self-service opportunities for FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) customers, including managing FSA farm loans and NRCS conservation contracts. Video tutorials, including how to use mapping tools, are available on the farmers.gov YouTube channel. Learn more about a farmers.gov account.

More Information
For questions, please contact the Wheeler County FSA office at (806) 826-5578.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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Oil & Gas NEWS

WEEK OF JUNE 12-18, 2023
Intents to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE, West) Pantera Energy Company, #9 Anna Herber, (640 acres) 1930' FNL & 1930' FWL, Sec 184, Blk B2, H&GN RR Surv, A-901, 6.5 mi SE from Kingsmill TX TD 3404', (sgd. Laura Savage 806-376-6625) Vertical Reclass
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management, LLC, #5 Wilson, (160 acres) 2311' FSL & 330' FEL, Sec 207, Blk 3T, T&NO RR Surv, A-290, 12 mi SE from Sunray TX TD 4000', (sgd. Tonya Blanchard 972-782-4267) Vertical Recompletion Amended
Gas Completions
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #3D Vent, 11 mi E from Dumas, Sec 3, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-222, spud 11-15-2022, compl 1-6-2023, tested 1-22-2023, potential 175 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 11# CP, TVD 3004', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33736, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #241A Henkel, 7 mi E from Dumas, Sec 241, Blk 3T, HT&B RR Surv, A-10, spud 11-20-2022, compl 1-7-2023, tested 1-23-2023, potential 280 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 11# CP, TVD 3200', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33741, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #272B Ethelyn, 4 mi E from Dumas, Sec 272, Blk 44, H&TC RR Surv, A-686, spud 11-30-2022, compl 1-13-2023, tested 1-25-2023, potential 230 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 18# CP, TVD 3334', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33724, Vertical
Oil Completions
ROBERTS (PAN PETRO, Cleveland) Latigo Petroleum, LLC, #152H BWL, 34 mi NW from Miami, Sec 52, Blk R, AB&M Surv, A-1016, spud 6-25-2022, compl 12-2-2022, tested 12-27-2022, potential 22 bbls-oil, 241 mcf, 28 bbls wtr, 100# ftp, 440# CP, TVD 6807', MD 14215' API 42-393-32747, Horizontal
ROBERTS (PAN PETRO, Cleveland) Latigo Petroleum, LLC, #252H BWL, 34 mi NW from Miami, Sec 52, Blk R, AB&M Surv, A-1016, spud 7-20-2022, compl 12-1-2022, tested 5-15-2023, potential 14 bbls-oil, 391 mcf, 87 bbls wtr, 100# ftp, 480# CP, TVD 6820', MD 13570' API 42-393-32748, Horizontal
ROBERTS (PAN PETRO, Cleveland) Latigo Petroleum, LLC, #151H BWL, 33 mi NW from Miami, Sec 51, Blk R, AB&M Surv, A-1, spud 8-11-2022, compl 3-24-2023, tested 4-11-2023, potential 82 bbls-oil, 1629 mcf, 0 bbls wtr, 350# ftp, 890# CP, TVD 6676', MD 12970' API 42-393-32750, Horizontal

Background

In January 2023, FSA announced ERP Phase Two,

Chat

(from Page 1)
out their stock, which includes really neat Custom Made Diaper Cakes.

— cwe —
Stop in and take a look at their selection and say "Hello" to Brian and Joleen Coate.
— cwe —
The 38th Annual 4th of July Celebration gets under way Friday.

— cwe —
With all the activities scheduled for the 4th, Tuesday, we will not publish a paper for July 6. The Good Lord willing, we will be back on schedule July 13.

— cwe —
Cathi came through the City on her way home after spending time in Iowa City, Iowa, with Dorcie.
— cwe —
We did not return to Wheeler until Monday morning.
— cwe —
I had problems with me phone Monday and could not get it figured out; I went all day with the phone not working right. Tuesday morning I was reminded that one should turn the computer off and restart when it quits for no apparent reason. I completely turned it off and restarted it; It works fine.

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12. Complete failure
14. Coastal eagle
15. Artful move
16. Arctic Ocean floater
17. Ascend
18. Roadsters
19. Hitchhiker's principles?
22. Make a cliché
23. Infamous offender Jeffrey
27. Cause of inflation?
28. Specialized markets
30. Greek salad cheese
31. 24 hours
32. French novelist
48. Speak pompously
50. Hunch
52. Autonomy
54. Type of tee
57. Snares
58. Christmas tree topper
59. In no time ___ (instantly)
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born. But then, a colossal damper: Donna passed that night. Grief led to determination; the decision was made to go ahead and do the flower beds in her honor. Two women and one girl, committed; and others notified.

On the morning chosen, Small-Town Caring kicked into high gear. The two women and the girl showed up, followed by a Ranger with a girl and her two brothers... followed by another Ranger with three more kids... followed by two dads with mowers and another with a weedeater.

Donna loved gardening, and she had designed three beautiful large flower beds for her and her husband's retirement home. Poor health had prevented her working outside for a long time, and her loving husband had been busy being her caretaker. There was much to do.

As the morning progressed, the heat rose, sweat began to pour, and water breaks were necessary. The women (Teresa and Ariel) had anticipated that, but they discovered their faith had been lacking; they had not brought enough. It wasn't a problem. The kids happily hopped on their Rangers and ran errands for any necessity...more water, hauling off dirt, more tools...

In spite of the summer-like weather, no complaining was heard. Cheerful visiting ensued as kids and adults squatted while pulling grass out of flower beds. Water bottles occasionally got shaken out onto someone's back, or head (accidentally, of course...)

A grandma and great-grandchild arrived to help. Another set of grandparents showed up. For lunch, the whole crew moved to the Snack Shack, and decided to adjourn until cooler hours to

finish the project. Ariel chatted with another lunch customer—a boy who was working for his dad. "You can come join us this evening if you want to help...we're finishing at 7:00 when the heat goes down!"

That evening almost everyone was back. And the kid from the Snack Shack showed up—with both his parents. It turned out that his dad had often worked with Donna's husband, and welcomed the chance to do something for Sam. Another teenaged couple showed up who hadn't been able to come during the day.

When everyone left that evening, the whole place looked lovely. At least twenty-five people had helped in one way or another. The prettiest part was invisible: the whole place was covered with caring hearts. Perhaps passersby could not see that part. But the family could.

P.S. Several weeks later, a tornado went through the Allison community and rural area. Thankfully, no injuries were reported. The Small-Town Caring kicked into high gear again. Community people and family members, both local and from as far as two hours away, showed up to help. Concerned firefighters called or drove around to check on families that received damage. People showed up and helped us haul off at least 8 trailer loads of broken tree limbs and debris. Every family affected could tell a similar story. Personally, I would not want to live anywhere else.

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Advice from An Old Hillbilly
— Curtis Rutledge

- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Forgive your enemies; its what GOD says to do.
- If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: For the tenth year in a row, Wheeler County Historical Committee has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas State Historical Commission for their outstanding work in preserving the History of Wheeler County. The award was presented by County Commissioner John Walker. at the June 26th meeting of the Wheeler County Commissioners. Pictured here (l. to r.) are James Hubble, Kathleen Cross, Rhonda and Leroy Meriwether, Ada Lester, Commissioner David Simpson, Ann Graham, Commissioner Jackie Don May, Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Phillip Gaines. Not pictured is the late Ken Baxter, a member of the County Historical Commission

USDA (from Page 3)

Determining Crop Value
Producers of certain crops now have a method for including crop value in their allowable gross revenue for the purpose of determining ERP Phase 2 benefits.

The value of the eligible crop intended for on-farm use will be based on the producer's actual production of the crop and a price for the crop as determined by FSA's Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs based on the best available data for each crop such as published crop price data or the average price obtained by other producers in the area. Acceptable, published sources including but are not limited to Federal Crop Insurance Corporation established prices, FSA established National Crop Table prices and National Agricultural Statistic Service prices.

Revenue and pricing guidelines for expected revenue for wine grapes and on-farm forage is available online for producer reference and convenience when applying for ERP Phase Two.

Wine grape and forage producers who have already submitted their ERP Phase Two applications to FSA have the option of revising the application and updating their allowable gross revenue to include crop value if applicable.

Producers of crops grown for on-farm use other than wine grapes and forage may request consideration to use a crop's value in their allowable gross revenue. Submit requests to RA.FSA.DCWA2.ppb@wdc.usda.gov. FSA's Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs will review submitted requests.

Additional Technical Corrections – Conservation Programs

In addition to emergency relief policy updates, FSA has also established policy corrections for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP). The policy correction clarifies that federal payments received for the same practice will be considered duplicative assistance for producers who receive ECP and EFRP program payments. The revised program provisions are related to program updates FSA announced in January that give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters (see January 10, 2023 news release for more information).

ECP and EFRP provide financial and technical assistance to restore conservation practices like fencing, damaged farmland or forests following natural disasters.

More Information
FSA offers an online ERP tool to help producers determine what is considered allowable gross revenue.

Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for



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ERP Phase Two. Producers should also keep in mind that July 15 is a major deadline to complete acreage reports for most crops. FSA encourages producers to complete the ERP Phase Two application and acreage report during the same office visit. Applications for the Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program, a revenue-based program for losses resulting from the pandemic, can also be completed.

For more information, view the ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet, PARP Fact Sheet, the ERP Phase Two-PARP Comparison Fact Sheet, ERP Phase Two application video tutorial, PARP application video tutorial, myth-buster blog

Storm (from Page 1)

adventures with Ms Ada and all the other members.

For ten consecutive years WCHC has received the Distinguished Service Award from the State of Texas, for preserving the history of Wheeler County. On Monday, the Wheeler County Commissioners presented the award for 2022. I always take pictures. This time it was sad because one of the WCHC members passed away. My mom carried a picture of her lifelong friend, Ken Baxter, so he could be recognized for his work with WCHC.

My mom will still be working on history with the Wheeler Historical Museum. My dad will help.

Being sick is not fun! The doctor said that Hunter and I have strep throat. He gave us a prescription, but we do not feel well yet. I am so sorry that I could not go to Ken Baxter's family or his service, but we do not want to make other people sick. We should be ok when we finish our medicine. That's it!

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— Curtis Rutledge

- Don't corner something that is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.
- Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

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