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Wheeler County Commissioners' Court

Three Vehicles Purchased In The Amount Of \$198,107.92 Interlocking Agreements Proposed For Wheeler and Shamrock

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider the 25 items on the agenda.



It rained! I was surprised Tuesday Morning to walk out to moisture falling with water running in the gutter. 0.25" was measured with mist still falling.

— cwe —

I hope we have nice weather for all the Halloween events; I have not heard a forecast.

— cwe —

As I have probably men-
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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,

Dearest Friends, We have laughed all week about our lovely "Anniversary" dinner and "show!" After dinner, we wanted ice cream. We each ordered two dips of chocolate, in a cup. The man at Ben and Jerry's put mine in a good size cup. He put Hunter's in a smaller cup. It was melting faster than he could eat it. We walked in the mist to the romantic fountain, to meet my parents. It was a fun first day in DC.

The next day we went to The International Spy Museum. That was great! The
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- The meeting was called to order by Judge McDowell.
- The opening prayer was offered by Commissioner May.
- There were no public comments.
- The treasurer's report was accepted.
- No Budget Amendments were presented for approval.
- No Budget Transfers were presented for approval.
- The line-item transfers were approved as presented.
- No action was taken on the Burn Ban. Stage One remains in affect.
- The court approved the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado with 5-yr/100,000-mile warranty, for Tommy Meek, Wheeler County Extension Agent in the amount of \$71,714.62.
- Jackie May, Commissioner Pct. 1 was given permission to purchase the 2019 Chevrolet 2500 from the Co. Extension in the amount of \$26,715.00.
- Commissioner Pct. 1 received permission to declare 4 pieces of equipment as surplus property:
 - WRT Drag type Packer Model #PT-13;
 - Walk n Roller Packer;
 - County Show barn, skid steer New Holland, and
 - 1997 Ford Pickup.
- Jackie May received permission to sell the WRT Drag Type Packer to Gray County Pct. 1 in the amount of \$12,500.00.
- Commissioner May received permission to sell the Walk n Roller Packer to Gray Co. Pct. 4 in the amount of \$5,000.
- John Walker, Commissioner Pct. 4 received approval to hire Ricky Watson as part-time employee at \$17/hour, effective November 1, 2023.
- The court approved the 2023 County Indigent Health Care Report.
- Sheriff Carter received permission to purchase two 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes in the amount of \$63,196.65 per vehicle.
- Sheriff Carter received permission to work with the cities of Wheeler and Shamrock on an interlocal agreement to provide enforcement of traffic and ordinance enforcement.

Additional Deputy, \$69,701.00; \$60,000 vehicle per month would be \$12,000; Fuel, 6,000; Uniforms, \$300.00; and Equipment (computer, telephone, supplies, etc.) \$1,000, and Training \$1,000. The cost to the county would be \$91,201.00. Using these figures, Carter proposes to charge the cities each \$55,000 per month for patrolling 4 hrs. per day in each city. (Continued Page 2)

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce

"Trunk or Treat"

Wheeler's annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held Tuesday, October 31, 2023 on the square, starting at 6:00. In addition, Wellington State Bank will be judging the participating "Trunk or Treater's" and offering "Chamber Cash" of \$30 in each of six categories. Individuals and/or businesses are invited to participate.

Here is an opportunity for the youngsters to go "Trick or Treating" in a safe manner as opposed to going door to door.

Sept. Wheeler City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 City of Wheeler City Office 501 S. Alan L. Bean Blvd.
Present: Kelli Hampton Mayor-pro tem; Tracy Tignor Council Member; Camden Dorris Council Member; Amy Zybach Council Member; Bryan Markham Council Member.

Video: Dan Sams Mayor
Staff: Stephanie Alvarado, City Secretary

Guests: Kristen Moudy; EDC Executive Director; Ben Ed Hillhouse EDC President; Shane Sawyer EDC Council; Dale Kidd EDC Council; Chalone Hefley Wheeler Title & Abstract; Chuck Steed Tx Dot Director of Transportation Planning & Development; Anabel Jurado Tx Dot Transportation Planner TP&D; Paige Witthar Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.
Mayor pro tem Kelli Hampton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A
DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Office: Stephanie discussed the contracts for the new copier had been signed and the billing for it had started coming in. The cost of the rental agreement for

rock on an interlocal agreement to provide enforcement of traffic and ordinance enforcement.

According to paper presented to the court, Sheriff Carter the cost to the county per month under a 5 year contract would be:

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This event has been held for the past several years with an untold number of individuals participating.

"Trunk or Treat" participants will be judged on Best Decorating, Best Treat, Scariest, Cutiest, Most Creative and Best Pet Costume.

Mark the calendar and be on hand Tuesday evening, Halloween evening for this event. For those without children, bring your lawn chairs and spend enjoyable evening visiting and watching the youngsters.

the copier will be split evenly between Water/Sewer, General & EDC. For easier payment of the bill Stephanie would like to rotate once every three months the monthly billing charge between each account. The auditor did not have a problem with it if the Council approved. No objection by the Council was given. Stephanie will rotate the payments for the Canon printer between Water/Sewer, General, & EDC.

EDC: Kristen brought Tx Dot and PRPC to attend the meeting to discuss the TX Dot Sidewalk Project. A vote is needed by the Council to decide which Engineering firm to go with. The EDC board recommended that the Council goes with Hi-Plains Civil Engineers. Paige Withar from PRPC said either candidate was a good fit for
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Kelton To Host "Trunk or Treat"

Kelton is inviting businesses and/or individuals to participate in their Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 at 2:45 for their Pre-K through sixth grade.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Melissa Hunt at 806-826-5795 or Melissa.hunt@region 16.net

Parkview Hospital Minutes New Doctor Under Contract

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on September 18, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman; Janie VanZandt, Secretary and Ken Daughtery, Member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman; Zane Zybach, Member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Mandy Meadows, DON; Skye Lane, EMS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jace Henderson.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: August 21, 2023 b. Payment of bills c. Investments—Currently, there is one CD at Happy State Bank and one at Wellington State Bank totaling \$1,140,355.13. d. QAPI e. Date of next meeting: October 16, 2023, Ken Daughtery made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; the

vote was unanimous.

3. EMS REPORT: Skye Lane reported that the suburban is fixed, and Medic 3 is now at Ware's due to serious issues with the rear end. Skye will start accepting bids to sell the suburban. The NWCEMS team continues to train in-house and online. The quarterly case review was a great success. They will attend extrication training with the Mobeetie Fire Department on September 26th. The team will have a booth with a game for kids at the National Night Out on October 3rd. Skye has hired a PRN Basic and PRN medic. They responded to twenty-seven calls during September.

4. CNO REPORT: a. Nurse Staffing: Mandy Meadows stated that she lost five staff members due to wages. After a lengthy discussion of the budget and expenses, Ken Daughtery made a motion to table it until October. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS: Cecil and the board reviewed the balance sheet and the
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Wheeler Fire Department Breakfast

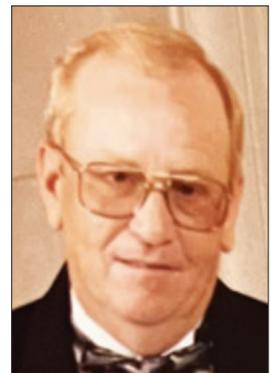
"The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 4, 2023 beginning at 6:00 a.m. at the fire department. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy!"

Elvie D. Williams Services Are Held

Elvie D. Williams of Shamrock, TX passed away on Monday, October 16, 2023 in Amarillo, TX at the age of 84 years, 8 months and 25 days. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Shamrock, with Rev. Mark Howard officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Elvie was born on January 22, 1939 in Memphis, TX to Cecil and Lillian (Denton) Williams. A portion of his childhood was spent in Memphis and Wheeler, TX. He graduated from Wheeler High School. Elvie married Patsy Burgess on December 31, 1985 in Shamrock. After serving in the United States Navy, he worked as a salesman for Ben E. Keith Food Services for over 17 years before retiring. He had a very successful career and received the Johnny Beauchamp Inner Circle Award for the company-wide salesman of the year for 1994-1995. Elvie was a resident of Shamrock for 38 years, where he was a member of First Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing. Elvie was preceded in



Elvie D. Williams

death by his parents, Cecil and Lillian Williams; one son, John Williams; and one sister, Doris Graham.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy of Shamrock; two sons, Scott Carlton and wife, Jamie of Canyon, TX and Rod Carlton of Lubbock, TX; two daughters, Wanda Baca of Albuquerque, NM and Shevon Moya and husband, John, of Amarillo, TX; two brothers, Mike Williams and wife, Vickie, of Columbia, MO and Steve Williams and wife, Doreen, of Dallas, TX; two sisters, Cecille Williams of Shamrock and Charlotte Gillespie; ten grandchildren, Jon, Trevor (Marianna), Lindsey (Brett), Noelle (Austin),
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Terror in the Woods

Wheeler's Class of 2024 invites you to "Terror in the Woods" on October 27 and 28 at Torn Birtt Memorial Park at 721 W. Oklahoma Ave., in Wheeler.

The cost will be \$10 per entry (cash) or \$25 for an unlimited wristband, which will be good for one night only. In this wooded area we can almost guarantee you will be frightened.

A concession stand will also be open at the park. Come on out and bring the children for a fun time.

Memories of Wheeler County Beyond

By Winona Frances Harmon (Holland)

Hello Friends, Family and Readers of *The Wheeler Times!*

How I miss Wheeler County and all the good times to be had there! I have been asked to share reminiscences of my Adams grandparents, Wynn and Lettie, their eight children and 20 grandchildren, and beyond. It is only fair that I include information on the Harmon family, my dad's people, who also lived in Wheeler County and about whom I have just recently gained knowledge.

Grandpa and Grandma Adams lived in several places in Wheeler County before they settled in a house and land

on Canadian Street – the Noah family to the east, the Hefley family on the south and Dr. Glenn and Elise Walker north, across the street from the First Methodist Church.

Into this neighborhood I was born March 30, over 79 years ago. My mother was Bonnie Grace Adams Harmon, the second daughter and the seventh child of the Adams family. My father was Charles Calvin Harmon who graduated with Bonnie from Wheeler High School in 1937. Daddy's parents were Charles George and Oneta Elizabeth Foreman Harmon. Grandmother Elizabeth was a
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Memor. (from Page 1) member of the Cherokee Nation. Daddy was the second of four children, brother Harold Herman Harmon (!) being older and Harlan Leroy and Betty Frances, younger.

Mother was a Home Economics teacher at Wheeler High School and Daddy was a soldier in the US Army when I was born at Wheeler Hospital. Aunt Agnes and Aunt Glennis, wives of Uncle Walter and Uncle Clyde Adams, were with Mother when Dr. H. E. Nicholson delivered me at 3:30 a.m. (I've been a night owl ever since!) Mr. A. C. Wood signed my birth certificate. Daddy was training troops all over the country and didn't meet me until April 12, 1944. He had joined the army December 11, 1941, four days after Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

Comm. (from Page 1) Carter was given permission to work with the two cities on an interlocal agreement and contract with a proposed cost per city of \$55,000.

The hiring of a full-time employee for the Shamrock and Wheeler Interlocal agreement was tabled.

The court approved the Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program (Meals on Wheels) for Wheeler and Shamrock.

The court agreed to pay the bills in the amount of \$440,278.49.

I went home to the Adams house on Canadian Street. I was named Winona, for my mother's only sister, Ruby Winona Adams Kongs, who was 15 years older than mother. Aunt Winona had married John Kongs, a merchant seaman from Estonia, in May 1940 and had moved with him to San Pedro, California. My second name was Frances, for Aunt Betty Frances Harmon, Daddy's only sister.

So here I am approaching 80 years later, Winona Frances Harmon (Holland), writing to you in The Wheeler Times. I'd love to hear from any and all of you who can add, correct or introduce your own memories of times past or raucous adventures.

To reach me: Cell: 512-453-5805 Email: winonaholland@yahoo.com

Hosp. (from Page 1)

operating/income statement with the board. Questions were asked by the board.

a. Palo Duro G&P Suit Update - No update. Waiting to hear from the lawyer.

b. Audit-The field work is done.

c. Optimization update-Thrive brought a different team into the Parkview Hospital. There was more useful training, and things are getting better.

6. APPROVE BAD DEBT-No report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. First Responders Agreement-We are waiting to hear from our lawyer.

b. Dr. Paul Elangwe payments-He made no payments in July or August. However, he is putting a check in the mail for \$15,000 for July, August, and September.

c. Physician recruitment - Dr. Edrissi has agreed to move to Wheeler in August 2024, to begin working for Parkview Hospital. He will sign a three-year contract. There will be no sign-on bonus.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Market Street Update- This program has been very positive and seems to be working well. The clinic personnel are very pleased.

b. Security System-Using a CIP Grant, there are now security cameras on ever exit, and it is working great. There are monitors at both nurses' stations so they can view the camera images.

c. TORCH meeting - Cecil will be attending the meeting September 24-28.

d. Christmas Party 12/07/2023-The hospital Christmas party will be held on December 7 at 6 pm at the AgriLife Building. EMS, Maintenance, Medical Records, and the Business Office will be in charge.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6 p.m.

City (from Page 1)

the project. After much discussion on the requirements of the project and input from both PRPC and Tx Dot and the Council, a decision was made. Kristen also discussed that she was in progress of getting quotes for updating Tom Britt Park. She was waiting for the quotes to come in.

MAYOR UPDATES: Mayor Sams said that he had met with Sherriff Carter about an interlocal agreement with them and the City of Wheeler to help with traffic control, code enforcement & more. Sheriff Carter was open to the idea and mentioned possibly partnering with the City of Shamrock. More information is needed. The discussion was tabled until a later date. The Council needs to think on what expectations are needed between the city and the Sheriff's office.

Mayor Sams brought to the council a quote for tech support/cyber security for the City of Wheeler from Ionix. After much discussion it was tabled until the next meeting when we have a more accurate quote.

Mayor pro tem Kelli Hampton asked for updates on the sand volleyball courts and gaga ball. Amy Zybach said she had met with the Boy Scouts to see if they were interested in taking on the project of the sand volleyball courts. Amy wanted to make sure the Council was okay with pursuing that with them. No objections were made. Amy will meet with Boy Scouts again to see what is needed from the City. Camden and Kristen will give the city a quote for the gaga ball. The woodshop teacher Mr. Carillo agreed he could help in the construction of the gaga ball.

ACTION ITEMS: A motion was made by Amy Zybach to select Hi-Plains Civil Engineers as the engineering firm for the Tx Dot Sidewalk Project. The motion was seconded by Camden Doris and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Byan Markham and seconded by Amy Zybach to approve the July Council minutes.

A motion was made by Tracy Tignor and seconded by Camden Dorris to approve the August Council minutes.

No changes were needed for the July 2023 or August 2023 financials.

The next council meeting will be October 16, 2023.

Mayor pro tem Hampton adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from October 16, 2023 to October 18, 2023.

OCTOBER 16, 2023

ROW-Dustin Puryear to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 9-25-23, N/2 S/2 of Sec. 28, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Robert D. Macina to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 9-28-23, NE/4 Sec. 106, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Randy Schlegel to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 9-20-23, W/2 Sec. 34, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Tommy Rhodes to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 9-20-23, W/4 of W/2 Sec. 34, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ROW-Weldon Wiley to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., 9-28-23, NW/4 W/2 Sec. 34, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Karen Lynette Tipton Blankenship, et al to Evelyn LaJune Johnson Tipton, 10-2-23, Mineral Interest in County.

EXT. DT-Sonia Dora Alfaro, et vir to Centennial Bank, 10-4-23, North 50' of Lot 4, Blk. LIX, Romans Addition, Shamrock.

DEED-Lina Borum to Mary Frances Warren, 10-16-23, 1/4 of 1/30 Interest in 70 acres of N/2 of Sec. 34, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

TRANSFER ON DEATH DEED-James H. Hubble to A. Zane Hubble, et al, 10-16-23, 76.32 acres & 2 acres of W/2 SE/4 of Sec. 4, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

OCTOBER 17, 2023
EXECUTOR DEED-Mary Eloise Littlejohn (Deceased) to Lemuel Willis Littlejohn, 10-16-23, Pt. of Sec. 6, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.-Madella Kerbo to Monte Tra Harmon, 8-18-23, Interest in MT Bar Ranch.
DEED-Jacqueline Cook to

Williams (from Page 1)

Sonya (Canon), Rachael (Britton), Brad (Kayleigh), Meaghan, Amanda and Nicole; twelve great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Shamrock.

Timothy Glen Wilson, 10-17-23, 78 acs. E/2 SW/4 of Sec. 17, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DEED-Timothy Glen Wilson to Jacqueline Leigh Cook, 10-17-23, 2 acs. out of 80 acs. E/2 SW/4 Sec. 17, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DEED-Jacqueline Cook to Timothy Glen Wilson, 10-17-23, Lot 1, Blk. 10, Original Town, Shamrock.
CORR. DT-Garrison Food Mart to First Bank and Trust of Memphis, 10-5-23, See Instrument.

AFF.-Kimberly Gaines to Kimberly Johnson Gaines, 8-23-22.

AFF.-Dorlea Smith to Dorlea Butler Smith, 8-31-22.

CORR. DEED-Kimberly Johnson Gaines to Dorlea Butler, 8-23-22, Lot 8 and S/2 of Lot 9, Blk. 9, Original Town, Wheeler.

ROW-Dianna Fields to Nile Midstream LLC, 7-3-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-Don Remling to Nile Midstream LLC, 7-5-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-George William McGee to Nile Midstream LLC, 10-3-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-Jack and Arlene Scheller Trust to Nile Midstream LLC, 9-25-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-Ina Fae Davis Revocable Living Trust to Nile Midstream LLC, 9-29-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

ROW-Johnny Mark Elmore to Nile Midstream LLC, 10-6-23, Sec. 20, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.

OCTOBER 18, 2023
No Recordings

THINGS TO DO EVERYDAY

- Compliment three people everyday.
- Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
- Be the first to say, "Hello."
- Live beneath your means.
- Treat everyone like you errant to be treated.
- Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- Forget the Joneses.
- Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
- Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- Be kinder than necessary
- Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.

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NOVEMBER 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6 Wheeler's Third Six-Weeks Starts Kelton's Third Six-Weeks Starts	7 Wheeler Chamber Meeting Bring Sack Lunch Rogue Theatre. 12:00	8	9	10	11 Basketball Stratford—H—1:00 VG/JVG
12	13 Comm. Court 9:00 AM	14 Wheeler Cross Country District — TBA	15	16 W. Fire Dept. . . . 7:00 P.M. Chamber of Commerce Maxey's 12 Noon	17 Basketball Booker—H—4:00 HS, GB—JH, GB	18
19	20 W. City Council . . . 7:00 P.M. Parkview Board . . . 6:00 P.M. Wheeler-Kelton-Fort Elliott Thanksgiving Holidays	21 Basketball Sunray—T—4:00 G/B Wheeler-Kelton-Fort Elliott Thanksgiving Holidays	22 Wheeler-Kelton-Fort Elliott Thanksgiving Holidays	23 Wheeler-Kelton-Fort Elliott Thanksgiving Holidays	24 Wheeler—Fort Elliott Thanksgiving Holidays	25
26	27 Comm. Court 9:00 AM Wheeler Cross Country Regionals-Lubbock	28 Basketball Sayre—T—4:00 G/B	29	30 Basketball Miami Tomahawk Classic T—G/B—4:00	Dec. 1—Basketball Miami Tomahawk Classic T—G/B—4:00	Dec. 2—Basketball Miami Tomahawk Classic T—G/B—4:00

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Prairie Dog Battle

By Irma Wassail

I OFTEN REMEMBER my father's account of a prairie dog battle. His early years were spent in Texas and New Mexico and this battle was one of his many interesting tales. In his own words the story went about as follows:

"I was ridin' through the Canadian brakes in the Texas Panhandle, eighty mile from a railroad and maybe thirty-five from a house. Just ahead was a big circle of flat, red land with nothin' growin' on it; maybe a hundred acres in all. It was a prairie dog town, and there was so many holes I had to ride slow and careful so my horse wouldn't break his leg.

"When I had gone just a little ways into the town, I heard a lot of barkin', and I saw a big diamond rattler about a hundred yards ahead, surrounded by prairie dogs. I stopped my horse. More dogs appeared from every direction—hundreds of them—and all poured down on that rattler. Before long there was maybe three thousand of them.

"Tile snake, strikin' in all di-

rections, tried to get to a hole for about the first ten minutes of the fight. If he started to move, the dogs jumped at his tail and made him strike. They did all they could to make that snake mad, makin' him strike hard and fast. Always a new dog would jump at him and jump back just in time to save himself, barkin' as loud as he could.

"The noise got louder and the fight went on faster and faster. I looked up to see about two thousand more dogs comin' over the ridge from the town in the next flat. The fight lasted about forty-five minutes. As the snake began to tire and his strike began showin' shorter, the dogs got more and more excited.

"All at once there was a single high squeal—the voices of hundreds of prairie dogs all together in one awful sound—and there just wasn't

any snake any more. There was just a pile of dogs where the snake had been.

"Right away things quieted down into silence, and that silence was as awful as the noise had been. The dogs scampered like ghosts back to their holes. They reared up one at a time, and dived in. I saw a sea of dogs goin' back over the ridge to their own town.

"I got off my horse and walked over to the scene of the battle. The flat was deserted; there wasn't a livin' thing anywhere. The ground all around was tore up in a dust mulch, and there in the dirt lay bits of scale and flesh and the front three-quarters of a snake's head, the jaws wide open in the red dust. "That snake was plenty tore up. And I couldn't find where a single prairie dog had been killed."

USDA's Program Pays More Than \$1.77 Billion

Agricultural producers and landowners have chosen conservation on more than 23 million acres of private land nationwide.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, 2023 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued more than \$1.77 billion this year to agricultural producers and landowners through its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a critical piece of the Department's efforts to support climate-smart agriculture and forestry on working lands. Right now, CRP's more than 667,000 participants received payments from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) for their voluntary conservation

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Holocaust Museum was next. I have to say, "That is depressing." My favorite part was Daniel's House. It was a happy little home, before the Nazis took them away. Daniel had a diary. His record of life before the prison camp was a great contrast to the cruel treatment he lived through later. I'm glad he survived.

One day Hunter, Dad and I went to museums all day, while my mom did research in The National Archives. That is her favorite place.

We are all interested in Civil War History. We went to Manassas, Antietam, and Gettysburg. At Manassas, my favorite place is the house where the first civilian died. The elderly lady refused to leave her home. A cannon ball was shot into her house and killed her.

Antietam is the bloodiest single day in US History. My favorite places there are, The Cornfield, Bloody Lane, and The Bridge. I can imagine ghosts of so many who died there. It is a beautiful, but sad place to remember the horrible things of War.

We drove the backroads from Antietam to Gettysburg. The road was very narrow. Tall trees were so thick I couldn't see the sky. The trees were yellow, gold, and red! It was a perfect fall foliage tour!

Gettysburg had a nice movie and a cyclorama about the war. They also had a museum with many artifacts. The only thing that hadn't changed in eleven years was the bronze Lincoln statue in front of the Visitor Center.

We left Pennsylvania and started the drive home. The fall trees were absolutely beautiful all the way to Missouri.

We made two quick stops in Missouri. One at Uranus Fudge and one at The Gateway Arch.

It was a wonderful trip, but I'm glad to be home! That's it!

Pageant (from Page 1)

The Miss Wheeler County Pageant will be Sunday, October 29, 2023, at the Rogue Theatre. The doors will open at 4:00 P.M. and the show begins at 5:00 P.M.

Local talent will fill the intermission.

Recognition will include: "Crowning of Miss Wheeler County" and "People's Choice".

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Gas Completions

None

Oil Completions

Chat (from Page 1)

tioned before, I recall one really cold Halloween with snow falling. I took Cathi and George Ann Millet Rion "Trick or Treating". That was MANY, MANY years ago.

This year as has been the case for the past few years, you do not have to take the youngsters "Trick or Treating". Just bring them to the square in Wheeler. There you will find "Trunk or Treat".

And this year the "Trunk or Theaters" will be competing for recognition as the "Best Decorated", "Best Treats", "Scariest", "Cutest", "Most Creative" and "Best Costume"; sponsored by Wellington State Bank.

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 - Illinois, \$172,723,800
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1. Converse
5. Spanish sparkling white wine
9. Chocolate source
14. Opera highlight
15. Like some coffee
16. To pieces
17. Take a gander
37. Stridex target
39. Free-for-all
43. Part of a high-fiber sandwich
46. Allowed by law
69. Holy man
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7. Let off steam
8. Extra
9. Underground cem-

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10. Bruiser
11. Birchbark
12. Gladiator's place
13. Fur source
21. W.W. II fliers
23. Instinctive
26. Treasure-trove
28. On one's guard
29. Reprimand, with "out"
30. Suffer
31. Rum drink
33. Work, as dough
36. Tickle pink
38. Drawing support
40. Bound
41. Rank above viscount
42. Whirling water
44. Protract
45. Put on
50. Sculler's need
52. Grazing area
54. Buzzing
55. Up the ante
56. Bathroom item
57. Flowering shrub
59. Flower holder
62. Beep
64. Any day now
65. Biblical preposition
66. Nuisance
68. Minister: Abbr.
70. Rest room sign

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8-31	Hooker		5:00/JV
9-7	Hooker	There	5:00/JH
9-7	Guymon	Here	JV/After JH
9-14	Sanford-Fritch	There	5:00/JH-7:30/JV
9-21	Open		
9-28	Boys Ranch	There	5:00/JH
10-5	Clarendon*	Here	5:00/JH
10-12	Shamrock*	There	5:00/JV Follows
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5	Jesus Enriquez	Sr	RB	DB
6	Emmanuel Hernandez	Sr	TE	LB
7	Creed Newkirk	So	QB	DB
8	Wyatt Adkins	Jr	WR	LB
9	Jackson Graves	So	TE	DL
10	Elpidio Navarrete	Sr	WR	LB
11	Braden Keys	Sr	RB	LB
13	Aaron Atherton	So	RB	DB
15	Austen Nelson	Jr	WR	DB
22	Diego Soto	Fr	TE	LB
23	Julius Atherton	Jr	RB	LB
50	Jose Perez	Sr	OL	DL
51	Braxton Scott	Jr	OL	DL
52	Jose Herrera	Sr	OL	DL
53	Austin Adkins	Sr	OL	DL
54	Enrique Proa	Jr	OL	DL
56	Isaiah Chavez	Sr	OL	DL
74	Barrett Meadows	Jr	OL	DL
77	Ruvinzky Garza	Sr	OL	LB
78	Orin Tyree	Jr	OL	DL
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60	Edwin Ramirez	So	OL	DL
61	Saul Gallardo	Fr	OL	DL
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9-1	Hooker	Here	7:00
9-8	Guymon		W-12 G-13
9-15	Windthorst		W-14 WI-20
9-22	Open		
9-29	Boys Ranch **	Here	7:00
10-6	Clarendon*		W-0 C-32
10-13	Shamrock*		W-34 S-28
10-20	Wellington*		W-0 We-46
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WARE CHEVROLET MAKES \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION: Members of the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department accepting the check from Ware Chevrolet are (left to right) Johnny Venzor, Bobby McNeil Chase Helton, Urrick Marshall and Heston Marshall. The check was presented at the Wheeler/Shamrock football game.



FORT ELLIOTT RECOGNIZES CANCER SURVIVORS: Fort Elliott honored community survivors of breast cancer. Pictured (back row, l. to r.) Kim Angeley, Becky Galmor, Charlene Heronema, Donna Pigg, Tammy Meek, Mindy Duncan, Rita Pearson, Molly Turpen, Annette Walser, Saretta Heard, Kristie Sullivan, Gina Seitz (front) Alexis Mahler, Paisley Archer, Tatum Pigg, Rylee Rose, Ansleigh Meek, Mikila Baca, Brylie Hand, Jaylie Dickey, Destiny York, Miah Baca, Adison Walser, Aliyah McCarter, Jayla Dickey, Dixie Burkett and Kennedee Sullivan.



Fort Elliott Varsity -Ali Mahler and Jayla Dickey block at the net.



Pink Out support ran strong through the FE student body, and 3rd graders showed their spirit the loudest at the pep rally winning the Spirit Stick!!! Pictured (back, l. to r.) Olivia Eagan, Bentleigh Six, Alyzah Brown, Anderson Gaines, Harper Adkins (front) Charley Hughes, Chancee Hinton, Harper Gaines, Timothy Sweet and Christopher Huneycutt.



Fort Elliott JH—Charlee Hinton sends a free ball over.



Fort Elliott Varsity Volleyball—Aliyah McCarter with a spike.



Fort Elliott JH—Nydah Briseno bumps the ball.

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and new conservation partners. These program improvements include the flexibility for partners to provide matching funds in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance and the ability for FSA to invest in additional, full-time staff devoted to working directly with our CREP partners and program specialists in FSA's state offices.

Since 2021, FSA has also entered into the first-ever Tribal Nations CREP agreements in partnership with the Cheyenne River, Rosebud and Oglala Sioux Tribes. In 2022, USDA also entered into the Big Sioux River Watershed CREP agreement with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks to assist farmers, ranchers and agricultural landowners to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance wildlife habitat, and create public hunting and fishing access. These CREP agreements reflect priorities and goals of USDA to broaden the scope and reach of its voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs to engage underserved producers.

More Information
 CRP is a voluntary program contract with agricultural producers through which environmentally sensitive agricultural land is devoted to conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, FSA

provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.
 To learn more about CRP and other FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center.
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