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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



Man of the Year—Mayor Dan Sams



Teenager of the Year — Breeley Harris



Employee of the Year — Chief Deputy Caden Walden



Woman of the Year— Lauren Guest



Business of the Year — Koepe Sales & Koepe Legacy Insurance



Pioneer of the Year — Ada Lou Lester

Wheeler Co. Commissioners' Court

\$52,081.18 Pickup Purchased

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023, 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 of the meeting was called to order.

- Opening prayer offered.
- No public comment was offered.
- The Court approved the County Offices reports as presented.
- The Court approved the Budget Amendments.
- There were no Budget Transfers.

- The Court approved the line-item transfers.
- No action was taken on the Burn Ban.
- The judge reported that the budget for next year was a work in progress. Raises for the employees will be in the form of increased insurance costs.
- No action was taken on the budget.
- No action was taken on setting a minimum Fund Bal-

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The 4th of July Celebration was quite the success.

— cwe —

Showers dampened activities Friday evening, but ended and a very nice evening was enjoyed.

— cwe —

A big “Tip of the Hat” to Kristen Moudy! Fantastic job!

— cwe —

Thanks, Sammi Lee Davis

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STORM REPORT

As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, Wheeler has the best Fourth of July Celebration! It started on Saturday and ended on Tuesday with the big fireworks! In between the fun activities we played games, ate delicious food, and enjoyed Pop's homemade ice cream. He makes the best! Jennifer, Mark (Robles), Seth, and William were here.

The parade took a new route this time and ended at Britt Memorial Park, where

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Parkview Hospital Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman; Maria Ford, Vice-Chairman (by telephone); Janie VanZandt, Secretary; Zane Zybach, Member; Ken Daughtery, Member

1. OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO

2. CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with a prayer offered by Zane Zybach.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, OATH



Volunteers of the Year — Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department—75th Anniversary

Wheeler I.S.D. June 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 14, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the board conference room located at #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

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Mobeetie City Council Minutes

Date: June 15, 2023
Meeting called to Order at 5:45p.m. by Mayor Charly Helton.

Prayer by: Charly Helton.
Members Present: Mayor Charly Helton, Garrett Childress, Calvin Helton, Rachel Adkins.

Members Absent: Wesley Crites; Travis Leamon

Pubic: None
Minutes: Two sets of Minutes for May 9, 2023. Special

Those present were: Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, Ike Finsterwald, Billy Richardson, Mark Marshall, Beau Means, Machille Henson, Mike Houska, Bryan Markham, Superintendent; Megan Horn, Secondary Principal

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
a. Pledge Mark Marshall led the pledge.
b. Invocation
Billy Richardson offered the invocation.

II. OPEN FORUM: a. Hearing of Any Person/ Group Wishing to Address the Board

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Former “Wheeler Times” Employee

Jane Thomas Buried At Wheeler

Jane Thomas, 75-year-old resident of Guymon, Oklahoma passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023, at her home.

Services were Wednesday, July 5, 2023 in Guymon with burial at 4:00 p.m. in Wheeler Cemetery.

Alicia Jane Helm was born December 18, 1947 in Memphis, Texas to John and Honoria (Phillips) Helm Jr.

Jane attended the Estilline, Texas school system graduating with the class of 1965. After graduation she attended Texas Tech University for two years.

On April 6, 1968, Jane was united in marriage to Del-



Jane Thomas

bert Thomas. This union was blessed with two boys. She

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Memorial Service For Harry Sims

Harry D. Sims passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at his home in Mobeetie, TX at the age of 69 years, 7 months and 12 days. A family-led Pasture Memorial Service was held at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at their old 1918 Ranch House, located at 8075 CR 7 in Mobeetie, TX.

Those attending are asked to please take CR 7 South from Highway 152 in order to aid with traffic flow. Pasture parking, along with handicapped access will be provided. Pastor Jeff Cates officiated.

Cremation and Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Harry was born on November 24, 1953 in Shamrock, TX to Jack and LaRue (Cole) Sims. They lived in Mobeetie



Harry Sims

Merely Mustard

The no-wristwatch experiment continues. I am reluctant to try to pattern preliminary results, but I am exploring the psychology behind my former behavior. I always knew what time it was, yet I was never on time. I had the primal, hu-

man yearning (I don't think dogs or other species have need of doing this) of wanting to throw off the shackles and be free of the tyranny of time; or, in more poetic parlance, to break my rusty cage and run. Yet is it not a sort of con-

tradiction to claim that time is a tyrant, and also to wear the tyrant's symbol, to be its standard bearer, and be pre-occupied by its presence and its rule? If you don't want to be subject to the king, how much sense does it make to

wear his coat of arms? Such was my discongruent state. No house or nation which is divided can stand, and, in the same vein, neither can a divided mind.

It occurred to me that the

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Hosp. (from Page 1)

Hibler, and Janie VanZandt were sworn in as board members by repeating the official Oath of Office. The election of officers (by acclamation) was completed by swearing in Pam Hibler as Chairman, Marla Ford as Vice-Chairman, and Janie VanZandt as Secretary.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: April 17, 2023

b. Patient census

c. Payment of bills

d. Investments -Currently, there is one CD at Happy State Bank and one at Wellington State Bank totaling \$1,121,553.40.

e. QAPI -Discussion about certain aspects of the report were discussed.

f. Date of next meeting: June 19, 2023

Ken Daugherty made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Zane Zybach seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

4. EMS REPORT: Skye Lane's report stated that both new ambulances are fully stocked and in service. Medic 3 has been repaired and is back in service. New narcotic bags have been purchased for all three ambulances, as well as new insulated bags for refrigerated medications. With assistance of area fire departments and a RAC grant, a new extrication mannequin has been purchased for training EMT classes. Skye is working with Dr Evans (Parkview ER doc) and Dr Pinson (our medical control doc) to write new protocol for hypertensive emergency in the field. The department is planning an open house in July. In-house and online training are continually completed by the staff. The Basic EMT class is in full swing with 14 students. Bryan Yates from Pampa was hired for the full-time position on B shift. The NWCEMS responded to 21 calls in April.

5. CNO REPORT:

a. Nurse Staffing: Nurse staffing remains fully covered. There are 2 RNs, or 1 RN and 1 LVN on each shift, as well as 2 nurse aides. The hospital staff is assisting with patient care in assisted living at the request of Kaitly Woolard, AL Manager. One CNA was terminated. The Nursing Council will meet on April 26. No issues were identified.

b. EMR Progress: No new issues reported.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS: Jace Henderson reviewed the balance sheet and the operating/income statement with the board. Questions were asked by the board, and Jace explained the report in detail.

a. Palo Duro G&P Suit Update -No report.

b. Budget Amendment for Ambulance-The budget was amended to purchase two new ambulances. Only one was originally budgeted. Cecil Gaither, CEO, and Pam Hibler, Board Chairman, signed the amended budget.

Merely (from Page 1)

reason I thought time a tyrant was because I think I was keeping up with time in order to delay as long as possible my initiating that thing that I didn't want to do, or going to that place I didn't want to go. The watch on my wrist was a countdown to a bomb's detonation, or like an execution clock - just a reminder and a measurement of when the next miserable thing might commence. Who can enjoy "free" time under that sort of mindset? Is there such a thing as freedom in a world like that?

So results as to the harm or the effectiveness of not keeping much track of time are yet to be determined; in any case, it seems my reason for keeping time in the first place were perhaps flawed, or setting myself up in a way which impeded my enjoyment of time.

c. BCBS contract-Jim McCory called to report the BCBS contract will show about a 12% increase in funds.

d. WSB Deposit Rates-WSB has been paying 1.5% on our accounts. It has been increased to 2.5%. Jace will renegotiate in June.

e. Preliminary 2024 Budget-Jace presented the preliminary 2024 budget to the board for review.

7. APPROVE BAD DEBT-The bad debt/charity report was presented to the board for review. Zane Zybach made a motion to approve the report. Ken Daugherty seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Board Education: Cecil is obtaining information about board training.

b. Discuss Dr. Paul Elangwe-Dr Elangwe owes the hospital district the monies he received as a sign-on bonus. Ken made a motion to give him until January 1, 2024, to repay the \$50,000 sign-on bonus. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

C. Discuss Jason proposal-Administration and the board discussed Dr.Juson's request to be paid for making rounds and transfers. He brought some information to Cecil concerning his request. Cecil will talk to Dr Juson. There is a doctor from Shattuck possibly interested in working in Wheeler.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SWEARING IN: See #2 above,

b. Conflict of interest, Adverse Legal Action Questionnaire, Orientation Packet: Board members completed

Comm. (from Page 1)

ance goal policy.

• No action was taken on COLA contribution to Wheeler County Retirement Fund

• The Court approved the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet pickup from Ware Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,081.18 by the Sheriff's Department.

• The Court approved the retirement of K9 officer, Grom after 8.5 years service and allowing the dog to live with Deputy Dale Cole. Officer Cole takes ownership and full responsibility for the dog.

• The Court approved an Interlocal Agreement with Region 8 Education Service Center Pittsburg, Texas TIPS purchasing services.

• The condition, servicing and repair of Courthouse Heating an Air Conditioning. Our present system is repairable; a search is being made to fine company to repair.

• The Court voted to approve the bid of \$9,600 by Double A Concrete of Shamrock for two 10'x40'x6" aprons around pit at DPS Weigh Station at Shamrock.

The Court voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$236,198.45.

Mob. (from Page 1)

rett Childress. Motion made by Calvin Helton to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Garrett Childress. Motion approved 3-0.

Monthly Bills were reviewed and considered for payment. Motion made by Garrett Childress to approve and pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Calvin Helton. Motion approved 3-0.

Old Business: None
New Business: Motion was made by Garrett Childress to hire Melissa Hunt as City Secretary @\$250/ from the General Operating funds. Seconded by Calvin Helton. Motion approved 3-0.

Mayor's Report: None
Water Report: Good
Meeting Adjourned: 6:30p.m.

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38th Annual 4th of July Results

By Kristen Moudy

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Thomas (from Page 1)

and Delbert made their home in Wheeler, Texas from 1969 till moving to Guymon full time in 2000.

While living in Wheeler, Jane was employed by *The Wheeler Times* for a number of years as secretary/typist.

Jane enjoyed shopping, going to the casinos, spending time with family and was an avid Elvis fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son Dwight in 2008.

Left to carry on her legacy is her husband, Delbert, of the home, one son: Drew Thomas of Wheeler, Texas, one granddaughter: Kylie Thomas of Goodwell, Oklahoma, one great-granddaughter: McCray Roybal of Goodwell, Oklahoma, one God-sister Samann (Vest) Watkins and husband, Ty, of Monahans, Texas.

Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at Henson-Novak Funeral Home in Guymon.

Sims (from Page 1)

Lepel on December 10, 1971 in Canyon, TX. After cowboying, Harry branched out into numerous personal ventures. These included custom branding work, fencing and construction and even a chemical company. It was these ventures, along with 53 original acres of land that culminated with Harry's biggest accomplishment in life, the Rockin' S Ranch. Additionally, he enjoyed roping, golfing and spending time in Arizona roping with friends. He attended the Methodist Church in Mobeetie.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Sims of Mobeetie; 1 daughter, Juhree Reasoner and husband, Jason, of East Texas; 1 son, Tye Sims and wife, Tiffany, of Mobeetie; 4 grandchildren, Lauren Guest and husband, Hayden, Chase Christy and wife, Kory, Savannah Sims and Kelton Sims; 4 great-grandsons; 3 bonus grandchildren; 1 brother, Kyle Sims and wife, Yvette of Happy, TX; 1 sister, Sharon Jolly and husband, Mark, of Canyon, TX; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Methodist Church in Mobeetie, TX.

Sign our online guest book at RobertsonFuneral.com.

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ACTIVITIES: 2M Cattle Co., B&G Cattle Co., Bass Farms, Billy & Kara Richardson and Family, Carniceria Aguilar, Chick's All Things Beauty, D.Howard Production Consulting, LLC, Finsterwald Ranch, Gageby Store, Gage Angeley Construction, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Inc., JL Ranch LLC, Kim's Barber Shop, Meek Club Lambs, Panhandle Handmade Market, Pat & Liz McDowell, Randy, Machille, Rowdy, Lacey and Stratton, Rogue Theater, SLD Multimedia, Illuzion Elite Dance and Gymnastics, The Goad Families, The Rusty Barb, Wheeler Land & Livestock, LLC, Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation, *Wheeler Times*, Wheeler Veterinary Clinic, Y&C Tax Services, David & Stefanie Jones, Hefley Hardware and Feed, Massage Therapy Center, Sew Champ Designs, Taylor Weatherly, Realtor, Turkey Track Ranch, and Wheeler Self Storage

Saturday, July 1st

2nd Annual MUD Volleyball Tournament - Hosted by: DV8 Youth

• 1st Place: Notorious M.U.D.

• Runner Ups: ACES

2022 Annual H.L. OWENS HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT (TA TAYLOR)

• Doubles Champions: Toby Lefew and Derek Doss

• Doubles Runner-Up: Tera and Madison Finsterwald

• Singles Champion: TA Taylor

• Singles Runner Up: Tera Finsterwald

2nd Annual Wild & Free on 83 Car Show - Hosted by: Kelly & Casey Cook

• Best in Show: Kirk Clay - 1938 Pontiac Chieftain

• People's Choice: Kathy Ensley 1965 Ford Mustang

• Poker Run: Phillip Woodard

7th Annual Janette Umsted Memorial Scholarship Cornhole Tournament

• BEST SHOT:
• 1st Place: (Advanced)
• 1st Place: (Beginner)
• Runner Up: (Advanced)
• Runner Up: (Beginner)

Mr. and Miss Firecracker Pageant/Talent Show

Harlow LaJoy Taylor, Huxley Salas and Jasper Allen Lenz with their rendition of "Baby Shark", Callie Lynn Koepke with "Delta Dawn", Adlee Koepke and Lucy Moudy with Dolly Parton's "Working 9 to 5" and

2nd Annual "King of the Grill" Red, White and BBQ Contest - Hosted by: Market Square

Chicken: Pork 'n Things / Ribs: Pork 'n Things / Pork: Pork 'n Things / Brisket: Spare Parts BBQ / Cook's Choice: Pork 'n Things / Overall Grand Champion and winner of TREAGER Grill given away by Market Square: Pork 'n Things

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Featuring: JW Lane & CR X, Tyler Wilhelm, and Jake Worthington

TUESDAY, JULY 4th
Tom Britt Memorial Park

1st Lt. Ben Britt Fun Run:

• Male (10 & under): Kamden Lawyer 18:35

• Female (10 & under): Izzy Sloan 25:00

• Male (11-18): Tazlan

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Brown 13:07
• Female (11-18): Skylynn Lawyer 15:27
• Male (19-30): Miles Keith 19:24
• Female (19-30): Taylor Sparks 14:31
• Male (31-50):Shane Whiteley 16:43
• Female (31-50): Brittany English 16:43
• Male (51+): Steve Zybach 31:55
• Female (51): Kimberly Porch 32:07
• Bicycle: Stratton Lee
• Oldest Participant(s): Steve Zybach
• Youngest Participant: Charlee Sue Hibler

PARADE:
• Business: Wellington State Bank
• Organization: Wheeler County Historical Commission
• Classic Car: Bob & Mary Nell Finsterwald
• Church: DV8 Youth
• Family: Heltons
• Just for Fun: Rhines & Moudys
• ATV: Koepkes
• Open: WHS Cheerleaders

TURTLE RACE:

• Heat 1: Adelynn Gallardo
• Heat 2: Hunter York
• Heat 3: Clancy Jahnel
• Heat 4: Lila Goad
• Heat 5: Jason Oswalt
• Heat 6: Azrael Griffin
• Heat 7: Elvin Cinajero
• Grand Champion: Lila Goad

PUNT / PASS / KICK

(Dustin & Taylor Weatherly):
• Kindergarten and Younger: Ava Cooper

• 1st -2nd Grade:StrattenLee

• 3rd-4th Grade:HenryReid

• 5th - 6th Grade: Ernesto
• 7th - 8th Grade: Preston Hampton

• High School: Zack Keith

• Adult: Miles Keith

Chamber of Commerce "____ of the Year" Awards

- Nominated by peers and community members

• **Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Man of the Year** - Mayor Dan Sams

This year's MAN of the YEAR has always been a man of service. He began giving back to his country when he joined the Navy and became a helicopter crewman serving as an anti-submarine warfare operator and a search and rescue swimmer while flying off the USS Saratoga out of Florida. In 1988 he moved his wife and children

to Wheeler where he worked in the oil and gas industry until his retirement in 2020. He has been involved in many aspects of our community and Wheeler County. Including serving on the Wheeler ISD School Board, assisting with Boy Scout Troop 472, being involved with his church, and generally helping out with any activities where he was needed. Most recently, Dan became the mayor of the City of Wheeler. When Dan saw the vacancy in our town's leadership, he knew he was willing to step up and serve once again. Since becoming mayor, Dan has been instrumental in acquiring the new city offices and making sure the office is user friendly for customers, staff, and city council. He works diligently to make sure all aspects of city government are run legally and efficiently. From attending classes, to learning more about his responsibilities as mayor, even mopping up rain water in the city office! This guy is a leader in every sense of the word. He has made it known that he is all about the improvement, success, and progress of the City of Wheeler. And we are grateful.

• **Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Woman of the Year** - Lauren Guest

Lauren Guest graduated from Canyon High School in 2010 and WTAMU in 2013 with a major in Ag Business and Economics and a minor in Animal Science. Lauren married Hayden Guest in 2015 where they have since resided in Wheeler with their 3 boys: Slayd (8), Seadyr (5) and Flynt (1). Lauren and Hayden started their business, now Branded Metalworks in 2015. Lauren is a happy go lucky spirit that you can find smiling and ready to help. She has a wise soul and thoughtfully thinks through situations to find practical solutions - which has come in very handy this past year at planning the 4th of July Celebration as 4th of July Chairman. We are enjoying much of the fruits of her labor today! Her leadership skills are evident by what you have seen during this year's celebration. She has also started Women at the Well this past year, which allows ALL women in our community to come together once a week and be filled. A place for ALL women of our community to find UNI-

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Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Employee of the Year - Chief Deputy Caden Walden

This year's Employee of the Year is a young man who is employed by and serves all of Wheeler County. Rather than a summary of his attributes, we want to quote the nomination letters that the chamber received from his coworkers. "He has a good working relationship with his staff. He goes above and beyond...to take care of the citizens of Wheeler County."

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Volunteer(s) of the Year - Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1948. It began with one fire truck. Through the many years of working to improve the department, they now operate 15 trucks for saving lives and protecting property in the

City of Wheeler, Wheeler County and the surrounding areas when called. They currently have 35 active members and are celebrating 75 years of service in 2023!

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Teenager of the Year - Breeley Harris

Breeley is one who is heavily involved - not only very present on the front end of getting things done, but also serving in the background. She is a hard worker, a strong leader, and a very wise, smart young lady with a charming

personality. She's not afraid to take risks, as she was a Chamber Member for 3 years before we started the Chamber Youth Ambassador Program this year. She also was willing to be the first in the pilot program that is now kicked off for the Ogallala Commons Internship Program, being the first in Wheeler. We are sad to see her leave, since she just completed her Senior year and headed off to WTAMU - Nursing, but we are confident that she is going to do great things and we can only hope to see her back here someday. Thank you, Breeley, for your dedication to helping us in numerous ways with your time in Wheeler. GO get 'em and make Wheeler, TX proud, you already have this far!

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business of the Year - Koepke Sales and Koepke Legacy Insurance

This couple's business was heavily nominated last year for this award, but just like we expected, they were nominated heavily again this year and for good reason! As soon as this couple moved to Wheeler, Texas they were on fire to serve the community and that is just what they do! They are heavily involved, provide continuous financial support in many aspects and always have willing hands to serve in whatever capacity is needed. Their business structures always seem to have a way to help this community, not just provide personal gain. They were an integral part of building the baseball park, providing youth opportunities to grow into leaders and so much more. We are grateful they call Wheeler home.

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 2023 Pioneer of the Year - Ada Lou Lester

We asked the Wheeler Historical Commission to come up as we want to recognize their amazing, consistent efforts with the Texas Historical Commission. They recently received their 10th consecutive award for "Distinguished Service Award". A HUGE deal that deserves a HUGE applause. They go to workshops on maintaining the Courthouse and all Wheeler County Assets to make sure they are up to the THC standards. Ada Lou Lester has served as the Chairwoman for Wheeler County Historical Commission since 2011 and is relentless in her role working for Wheeler County to preserve our history, so we can continue to share it with anyone that will listen! And boy do we have stories to tell! Ada continues to work hard every year with events such as Texas Independence Day, Wild and Free on 83 and currently working on Route 66's Centennial in 2026 as well as helping lead the charge in celebrating

embrating Ft.Elliott's 150 years in 2025 - just to name a few recent events, but the woman doesn't quit when it comes to Wheeler County events! And we couldn't be more grateful and proud of her. Ada was the postmaster for Mobeetie from 1974-1990, then served as postmaster in Wheeler from 1991 - 2007. Ada, thank you for your devoted service to keeping Wheeler County History a priority that won't be lost.

Friends of Veterans Quilt Presentation:

BOB MARTIN - Bob is a life-time resident of Wheeler County. He graduated from Briscoe School in 1959. In 1963, he married Elaine McCasland and they settled on his family farm to raise his family - Teresa, Randy and Angie. Bob served in the National Guard in Shamrock, Tx from 1963-1969. He attended Boot Camp at Leesville, LA and Lawton, OK and summer training each year in Fort Hood, Tx. His quilt was made by TINA LEE and quilted by Flying Hearts.

MACK SIDES - Mack entered service on November 22, 1966. He went through basic training at Ft.Bliss and his AIT training was at Ft. Ord. He later trained at Ft. Knox, learning how to track vehicles. Mack spent 18 months at Bad Hersfeld, Germany. His work was valuable to the Vietnam war effort as he kept the tanks and trucks running that were being sent there. He was discharged on November 6, 1968. Mack's quilt was made by Jeannie Hennig and presented by Ruth Irvine.

RUSTY HAZZARD - Rusty joined the USMC in January 1992. He was honorably discharged in October 1992 due to injury. His quilt is made by 4H kids, including his son, Jake Hazzard, and quilted by Ken Hastey.

JOEL MICHEL (MIKE) HULON - Aviation Electrician's Mate Second Class. He joined the Navy in April 1971 and shipped out to boot camp in Orlando, FL in July. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL for electricians school. Naval Air Station in Moffett Field, CA, Patrol Squadron VP-40, a squadron of 9 P3 Orion Aircraft, 11 aircrews with twelve men each and around 250 ground support personnel. VP-40 deployed to Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan for two different deployments. Temporary assigned duty to the Philippines, Utapao Thailand, Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, Bandar Abbas Iran, and Missawa, Japan. Mike was released from active duty on June 30, 1975 and honorably discharged from Navy Reserves in April 1977. The P3 Orion Aircraft was designed for anti-submarine warfare and capable of locating, identifying, and tracking enemy submarines. They participated in combat missions out of Utapao Thailand, flying across Cambodia, South Vietnam, and into the Tonkin Gulf where they patrolled for enemy subs. After the United States withdrew from Vietnam in 1973, VP-40 continued to contribute to the Cold War effort by maintaining surveillance on foreign fleet movements. Missions were long, usually 12 to 14 hours, and mostly boring except for an occasional few moments of fear when enemy radar would locate the aircraft and "lock" on them and the beeps would become a steady tone. At that point, they'd pray the tone wouldn't end with a boom! Fortunately, that never happened and the aircrew made the same number of landings as they did take-offs. Mike stated, "It was an honor to serve my country and I would gladly do it again if needed." Quilt was made by Abby Bond Lenz and Lanette

Hasety and quilted by Ken Hastey.

CECIL PIERCE - Cecil enlisted in the Army National Guard of Texas and as a reserve of the US Army on January 23, 1961 He did his training at Ft. Ord, CA, qualifying as an Expert Marksman with an M-1 rifle. After 6 months of training in the infantry division, he returned to Shamrock and served in the artillery division as a Fire Director. Cecil's summer training would take him to Fort Hood and Fort Polk in Texas. He was discharged on January 22, 1967 from the artillery division, Texas Army as Battery B, 2nd BN 131 Artillery. Cecil's quilt was made by the Wheeler Quilters and quilted by Ken and Lanette Hastey.

TIMOTHY SANCHEZ - Timothy enlisted into the Texas National Guard on March 12, 2004. The summer before his senior year at Clarendon High School, Timothy attended Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. During his time at basic, Timothy learned many things including teamwork and marksmanship. After basic training, Timothy returned home on August 7, 2004, to finish his schooling. In 2005, after graduating, he went back to Fort Knox, and went on to specialize in Bradley System Maintainer/ Mechanics. While there, he learned to diagnose, repair and maintain Bradley Fighting Vehicles. He graduated from Fort Knox on October 28, 2005, being recognized as the Soldier of Steel with a PT Score of 282 out of 300. Timothy then returned to Clarendon, where he worked and attended drill monthly. Then on July 24, 2006, Timothy volunteered to deploy to the southern border to assist the Border Patrol. While there, Timothy did surveillance and later switched to Maintenance of the Border Patrol vehicles. Timothy, attended Fort Polk, to train to become an infantry man (11 Bravo). There he learned about different formations, communications, and weaponry. June 6, 2008, Timothy's home unit, Delta Company 2-142 Infantry, was activated to deploy to Iraq. Timothy served as a mechanic from August 2008 to November 2009 in Al Asad, Iraq. During his time there, he specialized on the Armored Security



Vehicle (A.S.V.) Towards the end of his deployment, Timothy was sent to Kuwait. While there, he trained the next maintenance personnel on the ASV. After returning home, he was sent to Fort Lewis, WA to attend the Warrior Leader Course. As an E-4 Specialist, he attended the WLC in hopes to be promoted to NCO or Sergeant.

He returned home for a year, before being sent to attend Air Assault Class. While there, he trained on how to rig loaders for air transport and repel from Black Hawks. Timothy fell short, because of the Ruck March. He said, "if only I was taller, I could have completed the task at hand. In time." On March 11, 2011, (Continued Page 4)

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Crossword PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Theme: Medical Marvel Across 1. Cookbook amt. 5. Liability's opposite 10. Urgent letters? 14. Car 15. Phased-out Canadian money 29. Academy Award 32. Tennis unit 35. Tea type 39. Go quickly, archaically 60. New Year's 41. Doctor's customer 42. B&B 43. Affirmative action? 44. Permit 45. "Do ___ others..." 46. A second time 48. Identical sibling 50. Wide-mouthed wine bottle 54. Menu item 57. Alluring skirt feature 59. Round number? 61. Poseidon's domain 63. Stout serving 64. Tourist's report 66. Authentic 67. Canvas holder 68. Springs 69. Christmas time 70. Paper pusher 71. Profit, in England

10. Orchard fruit 11. Marine invertebrate 12. ___ and crafts 13. Nudge 18. Bangkok native 25. Lummo 27. "Easier said ___ done" 28. Actress Catherine ___Jones 30. Grammatical no-no 31. Nevada casino city 32. Well-mannered man, for short 33. Declare to be true 34. Like some marijuana 36. Genesis bone 37. Karate level 38. Turn over ___ leaf 41. One may exert pressure 45. Mythical horned creature 47. Bovines 49. False god 51. Montezuma II, for one 52. Undomesticated 53. Wipe clean 55. Smooth transition 56. Inhabit, like a ghost 57. Nimble 58. In ___ of (replacing) 60. Finito 62. Bird's home 65. Antlered animal

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WHEELER COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

NAME	AGE	CHARGE	BOND	RELEASE
BROWN, WILLIAM	50	ASSLT FAMILY MEMBER STRANGULATION	\$30,000.00	7/5/23
WATSON, CLINTON	31	BOND SURRENDER ORIG. CHARGE FRAUD USE POSS OF IDENTIFYING INFO	\$4,000.00	7/4/23
		BOND SURRENDER ORIG. CHARGE UNAUTH USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	\$4,000.00	
PATINO, ESMERALDA	59	SIMPLE ASSAULT	PTA	7/4/23
		DISORDERLY CONDUCT	PTA	
		FAIL TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADDRESS	PTA	
PANNELL, RANDELL	60	SIMPLE ASSAULT	PTA	7/4/23
		DISORDERLY CONDUCT	PTA	
		FAIL TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADDRESS	PTA	
JOST, KENNEY	56	MTP W/ADJ OF GUILT ORIG CHARGE POSS CS PG 1-B>-1G<4G	\$45,000.00	IN CUSTODY
DAVIS, DEVON	32	POSS CS PG 3<28G	\$2,500.00	7/4/23
SHAW, DEONTE	28	GJI POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$12,500.00	IN CUSTODY
		GJI ABANDON CHILD INT/KNOW/RECK/CRIM NEG	\$12,500.00	
BULLOCK, SHAYLA	24	POSS CS PG 2>=4G<400G	\$20,000.00	7/3/23
		POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	PTA	
HERNANDEZ-JIMINEZ, JESUS	24	SMUGGLING OF PERSONS	\$15,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		TAMPER W/GOVT RECORDS	\$2,500.00	
		IMMIGRATION DETAINEE	PTA	
MAJORS, SHAMEKA	37	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	PTA	7/6/23
GUERRA, JOSE	29	POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$12,500.00	7/8/23
GUERRA, ISAIAS	30	POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$12,500.00	7/7/23
RAMIREZ, CASSIE	67	PROH SUB/ITEM IN CORR/CIV COM FACILITY	\$10,000.00	IN CUSTODY
		POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$5,000.00	
		POSS CS PG 1-B<1G	\$5,000.00	

Financial Assistance Application For USDA Farm Loans

Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the opening of the financial assistance application process for eligible farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending programs prior to January 2021. Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) directs USDA to provide this assistance. Since the law's passage, USDA has worked diligently to design the program in accordance with significant stakeholder input.

"The opening of the application process is an important step in delivering on our commitment of providing financial assistance to those who faced discrimination in USDA farm lending, as swiftly and efficiently as possible," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "USDA will continue to work with our national vendor partners and community-based organizations to make sure eligible farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners have clear information about what is available to them, how to apply, and where to obtain assistance with their questions at each step of the way."

4th (from Page 3) Timothy left the military after fulfilling 6+ years with an honorable discharge. Tim's quilt was made and presented by the *Celebrate Recovery Group* and quilted by Ken Hasteley.

• **WILLIAM UMSTED** - William was an Army Engineer, training at Fort Bragg, NC and he was stationed in Guatemala. He entered the service in 1973, was active for three years and inactive for three years, ending his service in 1979. He is one of a few who have received an Above and Beyond the Call of Duty medals during peacetime. William's quilt was made by Melba Darnell and quilted by Flying Heart Quilts.

• **TIMMOTHY RODGERS** - Timm joined the Army National Guard on May 31, 1989. He was assigned to the 2nd BN/142 Inf., 49th Armor Division. He served there until November 16, 1993. On November 17, 1993 Timm joined the Army and was stationed in Ft. Stewart, GA with the 3BN/15th Inf 24 Inf Division. From there, he served a 6 month tour to Kuwait. He was honorably discharged on November 16, 1996. On November 17, 1996, Timm joined the Texas Army National Guard. He was assigned to the 2nd Bn/142 Inf 49th Armor Division. He attended PLDC (leadership course) in Ft. Polk, LA and was promoted to E5. A six month tour in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during Iraqi Freedom was next. Timm was separated from service on November 16, 2006. Timm's quilt was made and quilted by Jeannie Henning.

• Fireworks presented by the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department

The program website, 22007apply.gov, is now open. The website includes an English- and Spanish-language application that applicants can download or submit via an e-filing portal, information on how to obtain technical assistance in-person or virtually, and additional resources and details about the program.

Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination by USDA in its farm loan programs prior to January 1, 2021 and/or are currently debtors with assigned or assumed USDA farm loan debt that was the subject of USDA discrimination that occurred prior to January 1, 2021, are eligible for this program.

To apply, borrowers have the option to apply via the e-filing portal at 22007apply.gov or submit paper-based forms via mail or in-person delivery to the program's local offices. The application process will be open from July 7 to October 31, 2023. Under the planned timeline, applications will be reviewed in November and December, with payments reaching recipients soon thereafter. Importantly, applicants should know that the application process is not on a first come, first served basis. All applications received or postmarked before the October 31 deadline will be considered.

To support producers throughout the application process, USDA is ensuring that organizations with extensive experience conducting outreach to farm organizations are able to support individuals who may be eligible for the program. These groups include AgrAbility, Farmer Veteran Coalition, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Land Loss Prevention Program, National Young Farmers Coalition, and Rural Coalition.

Vendors operating four regional hubs are also providing technical assistance and working closely with these and other community-based organizations to conduct outreach using digital and grassroots strategies, to ensure potential applicants are informed about the program and have the opportunity to apply. These hubs are operating a network of brick-and-mortar program offices and will conduct extensive outreach about the program. Windsor Group serves farmers in the eastern regions of the U.S. and Analytic Acquisitions serves the western regions. A national administrator, Midtown Group, is responsible for program oversight and integrity, and will lead a national call-center, operate the application website - 22007apply.gov, which is now open - and review and process applications and payments. All vendors have experience in professional

services, supporting government contracts, and complex program operations.

On March 1, 2023, USDA shared initial details on how the Section 22007 program will work, including that the Inflation Reduction Act specifies the Secretary of Agriculture is responsible for providing this assistance through qualified nongovernmental entities, under standards set by USDA. USDA entered into agreements with vendors and cooperators in May.

In addition to the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) opening today, the Inflation Reduction Act also created several other programs that are helping USDA rebuild trust, address systemic issues and improve service to people who may have been underserved by USDA in the past. Information about USDA's equity agenda and progress is available at www.usda.gov/equity.

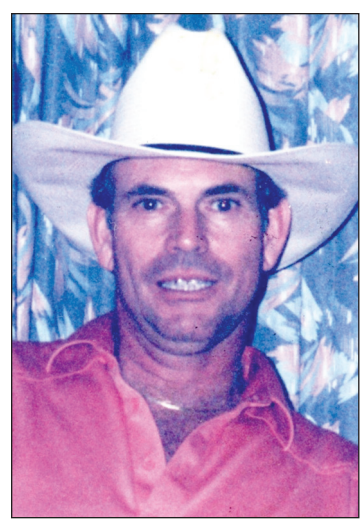
In standing up this program, USDA has become aware of some lawyers and groups spreading misleading information about the discrimination assistance process, pressuring people to sign retainer agreements, and asking people to fill out forms with private and sensitive information. As of today, the official application process has begun and filling out an application is free.

No attorneys' fees will be paid to applicants or their counsel by USDA or by any other agency or department of the United States. The amount of financial assistance will not be increased for those claimants who are represented by an attorney. Applicants are not required to retain an attorney. USDA, the national administrator, and the regional hub vendors will neither recommend that any applicant retain counsel or retain a specific attorney or law firm, nor discourage an applicant from obtaining counsel or using a specific attorney or law firm. For more information, read our fact sheet about the program timeline and ways to protect against possible scams.

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representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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Lawrence Cook

Lawrence Milton Cook, age 82, went to that big steer roping in the sky from his home in Shamrock, Texas on Friday, July 7, 2023. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, Texas at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Erron Mercer officiating. Inurnment will be on the Cook Ranch, Shamrock, Texas. Honorary Pallbearers are Steve Graham, Jeff Graham, Jeff Shortnacy, Jeff Shortnacy, Jr., Josh Alvey, Ben Whipkey, Paul "Adler" Brashears, Darwin Vinyard, Paul Vinyard, Robert Robertson and Franklin Knoll.

Cremation and Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors in Wheeler.

Larry was born in Shamrock, Texas on August 10, 1940 to Boots and Mollie Sisemore Cook. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1959. He played in the Band and won the John Phillip Sousa Award his senior year. Larry married Jean Biter in 1959 and served in the Army National Guard from 1962 until his honorable discharge in 1968. While in high school and after graduation he worked as a butcher at Puckett's Grocery in Shamrock. In 1970 he purchased the Shamrock Slaughter Plant which he owned and operated for 50 years. He always wanted to be a cowboy and worked and saved his money to buy his first horse and saddle. He made his dream come true. He loved horses, to ride and rope and tend his cattle but he hated working on windmills. He also loved to dance. Always the first one on the floor for the first dance and danced every dance until they closed for the night. He was always the life of the party and made everything fun. On April 8, 1988 he married Ann Fagan and they were married for 35 years. Larry never met a stranger. He loved children, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Despite his roaring, outgoing personality he was kind, loving, thoughtful and considerate of everyone he met. He loved life and everything it involved whether work or play. He will be greatly missed by so many people.

IN CUSTODY IN WHEELER CO	
CARPENTER, SAMANTHA	50
CARTER, ANTHONY	31
CLARK, JASON	47
DOWNING, ANDREW	38
FAJARDO-PEREZ, FANY	33
FOTHERGILL, LEMUEL	58
GOMEZ, ANTONIO	43
GUTIERREZ, NOE	34
HAROLD, DUSTIN	41
HERNANDEZ, ALEJANDRO	21
HILL, TRINITY	37
LINDT, JOHN	51
LOPEZ-SANCHEZ, ALEX	26
MILLER, DAVID	60
MILLS, JORDAN	40
PATTERSON, FREDDIE	37
PETIT, KENTON	31
REEVES, EDWARD	32
ROTH, WILLIAM	39
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URIBE, DANIEL	43
VASQUEZ, GABRIEL	48
WALDEN, ANTHONY	40
WESTBROOK, JIMMY DON	44

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He was preceded in death by his parents Boots and Mollie Sisemore Cook; his first wife and the mother of his children Jean Biter Cook; sister Polly Cook; and sons Lawrence Wayne Cook and Philip Howard Cook.

He is survived by his wife Ann of the home; daughter Claudia Renee Cook; brothers John Paul (Donna) Cook and George Lee Cook (Dixie) Cook; sister, Lola Katherine Cook; daughter-in-law Rhonda Pitcock Cook; Step-children Suzanna Crews (Jeff) Ross, Robert Ross (Lorraine

Bell) Crews and Geoffrey Fagan Hooper; Grandchildren Justin Cook, Jared Cook, Alex Danner, Monica Danner, Gabrielle Cook (Tyler) Neill, Nicole Ross, Elise Ross (Cliff-ton) Pittman, Candice Crews (Jerrad) Eixman and Casey Jewell Crews; Great-grandchildren Philip Cook, Taylor Cook, Natalie Cook, Landon Cook, Kaylee Mora, Abella Knight, Emrey Eixman, Jett Eixman, Ellison Eixman and Jack Wayne Neill.

Sign our online guest book at RobertsonFuneral.com.

Oil & Gas NEWS
Week of June 19-25, 2023
Intents to Drill
None
Gas Completions
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #16C Zella, 12.5 mi SE from Dumas, Sec 16, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-610, spud 12-5-2022, compl 1-20-2023, tested 2-13-2023, potential 112 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 12# CP, TVD 3050', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33739, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #16B Zella, 13 mi SE from Dumas, Sec 16, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-610, spud 12-12-2022, compl 1-25-2023, tested 2-6-2023, potential 115 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 12# CP, TVD 3050', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33738, Vertical
MOORE (PANHANDLE, West) Scout Energy Management LLC, #16A Zella, 12.5 mi SE from Dumas, Sec 16, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-610, spud 12-14-2022, compl 1-27-2023, tested 2-20-2023, potential 105 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 12# CP, TVD 3050', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33737, Vertical
Oil Completions

OCHILTREE (PAN PETRO, Cleveland) Mewbourne Oil Company, #C001NC Huntington 395, 16 mi SE from Perryton, Sec 310, Blk 43, H&TC RR Surv, A-688, spud 2-19-2023, compl 3-24-2023, tested 4-8-2023, potential 313 bbls-oil, 444 mcf, 757 bbls wtr, 110# ftp, 910# CP, TVD 7128', MD 12432' API 42-357-33750, Horizontal
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH, Granite Wash Cons.) Lone Tree Oil & Gas LLC, #1 Shelton, 4.5 mi NE from New Mobeetie, Sec 99, Blk A5, H&GN RR Surv, A-300, spud 10-17-2003, compl 5-5-2023, tested 5-17-2023, potential 8 bbls-oil, 5 mcf, 75 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 6# CP, TVD 13330', PBD 12540' API 42-483-31639, Vertical Plug Back
Week of June 26-July 2, 2023
Intents to Drill
None
Gas Completions
OCHILTREE (ALLEN-PARKER, Marmaton) King Operating Corporation, #2 Chunn 923V, 4.5 mi SE from Perryton, Sec 923, Blk 43, H&TC RR Surv, A-273, spud 9-14-2022, compl 3-3-2023, tested 3-5-2023, potential 49 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 100# ftp, 840# SIWHP, TVD 8339', PBD 6957' API 42-357-33747, Vertical

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the County Clerk's office from June 19, 2023 to June 23, 2023.

JUNE 19, 2023

No Recording

JUNE 20, 2023

C/C PROBATE-Joe Dean

I.S.D.

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None

READING OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023

Mark Marshall motioned to approve the minutes. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven 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 provided the financial statements through June 9, 2023.

c. Financial Assumptions
Mr. Markham provided the financial assumptions as of June 8, 2023.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Principals' Reports
Mr. Markham provided preliminary STAAR/EOC scores and retesting dates for high school.

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
Mark Marshall and Beau Means were sworn in as Trustees for the term 2023-2026.

2. Consider/Approve TASB Local Policy Update 121
Machille Henson made a motion to approve TASB Local Policy Update 121. Beau Means seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

3. Review TASB Legal Policy Update 121

The Board reviewed TASB Legal Policy Update 121.

4. Consider/Approve Sale of Surplus Buses

Mike Houska made a motion to approve sale of surplus buses. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Review June/July Meeting Dates

The Special June Budget Meeting will be held June 28, 2023. The Regular July Meeting will be held July 12, 2023.

b. Track Update

Mr. Markham provided an update on the track project and need for core samples before construction.

c. Staff Update

Mr. Markham provided information regarding staffing and positions still available.

d. Project Update

Mr. Markham provided progress on summer projects.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No Closed Session

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

Mike Houska made a motion to approve resignations of Erin Shaw and Carolan Schaefer. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

Billy Richardson made a motion to approve a probationary contract for Lishelle Hefley. Machille Henson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Marshall motioned to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

Helton to Ex Parte, 6-5-23.

MD-Lewis T. Britt GST Trust 2009 UTA 10/2/2009 to Jacob Minden Britt Exempt Trust UTA 10/2/2009, 6-13-23, All Interest in Sec. 4, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey and SE/4 of Sec. 7, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.

QCMD-Carkel Corporation to Infinity Resources Company LLC, et al, 4-28-23, N/2 N/2 of Sec. 41, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN.-James R. Weber to James R. Weber Living Trust Dated July 23, 2008, 6-6-23, Interest in W/2 NE/4 of Sec. 1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Except 50'.

ASSIGN. DT-Aspire Financial Inc. DBA Texaslending. Com, et al to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 5-18-23, 150.85' X 177.5' out of SE/4 of Sec. 65, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

JUNE 21, 2023

C/C PROBATE-Norbert Ricky Schlegel to Ex Parte, 8-23-22, See Instrument.

AFF.-Haley R. Ward to Loretta Helton Schwartz, 6-16-23, Sec. 3, Camp County School Land and Sec. 10, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

JUNE 22, 2023

ORDER TO DEMO.-City of Shamrock to Maria Osby (Deceased), et al, 6-21-23, N/2 NW/4 of Blk. LXIII, Roman's Addition Shamrock.

ORDER TO DEMO.-City of Shamrock to Martin Rodriguez (Deceased), et al, 6-21-23, N/2 NW/4 of Blk. LXIII, Roman's Addition Shamrock.

ORDER TO DEMO.-City of Shamrock to Loyd E. Carpenter, et al, 6-21-23, Lots 13 and 14, Blk. III, Roman's Addition, Shamrock.

ORDER TO DEMO.-City of Shamrock to Cindy Ann Coleman (Deceased), et al, 6-21-23, Lot 4, Blk. 37, Original Town, Shamrock.

ROW-Brett Buckingham to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 4-20-23, NE/4 of Sec. 72, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Morgan Adams Duncan to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 6-8-23, NE/4 of Sec. 69, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

JUNE 23, 2023

POA-Andre Sloan to Clay Michael Sloan, 6-13-23, See Instrument.

DEED-Michael Ralph McGee to Brent Babb, et ux, 6-22-23, 111.76' x 95' out of SE/4 of Sec. 60, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, out of Sub-Division 4.

DEED-Deanna Fullbright to Canyon Shortnacy, 5-24-23, S/2 of Lot 11 and North 28' of Lot 10, Blk. 28, Original Town, Shamrock.

District Clerk's Filings:
#14454-In Re: to Child, 6-12-23.

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#14456-In Re: to Child, 6-12-23.

#14457-The State of Texas vs \$5,999.00 United States Currency, Alejandro Gutierrez-Hernandez, 6-13-23, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14458-The State of Texas vs 2006 Honda Odyssey, Milton Alvarado-Jimenez, Fernando Garcia-Hernandez, 6-13-23, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14459-The State of Texas vs \$7,854.00 United States Currency, Milton Alvarado-Jimenez, 6-13-23, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14460-Discover Bank vs Rebecca S. Wray, 6-19-23, Debt/Contract Consumer/Commercial Debt.

#14461-In Re: to Children, 6-20-23.

#14463-The State of Texas vs Adam Craig Thornton, J&L Bail Bonds, 6-23-23, Judgment NISI, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14464-The State of Texas vs Luis Enrique Montoya Mejia, Texas Bail Bonds, 6-23-23, Judgment NISI, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14465-The State of Texas vs Antonio Hernandez, Texas Bail Bonds, 6-23-23, Judgment NISI, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

#14466-The State of Texas vs \$1,300.00 United States Currency, Jordy Miguel Mercado-Jimenez, 6-23-23, Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters.

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from July 3, 2023 to July 7, 2023.

JULY 3, 2023

DEED-Teresa Elaine McCormick, et al to Ronnie Nickerson, 6-28-23, See Instrument.

DEED-Fabian Rodriguez Gonzalez, et ux to Angel Eduardo Aragone Aragone, 6-1-23, West 57' of Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 11, Original Town, Shamrock.

MD-Lynn Conward Hagerman, et ux to Lynn and Kay Hagerman Living trust, 2-8-23, See Instrument.

ROW-Minco Oil and Gas Co. to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 6-26-23, Pt. of Sec. 28, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROY-ALTY-Nexus BSP LLC to Brent Explorations Inc., 5-24-23, See Instrument.

RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA to Debra Gayle Lamb, et vir, 6-22-23, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROY-ALTY-Harry Joseph Graff, et ux to Graff Revocable Trust, 6-26-23, See Instrument.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Ann Jones to Jerry Dallas Keelin, 7-1-23, Sec. 1, Camp County School Land.

JULY 4, 2023

Fourth of July Holiday

JULY 5, 2023

TRUST AFF.-Helton Family Trust to Helton Family Trust, 6-22-23.

MD-Alma Helton to The Helton Family Trust, 6-20-23, See Instrument.

QUIT CLAIM ASSIGN./BILL of SALE/CONVEY.-Marlis E. Smith Trust to M&S LLC, 6-20-23, See Instrument.

QUIT CLAIM ASSIGN./BILL of SALE/CONVEY.-Marlis E. Smith Sr. to M&S LLC, 6-20-23, See Instrument.

ASSIGN./BILL of SALE/CONVEY.-M&S LLC to Castle Rock Royalties LLC, et al, 6-20-23, See Instrument.

TRUSTEE MD-Josephine P. Burgess Revocable Living Trust to Ronda Josephine Helton, et al, 11-22-22, All Interest in SE/4 of Sec. 55, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

JULY 6, 2023

AFF.-Sean David Slover to First Intrepid Energy Limited Partnership, 6-19-23, Interest in Sec. 3, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

PARTIAL RDT-Keybank National Association to DP Legacy Central LLC, et al, 5-24-23, See Instrument.

ASSIGN./BILL of SALE/CONVEY.-DP Legacy Central LLC to Anadarko Basin Holdings LLC, 6-27-23, See Instrument.

MD-DP Legacy Central LLC to Anadarko Basin Holdings LLC, 6-27-23, See Instrument.

OVERRIDING ROY. DEED-Anadarko Basin Holdings LLC to Fincap Anadarko VPP LLC, 6-23-23, See Instrument.

DT-Anadarko Basin Holdings LLC to Fincap Anadarko VPP LLC, 6-27-23, See Instrument.

DT-Fincap Anadarko VPP LLC to Cargill Incorporated, 6-27-23, See Instrument.

DT-Fincap Anadarko VPP LLC to Israel Discount Bank of New York, 6-27-23, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. PRODUCTION PAYMENT-Fincap Anadarko VPP LLC to Israel Discount Bank of New York, 6-22-23, See Instrument.

DT-Justin Lee, et ux to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 6-9-23, 2.586 acs. out of 6.6 acs. of Sec. 65, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

JULY 7, 2023

DEED-Brandon Hoffman, et ux to Kimberlee Moore, 6-29-23, Lot 2, Blk. 2, Parklane Estate, Wheeler.

DEED-Linkey Macina LLC to GK Hutchens Ranch LLC, 6-28-23, NE/4 of Sec. 99,

Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; W/2 of Section 100, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DVL-Kendall Hefley, et ux to Devin Coleman, et ux, 7-6-23, 75.0' x 150.0' out of Blk. 54, Stanley Addition, Wheeler.

DT-Devin Coleman, et ux to FirstBank Southwest, 7-6-23, 75.0' x 150.0' out of Blk. 54, Stanley Addition, Wheeler.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Leslie Timmons to Deborah Sue Carter, 7-6-23, Pt. of SW/4 of Sec. 33, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Except Minerals.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Debra Walker to Deborah Sue Carter, 7-6-23, Pt. of SW/4 of Sec. 33, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, Except Minerals.

DEED-Robert I. Hink, et ux to Robert Jason Hink, et ux, 7-7-23, 159.87 acs. out of Sec. 4, Blk. L, J. M. Lindsey Survey.



Dear Editor:

How come Wheeler has all these good eating places, but there isn't one darn place to get a simple Hot Dog? Just asking. They aren't that hard to make and most folks can afford them.

Just wanted to know if you had an answer.

Sammie Coberly

Sammie, Thanks for the letter; maybe someone will add them to their menu. I myself enjoy a good hot dog from time to time.

Louis



THE WHEELER TIMES

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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

Storm

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We had the 4th activities. Ms. Ada (Lester) was on a very nice float for The Regiment of the High Plains. They were dressed like 1800s. Dallas Copeland was a very tall Uncle Sam. All the entries were good. It was fun.

After the parade, I went to the park to sing The Star Spangled Banner. Before I sang, Mayor Sam's told me a story about his granddaughter. She told him to say his name, tell them to enjoy the fun, say the parade was great, and not to talk too much. He asked her why she didn't do it for him. She told him that she wasn't tall enough! I thought that was so cute!

Hunter and I watched the turtle race. I remember racing turtles when I was a kid.

It was a busy day. In the evening Addison Hefley sang the Anthem. I am so proud of that girl! She did great. Beautiful quilts were given to veterans and the awards were given by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce. The night ended with a great fireworks show.

Thanks to all the sponsors and workers. It was perfect!

It is so much fun now that Hunter and I both play cards. We are "monsters" at Hand and Foot when we are on the same team!

We went to an outdoor family movie night at Mark's (Robles) church in OKC. It was a nice night. We ate popcorn and hotdogs while we enjoyed the movie. Thanks,

Jennifer for inviting us.

We took Pop to Estate Sales on Saturday. Hunter bought a belt sander to use in his wood shop. He almost got a new lathe, but we were too late. I got some jewelry. I like old timey jewelry. We have fun looking. That's it!

Chat

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for the pictures!

— cwe —

Congratulations to the recipients of the "— of the Year Awards; most deserving.

— cwe —

Of course all this could not have been possible if it had not been for all the VOLUNTEERS!

— cwe —

Two rainfall amounts were measured during the 4th activities and again Tuesday morning. The first measurement was 1.18" and the second was 1.38". Some hard wind and a few hail stones, but surprisingly, I had very few limbs down.

— cwe —

I enjoyed my week's vacation; this was one of very few.

— cwe —

We entertained Friday, June 30, through Wednesday, July 5; William and Jennifer came Friday evening and stayed until Wednesday morning. Mark Robles came Saturday afternoon and stayed until Monday.

— cwe —

Others joining us from time to time were Rhonda, Leroy, Stormie, Hunter, Greg Bryant and Sarah Timme.

Memorial July 15 For Capt. Paul Range

Paul Byron Range

1948-2023

Another Green Beret snuck by the guard early Sunday Morning on April 23rd, 2023. This consummate troublemaker left his family and friends without saying goodbye in what can only be described as the "final" word an elaborately made-up war story. Paul Range lived an incredible life that would be the subject of an epic award-winning movie if not so unbelievable. He grew up on a Ranch in the Panhandle of Texas under the thumb of a perfectionist father who was a Dr. of Veterinary medicine, who demanded that his children give 110% in everything they do, and then gave them reigns long enough to get into the most outrageous misadventures. From an early age until just days before his untimely escape from this earth, Paul loved old jeeps, and he especially loved driving those pieces of s**t at inordinately slow speeds, irritating other drivers and law enforcement alike. As a Young man Paul earned his Eagle and has told many inappropriate stories about misadventures he got into as a scout. In fact, the Scouts have never been the same since, and many Scout rules exist today to prevent youth from recreating the Shenanigans he pulled as a young man. If you gave Paul a hard time, he would welcome a skirmish with a wry grin, ready to pull a various assortment of weapons from his person Mad Max style, being willing to take it to the ultimate level if need be. Paul could throw a knife with precision, fight like an angry mule, outshoot the best, and was willing to prove it if needed. He was a man who you did not cross lightly, however he had a heart of gold for those in need and would put the troubled poor of this earth often above his own family. When Paul wasn't reading a favorite book, watching a R rated favorite movie, telling a dirty joke, building another damned ugly school bus camper, or drinking coffee with all the old geezers in town at 5am, he was helping those in need. He gave

life liberty and soul to feeding the hungry, clothing those without, and helping veterans who suffered through life. Suffering Veterans especially touched Paul's heart, since he too lived through horrors in Vietnam and lost many a brother, then only to be treated like trash when returning to an America in turmoil. Stories he told of Vietnam would wring the soul out of those who listened, or akin to Lincoln-esque addresses, inspire audiences to acts of heroism in everyday life. A prize-winning novel could be written based upon Paul's stories recounting his adventures. Of course, that novel would have to be able to change its storyline daily, become more embellished every time you read it, and eventually defy the laws of physics to the point of hysterics. Perhaps if someone wanted to write a book of summation for Paul's life, they should write an educational book, because no matter the subject you tried to discuss with him, he knew the most about it, and probably had a doctorate in it from some outrageous on-line university somewhere. Irritatingly, he was usually somewhat right in his thesis arguments on any particular subject, if not so outrageously wrong that proving his wrongness was nearly impossible. Paul lived the double life of a staunch conservative, and a flower power hippy reject from the 70's. He believed in free love and feral children, but also toting guns and Reagan era hands-off Government. Paul would get kicked off Facebook weekly for assaulting some poor clueless liberal with mean words of bitter truth, then when released from Facebook jail, would post heartfelt pictures of his adventures helping those in need. He did everything he could to irritate Karen's and busybodies, and with the same breath show an unparalleled love for humanity in his work to help homeless and those in need. As a father he showed his love, not by attending sports events, demanding good grades, or standard boring dad stuff, but by teaching his kids, nieces,



Capt. Paul Range

and nephews how fight, hunt, camp, survive in a tough world, and prepare for disaster. Paul's claim to fame was being on the first episode of Domsday Preppers, look it up, he really was. Paul's life was extraordinary to say the least and cannot be summed in this mere obituary. His list of survivors cannot be listed because those who survived him were not just living blood relatives and family, but countless lives he touched in his everyday shenanigans and devotion to helping others. Indeed, the loss his family feels will be nothing compared to those homeless trapped in the desert praying for help, but never again seeing Paul's ridiculous solar powered cornucopia bus sputtering into camp with much needed love, food, clothing and sleeping bags. Here are just a few of the things that Paul has been in his life: Rancher, Soldier, Mercenary, Assassin, Gold Miner, Log Cabin Maker, Prospector, Mountain Man, Train Brake-man, Computer Engineer, Biologist, Farmer, Hippy, Lover, Story Teller, Machinist, Meat Plant COO, Feed Store Clerk, Veterinary Assistant, Tinker, Bouncer, Chef, Construction Worker, House Builder, Business Owner, Traveling Salesman, Carpenter, Woodsman, Teacher, Poet, Artist, leatherworker, Pilot, Father, Brother, Husband, Grandpa, and Son. Paul Range, we will miss you, and probably cuss you for years to come! For donations keep your damned flowers to yourself and send something to Friends of Quartzsite Community Foodbank <http://QuartzsiteFoodBank.com>.

2023 Quilts of Valor

... presented at
38th Annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce
4th of July Celebration



William Umsted—Quilt made by Melba Darnell
Quilted by Flying Heart Quilts



Cecil Pierce—Quilt made by Wheeler Quilters
Quilted by Ken and Lanette Hasteley



Mike Hulon—Quilt made by Abby Bond & Lanette Hasteley
Quilted by Ken Hasteley



Mack Sides—Quilt made by Jeannie Hennig



Rusty Hazzard—Quilt made by Wheeler Co. 4-H including son,
Jake Hazzard Quilted by Ken Hasteley



Bob Martin—Made by Tina Lee
Quilted by Flying Hearts Quilts



Timothy Rodgers—Made by Jeannie Hennig



Timothy Sanchez—Quilt made by Celebrate Recovery Group
Quilted by Ken Hasteley

4th ACTIVITIES



SCOUTS RAISED THE FLAG: (back row) Kanin Marshall, Dylan Marshall, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Mack Marshall, Steve Marshall (front) Aidn Sessions, Jake Hazzard, Macon Murray, Ashton Salas, Keaton Salas, Tristan Salas, Ricky Salas.



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Mud Volleyball, First Place - Notorious M.U.D.



Dancing



Fun Run/Walk Participants lined up.

